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*What Do  
We Want?  
Championship!*





HATS "ON"  
TO THE TEAM

WMCers showed their Terror spirit at the Western Maryland-Hopkins game, Nov. 23. The Green Terror won 21-3 (see p. 18).



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Gavin De Freitas runs the ball in the game against Hopkins.

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# News

From The Hill

## Class of 2001 Bigger and Better

The residence life staff didn't have to pull out a blinking "no vacancy" sign this fall, but they came close. WMC is booked with the largest new class of students in its 130-year history, said President Robert Chambers.

For the first time, the college enrolled more than 500 new students, including a record 439 freshmen and 66 transfer students. The 1997 class is up nearly 14 percent over last year's entering class of 443, which had been the largest in 10 years.

The new class includes 52 minority students, the largest number ever, as well as 14 new foreign students, double the number of last year's new enrollment. The college also welcomed 20 students from its

### FACTS THAT WON'T FIT

*Cost to outfit a Green Terror football player: \$400; official football is \$65 • 44 players on 1951's undefeated team; 93 this year • 15 hours of practice per week begins in mid-August • Height of grass on Hoffa field: 3/4 inch • Industrial-strength solid detergents Surge Plus, Oxy-Brite and Neutralizer from Ecolab automatically dispensed in washers to clean mud-caked uniforms • Size of players ranges from Ryan Hines at 300 lbs., 6'2" to Donte Abron at 150 lbs., 5'6" • "Star Wars" is the team's theme music • Favorite foods in dining hall: breaded shrimp, chicken tenders and steak*

campus in Budapest, Hungary.

The class of 2001 is not only large, but academically strong. New students' SAT averages exceed 1110, and their grade-point-averages, at 3.3 and above, are higher than last year's levels, said Dean of Admissions Martha O'Connell.

The honors program enrolled 37 new students with a SAT average of 1393 and a nearly perfect 3.92 g.p.a, she added.

Also, an increasing number of students are from out of state—23 different states—thanks in part to the college's

increasing presence on the Internet.

"The web site allows a broader exposure for us," O'Connell said. "Teenagers tend to access the program late at night and leave messages that are waiting for us the next morning. With the push of a button, their application arrives here, eliminating any procrastination about filling out forms and buying stamps."

## Little Baker Painting Resurrected

Jesus has a better view of visitors to Little Baker Chapel these days. After years of peering through leaking roof water and cracking paint, sight has been restored to the figure in the half-moon shaped painting behind the altar.

Katerina Mychajlyshyn, a friend of art professor Wasyl Paliyczuk, has just finished a painstaking restoration of the work, a 1903 reproduction of Johann Heinrich Hofmann's "Christ and the Young Rich Ruler," a well-known painting by a popular religious artists of the 19th century.

The original, painted in 1889, hangs with two other works by the artist in The Riverside Church in New York City.



The Admissions staff toasts the largest new class of students in the college's history. For the details, see story above.



Restoring the copy, which Mychajlyshyn began this summer, involved cleaning, scraping and even repainting complete sections of the oil painting that had been chipped away by a persistent leak in the chapel roof. The roof was repaired a few years ago during a round of campus renova-

tions, but the years of dripping water had already left scars on the painting.

The artwork was first cleaned in 1952 by then Professor of Art History Allen MacDonald, and then again by Palijczuk in 1984, but the total water damage had never been repaired.



Stroke by stroke, art restorer Katerina Mychajlyshyn repaired the painting that hangs in Baker Chapel, a copy of J.H. Hofmann's "Christ and the Young Rich Ruler." The work had been damaged over the years by leaking roof water.

Mychajlyshyn, a native of Ukraine, like Palijczuk, was originally commissioned by the college to paint a copy of the work if it couldn't be saved. After seeing the painting and discovering its history, she felt the covering was too valuable, if for nothing but its age, to discard.

Using a sturgeon-based product from her homeland, she wiped off years of dust and grime and prepared the large canvas for repainting in the art studio. There were several spots, such as Christ's nose and his garment, that she reconstructed simply from remaining tiny paint chips.

The copy, "a very good one," according to Mychajlyshyn, was done by Maryland

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artist Francis "Fanny" Louise Thomson, who was commissioned to complete the reproduction in the college's chapel by her uncle, Westminster businessman George Albaugh.

Many of Thomson's other works hang in the Maryland Historical Society gallery, Mychajlyshyn said. ●

Mychajlyshyn touches up one of the figures in the 94-year-old oil painting.



Bernice Beard finds her way beyond the rainbow from behind the steering wheel of an R.V. She tells how to hit the road in a new book that earned her a special achievement award at this year's convocation ceremony.

## Begin in the Beginning

New students withstood a downpour to take turns ringing the Old Main bell following this year's Aug. 28 convocation ceremony. Parents and onlookers took cover while Mathematics Professor and Faculty Marshal James Lightner '59 helped students swing the bell and mark the start of their college careers.

Since 1991, new students have marched to the center of campus after convocation to ring the bell salvaged from the college's first building. Used in the 1800s and early 1900s to call students to class, the bell is now mounted on a brick pedestal that incorporates the cornerstones of Old Main, torn down in 1959, and other original campus buildings.

Four years from now, these same students will be "rung out" as seniors when President Robert Chambers swings the bell and they march through Memorial Plaza, in front of Hoover Library, on their way to the commencement ceremony.

The indoor portion of this year's opening ceremony included welcoming the col-

lege's largest-ever freshman class, as well as the presentation of awards to three faculty members and a former staff member.

Francis "Skip" Fennell, professor of education and last year's winner of the WMC Distinguished Teaching Award, and Henry Reiff, associate professor of education and associate dean of academic affairs, were recognized as authors of recently published books. Dave Guerra, assistant professor of physics, was honored for publication of his research on lasers and pedagogy in the field of physics.

Fennell, recently named Maryland's Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (see p.10), finished a series of mathematics education publications.

Reiff is co-author of "Exceeding Expectations: Successful Adults with Learning Disabilities," featuring case studies of 71 successful people with learning disabilities and an in-depth analysis of their common patterns and traits.

Guerra, who heads a WMC-NASA cooperative program that uses lasers and a newly developed holographic disc to measure atmospheric conditions, published five articles in scholarly journals, including *The Physics Teacher*, *Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics*,

and *Measurements, Science, and Technology*. He also wrote for the proceedings of the International Conference on Lasers.

Also, Bernice Beard was noted with a special achievement for writing "At Your Own Pace: Traveling Your Way in Your Motor Home." The book, which highlights a five-week motor home journey from Maryland to Arizona, gives readers a glimpse of life on the road and tips on driving and living in a motor home. Beard, former executive assistant to the president and secretary to the board of trustees, worked at the college from 1962-1989 and lives in Westminster when she's not "on the road." ●



Beard is one smart gal at map-reading and motor-homing.

## A First for Art History

Western Maryland College is home to several chapters of academic honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, but none of them originated here.

Until now.

This past spring, nine students were inducted into Eikon (image) Techne (craft) Ekphrasis (the art of describing literature and pictures), an honor society for art history better known as Epsilon Tau Epsilon. It is the alpha, or only, chapter of ETE and the nation's first honor society for art history.

Lori Marie Fleischmann '97, founder and first president of the group, lead the effort to create the society.

"It all started as sort of a joke as we came back on a bus from a field trip," said Fleischmann, who majored in business and economics, but qualified for the group because of her minor in art history.

"When Julie (Badiee, professor of art history and group adviser) told me she didn't think there was a group for art history, I told her we should just start our own."

Not only did Fleischmann and the other charter members draft a purpose, academic requirements and a constitution, they also planned the group's secret initiation at the home of Michael Losch, associate professor of art and art history.

"Sort of like the 'Dead Poets Society,'" Losch said of the group's recent ceremony. "All I can tell you is that it involves a stream that runs

through my property."

The creation of an art history honor society comes at a time when the number of students declaring art majors is at an all-time high. There are about 100 students currently majoring in art, said Badiee, double the number only five years ago.

The students like the idea of belonging to a group that rewards them for their hard work in the classroom, said Losch, who shares the job of group adviser with Badiee and Donna Evergates, associate professor of foreign languages and history.

Members must be in the upper 35 percent of their class in overall scholarship, have a 3.3 overall grade point average and a 3.7 or better average in art history courses.

The dues paying group will promote excellence in all areas of scholarship, particularly in the field of art history, and "seek to foster an environment suitable for further research,

study and critique of works of art," according to the group's written purpose.

Losch said the group would like to go national and is sending out the word on the Internet. Twelve colleges and universities have already expressed an interest, he said.

"It's still in the infancy

stage, but things look promising," he said.

Other inaugural members include: Brian Bourne '99, K. Meghan Gross '98, Joy K. Hoffman '98, Chrissy E. Moyer '98, Christine Pardeu '97, Sara Simantel '97, Brita Wagner '97 and Jessica L. Watts '98. •

Graduate student Erin Murphey '97 (left) is WMC's career leader in goals, assists and points on the women's soccer team.



E. M. SWENNEY JR.

### WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE 1997 FALL SPORTS

Sport	Overall Record	Centennial Record	Centennial Finish	Postseason Individual Honors
Men's Cross-Country			9th/9*	
Women's Cross-Country*			7th/10	1 All-CC 2nd Team
Field Hockey	6-10	3-6	T6th/10	1 All-CC 2nd Team
Football	10-0	7-0	1st/8	7 All-CC 1st Team 8 All-CC 2nd Team
Men's Soccer	3-10-2	1-5-2	8th/10	1 All-CC 2nd Team
Women's Soccer	10-6	6-3	T3rd/10	CC Co-Player of the Year 2 All-CC 1st Team
Volleyball	18-18	7-3	4th/11	2 All-CC 2nd Team

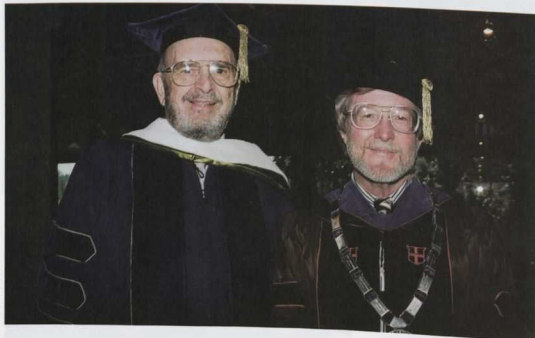
\*-Conference finish based on postseason championship race

T-Tied

For up-to-date sports results, call the Eventline at 410-857-2766 or read sports news on the WMC Green Terror web site: <http://www.wmdc.edu/HTMLpages/Athletics/sports.html>.



# Hill People



SANDY FUKUMURA

## Honors Go to Ralph John

As a college president, Ralph C. John of Ocean Pines used to confer several honorary degrees each year. It was the highest honor he and Western Maryland College could bestow on a member of the college community.

In August, he received one of his own in recognition of his work at WMC where he served as its sixth president from 1972-1984.

The honorary Doctor of Humane Letters was presented to John during a chapter meeting of the Eastern Shore alumni.

"In tribute to your truly remarkable accomplishments as a scholar, teacher, administrator, trailblazer, democratizer of entire campuses, visionary friend, we today take pride in making you formally a degree-toting member of the

15,000 strong WMC community worldwide," said Robert H. Chambers, WMC's seventh president, as he conferred the degree upon his predecessor.

John retired from WMC in 1984 after a 35-year career in higher education. He had previously served as president of Simpson College in Iowa and dean of students and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at American University in Washington, D.C.

Before entering higher education, he earned bachelor's and master's of divinity degrees from Boston University and was associate pastor at Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. He then enrolled in American University to earn his doctorate and later became chair of American's philosophy and religion department. In

**Jim and Dixie Hindman (left) joined the Eastern shore alumni chapter meeting to applaud Ralph and Dot John (right).**

1951, he entered the U.S. Army as a chaplain and served two years, including 16 months in Korea.

He also has earned a bachelor's degree from Berea College in 1941 and in 1976 earned his alma mater's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

While at WMC, John positioned the college among the nation's elite academic institutions when he established a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the

**Former President Ralph John (left) became an official WMC alumnus with the acceptance of an honorary degree presented by President Robert Chambers in August.**

nation's most prestigious honor society for the liberal arts. He spearheaded an increase in the college's number of accredited programs and initiated the college's continuing education program, as well as bachelor's degrees in communications and elementary education and master's degrees in liberal arts and deaf education. He also supervised the construction and/or renovation of several major campus buildings including the Gill Center, Decker College Center, Scott S. Bair Stadium, Alumni Hall, Winslow Center and Hoover Library.

He was named president emeritus at Western Maryland upon his retirement.

A native of Prince Frederick, Md., he currently lives on the Eastern Shore with his wife, Dorothy. ●



SANDY FUKUMURA



Librarians Carol Quinn and Jane Sharpe celebrate a quiet workplace.



Dan Williams, speaking in foreign tongues for 25 years.

## Bugging Out

Ralene Mitschler, assistant professor of biology, has been spending a lot of time traipsing through the backwaters of Carroll County searching for—all things—parasites. Actually, she has been hunting for damselflies and dragonflies, flying motor homes for the microscopic bugs she has been studying since 1984.

She is among a handful of scientists looking at these tiny parasites, called gregarines, which live in the intestinal tracts of invertebrates. This summer, she discovered what might be a brand new single-celled animal that has yet to be classified in the annals of science.

Although a related organism spurs malaria, and another caused a deadly diarrhea outbreak in Wisconsin, research indicates that Mitschler's potential find does not cause harm to humans, and doesn't seem to cause much damage to its host organisms, either.

She is working with one of only two labs in the United States studying gregarines, the same lab at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she did her undergraduate and master's degree work on similar parasites. Her goal is to secure funding for a gregarine research lab at Western Maryland, the first such lab east of the Mississippi River. She has already involved some students, Nicole Mechaly '99 and Denise Kirchner '97, who helped her hunt dragonflies this past summer.

Mitschler said she owes her interest in the tiny creatures to her first biology teacher at Nebraska-Lincoln, one of the country's top gregarine researchers.

"I am a systematist and simply want to know what's all around us in our world," Mitschler said of her minute passion. "Just the discovery and being able to classify a new one is a thrill. I guess you could look at it as my version of mountain climbing."

Although the gregarines have no intrinsic value to humans so far, there is the possibility that further study could reveal a helpful use. For example, if the creature is proven to be harmless, it could be used to yield a reagent that could counteract the effects of its more potent relatives, like the malaria bug, Mitschler said.

For now, she wants to continue work to make sure she has discovered a new gregarine. After gathering more samples next summer—this dry summer was a bad one for swamp insects—Mitschler will prepare her research for review by scientists who study gregarines or similar organisms. If accepted, the information will be published in a scientific journal and Mitschler will finally know that she has a "bug" she can call her own. •

## Here's to 25

Three faculty and staff are marking 25 years on the Hill this year.

Dan Williams, associate professor of foreign languages, is best known for his command of the Spanish language and making the culture come alive for his students.

The Spanish teacher, who earned his doctorate in Romance Languages, is currently translating a novelette written by a Spanish diplomat. He is also trying to bring the Spanish-speaking world into the classroom via the Internet, connecting computers to Spanish talk radio so students can hear the language being used in everyday conversation.

"I thought I would be the last person to be computer literate," he said. "But this is a tremendous advantage and really opens up the world to me and my students."

Williams also has a firm command of English as secretary of the faculty. Whether he's apologizing for not dotting an "i" or stretching a literary tightrope to humorously describe a faculty disagreement, Williams has made the reading of the minutes an anticipated highlight of the

monthly faculty meetings.

Williams earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland and master's and doctoral degrees from The Johns Hopkins University. He taught Spanish at Sweet Briar and Virginia Wesleyan Colleges before taking his place on the Hill.

Book types of another sort, librarians Carol Quinn and Jane Sharpe are marking 25 years among the aisles of Hoover Library.

Reference librarian and coordinator of the interlibrary loan program, Quinn has been a beacon in the darkness for students doing research papers, teaching them how to use the resources of Hoover Library and updating them on useful new technology.

Since 1972, she has seen a lot of high-tech changes in the library. "But the book is not dead and won't be dead for a long time," she said. "I love technology and how it helps to improve service and make things easier, but I still want the book and so does everyone else."

Quinn is active in library professional organizations and is a regular presenter at workshops and meetings, most recently the Maryland Interlibrary Loan Librarians Association.

She began her career at the college as an assistant librarian after earning a bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University of Florida and a master's degree in library science from the University of Minnesota. She also studied at the University of Kansas before coming to the Hill.

Associate librarian Jane Sharpe came to the Hoover Library after earning a bachelor's degree in library science from Millersville University. She began as an acquisition assistant and went on to learn the library's catalog inside out. Over the years, she worked in cataloging and served as library associate for technical processes, associate library administrator and catalog librarian.

She is now the co-coordinator of Books Sandwiched In, the college's noontime book review program, and provides classroom instruction in library science at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

"I really like to help students," Sharpe said. "That's what our job is all about." •

## Staying Out of Trouble

Lauren Dundes, assistant professor of sociology, is working on a formula for success. Take a child from East Baltimore who is at risk of getting into trouble. Add a neighborhood buddy who is making it at college. Stir together and create a recipe for future success.

Two years ago, Dundes founded the Integrated Youth Apprenticeship Method, or IYAM, a non-profit summer enrichment program that

recruits area college students who grew up in East Baltimore to act as mentors for current neighborhood children, mostly at-risk elementary and middle school students.

"These children don't have too many role models, especially male," said Dundes, who returned for her second year on campus this fall. "That's where the mentors come in. There is no substitute for someone from their own neighborhood who can point to themselves and show these kids that they truly can succeed if they want to."

She knows that not all of the 40 or 50 students in the program each year will make it. She also knows that getting them in the program before they get in trouble is more successful than trying to save those who already have a criminal record or are "known" by the police.

This summer's session, held at Christ United Methodist Church near Johns Hopkins Hospital, offered cultural, recreational and educational activities for the youth, such as trips to the National Aquarium and a public swimming pool, as well as presentations by area juvenile counselors and STOP AIDS, a national prevention organization.

The IYAM participants also volunteered with Parks and People, a Baltimore community service effort to clean up vacant lots, and helped paint "No Dumping" signs on storm drains that empty into the Chesapeake Bay.

On campus, Dundes recruited East Baltimore native Deron Brinkley '98 to serve as an IYAM mentor this past summer. Three other student

volunteers, Amy Lepley '98, Liz Clark '99 and Jeremy Bell '00, joined the group for a week long camping trip near La Plata, Md.

Sleeping under the stars was a first for many of the students, as well as for some of the mentors, Dundes said. "It was a social event for them, but also it was a chance for them to be together and off the streets," she added.

This year's program was funded by various sources, including the Goldsmith Family Foundation and the Johns Hopkins Corporate and Community Relations program, but she is still searching for contributors for next year's program. IYAM, she noted, serves more than 40 youths for about the same cost it takes to keep one juvenile jailed for six months.

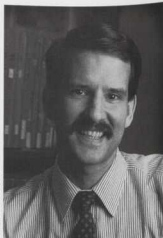
"If you can hope for just one child to make it away from the streets, a program like this is worth it," Dundes said. •

## New Faces on the Hill

Seven new faculty welcomed students to class this fall.

Mark Hadley, assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies, led a class on the Holocaust and will take on Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. this spring. Hadley, who specializes in religious ethics and social issues, as well as modern Jewish and Christian thought, has been studying how saints expand our understanding of the moral life.

He earned a master's degree from the University of Chicago and a doctorate from Brown University. He served as assis-



Mark Hadley monitors religious ethics as assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies.

*'I enjoy the small class size and the interaction with students. And I have the most beautiful office on campus, I'm told.'*

—Mark Hadley

tant professor of religious ethics at Syracuse University before joining the college full-time this year.

Tony Kirschner, assistant professor of communication, brings pop culture to the communication department. Specializing in mass media studies



Tony Kirschner, assistant professor of communication, brings pop culture to the classroom.

and pop culture, especially popular music, he will teach critical theory and cultural studies, and qualitative and interpretive research methods.

Kirschner, who has experience in radio and the record industry, is also the new adviser for the campus radio station, which he hopes to elevate from a club to a career track by making the station more professional and offering internship hours.



**Nothing bugs parasitologist Ralene Mitschler, new assistant professor of biology.**

He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Illinois where he also earned a master's degree and served as a graduate teaching assistant. He received a bachelor's degree from DePaul University.

Ochieng' K'Olewe, assistant professor of education, crossed the mountains of West Virginia to join the education department this fall. He had been a teaching assistant at West Virginia University, where he also earned his doctorate.

K'Olewe now teaches on the undergraduate level, currently



**Michael Panunto joins the physics department on a one-year visiting assistant professorship.**

a course on teaching and learning in a technological era, as well as curriculum and instruction in the graduate program. He will spend most of his time in the B.E.S.T. program, the college's master's-level teacher certification program, where he will both teach and serve as secondary education coordinator.

A native of Kenya, K'Olewe received a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University and a master's degree from Northern Illinois University.

Ralene Mitschler, who was an adjunct lecturer last year, returned as full-time assistant professor of biology this fall. A parasitologist currently researching a possible new one-celled creature (see p. 7), Mitschler earned bachelor's and master's degrees from



**Ochieng' K'Olewe, assistant professor of education, demystifies curriculum for teachers-in-training.**

University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a Ph.D. from Kansas State University. She was a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford University before joining the biology department.

Michael Panunto is serving a one-year visiting assistant professorship in physics while Bill Pagonis is on a leave of absence. Panunto, a solid state physicist, is currently researching the use of semiconductors as potential solar cells for space applications.



**Simeon Schlossberg, assistant professor of education, offers advice on counselor education.**

He earned a bachelor's degree from Temple University and master's and doctoral degrees from University of Maryland Baltimore County. He also has taught at the College of Notre Dame.

Simeon Schlossberg, assistant professor of education, joins the education team to teach counselor education in the graduate program. He's currently researching the use of humor in group therapy. Schlossberg was an adjunct lecturer and assistant coordinator



**Sally Ann Zwicker joins the deaf education program as its second full-time deaf instructor.**

of the counselor education program last year.

He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Beaver College and a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut.

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*'Humor can be extremely helpful or detrimental in counseling. You have to know how and when to use it.'*

—Simeon Schlossberg

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Instructor of education Sally Ann Zwicker joins the deaf education program as its second full-time deaf instructor. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Gallaudet University and this year expects to receive her doctorate from the University of Cincinnati where she served as supervisor of student teachers. •

*Professor Skip Fennell Crusades  
for Math Sense*

# It All Adds Up

BY AMY PELSINSKY

**S**kip Fennell makes it a point to take a long run across campus twice a year: when freshmen are hauling their stereos up to their new dorm rooms and when seniors make their bittersweet preparations for graduation.

These are the emotional peaks in the life of a student, he says, and the crux of the campus. "It's like you take this great big balloon and pop it and all the energy goes out of the place," he says of the end of the school year.

Fennell, professor of education and chairman of the Education department, is a close observer of his students. Teaching is his passion and means more than just offering a midterm and a final exam each semester.

"He really feels responsible for educating the next generation of teachers so they are effective in the classroom," says Provost Joan Develin Coley. "He wants them to grow as professionals."

In fact, Fennell was named Maryland Professor of the Year in October by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, an honor reserved for the most outstanding undergraduate instructors in higher education.

He is a career counselor, a sounding board and a mentor—making an effort to keep up with his students' lives and giving them the confidence they need to go where they want to go.

Mind you, he's no softy. The lanky professor who wears Looney Tunes and Snoopy ties to class is known as a tough task master who expects his students to work hard.

"I want my students to be the best, and I won't settle for less," Fennell says. "I think I work really hard and, in many ways, I like to push people, get the most out of them."

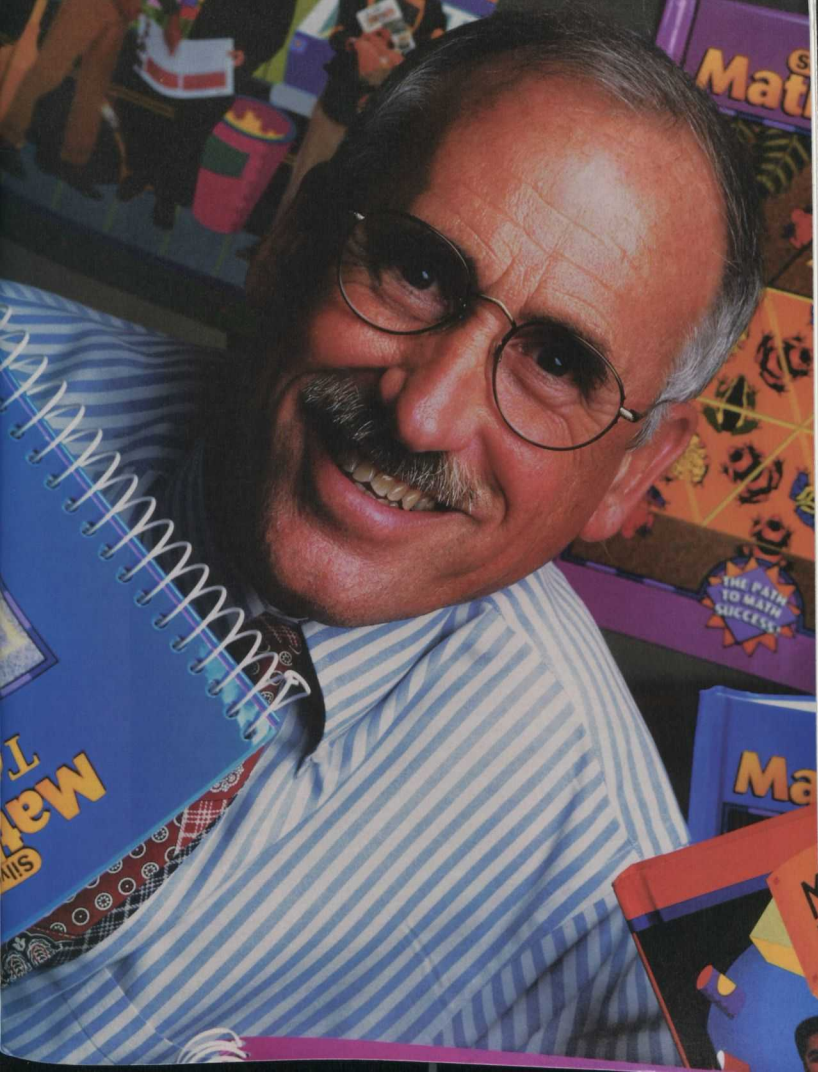
Amalie Elaine Eierman '97 remembers her classmates' surprise to receive postcards from their education professor while he was in California presenting a paper at a conference on mathematics education.

**Professor of Education Francis "Skip" Fennell is a math missionary on a crusade to take the sting out of learning numbers.**

PHOTO BY VINCE RODRIGUEZ









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Fennell was honored as Maryland Professor of the Year at the State House in Annapolis in October. (l-r) Gov. Parris N. Glendening, Fennell, wife Nita and Secretary of State John Willis were on hand to congratulate him.

"It's my way to check up on them," Fennell explains with a chuckle. "It's a way to let them know I'm here (in California), but I'm still thinking about them—and they still have to do the assignment."

*'A lot of people in their life have had awful experiences with mathematics. That's too bad. You can use math throughout your life.'*

—Skip Fennell

"That's above and beyond," says Eierman, who graduated with an education minor and is now taking on first graders at Milbrook Elementary School in Baltimore County. "He has high expectations. He wants you to get it perfect."

Fennell can't imagine working for anything less. Especially as an undergraduate.

"The whole day, the only thing you have to do is eat and go to class," he marvels. "If you're not going to work now, I wonder what you're going to do in real life."

#### Changing Math's Bad Reputation

Far too many students leave school without the proper math smarts, and Fennell is out to change that fact, starting with the way mathematics is taught in elementary schools. He is on a mission to prepare tomorrow's teachers to be high-quality educators who aren't afraid of mathemat-

ics, a downfall that leaves many children ill-equipped to calculate real-life math problems as simple as making change.

In fact, 53-year-old Fennell is a leader in the national movement to reform the way mathematics is taught in elementary schools to better prepare students for the real world.

Fennell believes the mathematics curriculum in elementary schools should focus on students solving problems that would involve all the areas of mathematics—not just abstract multiplication drills and word problems.

"They have to have some firm understanding of the concepts of number sense," he says, truly understanding the relationship of numbers to each other instead of just memorizing tables and charts.

"A lot of people in their life have had awful experiences with mathematics," Fennell says. "That's too bad. You can use math throughout your life."

From figuring out if you have enough time to stop for a bagel on the way to work, to banking on the money in your pocket to pay for a burgeoning cart of groceries, mathematics is more than just long division.

"If students like math, they will take more math classes and become better problem solvers—not of convoluted word problems, but of problems we confront in life," Fennell says. "Far too many kids leave school hating math."

His mathematics crusade takes him everywhere. He has crisscrossed the country speaking on elementary education and mathematics, immersed himself in pilot teaching projects throughout the state and written more than 54 articles and books focusing on mathematics education. His most recent textbook series is being sold all over the country.

Five years ago, Fennell completed a video and reading program for elementary school teachers called "Number Sense Now!" The program demonstrates the teaching of "number sense"—the ability to understand numbers and use them to solve everyday math problems. Funded by the

## Making Sense of Numbers



Nationally, Fennell's *Numbers Alive!* mathematics education video series has received several awards from the educational broadcasting community.

U.S. Department of Education, the project's total budget over two years was more than \$375,000.

Its success led to *Numbers Alive!*, a nationally distributed math education television series co-directed by Fennell for Maryland Public Television (see sidebar). The 10-part program follows teens in a rock band who use their number sense to solve real-life math problems during a tour of the country. The \$2.2 million National Science Foundation grant awarded to produce the series is the largest grant MPT has ever received for an educational project.

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Fennell is now using a \$10,000 EXXON Foundation Project grant to challenge some Montgomery County teachers enrolled in a Western Maryland master's program in elementary education to publish articles in educational journals and write a solid thesis.

The reason for all the hard work is simple. "I want people to value mathematics," Fennell says.

Ironically, Fennell, nicknamed "Skippy" as a boy because he sometimes dressed in a sailor suit, was never much of a math over-achiever as a child. It was a blatant rebellion against his math-minded father, a merchant marine who was also a self-taught engineer, Fennell says. In fact, he was never a "sterling" student until graduate school, he confesses.

He taught math to fifth graders after college, and later served as an elementary school principal and supervisor of elementary education in Williamsport, Pa. Fennell settled into a classroom on the Hill in 1976 after moving to Westminster with his

The first time Genee Varlack showed her fifth graders a *Numbers Alive!* video, there was not a sound in the room, even after it ended.

"A couple asked to play it again," said Varlack, now assistant principal at an Ellicott City, Md., elementary school. "It was one of my better lessons."

*Numbers Alive!*, a mathematics program co-directed by education professor Skip Fennell, combines hip videos with learning activities that help students understand the basic concepts of number sense—what numbers really mean and how they relate to each other in the real world.

Varlack said the outdated instructional videos she had been using had become a joke among her students. *Numbers Alive!* was different, she says. The topics were current, the colors were vivid and the kids loved the MTV-style video at the end of each episode.

Teen rock band Beyond Zero use their number sense to solve real-world problems as they tour the country—quandaries like finding the best bargain on a CD player or building a stage for a high school play. Targeted for fifth and sixth graders, each video is accompanied by lessons that introduce the math concepts, as well as follow-up activities to reinforce them.

Fennell was involved with the development of every script.

"He was on location with the actors, coaching them in making the math clear," said Gail Porter Long, co-director of the project and vice president of education and telecommunications for MPT. In fact, Fennell had to explain

some basic math concepts to the actors—college graduates who only look like teenagers—so they could read their lines and know what they were saying, Long recalled.

Even story editor Ann Klimas, a confessed math-hater as a child, had to learn what she missed so she could write about it. "Skip was patient and extraordinarily supportive," she said. "He gave me good faith that math teachers didn't hate their kids."

Fennell hopes programs like *Numbers Alive!* will help more students, and teachers, feel comfortable with mathematics.

Nationally, the series—which has been on the market for a little over a year—has received several awards from the educational broadcasting community. In 1996, the program earned two bronze Telly Awards for the "Points Unknown" and "Number Two with a Bullet" episodes. The Tellys recognize outstanding non-network television programming, film and video productions. Last November, "Number Two" was given the CINE Golden Eagle Award for its suitability to represent the United States in international festivals.

The series was funded by a \$2.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation, the largest single grant MPT has ever received for an educational project. Fennell's "number sense" expertise and golden track record in developing educational material helped attract the large grant, Long said.

New mathematics learning standards from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics also created a need for some new learning materials, said Klimas.

Even though it was intended for middle grade math teachers, there has been e-mail from special education teachers in high school who have found it helpful, as well as home schoolers, reported *Numbers Alive!* publicist Leslie Lichtenberg.

"Varlack is already a sworn convert. "There are so many teachable moments within each one," she said.

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wife, Nita, and three young children, who he later made miserable demanding hard work on their math assignments, he says.

He now leads courses in curriculum modeling, mathematics for elementary school teachers and elementary methods for math and science, drawing from his work experience in the classroom.

Fennell is currently taking a year off from teaching at the invitation of the National Science Foundation. There he will review proposals and decide funding of grants for kindergarten through eighth grade projects that fire up teachers' interest in mathematics and improve their teaching skills.

Even though the position is a great opportunity—Fennell is always up for a challenge, colleagues say—teaching remains his passion.

"Work here is really exciting and different, but I really do miss teaching," Fennell says. For him, students come first. "Sometimes you want to smash 'em and sometimes you want to give them a hug. In some ways, (those students) are like your own kids."

### *Earning an A+*

Dressed in a tweed sports jacket and a calculator tie with primary-colored number buttons, Fennell shakes Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening's hand at the State House in Annapolis in October. The governor, a former professor himself, hands Fennell a citation naming him Maryland Professor of the Year, an award from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching that is based on nominations from faculty, students and professional colleagues.

"He researches, writes, runs circles around almost everybody on campus with the competence and quantity of work he cranks out," says Provost Coley, who served on the committee that brought Fennell to the college 21 years ago.

He not only grinds out academic work, but he also pitches in to support the life of the college itself. President Robert Cham-

bers regularly finds messages on his voice mail from Fennell enthusiastically commenting on some recent faculty accomplishment or congratulating Chambers for a Western Maryland success.

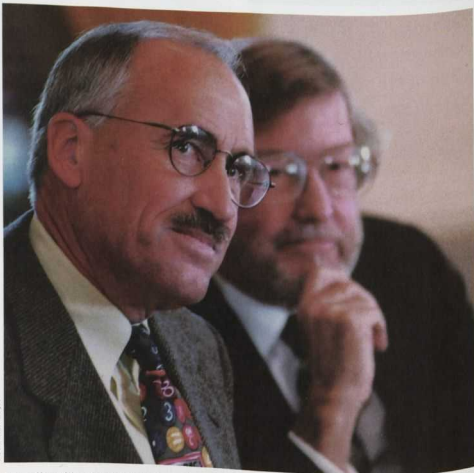
"He is one of the most staunch supporters of the college community," says Chambers. "You won't find anyone more dedicated to the college than Skip."

Fennell is so well-respected in his field that he could easily hand in his chalk to write textbooks, do research or serve on a national education board. Instead, Fennell stays rooted to the Hill by his students and the support to pursue his educational ventures on the side.

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*The student body voted Fennell Distinguished Teacher of the Year, an honor that lies closest to his heart because it came from his students.*

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Fennell could easily hand in his chalk to write textbooks, do research or serve on a national education board. He chooses to stay on the Hill instead, rooted to the college by his students.



"There are not many Skip Fennells around," Chambers says.

And there aren't many years like 1997, a period of much acclaim, awards and opportunities for Fennell.

He cheered for Penn State's Nittany Lions from the president's stadium box after being named an Alumni Fellow in Education at the university in November. Fennell earned his Ph.D. from Penn State, and the alumni association awarded him the title, reserved for the most eminent alumni, for his outstanding contributions to education.

His own students voted him Distinguished Teacher of the Year this year at Western Maryland's convocation, the first education professor to receive the award, and an honor that lies closest to Fennell's heart.

"I felt better about receiving that award than any I had received because students were part of it," Fennell says. "That was very special."

Fennell is decidedly overwhelmed by all the awards, but says it's no sign of him stopping. "I still have books to write and classes I want to teach," he says.

But if he ever does slow down, and some would say that is a very slim possibility, Fennell is already culling some plans in the back of his busy head.

"If you can't find me, I'm tending bar down at the beach," says Fennell, who spent summers working at the New Jersey beaches and his last sabbatical holed up in Bethany Beach. "I always say that, but I've never tended bar." •

## CASE Taps Fennell as Maryland Professor of the Year

Francis M. Fennell was named the Maryland Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. "Skip," as he is known campuswide, was selected from 554 faculty members nominated by colleges and universities throughout the country.

The Western Maryland College professor of education was honored by Maryland Governor Parris Glendening at an announcement ceremony held at the State House on October 23. The nomination of Fennell for the award was supported by letters from students, colleagues and administrators, many who joined WMC President Robert H. Chambers and Provost Joan Develin Coley in Annapolis to salute Fennell for receiving one of the nation's most prestigious teaching awards.

Fennell is the second WMC faculty member to earn Professor of the Year honors. Ira G. Zepp, professor of religious studies, was named the Maryland Professor of the Year and also was one of 10 national gold medalists in 1989. The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) established the Professors of the Year program in 1981 and works in cooperation with the Carnegie Foundation and various higher education associations in its administration.

This year, the Carnegie Foundation announced winners in 48 states and the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands. CASE assembled two preliminary panels of judges to select most of the state winners and the national finalists. The Carnegie Foundation then convened a special panel, which selected the remaining state winners in addition to four national winners. The selection



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panel looks for extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching as demonstrated by excellence in the following areas: impact on and involvement with undergraduate students; scholarly approach to teaching; service to undergraduate students, institution, community and profession; and support from colleagues and current and former undergraduate students.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, a policy center located in Princeton, N.J., is devoted to strengthening America's schools and colleges.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education is an international association of colleges, universities and independent elementary and secondary schools. Representing these institutions are professionals in the fields of alumni relations, communications and fund raising.

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Erica Guenther '93 Turned Fear of Mathematics Into a Mission to Teach

# Breaking Through

BY JUDY PHAIR KING



C. KURT HOLTZER

Guenther, who came to Western Maryland as a prospective sociology major, now says her heart is in teaching.

As a child, Erica Margit Guenther knew she was not good at math—everyone told her so, and her academic experience seemed to confirm it.

So how did a confessed “mathphobic” become a math enthusiast who has received recognition from the community and her peers for her excellence in teaching mathematics, as well as other subjects, to Carroll County fourth graders? Guenther credits her experience at Western Maryland College and, in particular, her work with Professor Francis (“Skip”) Fennell for “making me the kind of teacher that I am.”

During the past year, Guenther, a Westminster resident who teaches fourth grade at Hampstead’s Spring Garden Elementary School, has been nominated both for Teacher of the Year in Carroll County and for Maryland Mathematics Teacher of the Year. She has made a presentation at the annual meeting at the national Council in Teaching Mathematics, served as a guest speaker in Fennell’s graduate classes at Western Maryland and talked to student teachers about motivating children and classroom behavior.

Yet, when she arrived at Western Maryland from Red Bank, N.J., Guenther was a prospective sociology major who still maintained a strong aversion to the subject of mathematics.

“I chose Western Maryland because I wanted to go to a small college and it had an excellent reputation and good location. In fact, when I walked on the campus for the first time, I turned to my mom and said, ‘This is where I want to go to school,’” she relates.

Although many of Guenther’s relatives were teachers, she “had never really thought about it.” Upon a friend’s sugges-

tion, she enrolled in an introduction to elementary education course. “I ended up in Dr. Fennell’s class, and I was hooked,” she recalls.

At Western Maryland, says Guenther, she found “another way to learn mathematics. I found out that you don’t have to use a pencil and paper. The college stresses real-life connections. The professors brought the classroom to you. We experienced what the children would experience and learned to see the classroom from their perspective.” As a result, she adds, “I knew and had confidence in what I was doing.”

When Guenther graduated in 1993, she did not immediately find a teaching position—a circumstance that, she says now, “was a blessing in disguise.” Fennell asked her to work as a teaching assistant for his *Numbers Alive!* program on Maryland Public Television. Working on site at MPT, she surveyed children’s likes and dislikes and crafted ways to incorporate these into the series.

In the spring, she began a long-term substitute teaching position at Spring Garden, and was then offered a full-time job.

Today, Guenther’s students are exposed to many ways of learning math and other subjects beyond the paper-and-pencil approach.

“I use a lot of food to help students understand estimation, for example,” Guenther notes. “We recently did a project with checkbooks, where students were able to see the value of mathematics in everyday life.”

Guenther’s “Adopt an Animal” project offers another revealing glimpse at how a creative teacher can accomplish several goals with one program—and provide excitement and enjoyment for her students in the process. Three years ago, when



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Guenther was teaching fifth grade at Spring Garden, she and her students read about the endangered condor, which led to a discussion on other endangered species. The students decided to "adopt" an endangered animal and eventually selected the panda bear. They held a bake sale on Family Learning Night, honing their math skills by setting prices, selling and tallying the proceeds.

The students sent their earnings to the National Zoo in Washington, which reciprocated by inviting them on a field trip to meet the pandas. As a special treat, the students were able to go "behind the scenes" in the panda unit and help feed the animals, who, they discovered, love chocolate. A parent had made bear-shaped cookies with chocolate frosting for the trip and one was proffered to the ursine choco-holic, who quickly licked it clean of its icing—and discarded the rest.

"Those students still talk about that experience," Guenther laughs.

Last year, her class adopted two manatees through the Manatee Foundation in Florida and raised more than \$300. Half of this sum was sent to the foundation and half to the National Aquarium in Baltimore. The class learned more about the

manatees through the Sea World web site on their classroom computers and even created a habitat for the manatees to live in. They had an opportunity to encounter live sea mammals, thanks to an invitation to a backstage tour by the Sea Mammal Rescue Unit during a field trip to the aquarium.

These types of learning experiences are part of what Guenther describes as "some very positive changes" occurring in education today. "I see an increasing focus on the needs of children, not just on what a textbook says," she reports. "Instead of just regurgitating facts, children are developing and trying their skills. They are becoming problem-solvers."

She sees more technology in the classroom of the future, too, anticipating the day when "every student will have a laptop." Although the methods are new, the results are the same that excellent teachers have always desired: helping students become more proficient in reading, writing and mathematics while nurturing their inherent love of learning.

"A successful teacher is always learning," Guenther observes. "If I'm learning and they're learning, that's success." Eventually she plans to pursue a master's degree in

Special projects, such as running a bake sale to raise money to adopt a panda at the zoo, have Guenther's fourth graders excited about mathematics

reading and mathematics. Guenther has no doubts about a continued future in teaching.

"I don't think I could be fulfilled in any other job," she avers. "My heart is in teaching, and my greatest reward is when a student says 'That was a really cool lesson.'"

Meanwhile, in Spring Garden Elementary the tension is building—which animal will Ms. Guenther's class adopt this year? Her class has posted riddles with clues around the school and has made up commercials to advertise the upcoming bake sale. Erica Guenther isn't giving away the secret, as she enjoys her students' involvement and excitement.

"This is just one way in which a young person can realize that 'I'm not too little to make a difference,'" she says. "That's an important lesson to learn." ●

*Green Terror Regains Glory  
With Conference Title*

# What Do We Want? Championship!

BY SCOTT DEITCH

When the final horn blew, nobody heard it. Green Terror fans hopped the fence encircling Hoffa Field. Hundreds rushed to embrace the mud-caked players and hail the team's victory. Tailgaters honked their horns as fans tore down the yellow goal posts. And sports hall of famers finally had something to shout about.

The Green Terror had beaten age-old rival Johns Hopkins, claiming the Centennial Conference title and its first undefeated season since 1951, a year that none of the 93 players, or even head coach Tim Keating, can remember.

It took a team mind and body to play like the good old days and capture a conference title that has remained out of bounds since 1963, the year the team won both the Mason-Dixon Conference and Middle Atlantic Conference-Southern Division titles and finished with a 6-1-1 record.

This year's teamwork paid off. The 1997 Green Terror not only won its first Centennial Conference title, but earned its first playoff berth in WMC history.

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## *R-E-S-P-E-C-T*

Sixteen starters returned from the 1996 squad, and Keating and his staff felt they had some newcomers who could be immediate assets to the team. However, most of the Centennial Conference head coaches and sports information directors were not impressed with Western Maryland's 1997 prospects and ranked them fifth out of eight teams in a pre-season poll.

They would soon be proven wrong.

The season kicked off in early September with a 21-17 win at Bridgewater College.

In the home opener against Juniata College, the Green Terror defense displayed one of many dominating performances to come. After allowing Bridgewater only 142 total yards, Western Maryland set a school record by pushing Juniata backwards to minus-27 yards rushing in a 30-8 victory.

The first sense of how special the season would be came in the conference opener at Gettysburg. The Bullets had won 41 of the



Senior quad-captain Bill Parks celebrates victory over Johns Hopkins and the Centennial Conference Title.



*'We had a huge crowd actually watching the (Hopkins) game. The game was not just a side show.'*

—Defensive back Tom Lapato

previous 50 meetings, including a last-minute 28-21 thriller in Westminster just a year ago. This time, the tables were turned in the Green Terror's favor. Western Maryland scored the first 20 points and rolled to a 55-7 triumph, its largest margin of victory over Gettysburg.

"It was then I knew we were going to be a team," said junior Terror linebacker Matt Dauphin. That selfless sense of team would lead them to the conference title like a dog to a bone.

In the game against Ursinus, the defending Centennialist and the pre-season pick to repeat as conference champion, the Terror defense permitted only 160 yards as Western Maryland downed the Bears 20-10.

Four victories secured, Keating's squad was beginning to make the experts question their predictions.

Halfway through the season, Western Maryland put a damper on Muhlenberg's Homecoming activities and won the game 44-9. Even ESPN's "Hidden Video" picked up on the scent of a winner, featuring sophomore Marvin Deal and his electrifying 55-yard punt return—he slipped through at least nine defenders before breaking free for a touchdown.

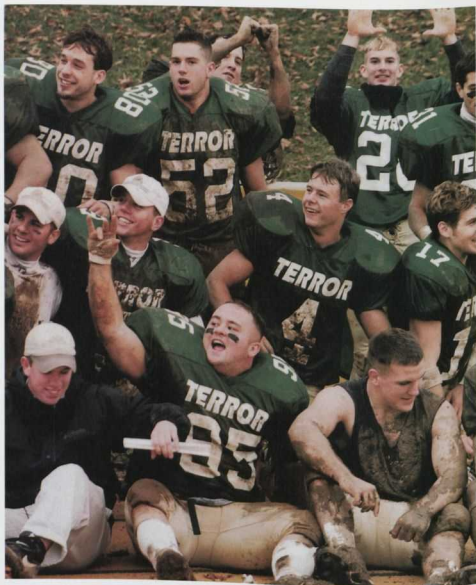
Confidence soared even higher with the team's first win at Dickinson's Biddle Field since 1983, breaking a string of six straight losses in Carlisle, Pa.

Having snapped one nagging losing streak, Keating's squad faced another strong opponent, Franklin & Marshall, who had won its last six games at Bair Stadium dating back to 1983.

The Terror fought back. In a span of just over six minutes, they scored four touchdowns and went on to win the Homecoming game 28-12. Freshman Jeff Groff put the exclamation point on the rally with a blocked punt that classmate Mike Wood scooped up and carried into the end zone.

Then came the mud.

Rain pelted the region for the second straight weekend, making the home field heavy and treacherous for the first ever meeting between the Green Terror and the Sea Gulls of Salisbury State.



E.R. OWENBY JR.



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Marvin Deal (left) hustles downfield on a key punt return against Johns Hopkins.

### *The Face Off*

The best was yet to come—an anticipated season-ending face off against longtime rival Johns Hopkins with the Centennial title hanging in the balance. Western Maryland and the Blue Jays entered November as the lone teams with unbeaten conference records.

That changed when Hopkins lost in triple overtime at Dickinson while the Green Terror was defeating Salisbury State. News of the Blue Jays' defeat inspired Western Maryland players to make celebratory slides across the muddy field.

The following week, the team clinched a share of the Centennial title with an easy 56-0 win at Swarthmore. However, Hopkins bounced back from its defeat to Dickinson with a 35-21 win over Franklin & Marshall. That set the stage for the finale with the Blue Jays, a contest that would decide if Western Maryland would claim



# Hopkins Rivalry Fires Up Pranksters

"Coeds lured pair into enemy lair," read the headline in the *Democratic Advocate*.

It was 50 years ago in November, and Mary Elizabeth Todd Griffiths '48 and Patricia Outerbridge Corrado '49 had upped the ante on the rivalry between Western Maryland and the Johns Hopkins University football fans.

The two girls were decoys, sent to lure two unsuspecting Hopkins students into overnight captivity and a humiliating delivery to their home team during half time the next day.

"Some returned veterans dreamed this scheme up," said Corrado, "They just wanted to have some fun."

It all started when an airplane buzzed the Western Maryland campus and dropped tough-talking leaflets from Hopkins about the upcoming game.

## The Green Terror Fought Back

Behind the wheel of a convertible, Corrado and Griffiths drove around the Hopkins campus in Baltimore until they found two young guys.

"We're on a scavenger hunt, and we need two guys from Hopkins," they said. "Would you like to go a party with us?"

The men agreed and jumped into the backseat of the car.

"Being it was a two door convertible, they were in for good," Griffiths remembered with a laugh.

The girls met a group of Western Maryland cohorts about a mile away, and traded off the captives. The posse returned to campus, and the Hopkins men were led into a pep rally in the old Gill Gymnasium by ropes around their neck. Their hair was then cut to a cheering crowd.

"They were good sports," Griffiths reported.

It was also reported in the newspaper that the prisoners spent the night in the men's dorm tied to the bed, their hands freed only to feast on hamburgers and beer. Neither Outerbridge or Todd confess to know what actually happened behind those walls, girls weren't allowed in the boys' dorm, but one thing is for sure.

"Beer was a no-no in those days," Todd said. "That was the scandalous part."

The newspaper also reported the girls had promised the men "beer and women" to hop in the car, an even more scandalous untruth, Griffiths said. "My parents would've been upset about the beer," she said.

The prank came to a climax at half time the next day when the Hopkins men were wheeled onto the Hopkins home field to roaring laughter. "Hopkins came and took them to the other side of the field," Griffiths said. "Today we'd probably end up in court with all kinds of law suits, but it was fun at the time."

"Nobody knows how to have harmless fun these days," Corrado added.



Co-conspirators Patricia Outerbridge Corrado and Mary Elizabeth Todd Griffiths will never be forgotten for their part in kidnapping two Hopkins boys before the '47 game.



## COEDS LURED PAIR INTO ENEMY'S LAIR

### Now Hopkins Men Are Freed But Minus Some Hair, Feted On Beer And Hamburgers

The two freshmen from Johns Hopkins University who were "abducted" Friday night in a reprisal raid by Western Maryland students were returned triumphantly at half time during the football class Saturday between the two schools at Homewood.

Each of the 18-year-old six-footers, Bernie Major, of Washington, Pa., and Stanley Broder, of West Orange, N. J., awoke their overnight ordeal gracefully and bared their heads as they were wheeled across the lamp turf in a dolly and presented to the laughing audience that packed the stands on the Hopkins side of the field.

Few words were exchanged, ever, between the captives and two pretty coeds from W Maryland who lured them into Friday night with an invitation to attend a party atoucher where there were "beer and hamburgers."

The decoys, Miss Patricia Outerbridge, of Bermda, and May Elizabeth Todd, of Baltimore, said they were "so nervous" about the mission in which they turned their prisoners over to a waiting party of eleven students at Wynn Park drive.

"If any one of them had so much as looked at us, we'd have jumped out of the car," exclaimed Miss O'Todd. "We expected to be walking back ourselves with no hair." As for the treatment by their hosts, the two Hopkins captives said they were given all the beer they wanted to drink during their imprisonment in a men's dormitory at Westminster.

"They tied our feet to the bed with a rope and our hands also," said Stanley of their captivity. "However, they released one of our hands to drink beer and eat hamburgers."

"I only got a half hour sleep all night," continued Stanley. "Fellowa kept running into the room all night. Bernie, he slept peacefully."

The Pennsylvania student said he drank six bottles of beer; Stanley "about three." They came to the game in the bus carrying the Western Maryland band.

George C. Osborne was guest of honor at a bachelor's dinner on Saturday night at Albert's in Baltimore, given by his friends in Westminster. The coming marriage of Mr. Osborne to Miss Margaret Parke, daughter of Mrs. Abner Parke and the late Mr. Parke, of Baltimore, and formerly of Westminster, will take place on Saturday evening in Baltimore.

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Ron "Crazy Legs" Scermarini, No. 12



**Position:** Quarterback  
**Nickname origin:** "I like to run the ball."  
**Hometown:** Toms River, New Jersey

**Class:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Sociology (undeclared); minor in Education  
**Lucky charm:** Eats candy and junk food before the game  
**Mid-season highlight:** "The feeling of closeness on the team. We were inseparable. We were all concentrating on one goal."  
**Class pick:** Intro. to Sociology: "I did an interesting paper on the mass movement of women into the work force."  
**Hall of fame:** Joe Montana, retired San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs quarterback: "I respect his leadership qualities as a quarterback and the way he portrayed him-

self as an all-around nice guy on and off the field."

**Summer training camp:** Worked as a day camp counselor for youth ages 6 to 14  
**Life after college:** New Jersey State Trooper: "I've always been interested in the field of law. I like helping people and being a positive role model in society."  
**Who knew:** Competition for New Jersey State Trooper is so tough that the position requires an undergraduate degree and a test, plus six months of intensive training.

Gavin "Doughnut" DeFreitas, No. 33



**Position:** Running back  
**Nickname origin:** "I used to work at a bakery back home."  
**Hometown:** Seabrook, Md.  
**Class:** Junior

**Major:** Pre-engineering Studies; minor in Physics  
**Lucky charm:** Says a prayer before each game  
**Mid-season highlight:** Bridgewater game, 21-17: "That's when we figured out we were going to click. The team came together. The Eagles beat us the year before, but we came out and dominated the game. The confidence started right there."  
**Class pick:** "Anything dealing with math. I love (physics) labs. How gravity affects things. You can figure a formula for everything. It's amazing."  
**Hall of fame:** Running backs Barry Sanders, Detroit Lions,

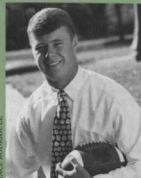
and Eddie George, Tennessee Oilers: "(Sanders) is hard to stop. (George) and I are too big for our position—most running backs are short and squat—and we like to run the outside game."

**Summer training camp:** Worked in computer programming at the General Service Administration in Washington, D.C.

**Post game:** Runs track  
**Life after football:** "I'd like to work at a place like NASA. I have an interest in aeronautics."

**Who knew:** DeFreitas was born in Guyana, South America and moved to America with his family 11 years ago.

Tom "Professor" Lapato, No. 4



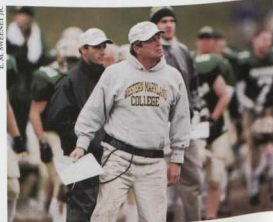
**Position:** Strong safety, defensive back ("I make sure they don't pass the ball on us.")  
**Hometown:** Mt. Airy, Md.  
**Class:** Junior

**Major:** Mathematics and Computer Science; minor in Art History  
**Lucky charm:** Wears a cutoff shirt under his uniform and is the first one on the field before a game to have time to relax  
**Mid-season highlight:** "This is the closest team I've been on. Everybody gets along."  
**Class pick:** 20th Century Art: "In Renaissance art, little is known about the artist. Artists of the twentieth century are well-known personalities, so their work takes on more meaning."  
**Summer training camp:** Internship with a computer consulting company in

Columbia, Md., a definite career possibility  
**Hall of fame:** Jerry Rice, 49ers wide receiver: "I respect his work ethic, the way he acts in public, and his accomplishments on the field."  
**Post game:** Works in Lewis Hall's computer lab, mountain bikes and plays golf, Kappa Mu Epsilon (math honor society)  
**Life after football:** Hoping to do an internship at National Security Agency and find a job in computers, or even using computer smarts in a museum  
**Who knew:** Lapato has a 4.0 grade-point-average.

sole possession of the conference title or be forced to share the top spot.

Phones were ringing off the hook in the college's sports information office. Television stations were rabid for sound bites from players. By mid-week, the head coaches and players from both schools met on the fifteenth floor of a tony office building in Baltimore for a press conference. Sports casters were billing it the game of the week.



Coach Keating grumbles as Hopkins takes the lead in the first quarter, the only time the Terror fell behind all season.

"Usually a program our size wouldn't get that attention," said junior defensive back Tom Lapato, who made appearances on television and radio, as well as several newspapers. "It felt like a dream for awhile, so much was going on."

Meanwhile, green and gold fever was storming the campus. Students rallied around a bonfire on the eve of the show-down and the college bookstore was selling out of team sweatshirts.

Saturday morning, carfuls of supporters poured into the stadium hours before game time. Fans scooped up nearly 2,000 Go Green Terror buttons and pinned them proudly to their coats.

Game Time

Hopkins took the lead with a field goal midway through the first quarter, marking the only time the Green Terror had been behind all year.

## Winning the conference was definitely our number one goal.<sup>2</sup>

—Tom Lapato

Week-long rains left the field in dismal shape and both teams struggled to wade the ball, resulting in 12 punts over the first 26 minutes. Green Terror fans began to wonder if Mother Nature and the team from Baltimore were conspiring to cast a spell on an otherwise magical season.

Enter Jeff Groff, playing the role of David Copperfield. The punt-block specialist appeared out of nowhere, diving to keep



E. M. SWENERTZ JR.

**Keating, named Division III's Coach of the Year, is the first to congratulate his players for their history-making performance.**

Blue Jays' Todd Bencivenni's kick from rising into the misty sky.

Western Maryland took over on the Hopkins' 20-yard line and sophomore quarterback Ron Sermarini displayed the talents that made him the Centennial Offensive Player of the Year. Facing a fourth-and-two situation from the 12, shift Sermarini started up the middle on a sneak, but realized there was no hole and bounced to the left for a nine-yard gain. On the next play, he spied daylight again and squeezed into the end zone.

Western Maryland proceeded to dominate the second half. Deal defied the elements on a sparkling 48-yard punt return to set up a touchdown pass from Sermarini to freshman Matt McVey.

Junior Gavin DeFreitas iced the game with a 30-yard touchdown blast in the final quarter, securing the third unbeaten and untied record in 103 seasons of football at the college. The final score was 21-3.

## PLAYER PROFILES

### Kevin "Crazy" Kramer, No. 92



VINCE RODRIGUEZ

**Position:** Nose guard, defensive lineman ("I'm the smallest around, but I'm quicker than them.")

**Nickname origin:** "I'm crazy on the field."

**Hometown:** Port Charlotte, Fla.

**Class:** Freshman

**Major:** Undecided, considering Biology or Pre-medical Studies

**Lucky charm:** Listens to "Deeper than the Holler" by Randy Travis, the song he and his high school team played before every game

**Mid-season highlight:** Football boot camp: "It was the hardest camp I ever went to. It was nonstop football every day. You wake up at 7 a.m., eat breakfast, practice, shower, go to a meeting, eat lunch,

practice, shower, eat dinner, go to a meeting..."

**Class picks:** Intro. to Philosophy: "It's the basics of Marx and Nietzsche. I would love to major in something like that."

**Hall of fame:** 49ers outside linebacker Kevin Greene: "He's a good player."

**Life after football:** Pursue a career as a physician or work in the field of genetic engineering

**Post game:** Chess club (if he had the time and it existed on campus)

**Who knew:** He didn't bring a television to campus with him.

### Matt "Flipper" Dauphin, No. 48



VINCE RODRIGUEZ

**Position:** Linebacker  
**Hometown:** Wilmington, Del.

**Class:** Junior

**Major:** Biology; minor in Exercise Science

**Lucky charm:** Keeps quiet and takes two Tylenol

**Mid-season highlight:** Gettysburg game, 55-7: "It was unexpected. They're our rival. It was then I knew we were going to be a team."

**Class picks:** Cell Biology: "It's amazing that you can break down your body into individual cells, and interactions in those cells provide the basis of body functions."

**Post game:** Intramural softball, Beta Beta Beta (biology honor society)

**Life after football:** Graduate school to study chiropractic, physical therapy or sports medicine

**Who knew:** Dauphin played on his first football team in fourth grade.

### Dan Angelini, No. 42



VINCE RODRIGUEZ

**Position:** Tight end, snaps punts and field goals  
**Hometown:** Forest Hill, Md.  
**Class:** Senior  
**Major:** Biology

**Lucky charm:** Sits in the corner of the locker room to think before each game

**Mid-season highlight:** Salisbury State game, 11-0: "It all seemed to come together. We had the chance to prove ourselves, that we could actually compete with teams from larger, public schools."

**Class picks:** Comparative Anatomy, dissecting sharks and cats

**Summer training camp:** Worked in an electromicroscopy lab at Aberdeen Proving Grounds that researched the effects of chemical weapons on the skin

**Hall of fame:** Detroit Lions running back Barry Sanders: "He's not one of those sports heroes who's only into money. He seems like a good guy. I wrote him a letter when he got out of college with an index card to sign, and he signed it and sent it back with a signed rookie card."

**Post game:** Beta Beta Beta (biology honor society), Phi Delta Theta fraternity

**Life after football:** Graduate school to study biology, maybe pathology

**Who knew:** He wishes he had more time to do community service with his fraternity.



# Honors All Around

Quarterback **Ron Sermarini** was selected Centennial Conference (CC) Offensive Player of the Year in balloting conducted by the conference's eight head coaches.

Sermarini also headed a list of 15 players from the Green Terror team named to the All-CC team. The sophomore, who was the All-CC second-team pick as a freshman last season, was picked as the first-team quarterback.

The signal-caller threw for 18 touchdowns this year, a school record which surpassed the 17 tossed by **Brian Van Deusen** in both 1993 and 1994. He also ran for five six-pointers this season, tying Van Deusen's 1995 school record of 23 TDs responsible for. Sermarini completed 135 of 204 attempts for 1,675 yards, and threw just three interceptions.

Joining Sermarini on the first-team offense are junior guard **Ryan Hines** and junior tackle **Mat Mathias**, the first all-conference selection for both linemen.

Representing Western Maryland on the first-team defense are senior tackle **Justin Lavis**, junior tackle **Zach Galemore**, sophomore inside linebacker **Tommy Selecky** and sophomore **Marvin Deal**, who made the first team as both a defensive back and a kick returner.

Lavis makes his third consecutive appearance on the All-CC team after earning second-team

status in 1995 and 1996. This season, he tied for second on the team in sacks with 43, had 10 total tackles for loss, and 37 stops overall. Lavis also grabbed an interception and broke up three more pass attempts.

Galemore ended the regular season with 49 total tackles, 11 of them for losses, and four pass break-ups. All of those figures were good for third place on the team. Selecky topped the team in total tackles with 77, tackles for loss with 19 and sacks with 8½. He also recorded an interception and four pass break-ups. Both Galemore and Selecky earned their first All-CC selections.

From his cornerback spot, Deal made 26 tackles, three interceptions and five break-ups. He also set school single-season records for the number of punt returns with 42 and punt-return yards with 591. The yardage figure and the 14.1-yard average per return are new conference highs. Deal was an All-CC honorable-mention defensive back in 1996.

On the second-team offense are junior running back **Gavin DeFreitas**, senior wide receiver **Donté Abron**, and freshman kicker **Brent Sandrock**.

DeFreitas, who received his first All-CC recognition, was Western Maryland's top rusher with 955 yards and nine touchdowns on 225 carries. He also led the receivers with 29 catches, including one for a TD, and 313 yards.

With 60 points scored, DeFreitas also finished first on the team in scoring.

Abron became a three-time All-CC performer after earning a first-team spot last year and a second-team nod in 1995. This year, he made just 14 receptions, but six of them resulted in touchdowns. The catches totaled 290 yards, and he added 159 more and a touchdown on four kickoff returns.

Sandrock set a Western Maryland mark for extra points in a season with 33, making his last 26 in a row and missing just five. He added seven field goals in 11 attempts for 54 points, second on the team behind DeFreitas.

Players on the second-team defense, all of whom gained their first All-Conference honor, were freshman nose guard **Kevin Kramer**, junior inside linebacker **Joey Garrison**, junior cornerback **Anthony Burgos**, sophomore punter **Bob Spruill** and junior strong safety **Tom Lapato**.

Kramer, who missed the final two regular-season games with a knee injury, was second behind Selecky in sacks with six and tackles for loss with 13. He finished with 80 total tackles and two fumble recoveries.

Garrison was the runner-up in total tackles with 68, of which eight resulted in losses. He also forced a fumble and broke up a pass.

Burgos was the team's leader in pass break-ups with six. He also grabbed three interceptions, recovered two fumbles, blocked an extra point and made 29 tackles.

Spruill averaged 40.5 yards per punt in 25 kicks. He missed tying the school's single-season record for average by just one-tenth of a yard.

Lapato tied for second in pass break-ups with five, and finished fourth in total tackles with 46. He also pounced on two opponents' fumbles, forced one, and had seven tackles for loss.

Lapato was also selected for the GTE Academic All-America College Division District II football team, the second time in a row for the junior, and one of four repeaters from the 1996 district squad. He garnered one of four spots for defensive backs on the district team.

The selection, made by regional members of the College Sports Information Directors of America, enabled Lapato to move on to the national balloting with student-athletes picked from seven other districts. In November, he earned a place on the 1997 GTE Academic All-America® College Division Football Team for the first time.

The College Division includes National Collegiate Athletic Association Divisions II and III and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

A Dean's List student with highest honors, Lapato was also named to the Centennial Conference Football Academic Honor Roll the past two years.



*'What do we want?  
Championship.  
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—Green Terror rally cry

### Sweet Victory

"It was one of the best feelings I ever had," says DeFreitas, who knows that many people doubted the team could win the conference title when the season began. "That alone drove us. We wanted to prove everybody wrong. We all played to the best of our ability and did what we had to do."

Before the sun set again, the National Collegiate Athletic Association announced that Western Maryland was one of four teams in the South Region to head to the Division III tournament.

"I couldn't be more proud of our young men. We set our goal to win the Centennial Conference Championship and we did just that. Our goals will be higher next year," said Coach Keating.

The next weekend, the team fell to region top-seed Lycoming 27-13, but earned a standing ovation in the game's final minute from Terror fans who traveled from up and down the East Coast to the game in Williamsport, Pa.

The Terror beat the odds to win their first Centennial Conference title and fans gained a new respect for their team. But don't call it over yet. The 1998 season roster includes seven seniors and as many as 21 returning starters to the team.

Just wait until next year. •

*Editors Note: Joyce Muller and Amy Pelsinsky contributed to this story.*

### GREEN TERROR FOOTBALL

#### 1997 Centennial Conference Champions

Sept. 6	at Bridgewater	21-17
Sept. 13	Juniata	30-8
Sept. 20	at Gettysburg*	55-7
Sept. 27	Ursinus*	20-10
Oct. 4	at Muhlenberg*	44-9
Oct. 18	at Dickinson*	41-7
Oct. 25	Franklin & Marshall*	28-12
Nov. 1	Salisbury State	11-0
Nov. 8	at Swarthmore*	56-0
Nov. 15	Johns Hopkins*	21-3
Nov. 22	at Lycoming (NCAA playoffs)	13-27

\*Centennial Conference



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## Coach Keating

Coach Tim Keating has the magic touch. The Green Terror is the second team in a decade he has rescued from a grim losing streak.

Prior to joining Western Maryland as head coach five years ago, he led the NCAA Division III Wesley College football program from a 0-17 record before his arrival to an 9-2 standing in 1991 and a 7-3 season in '92.

Then he came to Western Maryland to tackle a football team that hadn't won more than six games in a season in 18 years.

"It was a challenge, to myself," Keating says. "I wanted to do it again and make certain it was no fluke the first time."

It wasn't. The team earned the Centennial Conference title this year and boasted its first undefeated season in decades.

"This year was the first year that I felt we had a chance to win every game," says Keating, who psyched players up for each game by dangling the championship in front of them. "The bottom line is you have to find good young men for your program. This is the best bunch of guys I've coached."

When he's not drilling the team or reviewing games on video while classical music plays in his office, the coach teaches courses like weight training and golf in the college's exercise science/physical education department during the off season.



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He is also member of the American Football Coaches Association, the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame and the Maxwell Club.

The 28rd head coach in Western Maryland's 106-year football history, Keating began his collegiate coaching career in 1978 as a two-year assistant at Georgetown University. He then served as assistant for two years each at DePauw University in Indiana, where he earned a master's degree in physical education, the University of Pennsylvania and Rice University in Texas before becoming head coach at Wesley College.

A native of Amherst, N.Y., Keating received a bachelor of arts degree in communications from West Virginia's Bethany College in 1975.

He is married and is the father of two children, 9 and 13.



Joan and Alec Wilson Link Up to Explore the Genomic Landscape

# The Gene Team

BY KIM ASCH

Here's how you can tell genetic researchers Joan and Alec Wilson apart: She's the one with the disorganized office who somehow knows where to find everything. He's quick with the one-liners and—now that the '70s are behind them—has shorter hair.

Besides the obvious differences, the WMC sweethearts are practically clones.

"Our colleagues like to tease that our spouse correlation coefficient is one," says Alec, who is sitting next to his wife in a conference room adjacent to their offices at The Johns Hopkins University's Bayview campus in Baltimore. "In the world of statistical genetics, this is a funny joke. It means we're like identical twins."

At the Center for Inherited Disease Research, a joint venture between the National Institutes of Health and the JHU School of Medicine, the Wilsons toil side by side at jobs about 300 people in the world know how to do.

Test tubes and microscopes aren't the tools of the Wilsons' high-tech trade. Instead, they use super-fast computers, complex statistics and reams of raw data culled from family profiles to hunt for genes that cause diseases they suspect are hereditary, such as breast cancer and cataracts.

"We're like those old guys in Ocean City with the metal detectors looking for Rolex watches," explains Alec. "Most of the time we get false signals and find beer cans. But sometimes we hit pay dirt and we're able to determine that a gene for the disease we're studying is in a known region on a chromosome."

Though they share the same scientific expertise, the Wilsons work on different

projects. Alec helped map the gene for congenital cataracts and is working to find genes for hypertension and cardiovascular disease. Meanwhile, Joan is hot on the trail of prostate, lung and breast cancer.

"We actually divided the world a long time ago. Alec explores the genetic factors underlying quantitative traits, such as height, weight and blood pressure, that may be precursors to disease. I look at genes for diseases such as lung and breast cancer where we only know whether you're affected, but we don't have a quantitative measurement," says Joan. "We decided there has to be some difference between us."

The dynamic duo, who celebrated 19 years of marriage in June, seem to disprove the hypothesis that opposites attract. As Baltimore County natives, their affinity for one another comes as naturally as their passion for steamed crabs and the Orioles.

While both majored in biology at Western Maryland, their paths didn't cross until senior year.

"Everyone thought I was a drama major because I was in so many theater productions," recalls Joan. "Alec wrote poetry and hung out in the English department."

Hoover Library and Lewis Hall science labs were regular haunts, but "We weren't geeks at all; we were actually hippies," says Joan, whose brunette tresses still fall far down her back. "He had very long hair."

"Don't go there, Joan," pleads Alec, who now sports short, fair curls.

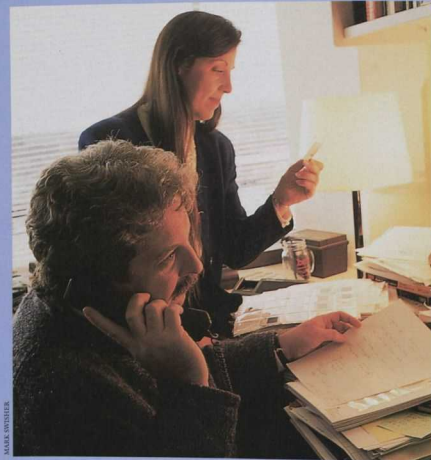
It was their faculty adviser Jean Kerschner who recognized the potential match.

"It's all her fault," quips Alec.

Explains Joan: "We were both searching for graduate schools and Dr. Kerschner said to me, 'You know, there's this boy looking, too. You ought to compare notes.' By the time we had to decide where to go, we knew we would be going together."

Side by side are college sweethearts Alec and Joan Wilson who work as statistical matchmakers for the Human Genome Project.





DALE SWITZER

## Separated Only At Birth

### ALEXANDER F. WILSON

**Born:** Jan. 23, 1953

**Hometown:** Towson, Md.

**Entered WMC:** 1971

**Graduated:** magna cum laude in biology, 1975

**Married:** June 1978

**Ph.D.:** in medical genetics, Indiana University, 1980

**Postdoctoral work:** Louisiana State University Dept. of Biometry and Genetics (rank of full professor)

**Areas of research:** hypertension and cardiovascular disease

**Employer:** NIH's Human Genome Project

**Title:** Chief, Genometrics

**Favorite things:** Steamed crabs, Oriole baseball

**Honors:** WMC's Trustee Alumni Award (May 1998)

### JOAN E. BAILEY

**Born:** Nov. 1, 1953

**Hometown:** Parkton, Md.

**Entered WMC:** 1971

**Graduated:** magna cum laude in biology, 1975

**Married:** June 1978

**Ph.D.:** in medical genetics, Indiana University, 1980

**Postdoctoral work:** Louisiana State University Dept. of Biometry and Genetics (rank of full professor)

**Areas of research:** prostate, lung and breast cancer

**Employer:** NIH's Human Genome Project

**Title:** Chief, Section of Statistical Genetics

**Favorite things:** Steamed crabs, Oriole baseball

**Honors:** WMC's Trustee Alumni Award (May 1998)

*'We're teased that our spouse correlation coefficient is one. In the world of statistical genetics, it means we're like identical twins.'*  
—Alec Wilson '71

The couple graduated magna cum laude in 1975. Both were accepted by Ph.D. programs at Cornell and Georgetown, but chose to study medical genetics at Indiana University, which awarded them both full scholarships plus a stipend as part of a U.S. Public Health Service Training Grant.

"We were astoundingly well prepared for graduate school," Joan says. Of the 15 who started the program, the Wilsons were among the five to actually complete their Ph.D.s at I.U. and both ended up with straight As.

At that point, life got a little trickier. The Wilsons had to find two postdoctoral positions in the same place in exactly the same discipline, "And there were so few jobs at that time," Joan recalls.

They sent out 50 applications. Finally, one of them got an offer from the University of California at Berkeley and the other got one from UCLA. "I thought, 'Oh, great, we could live in the middle and commute!'" says Joan. But when they looked at the map, they realized the schools were more than three hours apart.

Then Robert Elston, an eminent statistical geneticist who chaired the department of biometry and genetics at the Louisiana State University Medical Center, called to offer them both postdoctoral fellowships. The Wilsons stayed in New Orleans for 16 years teaching and researching, eventually reaching the rank of full professor.

They each, of course, receive equal praise from the mentor-turned-colleague.

"Both were excellent," says Elston, now a professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. "They were invaluable in helping me get a 10-year resource grant from the NIH which helped us develop SAGE, a software program that aids researchers in locating genes."

Two years ago, the Wilsons were recruited for top positions with the NIH. Their work with the Center for Inherited Disease Research is one facet of the Human Genome Project, an international effort to identify the full set of genetic instructions contained in human cells and to decipher complete text written in the language of the hereditary chemical DNA.

As part of the project, the Wilsons, along with biologists, chemists, engineers, computer scientists, sociologists and mathematicians, will work together to plot out several types of biological maps that will enable researchers to find their way through the labyrinth of molecules that define the physical traits of a human being.

Eventually, the knowledge could provide new strategies to diagnose, treat and possibly prevent human diseases. It will help explain the mysteries of embryonic development and provide important insights into mankind's evolutionary past.

*'We're like those old guys in Ocean City with the metal detectors looking for Rolex watches. Sometimes we hit pay dirt...and determine that a gene for the disease is in a known region on a chromosome.'*



Researcher Joan Wilson is hot on the trail of genes that are linked to prostate, lung and breast cancer. Husband Alec studies how inherited traits such as height, weight and blood pressure may predict certain diseases. At left are the duo's college yearbook snapshots.

Returning to their own, more recent roots was a big factor in Joan and Alec's decision to return to Maryland.

"It was important for the kids to be near their grandparents," says Joan of their daughter Lauren, 12, and son Sandy, 8.

"We were glad to leave Louisiana. It was too hot and there were fire ants and killer bees," adds Alec. "Besides, we missed steamed crabs."

It occurred to the Wilsons that they had come full circle when they presented a lecture on campus at a Tri Beta meeting. "We realized that most of the students hadn't even been born yet when we were on campus," Alec says.

Senior biochemistry major Elena Tilli was just as surprised to learn that she and the Wilsons share some of the same professors, including Rick Smith [chemistry], Sam Alspach and Mike Brown [biology].

"They really have been here forever," Tilli says of the veteran teacher-researchers who have a total of 83 years' service to the college.

As far as the Wilsons are concerned, the WMC science department is still up to snuff.

Joan served as mentor to Tilli and Jennifer Doetsch '97 during their internships for women in science that were funded by a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

"I was so amazed with what Elena and Jennifer knew," says Joan. "These students were just as well prepared as any student that came to us from Tulane or other big universities." •

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Career Photographer Richard Anderson  
Finds Order in the World on Film

# Freeze Frame

BY LISA BRESLIN

Flashback to the late 1960s. Western Maryland College students turn up their radios to hear the Birds' "Sweet Heart of the Rodeo." The debate about American involvement in Vietnam is heating up. Stewart Stack '72 protests mandatory ROTC by walking on his hands in a college parade. These are the years of long hair and bell-bottom pants.

Richard Anderson '71 develops photographs in a makeshift darkroom in the basement of the college newspaper office. He likes big photographs, like the ones in the popular *Rolling Stone* magazine.

Throughout his college days, he follows a group of six or seven camera buffs around campus to pick up photography tips. When the college paper, *The Gold Bug*, can't find its photographer, Anderson borrows cameras and fills in the gaps. Once he is officially on the staff, he redesigns the look of the paper, and eventually the alumni magazine as well.

Anderson fills his schedule with all the art history and English literature classes the college has to offer, soaking up advice and wisdom from professors like Keith Richwine, Ethan Seidel, Ralph Price and Del Palmer.

He makes friends with a group of students who enjoy life beyond academia. Walt Michael, the editor of the paper, Don Elmes, Rowland Hill and Michael Shultz are just a few of the students in his close circle of friends who find solace in the arts and in sharing their dream that they can make the world a better place.

"Because it was a small school, students got to know each other quickly. I like that familiarity," Anderson said. "Plus, even the oddballs like us were accepted. They may be oddballs, but they're our oddballs," the administrators thought."

And then one day Anderson sees his future.

As the media hovers around the campus to capture a speech by Sargent Shriver, who at the time was toying with running for president, Anderson gawks. Real photographers—these are real photographers. When two guys from *Life* magazine zip up in a white Porsche with a blonde assistant, Anderson decides photography is the career for him.

"They were so slick. Those two guys became my vision of that career," Anderson said.

Now more than 20 years and several photography-related jobs later, he is living that dream—without the idealism. He has the hot car, a 1988 Alfa Romeo Milano Verde, which he confesses eats up too much of his money.

He and his wife of 12 years, Valerie Kutchey, live with their Keeshond, Casey, in a restored Tudor townhome in Baltimore's posh Lake Walker neighborhood. On the second floor of their home is Anderson's office. Like Anderson, it is meticulously organized.

"I like order, and the definition of photography is to make order out of disorder," Anderson said. "Pictures are another way of organizing the world. You don't have to accept anything in front of you. Like painting, you can use that as a starting point. Nothing is the way it looks when I'm finished with it."

Anderson's portraits are simple, direct and honest. More often than not he uses black and white film because he believes it is more revealing and that it "captures the essence of the person better—the soul of the person comes through more clearly."

"With color film there are more distractions. You are drawn to the color of clothes, skin tones, a beautiful backdrop or the lighting, for example. But with black and white film, the photo is more about the person."



Richard Anderson  
breaks away from  
behind the lens to gain  
another world view.



After years competing for photography work, Anderson identifies with the competitive nature of actors whose characters he captures on film.



being a nice guy. You can't trust anyone."

Despite his cynicism, it is clear from Anderson's clients and business associates that they are enjoying the luxury of working with a nice guy.

"He is the perennial optimist with a wonderful appreciation for irony," said Grace Zaccardi, a photographer who does custom black and white and color printing work for Anderson and other clients. "He does many different things and adapts to many different situations, and he's always successful."

"Richard is easy going, charming and fun to work with," said Linda Geeson, director of communications for Center Stage. "He has developed a real instinct for when a moment is coming up. He comes to dress rehearsals without preparation like reading the script, and then without stopping the production, he shoots the performance. He always gets those great moments; Richard has that instinct."

### *Finding the Right Balance*

For Anderson, in the ideal world there is consistent organization, successful time management and good health. He weighs himself every day (ideal weight 130 pounds), takes his pulse (ideal pulse 44) and is proud to have only seven percent body fat.

He owes his fitness to his passion for bicycling which, like photography, went from a simple introduction to an obsession. When he met Valerie 18 years ago, she was into riding, and he realized that if they were going to spend time together on the weekends, he'd have to get on a bike. "I rode at a low level for three or four years," Anderson said. "It was a weekend thing and, like photography, once I discovered cycling, I got real excited. Prior to cycling, all my associates were photographers and designers; but through cycling, I have met people who do everything. These are the most rewarding friendships—minus the anxiety and unhealthy competition."



ALL PHOTOS BY RICHARD ANDERSON

As a freelance photographer, he has a wide variety of corporate and institutional clients, including St. Joseph Medical Center, the University of Maryland School of Nursing, Dentsply International, Waverly Family Center and Ryland Homes.

His assignments have taken him from neonatal intensive care units to the Kyongbok Palace in Seoul—from a Center Stage production of *Galileo* to the predominantly low-income neighborhoods of Baltimore City.

Commanding as much as \$1,500 a day, Anderson also makes room for a variety of pro bono projects, including work for the homeless, Goodwill Industries and the Brain Injury Association of Maryland.

He is starting his 23rd year with Center Stage in Baltimore where he enjoys the comfort of familiarity.

"I know how to do theater photography well. It is low stress because of the familiarity of places, lighting, the film to use, the camera," Anderson said. "Plus, I enjoy watching the plays—the process, the people."

Anderson said he feels a camaraderie with actors and actresses who, like him, are continually competing for their next job.

"And like me, they enjoy the audience response and the recognition their talent brings. All of that drives them to do it," he said. "When people look at my work and enjoy it or recognize what I have put into it, that makes me happy. My wife gets a paycheck, but no one tells her 'good job' on a regular basis. I like people to recognize my talents."

Absent from Anderson's initial white Porsche perception of a career in photography was the never-ending competition for work.

"I had no clue about the competition. It took me a while to learn that anyone who is in business is not necessarily a friend," Anderson said. "You see art directors and you think they are your friends, but you learn to emotionally isolate yourself or you will end up in Sheppard Pratt."

Anderson talks tough when he describes the freelance world: "It is filled with paranoia. We (freelancers) often share war stories about who got screwed the worst by a client or a friend. Nobody has the luxury of

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—Richard Anderson '71



Photography assignments have taken Anderson all over the world, from his backyard to Seoul, Korea.

Anderson rides approximately 150 miles a week in season, or 6,000 miles a year. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings he takes off for two hours. On the weekends he rides for four or five hours, often leaving his home in Baltimore and heading to Stevenson, Hampstead or Westminster, Md. He has won a silver certificate in the L'Etape Du Tour, an amateur version of the Tour de France. He also enjoys competitive century rides like the Assault on Mount Mitchell.

"Riding balances my life," he said. "Sometimes I have spent days shooting, and I come home tired and in knots with a headache. I can take two aspirin or get on a bike and get the blood flowing. I'd rather blow off my anxieties. I like to breathe hard. It feels good to go hard. Suffering to be fit is good for the soul. I would rather suffer on a bike than any other way."

Anderson is a member of the Chesapeake Wheelmen, a long-standing racing club that organizes races and has a field team.

"I'm not on the elite team," Anderson said. "It would be like doing too much photography. I would max out. I would

#### ANDERSON AT A GLANCE

##### Favorite Movies

*Brothers McMullen*: "For its honesty"  
*The English Patient*: "For the visuals"

##### Favorite Books

*The English Patient* by Michael Ondaatje  
*A Civil Action* by Jonathon Harr

##### Favorite Music

New Age

##### Best Decision in Last Ten Years

To look to the future and invest in the stock market

##### Worst Decision

To continue the expensive love affair with his car

have to ride 250-300 miles per week and I don't want that pressure. Now I pick and choose when I want to ride."

Like his photography associates, Anderson's cycling friends describe him as loyal and fun.

"He's quiet but he is always there," said Sylvain Chaix, a riding friend who has known Anderson for eight years. "When I first rode with him and the others, they were better than I was. Once on a 100-mile ride, at about 80 miles, we were climbing a hill and I was miserable. I was so tired. Richard looped back to check on me and get my attention away from my misery. He told me this duck story that was more miserable than I was. I couldn't stand the story, so I wanted to ride faster to get away from him. Now if I am riding better than him, I threaten him with the duck story."

Whether he is riding his bike or snapping the perfect moment during a Center Stage production, Anderson is the kind of guy who will always loop around to check on his friends. He uses the camera to do what he vowed to do during his college days—make the world a better place. ●

*Editor's Note: Lisa Breslin is a contributing writer for the Baltimore and Carroll Sun newspapers and is teaching freshman English at WMC.*

# DEVELOPMENT

NEWS

## A LEGACY OF HONOR - THE ROUZER SOCIETY

Named in honor of E. McClure Rouzer, Class of 1907, who provided generously for Western Maryland College in his will, the Rouzer Society recognizes those alumni and friends who have thoughtfully included the college in their estate plans or who presently participate in a life income gift arrangement or life insurance program for the ultimate benefit of the college.

Over the past 10 years alone, Western Maryland College has received more than \$13.4 million in bequests and trusts which have been of critical importance in building the endowment of the college, reducing physical plant debt and funding academic programs.

Because planned gifts represent an expression of lifetime commitment to Western Maryland College, the Rouzer Society has no minimum gift level. Membership is for life. Members receive a certificate recognizing their participation in the Rouzer Society and are listed each year in college publications. •

If you have made a provision in your will for Western Maryland College or would like assistance in making such a provision, please call Steve Close, associate vice president for Institutional Advancement, at 410-857-2259. He can answer questions, suggest memorial opportunities and work with your professional advisers, if you wish. There is no obligation, and all inquiries will be kept confidential.

## FOUNDERS DINNER WAS FABULOUS

The stars came out on Sept. 26, and gathered on the 13th floor of Baltimore's Belvedere Hotel for the largest ever WMC Founders Dinner. Top supporters of the annual fund celebrated a successful one-year anniversary of the launch of The Defining Moment Campaign for \$40 million and toasted the Kresge Foundation challenge grant of \$600,000 toward the Science Center project.



WMC President Chambers dons his formal top hat to salute Founders Society members, including Trustee Frank Carman and wife Ruth, at this year's dinner held in Baltimore's historic Belvedere Hotel.

Membership in one of the three levels of Founders is extended to those individuals, corporations or foundations contributing \$1,000 or more, and is renewable annually.

Through their participation, the members of this special group demonstrate and embrace the quality of education that has come to be associated with Western Maryland College. •

## ROUZER SOCIETY MEMBERS

Linda Albert  
Raymond E. Albert, Jr. '62  
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Audrey Donaldson Baker '46  
Virginia Sweeney Ballard '42  
A. Neumann Barrenger '45  
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Lorraine Beatty  
William E. Beatty '40  
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Blanche Ford Bowlsbey '27  
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Joan Bereska Burrier '54  
Sterling L. Carter '53  
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Katherine Kaiser Frantum '45  
Ann E. Fullerton '47  
Donna Armstrong Gieker '77  
Miriam Bond Gilbert '42  
Ruthetta Lippy Gilgash '40  
Carl R. Gold '78  
Sally Kerk Gold '78  
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Lloyd Gorsuch  
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Patricia Fecho Hart '54  
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Miriam Hayden  
Ober S. Herr, Jr. '49  
Barbara Bankson Hiestand '53  
Fitgerald Hiestand, Jr.  
Beverly J. Hill '60  
Donald J. Hobart '62  
Janice Mooney Hobart '63  
Barbara Holt  
Thomas M. Holt '49  
Samuel H. Hoover  
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Mary E. Humphreys '32  
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Jean Hite Jaumot



Lynda and Dick Adams pledge increased corporate support to ever-loyal fundraiser Chris Royer '48.



Husband and wife team Homer and Laura Elseroad, both of Class of 1940, went home winners of one of the Ravens-themed door prizes: a football jersey from quarterback Vinnie Testaverde.



Dr. Gordon Shelton '68 gets inside information for his class news from President Chambers.

Dorothy Prince John  
 Ralph C. John  
 John Bayley Jones '41  
 Howard G. Jordan '54  
 Elizabeth Clough Kain '30  
 Richard W. Kiefer '34  
 Susannah Cockey Kiefer '33  
 Phyllis Kindley  
 Richard F. Kline, Jr. '57  
 Dorothy McClayton Krinski '50  
 Bruce L. Lee '59  
 Melba Nelms Lee '59  
 Mary Berwager Lord '35  
 Robert C. Lord  
 Helen Luntz  
 W. Frank Malone '38  
 John W. Manspeaker '36  
 Patricia Kurlle Manspeaker '60  
 Elizabeth Johnson Marshall  
 Iva Barnhart Martin '75  
 James I. Melhorn  
 Lora Melhorn  
 David W. Meredith '57  
 Lucille Meyers  
 G. Melvin Mills, Jr.  
 Linda Harner Mills '81  
 Carol Hoerichs Moore '70  
 Charles E. Moore, Jr. '71  
 C. Wray Mowbray, Jr. '58  
 Marvina M. Munch '52  
 Barry D. Murphy '55  
 George H. Murphy '41  
 Brenda R. Murray '71  
 John H. Offerman '70  
 Eloise Chipman Payne '38  
 John R. Payne  
 Caryl Ensor Peterson '58  
 Ronald G. Peterson  
 Clifford E. Pfaff '50  
 Ruth Dickinson Phillips '42  
 Frances Elderdice Pugh '35  
 Curtis L. Ramsey  
 Joy C. Reinmuth '27  
 Alleck A. Resnick '47  
 Harriet Resnick  
 L. Kennard Rhodes, Jr. '34  
 Esther Prangley Rice  
 M. Lee Rice '48  
 Eleanor Nace Richwine  
 Allan W. Roadcap  
 Mary M. Robb '39  
 Rob Robertson '65  
 John M. Robinson, Sr. '43

Lois H. Rowland '39  
 R. Christine Royer '48  
 Evelyn Pusey Ruark '23  
 George A. Schaeffer '59  
 Martha Schaeffer  
 Philip B. Schaeffer '48  
 G. Michael Schlee '65  
 Richard F. Seaman  
 Susan C. Seaman  
 Edwin Shauck  
 Mary Jane Collier Shauck '47  
 M. Luise Gow Sheffield '43  
 Wesley Sheffield '42  
 Marvin H. Smith  
 Rebecca Groves Smith '37  
 Charlotte Haile Smyth '48  
 J. Donald Smyth '48  
 Dolores Cauwels Snyder '63  
 George E. Snyder, Jr. '73  
 James C. Snyder  
 Lori Snyder  
 Janet A. Springer '62  
 Margaret L. Stackhouse '52  
 Jane Gilchrist Stair '40  
 Paul Stair  
 Sally F. Stanfield '78  
 Mary Anne Thomas Stazesky '49  
 M. Virginia Stoner '32  
 Roland L. Stonesifer '39  
 Lucretia Tanner  
 William H. Tanner  
 Margaret Nelson Tawes '32  
 David K. Taylor '64  
 Dorothy Berry Tevis '35  
 Mildred Mackubbin  
 Townsend '58  
 Miles D. Townsend, Jr. '51  
 Evelyn Townsend  
 Philip E. Uhrig '52  
 Ruth Uhrig  
 Robert T. VanVliet '48  
 Charles L. Wallace, Sr. '39  
 Rachael A. Wentz '62  
 Janis Anne Weimar Wheat '79  
 John Widdup  
 Louisa Scott Widdup '48  
 Charlotte L. Wilderson '51  
 Charles H. Williams, M.D. '37  
 Margaret V. Williams  
 Pearl D. Willis  
 Helen B. Wolfe  
 Pauline L. Wooden



College trustee Eloise "Chip" Payne '38 and husband John are major fans of WMC.



Albert Mezzanotte '78, newcomer to WMC's Board, and his wife Mary are greeted by Bob Chambers.



Campaign chairman Marty Hill, Provost Joan Coley, Adm. Henry Laughlin and Trustee Dolores Snyder celebrate WMC's most successful Annual Fund year.



# News

From Alumni

## College Stars Join Sports Hall of Fame

A highly respected Baltimore area coach and one half of a dynamic rushing duo were among five Green Terror greats inducted into the Western Maryland College's Sports Hall of Fame on November 15.

The late **Susan Beeler**, who introduced women's lacrosse at Towson High School in 1965, and former Green Terror half-back/fullback **Hank Corrado** of Bermuda join **Leo Lathroum** of Baltimore, **Karen Merkle** of Westminster and the late **Steve Wilson** in the Hall's Class of 1997.

With the five new inductees, who comprise the 20th class to be enshrined since the chartering in 1978, the Sports Hall of Fame membership increases to 120.

Also recognized during Saturday's program and admitted to the College's Fellowship of Champions were the Western Maryland All-Americans, GTE Academic All-Americans and Centennial Conference individual and team champions from the 1996-97 academic year. In addition, WMC athletes who were named Player of the Year in either the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) or the Centennial Conference will be honored and included in the Fellowship of Champions. The college competed in the MAC through 1992 before joining the 11-member Centennial Conference.



Following are profiles on the 1997 Hall of Fame inductees:

### Susan R. Beeler, Class of 1962

Beeler, who lost a battle with cancer earlier this year, played field hockey and basketball while at WMC, earning high scorer honors in hockey in 1962. But she is perhaps best known for her devotion to lacrosse, a sport she had to learn after her college career since Western Maryland had not yet begun its program. Towson High, her high school alma mater, also didn't have a women's lacrosse program when she returned there to teach after earning her WMC degree in education.

Not long after returning to the high school where she had earned varsity honors in basketball, field hockey and softball, Beeler started a lacrosse program that she would guide until 1996 when her team fell

to Catonsville in the state championship game. She retired from teaching in 1994, but decided to continue coaching, and although she piloted Towson to many winning seasons, her final game was her first and only appearance in the lacrosse championship.

But it wasn't the number of victories and championships that endeared her to everyone in Maryland high school lacrosse. "Beel," as she was known to the dozens of players she coached through the years, always wanted to win, but more than that, she loved lacrosse and enjoyed teaching it to others. Two area awards are named in her honor, including a recently established scholarship by the Girls Lacrosse Association for Baltimore County.

The 1997 WMC Sports Hall of Fame inductees are (l-r) friend **Ann Gearhart** accepting for **Susan Beeler '62**, **Karen Merkle '76**, **Hank Corrado '50**, **Leo Lathroum '51** and classmate **Steve Brownley** accepting for **Steve Wilson '75**.

### Henry "Hank" A. Corrado, Class of 1950

Although he is now recognized internationally for toppling bowling pins, Corrado was once known for scattering opposing linemen on the gridiron. Nicknamed "Mr. Inside" for his powerful up-the-middle bursts, Corrado spent four years as a halfback/fullback on the WMC varsity. He teamed with "Mr. Outside," speedy Joe Giannelli, to give the Green Terror an offensive threat reminiscent of Army's all-everything duo of Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard.

Corrado, who came to WMC after serving in the U.S.

Army through World War II, was selected to the 1946 All-Maryland Collegiate Team by The Touchdown Club of Baltimore. After leaving WMC, Corrado later settled in Bermuda, involving himself in many of the island's civic, religious and sports activities, especially bowling. Corrado still bowls in a senior league he organized and has represented Bermuda at the World Cup Bowling Championships in 1972 and 1974, as well as the American Zone Championships in 1970, 1973 and 1976. He also coached Bermuda and was a delegate for the World Bowling Club in Germany in 1972. He has conducted junior bowling clinics throughout Bermuda for its young bowlers and has served as president of numerous bowling associations.

Off the lanes, Corrado has served as a member of Bermuda's Board of Agriculture, Fisheries and Parks since 1968 and is retired from the property management and trust division of the Bank of Bermuda Ltd. He is married to Patricia (Outerbridge) Corrado, WMC Class of 1949, and has three children.

#### **Leo J. Lathroum, Class of 1951**

Lathroum excelled in three sports at WMC, but over the years has attributed all of his success in football, basketball and baseball to the prowess of his teammates. Nonetheless, he was one of the most versatile athletes of the era, earning nine varsity letters. A four-year starter for Charlie Havens on the gridiron, he was a true team player. That spirit was probably best exemplified when

he intercepted a Johns Hopkins pass in 1949 and instead of running it back for a touchdown himself, he lateraled to a lineman so that player could score his first touchdown.

He played the same kind of unselfish game on the basketball court for three years where he proved to be a scorer, as well as a playmaker always willing to pass to a teammate. Lathroum also was one of the team's top rebounders and a persistent force on defense. In 1950 and 1951, he excelled as a hard-throwing pitcher for the Green Terror nine. During his senior year, Lathroum was chosen to help coach WMC's wrestling and freshman football teams.

After graduation, active duty in the U.S. Army's First Cavalry Division took him to Japan and Korea where he earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, a United Nations Service Medal and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation Badge.



**Hall of famer Leo Lathroum '51**

When he returned from overseas, Lathroum coached football at Baltimore City College and basketball and baseball at Baltimore Junior College. Lathroum took a job with Baltimore Gas and Electric in 1956. He also joined the Maryland Guard, serving in the reserve unit until retiring as a major in 1974. During his 33-year career with BG&E, Lathroum was often recognized for his work as a manager in the customer's accounting section. He was especially noted for helping to modernize the company's billing and record keeping systems.

Lathroum was a superior athlete during his high school career at Baltimore's Southern, too, where he played football for four years and in basketball earned selection to the *Baltimore Sun's* All-Maryland Basketball Team. An active volunteer member of Trinity Assembly of God Church, he also is currently active in the American Legion, The Military Order of Foreign Wars and The Veterans Corps.

He is married to Barbara (Pfoutz) Lathroum, WMC Class of 1951, and is the father of two daughters and three sons.

#### **Karen L. Merkle, Class of 1976**

Merkle was a two-sport athlete for Coach Joan Weyers in field hockey and tennis, winning accolades in both. In 1976, she was named Outstanding Field Hockey Player and won the state doubles championship while teaming with Wendy Good. Her outstanding effort on both field and court that year earned Merkle WMC's

Outstanding Woman Athlete award.

Since graduation she has turned her skills to education and is currently vice president of extended learning and innovative technology for Carroll Community College. Merkle, who earned a master's degree in health education from the University of Maryland, also is serving her second term as the Region III director representing Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Delaware on the Board of Directors of the National Council of Continuing Education and Training.

She is a member of the Carroll County Economic Development Commission, Mid-Maryland Private Industry Council, Westminster Town Center Corporation and the Maryland Association of Continuing Education and Training. Merkle also is an active member of the Rotary Club of Bond Meadows and the United Way Campaign Board. Her post-WMC athletic accomplishments include 10 years with the slow pitch softball Class A Woodborne Courts. The team won seven county championships during Merkle's tenure. She also coached the first field hockey team at Mount St. Mary's College in 1976 and '77 and was WMC's assistant field hockey coach in 1978. Merkle is currently an avid golfer. Merkle is a graduate of Glenelg High School where she played field hockey, basketball, tennis and softball.

### Steve R. Wilson, Class of 1975

A four-year letter winner in track, Wilson earned All-American honors in the 110-meter high hurdles. He went on to compete against a strong field in the NCAA Division III finals that included future Olympic gold medalist Rod Milburn. His 1974 time of 14.6 seconds in that event was a WMC record for 20 years. But Wilson was an all-around track athlete, competing in the 400-meter relay, the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter hurdles, high jump, long jump and triple jump. In 1975, Wilson captained the track team and earned the Dave Roulette Award as the team's MVP. Prior to commencement, he was awarded WMC's highest tribute to a student-athlete when he won the John Alexander Medal, given to the senior with the best record in athletics.

Wilson became a regional economist with the Baltimore District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, earning four promotions before his life was tragically cut short by illness in 1986. Later that year, his alumni fraternity brothers, family and friends established The Steve Robert Wilson Memorial Award, which is now given each year to the senior man and woman with the most outstanding record in track and field. He was the husband of Victoria Wilson of Severna Park. •



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Past and present Trumpeters join reunion organizer Marian Scheder Goettee '57 (far right) to swap stories. (Back l-r) Kendra Jones '95, Sara Beth Reyburn '98, Provost Joan Dewlin Coley, Mark Lancaster (front l-r) Brandy Mulhern '97, adviser Susan Milstein

## Reunion Calls Trumpeters to Campus

Annabel Glockler Liebelt '48 flipped through a Trumpeters scrapbook Homecoming weekend looking for the year she became a member of the campus leadership organization.



Young scientist and Trumpeter Annabel Glockler Liebelt '48.

She found a yellowing clipping from *The Gold Bug* student newspaper with a photo of her putting a beaker into an autoclave.

"A pretty and enthusiastic biology major," the article says, Glockler is a "gal who likes to be always on the go." Indeed, Glockler went on to teach medical students and conduct cancer research at the National Institutes of Health.

She was back on campus Oct. 25 with nearly 75 other Trumpeters members, from the classes of 1945 to 1998, for the first-ever luncheon reunion of the group. Members donning diamond-shaped pins bearing trumpets flipped through scrapbooks filled with handmade invitations to Christmas dinners and old photos and listened to a Trumpeters history researched by reunion organizer Marian Scheder Goettee '57.

The Trumpeters formed in 1944 to recognize leadership for women on the campus. Five charter members were inducted that year, as well as five members of the junior class. Ruth Miles Huber '45, one of those juniors, came all the way from Milwaukee, Wis., for the event.

"I hadn't heard of the Trumpeters for over 50 years," she said about receiving the invitation.

The Trumpeters name heralds from the Bible verse, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" In the early years, the group sponsored monthly birthday dinners in the dining hall, the May Court breakfast and the Christmas banquet until the campus population grew too large.

These days, the Trumpeters do more service work off campus. They have helped at Resurrection Farm, a Carroll County shelter for the homeless, and the Rape Crisis Intervention Center in the recent past, said Susan Milstein, associate professor of economics and business and the group's adviser for the past 10 years.

The biggest change over the years has been the addition of men to the group. The club was required by law to offer membership to men in 1977, a fairly recent turnaround mandated by Title IX legislation that requires clubs to offer membership to both sexes, said Goettee. About a third of the members inducted since then have been men, several of whom returned for the reunion.

Trumpeters are chosen by asking juniors with a GPA of 2.5 to submit a résumé to the

group. Those with a history of outstanding service, character and leadership are voted to join by unanimous decision, said Brandy Mulhern '97, who returned to the Hill to bring members up-to-date on the current selection process.

"It's the cream of the cream of the crop," said Mulhern, who is currently working her way up from an assistant to a company account manager for The Jack Morton Company, a corporate communications giant in Washington, D.C.

The reunion opened her eyes to a long-lived club to which she now holds a lifetime membership.

"What a legacy," she said. •

## Armed Forces Mobilize for Military Reunion

They came to celebrate with each other, but they also came to remember those who would never make it back to the Hill.

Western Maryland's first military reunion this fall was planned as much for veterans like Sigurd L. Jensen Jr. '44, one of the reunion's guest speakers, as it was for his roommate Carlo J. Ortenzi, who was killed in action during the Korean War.

"Our thoughts always turn to our classmates who lost their lives," said Jensen as he began to outline his military career that spanned World War II to Vietnam.

Lieutenant General (Ret.) Otto J. Guenther '63, the highest ranking officer to graduate from the college's ROTC program, also spoke.



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The all-day Oct. 4 reunion, beginning with a morning golf tourney and ending with an evening banquet, welcomed back about 125 veterans and guests from all service branches and eras, including more recent conflicts in the Persian Gulf, Somalia and Bosnia.

"I really felt like I needed to be here. I just didn't want to miss it," said Les Caplan '69, who missed his monthly Army



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A dash of this and a splash of that, David Hilder '69 and John Haker '69 mix a cocktail to honor each branch of the armed services.

Reserves training and the paycheck that comes with it to attend the reunion. "It was worth giving up because I haven't seen a lot of the guys since graduation. This is a great experience for me."

In the afternoon, the veterans joined for chat sessions grouped by conflict to share war stories and catch up with old friends.

Even though he was a Vietnam-era veteran, Caplan sat in with the group discussing Somalia and Bosnia. His reserve unit, which served in the Persian Gulf, returned from Bosnia earlier this year and is expected to re-deploy to Europe next year.

"We had a lot to discuss," said Steve Davis '69 of his Vietnam session. "This was the most compelling episode in our lives even though we might not have realized it when we were going through it. There are a lot of memories and you just have to give less weight to the bad ones and more to the good."

Alumni presenting "era sessions" at the Military Reunion were (from left): Dr. James Resau '68 on the Vietnam war; Col. Marshall Engle '49 on the Korean war; Lee Lodge '43 on WWII; Harold Malone '77 on the Somalia/Bosnia war; John "Nemo" Robinson '43 on WWII; and Capt. Nancy Boore '88 on the Persian Gulf war.

The veterans shared a lot of good memories at the reunion banquet, especially when James Resau '68 debuted his slide show featuring pictures from yearbooks and ROTC records. The veterans, especially the World War II contingent, erupted into loud applause when a photo of the late Charles Havens in uniform flashed on the screen. Havens '30, who passed away in 1996, served as instructor, coach and mentor for several decades of students.

In keeping with military tradition, John Haker '69 and David Hilder '69, one of the few Navy veterans in the crowd, whipped up an undrinkable ceremonial punch for a toast that saluted all branches of the armed services.

With rubber gloves, Hilder passed a smoking cup to master of ceremonies and reunion committee chair William Robinson '41, decked in protective gear of his own.

"I declare this punch to be perfectly unfit for human consumption," Robinson said, holding the concoction above his head. "Now let us remember those WMC friends who did not return and let us toast the greatest country in the world." •



## Task Force on Reunions Seeks Ideas

R. Christine Royer '48 has been named chair of the recently appointed Task Force on Reunions, according to Charles E. Moore, Jr. '71, chair of the Trustee Institutional Advancement Committee to which the Task Force will report in April 1998.

The formal charge to the Task Force asks that it "examine current reunion programs, giving special attention to their timing, audience, duration, program content, promotion and associate reunion giving activities."

"The reunion program has long been one of the main fixtures of the college's alumni relations program," Royer observed, "providing class members with an opportunity to renew ties with each other and their college once every five years. And, the reunion giving program leads the Annual Fund each year as reunion class members contribute larger-than-usual gifts to celebrate their special bond with their college."

"Periodically, it is important to reflect on how programs and activities of this magnitude and importance to the college and its alumni can be improved," Royer observed. "It is my fondest hope that we can strengthen the reunion program so that it will respond more effectively both to the needs of the members of reunion classes and to the college."

Represented on the task force are members of classes from six decades and a commu-



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Proudly they serve WMC and so are recognized at Homecoming half-time activities. From left: Md. Prof. of the Year Skip Fennell, Alumni Assoc. President Fred Eckhardt '48; President-Elect Kathy Moore Rittler '68; Danielle Trent Zeyher '91, Young Alumna Service Award recipient, Carolyn Seaman Scott '67, MLA'76, Alumna of the Year; College Pres. Robert Chambers, and emcee Aaron Corbett '99.

nity trustee with special interests and skills in programming and marketing:

R. Christine Royer '48  
Robin Garland Bair '84  
Robert Beglin '43  
Robin Brenton '86  
Carol Armacost Carter '69  
Philip G. Enstice '71  
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Marian Goettec '57  
Sally Keck Gold '78  
James E. Lightner '59  
Walt Michael '68  
Melvin Mills  
Brandy Mulhern '97  
Al Paul '50  
Donald Rabush '62

### Staff:

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Richard F. Seaman  
Donna Sellman '45

Royer invites all alumni to make known their interests and concerns to the task force. Letters may be sent to:

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The Task Force can also be reached by fax: 410-857-2784 or by E-mail to: [lrussell@wmdc.edu](mailto:lrussell@wmdc.edu).

## Wilson K. Barnes

WMC Trustee Emeritus Wilson K. Barnes, Sr., died on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 1997, at the age of 90.

Barnes was born and raised in Pocomoke City in Worcester County, Md. He earned his bachelor's degree from Western

Maryland College in 1928 and for a short time attended Harvard Law School. He completed his education at the University of Maryland Law School in 1931.

He began practicing law in 1933 and was appointed an assistant city solicitor in 1940 and served as deputy city solicitor from 1942 to 1943. He then joined the law firm of Anderson, Barnes, Coe & King, where he practiced until 1963.

Barnes was assigned to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore in 1963 by Governor J. Millard Tawes, and in 1964 the Governor appointed him to the Court of Appeals. Judge Barnes resigned the post in 1974 and returned to private practice with the Baltimore firm of Little, Hall & Steinman until his retirement in 1982. In his 32-year law career, Judge Barnes was respected for his knowledge of zoning cases, building contracts and constitutional questions.

He was highly esteemed by his colleagues and other members of the bar. Longtime friend State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein said of Judge Barnes: "He was a great judge who was dedicated to the law and had a high regard for it."

Judge Barnes was elected to the WMC Board of Trustees in 1963 and was presented with an honorary degree in 1976. He was named Trustee Emeritus in 1980.

He is survived by his son, Wilson K. Barnes, Jr., of Baltimore and five grandchildren. •



# In Memoriam

Mrs. **Harriette Reinecke Robertson** '25, of Westminster, Md., on June 22, 1997.

Mrs. **Caroline Wantz Taylor** '26, of Westminster, Md., on May 15, 1997.

**Judge Wilson K. Barnes** '28, of Lutherville, Md., on August 19, 1997.

**Miss Eva K. Logue** '28, of Penney Farms, Fla., on May 18, 1997.

**Mr. Richard M. Norris, Sr.** '29, of Easton, Md., on July 9, 1997.

**Mrs. Ruth Davis Darby** '31, of Gaithersburg, Md., on August 11, 1997.

**Mrs. Alice Holland Shorley** '31, of Ocean City, Md., on July 6, 1997.

**Mr. C. Walton Cook** '32, of Delray Beach, Fla., on July 4, 1996.

**Mr. Carson R. Ward** '33, of Milford, Del., on February 19, 1996.

**Mr. Austin L. Beall** '35, of Washington, D.C., on August 9, 1997.

**Mr. Marlowe M. Cline** '38, of Williamsburg, Va., on July 1, 1997.

**Mr. William F. Thomas** '39, of Baltimore, Md., on August 13, 1997.

**Mr. Thomas E. Arther** '41, of Kissimmee, Fla., on August 12, 1997.

**Mrs. Jesse Deborah Bowers** 'O'Keefe '43, of Sierra Madre, Calif., on June 14, 1997.

**Mrs. George Milby Washington** '43, of Ellicott City, Md., on May 14, 1997.

**Mrs. Adele Tenny Galloway** '45, of Frederick, Md., on May 11, 1997.

**Mrs. Marjory Welsh Ingebrighen** '46, of Cleveland, Ohio, on January 14, 1997.

**Miss Florence A. Raum** '49, of New Port Richey, Fla., on July 7, 1997.

**Mrs. Thelma Evans Taylor** '47, of Temperanceville, Va., on June 29, 1997.

**Mrs. Eleanor Adele Grauel Webb** '49, of Ellicott City, Md., on June 29, 1997.

**Mr. Edwin L. Bobo** '51, of Largo, Fla., on March 28, 1997.

**Mr. Victor M. Bowers** '51, of Hagerstown, Md., on May 8, 1997.

**Dr. Charles Sykes** '51, of Cape Coral, Fla., on November 13, 1996.

**Dr. Waller B. Wiser** '51 and honorary doctor of letters '82, of Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 3, 1997.

**Mrs. Margaret Davis Dubel** '52, of Annapolis, Md., on February 6, 1993.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy Russell** '54, of Finksburg, Md., on February 8, 1991.

**Mrs. Joan Luckabaugh Chiarenza** '57, of Columbia, Md., on July 12, 1997.

**Mr. John B. Scott, Jr.** '57, of Towson, Md., on August 11, 1997.

**Mrs. Constance Barnes Lloyd** '62, of Stratford, N.J., on July 30, 1997.

**Mr. John R. Dayhoff** '72, of Hagerstown, Md., on January 10, 1997.

**Mrs. Joy Clark Owens** '76, MED '79, of Waco, Texas, date unknown.

**Mr. John C. Doenges** '80, of Baltimore, Md., on March 24, 1997.

**Mr. Frank T. Connell** '83, of Bel Air, Md., on April 16, 1997.

**Mr. John A. Clark** '84, of Alpharetta, Ga., on July 3, 1997.

**Mrs. Maryann Sailor DeSantis** '85, of Westminster, Md., on May 22, 1997.

**Mrs. Lynn Wesley Grimm MS** '90, of Bel Air, Md., on March 13, 1996.

**Mr. Lyuburg R. Scott** '90, of Philadelphia, Pa., on June 19, 1997.

## Marriages

**Anne Pherigo Collins** '61 to Douglas Musselman on June 13, 1997. They reside in Denton, N.C.

**John Olson** '77 to Linda Goshorn on April 26, 1997. They reside in Woodsboro, Md.

**Caroline Benson** '85 to Brian Tringali on August 2, 1997. They reside in Alexandria, Va.

**Dennis Snyder** '88, MS '96 to Missi Motter MS '94 on July 12, 1997. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

**Paul Welliver MS** '90 to Powell Gorman on March 22, 1997. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Lauren Brumback** '91 to Andrew Rothmel on May 4, 1996. They reside in Reading, Pa.

**John Cionfalo** '91 to Julie Caldarella on November 23, 1996. They reside in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

**Mimi Kideckel** '91 to John Brunelle on April 26, 1997. They reside in Middleboro, Mass.

**Corey Krall** '91 to Christina Patricia Renes on April 19, 1997. They reside in McLean, Va.

**Katie Ruppenthal** '91, MLA '94 to Rob Michaelson in November 1995. They reside in Annapolis, Md.

**Ken Bigger** '92 to Sara Fagan on June 22, 1997. They reside in Chicago, Ill.

**Cynthia Bair** '93 to Morris Pearson on May 16, 1997. They reside in Owings, Md.

**Alex Batson** '93 to Rebecca Rhodes in the fall of 1996. They reside in Columbia, Md.

**Wendy Bollinger** '93 to Scott Stigler on July 14, 1996. They reside in Tamarac, Fla.

**Jamie Bugg** '93 to Anthony Nazzaro on July 19, 1997. They reside in Olney, Md.

**Carla Castagna** '93 to Tom O'Neill on November 30, 1996. They reside in Reinholds, Pa.

**Rebecca Caves** '93 to James Cinelli on May 24, 1997. They reside in Reading, Pa.

**Dimitrios Garefalakis** '93 to Melissa Joy in November 1995. They reside in Timonium, Md.

**Wendy Gayo** '93 to Brian Pardoe on April 12, 1997. They reside in Columbia, Md.

**Hannah Norris Mossman MS** '93 to John Edward Haas in August 1997. They reside in Mechanicville, Md.

**Brenton Squires II** '93 to Emily Ann Oland '94 on June 14, 1997. They reside in Laurel, Md.

**Brad Stickler** '93 to Jennifer Keilhoth '95 on May 4, 1996. They reside in Westminster, Md.

**Erin Thompson** '93 to Jeff Strovel on July 26, 1997. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Elizabeth Wagner** '93 to Scott Betson '94 on June 21, 1997. They reside in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**Robert Reid Wraase** '93 to Carolyn Roush '95 on April 26, 1997. They reside in New Windsor, Md.

**Melissa Williams** '93 to Mike Ross on December 4, 1996. They reside in Chester, Md.

**Lisa Windsor** '93 to David A. McMillan on July 20, 1997. They reside in Cockeysville, Md.

**Randi DeFino** '94 to Bradley Bauershub on May 31, 1997. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Karen Litisishin** '94 to Drew Reddell '94 on June 28, 1997. They reside in Bel Air, Md.

**Julie Simmons** '94 to George Fabula on April 27, 1997. They reside in Perry Hall, Md.

**Emily Jean Snyder** '95 to Robert William Brown '95 on June 28, 1997. They reside in Lansing, Mich.

**Gregory Kresslein** '96 to Denise Grigger on March 1, 1997. They reside in Finksburg, Md.

## Births

**Joel Benjamin Gicker**, on June 19, 1997, to Kenneth and Donna Armstrong '77 Gicker.

**Carric Frances Colbert**, on May 27, 1997, to Dane '81 and Mary Jo MS '93 Colbert.

**Rachel Ariana Gerb**, on May 20, 1997, to Andy and Judy Mitnick '82 Gerb.

**Nikolas Allen Berglund**, on January 18, 1997, to Richard and Robin Rice '84 Berglund.

**Amy Louise Hallman**, on August 15, 1997, to Scott and Mary Alice Eckenrode '85 Hallman.

**Molly Catherine Martin**, on February 19, 1997, to John and Maureen Carroll '86 Martin.

**Benjamin Morris**, on May 3, 1997, to Christopher '87 and Maureen Morris.

**Sarah Emily Street**, on December 4, 1996, to Paul and Sarah Stump '88 Street.

**Cassie Lee Buckalew**, on August 29, 1997, to Barry '88, '96 and Beth Harlow '89 Buckalew.

**Lyla Noel Bower**, in January 1996, to Steve '89 and Drista Henry '91 Bower.

**Jaimie Frances Cardea**, on July 28, 1996, to Jim '89 and Frances Fato '89 Cardea.

**Allison Dahl Ingraham**, on May 1, 1997, to Duke and Cubbie Dahl '91 Ingraham.

**Hannah Dickinson Weaver**, on June 16, 1997, to David '91 and Sue Parker '93 Weaver.

**Laurel Elizabeth Beavan**, on January 24, 1996, to Bob MS '93 and Eva Putman '93 Beavan.

**Mable Kay Buchanan**, on February 24, 1996, to Richard and Lois Windsor '93 Buchanan.

**Aaron Robert Palmer**, in October 1995, to Craig and Anna Myers '93 Palmer.

**Summer Arelia White**, on June 20, 1997, to Jason and Tiffany Jenkins '94 White.

## Master's News

**Debra Sterner Meckley MED** '80, **Deanna Hollabaugh Stegeman MED** '81 and **Lorraine Paolini** Edwards of Lehigh University co-authored a comprehensive teaching resource, *Reading With Strategies*, to support primary teachers as they work with children to develop essential reading strategies and skills. All three authors are certified Reading Recovery® teachers at Rolling Acres Elementary School in Littlestown, Pa.

**Tracy Handy Hilliard MS** '97 is a first-grade teacher with Frederick County Public Schools.

**George Sepic** was appointed director of Hoffman Homes, Inc., July 1997. He received his supervisory certification in special education at WMC.

**36** What a treat it has been to hear from so many classmates of 1936. Each card received has told an interesting story, and I hope to be able to cover them all. If your card arrived too late to meet the deadline, I'll save it and try to incorporate it in the next column.

Early on the scene was a card from **Tom Eveland**, fresh from a trip to a South Dakota Indian Reservation where he and Bernice met the Native American boy they sponsor. They also visited the site of the Oklahoma City bombing. Tom says he's ready for "less golf and more leisure."

**Lee Irwin Cronin** is very happy with her four daughters and four grandchildren who are all near her Bel Air, Md. home.

Also happy at home is **Anna M. Baker** in West Hartford, Conn. She reports that she is enjoying precious memories of her traveling days.

**Rosalie Gilbert Valentine** makes her home in Sun City Center, Fla., and recently took a wonderful cruise to the British Isles. That trip, as well as her four years at WMC, will make interesting squares in the quilt she is making of her life. Another square, I'll bet, will be about her son, a professor of art and history at the University of North Carolina.

**Bob Bennett** says from Catonsville that living alone and being a housewife is very boring. Playing golf, traveling to Bermuda, going to Lion's Clubs and to circuit weight training classes, however, all sound pretty interesting, Bob.

The **Rev. James A. Richards** retired after 60 years of ministry. His home and garden are sources of great pleasure to him, as is the success of his book, *Beyond the Mountain Rim*.

**Ethel Gorsuch Schneider** is here in Westminster, but her world is much larger including her many trips, like one to Orlando, where she was a Quester at the convention of the International Antiques group. Her grandson recently graduated with high honors from the University of North Dakota, and her granddaughter is a 1995 graduate from Gettysburg College. Another granddaughter, 4½, attends the Early Enrichment Center at the Smithsonian Institute. What a wonderful start for that little girl.

**Kay Young Mackley** is another Westminster resident. She and Mac live in the same retirement community that I am in, which means that I have the pleasure of seeing her every so often. They frequently spend time at Capon Springs and Farms in West Virginia. They occasionally see Ethel Biehl, wife of the late **Dr. Harold P. Biehl**. To explain Kay's comment,

"It's some world," we note her interest in literacy, race relations and world affairs. Yes, I agree, it's some world!

**Paul Shipley** and wife Maryann have made their home in Westminster for 48 years, but also have traveled a lot, as far away as New Zealand. Coming up this fall is a barge trip on the canals of France and visits with their two sons in Le Mans, France and Frankfurt, Germany.

Enjoying the beauties of nature in his garden and the company of his dear wife **Helen Leatherwood Simpson '38**, Ray **Simpson** writes that a more quiet life is still interesting. To add to the interest, they've had visits from **Allen and Caroline Smith '38** **Dudley and Joshua Cockey** and Lovish.

Speaking of the Cocks, **Josh**, too, is working hard in his garden and also enjoying a visit from the **Allen Dudleys**. Isn't it great to have kept in touch for over 61 years!

**Jo Dawson Clark**, of Lady Lake, Fla., writes that her health is no longer perfect, but she still bows. She took a wonderful trip through British Columbia in July. Jo, you do get around! We'll look for you at WMC in 2001.

It was a pleasure to hear from **Klee Grumbine** in St. Joseph, Mich. **Klee and Dottie Twigg '37** **Grumbine** are doing fine. They took a trip to Ocean City this past spring. They watch up to three baseball games a day! Why? The grandchildren are playing in those games, of course! Klee says "hi" to all his classmates.

I am always delighted to hear from my good friend **Jane Leigh Hartig**. Jane and Franz have taken wonderful trips to many parts of the world. Their latest card came last week from Colorado. Soon I'll see them, as Jane and I try to celebrate our April birthdays together (usually in August).

My dear friend **Henrietta '82** **Twigg Murray** (World's Best College Roommate) writes from Collingswood, N.J., that as she is planning some garage sales "to clear the house" with the help of her grandchildren. Sis, I remember how large your house is. You're lucky those grandchildren are available!

**Martha Washburn Bertholf** and Dr. **Lloyd Bertholf**, retired WMC professor, celebrated their 70th anniversary this year with 21 family members. Now they look forward to Thanksgiving at the Florida home of their grandson.

**Helen Ewing Harding** writes from Bethany, Del. that she is staying near home this fall. She volunteers at a thrift shop, a health center and a library.

As for me, I'm delighted to be in a pleasant retirement village, meeting many WMC alumni and other fine friends. The best part is frequent visits and letters from my 12 grandchildren, all healthy, active and enjoying life in all corners of this country. Seven of them are already out of college and leading interesting careers. So, being here again in Westminster and learning of their accomplishments makes me feel I have the best of all worlds.

Please feel free to write whenever the mood hits. I'm hoping to keep this address for a long, long time and would love to hear from you.

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**41** This year, the word is cruising. The reason? Anniversaries. **Leigh and Margaret Moss**

'43 **Venzke** celebrated their 50th in Honolulu with two daughters. Their three-week cruise included India, Suez, Egypt and Greece. Planned this year is a trip off the beaten track to Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

**Jim and Mildred St. Clair**  
**Thomas** celebrated their 50th in April with a week in Bermuda.

**Arnold and Mildred Gebhardt Raninen** enjoyed a cruise to Alaska prior to their 54th anniversary. Arnold celebrated by shooting his age in golf. **Virginia Bortner Shull** now lives in York, Pa. Her trip was to Morocco, Canary Islands and Spain.

**Ruth Billingslea Weller** calls Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster home. She joined the WMC group on a trip through the Panama Canal.

**Rachael Green Marsey** made the Canal trip earlier. Her best news is the birth of a great-granddaughter and namesake last April. She loves to search old Eastern Shore cemeteries for her ancestors.

**Eleanor "Scotty" Prescott Vargas** has traveled to the Mexican Riviera, Bahamas and Vancouver. She volunteers and does aerobics and claims, "Life is still a kick."

**Alice Vollmer Applegarth** planned a July Greek Island cruise. Last year, she made a nearly 5,000 mile drive from Atlanta to Nova Scotia and says the scenery was worth it.

**Don and Marty Hodgson '43** **Hendon** were due to take their family of 12 to England and Scotland in July, staying in Marriott hotels with points accumulated like frequent flyer miles.

**Betty and Bill Dennis** are active in St. Michael's area. Most trips are to Cleveland and Hartford to visit daughters. He met his old roomie **Bill Wiley** in Easton last Spring.

**Elinor "Zeke" Jameson** **Deakney's** best pleasure is visiting family in Westminster and Newark, Del.

**Ann and Lindsay Chase** celebrated their 53rd anniversary. They are reducing land maintenance and doing more traveling.

**Arthur and Doris Benson** **Lankford** were entertained at the Nasawango Country Club for their 50th. Their four children wrote a beautiful tribute to them.

**Selwyn and "Frankie" Royer Copeland** spent March in Florida enjoying their best weather. In April, he had a heart valve replaced at Union Memorial in Baltimore where son Bruce is a radiologist.

**Ellis and Phoebe Gatchell Denney** spend six weeks a year at home on South Padre Island visiting with grandchildren. They are hospital volunteers.

**Joe's** heart problems keep him and **Jane Toomey Russell** near their South Carolina home. They do many visits with family in Maryland, however.

**Lester "Bo" and "Nicky" Nicodemus '40 Knepp** attended the graduation of oldest granddaughter Tanya from Dartmouth in New Hampshire. She is the daughter of "Bo" Jr. '65.

**Mary Hastings Phillips** appreciates her many blessings: living independently, the attention of sons and grandchildren, and volunteer work near Laurel, Del.

**Helen Joyce Hoke Voso's** daughter and husband teach at Bowling Green University and will be in England teaching next year. Her granddaughter, 13, won a grant to attend a special session at Denison College and also plans to attend a NASA Camp in Huntsville, Ala. during the summer. Joyce sends her love and best wishes to all of her friends.

**Marguerite Hatch Little** is thankful for good health after successful eye surgery. Time is spent with a beautiful granddaughter, 2, and with quiet, at-home projects.

**Fran Dillaway Tompkins** looks forward to grandson Bob's fall wedding. Chris graduated from law school in June. Fran enjoys her retirement, short trips, and appreciates time with friends and family.

**Liz Rankin Corbin** was honored in April for 29 years and 9,000 hours as a volunteer at Bowling AFB. She resigned, after 25 years, as a docent at the National Gallery of Art. She likes having two sons nearby and a daughter who visits two months a year.

**Joe Rouse** was honored in August 1996 by JAG of Army for 56 years of service. He continues to work 55-60 hours a week and has recovered from cancer.

**Hazel Beard Goyer** is back in a church as organist/choir director, with a new organ in the future. She and Al attend related camps and conferences and sing in choruses at home and away. Hazel is listing all of her possessions on a computer with origin and significance to aid descendants.

**Carl Thomas**, with his second pacemaker, manages the continental breakfast for the Comfort Inn in Frederick.

**Harper LeCompte** attends a Great Books discussion group and takes courses at the Lifetime Learning Center at University of West Florida. He's working on his autobiography and is hoping to live long enough to finish it.

**Doris Hess Milner** (milner@montana.com) continues battling environmental issues in Montana. This year the focus is a gold mine on the edge of Yellowstone, a land use plan for the fastest growing county in the U.S. and reintroducing grizzly bears into the wilderness area nearby. She sends her best wishes.

**Annette Hutchins Wilfong** is happy with her move to Asbury-Solomons Retirement Village on the Patuxent River.

**Charles and Marina Earl** attend an Edgar Cayce study group and a senior swim/exercise class. This is the year for their usual trip to Rome. Their daughter and granddaughter came from Guam to surprise Charles on his 80th birthday.

Last summer, **Jeanette Wigley Thomas** welcomed her big family for a reunion. Children live in Australia, on both coasts, and in Missouri. A New England trip is planned for the Fall.

**Lilyan Bennett Mulvaney** (lilyan-joe@juno.com) did some ancestor hunting in Germany and found a third cousin. On another Elderhostel, she worked in the LDS Library in Salt Lake. A Mediterranean cruise to Istanbul is next with eight ports, including Adlod, a gateway to the Holy Land. Lilyan is happy to report that her macular degeneration has slowed.

**Tim Lewis**, now totally retired, planned to move to Lewes, Del., this summer. He keeps in touch with **Neil Eckenrode** and **Robbie Robinson**.

Grace and **John Bayley Jones** celebrate their 62nd anniversary this year. He has received many accolades from the United Methodist Church as a pastor, a district superintendent and member of General Conference. He also received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from WMC in 1958.

A call to **Isabelle Zimmerman Martin** revealed that she had taken a tour of Devon, Cornwall and Wales after our reunion. Memorable moments included walking along the streets of Plymouth where pilgrims

walked and seeing the Jamaica Inn where the book was written. This year, Isabelle is planning 15 days in Turkey going from Ankara to Istanbul. She hears from **Tane Takahashi Matsumura** often. Tane is thinking of a retirement home, too.

**Ed and Ruth Beate Reter** have given up those long trips. Ruth's cancer surgery and Ed's diabetes and heart problems keep them close to home.

**Hester Ayers Blood** is recovering, one step at a time, from a small stroke.

We were all saddened to hear of the death of so many of our classmates. We are glad that we can remember **Betty Brown Stropp** and **Bob Walters** as they were at the reunion.

We also mourn the loss of **Arnold Fleagle** in September 1996, **Francis X. Smith** in January 1997 and **Tom Arther** in August 1997. **Jack Ryan** died in 1985.

We also share the loss of spouses: **Irene Holljes**, wife of **Henry** in August 1996; **Ruth Arther**, wife of **Tom**; and **John Vergis**. **Eleanor "Scotty" Prescott Vergis** gave all his professional materials to Arizona State University and Scotsdale Community College.

**Ellen Logan Howard** recalled that Jim was ill at our reunion and died later in the summer. She welcomes any communication from her friends. We have been fortunate to have known these old friends both in school and since. Some beauty liners in each memory of which they have been a part.

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**46** It sure is great to have news cards coming in. This group of mature folks seem to have so much spirit and interest in the many things going on in this changing world we live in. Let's keep it up and keep each other in mind as we enjoy our many activities.

**Patrick Caruso** spends part of his time in Florida and is consultant and free-lance writer. He retired as superintendent of schools of a regional high school in New Jersey.

I'm sorry to report that **Doris Holmok**, a friend of **Marjory Welsh Ingebrights**, returned her card saying that Marjory died on January 14, 1997, of complications after surgery. Marjory had been active until October 1996 with golfing and volunteer work with children.

Five of **Mary Lee Crothers Cannon's** children live nearby in Rochester, N.Y. The other daughter has moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland with her family. Mary Lee travels a lot—Elderhostel and a big one to Alaska are upmost this year.

**Cassie Schumann Kiddoo**

(CASSIEKID@WEBTV.NET) attended her last WMC board meeting and was elected to be an "Emerita Trustee" (note the feminine ending of the word). She feels WMC has made many advances lately and is honored to have been involved. She hopes we have all considered *The Defining Moment* capital campaign. Cassie commuted between Naples, Fla., and Gibson Island, Md., this past summer visiting all seven grandchildren and attending to husband Dick who continues with Alzheimer's-like problems. A very bright spot was her Seabourn Caribbean cruise early this past spring.

**Bill and Betty Leister Lewis** visited **Marie Stewart Grobaker** in Naples, Fla., in February and greatly enjoyed the weather and the hospitality. **Betty and Marie** joined **Shirley Noll Merkle** and **Mary Lou Stephens '47** for four fun days at Ocean City, Md., last fall. They were shocked and saddened when **Mary Lou** passed away in February.

Having family scattered all over the country means great trips for **Barbara Brower Mueller**. Barbara is now retired but continues with computer software development and volunteer bookkeeping for a Tibetan Buddhist Center. She greatly enjoyed the 50th reunion.

Our 50th reunion was followed by a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for **Ellen Piel Mansberger** and **Arnie '44**, which **Ed and Ann Stevens Gorman** and **Jeanne Berryman Knight** attended. Their lives then changed forever when their oldest daughter **Lynn** became ill and died in October 1996. I know we all extend our very sincere sympathy. This is not supposed to happen.

**Ginny Voorhes Ward** and **Joe '48** (DBRC19B@PRODIGY.COM) have a lovely granddaughter, 3, adopted from a Chinese orphanage by daughter **Sheila**. They will become great-grandparents before this is published through daughter **Phyllis** and grandson **Chris** and wife. **Ginny and Joe** celebrated their 49th anniversary in May. Her interest in family history led her to the discovery of ancestors on both sides of her family who lived in 18th century Maryland.

Traveling makes **Nancy Finlay-Rodekohr** happy. She has recently been to Spain and Majorca. Before winter has passed, she will have visited her brother in Orlando, Fla., and headed west from her California home to visit Australia and New Zealand.

No word on how **Marie Wilson Litterer** did with her tapestry entry into a juried weaving show in July, though I suspect she did very well. She attended a Maine Audubon Workshop on spiritual connection to the natural world and has been readying materials for her church's Earth Day service.



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A very noteworthy letter from **Fred Morgan** tells of the start of a new alumni chapter in the Richmond, Va., (Midlothian, in particular) area. A successful luncheon, sponsored by

**Douglas Paulsen**, '51 and **Janice Benson** '51 Paulsen, at the country club brought WMCers from Classes 1946 to 1996. Associate Director of Alumni Affairs **Beth Harlow Buckalew** '89, Kimberly Stevenson Parks and Richard Scaman represented WMC. Rosemary and Fred continue to enjoy their condo and are still doing some senior modeling. As class agent, he expresses thanks to '46ers for our outstanding response to the Annual Fund and *Defining Moment Campaign*. For those who missed the reunion, Fred was one of two of our classmates who received the Meritorious Service Award for volunteer work for WMC.

**Ruth "Toots" Hagemann Hiltz** is so busy, she misses out on some of the things she wants to do. She has great memories of the reunion and gets together with **Pat Barrett Klove** and **Ethel Dunning Brillhart** now and then. They attended last November's WMC brunch in Alexandria, Va., with **Charlotte Anne Wilkins Hauser**. Toots and Pat went to the reception at the Hungarian Embassy last spring. She found the Budapest connection very interesting.

**Pat Barrett Klove**, whose husband Bob passed away in 1995, also refers to the get-togethers with Toots and Ethel. She is happy when her girls and their families come home for a visit. Some say Virginia is the best state to live in. These girls should know.

Wonderful memories of the 50th reunion come often to **Carolyn Wilson Stoner**. She shared a campus apartment with **Nancy Dawson Bolden** and **Claire Miller Garrett**. Carolyn's husband Daub kept them in line. Carolyn's granddaughter Sarah Willson is a freshman at the University of Virginia.

**Frances "Diddy" Wahmann Zapf** and husband Al had a fine visit to Baltimore, the Eastern Shore and their favorite, Ocean City, Md. They flew from Florida specifically to see their son Rick's new house. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with a 10-day cruise.

I was lucky enough to have lunch with "Diddy" and Al, and **Milly Lloyd West Olson** and her husband Ed at Buddy Freddy's Restaurant in Plant City, Fla. Milly finally retired after 20 years from the U.S. Department of Labor, where she did the Consumer Price Index—but I think she misses it.

I also joined some of the Methodist Church's Evangelization and Church Growth folks at the home of Myrtle and Harris Jones in Lake Wales, Fla. **Luise "Judy" Grow** '43 and **Wesley '42 Sheffield** invited me to join them

as they and their group traveled to various churches to provide information and ideas. I enjoyed these lovely people and a lovely meal.

**Edna "Perk" Haller Beglin** was the other recipient of the Meritorious Service Award for volunteer service. She and **Bob '43** traveled to Hawaii and Florida. They enjoyed Bob's sister, **Mary Lee Beglin Scott '47** and **Frasiel's '43** visit for her 50th reunion. Perk and Bob got to see many from the Class of '47. Although she and Bob are checking out retirement centers, they expect to be on Ridge Road in Westminster for another year or two and would welcome calls and visits from classmates. Family count remains three children and spouses, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Speaking of the Class of '47, I got some news from **Janice Divers Twitchell '47**. Husband Bob has recovered from bypass surgery. She and Bob are active in volunteer work. She is president of the garden club, a member of their local Interfaith Care Friends group and involved with Friends of the Library. They enjoy their eight grandchildren.

**Janet Reese Farley** writes a very upbeat card. She enjoys life, working at church, helping with grandchildren and enjoying good musicals. She recently saw "My Fair Lady" at WMC. She and her daughter were brave enough to take four grandchildren to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada last summer.

**Claire Miller Garrett** spoke about the 50th reunion fun with **Nancy Dawson Bolden** and **Carolyn Wilson Stoner**. They had a great time reminiscing with **Phyllis Heide Shandlin**. Claire's six grandchildren range in age from 11 to 22. She keeps busy with a number of activities, especially traveling. She has visited all 50 states.

**George Savitsky** has been retired from medical practice for 10 years and does a lot of traveling up and down the East Coast and to the islands. He plans to settle in Mt. Dora, Fla.

**John Seney** is growing trees on the island of Bequia, West Indies! They include avocado, sugar apple, plum, grapefruit, lemon, lime, tangerine, orange, soursop, paw-paw, coconut, fig and sapodilla, plus grape and passion fruit vines. He is hoping to grow a breadfruit tree, the staff of life in the West Indies. His home is at the southwest tip of the island and sounds idyllic, except for mail service. It took two months for the WMC card to arrive and eight months for a local government letter to cover 12 miles. He wrote back using a visitor from Baltimore as a mail carrier.

**Nancy Dawson Bolden** wrote in glowing terms about the reunion fun, old and new memories and the great luncheon at the Beglin's. For the past six years, she has worked part-time for Investment Advisors, now in new quarters. Sounds like she's a fine Girl Friday. Nancy vacationed in Atlanta at dogwood time and expects to go on a cruise, a gift from her sons. Isn't she the lucky one?

**Irene Van Fossen Myers** and her husband attend lots of grandchildren's sports events and volunteers at the Carroll County Farm Museum. This summer, they went on a Scandinavian Capitol Cruise including Helsinki and St. Petersburg.

**Jane Hughes White** spends January and February in Pelican Bay, Naples, Fla. The rest of the year she is in Salisbury, Md. and Ocean City with lots of time spent at minor league baseball games. **Jane, Luise Grow '43** and **Wes '42 Sheffield** and I met for lunch at the Port Charlotte, Fla., Olive Garden Restaurant. Her husband Bob passed away in 1995.

**Grace Jemison Rohrer-Huff** says she has no news, but she has written a novel and is now looking for a publisher. She spends most of her time in Maine but returns to North Carolina to visit her sons and grandchildren.

**Dorothy "Dot" Bolles Swanson** and I met for lunch at the Public House in Sturbridge, Mass. Husband Ray was home with sciatica. Kristina still loves Missoula, Mont., and is happy teaching and directing middle and high school students about writing and performing dramas. Eric is in Michigan selling water and snow ski equipment. Dot looks and feels great. We hope to lunch again soon.

**Eleanor "Polly" Higgins Green** continues her volunteer work for church, library and the local shelter. She's traveled around this continent, out west, through New England and into Canada on several occasions. She often visits with **WMCers Erma Young Gebb**, **Idona Mehring Teeter**, **Jane Dudderger Gorsuch**, **Irene Van Fossen Myers**, **Frances "Fuza" Brown Crawford '45**, **Dean Royer Zumbarr '45**, and **Evelyn Miriam "Mimi" McCloskey Moore** in Camp Hill, Pa. Mimi hasn't been well, but showed improvement. Polly sends greetings to all.

**John Dorsey** is pastor of Faith Bible Presbyterian Church. He's also president of the Christian Education Society, president of the board of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and a consultant for the Faith Academy. He writes that he was happy at the 50th reunion to meet many old friends, but sad to see the use of alcohol at functions.

**Doris Kemp Boone** (DKB2625@JUNO.COM) writes that there is no new Florida. She divides her time between New Florida and Baltimore. She hopes to see Diddy in October and that we can all make it in 1998.

**Vernelle Ports Long** is happy to have moved to a townhouse, leaving behind her spacious house and yard.

**Jean Anderson Markowitz** moved to Ohio to be near her son Dan and his family. She often visits the rest of her family in the Los Angeles area. She sorely misses her husband and best friend, **Jan**. It's a longtime and very good quilt maker. She saw **Ruth Callahan Westfall** last spring.

**Winifred Baker Garman** is busy with her vegetable garden and ever increasing number of flower beds. She can't believe it has been 51 years!

In some year-old news from **Florida** **Mathias Diefenderfer** she says she and Leonard enjoy the southern California climate and are glad to be near son Richard. They celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary. Daughter Dianne teaches ballet and Florida continues to teach piano.

Even older news from **Ada Thomas Petrun** who tells of her and Paul's involvement in monitoring special education programs for the State of Pennsylvania. They are glad that retirement offers more time for travel.

Perhaps those who did not make the reunion would like to see the list entitled "In Remembrance": **Donald Auld**, **Eleanor Baker**, **John Cox Bible**, **Donald C. Bohm**, **Hen W. Bollinger**, **Eleanor Marsh Buckner**, **John F. Caccia**, **John Francis Saum Cleland**, **Leroy E. Dayton**, **Nelson H. Ensor**, **Paul L. Footen**, **Mazie Alberta Frances**, **Mary Elizabeth Fresh**, **Mindelle Seltzer Gober**, **Allen I. Goldman**, **James W. Green**, **Sidney S. Green**, **Luise McBride Heaps**, **Ernie E. Lamadrid**, **Mary Emma Kemp McGhee**, **Howard D. McGrath**, **Phyllis Myhre Marson**, **Harry M. Mattox**, **William T. Richardson**, **Mary Lou Alexander Shaw**, **Henry T. Tereshinski**, **Aune Bartol Utz**, **Harry R. Venables**, and **Margaret Anna White**.

My son Alan had an Internet conversation with **Beth Harlow Buckalew '89** about the possibility of an alumni page. It has, or is, being considered. I had fun perusing the WMC page on his computer. I am having some rather serious medical problems, which I hope modern medicine will resolve. I enjoy my six months in Florida and especially enjoy my six great-grandchildren. Thanks for the news, and best regards to everyone.

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Since the last writing, we have lost several friends from the college years. **Edwin L. Bobo** 3/28/97, **Victor M. Bowers** 5/8/97, **Dr. George R. Jones** 12/18/96, **Jack L. Larrimore** 4/16/97, **Dr. Kendrick M. McCall** 9/27/96, **Dr. Charles Sykes** 11/13/96, and **Dr. Walter B. Wisner** LID'82, 9/3/97.

We extend our sympathies to their families and express our gratitude for the memorable contributions our colleagues have made. May their ideals, values and goals be ever present in the lives of those whom they have touched.

Following her retirement as Chief of the Pupil Service Branch of the Maryland State Department of Education, **Mary K. Wills Albrittain** and husband Bill traveled extensively in the States and around the Islands. Presently, they happily await the arrival of grandchild number ten.

**Ed and Nancy May '52 Brand** celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary. After 45 years as a newspaper writer and editor, and with six books to his credit, Ed has retired—well almost. He still does some free-lance writing and recently completed a biography of the Baltimore Orioles first baseman, Rafael Palmeiro.

Traveling is a great part of the retirement of **Betty Linton deKeyer** and husband Doug. In 1996, they completed an 8,000 mile driving tour in six weeks! Her fascination with genealogy and their commutes to Pennsylvania to visit family mean "never a dull moment."

"It has been a good year" for **Dorothy Klinefelter** and **Homer '50 Earll**. Travel to Bermuda and to Europe was followed by much attention to seven grandchildren's soccer, lacrosse and baseball games. Dorothy continues her activity in Rotary Club organizations, Meals on Wheels and the Homeowners Association.

**Betty Funk Ellis** anticipates the stretching of her grandmotherhood to the inclusion of number six. She keeps busy with church dinners, the AARP, adult education and income tax preparation (AARP-TCE).

One of our fine athletes, **Stan Fieldman** wrote movingly of daughter Nancy who had a severe reading disorder as a child. After her placement in appropriate schools, Nancy took advantage of the offerings and received two outstanding awards for self-determination and unselfish dedication in the enhancement of school athletic programs. Later, with a Juniata College degree, she went to Utah as a social worker and professional skier. However, study called again and she pursued occupational therapy. Currently, she is on staff in a California hospital. Congratulations, Stan, and thanks for sharing.

Partial retirement has come to the **Rachel Early** and **Ernie '53 Green**

family. Ernie has more time to play golf, and they frequently travel coast to coast to visit their professional children. Rachel keeps a hand in the out-door education of the local fifth graders and kindergarten classes.

Likewise, **Doris Joinder** and **Dr. Bill '54 Hancock** spend much time traveling. Along with trips in the States and to the British Isles, their plans include a crossing from Lisbon to St. Thomas on the sailing ship *Windstar* this month. When at home, Doris and Bill love cooking for the family, church activities and being on trail with the Sidona Westerner Hiking Group.

After a lifetime in Maryland, **Betty Shivers Hitchcock** moved to Chesterfield, Mo. to be near her daughter and grandchildren. Elderhosteling is one of her favorite pastimes.

**Lincoln** and **Rachel Justice** found great delight in their first return to campus on our 45th anniversary. Earlier this year, they visited with **Vic** and **Pat McLaren DiMemo** in their home in San Diego. They have established a profitable home-based business in their retirement. The larch string is freed out in Kearney, Neb.

**Dr. Fred** and **Suzie Keefer** extend an invitation from Fort Pierce, Fla. to old acquaintances to drop by their mini-orchard of tree-ripened citrus between November and May. Last year, they explored the Greek mainland and the major islands of the Aegean Sea. From home, they enjoy visiting their four granddaughters in Ohio and North Carolina.

**Bernard "Buck" and Betty Bachtel Kelly** have lived in Seattle for 27 years. Though retired, Buck consults in Ukraine on closing the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. Betty teaches a few selected piano students. Their four adult children living on the East and West coasts and Hawaii makes travel a big part of their lives. They expressed particular appreciation for news of their '51 classmates and anticipate seeing us at a reunion.

**Bob Kettells** writes, "Life is good, thank God!" Since retiring after 40 years with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., he has been a part-time claims consultant. He and Doris split their time between Pennsylvania and Clearwater, Fla. with much attention to their grandchildren. In their travels, they met **Rita Gattens Culhane** and enjoyed a mini-reunion.

From Lewisburg, W. Va. **Dr. Roland** and **Frances Layton** express great happiness in their retirement. Roland volunteers many hours to the local historical society and Frances devotes serious time to her cello playing and leadership of the local humane society. Together they enjoy bridge, swimming, reading and their two grandchildren.

"Counting the days until our 50th," writes **Charlotte Janney Mellott**. Many of us are doing the same, Charlotte. With three children, she has the pleasure of traveling and enjoying the grandchildren. She is looking for a "traveling buddy or tennis partner." See you in 2001!

\*While most of my classmates and friends are retired, I [Lloyd Owens], in the words of Voltaire, still cultivate my own garden, still work as a stockbroker, still play a passable game of tennis and still participate in local civic affairs. \*Lloyd and wife Lucie live with the goal of making the world a better place before leaving it. One matter demanding critical attention is the resolution of the urban public transportation dilemma. Suggestions will be most appreciated!

**Jerry Phipps** has a second career as athletic director and basketball coach for the Hickey School of Baltimore County. He pursues his golf game relentlessly and looks forward to the day he will shoot his age. Good luck, Jerry!

As we read this issue, **Shirley Stevenson Potter** and husband **George** will have toured Egypt and Israel. They plan to travel to be one of their exciting retirement activities.

How complimentary it is to be invited to return to the job from which you retired! However, **Pat Shear Pylype** didn't accept. Apparently, she opted to increase her volunteer activities in church and community. Pat's special job is helping her grandson with his speech and coaching him musically.

**Keith Radcliffe** finally decided, "I wasn't getting in enough fishing and hunting, so I sold my house in San Rafael, retired from the commute to San Francisco and the ad business and moved to the beautiful Trinity Alps in far northern California. Wife Carol kept her VP Ad Agency job but commutes about 25 seconds to her fax, phone and modem downstairs." They have two grown children.

A first birthday for the first grandchild was this year's greatest event for **Betty Duval Rigoli** and husband **Bill**. What a change a little one makes in our lives!

**Alice Yearley Snyder** reflected sentiments of many of us upon her and Bill's return from an absolutely beautiful trip to Alaska. "We continue to enjoy our retirement! Don't see how we ever had time to work, but it was worth it. Looking forward to the next reunion, the Big 50."

**Dr. Marian Benton Tonjes** is "teaching part-time at the University of N.M. and otherwise enjoying retirement with lots of tennis and bridge. I keep in touch with **Peggy Kerns**, **Band** and **Phyl Weaver Dahl '49**." Marian went to England and Scotland this Spring to visit with friends.

Four grandchildren and volunteering in the Howard County Emergency

Room fill the days for **Katharine Bliss Wassmann**. She keeps up with her many recreational activities as she enjoys her retirement. But, alas, like so many of us in this happy age category, Katharine reflects that "the years go by very quickly now."

**Col. Mary Ruth Williams** wrote of her 50th high school reunion celebrated with a stern paddle-wheeler luncheon cruise down the Choptank River. **Dottie Phillips Bailey** and **Roland Layton** were high school classmates. Preceding this event, Mary Ruth and her brother took a 7,400 mile driving trip across the U.S. "There are so many areas of breathtaking beauty in this country that one trip, even of this length, is not enough."

"Jack and I [Jane Birch Willock] are celebrating the arrival of our first great-grandchild and another grandson. Families are wonderful!" "I've been taking classes in computers. This year," writes **Jo Kohner Zukav**. "It's sure fascinating! You know, we must keep up with the times."

**Dolly Dalgleish Darigo** and **Carl** write that they enjoyed seeing everyone at the reunion and are looking forward to the next one. They were recently in Breckenridge, Colo. for a family reunion. Their oldest daughter lives in Denver. Their middle daughter lives in Alaska with her husband and two daughters, 7 and 4. Their youngest daughter lives in Hawaii and has a son, 5, and a daughter, 8.

Peg and I enjoy our grandchildren and grandchildren. Our travel has been a bit limited because of the work at the hospital and church is demanding, but we keep planning. And speaking of planning, has anyone begun to think seriously about our 50th Class Reunion? The interest in 2001 is growing markedly. Perhaps in the next column, we will have in hand some thoughts, plans, options, etc. Thank you so much for sharing with your classmates and the WMC family. Peg and I are particularly grateful for your personal comments. Hopefully, for the next issue, we may all pen a note for our column. God bless!

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The Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church appointed The Rev. Elizabeth "Libby" Schubert Wright as a superintendent of the Virginia Eastern Shore District.

Editor's note: The incorrect name was published in the September '97 Alum News.



**56** Many thanks to all of you who responded to the post cards on such short notice.

I really appreciated the note from our class president **Jack Turney**. Jack feels that, because of the column, we have enjoyed a consistent and enthusiastic class spirit, as shown at our reunions. Jack built a new house on a two-acre homestead he reserved after selling a farm in 1996. His favorite part of the house is a large study where he writes. He has one book, a somewhat fictionalized autobiography, *The Wagon Road*, in print and a judicial expose in manuscript. Jack says he really loves the creative challenge of writing. He and **Walt Sanders** still do some farming in partnership, and Jack cuts some logs stay in shape. He is applying to teach law at West Virginia University and plans to be a candidate for the circuit court judgeship in 1998. Jack travels a lot and says he has been in every state except Hawaii.

Since our reunion a few things have happened to **John Batista** (jsbats.dayoh@juno.com). He lost his dad, 93, in August. Last October, the company he had been associated with for 20 years sold out to Minneapolis, Minn. firm Nash Finch. With Super Foods, they became the third largest food retail-wholesaler in the country. John's company became a subsidiary and he retained his position as senior vice president for distribution for SF Division. John and **Suzanne Dorsey** '55 spent Christmas in Atlanta with their sons and their families. Then went back to Columbus, Ohio, to be with their daughter and her family. John and Suzanne had their annual family outing at Ocean City, Md., in July.

**Mary and Dick Betters** retired last year from their jobs to assist their daughter who is battling cancer. They have three grandchildren and frequently can be found at the boys' baseball games in Rockville. Granddaughter Amanda is a proud second grader at Burtonsville Elementary. Dick's mother, 90, passed away last year.

**Lyn and Bob Green** moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C., following Bob's retirement from ITT Hartford. They are enjoying a new phase of life and are involved in a variety of activities including biking, building a new home, Lyn's tennis and Bob's participation as a board member of the local chapter of The Retired Officers Association.

**Phil '55 and Jean Wantz Lawyer** continue to enjoy retirement. Son Kevin graduated from orthodontist training and began work in a local practice last summer. Oldest grandchild Amy will be in second grade this fall.

In July, **Janet Seymour Berg** returned from a trip around the country which included a stop in San Francisco to visit youngest daughter Stella. In addition to a full load of piano students, she owns St. Michaels Dollhouses where she manufactures historic and custom houses in miniature.

In June, **Carol Conrad Berzon** (BERZON@MARLOG.COM) attended the Lions Club International Convention in Philadelphia and was installed as District Governor 14-P for Berks and Chester Counties, Pa. Husband Michael has a home business, Marlog, Inc. They have five children and three grandchildren. Carol says it is a wonderful happy time in their lives.

**Jerry Fader** is enjoying the automobile business. He has 19 dealerships and is still expanding. All three sons are in the business with him. Jerry is involved in many community and charitable events and enjoys golf and his five grandchildren. Jerry and wife Rheda spend a lot of time in Florida during the winter months. For us in the Baltimore area, it's fun to see Jerry in his TV commercials.

**Earl Seipp** had to semi-retire from the insurance business in July 1995 when metastatic breast cancer caused his wife to enter Carroll County Hospice. She died June 23, 1997, after much suffering. A memorial service was held on June 28. Our sympathy goes to Earl and his family.

**Ellie Lawson Connor** had a wonderful time last summer at a dinner party given by **Bill and Marilyn Coombs Stewart**. Sandy and **Brad Jones** and **Don and Joan Bender Hutchinson** also were there. Ellie had a great time wintering at her home in Florida.

**Bill Tribby** couldn't pass up the free post card just to yell "Hi." He claims he has no news to report—not retired, not a grandparent, not yet caught by the authorities. He hopes to see us before the next major reunion.

**Gene and Jan Chase Springer** are doing quite well in retirement in Fernandina Beach, Fla. They have two lovely granddaughters and a charming grandson in Virginia. Youngest daughter Sharon and husband Alan live near them in Florida.

**Marilyn MacLennan Baumeister**'s (TNTZ222@prodigy.com) daughter, Marguerite, was expecting another baby boy, so Wallace will have a brother, Logan, to join him. Daughter Marie's law offices are flourishing. Marilyn is South Carolina President of Colonial Dames XVII Century.

**Kathryn Mehl Miller** (kmill@aol.com) is still working on her column "Talking It Over" for Santa Rosa, Calif., and Hawaii Publications. Hillary Clinton's column has the same title, but Kay has been using it since

1990. She's very busy as Chair of Saybrook Graduate School in San Francisco and building their alumni association. Saybrook is an accredited pioneer in external degree education and a very special place of learning.

I haven't done anything different in the immediate past, claims **Fairy Froek Flickinger**. She is still a church organist and answers the phone for her daughter's court reporting firm when needed. She supports her husband in his job as Mayor of Taneytown. They have three grandsons and attend many of their activities.

Noble Raymond "Skip" Merkle is now the potentate of Boumi Temple in Baltimore. He is president of Raymond G. Merkle, Inc., a monument business founded by his father. Skip and wife Nadine reside in Granite, Md. They have two children, Joy Parson and Robert, and two grandsons, Brook and Brady Parson.

We all were saddened to hear of the death of **Nick Ransch**, on January 17, 1997, from complications of cancer. Nick practiced dentistry in Haddonfield, N.J. for more than 35 years until becoming ill in 1994. Our sympathy goes to his wife Rosemary, son Nicholas J., Jr., and daughter Debora Anne. Nick's former roommate, **John Batista**, recalled in a letter that he had lost a good friend, more like a brother to him. From day one, Nick wanted to be a dentist, and John recalls telling him that "with your size hands you could only work on Martha Raye!" But for his size, he was a kind and gentle person liked and loved by all who met and knew him. After college and weddings Nick and John went their separate ways but they stayed in touch, and John would always call Nick on his birthday to remind him that he was older. John says, "Probably the most memorable time at WMC was our Junior Follies, where we performed Swan Lake in tights with the rest of the Merchantville gang." Some of the WMC Merchantville group who attended Nick's funeral were **Don McIntyre**, **Brad Jones**, **Hugh McIntyre** and **Gene Paul** and his mother.

I am sad to report **Bill Cook's** death on September 12, 1997. A card was received this summer from Bill referring to his and Sue's trip to the Ozarks. Condolences can be expressed to Sue at 603 Putnam Place, Alexandria, Va. 22302-4019.

While in Florida last winter, "**Gus**" '55 and I had a lovely lunch with **Gene and Claire Gates Hedgcock** (hedgcock@sundial.net) at the Grand Floridian in Disney World. Claire is busy with real estate winning the Tiger Award for June for the most closings and listings, earning her a reserved parking space next to the front door. Gene keeps busy with computers and

home projects. Both are active as advocates for the mentally ill. They enjoy their children and grandchildren, who live within an hour of their home in Fruitland Park. Claire and Gene visited Rodney and **Stephanie Worrilo Damm** in Tampa while **Joan Durno Bradfield** '57 was there.

**Marilee Holsdon Quesada** (quesadagmcmrpo.mmt.nmcc.navy.mil) went to China for three weeks in April to visit her brother who lives in Nanchang in the southern part of China. She went through Hong Kong just before the big changeover and flew out of Shanghai.

**Frank and Helen Prettyman Hickam** have been busy planning family reunions and visiting children and grandchildren. Some are in the Denver area which means a lot of traveling from Delaware for them. They returned in June after taking grandchildren camping for a week and to San Antonio before the tornadoes and flooding. They hope all classmates are having as much fun.

Shortly after our reunion last year, **Ron and Nancy Pennypacker Howard** left for their cross country drive with their trailer, and Alaska as their destination. They had some wonderful and interesting experiences along the way and viewed spectacular scenery. They stopped in Chicago on the way home to help with new grandson Grant. Nancy and Ron now have three grandchildren in Chicago.

**Bill and Mary Warren Pischmidt** (mpischm@mw.edu) went on an AAAS ecology field trip last summer to Lake Baikal, the world's deepest lake, in Siberia. They traveled via the Trans Siberian Railroad to Irkutsk, where they boarded a boat for an eight-day excursion around the lake. Periodically they went ashore to view the beautiful Alpine meadows filled with wildflowers, the larch-birch forests and the granite shore line. "The scenery was exquisite and the sky was a gorgeous blue." The highlights were observing the freshwater seals and the clean, fresh unpolluted air. They had wonderful contacts with many Russians, "a truly hardy, good humored people."

**Walt Sanders** (RNGRI015@AOL.COM) travels between his apartment in Baltimore and his home in West Virginia. Bringing the house up to snuff takes a lot of time. He's still working on MAS' (wife Peg's) instructions on wildflowers and upgrading the house as another guest house. Walt has been sponsoring a couple of midshipmen. He thought he was a mentor, but has since found his real role is to be a chauffeur, provide a cot, a garage and a closet. "So much for the mentor role." Walt also attends Orioles and Raven games.

"**Gus**" '55 and I took an interesting trip to Italy in Fall, 1996. All of

The slides I viewed in Dr. MacDonald's history of Art class still had some meaning for me 40 years later. When we returned home, it was fun going through my textbook which I have saved all these years. During the hot, humid summer, we stayed at our Ocean City condo as much as possible to cool off.

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**61** It seems the time has not yet come for e-mail for our column. While some classmates sent back their cards with the e-mail address noted, only three replied by that medium. I'll try to use the next time for some contacts to see how it works.

After two careers in public service, **Max Beyer** (penmax@juno.com) took an early buyout from the Virginia Tax Department and now is the accountant for a multi-state private corporation. Penny enjoys her work as seniors' programs coordinator for a local town near Roanoke, staying busy with crafts, programs and tours. Max assists by participating in cruises, excursions and trips to such places as Hawaii. "It's a tough job, but someone has to do it!" They have five grandchildren, two born in 1992 and three in 1995. Jeff, Kim, Sam and Aaron live in Dallas where Jeff is a seniors programs analyst with Southland. Mike, Josefine, Alex and Natalie are in southern California where Mike is a special agent with the DEA and Captain in the California National Guard. Karen, Brad and Grant live in New York City, where both Karen and Brad are investment analysts on Wall Street. Max and Penny celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary next year.

**Pepe and Doris Simmons** (PepeSand@aol.com) celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in September. Doris teaches engineering and chemistry at Montgomery Blair High School and this past year was the sponsoring teacher for the national winner in the Duracell Competition sponsored by NSTA and Duracell. She also had the national winner in the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, as well as second and third place winners in the International Science Fair. In 1996, Doris was named to *Who's Who Among Teachers*. She and Pepe are avid runners and she coaches the varsity cross country team. She also is a part-time stockbroker for Ferris, Baker Watts, Inc. and will probably work part-time as a stockbroker after she and Pepe retire in a couple of years. Pepe is an assistant principal at Long Reach High School in Columbia. They recently bought a place in Bethany Beach, Del., for retirement,

but will probably not leave Columbia permanently. They like living near Baltimore and Washington for the cultural activities and excellent restaurants.

**Chuck and Mernette Hunk** (Lefew@palmett.net) are busy playing a lot of golf and preparing for retirement in a couple of years. Chuck and his son are in the Merry Maids and Servicemaster business and own seven franchises in Florida.

From Enid, Okla., **Nicki Morris Carleton** reports the marriage of both daughters, Ingrid to Brent Sadler in November 1997, and Astrid to Lee Elliott in April 1997. Ingrid and Brent live in Tulsa, Okla., while Astrid and Lee live in Little Rock, Ark. Nicki continues as director of NODA Area Agency on Aging and Roll still works for the Social Security Administration. They traveled to New Mexico in October.

**Shebilia Bider Markley** retired in 1997 from Carroll County schools after 28½ years.

**Pat Lakin Lemkuhl** (lemkuhl@fed.net) reports being busier than ever teaching at Boonsboro High School, farming two farms, restoring Jericho, collecting antiques and babysitting grandchildren Hunter May and William Krayer. Daughters Yvonne and Yvette balance motherhood and careers. Yvonne is an electrical engineer with E-Systems, and Yvette is a photographer with the *Herald/Daily Mail Newspaper*. Husband Taylor farms and volunteers as a photography teacher at the high school.

**Audrey Arent Lambert** reports that Tim had successful quadruple bypass surgery. They enjoyed a short-term mission trip to Venezuela and an Apostle Paul journey to Greece and Turkey. They do church-sponsored community outreach work. Daughter Alison received her MBA from University of Illinois, and this fall, Kristin began an MBA program at the same school. The Arents live in Ridgefield, Conn., and have a retreat on Nantucket.

Forrest and **Joyce Turner Kerns** have been in Charlottesville, Va., for 32 years and love it. Daughter Suzanne lives in Hartford, Conn. In June, they had a get-together in Virginia Beach.

**Jim and Louella Matousek** continue to enjoy retirement with lots of international travel, skiing, snowshoeing, camping, hunting, hiking and canoeing in the Adirondacks as well as their place in the bush in N.W. Quebec. Travel has included France, Cote d'Azur, Italy, Scotland, Wales, Lake District of England, Ireland and a cruise of the Aegean Islands in Greece. Russia and Prague are on the agenda for 1998. Last winter, they took French at the local college

because they have so many French-speaking friends. Jim is an elder in the Reformed Church, attends Bible studies and volunteers with Conservation Alliance and NYS-DEC. Louella is busy leading church groups and volunteering. They have a new grandson, Robert Adam II, and in June, they met the "Memphis clan" in Myrtle Beach for a family reunion.

In September 1996, **Jerry Bluchdem** and wife visited Rome, Florence, Venice, Lucerne, Paris, Versailles, London and Windsor, traveling between cities by train. In September, they spent a week in Las Vegas. No matter where they travel, it is always good to get back to sunny Hawaii.

**Ozzie Stewart** (ostew@aol.com) went to Greece, Israel, Russia and Scandinavia. Granddaughter Rachel is the light of his life. He enjoyed seeing fraternity brothers at the Bachelor reunion. If anyone is in Allentown, Pa., he says, "Please call."

**George Varga** is enjoying retirement and keeping busy as a trustee at the college. George and Judy plan to move to Marco Island, Fla. sometime next year.

**Jerry Brown** retired in January and is living the good life. He has three lovely grandchildren, who he says he should have had first. He enjoys woodworking, Civil War reading, some volunteer work and many projects.

In June, **Doug and Carolyn Powell** walking traveled to Finland. Carolyn hopes to retire in February 1998. Their home is for sale. They want to move to the Washington D.C. area.

**Jon and Bev Schott '60 Myers** (jon@ML3@ML3.com) are doing the traveling they could not do when they owned the camp, namely to Scandinavian countries and St. Petersburg. Jon is a general partner in a venture capital firm and has joined a few boards, including a Cleveland business. Jon and Bev are learning and playing bridge, hiking and working out to try to stay young. They enjoy their five grandchildren and are renovating their home to add the master bedroom suite they did not build 29 years ago.

**Sue Wheeler Goldsborough** (Susanted@aol.com) retired after 27 years of teaching. Daughter Jenny is married and living in Yokohama, Japan. Son John is married and a lawyer in Philadelphia.

**Anne Pherigo Collins** (Musselman graduated from Emory University with a M.Div. and was appointed to the Denton, N.C., United Methodist Church four-church circuit. On June 13, she married Douglas Musselman of West Montrose, Ontario.

## Lorena Stone

(StoneLo@wesley.mail.edu) moved to Bethany Beach, Del. and has been promoted to full professor at Wesley. She has two grandchildren, Lore's daughter Michaela Caitlin Cooper, born November 17, 1996, and John's son Carson Steve Kaylor, born January 23, 1997. Lore and her family are back in Romania as missionaries. John and family bought a farm outside of Frederick, Md. He still works for the Space Telescope Institute at Johns Hopkins.

**Marvin Bober** sent a new address from Pikesville, Md.

**Jack '60 and Barbara Horst Fringer** had a houseful in June when July '84 and her family moved from Ft. Leavenworth. Quarters were not available at Fort Drum, N.Y. Barbara teaches high school English and is a advisor for the yearbook. Jack continues the daily drive from Lusby to the World Bank and is a waterman, hauling and working crab pots.

**Mike Bird** (M.U.Bird@worldnet.att.net) is enjoying life after politics. He has taught economics for 30 years at Colorado College and is in charge of the 125th anniversary celebration of the college in 1998-99, the year he retires and starts half-time teaching. Mike also plays competitive senior tennis. In June they attended the Harvard Business School graduation ceremonies when son Chris received his MBA. It was a great week. It was the 50th anniversary of George Marshall's "Marshall Plan" commencement address at Harvard in 1947. Madeline Albright gave the address. Mike knows her dad, Josef Korbel, who used to teach at Denver University. Daughter Andrea will receive her master's in education from Cal State, Long Beach, at the end of this year.

Mid-June was a busy time for **Richard and Bea Ackerman Sherrill**. On June 15, Megan Elizabeth Soistman arrived to Bonnie and Karl. Youngest daughter Heather married Toby West on June 21. Oldest daughter Renee Peterson and husband Chuck are settled in the house they built themselves. Be a still works for delegate Don Fry and Richard teaches part-time at Harford Community College.

**Arlene MacVicker Wright** retired from Queen Anne's County Board of Education after 17 years, the last 10% as a pupil personnel worker. Their oldest son Bill and wife Wendy recently moved to Raleigh from Texas. Daughter Jennifer lives in Groton, Conn., where husband David is a Lt. Commander in the Navy. Their children are Joshua and Megan. The Wrights are starting to scout around for retirement possibilities.

**Carroll Utz** has moved, but still lives in Union Bridge, Md.

# Science Grad Gets to the Heart of the Matter

BY AMY PELSINSKY

When Western Maryland opened the “new” wing to the Lewis Hall of Science just over 30 years ago, Judith Massicot-Fisher ’69 busied herself with one of her first scientific experiments—putting drops of growth factor on slices of carrots to see what would happen.

She laughs at it now from her office at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in Bethesda. A health scientist administrator in the Heart Research Program, she helps doctors and scientists use grant money given to them by the National Institutes of Health to study ways to make heart transplants more effective.

Searching for a way to keep the hearts pumping is an important job, especially since the bulging population of Baby Boomers is aging. The success rate of the surgery has soared since the first procedure in the late 1960s, but there just aren’t enough human hearts to go around.

Transplant patients are also sentenced to taking drugs their whole life to ensure that the body doesn’t reject the heart. Those drugs lower the body’s immune system, and can lead to infections, and often kidney damage.

Fisher is helping researchers craft a better plan.

She oversees grants to investigators who are looking for ways to improve heart transplants, as well as researching alternatives, such as xenotransplantation, altering a pig heart with a human gene, then transplanting it into a patient. There is a team developing an artificial heart, and work being done on a left ventricular assist device, a mechanical valve that would help the heart pump itself.

Fisher herself entered college with dreams of being a doctor. However, she fainted at the site of blood, and decided to go behind the scenes to do research.

After hearing Dr. Michael Chirigos ’52 speak at the college, she mustered up enough courage to ask for a job in his lab. She soon joined the National Cancer Institute to help Chirigos do cancer research in the days when scientists suspected the disease was caused by a virus.

She went on the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases during the swine flu epidemic in the mid-seventies and helped develop a live flu vaccine that was later abandoned because it was too unstable. All the while, she was slowly working towards a Ph.D. in microbiology in her spare time, and earned it in 1981.

Just over a decade ago, she shed her lab coat for a desk job where she would help others get the funding to do their research.

“We all have a contribution to make. I didn’t see myself as the next Nobel prize winner,” she says of the research world.



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Now, instead of peering into a microscope, she’s helping promising researchers be successful as their grant advocate.

Fisher says it’s gratifying to help someone with a passion for research get the funding they need for their projects. She recalls a young investigator who applied for a serious investigative award after cutting his teeth on a beginner’s grant. By the time the money made it through the application process, he had left his lab and gone into private practice. Fisher helped him get back into the lab, where he is much happier, studying a molecule crucial in the rejection process of a heart after its transplant. “I felt I really had a hand in helping someone’s career,” she says.

Her pet project, however, is pig heart transplants.

“I don’t really believe there are ever going to be enough hearts,” she says, “And I am not convinced an artificial heart will make it any time soon, so xenotransplantation is my passion.”

She recently won an award from the National Institutes of Health for her part in developing lifestyle guidelines for patients who receive a pig heart—something that has yet to be done. However, experimental therapies using pig cells are already being done to help diabetics and sufferers of Parkinson’s and Huntington’s Disease.

Fisher says biology professors like Isabel Royer and Jean Kerschner gave her the confidence to pursue a career in science, very much a man’s world during her college years, and sometimes even now, she confesses.

“They were such wonderful role models,” she says. “Female students in science have as much to offer as men.”

Fisher now nurtures her researchers the way her professors encouraged her in the sciences 30 years ago.

“There’s still a little of that idealist in me that feels I can make a difference,” she says. •



**Alfred Rosenstein** sent a card which confirmed his address.

**Chris Reichenbecker Boner** says everything is pretty much status quo.

On the weekend of July 27-29, **Chuck Bernstein** attended a reunion of Delta Pi Alpha (Preachers) classes of the 1960's, including golf, tennis and a dinner/dance. Among those attending, **Don Remberg** and **Ken Gill** regaled with restaurant stories.

**Carroll Giese** had the funniest stories. **John "Zooba" Holter** had the best quips and best looking tie, and **Don "Punchy" Lenesi** looks as if he lives at the gym and could probably do a better job as a pulling guard now that he did 40 years ago for Bob Waldorf. "Chuck's only regret was that more people could not attend, **Bill Moore** in particular. Chuck reports his law practice in Baltimore is good and he still enjoys it every day.

**Judy Kerr** sent a new address from Kingston, R.I., where Wally has a baptismal year at the University of Rhode Island for 1997-98. They live about 15 miles from his folks. During summer 1996, they spent three weeks in Germany visiting friends and three weeks traveling in Norway with other friends. Their summer vacation in 1997 was a move to the East Coast. This summer, Judy taught at the North Dakota schools of missions and served on the leadership team for a five-day academy for spiritual formation. She served on their national church's general commission on Christian unity and interreligious concerns.

**Pat Scott Pond** has been hit broadside with the challenge of renovation. She bought a "fixer-upper" 150-year-old home in Carlisle, Pa., and is fully immersed in the project. She says she is excited, crazy and having fun.

As for us, grandchild #2, Julian Christoph Halli, arrived August 20, 1996. He started walking at 10 months. Alexander is 4.

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**69** News through Netscape and e-mail arrived from **Jobst Vandrey** and **Jo Ann Lilly Richards**. Jobst has had his own computer consulting business in St. Louis, Mo. for the last seven years. He says his clients are keeping him from sailing or slowing down his pace. Jo Ann is in her 17th year of teaching at Hancock Middle-Senior High School in Hancock, Md. Her daughter Carrie graduated *magna cum laude* from Ithaca College and has one year to go in a master's of physical therapy program. Her son Scott is studying civil engineering at Embry-Riddle University in Florida on an USAF Scholarship.

Last December, after the last column was printed, I received an exciting postcard from **Chris Geis Kraus**. She decided to do something she hadn't when she was younger—have a family. On March 27, 1996, she and Andy adopted Arthur from Orphanage #2 in Moscow. She has also returned to teaching at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in Montgomery County, Md.

The first cards sent back for this column came from **Jim March** and **Robin Silver Snyder**. Jim had a massive stroke on November 10, 1996 and is learning to walk and use his hands again. His doctors say he will never be 100 percent, but he is slowly improving. He finally quit smoking and advises others to do the same. After selling her painting business and finishing an accelerated MBA program in marketing at the University of Baltimore, Robin fulfilled a lifelong dream and moved to Clearwater, Fla. on June 30, 1997. If she can do 48 graduate credits in one year, Robin can easily start another successful business!

**Susan Hanna Martin** writes from Virginia Beach that she is back teaching geometry and algebra in a traditional high school. She completed her master's in August 1997. Since retiring from the Navy, husband Rob is a high school guidance counselor. Daughter Jane is a senior speech major at Wake Forest. Daughter Meg, a sophomore at Miami University of Ohio, is a member of their NCAA Collegiate Figure Skating Precision Team, which recently won the Collegiate Nationals.

**Dr. Judith Massicot Fisher** is managing the heart transplantation program, among other things, at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. She is beginning a major drive to increase organ donations and encourages alumni to sign donor cards and tell their families of their intentions.

Last summer, **Gaye Meekins** traveled through Italy and France, and drove into Paris and around the Eiffel Tower in rush hour. Right now Gaye is "enjoying the thrills of motherhood" with a golden retriever puppy.

**Linda Osborn White** travels between Baltimore and Winchester since Jay bought the Baltimore Research Agency. Their 1990's log home was on the Historic Garden Week Tour last April. Son Matthew graduated from William and Mary, participated in an archeological dig in Williamsburg, Va., and is job hunting. Son Jay graduated from the Darden School at the University of Virginia with an MBA, got married July 20, 1997, and is working for Chase Manhattan in New York City.

On October 1, 1997, **Robert Outman-Conant** became a certified Fellow in the American Association of

Pastoral Counselors. Bob was priest-in-charge of St. John's Episcopal Church in Holbrook, Mass. for 1 1/2 years and has been in Holbrook the last 20 years. He and Judy have been married 16 years and have two sons **Jonathan**, 12, and **Christopher**, 10. **Michael Rhoades'** CPA firm celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. He still plays basketball each week and coaches the Walter Johnson High School team. Mike has been married to **Margaret Pike** for 28 years. Their daughter Karen teaches at Sherwood High. Lori is a sophomore at Gettysburg College and Eric is a sophomore at Walter Johnson.

After 18 years in the big old house that always needed repairs, **Raymond Simpson** moved into an apartment and loves to swim in the pool there. He's now working for Computer Science Corp. since Dupont gave out 3,100 pink slips.

Not only is she an English/Drama teacher at a new high school, **Lida Wade Lionberger** is also the director of its beautiful theater. She's adding "gifted" to her certification because she's teaching in a magnet school for high achievers. After 20 years in a regular high school, her husband is a new principal in a vocational/technology high school. Son Mike graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a major in history. Daughter Karen is a junior there majoring in marine biology.

**Linda "Robbie" Robbins** is busy in Alexandria, Va., making telephone sales for career placements. She hopes to see everyone at our next reunion.

I made the mistake of writing a proposal for a summer academy. Summer 1997 saw me teaching, counseling and working with high school students with low functional testing scores. I was employed by the Baltimore City's Office of Economic Development in their Youthworks '97 division. After the program ended, I had planned on the same vacation. Instead, I ended up in his hospital having a benign tumor removed. This fall I will be instructing high school students who have been selected for a city-wide program for the teaching professions. Son Rob is an environmental science major at the University of Maryland at College Park. He occasionally deejays on the university's radio station 88.1 WMUC. Son Mike is taking the semester off to Towson University. Bill and I have been married 29 years. He's still practicing law in Ellicott City in the same historically zoned little office, and I feel like I'm "historically zoned" since I've been at Northern High School in Baltimore since February 1969!

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**71** In a typical case of "be careful what you volunteer for just this once," you will now be getting the wit and wisdom of the Class of '71 from headquarters in New England. Actually, since Joan and I have switched commuting schedules (more on that later) it seemed only reasonable that we switch class reporting assignments, too!

Here's how the deal works. Every time our news is due to appear, the Alumni Office will send you a little card begging for interesting tidbits. Since we are one of the "larger classes," only half of you will get cards each time. Don't let that grim your style however! I would love to hear from you at any point. Whenever news happens (or, alternatively, whenever you feel like it!) drop me a note, via e-mail or snail mail, and you will see your name in print in the very next column—no matter what letter your last name starts with!

Those of you who weren't at WMC for our 25th sure missed a good time, not to mention some intriguing stories too long to print here. Amongst the revelers that evening were some who had clearly made their travel agents' day when they ordered their tickets—like **Tom Shelor** who came to the mainland from Hawaii, **Pat Callbeck Harper** winging her way in from Montana via a number of consulting stops on the way, **Don Schenk** traveling from Michigan, his latest Army post, **Ed and Wilma VanHart '70 Smith** who headed north from Atlanta, and the Tennessee contingent of **Randy Hutchinson** and **Coe and Jeannie Castle Sherrard!**

WMC actually won the football game, keeping us all happy despite the rain and the famous Western Maryland mud (I had forgotten that!). President Chambers hosted a reception for us at his house before the festivities shifted to the dining porch for dinner and music.

**Harold Baker** (baker4@erols.com) summed up the fun and the one bitersweetest note, especially for those who have attended our other reunions, when he wrote "it was great to see the gang at our 25th though it is very sad Frank Charnasky is no longer among us...really missed him, his humor and music." "Life is good" for Harold who says he has one in college and one on the way next year (I think he means to college unless he's starting all over!) so he is finally "realizing the truth of the higher cost of higher education." Harold heads a division of 70 at the Defense Special Weapons Agency, but may retire next year as the Department of Defense downsizes. He's contemplating teaching as a second career.

When you take on this job, you are some people you can be sure to



count on to be in touch. Yes, it's the former class recorders who know what it's like to stare at an empty mailbox and wonder if anyone is out there.

Our most recent scribe is currently commuting 75 miles, one-way, to work. Needless to say, **Joan Collier Fogg** (JCFGG@BCLSys.Com) is looking for an elementary or middle school principal's position closer to her new church and parsonage which they love. In July, Joan attended the Principals' Center Summer Institute at Harvard and stayed with her son, J.D., who is a student at the Berklee College of Music. How's that for switching roles? Joan and Jim became in-laws when daughter Samantha married Matthew Wayne in June. Jim performed the ceremony in Cottage Grove, Oregon and the kids are living out there in Portland. It's a far cry from Pennsylvania, but a fun place to visit!

**Betsy Feustle Carpenter** (who did this column for nearly 20 years!) also checked in, reporting that "God is so good to me!" She's on the mend from her recent illness and is teaching foreign language at Holabird Middle School in Dundalk. Betsy says that her kids are "growing up too fast." Travis, 15, and Edie—short for Edith—13, are in high school this year and Heidi, 11, is in middle school.

"Despite the heat and the thunderstorms," **Dottie Inasley Ansell** and husband Bill are enjoying life in Tampa, Fla. Dottie gets the "most anxious to share my news award" for being the very first person to respond (she set quite a standard for the rest of you to try and top—three days from when the postcards went out!) Bill is practically living on the golf course—love that retirement—while Dottie's work as a social services training consultant keeps her busy. She also announces the birth of her new web site and invites everyone to visit her at [www.youthliveskills.com](http://www.youthliveskills.com).

Can't imagine **Nina Knapser Grove, Ed.D.** (ngrove@ycp.edu) getting too bored on any given day. In August she received her doctoral degree in Adult Education from Penn State and is now in her 24<sup>th</sup> year teaching physical education at York College of Pennsylvania. In her spare time, Nina and her father still operate a 100-head beef cattle farm on the family homestead. Twin sons, Jamie and Travis are seniors in high school this year and are exploring college and career opportunities. Nina does mention that she gave up coaching—must've been when they shortened the day to 24 hours! I don't know where it fits in, but Nina also reports that she and husband Les enjoy traveling.

Penn State also figures in the lives of **Jack and Kitty Hartshorn**. They have officially become empty-nesters

this fall as daughters Heather and Andrea are both at said school's University Park campus. While they are going to miss the girls, Jack did say something about "new found freedom" and some travelling plans!

**Leon Cronce** writes that there is "nothing especially new in New Jersey." Despite the implications of overwhelming boredom, Leon does mention that earlier in the year, he and Betty went to Germany to visit Betty's relatives and found "Good company, good food, good wine and beer!" In July, they attended Leon's 30<sup>th</sup> high school reunion where they had a great time with 86 members of the "class of '67" mood, and their guests. Still in a festive mood, Leon and Betty celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August with an "old-fashioned pig roast!" Leon is always interested in reading *The Hill* to find out about fellow classmates and of course, "fellow preachers." Let's keep Leon happy by getting your news to me!

"All's well with the Adams' Family." **Marshall** reports that daughter, Summer, is a senior and is searching for an engineering school while Tiffany is in middle school and "involved in everything." **Wife Leslie Hohn '73** is back teaching full time with special needs children. And if you're thirsty in Connecticut, Marshall is the guy to see. He's still with Bigelow Tea after all these years—24 to be exact.

And if you're hungry in Oklahoma, look up **Steve Kaplan**. Steve and Joan run eight Subway Sandwich shops. Seth, 18, started college this fall and Sara, 16, is a junior in high school playing varsity volleyball.

**Kathy Warrenfeltz Keeney** (kkeeney@shore.intercom.net) confesses to becoming a "ham in my older age!" She serves as co-director of her church's Vacation Bible School and is a member of the Drama Team. Kathy is in her 11<sup>th</sup> year as media specialist at Accomac Primary School and is a member and past president of the Eastern Shore Reading Council. Her eight feline companions keep Kathy busy. They range in age from 1 to 16 and the youngest one knows how to open all the cabinets—time for "child proof devices!" This summer found Kathy at the annual Chincoteague Pony Penning and spending lots of time on the Internet. If you want to reach her, better try e-mail!

New England became home to **Jerry Johnson** (JJOHNSON@SITE.CWMARS.ORG) this year as she moved from South Dakota to Massachusetts to work with the Fitchburg Youth Library. "Having lived in Maryland, it's not exactly culture shock," she says, "but having lived in the open spaces of South Dakota, I have felt very closed in by

the MANY trees." Jerry is looking forward to a New England Fall, so I guess she's getting reconciled with the local flora! She likes living in different parts of the country. "The histories and cultures are so different, but there are so many things that are the same!"

Engineering, teaching, writing—it's all in a day's work for **Robert Gagnon** (RobtGagnon@aol.com) who continues as president of Gagnon Engineering and teaches engineering at the University of Maryland, and applied technologies at Montgomery College. His first book, *Design of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems*, is doing very well in its first year of release. It is used throughout the U.S. and Canada as a text in universities and community colleges and as a reference book for practicing professionals. Robert's second book, *Design of Special Hazard and Fire Alarm Systems*, will be released in December.

**Chuck Horn** is in his fourth year as pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Johnstown, Pa., which is nestled in "the beautiful hills of the Allegheny Mountains in the Northwest corner of the state." He reports frequent deer and other wildlife sightings. Chuck was busy this summer with the church's annual Street-Fest, a fair where the congregation provides entertainment, food and games to the whole neighborhood and free. Like many of us in our age group, Chuck is noticing the time fly by. He loved the reunion, but finds it "hard to believe it was a year ago!" **Ray Brown** who stays in touch with **Ally Brown** who has spent the summer working in remote northern Maine with the BSA's High Adventure Program. Hope he got to see a moose on the hoof!

Bel Air, Md. is still home to **Carol Graves Koffine**, but she is currently working in the behavioral health field as a regional director for a company based in Florida. With luck there are some winter-time trips to the home office! Carol and her husband are watching the kids grow. Their daughter will be a junior at James Madison University and their son will be a senior in high school. Carol still enjoys music, especially singing with her daughter who is a music major (like her mom). "Funny" she writes, "how our careers take us in unpredictable directions."

**Alison Kabernagel Donlon** checked in for the first time in a while—so she had lots of news. After WMC, Alison received an M.Ed. from Goucher College and took the education world by storm. She has been an elementary school teacher in the Baltimore County Public Schools, has written language arts curriculum, taught in-service courses for teachers, conducted staff development for faculties and parents and, for the last four

years, been a specialist for the Office of English with the Board of Education of Baltimore County. Keeping it all in the family, Alison's husband, Jack, is also a teacher, and her daughter, Christie, 16, wants to teach pre-kindergarten.

"More variations on a theme" is how **Corinne Klein Jensema, Ph.D.** (CKJDRT@aol.com) described things. Her company, Institute for Disabilities Research and Training, Inc., just celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Institute mostly does research for the U.S. Department of Education and had about \$1 million worth of grants and contracts this year. Corinne also does consulting for school systems and families to assist in the educational programming and placement of children with disabilities. And she has been an impartial hearing officer for special education disputes in Maryland, D.C. and Delaware for 16 years. Corinne is just as busy on the homefront. All her foster children have graduated high school and her two biological children, Jerry and Marissa, are in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades respectively. Jerry is in the Leadership Training Institute at school and Marissa attends the art magnet for the county. The kids are living and working at the beach for the summer with dad and Corinne says, "I run back and forth to see them, restock the refrigerator, clean teenage clutter and dole out allowances." Corinne's constant companion is Hanna, a white German Shepherd who accompanies her on all trips and to the office. Her work keeps Corinne on the road a lot for research, consulting, and being a "booth babe," hawkling products she has developed to help 911 telecommunicators respond to deaf callers.

**Jim and Kathy Walter '73 Hobart** are getting lots of exercise as they establish a somewhat un-traditional family tradition. They hop on their bikes with their daughter, Sarah (who is entering high school this year), and "Cycle Across Maryland!" Jim says the ride makes him and Kathy nostalgic for WMC as sleeping on gym floors at high schools along the way is quite reminiscent of dorm living! Whenever he can fit it in, Jim indulges his other passion—tennis. He mentioned that he plays occasionally with **Bill Westervelt**, when he's in town. What Jim did not mention was, who wins!?

Being Executive Director of the League for the Hard of Hearing and living in New York City provide **Keith Muller** with two exciting challenges. Dr. Vernon adds that Keith has a "profound impact on what happens nationally regarding deafness."

Still living in California, **Glenn Hopkins** manages to fit more information about more things on one little card than just about anyone else.

(complete with proofreader's marks so I know when to breathe!). So here goes—in his own words. Was “in Rehoboth for mother’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with 27-year-old Korean wife and our 8-month-old daughter, Choice. Son Buckley, 24, goes to U.C. Santa Cruz this fall, his fifth college. He’s also waited in New Orleans, schooled in Anchorage and skied in Japan. I helped a friend become the sixth Japanese ever to swim the English Channel. My play about Saul and David was a finalist for the Baltimore Theater Festival. Keanu Reeves spent three hours doing Space Leggo in my living room.”

**Pat Callbeck Harper**  
(PatCallbeck@aol.com) lives among the Rockies of Montana, sharing the Big Sky with Rusty and their two daughters. They all spent some time back east on the Chesapeake Bay this summer with Pat’s family, snarfing down crabs and chattering on the O’s. Robin is choosing colleges now, so Pat and Rusty are doing the “campus visit” thing this fall (WMC is in the running!). Molly started high school this year and loves it. Pat’s consulting business, Catalyst Resources, has her in 10 states and Rusty’s musical group, the Montana Logging and Ballet Company (by day he works for the State of Montana!) is all over the place, so frequent flyer miles build up fast and shorten the distance home to the east coast. All the Harper-types are also marvelous tour guides and ambassadors for Montana. Charlie and I spent some time visiting them right before Labor Day and had a marvelous time! (Pat and I also discovered that our husbands were clearly separated at birth, but that’s a long story!)

**John and Candy Cooper**  
**Fairbanks** (jfair@pinehurst.net) celebrated their silver anniversary in West Virginia over the Fourth of July weekend with scads of family and friends. Later in the summer, Candy and John (who bounced back from a bout of double pneumonia in between events) spent 10 days in the Canadian Rockies touring around from their base in Calgary. Spectacular scenery, golf, fishing and great weather combined for a wonderful full time. Day to day, Candy gets to hear the “Attention Wal-Mart shoppers” announcements while she works part-time in the pharmacy department, and fits in more golf whenever she can. “It’s a pretty good life,” she says.

I now have time for such travels since deciding that *four hours* a day on the road was just too much. As program director for Leadership Rhode Island (from which I graduated in 1991), I’m responsible for LRI’s core training program for community leaders. It’s great fun, we create positive change in the community, and I’m *four minutes* from home! I’m also

working with the Rhode Island Public Health Foundation to establish school-based health centers in the state, teaching for the University of Rhode Island in Providence and working through my business, PlanWorks Consulting, when I have time. For fun I take lots of photographs! Charlie is chair of the Psychology Department at URI and this summer became certified as a trainer in Kingian Nonviolence. He’ll be training prison guards in non-violence this year! Siana and David are both “grown up” and living in Boston now (yes, freedom can be a wonderful thing!) and are having a great time learning about the real world. My newest passion is kayaking which is good since my other passion is chocolate!

Finally, I’m sorry to report that **Roy Melvin** passed away on December 11, 1995. Our condolences go to his family and friends.

Many folks have asked about the possibility of a list of e-mail addresses for our class. I would be more than happy to keep such a list and send it out to anyone who was interested, but I obviously need your help to do this. If you have an e-mail address and would like to share it with the rest of us, please send it to me and I will keep track of our cyber-locations! If you want the list, give a yell and I’ll zip along what I have to you.

That’s it for now. Keep smiling and enjoy the journey (just remember to take me about it!)  
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**86** Our 10th reunion was a great success! I’m sure everyone who attended will agree a good time was had by all. And, to those of you who didn’t attend, shame on you! But, you’ll have another chance in just four short years (2001) at our 15th. Start planning now!

Thanks to all of you who responded to the call, here’s some news from our classmates (second half of the alphabet). Room was included on each person’s postcard for an e-mail address, so please note that they are included at the end of the write-ups. Read-on to catch up on the gossip!

“The Lord has filled my life to overflowing with his blessings,” writes **Mark Lashinsky**. He has been quite a work traveler, with trips to Tijuana, Mexico and Santa Cruz, Bolivia building churches, Bible school facilities and ministering to the natives in those countries on short-term mission trips. At home in Millers, Md., **Mark** has been blessed with great friends, the best dog, Shadow, the chance to be a liver of life riding motorcycles, horseback riding and enriching the lives of others!

**Garry and Lucy Powell ’87**  
**Leonard** are enjoying life with Kerry Dexter, born on April 19, 1996. Garry is a Sergeant with the Baltimore County Police Dept. and Lucy is a financial analyst with Lockheed Martin. They live in Cockeysville, Md.

**Lucy Purcell Lutche and Steve ’87** enjoy parenthood with Brigitte, born on Dec. 4, 1996. “She is adorable and so much fun,” writes the proud mom. Lucy is a part-time paralegal in Bel Air, Md. She keeps in touch with **Sarah Jahries, Ami Wist Carrier** and **Alyce Harden Montanye**.

The last year was quite fall for **Mike and Gina Woollen ’90 McDonald**. They are busy with their new home in Grafton, Mass., where they relocated after Mike accepted a job with Fidelity Investments. They also added a new member to their family, Madeline “Maddie” Regina was born in February 1997. They have enjoyed visits from **Brian ’89** and **Kim Potter ’92 Miller** and **Gerger ’85** and **Robin Adams Brenton** (hey that’s me!). They also see Dave and Hallé Fowler and their kids, frequently. michael.mcdonald@fmr.com

**Susan Malkus** writes that work is crazy! She is a business development manager for a computer-based training company in Alexandria, Va. and working on a program for dyslexia education that is “really cool!” **SUSAN MALKUS@amerind.com**

**Frederick is home to Kathy Boyd Mansfield**, husband Kevin and their two children, Jeremy, 5, and Johnathon, 2. **Kathy** is assistant director of Daybreak Adult Daycare and a private geriatric care manager. MANSFIELD@Clark.NET

**Maureen “Mo” Carroll Martin** has had a busy and exciting year! In May 1996, she accepted a new job as a writer at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md. In July, she and husband John moved into a new home in Rockville. To top it all off, Maureen gave birth to Molly Catherine Martin, at Holy Cross Hospital, of course, in February 1997. “Molly is definitely the best thing that ever happened to us,” writes Maureen. She keeps in touch with **Robin Williams Dugan, Michele Fetsko ’87, Courtney Quinn Jones ’84, Eric Cubberley and Susan Amos Chapman**. As an active member of the WMC Montgomery County Alumni Chapter, Maureen invites all Montgomery Countyans to attend their functions! Home: MMartin982@aol.com—Work: Martin@holycrosshealth.org

Taxi driver is now the occupation of **Ann Kessler Miller!** When she is not shuttling her kids, 7, 5 and 3, to swimming, scouts and baseball, Ann finds time to work at RICA. She was able to get together with **Brian, Cindy Ebert** and **Payton Russo;**

**David, Meg Packard, Jordan** and **Jennah Motter;** and **Kristen, Karen and Louise Snyder**. Ann writes that every time this group gets together there seem to be more kids! She sends best wishes to everyone!

**Sheri Bialezak Miller** and sons Douglas, 8, and Christopher, 6, have relocated back to Baltimore, Md. She is an interior design consultant and volunteers on the “Rodricks for Breakfast” show. She keeps in touch with **Pam Bruffey ’87 Aiello, Beth Erb, Heather Rembert Fahmy ’85, Joan Kelly ’83, Regan and Susan Garman Dick**.

After a summer of Bible school and swimming lessons for J.B., 5, Maggie, 3, and **Lily, 1½, Alyce Harden and John ’84 Montanye**, were looking forward to a trip to Martha’s Vineyard, without the kids!, and their annual Nags Head vacation with **Chris Imbach ’84** and family.

**Cindy Basberry Minnich** and husband Scott just rounded out their 4th anniversary of pastoring their church in Toms River, N.J. Sara, 1, is a joy and keeps her on her toes! Via e-mail, she keeps in touch with **Nairy Ohanian** and **Liz Henry Bennett ’87**, who lives in Dallas, Texas. Cindy misses **Nancy Sekira, Lynn Welch, Jacobie Jacobs** and **Yvli Winkler Breech!** SCMINNICH@JUNO.COM

**Sharon Eimer Nolley** and G.W. are suffering greatly! They sold their house in Lynchburg, Va. and built a house in the country where they can’t even get a pizza delivered! Hang in there, Sharon, we had the same problem in Hanover when we first moved. Now, we even have cable! Sharon is still an attorney with the Public Defender’s Office. The Nolleys are the proud parents of Bud, a golden retriever, who keeps them very busy! They ran into **Nancy Sekira** at the Jimmy Buffet concert this summer!

Working as a missionary with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Armenia, **Nairy Ohanian** took a break this summer to return to the states for five weeks. She enjoys teaching English and Bible to university students and finds the lifestyle challenging and very different, but great! She loves living in Christ’s hope and love! alaniv@uaa.am

**Meg Packard-Motter** lives in Hanover, Pa. (what a great place to live, Meg!), and works two days a week in Frederick, Md. She loves being mama to Jordan, 4, and Jennah, 1½. After visiting with **Karen Snyder, Cindy Ebert Russo, Ann Kessler Miller**, spouses and kids in May, they have planned a mini-reunion for Karen’s place in Sweden in May, 1999!

Relaxing by the pool with **Lauren, 5**, and **Kevin, 2**, was how **George and Lee Ann Ware ’85 Peck** enjoyed their summer. George is a commercial

real estate loan officer for Taneytown Bank. They reside in Taneytown, Md.

**Tracy Pece** was excited to report that her graphic design business, Moore and Price Design, had just opened its third location in New York. She married in May 1997, and her husband plays minor league baseball in California where they live. Tracy keeps in touch with **Susan Nealy**, who lives in Arizona, **Beth Young**, who lives in Baltimore, and **Sarah Jahries**.

"Between soon-to-be 2-year old twin boys and work and sleep, we have about one hour a night to ourselves," writes **Tim and Linda Bancroft Pyle**. This time is well-spent catching up on soaps and movies! Give them a call. They figure they'll have time to chat in about three years! Hang in there guys!

**Lorie Schanzle Quinn** writes that life continues to be very hectic. She teaches sixth grade at Rocky Hill Middle School in Clarksburg, Md. Her children, Patrick, 8, and Kelsey, 6, keep her and husband Joe quite busy. They did manage to travel to Disney World and Hilton Head, S.C., and take some other small trips this summer.

**Jim Ralston** travels to WMC for an occasional play at Theatre on the Hill. He works at Aspen Systems Corp. in Rockville, Md. and lives in Baltimore. He reminisces about the days of running around the golf course and those impromptu get-togethers at Harvey Stone. Jim keeps in touch with **Rob McQuay '84** and sends best wishes to **Dan Trollinger '84**, on the birth of his child.

**John Robinson** is an assistant professor of biopsychology at S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook. He and **Alice Cialella '85** live on the north shore of Long Island, N.Y. They still enjoy running and John plays rock and roll bass guitar for a band called *Pumice*, whose motto is "rock that floats!" **ROBINSON@PSYCH1.PSY.SUNYSB.EDU**

A 10th anniversary trip to Cape Cod, Mass., with no kids!, was on the summer itinerary of **Rick and Kathy Boyer Rockefeller**. Their vacations also included Atlanta and Rehoboth Beach, Del. Daughters Rachel, 5½, and Sadie, 2½, keep them busy. (I can't believe that Rachel is already finishing kindergarten!) Kathy is a legal software program trainer, and Rick's auto parts store continues to do well.

**Jonny Rose** writes that things are going extremely well in D.C. He's single again! He is a labor and employee benefits associate with large national firm Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. He stays in close contact with **Colin McCollough, John Rosenquist, Rob Elin** and **Mike Hepburn '85**, although they don't seem to be able to get together as much as they would like! **Rose7895@MLB.com**

Regarding our 10th reunion, **John Rosenquist** writes, "It was so nice to sit and visit with old friends including a surprise visit from **Chris 'Santa' Ford 'J** and wife Monica are busy with work, church and daughter Lillian, 2. "What a joy," adds John. He works for a Foundation that helps facilitate Military Medical Research. To get away from the Washington rat race, the Rosenquists spend many weekends downloading on the Delaware shore. John keeps in touch with **Colin McCollough** and **Jonny Rose** and has issued an A.P.B. for **Chris 'Chubby' Brown '85**. The "Police" are looking for their lead singer. **johnrosenquist@mail.hjff.org**

Another busy year for **Susan Scharf**! In May 1996, she married Larry Bush. **Marci Sartoph '85 Yaffe** was a bridesmaid and Marci's son Aaron was an adorable ringbearer. **Tracy Ann Tokar Smith '88** also helped out in a million ways! After honeymooning in Barbados, the couple returned to their home in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., where Susan completed her second year of a clinical psychology doctoral program. She passed her third year project early and was anticipating starting her fourth year. They really miss Baltimore and can't wait to go someplace warmer! **Susan.Scharf@CMICH.edu**

**Wendy Zerwitz Schenker** still practices law in Towson and Dundalk and keeps busy with family. Son Robbie is getting ready to start kindergarten, which really makes Wendy feel old! **gdswaves@juno.com**

A new home right on a golf course! That's right, **Heather Price Smith** is stepping out in Frederick, Md! She writes that her law practice is going well, and they recently opened a branch office in Frederick and started a title company. Heather travels in her spare time, most recently to Iceland, Outer Banks, N.C., and hiking in Maine (she loves that lobster!). She spends lots of time with her children, Madeline, 3½, and Harrison, 2.

Buenos dias, from the **Tolin** mansion in Trumbull, Conn. **Gary** and **Cindy** were blessed with the addition of **Julia Claire** in Dec. 1996. "What a joy," writes Gary. He works for Oxford Health Plans, while Cindy directs college activities at the University of Connecticut. **cingar-tolin@worldnet.att.net**

**Mike Toner** is a stockbroker with Merrill Lynch. He has been married to Kristen for three years, and they are busy looking for a new house in Delaware.

After 10 years as a paralegal, **Meg McCollum Vickers** now works part-time from home for her old firm so she can spend time with son, Benjamin, born on Dec. 16, 1996. She and husband Glenn reside in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Fran Ward** has been quite a traveler, with recent trips to Oregon and the Adirondacks. She celebrated her 10th year with the Maryland State Highway Administration as an Asst. Regional Planner. She is the President of the Maryland Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar and has recently taken up figure skating. Way to go Fran! She keeps in touch with **Susan Wallace Argabright**, who lives in Queenstown, Md. and is a Quality Assurance Engineer for Regina, USA. Fran also sees **Helen Potter St. John '85**, **Harriet 'Lisa' Pelton '85**, and **Pam Hipsley Kowalski '85**.

Richmond, Va. is home to **Tod and Josie Colliflower Webster**. Tod is still with Overnite Transportation and Josie stays home with "the girlfriends," daughters Mandi and Sami. She looks forward to more free-lance graphic design work in the fall when Mandi starts kindergarten and Sami is in preschool. The Websters enjoyed catching up with many old friends and had a great time at the reunion.

**Dwain Woodley** is an attorney with the San Diego County Public Defender's Office. Unfortunately, I could not include his other information in the column because it hadn't occurred yet! Sorry, Dwain, but we'll be sure to get it in the next column! **DWOODLPD@CTS.COM**

He has a house in Seattle, but spends workdays in the San Francisco Bay area. **Kevin Wueste** has it made! He was promoted to General Manager of a new effort with Microsoft called Sidewalk in San Francisco, Calif. Look for their site at [www.sanfrancisco.sidewalk.com](http://www.sanfrancisco.sidewalk.com)! Kevin sees **Tim McLaughlin** and hears from the **Drew Heck** family every so often. He loves to paint, play guitar, and ride motorcycles and bikes.

As for **George '85**, and I, we are busy with our light bulb business. I recently took the plunge and joined him full-time. I still try to dabble in the free-lance graphic design world, although after 10 years, it's a welcome break! We are continually involved at WMC with the Alumni Council, various committees, special events and the Sig Eps and Omegas. At home, we keep busy with church, family and the on-going saga of home renovation—we've finished two floors and are now going to a third. It's never-ending! We keep in touch with many WMC grads and their families, too numerous to mention or print!

Best wishes to all classmates. Keep in touch and God bless! **Robin Adams Brenton** 95 Tracey Road Hanover, PA 17331

**91** The response to our postcards was great. Who wouldn't keep you in suspense. Here's the scoop:

**Mimi Kideckel Brunelle** married John Brunelle on April 26, 1997, in Cape Cod. They live in Middleboro, Mass. and spend a lot of weekends in their New Hampshire vacation home. She is a human resources manager at Fluor Daniel GTI.

**Dr. Marshall Eidenberg** spent the last ten months in the Sinai, Egypt as a general medical officer for the Army. His wife Sandy and daughter Lindsay will be meeting him in Columbus, Ga., in Sept. 1997. He says it will be great to be back in the good old USA. By the 10-year reunion, he and his family should be back in Pennsylvania.

**Tara Prugh Evans** loved her first year as a middle school teacher. Her husband Mike is head teacher at FCNB Bank. They enjoy riding bikes in the mountains with their two beautiful dogs.

**Paul "Gooch" Gaccione** was promoted to Tech Data Corporation's Senior Territory Manager to the federal government and was relocated to Maryland. He still keeps in touch with many of his Bachelor brothers, especially Big Bob, Drago, GI, Frank Skiki, and Bones and invites all others to look him up in Rockville if they think they can hang.

**Nona Green** still loves working at Villa Maria School. She recently started working part-time for Villa Maria Child & Family Counseling. The extra money helps fund her new hobbies, yoga and ballroom dancing. She recently attended the wedding of **Cyndi Johnson** and **Stacy Spielman '92**. Nona wishes she could see more of her far away friends **Melanie D'Amore** and **Janet Alcorn Yankosky '92**.

**Brian Haignt** is still vice president of the family funeral business which recently expanded in Eldersburg, Md. Brian also is involved in WMC's Defining Moment Campaign. He still sees **Michelle Fleming** and **Mary Garner**.

**Jennifer Hannah** is living in Lawrenceville, N.J., with her boyfriend, Steve, and cat, Theodore. She was promoted to manager at J&J Staffing Resources in Langhorne, Pa. She keeps in touch with **Tara Prugh Evans** and **Amy Zonay '90** and says "hi" to all of the Omegas.

**Keith Heinemann's** band, "FREEK," made its world debut on July 16, 1997, at the Dark Horse in Boulder, Colo. Keith also works in the natural products industry where he has the pleasure of running into his Sig Ep brother **Adam Plummer**.

**Kim Hildebrand** lives in San Francisco and is a full-time student working on an MS in nurse-midwifery.



She loves San Francisco and delivering babies, 22 so far. She is still making jewelry, but only as gifts. She says it would be great to hear from classmates visiting San Francisco.

**Rob Howell** returned to U.S. Army active duty status in April 1995 and is stationed at Arlington Hall, Va. He stays in touch with **Mike Sherlock, Eric Watkinson, Rich Edwards, Marc Rudolph, Eric Miller, Eric Gettmy** and **Walt Eife '92**.

**"Cubbie" Dahl Ingraham** and husband **Duke** had their first child, **Allison Dahl Ingraham** on May 1, 1997. She was born five weeks early at 5 lb., 4.6 oz., and 19 inches. Allison is home now and doing fabulously.

**Audrey Ruggiero Kallassy** has a son, **Charlie**, who turned one on June 4, 1997. She and her husband have been very busy working on their house.

**Renec Raborg Karth** graduated from the University of Delaware College of Marine Studies with a master's degree in marine science in 1992. She worked as a volunteer coordinator for the Delaware Inland Bays Citizen Monitoring Program and since January 1996, for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. She and husband **Lee** bought a house in February 1997 where they live with their very spoiled black labrador. Renec and Lee will celebrate their 4th anniversary on October 16, 1997.

**Lisa LaVina Klein** and husband **Steve** live in Owings Mills, Md. She was just promoted to market manager for Olsen Financial Staffing in Baltimore, and offers help to those alumni looking for new career opportunities in accounting and finance.

**Deanna Daley** (deanna.daley@worldnet.att.net) was in training in Anchorage, Alaska for the Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon that was scheduled to be held there on June 21 to benefit the Leukemia Society of America. She is still working at the Social Security Administration and living in Timonium.

**Melissa Cote Borucki** (Brewkey@aol.com) married **Craig** on November 11, 1996. **Colleen Christmas Gardella** was matron of honor and **Jen Hannah** was an attendant. Her new sister-in-law and fellow alum **Diane Culver Borucki '85** was also an attendant. **Melissa and Craig** bought a house on Wakefield Valley Golf Course. She recently started a new job as Vice President of Operations for U.S. Estate Group.

After finishing her master's degree at Johns Hopkins in August, **Allison "Lamb" Coffey** landed a job as a software specialist installing restaurant touch screen computers. She lives in Gathersburg with husband **Greg** but sees a move in her near future.

**Lynne Kirsche-Costello** writes

from New Jersey of her 1994 wedding to **Anthony**. She is a manager for Equifax Services in Gibbsboro and recently received an MBA from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

**Elizabeth Clark Roe** hoped to finish her master's in curriculum and instruction from WMC in June. She recently completed her fifth year of teaching fifth grade in Calvert County, Md., and planned a summer tour of Europe with friends.

**Carrie Faith Anderson** is a preschool teacher in the San Francisco area. She writes that she has kept in touch with a few of her Phi Alpha sisters, but gets most of her WMC information from *The Hill*.

**Drista Henry Bowser** and husband **Steve '89** are the proud parents of a daughter, **Lyla Noel**, born in January 1996. She is teaching 7th grade math at New Windsor Middle and Steve teaches math at North Carroll High School. She keeps in touch with **Joyce Resiter Abbott**.

**Karen Albright** writes that she has been lost hopping since graduation. She lived on Block Island with **Lynda Geikeman** and **Denise Fleck Laque**, a ski resort in Colorado with Denise, and for the past four years at the beach in San Diego. **Karen** sees **Colbert** occasionally. She works in financial services at a credit union.

**Katie Ruppenthal Michaelson MLLA'94** is marketing coordinator for Historic Annapolis Foundation. She married **Rob Michaelson** in November 1995. **Rob** races yachts, so **Karen** has been to Bermuda for the Bermuda Ocean Yacht Race, to Key West for Race Week and hopes to be in Hawaii for the TransPac Race.

**Lauren Brumbach Rothermel** writes from Reading, Pa., that she is an elementary school teacher recently making a switch from fifth grade to sixth grade. **Lauren** married **Andrew** in May of 1996. **Carrie Faith Anderson** and **Mindy Hastings Lupiwok** were both in the wedding, and **Wendy Ruderman** and **Todd "Cid" Diamond** attended. The **Rothermels** recently got a beagle puppy, **Cassidy**, who is keeping them very busy.

"Emily is the most wonderful one-year old ever," writes **Melanie Tull Conley**. In addition to being a mom, she will be teaching at a new elementary school this fall. She says life is wonderful in Sykesville, and she loves seeing everyone.

House renovations have been keeping **Lori Perugini DeMatte** and husband **Denise '87** busy. She apologizes for not being able to make the reunion, but writes that she has recently seen **Beth Waldron, Grant Sheehan '92** and **Matt Caneclimo**.

**Judy Gibson** wrote last spring from Minnesota. She works for People, Inc. with toddlers in a child care center and

with mentally ill deaf adults. She also has been doing some free-lance interpreting. She has a daughter, **Kelsey Rowan Sorensen**, born in 1994.

**Stacy Hermann Austensen** is the health/fitness director at the Frederick County YMCA in Maryland. She and husband **Blake '88** have two new Rotweiler puppies to chew up the house. She misses all of her sorority buddies. "Oh, to be on Blanche third floor with a keg again."

Deerfield Beach, Fla., is now home to **John Cionfio**. He married **Julie Caldarella** in November of 1996, and they honeymooned in Switzerland skiing in Zermatt. He is an estimator for a construction company. He was recently visited by **Tim Ruggles** and **Brian Hughes**.

**Chris Campbell** (nos@ht.netcom.com) resides in Germantown, Md., with his "beautiful wife **Charron** and awesome son **Bailey Sebastian**." He is working for a major communications company, playing in a successful local rock band "Big Angry" and has started his own business, **CBC Marketing**, which is growing at a rapid pace. He hangs out with **Paul Gacione, Rob Welsh** and the "Baltimore gang" as much as he can. I (Melanie D'Amore) just finished my third year of teaching high school writing at the Katzenbach School for the Deaf in New Jersey. The summer of '97 found me back at summer camp in Erie, Pa. for year number eight. Keep those updates coming.

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93 After receiving her master's degree in psychology, **Dani Fox** is pursuing a master's degree in clinical social work at Fordham University. She is a psychotherapist in Newark, Del., and lives in Bloomfield, N.J. She hopes her Phi Mu sisters will come visit her soon!

**Rebecca Gaves** married **James Cinelli** on May 24, 1997, and enjoyed a honeymoon in Bermuda. She works at World Electronics in Morgantown, Pa., handling credit and accounts receivable. **Rebecca** says hello to all of her fellow Phi Alpha sisters and friends!

**Rob Brevetti** lives in New York City and works for Merrill Lynch as a financial consultant.

**Wendy Bollinger** and **Scott Stigler** were married July 14, 1996, and live in Tamarac, Fla.

**Bill Dolbow** enjoys working on Capitol Hill in the office of U.S. Representative **Tom Biley (R-Va.)**. He hopes to work in the White House

Press Office and on the campaign to beat **Al Gore** in 2000.

**Karen Eakens Anderson** begins her fourth year teaching at South Carroll High School this fall.

**Sandra Hoelz** enjoys the California life—yoga, volleyball, tai chi and avocados. She is a supervisor for San Jose's recycling program and says hello to her Omega friends and "fil" sis Denise!

**Dimitrios Garefalakis** married **Melissa Joy** in Nov. 1995 and graduated from dental school in May 1997. They live in Timonium, Md., and Dimitrios plans to work in Finksburg, Md.

After teaching Montessori school for three years, **Amy Hackman** moved to downtown Boston, and she loves it! She is an assistant manager with **Liz Claiborne**.

**Linda Chu** recently returned from a month long trip to Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai. She moved to New York to begin master's classes and will continue to work in the human resources field. She still keeps in touch with **Malin Jonsson '94, Dan Dias, Mark Long '94, Julie Rife, Kendra Harbaugh Sampson** and **Jessica Barlow '92**.

**Meg Gebrecht** is working at the Carroll County Health Department and plans to attend the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in 1998. She recently worked security for the **Tim Allen** movie filmed in Westminster, but did not see **Tim** or **Kirstie Alley!**

**Brenda Dorsch** is duplication coordinator for Producer's Video, a Baltimore post-production house which produces TV commercials. She lives in Catonsville.

**Jennifer Dean** graduated from the University of Boston School of Law in May and sat for the July Bar Exam. This fall she begins a one-year clerkship with The Honorable Judge **William W. Wenner (Md. Court of Special Appeals)**. She plans to join the Baltimore law firm **Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander** in 1998.

**Dawn Barnhart** lives in Harrisburg, Pa. and is a preschool teacher at U-Gro Learning Centers.

**Maria Lafferty Hopkins** is a physical therapist in Hagerstown, where she and her husband are renovating an old farmhouse. In August, they took a backpacking trip to British Columbia.

**Trisha Darmstead** is in the deaf education master's program at WMC, and also is interning as an interpreter at a sign language association in Silver Spring.

**Alex Batson** married **Rebecca Rhodes** in the fall of 1996 and honeymooned in Jamaica. They recently became parents of **Lyndsay Marie** and live in Columbia, Md., where **Alex** is employed by Allied Sign Aerospace.

**Erica Guenther** is in her fourth



year of teaching at Spring Garden Elementary and has been a guest speaker at various math and literature conferences.

**Carla Castagna** wed Tom O'Neill on Nov. 30, 1996, with a lot of her Phi Mu sisters there to celebrate. They bought a house in Amish country where they live with puppy, Jetta. Carla is the marketing director for Carlos R. Leffler, Inc. and C.R.'s Friendly Markets.

**Eva Putnam Beavan** graduated from UMAB School of Social Work in 1994. She is a therapist at CASA in Hagerstown, Md. Her first child, Laurel Elizabeth, was born on January 26, 1996.

**Jamie Bugg** wed Anthony Nazaro on July 19, 1996. They recently bought a townhouse in Olney. Jamie is a middle school counselor in Montgomery County.

**Cynthia Bair** wed Morris Pearson on May 16, 1997. They recently built a house in Northern Calvert County.

**Jackie Roberts Gage** is teaching fourth grade at Piney Ridge Elementary in Eldersburg, Md.

After graduating from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1996, and completing a one-year clerkship with the Frederick County Circuit Court Judges, **Mary McGuirk** was sworn in as an Assistant State's Attorney for Frederick County in August 1997. She lives in Frederick and teaches ballet in her spare time. A big "hello" to all her Phi Mu sisters and friends!

**Edward Buzzi** married Laura Glass on August 24, 1996 in Killingsworth, Conn. Attending were **Stephen Weidner, Jeremy Kenney, Rick McIntyre, Derek Johnston, Eric Disharoun, Brett Young '94, Chuck McLean '94, Marc Gettemy '94, Ray Pickersgill '94, John Wilson '95, and Jimmy Naughton '94. Bob McKenzie '37** sang at the ceremony.

**Brian Redding** lives in Frederick, and is the assistant men's soccer coach at WMC, where he is finishing his master's degree in counseling.

**Jennifer Johnson** celebrated two years with PSI Services, Inc. in Pikesville, Md. She is a social worker with special needs children and is looking for a job in adoptions.

**Captain Tanya Kabel Ballard** recently returned from her third Army deployment in Saudi Arabia. She and husband **Matt Ballard '92** stay in touch with **Bill and Heather Wakefield MS'95 Spatie, Katie Shepherd Marlowe** and **James Martin**.

**Christine Keiner** is a doctoral student in the history of science, medicine and technology at Johns Hopkins University.

After three years in Boston, **Coleen Klasmieier** is back home in Washington, D.C. practicing law at

Covington & Burling. She keeps in touch with **Tricia Duffy, D.J. Housley '92, Kim Bergen '92, Lauren Himmel '94 and Matt Bayley**.

**Catherine Kuhn** became a grandmother while finishing her fourth year as a medical student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

**Michelle Metzger-Lent** is completing her master's of science in occupational therapy from College of Misericordian, Pa.

**Any Lloyd** is working on her master's in counseling at WMC. She works part-time at WMC in the Academic Skills Center and full-time as a clinical assistant at The Thomas O'Farrell Youth Center. She keeps in touch with her Phi Mu sisters.

**Kristina Johnson** married **Corbett Logan** on August 7, 1993. They have a son, Brandon James, 2. Corbett received his MSW from UMAB in May 1997 and works at St. Elizabeth School. Kristina is an advocate for disabled adults.

**Andrea Mack** is completing her MBA at Johns Hopkins University and plans to go onto a Ph.D. program in business administration.

**Katie Shepherd Marlowe** recently celebrated her one year anniversary with husband Matt. She works as a high school English teacher in Calvert County, Md.

**Chris Marshall** rolls competitively for the Baltimore Rowing Club and is working on his MSBF at Johns Hopkins University. He supervises 401k representatives at T. Rowe Price.

**Corinne Milligan** is an evening news producer at KMUT in Twin Falls, Idaho.

**Michelle Miller** is a supervisor at the Bancroft School in Haddonfield, N.J. and is working towards a master's of special education and applied behavior analysis at Temple University.

**Karen Murphy** married **Anthony Ferguson** on May 3, 1997. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and now reside in Harford County, Md.

After dating five years, **Brenda Christensen Musselman** married boyfriend Brian. They are having fun playing with their new puppy and keep in touch with **Anna Myrpy** and **Craig Palmer**.

**Greg Ottwell** has worked at *Best Player* magazine for the past year.

**Jennifer Staub Orewiler** has been a reimbursement analyst at Owings Mills Integrated Health Services for the last 38 years.

**Kimberly Ostrow** discovered a passion for writing as a WMC theater reviewer and now writes theater reviews for *Intermission Magazine*. She also has a new job as a program analyst for the Office of Policy and Program Management for U.S. Public Health Services.

**Anna Myers Palmer** and husband

Craig had their first child, Aaron Robert in October 1995. She received her master's in social work in May 1995 and is a family and child therapist at Carroll County Youth Services Bureau in Westminster.

**Wendy Gayo** married **Brian Pardoe** in April 1997. After a honeymoon in Cozumel, Mexico they moved to Columbia, Md. She is a fund accountant at T. Rowe Price and is working on her MBA in finance at the University of Baltimore. Wendy keeps close with **Jessica Barlow '92, Erin Thompson Strovel, Katie Shepherd Marlowe** and **Sarah Biggs Warner '92**.

**Jennifer Justh Patterson** has been a nanny in Pittsburgh, Pa. and is pursuing a master's in child development at the University of Pittsburgh. She married **Rob Patterson '90**, who just completed his master's in the physician assistant program.

**Jodi Livingston Pierson** and **Kris** took an early golf vacation to Myrtle Beach and had fun painting their house this summer. Jodi is working on her MSW at Temple University. She spends time with **Beth Nidecker '94, Lanette Nidecker Vanston** and **Karin Wengert**.

**Lanette Nidecker and Rich Vanston '92** married in July 1996. Lanette is an international marketing manager for the Environmental Division of E.J. Krause & Associates, Inc. She keeps in touch with **Claudia Rojas, Katie Winkler, Karin Wengert, Jodi Livingston, Kris Pierson, Rob Brevetti** and **Alicia Albrecht '91**.

**Kendra Harbaugh Sampson** married **Todd** in July 1995. **Trisha Darmstead** and **Jessica Barlow '92** were bridesmaids, and over a dozen WMC graduates attended! **Kendra** and **Todd** honeymooned in Oregon and loved it so much they were to go there again in September. In August 1995, they bought a beautiful house in Middletown, Md., and were pleased to discover that their next door neighbor was **Scott King '98**.

**Jennifer S. Scott** was promoted to Captain taking command of the 10th MP Company on August 6, 1997, in Ft. Drum, N.Y. She invites WMC alumni to drop her a line by e-mail at [jennscott2@aol.com](mailto:jennscott2@aol.com).

**April Ommert Sexton** lives in Westminster with husband **Andrew '92**. Daughter Elizabeth was born on February 14, 1997.

**Martha Shaver** lives in Germantown, Md.

**Sherri L. Smith**, of Middletown, Md., is doing her residency in pediatrics at the University of Maryland Medical System in Baltimore.

**Robin Lang Snider** lives in Owings Mills, Md., and works for T. Rowe Price.

**Stacy Stauffer** lives in Yardley, Pa.

**Elizabeth Sullivan Stern** has stayed close friends with other Phi Alpha **Janet McWain, Christine VanVranken** and **Katie Dunn**. The four also visit **Kerry Meyers** and **Katie Keller**.

**Brad Strickler** married **Jennifer Keitholtz '95** on May 4, 1996. They live in Westminster, Md., where Brad is employed by HEALTHSOUTH Sports Medicine and is an athletic trainer at Westminster High School. They recently went to Ocean City, N.J., with **Eric Euler, Adam and Susan Pollard '94 Freimanis** and **Ed Larkin**. Brad plays baseball with **Jeffie Hitchner, Tony Brust '94, Jeff Laumann, Phil Lathroum, Wayne "Buffalo" Hurd, Brian Little '94 and Jerryersh '95**.

**Kourtney Sweeney** lives in Westminster, Md., and teaches second grade at Manchester Elementary School. She is in graduate school at WMC.

**Brenton H. Squires II** married **Emily Oland '94** in Little Baker Chapel on June 14, 1997. He writes from Laurel, Md., that he received an M.S. in mathematical sciences at Johns Hopkins University in 1995 and plays volleyball with **Jonathan Bochman '94** and **Danielle Harkins '94** in tournament doubles play.

**Erin Thompson** married **Jeff Strovel** on July 26, 1997, and honeymooned in Bermuda before returning home to White Marsh, Md. Erin is working on her Ph.D. in genetics at University of Maryland.

**Tracy Baynard Waddell** writes from St. Paul, Minn. that she works for Nordic Track and is a certified personal trainer at a local gym. She rock climbs and hikes with husband **Jeff** who is working on his Ph.D. Tracy wishes she could visit old friends more often.

**Elizabeth Wagner** married **Scott Betson '94** on June 21, 1997, with **Mary Wagner, Jennifer Harding, Patricia Duffy** and **Heather Spire** as bridesmaids. Elizabeth and Scott cruised to Bermuda on their honeymoon then moved to Winston-Salem, N.C., Elizabeth teaches high school in Forsythe County, N.C.

**Tracy Walter** now lives in Easton and is a Natural Resources Police Officer stationed in St. Michael's where she enforces recreational and commercial fishing, crabbing and boating activity on the Miles and Wye Rivers. She keeps in touch with **Lisa Bandel, Chris Owianiczki '92, Margaret Oehlers** and **Demetrios and Elaine Bohme Lambros**.

**Teri Warchime Johnson** married in April 1996. She lives in a condo in Columbia, Md., but would love to move back to Westminster. After graduation, she worked for Consumer First Mortgage and in January 1997 moved to Northstar Mortgage as a mortgage

loan processor. Teri enjoys her two dogs and jet skiing and keeps in touch with **Wendy Gayo Pardo**.

**Deborah Birely Wehl** teaches music in Washington County and is an agent for Performance Learning Systems. She has taught PLS classes for WMC and now for Wilkes University in Pennsylvania. Husband Jack is the social studies chairman at North Hagerstown High School in Washington County. Son Jackson is a sophomore at Penn State University and daughter Alicia, an early admissions student completing her freshman year of college and senior year of high school simultaneously, is a dance major at Goucher College.

**Melissa Williams Ross** married Mike on December 14, 1996, attended by Omega sisters **Erica Guenther** and **Karen Williams '98** (Melissa's little sister). The newlyweds and their golden retriever Edison recently moved to Charlotte, N.C. Melissa says hello to Omegas and Dr. Herb Smith.

**Lois Windsor** and Richard Buchanan married in 1993 and live in Westminster, Md. Lois devotes her time to son Mason, 3, and daughter Mable, 1 1/2. She often sees **Michelle Zepp '96** and her sister **Lisa Windsor McMillan**.

**Lisa Windsor McMillan** married David on July 20, 1997. Her maid of honor was **Lois Windsor Buchanan**, and bridesmaids included **Abbi Wicklein-Bayne '94**, **Susan Sommer '94** and **Michelle Zepp '96**. One of the ministers performing the ceremony was **Dr. Jarrett Wicklein '65**, and **Pam Gebhard Wicklein '68** sang during the ceremony. She lives in Cockeysville, Md. and is a teacher at the Love of Learning Montessori School in Columbia.

**DiAnne Byerly Wisotzkey** is a group therapist in a psychiatric partial hospitalization program. She and husband **Todd '94** recently celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary and have bought a new home in East Petersburg, Pa.

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**96** Welcome to the first class column for the Class of 1996! It's already been a year since graduation, and it looks like it's been a busy one for everyone. Thanks to all of you who took the time to write back and let us all know what you've been doing.

**Karen Beamer** (kbeamer@dd.edu) has completed her first year at the Dickinson School of Law finishing in the top 15 percent of her class. She also received two scholarships for the upcoming year.

**Larissa Beaven** is having a blast working at Glenelg Country School, a private institution in Howard County. She keeps in touch with **Shannon Wyble**, **Jim Clarius** and **Rick Wagman '91**. She shares an apartment in Westminster with **Susan Foreman**.

**Susan Foreman** (smf002@ns1.wmc.car.md.us) expects to complete a master's degree in special education at WMC in December. She asks that everyone wish her luck as she goes through another round of student teaching.

**Chiara Berlingo** (andy@ct1.nai.net) spent her summer working at the C.H. Booth Library in Newtown, Conn. She has been working on her master's of library science, but a planned move to Boston at the end of the summer has put that on hold for awhile.

**Bobbi Boney** lives in Baltimore and is a clinical assistant in the neurobehavioral unit at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. She implements behavioral treatment protocols for children in the unit, and says that it is very difficult but extremely interesting work.

**Cara Ditto** (caraditto@aol.com) received her master's of social work in May from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She is a domestic violence counselor at the private, non-profit Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center of Harford County in Bel Air, Md.

**Julie Kuerner** is working as a school-age teacher at the Bethesda/Lynbrook Children's School. She lives in College Park, Md.

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**Carric Frith** moved to New York after graduation. She is a graphic designer for Human-i-Tees, an environmental fundraising company.

**Jennifer Fleming** (fleming@erols.com) is also a graphic designer, recently hired by Allsigns in her hometown of Bel Air, Md. She is very excited about the new job.

**Steven Eckstrom** spent the summer spelunking, rock climbing and kayaking with middle school children in Columbia, Md., as a camp director. He will be teaching sixth grade math in the fall at the brand new Murray Hill Middle School.

**Kathy Gaston** (kg4p@virginia.edu) began her second year of graduate school in the math department of the University of Virginia. She has enjoyed several opportunities to visit the Hill over the past year and hang out with fellow WMC alumni. She also spent several days in Houston during March visiting **Greta Powell '94**.

While taking graduate classes at Johns Hopkins University, **Char Gaylin** (cgaylin@phnet.sph.jhu.edu) has also been working in the University's graduate admissions office. She still keeps in touch with **Melissa Gooding '94**, **Laurie Clark '95**, **Katherine Hosier '94**, **Sandy Fox '95** and **Amy Weigelt**.

Summer weekends were a little bit out of the ordinary for **Terry "T.J." Grable** (barbedbar@aol.com). He spent many of them as a performer on a murder mystery train and hosted a weekend talk show at WFMD Radio. He was also the producer and news director at Cable Channel 10 in Frederick, Md. A move to California is scheduled for the Fall.

Second Lieutenant **Kimberly Haker**

(hakerk#725ign7.7sigdc.army.mil) is a platoon leader in a Tactical Satellite Company in Mannheim, Germany. She also has spent time traveling and working in other countries. She is looking forward to having **Todd Recthless '97** join her in Germany. She misses all of her Omega sisters and other WMC friends and invites them all to come visit her in Europe!

**Erin Field Kerner** is another European resident. She moved to England in the spring.

**Anne Hillery** (ahillery@aol.com) is pursuing a master's degree in entomology at Virginia Tech.

While working for the Civilian Complaint Review Board in New York City, **Melvin G. Brennan III** (g\_2kreb@twu.edu) appeared on the cover of the October 1, 1996, issue of *New York Newslady*. The picture was part of a feature article about civilian investigation of the N.Y. Police Department. In April, Melvin began working with Steve Mariotti, president and founder of the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship. This non-profit organization teaches at-risk inner city youth how to start their own businesses. He planned to take a position with American Airlines in the Dallas, Texas area through the fall of 1998 and then attend the New York University Film School.

**Tania Huzarewicz**

(huzar@road.net) is an editorial assistant for the American Society for Microbiology in Washington, D.C.

**Ridge Knauff** is still bartending at the Crackpot and is the youngest restaurant and bar manager they've ever had. Despite working nearly seven days a week, he still found time to take up golf and play in a USAAA Men's Softball League with the Crackpot Nighthawks. He has moved out on his own in Parkville, Md.

**Micah Humbert** is an advocate for families and children with disabilities for the Epilepsy Association of Maryland. This summer he worked at a camp for children with special needs and coordinated a jobs program for young adults with developmental disabilities.

Two jobs also keep **Darcel Harris** (dht001@wmc.edu) busy. She is an adult educator for Carroll County Public Schools and a GED teacher, computer trainer, and employee specialist for the Human Services Program in Westminster. She still composes poetry, and has written a children's book with her daughter, which they hope to have published in the near future. She also preached her first sermon at the Westminster SDA Church.

**Noel Alampi** (savvynoy@aol.com) loves her job in Wheaton Village, N.J., at the Gallery of American Craft where she assists in the organization and setup of gallery exhibits that showcase artists from around the world. Wheaton Village is one of the few places left in the world to keep the tradition of hand blowing glass alive. She says that having an intelligent discussion with a marble sculptor, for which she thanks her WMC professors, was a major highlight for her.

I'm currently a data analyst and management trainee at MedSurg/Isolyser Healthcare in Herndon, Va. I'm living in McLean, Va. with **Paul Matkovic**. Paul is a psychiatric technician at Chestnut Lodge Hospital in Rockville, Md.

Thanks again to those of you who responded, and I look forward to hearing from many more people in the upcoming year. Please write whenever you have news, and encourage the people that you stay in touch with to drop me a line as well. Best wishes for the rest of 1997!

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# Teaching is Art

BY IRA G. ZEPP JR.

In spite of claims made about ladies of the evening or priests at the altar, teaching is the oldest and holiest profession. It is not accidental that the founders of the major religions were teachers. And since teaching is not just what we do, but how we do it, teaching is an art. And because art matters, I sincerely wish for my students:

- to think clearly, speak persuasively, write accurately, and to be more critical, curious and imaginative;
- to be multi-culturally literate;
- to remember, notwithstanding Gradgrind's plea for "facts, nothing but facts" in Dickens' "Hard Times," there is no uninterpreted fact and that it is crucial to know who is doing the interpreting;
- to love honor more than honors;
- to be real and authentic persons in spite of a society filled with canned laughter, lip-synching, artificial turf, teflon presidents, resume de-coders and spin doctors;
- to combine academic competence with a moral conscience or as the Bible says, "to get a heart of wisdom;" and as well
- to question conventional wisdom, to resist conformity, to be intellectually contentious and hard to please;
- to buck the tide and reject the popular creed that rules are for fools and greed is good;
- to de-provincialize your mind;
- to develop a crap-detector to see through political speeches, media sound bites, TV evangelists, professors' lectures and newspaper columnists;
- to understand that the acquisition of knowledge is second only to its use or as Aristotle said, "knowledge is virtue;"



- to discover your unique voice and to speak it courageously;
- to ask the big questions: Why are there so many poor people? Why don't we learn from history? Why do we need someone to look down on? Why is it so hard to unlearn prejudice?

And let us teachers continue:

- to stay current and competent in our academic discipline;
- to love our students. Nothing very much will happen apart from affirming relationships;
- to jump start the heart as well as the head—to be mature enough not to give "gotcha" tests;
- to make sure that teaching does not have to fulfill all our needs;
- to inflict ourselves and our students with questions while not having to supply all the answers;
- to engage in the balance and exchange of ideas;

- to understand that learning is never value-free;
- to see teaching as a vocation, not a career;
- to kneel before our students from time to time as a sign of respect and vulnerability;
- to talk with our students, not at them, nor down to them;
- to recognize that a minority person cannot speak for the entire group;
- to assume that homosexual persons, the invisible minority, are in our classes;
- to heed the Chinese proverb: "Tell me and I will forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I will learn;"
- to celebrate the cognitive and affective dimensions of learning;
- to be firm and fair;
- to remember that in us is an uncontrollable beast called hope with an insatiable appetite satisfied only by our students' desire to learn;
- to consistently correct last year's mistakes so we are perpetually born-again teachers;
- to believe the world can be improved;
- to appreciate how often tragedy stalks our students' lives;
- to know that, first of all, teaching is learning;
- to treasure our intellectual scars; we are better teachers because of them;
- to lower our decibel level of cynicism;
- to practice the Hippocratic oath of teaching: Never lose faith in your students.

Since Picasso, Bach, T. S. Eliot, Michelangelo, Nureyev and other great artists, as well as our philosophers, scientists, political and religious leaders had teachers, teaching surely ranks up there with the finest of the arts. •



E. M. WINTER JR.

**SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD**  
 Members of Gamma Beta Chi, better known as the "Betes," rooted on the winning Terror team at their 75th Homecoming, Oct. 25. The fraternity, which currently has 11 members, began as a literary society back in 1922. They hosted a reunion party in September in Columbia, Md., where 150 brothers gathered to celebrate the landmark year.

## ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR

All alumni and their guests are invited to alumni events. Those living outside the sponsoring chapter's zip code may make reservations by calling the Office of Alumni Affairs: 410-857-2296.

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**Sun., March 1**

Young Alumni Leaders Evening with the President.

**Fri., April 3**

Anne Arundel Alumni Chapter. Busch's Chesapeake Restaurant. Chapter President: Kay Kaiser Frantum '45.

**Sat., April 18**

Student Gospel Choir Benefit Concert "On to Vienna," directed by Eric Bryd '93

**Mon., April 20**

Alumni Council dinner meeting.

**May 29-31**

Alumni Weekend. Class reunions for 1923, '28, '33, '38, '43, '48, '53, '58 and master's degree 1993, '95, '97.

**Sat., October 17**

Homecoming. Class reunions for 1963, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93.

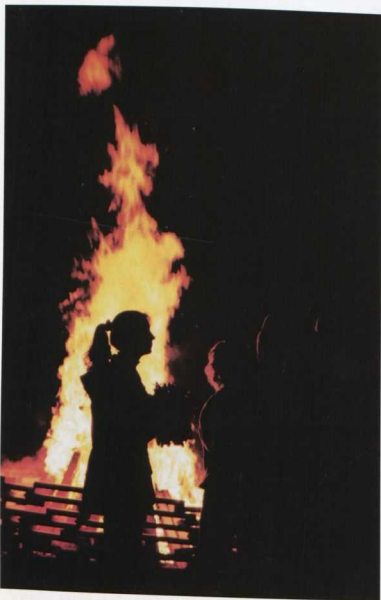


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#### TURNING UP THE HEAT

Students braved a soggy night to rally around a bonfire on the eve of the Western Maryland-Hopkins game. Fifty years ago, some students had other plans before the face off. They were scheming up a prank to end all pranks between the rival schools. Let's just say it involved hamburgers, beer and a covert kidnapping. See p. 21 for the story.

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#### A PLACE FOR ART

The Ikenga figure (left), used as a household shrine among the once-warlike Igbo of Nigeria, is one of 57 pre-Columbian and tribal African art pieces in the Albert and Eva Blum Collection, acquired by the college last summer and on permanent display in Peterson Hall's Rice Gallery.

Well-known in Baltimore for their interest in African art, Judge Albert and Eva Blum collected tribal and ancient art objects on their travels around the world to five continents and the islands of Oceania. Among the unique collection is carved ivory from Africa and Asia, African masks and pre-Columbian pottery.

Turn to page 18 to read about the college's newest treasure, a collection of sculpture bequeathed by former boxer and well-known athletics sculptor Joe Brown.

Other campus jewels include the Myers Collection of Egyptian, Greek, Roman and Native American art—on display in Hoover Library and the Rice Gallery—and the Mathews Collection of European items scattered around campus, including works by Turner, Daumier and Picasso.

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Art professor Wasyl Paliczuk's granite fountain sculpture rests quietly in the Benson Sculpture Garden outside of Hoover Library. To learn about WMC's newest sculptures, see page 18.  
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# News

## From The Hill

### Martin Treks Down Under

After marking the 200th win of her career in January, women's head basketball coach Becky Martin '80, MEd.'81 took a trip, and it wasn't to Disneyland. Martin, also a physical education lecturer and assistant track and field coach at the college, headed to Australia as an ambassador for the Rotary Foundation International's Group Study Exchange program.

In April, Martin joined four other Marylanders for a six-week journey through Australia's Canberra region, between Sydney and Melbourne. On her first trip Down Under, the Westminster native planned to talk to members of Australian Rotary clubs about life in Carroll County—its agriculture and industry, the role of the college in the county and what it's like to be the coach with the most wins on campus after 17 seasons. A group of Australian ambassadors were to tour the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., corridor at the same time.

"The Australians will be very impressed with her," said H. Kenneth Shook '52, a Maryland Rotary District Governor who recommended Martin. Shook, former dean of admissions and financial aid for the college, has known Martin's family for years and has followed her coaching career. "I was looking for someone who demonstrated they would be willing to give of themselves, as well as someone who would benefit from this opportunity," he said.

Martin hoped to talk to coaches in Australia's sports administration programs and



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**Women's Basketball Coach Becky Martin toured the land of kangaroos as a Rotary Foundation ambassador.**

check out their basic life support and emergency medical services systems to see how they utilize the latest lifesaving techniques, information she can pass on to her CPR classes at the college.

The ambassadors were to stay with Australian families. "It seems like a fun group," Martin said before leaving, noting that some of the group planned to explore the Outback and snorkel around the Great Barrier Reef together after their Rotary commitment. The ambassadors from Maryland include a wildlife sculptor from Baltimore, a chemist from Baltimore Gas and Electric's Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Plant in Calvert County, Md., and an administrator from Villa Julie College near Towson, Md. ●

### Working for World Peace

In early February, 20 WMC students traveled to Boston to participate in the Harvard Model United Nations, the world's oldest and largest model United Nations program for college students. Over 2,000 students from more than 15 countries took part in the program's 44th session.

This year WMC students played the role of delegates from Spain. Throughout the four-day conference they debated topics like drug trafficking, space exploration and tensions in Iraq, promoting the position of their country. The ultimate goal of the program, according to co-adviser Charles Neal, associate professor of political science, is for the countries to reach a resolution that promotes global peace, cooperation and understanding.

"The conference is a great opportunity to debate issues with other students and to learn how to effectively articulate arguments," said senior Christian Wilwohl, a political science and international studies major who has been a delegate for the past two years.

Sara Beth Reyburn, a senior political science and history major, competed against students from some of the top schools in the nation to be a delegate on a special NATO committee. The highlight of her trip was "seeing the city of Boston, as well as getting a chance to know my professors on a more personal level," she said.

Also advising the delegation from WMC, which has participated in the Harvard program for 27 years, was Robert Weber, professor of political science. This year's head delegates, who act as liaisons between the other students, the faculty advisers and the

program organizers, were seniors Andrea Kalisperis and Rebecca Tothoro. Students prepare for the trip in Neal's January Term course "International Simulations: A Study of the U.N."

—Mandy Hofstetter '98

## All Wired Up

From on-line class discussions to high-tech tools to keep the campus safer, computer technology is charging up the college.

The faculty gathered before the semester began to discuss using technology in the classroom. A panel of professors who are already using computers to enhance their classroom teaching shared their new methods.

Esther Iglich, professor of biology, keeps her students up-to-date with the rapidly changing field of environmental biology by tracking on-line



journals. Pam Regis, associate professor of English, posts papers from her creative writing class on a list-serve, an e-mail distribution list that links the students in her class to each other and allows them to read and critique papers remotely. Others use computer modeling to explain

complex scientific theories or programs to chart experiment results.

Meanwhile, Information Services, the department responsible for maintaining the college's computers, is working to keep the seven campus computer labs hosting 137 computers up and running for students. The computer lab in Hoover Library went 24-hours this spring, allowing students to work through the wee hours, access their E-mail accounts and surf the Internet.

The computer to undergraduate ratio is currently 1 to 9, a very good number, said Chris Mathews, director of information services. "There are many schools where students have to sign up for a time to use the computer," she said. "That doesn't happen here."

Work is also being done to allow students in the residence halls to access the world wide web from their own computers, an increasing part of their homework in some classes.

The world of gigabytes is even touching the Department of Campus Safety, which was awarded more than \$4,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to install a computerized incident reporting system. It will replace the current manual program that requires campus officers to write and rewrite reports, said Michael Webster, director of campus safety, saving more than eight hours per week and allowing the officers more time in the campus community. •



C. KURT HARTER

## Mastering the Workplace

Lisa Talbott already knows what she wants to see at the top of her holiday gift list in 1999, and she's working hard to make sure her wish comes true.

An employment consultant with the Carroll County government, Talbott is one of 12 students in Western Maryland's newest graduate program in which students can earn a master's degree in human resources development in two years. Her graduation is set for December 1999.

"I didn't set out to be a human resources professional," she said. "But everything I had ever done, even four years in the Marine Corps, had to do with people. I decided to put a cap on it and bring it all into focus with a degree that pulls all of those experiences together."

The program, endorsed by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, uses a cohort model. Up to 25 students complete the degree requirements as a group, tak-

Sherri Hughes teaches teamwork as head of the new master's program in human resources development.

ing courses in sequence by cycling through 13 courses of six weeks each, said Sherri Hughes, associate professor of psychology and coordinator of the human resources development program. The format allows for cooperative learning throughout the program and facilitates the development of teamwork, interpersonal skills and important professional networks, Hughes said, noting this is WMC's first cohort model program.

"You become very comfortable with the people in the cohort and enjoy a relationship much like what you share with co-workers," said student Tricia Wagaman. "It makes it much easier to discuss very sensitive issues. We have built a lot of trust with each other."

A human resources professional at York International in Pennsylvania, Wagaman was willing to share her department's experience when the plant was destroyed by a

C is for Commencement: mystery writer Sue Grafton will be one of three honorary degree recipients at the ceremony May 23.

chemical explosion. One worker was killed and many others were injured.

"I could tell them how we handled the crisis, how the incident affected employees and how it is still going on for us in my department," said Wagaman, who joined the program to make herself eligible for more promotions within her company. "I'm sure I would never have shared that in a regular course setting."

Talbot and Wagaman are members of the first cohort who kicked off their program in November. A new cohort is planned for September 1998.

The program includes courses in human resources development and related topics, such as research methods, group dynamics and cultural diversity, as well as workplace experiences. Hughes said the objectives of the program are based on the competencies for human resources development professionals established by the American Society for Training and Development.

Upon completion of the program, students should have multiple career options. The field of human resources is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2005, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' 1996-97 *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, and will increase about 32 percent over the next decade.

"I am not using this to get into any specific company or area," said Talbot, "But I know I will have the skills to be able to go wherever the opportunity arises." •



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## Success No Mystery to Honorary PhDs

Mystery writer Sue Grafton is so popular that people are naming their children after her protagonist, Kinsey Milhone. The award-winning author, known for thrillers such as "A is for Alibi" and her newest book "N is for Noose," will be given an honorary degree at this spring's commencement ceremony.

She will be joined by Ervin S. Duggan—head of the Public Broadcasting System, as well as co-author of the 1977 political novel "Against All Enemies"—and top investment money manager Eddie Brown.

Grafton, a former Hollywood screenwriter, has sold more than two million hardcover copies of her books and more than 16 million paperbacks in the United States alone. Her work appears in 22 other languages in 27 countries.

Ervin S. Duggan was handed the Public Broadcasting System control board in 1994 after serving as head of the Federal Communications Commission under President George Bush. PBS has since boosted its revenue from private sources and undertaken several new programming, education and technology initiatives. Prior job titles include

CEO of his own consulting firm in public and governmental relations, national editor of *Washington Magazine*, reporter for *The Washington Post*, director at The Smithsonian Institution and an assistant in the administrations of Presidents Johnson and Carter.

President and CEO of Brown Capital Management, Inc., Eddie Brown was called "one of the most careful, and successful, students of securities alive today," by Louis Rukeyser of Wall Street Week. Before forming his own company, which now ranks nationally among the top 25 percent of all money managers, Brown was a vice president at T. Rowe Price. In 1997, he was named to *Wall Street Week's* Hall of Fame. He has earned degrees from Howard University and Indiana University. •

## Getting Down to Business

Two Baltimore area businessmen accepted nominations to the Board of Trustees this year. Jerome H. Fader, a member of WMC's Class of 1956, and Steven D. Kesler will serve three-year terms on the 42-member board.

Fader is the president of the Heritage Automotive Group of Owings Mills, Md., boasting 19 dealerships in Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Harford

counties. He is one of two dealership owners nationwide to sit on the Saturn Council of America and has served as the only retail member of the General Motors Policy Board. An



New Trustee Jerry Fader.

active member of his Baltimore community, Fader has served on the Board of Trustees of Beth Tfiloh Community School, the development board of Sinai Hospital and as chairman of the corporate gift committee of Beth Tfiloh Synagogue. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Maryland Shock Trauma. Fader's oldest son Steven is also a WMC graduate.

Kesler is president of Constellation Investments, Inc., a subsidiary of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company. Before stepping into the role of president in 1988, he served the company as treasurer, assistant secretary and supervisor of corporate development. He earned a bachelor's degree



New Trustee Steve Kesler.

from New York University and a master's from Wharton Graduate School, University of Pennsylvania. A certified public accountant in Maryland, Kesler is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants, the Baltimore Society of Security Analysts and the Association for Investment Management and Research. He is also director of Capital Re Corporation and a member of the senior advisory board of Combined Health Agencies of Maryland. He is a former 10-year member of the Board of Trustees of Adat Chaim Synagogue. ●

## Earn Credits at Common Ground

Looking for a summer class? How about Didgeridoo 101 or Advanced Bagpipes? Common Ground on the Hill's fourth annual summer program, "Traditions: Native American, Black & White," will again feature workshops in music, dance, poetry and storytelling, except this year students can earn undergraduate or graduate credits for participating.

Walt Michael '68, who founded the nonprofit center for the arts in 1994, began the weeklong program as a way to bring people of all backgrounds together through music and the arts. "Sure, we all have differences, but we have even more in common, and we can come together through the arts and share those

experiences," said Michael, an internationally recognized hammered dulcimer player. He was also named the college's artist-in-residence this year.

Students can attend the full session and be eligible to earn three credits toward a bachelor's or master's degree. Students will be required to follow up with a professor who is overseeing the credit program and complete a special project.

Besides the didgeridoo, an ancient Australian aborigine instrument, and bagpipes, courses offered include Michael's dulcimer of choice and the smaller mountain dulcimer, African dance and drum, Native American shell carving and minstrel shows, as well as classes in banjo, fiddle, guitar and harmonica.

Not all courses in Common Ground's summer session will be available for credit, Michael said. Undergraduate and

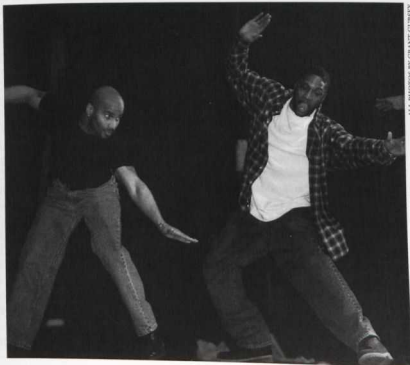
graduate program officials will determine which courses qualify this spring. For more information, contact Michael at 410/857-2771 or [cground@qis.net](mailto:cground@qis.net). ●

## Stay Tuned for Summer Productions

Theatre on the Hill producer Ira Domser likes to stretch his audience a bit each year, so he sets up his summer season like the Thursday night TV schedule on NBC—two popular blockbusters sandwiched around a lesser-known production. For this year's 17th season, "The House of Blue Leaves" will join Broadway favorites "The Sound of Music" and "Gypsy."

## STEPPIN' BACK TO AFRICA

Step groups from black sororities and fraternities throughout the region shook Alumni Hall Theatre Feb. 14 for the second year in a row to help WMC celebrate Black History Month. In addition to nights of drama, film, comedians, a roof-raising gospel jubilee and a belly-rubbing soul food dinner, WMC's own Ira Zepp '52, President Robert Chambers, Walt Michael '68 and Rosemary Maxey reflected on the day Martin Luther King, Jr. died. The intense panel discussion took students through a time warp back to a campus struggling with race relations in the late 1960s.



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"I try to provide a balance," said Domser, associate professor of theatre. "You have to do musicals where everyone knows the songs and then something very good that they might not have heard much about."

"The House of Blue Leaves" may be better known to some theatre goers than previous choices. The most recent Broadway revival earned Tony Awards for Swoosie Kurtz and John Mahoney, and the play won an Obie Award when it was off-Broadway, Domser said.

The somewhat dark but wistful comedy was written by John Guare, who also wrote the more popular "Six Degrees of Separation," which spawned a movie and a popular name game that involves linking actor Kevin Bacon to random movie stars.

The play revolves around Artie Shaughnessy, a zookeeper who fancies himself a great songwriter. A trip to New York to perform his songs for a movie producer friend coincides with the pope's Big Apple visit and Artie's troubled son's attempt to off the pontiff. On top of it all, Artie is the only one who doesn't realize that his supposedly original songs are based on Christmas tunes.

"The House of Blue Leaves" opens July 11. "The Sound of Music" kicks off the season on June 19, and "Gypsy" starts July 24. "Aladdin" will be this year's Saturday matinee and will run from late June through the end of the season. The cast will also host its Fabulous Post-Show Cabaret, a late-night drama fest after the Saturday main feature. For more information, call the WMC Box Office at 410/857-2448. ●

## Seaman's Defining Moment

While Punxsutawney Phil was preparing to check out his shadow February 2, Richard Seaman was practicing his acceptance speech for receiving one of the most prestigious awards in his field.

Seaman, the college's vice president for Institutional Advancement, was named 1998 Professional of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's (CASE) District 2, one of the greatest thrills of his professional life, he said. The award, given annually to an advancement professional who has demonstrated distinguished service to the field, was made during the joint CASE Districts 1 and 2 Conference in Canada.

CASE is an international association of professionals in alumni relations, communications and fund raising at colleges, universities and independent elementary and secondary schools. District 2 stretches from Maryland to Canada and has a membership of more than 700 institutions and 6,000 individuals.

"It is a truly humbling honor for anyone to be recognized by one's peers," Seaman said. "And it is a special privilege to have Western Maryland honored in this way, too."

Seaman, who will retire this year (see page 23 for more), was honored for more than three decades of service to CASE at the district and national levels. He has 38 years of experience in higher education, nearly 31 of those in fund raising, including close to

seven years at the helm of WMC's institutional advancement division. He has also held positions at Ohio's Oberlin College, Brown University in Rhode Island, Skidmore College in New York and Maine's Bowdoin College. He has participated in six comprehensive fund raising campaigns with combined goals nearing \$350 million, including the current Defining Moment campaign, which has tallied more than \$32 million toward its \$40 million campaign scheduled to close Dec. 31, 1999.

He has chaired CASE's national educational fund-raising committee, as well as the Winter Institute for Chief Advancement officers. A member of CASE's board of trustees from 1986-1988, he was one of three educational fund-raising professionals on the national Task Force to Study the Ethics of Advancement in Higher Education that produced "The Ethics of Asking," recognized as a definitive book on fund raising. Seaman authored one chapter and contributed to another.

"It has been a very special experience to be a part of Western Maryland," he says. "Few colleges have the ambiance and caring that we have here, and to be part of such a special community has been a great honor in itself."

After retiring, Seaman and his wife, Sue, plan to spend summers at the family's cottage in Maine. ●



Seniors Katie Haley and Will Marshall reach record-breaking career heights.

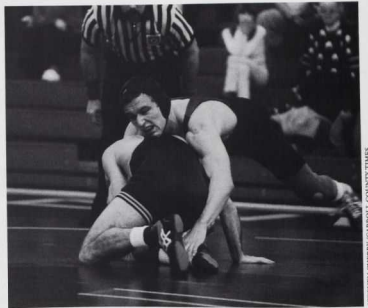
## Seniors Slam Dunk Scoring Records

February was red hot for two basketball players who became Western Maryland's all-time scoring leaders. Senior forward Will Marshall set the Western Maryland men's career scoring record, which had stood for 46 years, just two days after senior forward Katie Haley set the school's women's career scoring record.

"These kinds of athletes come around two or three times in your career, if you're lucky," says women's basketball coach Becky Martin '80. "For both of them to be able to attain this achievement at the same time in the season, I think it's pretty special."

Marshall, of Sparrows Point, Md., became the school's all-time leading men's basketball scorer Feb. 14 on a jumper against Gettysburg College. The basket gave Marshall 1,565 points, surpassing the 1,564 compiled by Art Press '52.

"We went from worst to first in four years," said Terror wrestling coach John Lowe of the team's first conference title. Right, sophomore Andrey Brenner duels for a win that would help launch him to the NCAA national competition with senior Steve Smiddy.



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Marshall ended his career with 1,620 points.

Senior forward Katie Haley of Rockville, Md., became the college's women's career scoring leader just two days earlier against Elizabethtown on a short jumper with 3:41 left in the second half. The shot earned her 1,579 points, surpassing the 1,577 racked up by Cindy Boyer '87. She also broke her own coach's record for most points scored in a single season.

The 5' 11" co-captain set school single-season records for points (502), free throws (160) and attempted free throws (234), finishing her career with a school-record 1,674 points.

The record-breakers were also selected to the All-Centennial Conference (CC) basketball first teams—Haley's second consecutive first-team honor and Marshall's first.

Haley is second in the Centennial in scoring after averaging 19.3 points and 9.9 boards

per game for the 16-10 Green Terror. She also received the conference's Player of the Week recognition two weeks in a row.

Marshall made his first appearance on the men's top team as the conference's leading scorer with a 20.9 points-per-game average for the 11-12 team. The 6' 6" two-time team tri-captain was seventh in the conference in rebounding with a 6.7 average. He was on the All-CC second team each of the past two seasons. ●

## Wrestlers Win Centennial Conference

Four years ago the Green Terror wrestling team was rated next to last in the Centennial Conference. This year they rose to the top and claimed the conference title for the first time.

"We knew we could do it;

we just had to get it done," said four-year Head Coach John Lowe, who led the team to a 21-8 season, the most wins by any wrestling team in Terror history.

The Green Terror won its first title in the five-year-old conference at Swarthmore in mid-February. The team earned 104 team points—a conference record, to defeat two-time defending champion Ursinus by 17.

The Terror boasted five individual champions and two runners-up at the competition. All winning their first Centennial titles were freshmen Rodney Stine and Andrey Brenner, sophomores Chris Polin and Scott Taylor,

and junior Josh Ellin.

Steve Smiddy, the only senior on the team, and sophomore Charlie Conaway placed second for Western Maryland in the conference. Smiddy took second at the NCAA Division III East Regional tournament and concluded his wrestling career with a 95-41 record, claiming more wins than any past Terror wrestler. He made his third trip to the NCAA Nationals—the top of the wrestling ranks—in March but was eliminated early in the competition. He will sign on as assistant coach next year.

The young team, primarily freshman and transfer sophomores, matured quickly over the season and finished winning 14 out of 15 of their last duels, Lowe said.

Freshman Rodney Stine opened his collegiate career with a sparkling 36-16 record and has already set the college's single-season records for pins (16) and team points (110).

Sophomore Andrey Brenner, a Ukrainian junior national champion before coming to the United States, came in third at the East Regional, bouncing back from an early-season ankle injury to finish 22-3. He went all the way to the NCAA national competition, but fell just short of a bid for All-America honors. ●

### WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE 1997-98 WINTER SPORTS

Sport	Overall Record	Centennial Record	Centennial Finish	Postseason Individual Honors
Men's Basketball	11-12	6-7	4th/5*	1 All-CC 1st Team
Women's Basketball	16-10	10-4	T2nd/5*	1 All-CC 1st Team 1 All-CC 2nd Team
Men's Swimming	5-5	1-5	5th/7^	
Women's Swimming	3-8	2-5	6th/8^	
Men's Indoor Track			6th/9^	
Women's Indoor Track			4th/9	1 All-CC 1st Team
Wrestling	21-8	6-0	1st/7^	5 All-CC 1st Team

T-Tied

\*-Centennial Conference-Western Division

^-Centennial finish based on placing at postseason championship

Jim Zucco '73 Storms the  
Cyberworld

# Revolutionary Man

BY AMY PELSINSKY

**J**im Zucco '73 rips the brown paper from another book that has just arrived in the mail. It's called, "Strategy II: How winning companies dominate their competition." Some would say he could have written it himself. Head of a communications technology firm on the mend, Zucco has been a well-known forward-thinking leader in the telecommunication industry since the Bell system broke up and computers began to take over the world.

He arrived in his corner office a year ago from Lucent Technologies, Inc., where he was president of a new communications software business and, at one point, oversaw the company's \$8.5-billion business in the North American telecommunications marketplace. He had always wanted to run a small to midsize public company, and after stints with AT&T and MCI, where he launched the notorious Friends and Family program, Zucco got his chance as CEO of Shiva Corporation, a remote access provider in dire straits who lured him to bring the company back to its former glory.

Several years ago, Shiva was a remote access leader. Its complex boxes of computer chips and software allowed workers to tap into their company's computer network from their homes, hotel rooms or branch offices. When telecommuting took off a couple of years ago, Shiva's sales and profits skyrocketed. However, the company missed the next wave, tapping into the growth of the Internet, and fell behind its competitors, its products unable to accommodate the overwhelming demand. Its stock collapsed, falling more than 90 percent at one point.

It is Zucco's job to set the company on the right track again—and one step ahead of the rest of the crowd. After less than a

year on the job, some savvy deals and a new management team hand-picked by Zucco, stock prices are already up 50 percent.

"I have a fatal attraction for chaos," he says with an easy laugh. "I like what I do. I like a challenge. I like taking risks. I like taking things that aren't predictable and making them predictable."

He stretches out in an armchair in his office just outside of Boston, feet propped up on a table, kicking back a bottle of root beer. He's wearing worn jeans and a crisp checkered oxford shirt with an expensive pen tucked in the pocket.

His desk is empty—after all, this is the computer business, who needs paper—except for a gathering of picture frames holding his kids and three multi-colored juggling balls.

"It's a metaphor for what I do in my life," he says, jumping up to give the balls a whirl.

He works to keep more than 600 employees, shareholders and customers happy during his 60- to 80-hour week. Whether he's hosting a conference call to Wall Street to report on the fourth quarter company earnings, setting the strategy to lift the company out of a two-year depression or motivating his highly skilled work force, Zucco is running in high gear.

When he's not working hard, he's playing hard. Running, skiing, biking. And it's never a leisurely jaunt around the block. It's a marathon, a physical and mental battle. On his office wall hangs a pastel of the C&O Canal near Washington, D.C., where he and a stalwart group of friends annually ride the length of the C&O Canal (184.5 miles). They start at midnight and end with dinner at the Four Seasons hotel in Georgetown. He participated in a 90 km

As head of Shiva Corporation, Jim Zucco '73 faces his biggest career challenge yet—leading a one-time remote access leader back to the top.





cross-country ski race in Sweden in February. "I finished," he says, an accomplishment in itself. For Zucco, there is no other option.

### *Making the Connection*

A funny thing happened on the way to graduate school: Jim Zucco discovered computers. A psychology major who admitted to having little direction, Zucco showed a spark his senior year helping Dr. Howard Orenstein on an intense project concerning issues in perceptual learning. Orenstein even wrote Zucco a recommendation ironically stating, "Within the last six to seven months, Jim has begun to make a commitment to the field of psychology." At the very least, he made a commitment to a project that required an enormous amount of work, thousands of hours punching paper tapes and running nearly 200 human subjects, "an incredible number," Orenstein says.

"It's indicative of the kind of person he is," Orenstein says. "He is thorough and takes on a challenge."

And in a roundabout way, it whet his appetite for the computer world. The study generated a lot of data, Zucco remembers. "I was required to do a seven-way analysis of the variance, a lot of sums of squares," he says. "At the time, I only had access to an electrical, mechanical calculator." There was, however, a computer terminal in the library, and that got Zucco thinking about writing a program to do the calculations. He had no formal computer programming training when he started the project. It was just one of those things you know how to do. And one of those things Zucco pursued.

Instead of streaming into graduate school after graduation, Zucco took a couple years off to work for the Social Security Administration as a computer programming trainee. And before you can say megabyte, he was hooked.

"I fell in love with the discipline," he says. "I was at the right place at the right time. There was a lot happening."

After heading a computer security practice for the inspector general's office of the Department of Health and Human



MARK SWISHER

Services, Zucco began to make a steady beeline for the top, learning how to manage business computer communications in a highly competitive and rapidly changing industry. After earning an MBA in business at Loyola College, he zipped through one computer and telecommunications company after another, dragging them into the future and leaving them behind for another challenge.

"He pushes himself beyond all limits," said college buddy Frank Schaeffer '73, who has repeatedly watched Zucco "reach down and grab a little more" to achieve his goals, whether he's running a marathon or running a company. "It's amazing, his drive to be successful in whatever he is doing."

An ad in the *Wall Street Journal* took Zucco on his first visit to the Silicon Valley of the East, as Zucco calls it—the computer technology hot spot surrounding Boston. He moved from Baltimore to work for Nolan, Norton and Company, a Boston-based technology boutique that concentrated on management consulting in the effective use of technology for business.

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—Jim Zucco '73

His first client was the Wall Street firm Solomon Brothers. He went on to manage clients in London, the continent and Scandinavia, consulting with senior management at IBM, Xerox, Centipillar and Citibank. He traveled the globe, from Manila to Karachi to Athens. He went on

### **Zucco has long been a forward thinker in the high-tech communications industry.**

to work as an information technology consultant for Arthur Young and was soon recruited by MCI, where he ran software product development for five years. (see sidebar, page 11) His peers were in their 50s, and Zucco had yet to turn 30 years old.

Then the launch to the top screamed to a halt. Zucco was diagnosed with cancer in November of 1991. He faced a second bout less than a year later, and it was serious—late stage three. "If you know anything about cancer, there are four stages and then you die," he says matter-of-factly. He stepped down from a job overseeing the work of 3,000 people.

But he was anything but defeated. "He approached it very much the way he approaches everything," Schaeffer said. "He researched the disease, knew what had to be done about it, then went off and did it. He knows what he has to do to be successful, and he goes out and does it."

Zucco fought eight months and beat the cancer. "He's beaten everything that's thrown at him," Schaeffer added. "I don't think failure is in his vocabulary."

Neither is sitting still for long. Zucco soon set his sights on things to come in a new strategy and technology job charting the future of technology. Well before E-mail was commonplace and movies came to your television via satellite, Zucco predicted that the home and its communications would be centered around a box, like a television or computer, which would offer information and education opportunities, games and movies. These days he's banking on high bandwidth communication, instantaneous Internet access for consumers in their homes, something that would require upgrading the cable and TV wires in people's homes to allow information to rush through 30 times faster than it does today.

## Zucco Makes the Calls on Communication's Cutting Edge

It's called a calling circle. You remember: sign up your Aunt Bea and get a discount on your long distance. MCI's Friends and Family Network. That was Jim Zucco's brainchild back in 1991.

"Friends and Family brought me more notoriety than anything," Zucco says. It made MCI the leader of the pack in the competitive consumer long distance industry, packaging and marketing a product in an innovative way that brought five million new long distance customers to the receiver.

Zucco came to MCI in the mid-1980s, an exciting time of transition. Computers were becoming mainstream in business for the first time. In the movies, they were taking over the world in flicks like "War Games." The first hackers were setting up personal computers in rec rooms. It was a mere glimpse of things to come, and Zucco saw it coming first.

Back in 1986, Zucco helped convince MCI to spend \$300 million for the most advanced computers in the industry, making the corporation an industry leader capable of doing billing and customer service tasks that other companies couldn't handle with their older networks.

Zucco is most proud of building the first computer-controlled virtual private network for voice. He led the development of this pioneering intelligent network based on, and controlled by, computers as we know them today, rather than arcane telecommunications technologies. It allowed MCI to stand apart from its competitors.

Since those early days of networking phone calls through computers, the growth of data traffic has grown far faster than voice traffic, Zucco says, meaning the need to send data about

stock options and airline reservations is bigger business than telephone calls. Someone needs to make sure that information gets through safely and securely. Zucco has switched from hawking telephone solutions to developing ways to send data between the computers of telecommuters and business people on the road to the business' network.

In fact, things have come full circle. He was cutting-edge on virtual private networks for voice, and now the same kind of networks for data, called virtual private networks, or VPNs, are the hottest thing in the industry. These encrypted Internet lines keep information private as it travels along the lines of communication, and they are less expensive than leased telephone lines and dial-in remote access.

"Early indicators show the market for VPNs growing to a \$1.5 billion business by the year 2001," Zucco said.

However, he doesn't see the world of work disintegrating into a network of telecommuters working in their bunny slippers from home.

"E-mail allows people to schedule when they want to work and how," Zucco says.

"It breaks down hierarchies; it changed the way people communicate."

Zucco may be high-tech, but he's no robot. He is known to chat with employees in their cubes and keeps an open-door policy, refusing to be like untouchable CEOs at many other corporations. His secretary says those employees who go into his office for quick interviews usually end up hearing a couple good stories and leave with a list of good books.

"The social phenomena at workplace is something that cannot be worked," Zucco says. "The value of face-to-face communication is extraordinary."

His cutting-edge decision-making attracted AT&T, who recruited Zucco from rival MCI in 1993. He is the only executive at that level to ever make the controversial move from one communications giant to another. "It's kind of nice to play for the Orioles or the Indians, but everyone always wants to play for the Yankees," he says. "It was an opportunity for me to play for the equivalent."

At AT&T he helped engineer the reorganization of AT&T and accepted a top post in the products offshoot company, Lucent Technologies. He was recruited from there to his command post at Shiva and his biggest challenge yet: stabilizing a company with a revenue of \$200.1 million FY '96 and bringing it to the forefront of the market again.

If recent events are any indication, he's well on his way. Zucco joined Shiva as president and chief operating officer last spring. A month later he was named director of the company. Last fall he was given the post of chief executive officer, and last month, he was appointed chairman of the Board of Directors.

In the past few months alone he has struck an \$80 million deal with Northern Telecom, a company that designs and builds voice solutions, to help them move into the data world. He led the purchase of Isolation Systems, Limited, a developer of virtual private network hardware and software, to help Shiva deliver a next-generation remote access system. He also won a contract with the world's third largest Internet service provider in the world, HiNet in Taiwan, expected to reach three million users by the end of 2000.

"Jim is known for being a pioneer, an innovator," said Frank Ingari, the outgoing chairman and former president and CEO of Shiva. "He has a unique perspective on how future markets will evolve."

Zucco is strapped in for the ride, intent on helping the company return to its former glory. "If I can take this company from a significant loss to profitability in under a year," he says, "it would be a pretty nice thing to have done." ●



Zucco's company helps telecommuters work from home, but the trend will never replace face-to-face communication, he says.

## Michael Benitez '82 Solves the Mystery of Edgar Allan Poe's Demise

# A Strange Case

BY AMY PELSINSKY

The anonymous medical file described the deceased as a "40-year-old white male writer traveling from Richmond to Philadelphia." Dr. Michael Benitez '82, an assistant professor of cardiology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, was given the curious case as an academic exercise—a medical brainteaser to analyze and detail his method of diagnosis for a weekly meeting of faculty and student interns.

Just beyond the Crayola-colored model of a heart on his office windowsill, he can see the tower of Westminster Hall, its shadow falling on the grave of Edgar Allan Poe, a minute's walk away. Benitez now admits that if he had taken more literature courses in college instead of concentrating on science, it may have dawned on him that the file in his hands was Poe's right off the bat.

He did, however, realize right away that this one was not your usual case. "There was a conspicuous lack of lab detail: blood chemistry, CAT scans, MRIs. And the medical care was conspicuously not 1990s medicine. Something was a little strange."

There's been something a little strange about Poe's death since the poet and creator of the short detective story reportedly uttered a cry and passed into the great beyond nearly 150 years ago. Theories abound. Was he poisoned by rival writer Rufus Griswold? Did an alcohol binge take its final toll? Was he beaten up by election day hooligans and left in the gutter to die? Or could it have been mercury poisoning from an elixir he used to stave off bouts with cholera?

Poe stopped in Baltimore while traveling from Richmond to Philadelphia on September 28, 1849. He had just proposed marriage to his childhood sweetheart in Richmond and intended to continue on to Philadelphia to wrap up some business.

Several days later, he was found lying in a Baltimore street delirious and reportedly in someone else's shabby clothes.

He was taken to the hospital perspiring heavily, hallucinating and shouting at imaginary companions, reports say. He slipped into a coma, emerged from it calm and lucid, then lapsed into another state and died on his fourth day in the hospital. It has long been held that Poe died of his love for the bottle. However, reports indicate Poe had joined a temperance league six months before; and there were no signs of intoxication when he arrived at the hospital, according to John J. Moran, Poe's attending physician.

Unfortunately, there are no known medical records in existence. "I can't pull out a yellowed paper with Moran's signature," Benitez said. The hard, and oft-conflicting facts, are found in a letter to Poe's aunt after his death and memoirs of Poe's doctor written 13 years later.

After a long process of elimination comparing a list of medical ailments against the symptoms, Benitez finally debunked the long-held belief that Poe died in the gutter a drunk. Benitez had another idea. Rabies.

"I have been rebuked for it," he says, noting that critics insisted rabies and its peculiar symptoms would have been recognized. Benitez disagrees. "Most people have in their mind the Hollywood 'Old Yeller' version: foaming at the mouth, a raving lunatic tied to the stake so no one gets near them," he says. The reality is that most people don't recall being exposed to a rabid animal, and death comes fast—an average four days after symptoms begin, he continues. "Even cases in the 1990s are often not recognized until *post mortem*," he says.

Some historians say Poe was fond of pets and street animals, providing ample opportunity for exposure. And, of course, there was no rabies vaccine in the 1800s.

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—Michael Benitez '82

**Michael Benitez '82 dug deep to turn popular myth on its head: Poe didn't die a drunk in the gutter.**

The symptoms Poe experienced in his final days are consistent with rabies, Benitez explains: difficulty swallowing water, an illness that lasts four days on average and progresses from an incoherent, delirious state to lucidity and back to delirium with wild swings in body functions, like the heartbeat.

"I don't know for sure," Benitez says, insisting that his findings are in no way the final word on the subject. "There are a lot of problems with the history. Any conclusion is only as good as the factual basis." However, his study does rule out the most popular myth about Poe's death. "His dying of alcohol or opiate use or withdrawal is not correct," Benitez said. "There is no question he had problems, but they didn't cause his ultimate demise."

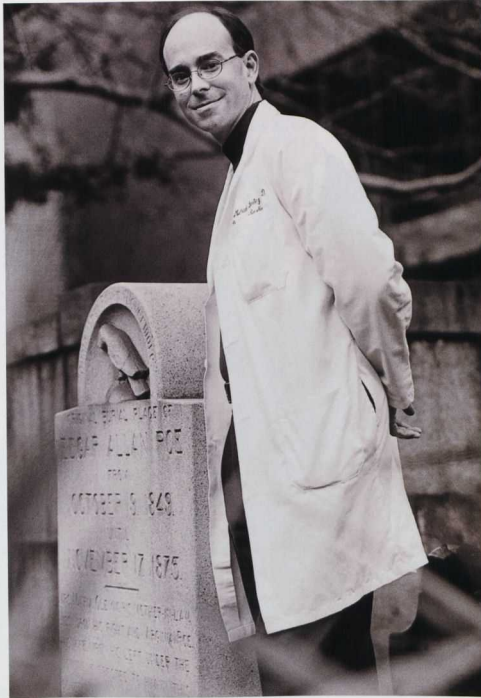
Now somewhat infamous for his report that was published in the Sept. 1996 *Maryland Medical Journal*—"It increased the kook factor," he says—Benitez still receives letters from historians and scientists alike; not all of them in agreement. He sometimes teams up with David Keltz, a one-man Poe show, to present the clinical side of the story at medical conferences and school assemblies. Stops have included the National Association of Medical Examiners' meeting in Baltimore last fall and the Medical Humanities Hour, a monthly, televised discussion about medicine in the humanities at Poe's alma mater, the University of Virginia.

Oddly enough, Benitez spent three years at the University of Virginia School of Medicine after studying at the University of Maryland. "Unlike Poe, I wasn't thrown out," he couches.

He returned to Maryland to study cardiology, like his father. At first, he was torn between affairs of the heart and infectious diseases—finding exotic tropical diseases most interesting. "It would be a great field if I lived in New Guinea," he said. "They don't have the potential to affect friends and family like heart disease, though."

Benitez now lectures in the medical school and leads interns, residents and fellows in their first rounds on the wards. He also heads the graphics lab, where EKGs and stress tests are done, and the Coronary Care Unit at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center next door.

His office is wedged between a "lipid guru," he says, who does research about cholesterol, and a doctor studying preventive cardiology. Benitez is studying the effects of simple sugars and amino acids on



the ability of people with heart conditions to exercise.

"I love teaching," Benitez says. A tie bearing stethoscopes and heart monitor blips hangs behind his office door. "It's a lot of fun."

He also clearly enjoys delving into the past. He is currently investigating the death of Alexander the Great, who showed signs of being dead in 323 B.C. after downing an unreasonable amount of wine. Curiously, his body didn't decompose during that hot Mesopotamian July. However, Benitez's diagnosis of Alexander's death likely will not eclipse his notoriety as the man who shed some light on the Poe case.

The true tale of Poe's demise will remain a mystery—DNA tests on his bones can't be done because no one is sure the body in the tomb is actually Poe—much to the delight of the master of the macabre, who once called scientists and their quest to destroy mystery "cultures."

Benitez may have helped save Poe's reputation upon his demise, but his death remains a decided loss to the literary world. "His death, and his use of alcohol and opiates, overshadows much of his real genius," Benitez said. "I don't have any question he was disturbed, but he clearly was a literary genius." ●





Dan Welliver '50, Athletics Physician  
and College Doctor, Hangs Up His  
Stethoscope After 40 Years of Healing

# The Moral Doctor

BY LISA GREGORY

*"He has no secret formulas, no miracle prescriptions, only a steadfast determination against adversity—so he lives and works sincerely believing all men are created equal."  
—excerpt from letter sent to Dr. Welliver upon the announcement of his retirement*

Once the news hit that Daniel Welliver '50, or Dr. Dan as he is known, was retiring after 40 years of medical practice, cards and letters of heartfelt thanks and well-wishes began arriving: "Your soothing words and comforting bedside manner were always better than that medicine in the bottle."... "I will never forget the moments and hours you sat with Mother and how you guided me through her last days."... "We always felt confident that you would have the answer to our problems. And you did!"

The 200 or so letters of praise fill a ceramic pot in Welliver's family room. Some have been framed. One of the most touching is from a woman who remembered Welliver taking care of her children. "I didn't realize it at the time, but her husband had just left her," he says, gesturing with hands that seem to hold the story of each patient in its creases and lines. His clear blue eyes are modest and sincere. "I provided medicine and didn't charge her for the visit," he remembers. "She appreciated it and said she would never forget it."

Throughout his career tending to families in his Westminster practice, wrapping ankles as the college's athletic team physician and dispensing antibiotics from Smith House as the college's physician, Welliver's acts of kindness and compassion have been

**Dan Welliver '50 built the foundation for his career as an undergraduate in Lewis Hall's third floor chemistry lab, a room that has changed little since he headed off to medical school.**

the norm. The son of a Methodist minister, he has always treated the body and the soul, following his own moral compass to heal people the best way possible.

"He has a unique gift of reaching out to people at all levels of their being—physical, emotional and social," says Joan Lusby, a physician's assistant in student health services. "He has used that gift freely and unconditionally."

Welliver has been the old-fashioned doctor patients only dream of in today's world of managed medicine. He made house calls to elderly patients long after the practice became all but extinct. He waived the charges for a visit if the patient couldn't pay. He'd occasionally end his 16-hour days by visiting terminally ill patients and giving them shots so they could sleep through the night.

"He treated the whole person," says wife Tata Welliver '49. "That's just the way it was."

## *The Doctor on the Hill*

The early fall football game was brutal and a visiting player from Hampton-Sydney racked his thigh bone on Hoffa Field. It was the worst injury team physician Welliver had ever seen. A "compound dislocated bone," he remembers. Since ambulances were scarce in the rural town, Welliver loaded the player into the back of his blue '51 Dodge and chauffeured him to Carroll County's hospital himself.

He began treating athletes as the team physician in 1958. For the next 40 years Welliver would care for injured players and provide physicals for practically every athlete who played for the college.

**Before and after: Welliver revisits the steps of his childhood home, Forlines House, where his senior yearbook photo was taken.**

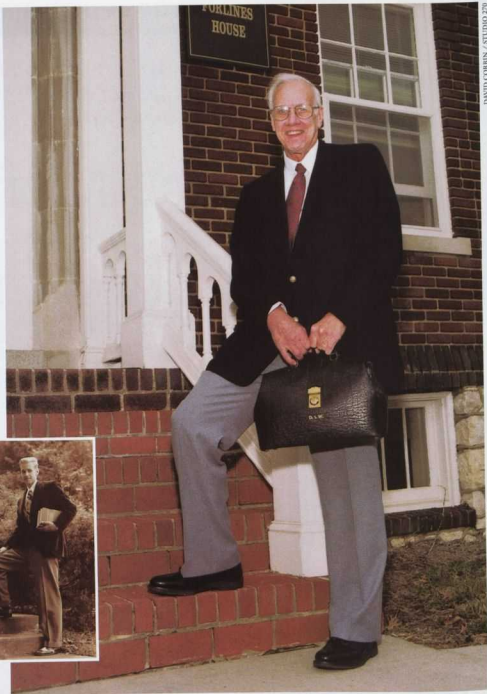
"He's taken care of broken bones, dislocations, torn muscles, a lot of lacerations, head injuries, concussions," says Fern Hitchcock, the school's athletic trainer who worked with Welliver for 25 years until his own retirement in 1984. "He was invaluable. You had to have somebody like him or your program couldn't succeed. You had confidence that if something happened, you were going to get the best care possible."

Many Saturdays, Welliver's oldest son, Paul '90 MS, would join him—a chance to spend time with his busy father. Inspiring him to become an athletic trainer, Paul credits his father, a man of "great integrity," he says, with teaching him "how to listen and how important it was to have a human side to medicine."

Welliver listened to the complaints of athletes, but he also lent his ear to students visiting the student health center with bad colds and sore throats as the college physician. In the early 1960s, he had a contract to take care of all the students on campus for just \$2,000 a year. "And I was on call, too," Welliver adds. He tried to keep active students with mononucleosis constrained to bed ("One boy climbed out his window to play lacrosse," he remembers) and comforted those lashed by psychological pain, like the occasional coed anguished by an abortion or a Vietnam veteran returning to hostile classrooms.

He has watched student life change as the decades unfolded. "In the '60s, it was kind of wild," he says in his understated demeanor. "There was the introduction of the drug culture and a lot of things I couldn't understand, such as students taking illegal drugs on a dare and not knowing what they were taking. It still totally amazes me."

"And then, of course, in the late '60s and early '70s there was quite a sexual revo-



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lution, and we saw the appearance of a lot of sexually transmitted diseases," he says. "Now, you have some concerns with HIV."

Welliver has always been interested in his patient's psychological, as well as the physical problems. He says these days "people feel like they are so much more independent," noting that students sometimes scoff at diseases like AIDS and ignore the psychological consequences of their actions.

Welliver's moral compass has stayed true through the years as he treated each generation of college student. "I feel like we have to stress values and so forth," he says. "Students would say that I just didn't

understand the new morality. And I would say, 'No, I didn't.' Yet, they would be the ones to crumble if they came in with a problem."

### *A Room with a View*

From his bedroom on the second floor of Forlines, Welliver made two important life decisions: which medical school to attend and whether or not to ask his wife Tata for her hand in marriage. The campus building was originally part of the Westminster Theological Seminary, then next door to Western Maryland College. It was the home of the seminary's president, Welliver's father. The family—a Methodist

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And he has lifted that  
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it could ever be.*

—Joan Lusby, campus health services

minister who married a minister's daughter and their five sons—came to Westminster in 1943 when Welliver was 15 years old.

He had already set his sights on becoming a doctor when he was bedridden for nine months with rheumatic fever at age 9. "The doctor came once a week," he says. "I asked a lot of questions, and he had the patience to answer them."

He chose Western Maryland's pre-med program for his undergraduate work. "I realized that I had a fair bit of expense ahead of me, so I elected to live at home and go to Western Maryland College," he says. "I was very competitively trained for my medical curriculum."

Not to mention that his childhood sweetheart, who he met while they both attended Westminster High School, was also a student at the college. The same gal would faint from the vapors in the third-floor chemistry lab one day, and Welliver would be chosen by the professor to make sure she got home all right. They married after his first year of medical school attending the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He received his medical degree in 1954, did an internship at University of Michigan's University Hospital, then entered the U.S. Navy where he served as a lieutenant in Washington, D.C., for two years.

After being away from rural Westminster, Welliver wasn't sure he wanted to return. "When I was in high school, the last place I wanted to practice medicine was in Westminster. I think I had some idea that I would not be accepted professionally," he says. "As it turned out, it was the best decision I ever made."

At age 29, he set up his own practice. "There had not been a new physician in the town of Westminster for a good 10 to 15 years, so I was quite young," he recalls. "In fact, they had practitioners 80 years of age. And one was 90 years of age and still practicing." In 1957, he was the first physician in town to even have a nurse in his office.

At one time, Welliver tended to more than 9,000 patients. In some families he

has treated five generations, from great-grandparent to great-grandchild. He treated all the college's modern presidents, his chemistry professors and even his language professors (he took German). "Almost everybody had come to me professionally," he said. "It was very soul-satisfying."

### Caring for a Growing Community

When he wasn't tending to bruised athletes or peering down the swollen throats of students, Welliver was helping to build a medical presence in the community.

He was instrumental in the growth of Carroll County General Hospital, which opened its doors in 1961. He was one of 18 physicians and served as the hospital's second chief of staff. "I had been the closest to hospital training," he says modestly. "Since the other physicians were much older, they had not had recent hospital experience."

Welliver toiled on planning committees and filled various roles in the early years, including chief of pediatrics. "When we didn't have a cardiologist, I was doing the official reading of cardiograms," he says. His other duties included minor surgeries, emergency room care and orthopedics. The hospital now has nearly 200 physicians with consultants from Baltimore, Welliver says. "It's mind-boggling."

Welliver served as medical director for the Westminster Nursing Home and Convalescent Center. He has been the county medical examiner and taught classes at the University of Maryland Medical School, where he was appointed to the Associate Program in 1994.

He was president of the Carroll County Medical Society, the Maryland Academy of Family Practice and the Maryland Board of Medical Examiners and Licensure, as well as worked with the national board establishing criteria for examining physicians in the United States and Canada.

Western Maryland presented him with the Meritorious Service Award and the Trustee Alumni Award, naming him Alumnus of the Year in 1984. He received an honorary degree from the College this March.



**A man who made house calls and waived payments for the needy, Dan Welliver '50 was the old-fashioned doctor patients only dream of in today's world of managed medicine.**

"If there was a need, he tried to fill it," says Joan Lusby, who met Welliver while a student at Johns Hopkins and has worked alongside him in Smith House since 1973. "I came to Westminster for a clinical rotation in family medicine and never left," she says. "He's had such a significant impact on my feelings about medicine. People can go through a lifetime and never meet someone like him."

Lusby remembers a man with a drinking problem who turned to Welliver for help. "Dr. Welliver was very instrumental in that man being able to quit and go on with a better life," she says, adding that she thinks Welliver still has the man's last bottle of alcohol in a drawer in his office.

"Medicine is more than a science," she says. "It's an art. And he has lifted that art to the highest level it could ever be. He's truly touched hearts." ●

*Editor's note: Amy Pelsinsky contributed to this story.*



WMC's New Sculpture Collection  
Captures the Spirit of Athletics

# The Greek Ideal

BY AMY PELSINSKY AND DON SCHUMAKER

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he boxer's eyes are swollen shut from the blows, his mouth slightly open to let in the air that won't flow through his broken nose. His expression is dazed, yet there is a tired crease of triumph in his forehead.

Joseph Brown (1900-1985), a former boxer and renowned sculptor, crafted this larger-than-life plaster bust called "The Winner" in 1952. Now it becomes a new trophy in WMC's growing art collection.

Almost 20 years ago, President Ralph John handed an honorary degree to Brown, but no one knew how much it meant to the late artist until last summer when his estate relayed a belated thank-you—donating 17 pieces of his work to the college.

"Joe was very touched by the degree," said Michael Bowman, chairman of the Joe Brown Foundation. "It really meant a lot to him."

Brown also had fond memories of boxing against the highly ranked WMC team coached by Dick Harlow in the late 1920s and early '30s, Bowman said. Captain of the Temple University team, Brown earned a "seven stitch split," he called it, a wound requiring some stitches, but he went home a winner.

Brown was a fine arts professor and boxing coach at Princeton University, and briefly a professional boxer, but he was known throughout the world for his sculpture—Jesse Owens in mid-sprint, tennis great Arthur Ashe setting up a serve, a battered boxer faltering after a blow.

His work is dominated by sports figures, frozen in an instant of competition: muscles tense, emotions torn between fortitude and defeat. Sportswriter Red Smith called Brown a "great sports reporter" in the artist's retrospective catalogue. (The down-to-earth sculptor respected the



Pietà, 1944 A.D.  
(1944)

Joe Brown (opposite page) turned to sculpting after a brief, yet successful, boxing career. His estate recently donated 17 sculptures to the college.



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—Professor Richard Clower

opinions of sportswriters more than art critics.) "Whatever the game," Smith wrote, "he reproduces the fluid action with faithful accuracy. He captures the zest of combat."

Brown designed medals and awards for intercollegiate events, as well as busts and figures the likes of Bluesman Huddie Ledbetter, writer John Steinbeck and poet Robert Frost. He also wrote articles, designed playground equipment and was even a consultant to the Children's Television Workshop during the planning of "Sesame Street" in 1969.

The college picked up its sculptures in New Jersey this September, including a well-known 8 inch bronze of a fallen boxer named "Dropped Antaeus." The boxer has been knocked back on one knee, his arms outstretched to catch his balance and rise again. His Greek namesake was invincible as long as he remained in contact with the earth. Robert Frost, one of Brown's subjects, once inquired, "Is the man going to get up?" Brown said he didn't know. "Good. Keep it that way," Frost said. "It will keep 'em coming back."

Other pieces in the WMC collection include smaller-

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Best known for his sculptures of athletes, Brown respected the opinions of sports writers more than art critics.

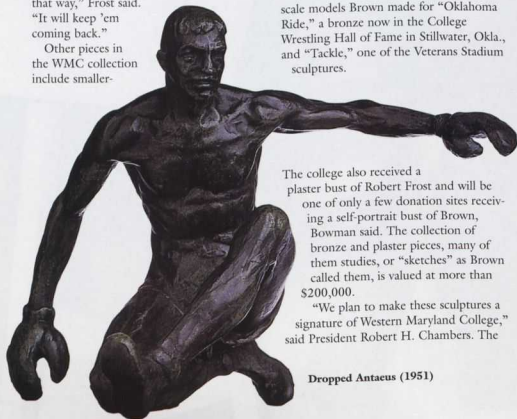
scale models Brown made for "Oklahoma Ride," a bronze now in the College Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Okla., and "Tackle," one of the Veterans Stadium sculptures.

works will be exhibited in a new glass showcase wall, part of the sports memorabilia room in Gill Center, as well as at sites around campus. "We are absolutely delighted to be one of the sites chosen for this work," Chambers said.

### *Portrait of an Artist as a Young Boxer*

Joe Brown grew up in the rough part of South Philadelphia, not far from Veteran's Stadium where his most well-known work—a set of 15-foot-high sculptures of football and baseball players—was installed in the mid-1970s. He went to Temple University on a football scholarship in 1927, but found himself focusing on boxing instead and became captain of the team. He performed so well that he put school on hold in 1929 to turn professional.

He won nine straight bouts as a light heavyweight that year, and in one noteworthy fight knocked down his opponent 14 times in three rounds. He reached the top "main event class" but had become so



The college also received a plaster bust of Robert Frost and will be one of only a few donation sites receiving a self-portrait bust of Brown, Bowman said. The collection of bronze and plaster pieces, many of them studies, or "sketches" as Brown called them, is valued at more than \$200,000.

"We plan to make these sculptures a signature of Western Maryland College," said President Robert H. Chambers. The

**Dropped Antaeus (1951)**

*'Boxing is a dance during which two people hit each other.'*

—Joe Brown, Sports Illustrated



Professor Sam Case forged one of the first connections with Joe Brown, who remembered the college by bequeathing his sculpture.

disillusioned with the brutal sport that he ended his pro career and returned to Temple to complete his studies.

Brown actually stumbled upon his art career by accident. He posed for sculptor Walter Hancock to make a few extra bucks during the post-Depression years. After criticizing some of the work by the sculptor's students, Hancock challenged him to create his own figures. Brown turned out two boxers and a dancer, and the next year all three pieces were accepted to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art's annual exhibit.

He caught the eye of celebrated athletic sculptor R. Tait McKenzie who reportedly told the untrained artist, "Your things are so good, it's a shame they aren't better." Thus began a seven-year apprenticeship to refine his skills. Brown went on to earn the National Academy of Design's Barnett Prize for Sculpture.

He joined Princeton University to coach boxing in 1937 and fought to teach a sculpture class, which he won a few years later. He taught as a Resident Fellow of Sculpture and later as full professor in the Creative Arts Program for nearly 40 years total.

Sam Case, professor of exercise science and physical education, befriended Brown in 1964 while working as a wrestling coach at Johns Hopkins University. Brown had been commissioned by Hopkins to create a runner and a discus thrower for their gymnasium.

"He is one of those people you meet in your life and never forget," said Case, who invited Brown to speak at the college's first sports awards banquet in 1966. Brown brought some of his work and an inspirational speech. To Case and then-athletic director Richard Clower, the renowned artist seemed the perfect nominee for an honorary degree.

They soon found themselves visiting Brown's New Jersey home and studio, an old pottery shed just off the Princeton campus, and returning with more than 30 pieces borrowed on their honor for a campus gallery show.

Brown was given a Doctor of Fine Arts in 1978 at WMC's commencement, the only doctorate the professor ever held. "Being both a boxer and an artist is a combination you don't often find," said Clower, professor of exercise science and physical education, who recommended Brown for the honorary degree. "There's more of the Greek ideal in Brown than most artists or athletes you find today."

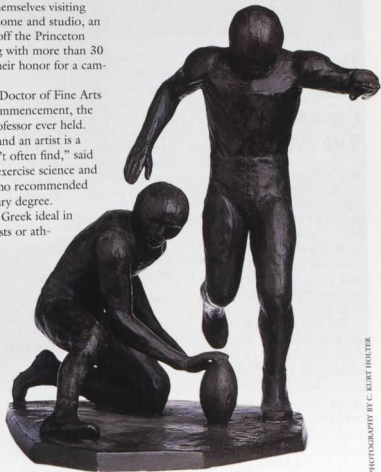
Brown spoke at commencement that year, a speech with the enigmatic title: "Two Plus Two with Gestures." "It was short," remembers Clower, known for timing the ceremonies with a stopwatch. "He didn't talk more than 10 minutes, and he was witty."

Unfortunately, there is no record of what he actually said. In fact, his wife wrote the college requesting a sound recording, saying, "He gave what he thinks was one of his best speeches."

His words have been lost, but Brown's sculpture continues to speak. For the man who believed art shouldn't die in museums, his gift to the campus is the perfect tribute. ●



Joe Brown, 1978 Commencement.



Point After Touchdown (1949)



# Development

## NEWS

SANFORD HELM



### Deadlines Near for Campaign's Top Needs

The Defining Moment Campaign has passed the \$32 million threshold, according to National Chair Martin K. P. Hill. "This is a wonderful place to be at this stage of the Campaign," said Hill, "but we have a ways to go and some very important short-term objectives to reach."

The Annual Fund is the top operating priority of the Campaign, and it is on schedule to hit its \$1.25 million goal by June 30. "We're relying on more alumni, parents and friends to make larger donations to the college to reach this mark," said Annual Fund Chair Sally Gold '78.

Annual Fund gifts are spent each year for faculty salaries, library acquisitions and educational programs.

"Each gift to the Annual Fund also helps the Defining Moment Campaign. Every donation, however large or small, plays a crucial role in the college's success," Gold said.

### *Earning the Kresge Challenge is crucial to the funding for the science center.'*

—Martin K.P. Hill

A key component of the Annual Fund drive is the success of fundraising in reunion classes. Classes celebrating reunions in the 1997-98 acad-

**The new \$13.4 million science building is scheduled to be completed by this time next year.**

emic year have set goals totaling \$225,000, led by the Class of 1948 whose goal is "\$98K in '98." The class will set the college's all-time reunion fundraising record if it reaches its mark.

The Campaign's top capital priority is the new \$13.4 million science center under construction between Lewis Hall of Science and Winslow Center. Already, \$8.2 million has been committed to the project, including a \$600,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation that the college will earn if it raises an additional \$1.9 million in new gifts and pledges by December 1. At press time \$1.1 million had already been raised for the all-or-nothing challenge.

"Earning the Kresge Challenge is crucial to the funding for the science center," Hill emphasized. "The Kresge Foundation encourages participation from everyone in the project. That is why your phone will ring this spring and summer and you will be asked for your support. Your gifts and pledges will help meet the challenge, and I have faith that you will respond enthusiastically because of the importance of the new science building to the college." •

### Leading Young Alums to Give

Bradford W. Hartin joins the Institutional Advancement staff as the new assistant director of annual giving. Hartin will manage the college's Senior Pride campaign, which allows graduating students to target their first gift to the college. He will also direct the Annual Fund phone center and the class agent volunteer program.

A 1996 graduate of Lycoming College, Hartin most recently served as campaign manager for The Leukemia Society of America •



Hartin Joins Annual Giving

C. KURT HOUTER

## Seaman to Retire

Richard Seaman, vice president of Institutional Advancement since 1991, announced that he will retire as soon as his successor is on board. He turns 65 on July 4. His outstanding career in higher education—31 years in the college advancement field—earned him accolades from his peer professional association in February (see page 6). He has provided leadership of fundraising campaigns at Oberlin College, his alma mater, Brown University, Skidmore College and Bowdoin College. His leadership of The Defining Moment campaign has yielded more than \$32 million in gifts and pledges to date. With the Campaign on track to reach, and surpass its \$40 million goal, Seaman provided *The Hill* editors with his thoughts about his enthusiasm for the college and its future.

### *How will your retirement affect the Defining Moment Campaign?*

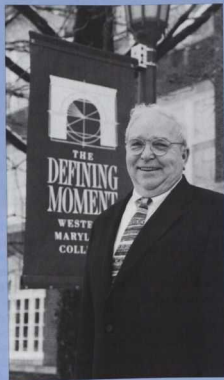
One person a Defining Moment Campaign does not make! The Campaign is on a good course. Its eventual success will largely be determined by two factors: first, the breadth and size of the response to the Campaign by the college's alumni, parents and friends, and, second, by the campaign's volunteer leadership. With the campaign not closing until December 31, 1999, there is still time for everyone to demonstrate their commitment to the college's future through their donations. A dedicated volunteer force has led this campaign from the start. I will not retire until my successor is on board, so the campaign will have staff continuity.

### *What special opportunities has this \$40 million comprehensive campaign provided the college?*

This Campaign is helping the college move to a new level of service and reputation. It has enabled the college to rebuild its teaching and research infrastructure. Our woefully small endowment has been enhanced, especially in the area of student aid. Equally important, the Annual Fund has grown 41% in the past seven years. The college is strengthening its financial foundation, which will have a major long-term impact on the quality of the educational programs offered. In turn, these achievements have helped make the college more attractive to students. Success begets success. WMC is on an amazing upward trajectory!

### *Can you say more about the Annual Fund's role in the Campaign?*

The Annual Fund is the Campaign's top priority for operating funds. The \$7 million five-year goal represents nearly 18 percent of the total Campaign goal. Annual Fund gifts are spent each year for faculty salaries, library acquisitions and educational programs, gifts that have a major impact on the college's educational quality. Because our endowment is so small, the Annual Fund holds extraordinary importance. We can't build our endowment as fast as we would like when there is such an urgent need for gifts for educational facilities. You can see why the Annual Fund is so crucial.



**Dick Seaman is retiring after 31 years in the college advancement field.**

### *How has the Institutional Advancement program developed during your tenure to better serve alumni and others in the college family?*

There is a strong interdependence between the college and its alumni, and more resources have been devoted in recent years to this fundamental relationship. Staff has been added to expand services. New programs have been instituted, such as Top of the Hill, Academic Homecoming, affinity reunions and special programs for young alumni. Field programs by and for alumni have been

expanded, as has career counseling and all programs which relate directly to the needs of alumni. The interaction of alumni with the college will strengthen as they become more involved in activities that have meaning to them, and I hope increasing numbers will participate. Alumni can help by letting us know their interests. Above all, I hope pride in Western Maryland is swelling as the college grows in accomplishment and stature.

### *What is your greatest disappointment since coming to Western Maryland?*

Not breaking par on the college's golf course! More seriously, I wish I had been more effective in helping others gain a deeper understanding of what a special place this is, and what an impact alumni, parents and friends can have through their gifts in larger numbers and at higher levels. What Western Maryland becomes in the new millennium is going to be shaped by the generosity of our own family, and that is quite a responsibility. While the response to the Campaign has been ardent, it is surprising that less than 40 percent of the WMC family steps forward with gifts to Western Maryland in any single year, including the Annual Fund through which *everyone* can have an immediate and significant impact. All members of the WMC family need to recognize how critical their individual gift decisions are. Every single gift—however large or small—is important! Our gifts make a strong statement about our values. I wish everyone could experience the excitement that I have experienced here. If they did, participation and levels of giving would skyrocket, and the college would soar even higher. Just imagine the impact if each and every member of the alumni family contributed to the Annual Fund each and every year. The impact would be staggering!

### *What has been your defining moment at WMC?*

Gracious, that's a hard one. There have been many. Having an opportunity to meet and interact with such talented, caring and likable people here tops them all. There is a very nurturing ambience at Western Maryland that encourages innovation and risk-taking and fosters the very best in the people who are a part of this remarkable community. I have been privileged to be among that group. What a wonderful way to spend your life! ●



## Levine Hall Gets Retuned

Spring is a time for new growth on the Hill, and this year is no exception. Two generous bequests from the estates of Dr. Edward J. Nygren '47 and Evelyn Collison Macken-

zie '31 have been added to the college's endowment, which will finance a bond to build a new \$1.5 million addition to Levine Hall and fund special performances by visiting musicians.

The addition to the college's 109-year-old music building will feature a large rehearsal hall with an 18-foot cathedral-

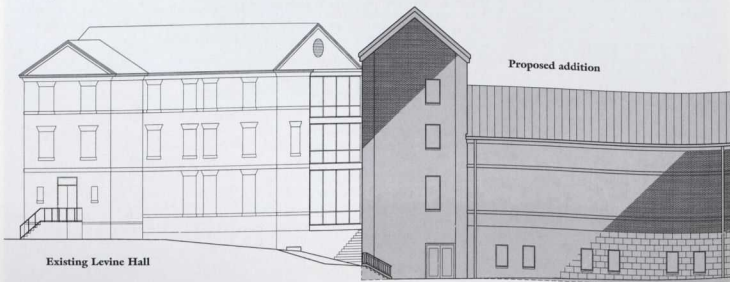
style ceiling for instrumental student groups and soundproof practice rooms, including a chamber music ensemble rehearsal room and classrooms. The project also contains an adjoining tower which links the new addition to existing Levine and includes rest rooms and an elevator, making the building handicapped accessible.

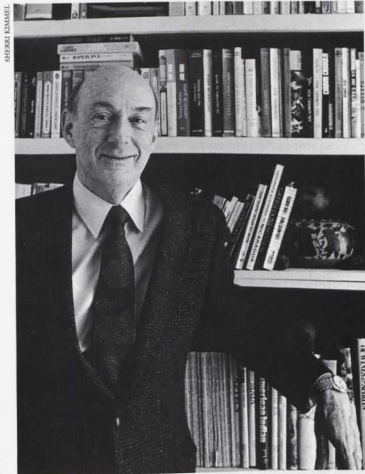
An addition will be built on Levine Hall, the 109-year-old music building.

"For the first time in history we're really going to have a place on campus for high quality rehearsal," said Margaret Boudreaux, chair of the Music department.

New soundproofing designs as recommended by the project's acoustician will ensure that student percussionists won't disturb others while drumming away, and the 60-member concert band will no longer be crammed together during rehearsals in Baker Memorial Chapel's balcony.

In recent years students have become passionate subscribers to the music department's offerings, particularly its co-curricular instrumental programs. Increasing numbers of students, both music majors and non-majors, scramble to find rehearsal space for their instrumental ensembles, ranging from percussionists to electric bass players and from woodwinds to early music instruments, including the krumphorn. Some rehearsals of the jazz ensembles are scheduled as late as 10 p.m. due to limited space.





Dr. Edward J. Nygren '47 left his estate to WMC to enhance the growing music program.

"This building expansion is really recognizing the value of those students who take their music very seriously and are deserving of quality rehearsal space," said Boudreaux who directs the College Choir.



"Their involvement and dedication to the performing arts certainly improves the quality of life on campus for everyone."

The firms of Grieves Worrall Wright & O'Hatnick, Inc., project architects, and Henry H. Lewis General Construction Co., both involved in the construction of the new science center, will begin work on the new addition in late spring. The Board of Trustees Finance Committee, chaired by Dick Adams, recommended that both bequests be designated to the college endowment where the principal of both will remain intact and grow in value while the earned interest will pay off the bond.

Edward Nygren '47 was a physician who devoted most of his career to providing medical

**A gift from Evelyn Collison Mackenzie '31 brings visiting musicians to campus.**

care for disadvantaged populations, largely in Third World nations. He was a member of the Peace Corps' first medical team and later worked as medical director of the Metropolitan Hospital Center's drug addiction program in New York City.

When Nygren wasn't in a developing nation, he'd pack his vacations in New York with trips to Carnegie Hall. He bequeathed his \$415,418 estate to the college, directing that the funds be used to enhance the college's music program. He also left the college his two violins, which are used by our students for practice and in public recitals.

*"The expansion recognizes the value of students who take their music very seriously."*

—Margaret Boudreaux,  
Chair of the Music department

From her earliest days on the Hill, Evelyn Collison Mackenzie '31, had a love of music. She pursued her avocation as a member of the Baltimore Opera Guild and frequently attended performances of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Her interest prompted her to establish the Evelyn C. Mackenzie Endowed Fund in music, an annual stipend to bring visiting artists to campus. Music faculty member Robin Armstrong will lead the committee for planning future concerts. ●

## **Deaf Ed Fund Honors McCay Vernon**

Friends, colleagues and former students have established the McCay Vernon Fund for Support of Deaf Education to honor Vernon for his more than 20 years of contributions to the WMC graduate program in deaf education. The fund will provide resources for use within the department, including updating technology, honoraria for guest lecturers, scholarship assistance or professional travel funds.

Vernon, who joined the faculty in 1969 and retired in 1991, is now professor of psychology and director of the WMC Institute on Hearing Impairment emeritus. Known for helping his students in the classroom, as well as in their pursuit of careers in the field, he has written several books on deafness, including "The Psychology of Deafness: Understanding Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing People" and "The Randy Inskip Story: Keys to Success for Hard-of-Hearing People."

"Deaf education continues to be a highlight of our graduate program at WMC, and we owe much of that success to Dr. Vernon," said Ken Pool, dean of graduate affairs. The graduate program is recognized as the nation's largest for teaching teachers to instruct the deaf and hard-of-hearing.

Gifts are being accepted for this fund, which currently has \$10,500. For more information contact Gail C. Shaivitz, associate director of major gifts, at 410/857-2249. ●



# News

From Alumni

## World-Class Recruiter Honored

It was no contest when it came time to decide who would receive the college's 1998 Alumni Volunteer in Admissions Award. Then again, few people had the chance to help students on two continents.

land, where he returned for the first time in 1990. The mere mention of Varga's name and his connection to WMC now turns heads there.

"It was as if I had mentioned the pope," Chambers said of a meeting with Hungarian officials. "Everyone in the room knew George."

Chambers is convinced Varga's blessing helped to seal the deal that made WMC-

answer any questions the students might have about their new home away from home. After all, Varga is in a similar situation when he first arrived in Westminster.

"Just having him there speaking to them in their own language is very comforting," said Martha O'Connell, WMC dean of admissions, who nominated Varga for the award. "He can relate to them because he remembers what it was like for him."

Varga, who was a law student in Budapest at the time of the Soviet attack, joined thousands of others fleeing to the Austrian border to avoid reprisals. Paying farmers and coal miners familiar with the terrain, the Hungarians were smuggled to safety, eventually to a refugee camp in New Jersey. The congregation at Westminster United Methodist Church offered help to Varga and 19 others to settle in Carroll County, including Varga's future wife Judy who was on the bus with her parents.

WMC awarded the young Hungarian a scholarship. He earned All-America honors in soccer and obtained a scholarship to Stanford University, where he earned a master's degree in economics. After rising through the ranks at General Electric in the United States, Varga was named CEO and president of GE's manufacturing venture with Tungsram, Central Europe's major light bulb manufacturing company.

In 1989 he joined the WMC Board of Trustees, and he received an honorary doctorate in the humanities in 1992. Varga is now retired and lives in Atlanta.

The Alumni Volunteer in Admissions Award is given to a graduate who has given extraordinary time and effort to introducing academically eligible young people to the college. ●

## Noble Healer Receives Honorary Degree

Dr. Daniel I. Welliver '50 was honored at a dinner hosted by President Robert Chambers at the college on March 28.

There among friends and family, Welliver's four decades of service as a family physician and campus doctor were celebrated and recognized by awarding him with an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

"You have daily shown that the healing arts can still be



George Varga (left) learned student recruiting from mentor and professor Ralph Price, who introduced WMC to the Hungarian refugee.

Recipient George Varga '61 has worked hard for his alma mater on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean with particular success in his native Hungary, home of the four-year-old WMC-Budapest campus.

Varga, who fled from Hungary during a Soviet attack against Communist protesters in 1956, provided valuable assistance to President Robert Chambers and others as they developed Budapest's first American degree-granting liberal arts college.

Varga is a popular and successful businessman in the United States and in his home-

Budapest a reality. The first group of students who studied at the Hungarian campus before coming to Westminster in September 1996 will graduate this spring. Each class spends two years taking courses on the Budapest campus, and two more at Western Maryland. Several Hungarian students are finishing their junior year at WMC, and even larger freshmen and sophomore classes are enrolled in classes in Budapest.

Varga has been on the campus for the arrival of each of the classes from Budapest to smooth the transition and

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Retiring college physician Dan Welliver honored.

ministered with heart, that a comforting beside manner is still in style, and that the family physician can still be the family friend, as well," said Chambers in his testimony about Welliver who retired from his practice last fall. For more about Welliver and his career, see page 14. •

## Trusting Honors to Scientists

It's no coincidence that husband and wife Alec and Joan Bailey Wilson will each earn the prestigious Trustee Alumni Award May 3 at the annual Senior Honors and Investiture Convocation.

They have been working together since they graduated from the college magna cum laude in 1975. They both earned medical genetics Ph.D.s from Indiana University and both did post-doctoral work in the department of biometry and genetics at Louisiana State

University, where they each earned the rank of professor. Both were recruited for top positions with the National Institutes of Health's Human Genome Project and now work side-by-side at the Center for Inherited Disease Research. Alec, acting chief of the genomics section, and Joan, acting chief of the statistical genetics section, track genes linked to diseases suspected to be hereditary.

Also receiving the award will be William J. Holloway '46, director of the infectious disease laboratory at Christiana Care Health Services in Wilmington, Del. Holloway, who earned his medical degree at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, had previously served 35 years in internal medicine at Wilmington's Brandywine Medical Center. He also has taught at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. •

## Dr. Allen MacDonald Remembered

The Western Maryland College community lost a great friend with the passing of Dr. William Allen MacDonald on February 27, 1998 in Butler, Pa.

Allen MacDonald came to the Hill after earning his B.A. at Oberlin College and his Ph.D. in ancient art and archaeology at The Johns Hopkins University in 1943. While at WMC, he not only taught courses in art and archaeology, but also German. One of his art history students, Roland Fleischer, went on to become an internationally known authority on Dutch art



**Two classics:** Allen MacDonald, a well-loved WMC art professor, was often seen touring around town in his vintage sports car. He last taught courses in Egyptian art and Oriental rugs during Jan Term as an adjunct professor.

and a faculty member at The Pennsylvania State University. The teacher/mentor legacy has continued as Roland Fleischer's student, Dr. Michael Losch, is now associate professor of art history at Western Maryland.

Allen's contributions from this time period are also evident in the outstanding collection of ancient artifacts he received from Mr. Winter Myers in the 1950s; these have subsequently become a central part of the college's permanent collection of art.

From Western Maryland College, Allen went on to become assistant director of the Baltimore Museum of Art and then joined the faculty of George Washington University, where he taught for 18 years.

Still filled with great intellectual energy after his retirement, he began a second career back on the Hill teaching a new generation of students. As an adjunct professor, he taught popular January Term courses on Oriental carpets and Egyptian art, as well as a number of courses in art history on both the undergraduate and graduate levels. His encyclopedic knowledge of art, his witty and erudite teaching style and his ability to connect with the students made him a valuable asset to the college.

His great friendship with Dr. Glen Ashburn of the department of Sociology was a high-

light of his later years at Western Maryland, and the two could often be seen driving together in Allen's vintage sports car while they discussed their mutual enthusiasm for Oriental rugs and Japanese *netsukes*.

Allen's contributions to Western Maryland will continue after his death for he was a pivotal player in the acquisition of the Blum Collection for the college and designed much of the exhibition now on display in Peterson Hall. In addition, he left his vast slide collection of art work from around the world to the department of Art and Art History where it will continue to delight students for generations to come. Allen and his wife of 52 years, Virginia, have contributed much to the Western Maryland College community and their presence on the Hill will, indeed, be sadly missed. •

—Julie Badier,  
Professor of Art  
and Art History

**A memorial service will be held for Dr. Allen MacDonald August 9 at 2 p.m. in Little Baker Chapel.**



**William J. Holloway '46 to receive Trustee Alumni Award.**

## In Memoriam

Mrs. Dorothy Holland Hall '24, of Snow Hill, Md., in June 1994.

Mrs. Helen Baker Bowman '28, of Union Bridge, Md., on December 16, 1997.

Mrs. Lillian Gladys Miles Duer '29, of Princess Anne, Md., on November 29, 1997.

Mr. John P. Kroh '29, of Westminster, Md., on January 22, 1998.

Mrs. Mary Hitchcock Webb '29, of Arlington, Va., on March 24, 1997.

Dr. Howard A. Amoss '32, of Fort Myers, Fla., on August 28, 1997.

Mrs. Elsie Ebsworth Farr '32, of Chestertown, Md., on November 29, 1997.

Mrs. Tessie Cox Riewe '33, of Trenton, N.J., on January 6, 1997.

Mr. Edward K. Baker '33, of Westminster, Md., on January 24, 1998.

Mrs. Pauline Phillips Best '33, of Beltsville, Md., on December 8, 1997.

Mr. Lloyd M. Elderdice '33, of New Oxford, Pa., on January 10, 1998.

Mrs. Henrietta Little Foutz '33, of Westminster, Md., on October 4, 1997.

Mrs. Rebecca Holland Sutton '33, of Baltimore, Md., on August 9, 1997.

Mrs. Elsie Bowen Tydings '33, of Arnold, Md., on May 13, 1997.

Mrs. Blanche Nichols Stephany '34, of Seaford, Del., on October 27, 1997.

Mr. Clifton J. Tollenger '34, of Houston, Texas, on April 3, 1997.

Lt. Col. John H. Whitmore '34, of New Windsor, Md., on December 18, 1997.

Mr. Paul W. Burger '35, of Quincy, Pa., on March 4, 1997.

Mrs. Margaret Downing Duvall '35, of Upper Marlboro, Md., on February 7, 1997.

Mr. Stanley L. Dodson '37, MED'49, of Parkville, Md., on November 22, 1997.

Mr. Edward D. Rush '37, of Zanesville, Ohio, on January 1, 1995.

Mr. William G. McWilliams '39, of LaPlata, Md., on December 12, 1997.

Mrs. Anna McLuckie Brust '40, of Lonaconing, Md., on October 5, 1997.

Col. Robert H. Stropp '40, of Vienna, Va., on January 22, 1998.

Mrs. Ellen Logan Howard '41, of Norfolk, Va., on December 27, 1997.

Father George H. Murphy '41, of Fishing Creek, Md., on October 21, 1997.

Mr. William R. Phillips '42, of Barclay, Md., on October 30, 1989.

Mrs. Janith Horsey Collin '43, of Temple Hills, Md., on September 21, 1997.

Mrs. Carol Stoffregen Tarbutton '43, of Chestertown, Md., on November 3, 1997.

Mr. Charles W. Matley '44, of Lantana, Fla., on June 25, 1997.

Mrs. Janice Chreitzberg Henne '47, of McLean, Va., on November 3, 1997.

Mr. Edwin B. King '48, of Phoenix, Md., on December 1, 1996.

Mrs. Mary Grove Powell '48, of Hancock, Md., on April 18, 1993.

Mr. Lloyd R. Rogers, Jr. '49, of Timonium, Md., on June 26, 1997.

Mrs. Sallie Lore Woodard '49, of Frederick, Md., on February 1, 1996.

Mr. Zachary H. Jaquet '50, of New York, N.Y., on November 25, 1997.

Mr. Maynard L. Fones '52, of Brantford, Conn., on October 24, 1997.

Mr. Howard W. Wagenblast '53, of Greensburg, Pa., on November 27, 1997.

Mr. Charles B. Wallace MED'53, of East Berlin, Pa., on November 9, 1997.

Mr. Robert M. Reindollar MED'55, of Fairfield, Pa., on July 1, 1997.

Major (Ret.) C. William Cook '56, of Alexandria, Va., on September 12, 1997.

Rev. Thomas T. Stewart '56, of Baltimore, Md., on October 6, 1997.

Mr. Richard H. Brubaker MED'58, of New Oxford, Pa., on January 17, 1998.

Miss Mary L. Ellis '58, of Chevy Chase, Md., on June 19, 1997.

Mr. Kenneth H. Mohlenrich '60, of Taneytown, Md., on October 31, 1997.

Mr. John S. Gable MED'61, of York, Pa., on May 20, 1997.

Mrs. Patricia A. Pink '62, of York, Pa., on October 6, 1997.

Mrs. Cynthia Burns Kimm '71, of Millburn, N.J., in August 1997.

Mr. Arthur S. Borisky '73, of Reisterstown, Md., on February 28, 1971.

Mr. Kenneth W. Simpson MED'76, of Thomsville, Pa., on December 6, 1997.

Mr. Martin H. Oswiecimka '99, of Westminster, Md., on December 19, 1997.

## Marriages

Betty Norwood Smalley '54 to Melvin Roberts on July 5, 1997. They reside in Towson, Md.

Lynn Tarbutton '72 to Donald Cummings on February 8, 1997. They reside in South Burlington, Vt.

Paul Schlitz '75 to JoAnn Funk on August 23, 1997. They reside in Baltimore.

Carol Hunter Weber '77 to Craig Hartson on April 18, 1997. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Myra Gregory '84 to Paul Carr on August 16, 1997. They reside in Columbia, Md.

Mike Nicholson '89 to Crystal Campbell on December 20, 1997. They reside in Stafford, Va.

Mary O'Hara '89 to Charles Zorback Jr., on April 19, 1997. They reside in Cockeysville, Md.

Tally Christine Adkins MS'93 to Eric Matthew Myers on October 18, 1997. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Trisha Darmstadt '93 to Brian Montgomery on November 8, 1997. They reside in Elkridge, Md.

Elisabeth Fuhrman '93 to Kevin Woodward '94 on August 9, 1997. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

Christopher Lynch '93 to Heather Bailly '95 on October 11, 1997. They reside in Abingdon, Md.

Brant Lee Geiman '94 to Lisa Ann Baublitz on November 15, 1997. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Tiffany Jenkins '94 to Jason White in August 1995. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Tamitha Moore '94 to Trevor Sellers '94 in November 1995. They reside in Gettysburg, Pa.

Amy Pelsinsky '94 to Jay Clark on September 20, 1997. They reside in Sykesville, Md.

Cristie Rose '94 to Chris Shifflett in April 1997. They reside in New Windsor, Md.

Jennifer Trent '94 to George Braller on May 3, 1997. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

Danielle Paquette '95 to James Gibbons '95 on September 20, 1997. They reside in Annapolis, Md.

Matt Baker '95 to Emily Skop on November 29, 1997. They reside in Phoenix, Ariz.

Margaret Claustro '95 to Mark Jefferies '95 on August 4, 1996. They reside in Richlands, Va.

Brent Houle MS'96 to Keli Gist on September 27, 1997. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Lara Ellen Moreau MS'97 to Paul Joseph Hartman on October 18, 1997. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

## Births

Delmore Yoichi Glass, on August 25, 1997, to Jesse '78 and Mayako Hori Glass.

Andrew Avery, on November 26, 1996, to Eden and Carol James '79 Avery.

Samantha Jane Bowen, on November 10, 1997, to Ron '79 and Leslie McDade '80 Bowen.

Jackson Joseph Myers, on August 30, 1997, to Tom '80 and Katherine Myers.

Liam James and Fiona Rose Griffin McGilligan, on December 22, 1997, to Dennis McGilligan and Mary Louise Griffin '81.

Virginia Rose White, on June 4, 1997, to Harry and Melba Biedermann '81, MS'90 White.

Liza Kates Boeri, on January 7, 1997, to Louis '82 and Lauren Boeri.

Sarah Elizabeth Douglas, on July 1, 1997, to John '85 and Kathy Douglas.

Caroline Christina Hughes, on October 29, 1997, to Brian and Kim Groover '85 Hughes.

Hannah Corinne Jaques, on October 9, 1997, to Tom Jaques '85 and JoAnn Janczewski '85.

Nicole Rene Lazar, on February 4, 1997, to Lutz and Sandra Michener '85 Lazar.

Allison Grace Kleinsorgen, on August 11, 1997, to Eric and Debbie Cooke '86 Kleinsorgen.

Ronald John Campanaro, on June 11, 1997, to William and Patricia Janosko MS'87 Campanaro.

Anna Katherine Ryan, on November 20, 1996, to Leo '87 and Katherine Graham Ryan.

James Ryan Stroud, on April 1, 1997, to David '87 and Lesley Stroud.

Chance Angle Bowersox, on August 10, 1997, to Gordon and Melinda Shatzer '88 Bowersox.

Thomas Vincent Keane, on March 27, 1997, to Brian and Patricia Yingling '88 Keane.

Matthew Butz, on May 21, 1997, to Bill '89 and Kim Weir '89 Butz.

Abigail Gwyneth Ross, on January 31, 1998, to David '90 and Diana Little '90 Ross.

Caroline Lauren Cherundolo, on October 21, 1997, to Greg '91 and Christine Kelly '89 Cherundolo.

Matthew James Kays, on November 17, 1997, to James '91 and Angela Kays.

Brianna Kathryn Ramsey, on July 27, 1997, to Jack and Lynn Thomas '92 Ramsey.

Ethan Petrocchia, on April 22, 1997, to Anthony '92 and Allison Miller '94 Petrocchia.

Kyle Francis Smith, on March 13, 1997, to David '94, MS'97 and Angela Smith.

Leia Juliette Adomani, on July 11, 1997, to Shawn and Meredith Tichenor '98 Adomani.

## Master's News

**Robert E. Krebs MEd'52** retired from the Health Sciences Center of the University of Illinois at Chicago where he has been associate dean for research. He has recently written two books, "The History and Use of Our Earth's Chemical Elements," a reference about the chemical elements, and "Scientific Discoveries and Miscellanies Through the Ages," to be published by Greenwood Press in late 1998.

**Brian Lockard MEd'69** will retire in June 1998 from Carroll County Schools after a 33-year career. He was superintendent of schools from 1994-98.

When **Geary Myers MEd'72** graduated in 1964, Carroll County (Md.) Public Schools hired him to help launch outdoor education and elementary physical education programs. Now, 34 years later, outdoor education is flourishing in the county and Geary is retiring.

**Tim MEd'75** and **Mary Meyer Sheic MEd'75** headed to Goshen, N.Y., after WMC where Tim taught in a deaf program and Mary did freelance interpreting and consulting jobs. Tim later taught in a public school junior high deaf program in Minnesota and is now a technology consultant for the 40,000-student Anoka school district. He has recently completed his doctorate in educational psychology at the University of Minnesota. Mary is deaf program coordinator at St. Louis Park High School, the biggest secondary program (other than the state academy) in Minnesota. She's back in school after another master's in education

administration and a principal's license. They have three children, Eva, a senior viola performance major at St. Olaf College, Maia, a sophomore thinking about economics at Olaf, and Robert, a ninth-grader.

**Judith King MEd'83** has been named Director, Library Media and Technology for the Madison Metropolitan School District, Madison, Wisc. Judith was the 1990 recipient of the Joseph R. Bailier Award and was a Library Media Specialist with Montgomery County (Md.) Public Schools.

**David Snow MS'93** received his undergraduate degree at Gallaudet University. He teaches high school English at Florida's State School for the Deaf (FSSD). He is married to Tracie Casio, who also teaches at FSSD. **Ann Booth Koenig MS'95** is one of six candidates selected for the advanced practicum offered by the Georgia Association for Pastoral Counseling. GAPEC is an affiliate of Emory University's Candler School of Theology and School of Medicine. The theoretical orientation of the practicum is contemporary psychoanalytic psychotherapy with studies in object relations theory, self psychology and DSM-IV diagnosis. Anne also completed Neuro Linguistic Program training and Gestalt Therapy training at the Gestalt Institute of Atlanta.

**Jamie Britton MS'96** is a guidance counselor at York Suburban High School in York, Pa.

**Linda Lambert Selby MS'97** will be the new teaching assistant principal at Northwest Middle School in Taneytown, Md. Linda has been teaching at New Windsor Middle School for 27 years.

## Congressman Goodling Given Bailier Award

Pennsylvania Congressman **William F. Goodling MEd'57** is the 1998 winner of the Joseph R. Bailier Award. The prestigious award, named for one of the college's most highly respected career educators, is presented each year to a WMC master's degree recipient who has made a significant contribution to the field of education.

Goodling, a 12-term Republican serving Adams, Cumberland and York counties, earned a master's degree in education in 1957. Before returning to Washington, D.C., he was a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent of schools in York County.

Since first winning office in 1974, Congressman Goodling, now one of the most popular legislators in south central Pennsylvania history, has made education one of his top priorities. He has served on the Committee on Education and the Workforce since his first term and in 1994 was elected chairman. He also serves on the House Committee on International Relations and the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights.

Congressman Goodling accepted the award at an April 16 ceremony from Margaret Bailier Sullivan, who established the award in 1985 in memory of her husband and his career as chairman of the college's Education department and director of the graduate program from 1949-1971. Dr. Bailier, who died in 1974, was a primary contributor to the growth of the graduate program. Both as a mentor and an outstanding example of an educator, he influenced the lives of hundreds of Western Maryland graduate students, many of whom have gone on to leadership roles in educational programs in Maryland and beyond.

## Class Notes

**34** How do I know who answered my card first when the postman delivered many at the same time? A big THANKS for keeping our class informed and creating a feeling of togetherness after all these years.

**Kennard Rhodes** writes from his home in Hollywood, Fla., that the first part of the year was OK, but the latter part was one of doctor visits caused by a severe case of undiagnosed pneumonia. Hollywood has undergone a lot of improvement and it looks great, he says, so "bring on 1998."

**William Wright** says he is still proud to be able to answer "roll call." Last spring he cruised the Caribbean, spent the summer at home in Nevada and was back in Yuma, Ariz., for the winter. He enjoys hiking daily, golfing weekends (in his words, "weakly"), but still loves all of it. This past summer Bill received a letter from **Dr. Ira Zepp '52**, which revived some happy memories. He wishes the best of everything to all of us.

**Maurice Fleming** first labeled his life as "organized loafing," and now calls it "assisted organized loafing." Since the first of August 1997 he feels that this type of life is about as good as it gets. "All is well for him."

**Roland Sliker** a card read, "The usual stuff—travel, taxes, good health and happy days." I might add that "Sluke" sent me a Christmas card and told me that he quit tennis this year because he could "swink the ball, but not the back line."

**Helen Whitcraft Dixon** wrote that her husband died June 25, 1997, and ever since she has been fighting health problems herself. Helen is thankful now that she is living in Carroll Lutheran Village.

**Elizabeth "Hump" Humphreys Mahoney** tells us that 1997 was a year of joy and sorrow. The joy is her daughter successfully battled breast cancer and her oldest grandson had a beautiful June wedding. The sorrow came a week after the wedding when Hump's youngest granddaughter, Caitly, was a victim in the Starbuck's murder in Washington, D.C. Caitly is sorely missed, but even worse, one week after Caitly's death her step-mother was diagnosed with cancer. Hump prays for a better 1998.

**Richard Kiefer** and wife **Sue Cockey '33** say they are in good health and still in their home in Catonsville, Md., where they have lived for almost 60 years. Dick is "gradually retiring." From law practice and only goes to his downtown Baltimore office three days a week. Their two daughters, three granddaughters and eight great-grandchildren are all doing well. Unfortunately, none lives in the region so Dick and Sue don't get to see them as often as they would like.

**John McNally** said 1997 didn't provide much news for Helen and him, adding, "No news is generally good news." Admitting that he has never really recovered from the shock of **Henry Kimmey's** death, John feels that WMC should memorialize Henry in some manner because, "he was such a great man." Classmates, do you have any suggestions? Send me some ideas.

**Elise Kahl Chapin** says 1997 has been a year of peace and well-being. She enjoys her volunteer work in the community, the library, the free lunch program, church activities like the Altar Guild, the Ladies Society and the recycled clothes shop. She says it's great to keep busy. She still plays bridge with a group once a week. She added that neither she nor her bridge game improves with age! In October, she and her granddaughter Megan had a wonderful two weeks' visit with friends in Mellor.

**Elizabeth Mellor Johnson** was a member of our class for only her freshman year. She left to attend art school in Baltimore, but she has been assigned back to our class as an ex-'34. We are glad to have her back. She is active in antique clubs and painting in oils and watercolor. Elizabeth lives in one of the cottages in The Fairfax retirement community near Ft. Belvoir, Va.

**Mary Haig Harger** says she would love to visit East from Vista, Calif., to a trip places and people, but she feels she lacks the energy due to diabetes and aching knees, having fallen twice. A big consolation is the joy of her children. Elaine is a constant friend. Tom is always ready to help with mechanical and electrical problems. Grace and Emily visit regularly from Scotland.

**Frederick Malkus, Jr.** has been retired for three years from the Maryland State Senate. Unfortunately, he is suffering with a long ailment which requires him to use oxygen at all times. His wife Maggie has been a wonderful help to him during his illness. His three children **Margaret Elizabeth "Betsy" LaPerch '81**, **Frederick Charles III '82** and **Susan Malkus '86** all live in the Washington area. Betsy is married and has three children. Fred says he is still interested in politics and helping bring the Hyatt Resort complex to Cambridge.

**Mildred Burkins Connelly** has lived alone on a beautiful golf course in W. Conroe, Texas, for about five years without ever playing golf. After some major health problems, she now is doing well. Millie is active in her church, plays bridge fairly often and takes a trip once or twice a year. She also reads and even took a computer course this year. She frequently wonders about her former classmates and wishes she were closer to visit us.



**Dorothy Hull Norris-Schuchardt** and husband Jim are still enjoying life at Fr. Myers Beach, Fla. Every day they walk the beach for two to three miles and swim in the Gulf when the temperature is 70 degrees or above. Among her activities are the Methodist church, volunteer work at congregate meals and a member of the historical society. They have wonderful friends, family, acquaintances of all ages and consider themselves blessed.

**Katherine "Timmie" Timmons Leitch** writes that she is OK and "hanging in there." Timmie is always pleased to read about what her classmates are doing.

**Eather "E" Righter Hoffman** says she has no special news, but she has been plagued with the shingles for most of the year. This has cut down on her traveling. She and her husband often talk of looking for a retirement home but as yet have done nothing about it.

I received a nice Christmas card from **Eleanor Jaeger**, wife of **Rody Jaeger**, the first president of our class of '34. She never fails to keep in touch and says her son Bruce's wife died in February 1997 from cancer.

**Sarah Fadelley Stevens** says she always enjoys hearing the news about our class and appreciates the write-ups in *The Hill*. She and **Millie Burkins Connolly** keep in touch regularly. Sally is still enjoying her home in Florida.

The entrance to her retirement community was a lovely sight this year with 93,000 lights decorating every tree. During the holidays he had wonderful music programs plus so much food to enjoy. Sally is still active in her church across the street and is doing volunteer work.

Neither **Alfred Sadusky** nor his wife Irene have been well this past year. Al has been recovering from several operations on his back and legs, probably the result of his college football days when he was a star player. Last February he wasn't able to stand, but after months of physical therapy he is getting around with a walker. He devotes many hours to reading and watching TV. One of the highlights of the year was receiving an invitation from college President Robert Chambers to attend the Homecoming game against Johns Hopkins University. Friends made it possible for him to go. While on the Hill he was my man of his other friends, which made him happy. He hopes his classmates will keep in touch with him.

**Charles Whittington** and his wife Carolyn were busy this holiday season selling their house and getting ready to move to Broadmead, a retirement community near Towson, Md. Every May several of us from the class of '34 get together to fill reserved seats at the Breakfast. I know that Charles and Carolyn plan to be on hand again this year.

**Robert Holder** sent me his business card listing his winter address in Sarasota, Fla., his summer address in Chautauqua, N.Y., and his occupational titles of graphologist, author and rare book dealer. He enclosed a photo of himself at work in his office (Bob, you still look good). He had to

hand print his news on his reply card; you will recall that Bob sustained a terrible auto accident last year. He was sold a car with a defective transmission which caused him to hit four other cars and a stone wall. He escaped with his life but has trouble using a typewriter, so he attempts to hand print. Bob also included a copy of a newspaper article from the California *Inquirer* that notes he was one of three graphologists called upon to analyze Sirhan Vishara Sirhan's handwriting following the assassination of Robert Kennedy. I shall add this clipping to our scrapbooks in the WMC archives.

**Ada Beall Pope** says she is feeling rather well for her age and does not need to Baltimore any more so she can't get to see me.

I keep busy and very active as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and the Woman's Eastern Shore Society of Maryland. Meetings, conventions, programs and projects consume most of my time—no mention of homework. Ed and I have been married 56 years and have lived in the same house 49 years. In May 1997 Ed was taken to the hospital and operated on for a mitral valve replacement. Since then I have had a cataract operation. Both of us are doing OK now.

I might say before closing that I enjoy being your class secretary, which I've done for 64 years. Getting news from you to share with our classmates has been one of my most satisfying activities.

As a conclusion to my column, I would like to let you know that I have received word that the following members of our class have died: **Clifton J. Tollenger**, of Houston, Texas, on April 3, 1997; **Blanche Nichols Stephany**, of Seaford, Del., on October 27, 1997; and **John H. Whitmore**, of New Windsor, Md., on December 18, 1997.

**Lillian Frey Dexter**  
3726 Lochearn Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21207

**35** Cards from 25 classmates make this column of news possible. At the risk of being repetitious, I will share their messages.

**Frank Clarke and Grayson Brandenburg '37** are keeping busy as volunteers at Fairhaven Retirement Center in Skylesville, Md. Frank takes charge of the workshop for residents. Grayson helps with wheelchair service to health care residents and provides piano accompaniment for sing-a-long sessions. They had a trip to North Dakota for a visit with Frank's sister and have attended several antique rifle shows and some class reunions.

**Mary White Knight** in Asheville, N.C., had a trip to Alaska and another to the West Caribbean. She enjoys her bridge (good for your mind, she says) and walking. Meals on Wheels is one of her activities, and she likes to help others. She sends love to her "special friends."

**Louise Orem Hart** in Peoria, Ariz., mourns the death of **Peg Downing Duvall**, her college room-

mate. She was a bright spot in her college years. Louise is in an apartment in a life care center where there are many friendly people and plenty of activity. She does lots of volunteer work.

**Charlie Carlisle** in Greensboro, N.C., spends the winter months in Florida, the summer months in Myrtle Beach and had a month in Hawaii in the fall.

**Dottie Mitchell Keel** stays in Illinois until November 15, then returns to Tampa for winter. Her daughter, whom she visits at Christmas, lives in California and her son is in Chicago. She still enjoys golf, bridge and her pet, Miss Annie.

**Danny Moore** in California writes that they have had a "medical year," but are enjoying life fully. He has the welcome mat out as he asks, "Doesn't anyone come to Northern California? Come see us."

**Andy Gorski** enjoys following the athletic pursuits of his grandchildren in football, basketball and soccer. He would like another class reunion before 2000.

**Carlton Brinsfield** attended the recent military reunion at WMC and noted many changes in growth at the college and in Westminster.

**Joe Lipsky** in Columbia, S.C., celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary on October 2, 1997. He still plays golf and tries to come to Maryland twice a year to visit family. Congratulations to the Lipskys!

**Gertrude Rogers Oettinger** writes from a retirement community in Doylestown, Pa. Although her husband has a health care center, she is fortunate to have three daughters nearby who are very attentive. Gerrie is 85 and stopped driving at 83. Her husband was in the military and retired as a lieutenant colonel. They traveled extensively and remarks that one of the best periods of life was the four years at WMC, which she hopes to visit again this fall.

**Ruth Jenkins Smith** lives in Severna Park, Md., and plays tennis twice a week, duplicate bridge weekly and enjoys annual trips to Lake Fairlee in Vermont. She spends time at their condo in Ocean City, Fla. With five children, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, birthdays and holidays stay busy. Ruth and I are members of the Retired Teachers Chorus and we practice weekly.

**Peg Routszahn Miller** spent an evening at Tanglewood this summer to hear John Williams and the Boston Pops as they played his works. She still keeps busy with genealogy, travel and family.

**Emily Dashiell Lecky** spends winters in Florida. She attends and enjoys the Lower Eastern Shore Alumni Luncheon in August.

**Dennis Yingling** from Palm Coast, Fla., enjoyed two cruises and spent five weeks in Maryland last summer. The Yinglings were planning a visit to Asheville in October, Cypress Gardens and, at Christmas, Bermuda.

**Fran Enderdic Pugh** still enjoys the museums, music and drama that Washington, D.C., offers. She's very proud of the growth of WMC.

**Janice Weber Goger** from Roselle, N.J., often thinks of the friends and good years at WMC.

**Dorothy Thomson** still resides in her own home at West End, N.C., and enjoys beautiful North Carolina. Best wishes to former classmates.

**John Blissman** has moved with his daughter to Birdsboro, Pa. He remarks that "old age is catching up with me."  
**Lucille Book Jones** from Bel Air, Md., says although their family is scattered, they hoped to see many of them at Christmas.

**Kitty Rose Demuth** in Naples, Fla., has a new address, where they moved a month ago. They celebrated July 4th in Sherwood Forest, Md., with family and friends.

**Ed Barto** writes from Florida that he and his wife have purchased a computer and are looking forward to a Windows 95 class at Eckerd College. He says he could not stand the computer age passing him by. At age 83 he says he's only 60 years behind, but with many 14- to 17-year-olds serving in their dining rooms, he'll have a lot of support to fall back on.

**Charles Hymiller** is active in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Rockdale. He and Ann celebrated their 44th anniversary on November 28th. They have two grandchildren and enjoy visiting their daughter in Outer Banks, N.C.

**Dottie Berry Tevis**, our president, keeps very busy with friends, family and community activities. Her granddaughter is a student at WMC.

**Adelnye Nancy Galloway** lost her husband, Ross, on May 11, 1997, after a fight against lung cancer. She says she is trying hard to accept life without him. She keeps busy and remembers the happy years they had together.

I sadly report the death of **Paul Burger** on March 4, 1997. He was living at the Quincey United Methodist Home in Quincey, Pa.

The Lord family continues to stay busy with doctor and dental appointments, family dinners, computer education, bridge, pinocle and many sojourns to our cottage in Ocean City. I enjoy my accompanying assignment with Retired Teacher's Chorus, and monthly Book Club and Lutheran Women meetings. Our Golden Years are precious. We were planning to take a month's vacation to Florida in January 1998.

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**39** Can you believe it! The 60th reunion of the class of '39 will be in 1999—the last year of the 20th Century and this millennium. Awesome, isn't it?

**Bob Sherman** says, "It is hard to believe the 60th is soon upon us. Mary and I both hope we can make it through to 2000. To classmates: think positive and keep active."

**Steve Radatovich** made my day when I read his update card. "Just a few lines to say 'hello.' I'm fine and in good health." I'm sure many persons at 80 would love to be able to make that statement.

"Too late, or better late than never?" writes **Thelma Weaver Gregory**. (Not late, but right on time.) "We keep going, trying not to think about the years, but it just strikes me occasionally. How can we be almost 80 years old? Life has been mostly good to me, blessing many."

**Gene Ackerman** says, "Age brings its delights and drawbacks. At 86 I thank the Lord for each day."

**Lee Adriance** writes: "Everything is fine here in Corning. Active playing senior golf and bowling. Tell the class of '99 to stay with their studies and finish school. I didn't, but Corning Glass took good care of me. Hope to make the 60th."

It was touch and go for **Louise Jamieson Highby** when Bill underwent serious surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital to fix circulation in his legs, but happily he is making a good recovery. Jamie, with the help of sons John and Richard, has come through the ordeal well. She says, "I'm 15 pounds lighter and plan to stay that way."

**Louise Leister Haifley** spends summers in Maryland, winters in Florida and Christmas in Manchester, Md. The twins are seniors in high school. Louise took Helen for a tour and an interview at WMC. "What a thrill! My tuition was \$75 and I gave up a \$14 a week job to attend. Times have changed."

**Hooray for Becky Keith Smith** who wrote, "At the age of 81 life is still very exciting!" In December she visited her granddaughter, a major in the Air Force stationed at the Academy Hospital who was expecting a baby. She had a girl in January, Blyn Tara Hudson. Becky is looking forward to a return visit to Colorado to see this special baby.

What a thrill for **Bill and Ann Stevenson Klare** when their neighbors gave them a surprise party with 54 attending, including the children who put together an orchestra which, according to Ann, was quite good. Although Bill is having physical difficulties, he and Ann were both looking forward to being with Bill Jr. and family for Christmas. They truly enjoy their grandchildren, Andy, a junior at the University of Dayton and Erin, a junior at Worthington High School who is on the swim and water polo teams.

**Louise Linthicum Wildman** is retired from the Department of Mental Health in Baltimore County. She served on the faculty in the undergraduate and graduate school of nursing at the University of Maryland. She and Paul celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary and still live in the same house they built in Linthicum, Md. They enjoy seeing their daughter who works and lives nearby, and visits often.

Received a phone call from **Kay Rudolph Reedy** from Vero Beach, Fla. A very welcome one, too, as she brought the warmth of Florida to a cold, frosty day in Baltimore. She is still enjoying living in the Indian Creek Community and participating in the many activities provided by the center.

No news from **Cornelia Keyser Strobel**, but couldn't resist her quote: "Laughter is the cheapest luxury in the world that people have. It stirs up the blood, expands the chest, electrifies the nerves, clears away the cobwebs from the brain and gives the whole system a cleansing rehabilitation." Thank you, Dr. Strobel!

**Kay Rudolph Reedy and Norma Keyser Strobel** were former members of our "lunch bunch," which still meets monthly on the fourth Thursday. If you are in Baltimore and would like to join us, please call me. We were happy to have **Peggy Young Bailey '37** with us. She and **Jeanne Lang Ledoux** now reside at Blakehurst retirement center in Baltimore. For lunch out of Baltimore, we depend on **Mary Jane Honemann Rinchimer** for transportation as she has a van. This way we are able to include **Rose Barrow Towner** who lives in Bel Air, Md., and also visit **Wyn Harward Howell** in Oxford, Md.

It is hard to catch **Gladys Coppage Hendrickson**, another of our lunch group, home as she is busy with her volunteer work and is always in demand for a bridge game.

From **George Grier**: "Hard to believe we were at WMC 60 years ago. Still playing golf—shot an 87 yesterday." George says his toughest competition is his 15-year-old grandson who is shooting in the 70s and was named Metro Athlete of the Week. His nursery has 18 greenhouses on Grier Nursery Road (near Bel Air and Forest Hill, Md.). It seems that George's son and grandson are truly an extension of him through their interests in golf and landscaping.

And from another golf, **Emil Edmond**: "All is well here in Tucson, Ariz., where the weather is best" for playing golf every day, which he does whenever possible.

From singing in the church choir to playing tennis daily ("I'm shooting for still being able to play at 80 this year."), **Thelma Yohn Lockard** is enjoying good health and looking forward to our 60th reunion in 1999. "We can't be that old, can we?" Write Thelma as an example—NEVER!

I felt nostalgic when I read the card from **Kay Foltz Bookbinder**: "I'm not sure they are words of wisdom, but if you consider getting an advanced degree with high marks through lots of study, never would I have gotten into Columbia for the doctorate without the good foundation I received at WMC."

**Woodrow Peeling**, whom I enjoy seeing each year at the Carroll County Oldtimers Baseball Dinner held in Taneytown, Md., said he was as excited as we all were at our WMC football team going undefeated in 1997. Waxing nostalgic he wrote: "I see WMC had a perfect football year. This reminds me of the years Dick Harlow and Charlie Havens '30 coached the team."

Thank goodness trips are still on our agendas as **Mae Snyder Claggett** writes, "Still traveling with limitations—toured Michigan and Mackinac Island and stayed at the Trappe Family Lodge. Later toured the Vermont area

to enjoy the beautiful foliage. Attended and enjoyed the military reunion at WMC in October."

Two more travelers, **Dot Cohee Harris** and **Al Ford**, also wrote of their trips. Dot, one of our "lunch bunch," wrote, "Just returned from second trip to China. What a difference! Seventeen years ago everyone wore drab Mao jackets and pants. Now, they all (except the very old) look just like us! The scenery as usual was magnificent. Hong Kong remains the same except for the great building spree going on." Dot is enjoying life at Oakcrest retirement community.

**Al Ford** and his wife took their 11th trip to Europe, this time to visit his daughter and family. "Went to Prague and France, Loire Valley. This year we are going to Cancun, Mexico, in March."

For me, retirement was the best thing ever invented, and we who are retired, according to **Julia Berwager**, wonder how we had time to work. "Still enjoying retirement. My schedule continues to be too busy but rewarding."

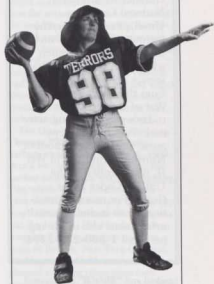
**Mots Yocum Ferris** must have gone through her year's calendar by the list of activities she sent titled, "Just the Facts," like Tom Brokaw says on the evening news. I was exhausted just reading the list of family visits, church meetings and conferences ending with two weddings and eight funerals (sign of our times) and a trip to Disneyland. To all this is added "a little tennis, a little bridge and a lot of miscellaneous." She is planning to take her family—daughter, son-in-law and grandson, and son and granddaughter to Hawaii this year.

**Jay and Sheila Mowbray** have finally made the move from paradise (Hawaii) and are now living in a villa in Patriots Colony, a CCCO for retired military officers in Williamsburg, Va. Although reluctant to make the move, they are finding that Williamsburg is also a delightful place to live with access to many pleasures and activities, great companionship (same age, background and "disabilities"), plus gourmet dining and no maintenance or housekeeping chores. "We are getting used to cold weather and love the autumn leaves."

"I, too, find it hard to believe that we are as old as we must be for it to be almost 2000," says **Nancy Getty Haifley**, who lives in a retirement center in Baltimore and has adjusted to "Baltimore living" very well. She says, "Charlestown is beautiful." Most of all she is enjoying her children, grandchildren (15 of them) and her adorable great-granddaughter.

**Carroll Cook** typed his response because, "My writing has become so terrible, but then it never was great. Maybe I should have become a doctor." As a typist he "hunts, pecks and corrects." "My wife and I still have a pulse, although irregular, take pills, but can't complain when we see many who are in worse shape." Sad news—son Ed died suddenly on June 15, 1997, of a heart attack. It was a real shock as he seemed to be in the best of health. In the mid '60s we would see Carroll when Ed played amateur

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**Kay Turner '44**, SMSJ/C'42, JHSN'47 was thrilled to learn that her name could be included in the new Women in Military Service for America Memorial near the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. Unveiled in October, the memorial recognizes more than 1.8 million women who served in U.S. military service and support services from the early days of the War of Independence to today's peace-keeping activities. Turner, a student nurse at Hopkins School of Nursing during World War II, was enrolled in the USPHS Cadet Nurse Corps. For more information, or to include yourself or someone else in the registry, call **1-800-222-2294**.

baseball and "Sheriff" '36 scouted the team. Sheriff refereed a basketball game in which Ed played for Bridge-water against University of Baltimore. We are saddened, Carroll, for you and your family.

Four of our classmates will not be at our 60th reunion. We sadly say "farewell" to **Charles "Pip" McWilliams**, **Barbara Fogelsanger Guise**, **Bill Thomas** and **Helen Frey Hobart**. We'll miss them, but we will always feel their presence is with us.

"I'm still alive," **Mary Oleair Stark** writes, "But I agree with you—we are too young to be this old!" To the incoming freshmen: "Enjoy your stay at WMC." Good advice, especially for **Lisa Peterson '01**, a freshman from Towson Catholic High School in Baltimore, the recipient of our 1939 Extra Mile Scholarship. She is "home-grown," as both of her parents, **June Wilcher '67** and **Walter '67**, are WMC alumni. We wish her much success.

I am still active volunteering at Grace United Methodist Church in Baltimore and the visitor's center at the Inner Harbor, plus the baseball program begun by **"Sheriff" '36** in 1946. This year will be the 53rd year a team represents the program. We have a Fombie Foundation and have awarded three four-year scholarships. Truly enjoy working with the young men who play for us and especially their parents. My big news is the birthday gift I gave myself—a hot air balloon ride! I gave a younger brother, we left from what used to be the parking lot of the Peter Pan Restaurant in Urbana, Md., at 7 p.m. and were up about an hour. Frederick County looked beautiful as we floated about eight miles, 1,500 feet in the air. We landed in a private field and returned to the parking lot where we celebrated with a talltale champagne supper. It was great—and shall I say truly uplifting! An interesting experience was get-

ting in and out of the balloon basket!

Happy to hear from **Roland Stoneifer**, **Miles Lefferts**, **Grace MacEvan** ("Words of Wisdom ME") and another Californian, **Charlotte Drechsler Grefin** who lives in San Diego near **Mots Yocum Ferris**. She is well, but is feeling a little nostalgic wishing "the end of the century was as far away as it was in 1939." But what wonderful memories we have!

I had to laugh when I read the card from **Charlie "Hepp" Wallace** because of his great quotes. I would like to share two that he sent on "old age" (a time of life we all can relate to): "Old age is when men pay more attention to their food than to the waitress serving it." and "You are genuinely 'old' if you feel you learned all there is to learn, if tomorrow has no promise and if you would rather talk than listen," to which I add, "not descriptive of members of the class of '39!"

I am saving the "Words of Wisdom" to share with you at our 60th Reunion on May 28-30, 1999, where I hope we will all see each other. Please save the date!

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**45** This time I am recording your responses as they come in, so the column may not be quite as organized as I'd like. It seems my life belongs to others; thus, I must keep up responsibilities just in case that phone call comes again.

**Dennis Blizard** writes from Lutherville, Md. "With respectful apologies to the jakeobs at Margaret and Earl's, 'We don't get around much anymore.'" His wife **Margaret Fredrich** has been impaired a bit, preventing them from being too active. However, "good fortune made it possible to observe our 50th wedding anniversary with our 10-plus family in August at Duck, N.C. Each year the drive seems wilder and more breathtaking. We got a good share of horn-banking, etc., traveling 65 m.p.h. in the far right 'slow lane.'" We smile, recalling a similar spirit of rush in 1945."

The kitchen at **Luciene Ramsburg Pfeifferkorn**'s house in Annapolis, Md., has turned health-conscious since husband Bill's heart attack a few years back. Innovative cooking to reverse heart disease is top priority.

Writing his life story for his children and grandchildren gave **Dr. Carroll Doggett** a chance to relive many happy experiences, including three years at WMC. He and his wife **Nan Astin** '47 enjoyed an Elderhostel at Niagara Falls, but will be hosting a tour of Spain, Portugal and Morocco in August 1998. He asks anyone interested to call him. January and February the Doggetts were planning to soak up the sun in St. Petersburg, Fla.

A busy and eventful year for **Nell Quirk Levy** and husband. They had three months in their condo at Bradenton, Fla., along with visiting families and a big reunion in July. At the time of this writing, Nell was preparing for surgery.

**Donna DuVal Sellman** and **Russell '44** enjoyed a recent "escapade" from Budapest to Prague via the Danube. Ten alumni were signed up to accompany them, but a change of date from September to August only allowed **Cecilia Buckner Bouma** and husband John to share the trip. The other eight had previous commitments. Donna said they learned so much about the Hapsburg Dynasty and cathedrals, both Gothic and Baroque.

The only news from **Harrison "Buzz" Langrall** in Paoli, Pa., is the entry of his daughter Hazel, 17, into her freshman year at Penn State.

**Helen Stoner Dettbarn**, "Stoney" to most of us, left her home in St. Michaels, Md., during the summer to visit family and do some golfing along the way. She also visited six different trips to Eastern Europe—six interesting countries, adding much knowledge to her already acquired education and absorbing the beautiful scenery.

The **Allen Poffenbergers** curtailed their usual traveltogues, much to their chagrin. But with wife Mabel not feeling up to par, they were still happy to make a five-day trip to New England, West Point, Albany, Sarasota Springs and "Nordic Hill" in Wilmington, Vt. Let's hope Mabel will soon be better and they'll be "on the road again."

**Kay Kaiser Frantum** may not have won the election to the Maryland Retirement Board, but her association with so many new wonderful people during the campaign made up for the loss. You're still a winner in our eyes, Kay.

Heart surgery for **Ruth Putzel Loew** of Elkris Park, Pa., was performed at St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., where her son-in-law practices medicine. Even though she feels better, the "Doc" says to take it easy. If you visited the Philadelphia Flower Show this March, you might have seen Judge Ruth using her expertise to award prize winners.

A very active Elderhosteler twosome is the Suhorsky's. **Marion "Suzy" Maddox Suhorsky** and husband Joe have swept the entire East Coast from Canada to St. Petersburg, Fla., enjoying the traveling part and gaining more knowledge. With continued good health, they hope to go to Spain in the spring.

Devoted son Mike Stephens wrote for his mother **Dorothy-Mae Taylor Stephens** in Elizabethtown, Pa., who has had eye surgery. When her vision improves, he said she will contact me. Thank you, Mike.

**Cecilia Baeder Bouma** and husband John verified how much they enjoyed the WMC Alumni Danube Cruise trip with Donna and Russ. Now that they are home, they continue their volunteer activities.

**Dr. William E. Smith**, a retired pastor, and Mary Lou busy themselves with grandson Christopher, 2, (who is in training for golfing like his granddad) and the Duke Divinity School Hospital Board. After a wonderful two-day train ride in the Canadian Rockies, they highly recommend this trip from Banff to Vancouver.

Wedding bells rang for a lovely

bride named Katy in Texas, all beautifully coordinated by grandmother **Thelma Young Friedel**. While there from home in Irvine, Calif., she and **Ridge '43** visited old friends and neighbors and, of course, relished being with their immediate families for the wedding.

A reunion on the East Coast for several Dells was hosted by **Marian Whitford Boyer** and husband Sam. Joining them were **Janet Lee Baugher Covington**, **Anita "Neets" Richardson Oswald**, **Helen "Stoney" Stoner Dettbarn**, **Margaret "Peg" Thompson Simmons**, **Sally Moffett Dwyer '46**, **Paul Brooks '43** and wife. They all met at the Canal and were joined by **Edna "Perk" Haller Beglin '46** and **Jan Sheanek '46**. When the Boyers aren't enjoying their friends, they share their cottage on Bodkin with their own families.

**Ann Lecte Hudson** and husband Lingo shared their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21st with **Gale Lodge Thiele** and **Jaenne Corkran**. Lingo's mother, 98, held the wedding party celebrate. Trips to North Carolina with family and a visit from their 1966-67 Norwegian exchange student gave the Hudsons a full summer. They planned to go to Hawaii in October with the Prince George's Retired Teachers, who are led by Lingo.

Can it be that we are old enough—and ready for—great-grandparenting? **Aileen Bair Barnhart** of Westminster, Md., was expecting to have her first experience of that proud status before this goes to press.

**Madeline Myers Hiatt**, also of Westminster, writes that she and husband **Bill Med '75** that she and her daughter Mary Elizabeth both see that she is traveling around as CEO of marketing for 15 companies. They are very proud of her accomplishments. Sadness struck their lives when they had to say farewell to Aunt **Eva Katherine Logue '28**, who died at the age of 92.

The bocce team in Tucson, Ariz., was really glad that **Ann Frounfelter Palmer** was on their team to help them win the Gold Medal for 1997. Husband Bill has had heart fibrillation problems, but a big celebration for his 80th birthday in August made his heart do "happiness beats" instead of pain. The Palmers still get around to Vegas, San Diego and Florida.

When **Gale Lodge Thiele** from Silver Spring, Md., says she has seen many WMC friends without going to Ocean City first in July, she means a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for the Hudsons and a trip to Ontario with her WMC Lodge brothers. What wonderful family ties she has!

After a successful recovery from a year's illness, **Rev. Harold Fuss** has returned to substitute preaching. Not only that, he and wife **Jaqueline Blick '49** enjoyed a trip to Nova Scotia.

Words of sympathy have been sent to the families of **Joseph Kugler** and **Adelle Terry Gallaway** following their deaths: Joe on April 17, 1997 and Adele on May 11, 1997.



From Saratoga Springs, N.Y., **Jan Andrews Richards** has moved from running her information business to volunteering at the local hospital medical library.

**Mary Webb France** had a recent trip from home in Baltimore to Canada where she attended seven plays in one week at the Shakespeare Festival and Shaw Festival. A review from her bridge playing!

**Rev. Robert Adams** says "things are all quiet on the Western front"—Sun Prairie, Wis. How quiet can one get pastoring as an intern servant in an inner city church along with teaching a Sunday school class and volunteering in a hospital surgical waiting room? And if that isn't enough, "ferrying a stepson to and from school across town."

After a wonderful Wisconsin summer, **Robert Siemon '43** and his "good wife" **Margaret Waugh Siemon** transported their organic vegetables to their winter home in Florida.

During Alumni Weekend last May, **Charlotte Anne Wilkins Hansen** packed in so much, especially enjoying many old WMC friends who still carry with them those "unbroken ties." She shared Friday's festivities with Harry and **Jeanne Williams Graef**. A visit to Mrs. Thomas Marshall was a must. Sorority sisters **Margaret "Peggy" Carter Welkos** and **Charlotte "Mac" MacConney Hall** couldn't let her return home without a short visit. At the Saturday night banquet she was welcomed at the table of **Bob Bricker '42** and **Wilbur Kidd '42**. Charlotte spent the summer months recuperating after a hip operation in June, but she did get to Vermont and Ocean City in the early fall.

A delightful October luncheon as the guest of **Peggy Carter Welkos** at Carroll Lutheran Village made me feel like a queen. Her training at that house on campus to become a home economics major proved she passed the Julia Childs test. **Charlotte "Mac" MacConney Hall** was also **Peggy's** guest. I wouldn't dare reveal the conversation over lunch, but you can guess it was from "head to toe." Anyway, we're all three on our feet and mighty grateful for health and memories!

**Anna Avers Hastings** writes from Greenville, Maine, how satisfying her "small hometown" has been throughout her life there. And to see the Moosehead area through the eyes of her granddaughter, 7, this past summer was the highlight: her first sight of a hummingbird, loon and moose, combined with a ride on the Katalinin, the lake passenger steamer, all were enlightening.

**Hope Steward Ward** feels mighty lucky to have a husband who loves to travel. Their big trip out of Pittsburgh was to Alaska. They were looking forward to Christmas in D.C. and the month of March in Delrey Beach, Fla. The Ward's two lovely grandsons, 7 and 3, kept them young. Hope joined her husband at his 50th college reunion.

First it was a bus trip to Maine highlighting Acadia National Park. Then the Hot Air Balloon Festival

lured **Mary Spaulding Pfefferkorn** to New Mexico where she met a friend who was a part of a Winnebago home group. For nine days she oohed and ahed over the "grand old calendar" parking spots. She loved the old towns of Albuquerque and Santa Fe for their museums and cultural offerings.

**Rev. Harvey Buck** of Pacific Grove, Calif., always has too little to report, but his unceasing reaching out to minister to hospital patients certainly deserves recognition, not to mention Harvey's faithfulness to me and my family in times of need. That leads me into a sincere thank you to Donna for sharing my letter when I was called to Arkansas in March at the time of my son Stephen's accidental death. Fortunately, the three-month stay with Jeanine and children eased the family's pain and got them regimented to her chemotherapy and adjustment to a household without their dad. You have no idea how much your cards, phone calls and prayers helped us all. As of now, I have returned to my volunteer work of reaching out to others in need; it is therapy for me. Of course, my other three children and their families keep me in line.

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49 Word in May 1997  
from **Rev. George Pfeiffer** in Bel Air, Md., was he gets around pretty well with the help of his daughter **Deborah '77** and had plans for several trips to WMC.

At a WMC Baltimore Alumni Lunch in August, **Bob '48** and **Helen Miles Dubel** presented "Reflections on Our Trip to Antarctica" to an enthusiastic audience, including **Louise Reese Kunkel**, **Louise "Sunny" Sapp Hawkins**, **Shirley Brooks Powell**, **Howard '50** and **Jan Daughtry Myers**, and **L. Jean Daughtry Elliott**. In a recent note Helen mentioned a November 1997 visit to China. She says, "Between periods away from home, time is filled with church activities, friends and grandchildren, the sixth one born in April."

**Helen Jan Riggs Burn**, known to her classmates as **Jan Riggs Rogers**, has written "Lives That Shaped a City," which was shown on Maryland Public Television September 12, Old Defenders Day. Helen is teaching a master's class on professional writing for the English department at Towson University.

**Ruby Williams Brownings** and Marvin are comfortably settled in Martinsburg, W.Va. Daughter Barbara is living on a farm near Charlestown with husband Jim. Grandson Christopher is a student at Shepherd College.

**George Coulter** says 1997 was a good year with many church and community service activities and the birth of a new great-great niece just before Christmas.

According to an article from *The Aggie* newspaper in Bel Air, Md., and information sent by **Bill Ehlers**, is his

still searching for WWII veterans of the 217th Army General Hospital Unit serving in Paris 1943-46. He has located about 70 percent, had two reunions and publishes a directory and a newsletter. Bill's experiences at Paris' Hospital de la Pitie as an x-ray technician, stretcher bearer, chaplain's assistant, driver, clerk and one-finger field organ player changed his life and led him into the United Methodist ministry.

**Howard N. Hall** continues to enjoy retirement and is involved in community volunteer activities, including the preservation of "Annearrundell Free School" circa 1724, Scholarship for Scholars, tours of the Governor's mansion, retired teachers' projects and issues affecting older citizens in Maryland. Howard says there is always time for his grandson, 6, and another trip.

A note from **Jim Cotter** says he enjoyed the day with military service personnel at WMC, October 3 and 4. "Walked the campus to recall memories of the class of '49, but the only thing the same was the seventh green."

**Betsy Buderer Bivin** reports from Sarasota, Fla., of a rather quiet year of short trips to Maryland, North Carolina and Colorado, and volunteering at church and the Audubon Society. Betsy enjoyed spending several days at a bed and breakfast in Fells Point, Md., during a Baltimore trip for a Johns Hopkins Nursing reunion.

**Betsy** to **Bonnie Gutbub Finck** as she wrote on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor and of husband **Bill's '48** death on December 7, 1996. She says a busy year (thankfully, she says) volunteering in various organizations. In June, children took her to France to celebrate the "big 70" and in September she spent time in Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. At Christmas time Bonnie was anticipating time in London with family as her granddaughter was to participate in the London New Year's parade.

**Jan Silcox Baldwin** writes from Chestertown, Md., of attending a WMC reunion at Heron Point where college President Bob Chambers spoke. **Frank Tarbutton '42** did a great job of organizing the event.

**Her oldest grandchild** is at Trinity College in Ireland, the second at University of Arts in Philadelphia, and the third is at Nebraska College.

**Jack and Doris Vansant Blades** report from San Diego that their health has been good and last year was a banner year for travel. Their five weeks in South Africa made them aware of the importance of every living thing on the planet. They traveled to Alaska on the inland waterway. A month was spent in Grenoble, France, where they had lived for a year and had a great visit with a French friend of 20 years ago, although neither spoke the other's language. Doris and Jack revisited places in Europe, visited a Mexican folk art center and met **Norma Keigler Raffel** and husband for lunch in Pasadena, Calif.

**Phyllis Weaver Dahl** writes that she's settled into living in Annapolis in the past year. Phyllis has visited WMC with her brother and sister-in-law, Doug and **Janet Raubenheimer Weaver**.

**Orville Bowersox** reports from Frederick that he's still working half-time at Fort Detrick, Md., with the cancer institute and now has more time for amateur radio and gardening. He and **Eleanor Nettleship Bowersox '51** and daughter Christine took a trip to Greece and the Islands. In the steps of Paul, a trip Orville had wanted to take since his first two college courses, Greek History and Greek Literature taught by Dr. Allen MacDonald in 1946. Eleanor keeps busy with church and volunteer work.

The class of '49 sends sympathy to **Thomas "Tim" Holt**. His wife Barbara passed away on May 8, 1997, after a two-year illness. Tim says the hardest to deal with was Thanksgiving Day, which would have been their 44th wedding anniversary. He has kept busy visiting relatives in West Virginia and Zephyrhills, Fla. He also took an Amtrak Express America trip with stops in Boston, New York City and Washington, D.C. More trips are planned and long range plans look toward our 50th class reunion in 1999.

Sympathy to **Kathy Manlove Jester** upon the death of her husband at their Florida home in February 1997. Kathy keeps busy and as usual keeps in contact with '49ers at the annual WMC alumni chapter luncheon in Wilmington, Del.

Word from **Dr. Peter Gallas** is he and wife Margaret are well. They continue to be active in the community and have been traveling. They went to the University of Stockholm for an alumni reunion and from there took trips to Narvik, North Cape, Kirkenes and through Finland and Norway. Pete says Grieg's birthplace was a highlight. They returned to the states via Copenhagen and Iceland. This past spring Pete and Margaret made their annual visit to Clarinda, Iowa, as members of the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society. Glenn's daughter, son, former band members and hundreds of Miller fans were in attendance.

**M. Robert Gemmill** has retired, but still does consulting work. Bob attended a football reunion in November and "enjoyed seeing classmates after 40 years," like **Dick Brown**, **Al Jacobson**, **Jim Forkwald**, **Al "Moon" Paul '50**, **Stan Fieldman '51**, **Don Denny '50**, **Walt Dorsey '48** and **George Norman '47**.

**Charlotte Goodrich Hoover** writes of "lots" of travel: Rocky Mountain National Parks with two 12-year-old grandchildren, a Panama Canal trip and trip to New Zealand with the Rotarians. In between, they visited Florida, Ottawa, Canada, and East Coast areas.

On **Glady's Turner Bodnar's** card she mentions their 45th wedding anniversary celebration in August 1997. **Janet Raubenheimer Weaver** had been matron of honor and **Ann Shuppert Schwarzkopf** had been soloist at the event in 1952.



**Helen Lavin Bell** reports a change of address as of March 1998. **Don Egner** reports he is "retired from working for money," but volunteers for Ebenezer Learning Center in Maryland and is active in church programs.

**Bill and Doris Ritter Essminger** continue to enjoy living the good and carefree life at Willow Valley Manor. North retirement resort in Lancaster, Pa. In a recent magazine article naming Willow Valley as one of the country's best retirement communities, Doris was quoted as saying it was like "living on a cruise ship in a cornfield." Family, travel and volunteer work occupy most of her time.

**Al Jacobson and Carol** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with their kids Bobby, Ritchie, Buckley and Ray, as well as four grandchildren, Rachel, S, William, 3, Ryan, 4, and "Pee-wee," 1. In August, Jake had quadruple bypass heart surgery and in November an endorectomy operation, or as Jake says "ratto-rooter clearing of the carotid artery." Now he's enjoying good health and still works part time doing surveillance work for the Livingston, N.J., Board of Education, checking on students who live in other towns and who attend Livingston schools without paying the required tuition. Jake is also assistant lacrosse coach at Millburn High School.

**Duane Boyer** is a social worker at Port Phillip Prison, the new Group 4 private prison in Laverton, Australia, near Melbourne. "Quite different than anything else I've done. Also working on my Ph.D. in Men's Issues at Deakin University (where I retired in 1989)."

The class of '49 expresses sympathy to the family of **Salle Loe Woodard** who died suddenly in February 1996. Also condolences to the families of **Lloyd R. Rogers** who passed away on June 26, 1997, and **Della Grauel Webb** who died on June 29, 1997.

Thanks to all who sent news and regards to their classmates.  
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**54** **Adeline Allen Parker** reports she is still in the travel business in Bellevue, Wash., and doesn't have enough sense to retire. She'd like more time for her granddaughters, herself, seeing old friends and attending reunions.

**Fred Hubach** is still in a full-time family medical practice in Herndon, Va. He enjoys his seven grandchildren and summer vacations in Maine. He is looking forward to slowing down and building a three-season log home in Maine.

**Patricia "Pasty" Herman Douglas** has retired from teaching pre-school in Rockville, Md. She attended the Trumpeter's Reunion Luncheon at WMC last year and thoroughly enjoyed it. She met both of my sisters there. Pasty and Jim now have five granddaughters. The newest is Sarah Elizabeth born on July 1, 1997, to son **John '85**. Pasty's mother, 97, still lives with her.

**Ethel Coffman Treathan** says that everything in an San Antonio is the same except aging. Three granddaughters with her each day after school travel homework. Ethel traveled to Ohio for her father's 92nd birthday. **Both parents** are big sports fans; the '95-year-old mother concerning the seventh game of the World Series.

Our prez **Charles Wheatley** was appointed president and chief operating officer of a new international biotechnology company, Cell Works, Inc. The company has developed and is marketing a new blood test that is able to detect a single cancer cell in the blood. Son **Craig '81** and daughter **Cheryl Wheatley Jackson '86** also work there. Wife **Charlotte Davis '56** is teaching a psychology course at a business school in Annapolis. Son **Charles '80** is an engineer at Northrop Grumman.

**Joan Kellogg Patterson** spent eight weeks in Alaska last winter where she met Martin Buser, Iditarod champion of 1992 and 1994. Joan got involved with the Iditarod and volunteered at their headquarters in Wasilla for four weeks. She was able to visit Martin's dog yard, talked to people all over the world by phone and got to watch Martin win his third Iditarod race. Joan intended to return this winter. Her husband is taking veterinarian education concerning sled dogs.

All is well with **Donald Radcliffe** in Tarpon Springs, Fla. Don volunteers two days a week tutoring, mentoring and counseling young people. He also teaches English, reading and writing to a woman from Greece. Boating and fishing are still high on his list. Don cruised with brother **Bob '53** in December.

**David "Nick" Gwynn** has retired Mondays and Fridays and loves the long weekends in Upper Marlboro, Md. He has a new granddaughter, Elena Christine, adopted in Moldova, part of the old USSR.

**Janet Cross and John "Skip" Berends** say they are still spinning in their groove in Bel Air, Md. They now have seven grandchildren to brag about. The oldest is 15 and they would love to point her towards WMC.

In November, **Bill and Doris Joiner '51** Hancock sailed for 14 days from Lisbon, Portugal, across the Atlantic to the Caribbean. They were on a four-master sailing ship, the *Wind Spirit*. February found them in Palm Springs, and March included a visit to Port Aransas and Mustang Island, Texas. In June, they cruised to Bermuda. Bill and Doris reside in Sedona, Ariz.

In October 1997, **David and Claudia Hottenstein** joined 20 other Hottensteins for a trip to Germany, Switzerland and Austria. They met with some of their European cousins, did some family research and enjoyed the sights.

**Edward Kelly** is still in New Orleans. Wife **Mary Lou Arnie '55** works as a paralegal. Their five children live in Georgia, North Carolina and Florida. They now have eight grandchildren.

**Charles "Chick" Silberstein** says that from a family perspective he is blessed with the presence of all his children. His daughter has moved back to Baltimore after 10 years in North Carolina. Professionally he is now working only 13-hour days. Despite the hassles of managed care, he still enjoys practicing medicine. He and his team at the Kennedy Krieger Institute were just awarded a research grant.

**Patricia Fetho Hart** loves being in paradise, which is how she describes Wachasaw Plantation in Murrels Inlet, S.C. **Walt '52** has become very involved in the golf program, serving on its board. Pat now enjoys golf as much as she did tennis. They have two grandsons living in Chicago.

**Dick and Doris Tuckwood '55** Linton continue to enjoy tennis, bridge and the theater in the Sarasota, Fla., area. They toured Nova Scotia and expected to travel to Prague and Budapest in the fall.

**Robert Steelman** retired after 43 years as a Methodist minister and now lives in Bridgeton, N.J. There is room for a flower and vegetable garden on his half acre of land. Bob spent two weeks in New England and a week at an Elderhostel program in North Carolina. He does some fill-in ministry, historical research and plays golf.

**Richard Titlow** says retirement in Bethesda, Md., turns out to be an exciting, active and stimulating experience. He has done some management consulting with the U.S. Department of Transportation, substitute teaching in high schools and taught both management and historical college courses. He repeated his "History of Japan" course in January at WMC. In the spring he taught an adult education course on interviewing techniques. Dick stays active on the tennis court and recently returned from travel in Greece and Turkey.

**Anna Ann Spears Vecchioni** is officially a Medicare card holder and enjoys the calm and happy life in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

**Nancy Caskey Voss** enjoys retirement in Denton, Md., and Bethany Beach, Del. She takes great pleasure in watching her granddaughters grow. Nancy encourages her classmates to give generously to the Annual Fund and to begin making plans for our 45th reunion.

**Lois Cermak Rannels** has deserted Rockville, Md., for Bethany Beach, Del. She likes the slower lower Delaware shore pace of life.

**George Antonas** and wife **Frances** are retired and taking life easy. They have three grandchildren: twin grandsons Paul and George and granddaughter Gabriela are all four years old.

**Donald Erb**, who lives in Gaithersburg, Md., retired January 1997 after 40 years in nuclear engineering. He worked both in industry and for the U.S. Department of Energy. In addition to some consulting work, he and wife **Lois** traveled to Arizona and China last year. Son **Jason** is a building construction graduate from Virginia Tech and a project manager for nursing home construction. Daughter **Jennifer** is a Frostburg University busi-

ness/economics graduate and staff accountant at Marriott's corporate offices in Bethesda. She is also working on her BA at American University.

**Nancy Bayliss Fogler** visits frequently with son **Clay** and her three grandchildren, **Nathan, S, Caleb, 3**, and **Anna, 1**. **Clay** is in his second year of divinity studies at Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. **Nancy and Fred '55**, who live in Williamsburg, Va., traveled to Alaska via Vancouver, Victoria, and Butchart Gardens. After several surgeries Nancy has been on six months of maintenance chemotherapy and is very pleased with the results.

**Betty Norwood Smalley** was married on July 5, 1997, to **Melvin Roberts**. They live in Towson, Md. Betty and Mel also traveled to Alaska and thoroughly enjoyed the breathtaking beauty of the inland passage aboard the *Dawn Princess*.

**Both Frances Paul and Paul Farnham '53** have new buildings to report. After 27 years of drawing, Paul and his geology department moved into a \$37 million, 210,000-square-foot center for science and engineering on the St. Paul campus of the University of St. Thomas. Fran is now in her 16th year of volunteering at the Minnesota Zoo, which just opened a \$25 million Marine Education Center. They now have an 800-seat indoor amphitheater overlooking a million gallons of saltwater. Fran and Paul would be delighted to show you around the Twin Cities if you ever live in the area.

I had a nice chat with **Shirley Jeffreys Strong** when she called me from Orange, Calif. Shirley had a modified radical mastectomy and is doing well. She encourages others to get regular mammograms.

All is well with **Joanna Gabriele Mattera**. She and husband **Al** live in Haddon Heights, N.J., and enjoy the Cape Cod house they just built. I am delighted to have heard from so many of you. Thanks for contributing and don't forget that it's not too early to make plans for our 1999 reunion.

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**55** **Jim and Janet Bolter** Hems have done a lot of traveling lately: Russia in May, Greece in October and January through March touring and hiking in New Zealand and Australia. In any case they are following the "do it while you can" philosophy. Their lifestyle has become very active and busy. Between trips they do a lot of camping, hiking and bicycle riding closer to home. In addition, she is continuing violin lessons, playing in an orchestra and a string quartet and taking art courses. Jim has turned a hobby into a part-time business in locksmithing. They both enjoy their grown children, in-laws and three grandchildren.

**Bert Springstead** has also been traveling since he retired three years ago. Recently he has been to Iowa, Branson, Mo., and Arkansas to see his older son and family, as well as Chero-

kee, N.C., and the Great Smoky Mountains where he did most his hiking. He is very interested in the Civil War era, has visited Gettysburg a lot, and little by little is traveling to other battle fields.

Over the next several months **Dwain Jones** will be hosting three science organizations at St. Joseph's College in Indiana. During the summer he took part in studies of bird populations about which there are concerns. In June he visited friends and relatives and wildlife populations in southern California.

**Ivan Armacost** and his wife, Betty, live in Berryville, Va. They celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Christmas Eve 1996. Ivan, who retired in 1994, enjoys golf, travel, antiques and pier fishing at Kitty Hawk. They have a daughter, Victoria, a son, Van, and two granddaughters. January and February are spent in Homestead, Fla.

**Dick '54 and Doris Tuckwood** Linton would love to see WMC friends at their home in Sarasota, Fla. Doris is teaching reading to children with learning disabilities. Dick enjoys tennis and duplicate bridge.

**Gloria Bunting Blades** was looking forward to Disney World with both daughters plus their families in February. Afterward, she and Charlie planned to relax at a nearby Elder-hoist.

**Arthur H. Gould's** daughter plans to do her residency in radiology at NYU-Bellou Hospital when she finishes her internship. His son Steven is an administrator with Merrill Lynch. Now that tuition payments are out of the way, Art and Anne have been traveling—Scandinavia, Alaska and the Canadian Rockies.

All is well with **Charlie and Virginia Tull '57 Phipps**. They are enjoying family, friends and three grandsons.

**Shelley Myers Willen's** most exciting news is that she now has four grandchildren. Her daughter Lisa and her husband, who live in Colorado where Shelley also lives, went to China and adopted a darling little girl. Kimberly was 2 in January. Her son Steve, an attorney in Charlotte, N.C., has three children. Her daughter Sue lives in New Jersey and is an executive assistant with Time Warner in NYC. Shelley continues working as a reserve teacher, giving piano lessons and taking watercolor classes. She has entered some of her paintings in art shows.

**Irena Lee Hohmann Seek** is spending more and more time at the organ. She has given four organ recitals, one to encourage young people to go into church music organ playing. The whole family enjoyed being together in Florida at son Steve's and in Orlando during the summer.

**Ed '54 and Mary Lou Arnie Kelly** have eight grandchildren with sons and daughters in North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. WMC alumni visiting in New Orleans are always welcome.

**Donald "Sandy" Roberts** has fully recovered from his bypass surgery. He and Elaine have another granddaughter living in Richmond. He is continuing to work part time as Minister of Visitation at a church in Rosedale in Baltimore.

**The Rev. Alan Hagenbuch** reported that he no longer has his Florida home since they now own property in Enterprise, Ala., where he and Elaine live and work. In addition to serving as a pastor and teaching, Alan writes articles for church publications. He recently wrote one defending the Bible—that there are only two options, celibacy or the covenant of marriage, and all other forms of sexuality are abnormal. The Presbyterian Church USA is currently in a battle as to whether they will approve of "gay marriages" for their officers.

**Rev. Merle Fox** is working on his second book, a bibliography of the works of Rev. Harry Harbaugh, a Reformed minister and theologian of the 19th century.

**Martha Bannar Cavender** traveled back and forth from New Jersey to Maine all summer. Now that her grandchildren are older—two boys, 10, two girls, 12—she takes them out on weekend trips to shows. Martha is still working and ballroom dancing every week.

**Elizabeth Shepher Collinson** spends many hours volunteering at her church, working primarily with the computer but also with the acolytes and altar guild. She was awaiting the birth of her third grandchild, the first for her son Bill and his wife Caron. Tom and his wife Shelly have two sons, 8 and 12. Her daughter Barbara has just moved into a new home nearby. She is an executive chef and does private catering.

**Mary Warner Swadwell** says, for all of us who met her parents on campus years ago, that this is the hardest year in her life this past summer. She placed her 89-year-old mother in a home. Mary said that after being a care giver all these years it was sad, but her mother could no longer be trusted not to wander. They are working on building an assisted living center in a rural area near the Henderson/Las Vegas area.

**Mase and Judy Johnson Zerbe** withdrew out West in October. They visited the LBJ Library in Austin, Texas, where her father's career papers were donated. They also visited the Alexis, graduated magna cum laude from George Mason University School of Law in May. He is now attending New York University School of Law where he is a candidate for an LL.M. degree in taxation. Judy and Mase traveled to the beautiful Tuscan area of Italy where they rented a farmhouse. They also spent time in Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries.

**John '56 and Suzanne Dorsey Batista** found summer flying by. Their extended family met in Ocean City, Md., in July. Then John and Suzanne went to Baltimore to help celebrate Tom and **Pattie Hamersly Church's** 40th wedding anniversary. This fall they visited New York state and

These pages were home to **Class of '57 reporter Joan Luckabaugh Chiazrena '57** for 17 years until she passed away last summer. Joan never had an empty mailbox as she kept in touch with her classmates and faithfully recounted their ups and downs in *The Hill*. "She was well-loved and admired by her family, and judging from your notes, she made a lasting impression on a lot of other people as well," wrote **Jean M. Luckabaugh '58**, Joan's sister, in a letter thanking the Class of '57 for their cards and letters. Joan also served the college on the reunion committee and the alumni fund, and received the Meritorious Service Award for her dedication to WMC.

Vermont to see the beautiful changing colors. John's company was purchased by Nash Church of Minneapolis. He plans to work until May 1998 when he will retire. Suzanne's new project is mastering their personal computer. They also travel to Atlanta, Ga., Huntville, Ala., and Columbus, Ohio, so they can hug their grandchildren who are growing up too quickly.

**Priscilla McCoy '56 and Jay 'Gus' LaMar** spent two weeks in Ireland. Gus says it's truly a gorgeous place. He was pleased to be able to attend the memorial service in Little Baker for WMC military members with **Ed Smith and Craig Schnall**. His son Andy is assigned to a fighter squadron in Alaska, son Jon teaches instructor pilots in Oklahoma and daughter Leslie teaches fourth grade in Charleston, S.C. Gus is taking basic French at Catonsville Community College. He's happy there is no French Club.

**Bary Murphy** was unopposed for re-election in November to the Board of Supervisors in Shenandoah County, Va. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Department of Social Services. He says, "Dr. Earp would turn over in his grave." His four grandchildren are all in school. He and Linda do some traveling and enjoy getting away.

**Paul and Doris Burkert '57 Galvin** had a great vacation in the San Diego and Los Angeles area. Paul's sister **Eileen Galvin '58** and her husband **Alan Gilmore '59** came from the ice land of Keene, N.Y., for a visit. A friend of Paul's bought an old 52-foot wooden sailboat that Paul enjoys sailing.

As for me, I keep busy volunteering at church. We are embarking on a building project, and I am a member of the three-person core committee of the architectural committee. In addition, the elderly housing community that seven Westminster churches spon-

sor is enlarging its community center. As president of the Board of Directors, I am also involved in that project. I enjoy spending time with my family, especially my grandson Robby, 3, even though he thinks I am too old to catch a fish and just learning how to pitch a baseball. I'm looking forward to a trip to Ireland in the spring. Nancy McWilliams Griesmyer 709 Longview Avenue Westminster, MD 21157

**59** My apologies for missing the deadline and therefore having no column last time. Some of the news will not be recent since information was sent to me some time ago.

I will begin with a sad note. **Carolyn Ritchie Winters** died in November 1995. She retired as a home economics teacher and had attended our 30th and 35th reunions. Our condolences to her family.

Another sad note came from **Roy Kennedy**, whose wife Louisa died in November 1995. He is retired and keeps busy with sports and a sailboat he owns with friends. His daughter Corinne and her family live near him, just west of Charlottesville. He sees them often, "performing his baby-sitting duties." His other daughter, Kimberly lives in Arlington and works as a director of conventions and meetings for an association.

**Don D'Angelo** and his wife arc quite involved with many aspects of music: she teaches and works with church music while Don performs as a tenor and played in the pit orchestra for "The King and I." The highlight of 1996 was a three-week trip to France where they visited Normandy, Mont St. Michael, Nice, Avignon and Nimes among other places, ending with a week in Paris. Don's son Douglas has his own company, while daughter Debra continues a career in cancer research. Don and his wife enjoy their extended families.

**Ed Elste** retired from his position as a research scientist with Chevron Research and Technology and lives with his wife in Walnut Creek, Calif. One daughter lives in Austin, Texas, and the other in San Francisco. Ed is pursuing his interests in computers and investing, and he and his wife enjoy traveling and spending time with their family.

Still working as administrative assistant to the dean at Peabody Conservatory, **Kitty Bond Allen** writes she also is involved with church work and is editor of several newsletters. Her granddaughters, ages 3 and 5, are a joy. **George Schaeffer** was honored for his Masonic work. He also volunteers in his church and has been on several trips. His son has finished his service with the Air Force.

After all these years, **H. Ira Conley** has written his first response. He continued his education at Wesley Theological Seminary (M.Div.), the University of Maryland (MSW) and the California Coast University where he received a Ph.D. In 1973, he was the victim of a drunk driver, losing a leg as a result and having, as he put it, "a patient's view of a hospital for six months." He is currently in his 20th year as pastor of St. John's United Methodist Church in Ocala, Fla., and has a busy part time practice in psychotherapy.

**Marsha Reifnyder McCormick** has been appointed a special advocate for abused children by the Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos Family Court, work that she finds heart-rending, never dull and totally satisfying when the outcome is good.

**Ruth Ann Runkles Brown** and her husband George welcomed a new granddaughter in October 1996, the daughter of **Laura Brown '90** and **Michael Cleveland '90**. Ruth Ann is still a media specialist at Liberty High School in Carrollton, Va. and George, who is retired, visited **Patty Garcia** and **Allen Wortz** in Wisconsin in August 1996 and had a great trip.

**Dorothy Gross Grim** says that she is having a wonderful life enjoying the freedom that retirement brings. She and Ed cruised the inside passage of Alaska and rode the train to Denali. They also visited her brother and sister-in-law **Ed '60** and **Barbara Long '60** Gross in North Carolina. Eight grandchildren, gardening and church activities all keep her busy.

**Helen Twining Kadlec** continues to teach nutrition and sewing classes to senior citizens in Baltimore County, as well as play the organ and direct the choir in two Methodist churches. She and Ken maintain the family farm and are adding a country kitchen to their home as their family is growing with three grandchildren.

**Ken Giddes** is still negotiating multi-million dollar transactions and traveling all over the country. His leisure time is spent on tennis and golf, and he and his wife enjoy sailing their boat on Lake Lanier. They enjoy living in Dunwoody, near Atlanta.

**Ann Hisley Soliman** and her husband Salah have decided they enjoy the Red Sea so much that they will retire there. They snorkel and dive. Their daughter Nora is working for a consulting firm in Georgetown and their other daughter Dina is considering moving back to Egypt. Ann and her husband also have a townhouse in Cockeysville where they spend some time.

**Jim Lightner** will be traveling and doing some writing, and possibly some part time teaching. He and **Ray Stevens '58** did their last study tour in England in January 1997 (he thinks it was number 13).

**Patricia Schaefer Anderson** and her husband are well. He teaches computer science at F&M, and they also study German there. Her children are scattered from New Hampshire to Massachusetts to California to Sicily. As she says, that means they travel a great deal.

**Phyllis Emig Benner** and her husband love the Amish atmosphere in Ephrata, Pa., where they live. He is retired and she works part time for a legal firm. A great-grandson was added to their combined families of eight children and 15 grandchildren.

**Carmela DeFlores Veit** is still a public education advocate and an activist for children's welfare issues. She served as president of Maryland PTA, an organization of more than 900 units and 240,000 members.

**Ellen Richmond Sauerbey** writes that she was proud to be elected as the Republican National Committee-woman from Maryland. She served on the Rules Committee at the Republican Convention in San Diego. She is busy getting organized to run again for governor this year. She is also on the Government Affairs Committee of United Cerebral Palsy and chairing the Republican Legation Association. **Bruce** and **Melba Nelms Le** have settled in Timber Pines, a retirement community in Florida where they have built their "dream home." One son and his family live in Dallas and their other son lives in Owings Mills, Md. Their daughter is still a missionary in Siberia.

**Dorsey Hawkins** and Ann still enjoy living "in the great state of North Carolina." They love the fishing, boating and the people who live there. They have two grandchildren each, ranging from 5 to 16 years of age. He writes that even though retirement is a nice word, he plans to continue in public accounting, which he's done for 32 years.

**Ron Litto** and his wife became first-time grandparents with the birth of Jakob in October 1996.

**Marianne Shears Poston** still lives in Tucson where she is busy with her work as an attorney. One of her sons recently became an attorney.

**Manfred Joeres** and his wife have built a 38-foot motor yacht as a second home on the water. Manfred still works for Group Health Cooperative, "riding out the turbulence in the health care field."

**Warren Schwartz** is still teaching football at City College but is enjoying his fourth year of retirement. He and his wife went to the World Figure Skating Championships in Edmonton, Alberta, and have been skiing and golfing.

**Joan Crimmins Bruce** is working as a teaching assistant in Springfield, Pa. Her husband is retired. Their daughter works in human resources for CIGNA and their son attends University of Delaware. They attended the weddings of the three Shaheen children in March, July and December 1996.

**Kay Payne Beckett** and husband Tom have moved aboard their 40-foot Island Packet sailboat and plan to cruise the East Coast and the Caribbean for, as she puts it "?? years." Tom retired after 32 years in hospital administration and Kay retired from her accounting job. She says this is a dream come true for Tom and a real adventure for her, especially since she doesn't even swim!

**Doty Mathias Arsenault** and

Maura are enjoying their two grandchildren who often spend weekends with them.

**Sonja deBey Alcon** has retired after 30-plus years at Hanover Hospital. She and David travel extensively, both personally and for their many Masonic activities.

**Marti Williams** and her husband live in Orlando where she works for Florida Express. She writes that she has developed a great interest in the computer and loves all the electronic gadgetry.

**Karen Helbig Whiteside** and her husband recently became grandparents. Their daughter Jennifer, who is married to Bill Campbell, son of **Peggy Van Dyke Campbell**, are the parents.

**Pat Cooper McCoy's** Christmas letter from 1996 said the entire family was going to be at their home in Las Grutas. All the children are doing well with several working on advanced degrees. Pat continues as a college counselor, which she loves, and Hue enjoys teaching at the college level and doing some consulting for Defense System Analysis. They celebrated their 20th anniversary with a trip to the Canadian Rockies, beginning with a Rotary Convention in Calgary.

**Ginni Pott Braunwahr** celebrated the big birthday in 1997 with a surprise party organized by friends and family. Her children are well, and she and her husband are kept busy with family and church activities.

**Joanne Filbey Neil, Joan Robinson Lease, Karen Helbig, Sherry Phelps Jackson** and I attended the Trumpeters' Reunion in the fall, held the same day as the upcoming. There were representatives from nearly every class, and we were proud that the Class of '59 was the only one with all Trumpeters present. Sherry has retired and is enjoying traveling and her seven grandchildren. Joanne has a son in California. She and **Ted** are both retired; he's driving a senior bus for Carroll County. Joan has an antique shop in Severna Park, Md., and is enjoying her three grandchildren.

After our three weddings in 1996, life is a little calmer. John and his wife Kathy presented us with our first grandchild, Ryan Daniel, born June 27, 1997, our 32nd wedding anniversary. What a wonderful present! Mark and his wife are back from London for six months before they go to their next State Department assignment. Dan has retired from the Archdiocese of Washington schools and is occasionally working as a substitute principal in Montgomery County. I am still teaching in English as a second language at Somerset Elementary School in Montgomery County. We managed another trip this past summer and traveled to Paris, Mont St. Michael and other interesting places in northern France. We took the Eurostar train under the English Channel on our way to London. (I must say that really beats the choppy crossing by boat) but **Marianne Shears Poston** and I "enjoyed" so many years ago when we spent the summer in Europe.) We stayed there for a week and then traveled to Ireland for several days. It was a grand trip

which we really enjoyed.

Please send me your news! You don't need to wait for the post card. I'm looking forward to hearing from all of you!

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**60** Thanks to all who responded so promptly to the second request for a year for news. I had received some cards too late for the first printing and would have used them if no new "news" arrived, but everyone came through in a timely manner. Thanks again. News from Maryland first:

**Elizabeth Parker O'Donnell** writes from Ellicott City of a wonderful year that included the birth of granddaughter Katelynn Elizabeth last April, the birth of second granddaughter Jessie Parker in September and the wedding of daughter Melinda a week later. Betsy did all the flowers and decorations, and major dress alterations. She has not yet returned to flying, but hopes to eventually. She has become interested in Boyd's resin figures and wonders if any classmates share that interest. She is busy working for her brother with her mom and sisters. She notes, "I am leaning hard on the Lord who meets my every need and gets me through the days without Norbert."

From Columbia, **Phyllis Casatta Karree** writes of vacation time and grandchildren. She spent a week in Ocean City and then went to the West Coast where her grandchildren live. She likes central Oregon—it's not as damp as the coastal area. The little ones, ages 5 and 4, are adorable. She also gets to New York to see her other son. "So," she writes, "I guess 'M'bi-coast!'"

**Barbara Bell Woodley**, the Tale Spinner from Timonium, writes that she is in her last year with the Baltimore County School System and looking forward to retirement. She has begun a whole new career—for the past 3 years she has been a professional storyteller, performing in schools, churches, senior citizen centers, hospitals, civic organizations, festivals, conferences and anywhere else people need about an hour's worth of entertainment. This August she was featured in *Lifetimes*, a local entertainment paper. She was recently accepted by Performing Artists for Education to be on their roster of recommended performers. She writes, "I am thrilled silly by all of this and grateful to God for so richly blessing me." In addition to this activity, **Barbara's** husband Joel has won several prizes at the Maryland State Fair for his watercolors.

**Beverly Schott Myers** wrote from Owings Mills, that she and **Jon '61** are very busy traveling since they retired. Last year they went to Italy for three weeks and Israel for two weeks. This year they traveled to Washington, Oregon and California with **Aimee** and **Ozzie Stewart '61**. At the time, Bev wrote they were planning a trip to the Scandinavian countries and St. Petersburg, Russia, and planning to spend six weeks in Vail, Colo., during



the summer. While there, they hike, bike, play tennis and have their five grandchildren visit.

**Pat Hill Chop** writes from Harwood, Md., that she enjoyed visiting with **Jack '58** and **Melinda Burgess '61 Fossett** at her daughter's wedding in May. The Chops are plotting on selling their tree farm in Potter County, Pa. It has 285 acres with a fish pond and a large lodge. With a beach home in Delaware it is getting to be too much to take care of all three places. She writes that she enjoys keeping up with the Class of '60 through the news column.

In recent years **Jim McMahon** has become very involved with the Cal Ripken, Jr. Museum in Aberdeen and writes that classmates should call him for a free tour. Son Jim III received his MBA from the University of Baltimore in May and is a practicing attorney. Daughter Betsy was to be ordained on November 15 at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in NYC. Jim is still the "AM-DJ" on WAMD in Aberdeen, though much of the day is spent at the Ripken Museum where he is president of the museum board. He was also the presenter of the City of Aberdeen's entry in the All America City Competition in Kansas City in June. Aberdeen won one of ten top awards, and they have been celebrating all summer! He notes, "Life has been good to me. God bless you all."

**Helen George Retberg** writes from Sykesville to announce the arrival of her third grandchild, Michael Tyler, born in September. She notes that Lou is semi-retired working three days a week for Carroll Transit. She is still working full time as the bookkeeper for a local law firm.

I began this column with news from Marylanders. **Ether Uppercro Gay**'s card represents the transition point. She writes from Gaithersburg, Md., "After 35 years away, I've returned to Maryland!" Bob retired from the Navy after 31 years of submarine service. He

has started working for the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in Laurel. They are renting in hopes of building their "dream home" in the next year or so. **Levin Williamsburg, Yv.**, was hard, but they are excited about the prospects of the Baltimore/D.C. area and returning to WMC alumni stomping grounds!

**From Enosburg Falls, Vt., Bob Harris** writes that he and Janet enjoyed a postponed trip to Maine and New Hampshire and notes that it was better seeing the leaves in full color than it would have been in April. He was on the WMC campus in July attending the NE Jurisdictional School of Evangelism. One of the highlights, he writes, was morning worship in Little Baker Chapel. He is still planning to host a trip to the Oberammergau Passion Play in the year 2000. Anyone interested should contact him through the Enosburg Falls United Methodist Church where he is the pastor. Bob is also wondering if any "Blacks and Whites" of the years 1957-63 would be interested in a reunion. If so, please contact him through the college.

**Suzy Cossabone and George Becker** write from Doylestown, Pa., that their granddaughter Grace is 1 year old and their insurance business is doing well. George won the Philadelphia area golf Tournament of Champions this year and they got second place in the husband and wife G.A.P. Tournament.

**And from Springs, Pa., Joe Bender** writes, "Same place. Same job. Same wife." Celebrated our 40th anniversary in July. All the kids and grandchildren (four) came home. We had a great time!" He invites classmates to "come by and see us sometime."

Also from Pennsylvania, **Nancy Haas McVaugh** of Hatfield sent not a card, but a letter! She writes that since retiring as a German language teacher after 34 years, she and her husband are the conveters and official visitors from the Pennsylvania Prison Society, established 210 years ago in Philadelphia. They travel to state prisons in the coal regions surrounding Shamokin where they serve as advocates and provide an educational and informational link to the state legislature, community, organizations, families of inmates and inmates. Classmates

**Evangeline Grim and Becky Reynolds** attended their son's wedding in October. Nancy's brother, Rev. Theodore Haas of Frederick, Md., performed the ceremony. Evangeline will retire in December from the Frederick County schools. Becky retired last year and is serving as a counselor and staff member of "Turning Points," a non-profit community group devoted to abused women that operates a safe house, transitional living and counseling services in Prince William County, Va. **Bess Adamska Scheid** continues as a lawyer in Baltimore.

An ex-Pennsylvanian, **John Karver** writes from Cincinnati, Ohio, that his church is "humming" along. Had a homecoming service with contemporary music—filled the church. He writes, "Have you ever heard 'Amazing Grace' played on bagpipes in

church? Wow!!!!" He notes that things are fine in the heartland—especially since Penn State beat the Buckeyes! Once a Pennsylvanian, always a Pennsylvanian. He can't believe we've been out of WMC so long and sends best wishes to all his classmates and soccer teammates.

**Jim Thomas** writes that things are about the same in Littleton, Colo. Youngest son Steve married in October in Whidbey Island, Wash. **Milk Dickey '62** and Jim will go to Ireland in late October for some work and fun. He will assist the Irish Judiciary move its administration from the Executive Branch to the Judicial Branch. They expect to be there for about eight days. They will be attending Millie's 35th WMC reunion in October.

**Bob and Lani Stange '62 Anderson** are enjoying grandchildren and retirement in Parsippany, N.Y. They have progressed to spending two months in the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla. Bob is still playing tennis, but has moved to golf in the summer as well.

**From Oklahoma City, Okla., Lloyd Musselman** writes that he had a good time this summer bicycling through southwest Utah: five days, 300 miles. Went to Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks and enjoyed the great scenery. Another biking note: he had a big crash in a Senior Olympics race in Stillwater, Okla. No broken bones, but some mean looking "road rash!" He writes that he is fine now. Nancy is still teaching in middle school. Their children and grandchildren are doing well. He is still at OCU in his 29th year. How long will he continue to teach? "Probably forever! I'm like 'Old Man River,'" he writes.

As for me, things are much the same. Mother, daughter and family, and job are all well. The "big event" in my life is that I painted my house this summer. Trim sure looks good, but it means the ladders get moved twice as much and the job takes twice as long! I managed to clean up in time for a "lessor" event, my debut at a local Lion's Club banquet as "Jasmine," a belly dancing grandmother of three!

Again, thanks to all who responded to the request for news.

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**65** Thank you to all who replied to my postal card on such short notice. I will try to be better organized next time.

**Bill Cowden** and his wife Nancy were transferred back to Hagerstown in 1996 where Bill is director of operations at the Allegheny Power Corporation Center. He and Nancy, a homemaker, have been married for 32 years. Their daughter Christine lives in Baltimore where she works for the UMBC library and the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation. Daughter Susan lives in Winchester, Va., where she teaches second grade. Bill sends his best to his classmates and Bachelor brothers.

After 15 years as a clinical education administrator at the Central School University of Maryland, **Gary Colangelo** has returned to the private sector. He is national dental director and senior vice-president of Dental Co., a dental practice management company in Baltimore.

**Janet Shell Anderson** is an attorney in Lincoln, Neb. Her specialties are criminal law and civil rights litigation, as well as domestic and environmental law. She recently visited her son Michael on the Lakota reservation in South Dakota where he teaches first grade to Ogallala children. Janet and Stan have been married nearly 30 years. Their oldest son Robert is in graduate school in English at the University of Nebraska, and their youngest, Joseph, is in 10th grade.

**Sam Helms** has completed his first dozen years at Towson University as director of Institutional Research. This year he was elected president-elect of the Maryland chapter of the Association for Institutional Research. Sam is very active with the Baltimore Area Master Gardeners Association and his backyard has become a personal experimental agricultural plot. Sam's son received his masters degree in economics from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and continues his studies for his Ph.D.

**Ron and Joan Smith Garvin** had a terrific time at the Preacher reunion in Hunt Valley, Md., last summer. They wanted to express a special thanks to **Denny Amico** for organizing it. Ron and Joan have been living in their Forest Hill home for four years. Ron continues to enjoy his two loves—cars and wrestling. When he is not traveling as a consultant with the National Automobile Dealers Association, he is in the garage restoring anything with wheels. His '39 Ford Roadster is in demand for parades. He also coaches the Harford Grapplers, a wrestling club and he and his son Allan organized. Joan is still in real estate and relaxes by gardening and playing hand bells at church. Both sons share Ron's interests. Allan coaches a local high school wrestling team and Eric is a mechanical engineer and lives in South Carolina. No grandchildren yet, just two "grand-dogs."

**Bonnie Bennett Dyer** is still teaching at Delaware State University. She and her husband are looking forward to the marriage of their oldest son Mark. Their youngest son Jeff and his wife Denise will be coming in from Pasadena, Calif. Jeff, who is finishing at Fuller Theological Seminary, will perform the ceremony.

**George Harmer**'s last assignment was in Germany where he was commander of the 7th Army training command. He was promoted to major general July 1, 1996. He was then reassigned to Fort Knox, Ky., as Commander General U.S. Army Armor Center and Ft. Knox. In this position he is the 37th Chief of Armor. Son Will started high school this year and is doing well. Phyllis and George really enjoy Kentucky since Louisville is Phyllis' home.

The "Black and Whites" are gearing up to celebrate their 75th anniversary with a Homecoming luncheon and reunion October 17, 1998. If you were a Pi Alpha Alpha and have not received details by May 1, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157. Call 410/857-2296; fax 410/857-2784; or E-mail leyler@wmdc.edu.



**Bob and Char-Lou Swenson**  
Dinger are still in San Diego where Bob works at the SPAWAR Systems Center and Char-Lou is a librarian. Bob will be eligible for retirement next year, but they have no plans yet. The most important thing happening in the Dinger family is the wedding of their middle son, Geoff. He is a fire fighter in Eureka, Calif., and his fiancée, Michelle is an ICU nurse. Sons Keith and Eric are both planning their own adventures. Keith will be going to Ecuador for a white water kayaking trip and Eric is planning a three-month trip to Africa. Keith is also continuing his thesis work at Scripps Institute of Oceanography. Bob travels quite a bit, and as I was writing this was preparing to leave for Australia. Last year he went to Western Australia, and Char-Lou and a friend flew over to spend some time there also. Char-Lou and Bob spent a week visiting Carnarvon Gorge National Park and Fraser Island.

**Gordon Bateman** is dean of admissions and enrollment management at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. His wife Jill Butterfoss Bateman '68 is a librarian in the school district of Lancaster. Son Jeffrey works for a food service in Connecticut and daughter Julie teaches fourth grade in HERSHEY, Pa.

**Fran Sybert Baroch** and **Jerry '64** were planning a move from Timonium, Md., to Sarasota, Fla. They are building a new home there and hope classmates traveling to Florida will look them up. They will retain a condo in Maryland and plan to spend summers there sailing the Chesapeake Bay. Their son Patrick, '28, is still in Sarasota where he is advertising. Daughter Amy, '25, lives in New York City where she is an assistant producer with Jim Henson Productions. Fran and Jerry are planning a long trip to England and Scotland in June. If classmates are planning to be there at the same time, let them know.

**Steve Boyle** and **Marjorie Engel** spent a three-week educational trip to China. In addition to the usual tourist spots, they spent five days on the Yangtze River through the Three Gorges area that is scheduled to be flooded by the dam. Margie is finishing her Ph.D. in law, policy and society and is taping a multi-part series on divorce and remarriage for public television. She is also beginning a two-year term as president of the Stepfamily Association of America. Daughter **Beth Waldron '91** is a cardio-thoracic intensive care nurse in Texas. Two of their five daughters are married, one is planning a wedding and two are still single.

**Cal Fuhrmann** sends news from Waterville, Maine. He and Denise have moved there from Baltimore. Cal is now in private practice. His daughter **Elizabeth '92** married **Kevin Woodward '94**. They are living in Baltimore. Cal and Denise enjoyed an excellent reunion of Delta Pi Alpha held in June. Classes from 1961-70 were represented. Cal and Denise have filled their empty nest with four Labrador retrievers.

If you are trying to get in touch with a fellow classmate, send a note to the Alumni Affairs office and the staff there will relay your message.

As always, I have enjoyed hearing from all of you.

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**70** This is a great job! I get lots of mail (besides the junk and catalogs) and then I get to share the news with all of you.

**Nancy Hoskins** reports on her tour of the South this summer with boyfriend R.T. in his Miata convertible. This fall, they studied Civil War battlesides and celebrated R.T.'s 50th at a spa in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. To round out their lives they are taking tai chi, "a very humbling experience." She also shares news of sister Peg-e's baby boy, Skylar. "He's big, blonde, blue-eyed and beautiful! A real joy for our dad who is now 82."

She also brings sad news of the death of **Cindy Burns Kimm '71** in August of cervical cancer. She and husband Andy had moved in to care for her ailing father, who instead cared for her until he died in March. Andy and son Drew live in New Jersey and daughter Laura is a junior at Mt. Holyoke. Nancy remembers her as one of the Phi Alpha's few honorary sorority sisters with "the absolute greatest sense of humor and a great laugh to go with it." She continues, "I can only advise my fellow classmates, both male and female, to get regular checkups for the many types of cancer and other diseases that threaten us all."

**Sue Robertson** and **Ed Cline** and family are "all healthy, happy and busy!" Ed continues to enjoy his job as deputy director of the Maryland Stadium Authority, supervising operations at Oriole Park at Camden Yards and Memorial Stadium (home of the Ravens until their new facility is complete). On the home front, the parents finally outnumber the kids! Laura is in 10th grade and managing to enjoy her status as "only child." Amy is a freshman at the University of Delaware trying to figure out what to major in. Glenn is a senior at the University of Maryland planning on law school as the next step.

After 12 years of commuting 75 miles each way to New York City, Special Agent **John Kintzing** transferred to the FBI's Norfolk office in June. In New York he worked on investigations of kidnappings, the World Trade Center bombing and the crash of TWA's Flight 800. Next June he will be joined by wife **Meg Swain Mend '75** and the SIX children after Meredith graduates #1 in her class! Daughter Elizabeth is a junior at Penn State.

"The other four, from age 13 to 4, will keep the home fires burning for some time." No kidding.

**Elizabeth Sullivan Hoffman** Andrews and husband Glenn moved to Colorado this year, "Our dream come true." She's busy with wife site work and corporate communications for Security Life Reinsurance in downtown Denver. "We've made our home

in the foothills, so the high country is only minutes away."

**Sue Seibert Bentham** and family moved to Granbury, Texas, after living in Richardson for 17 years. After "a MAJOR transition" they are having fun living on beautiful Lake Granbury.

**Karen Good Cooper** is growing antique roses at her old farmhouse west of Woodstock, Va. Daughter Sarah is a junior at the Air Force Academy and "might become an officer and a lady." Karen teaches at the Massachusetts Military Academy and husband "Tom's still at the National Zoo." Well, she said it . . .

**Alice Berning Franklin** has the teeniest printing I've ever seen! Do you suppose she can still read it without glasses? She's in her 25th year at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda, newly appointed to manage a large breeding colony of genetically exotic mice. Eek! Daughter Kelly is a sophomore at St. Mary's College and son Scott is a high school junior. She's still doing cakes, photography and aerobics—just an ordinary year in Rockville.

**Will Werley** continues the planning of his South Africa adventure now scheduled for April. He sent me a THOMAS book, a photo of a marmot on Mt. Rainier, a copy of his newsletter, *The Folk Intelligence*, and a postcard of the Amazing Maize Maze in Paradise, Pa.

**Gail Carter** reports that husband **Jeff Carter** continues with The Travelers Group as vice-president and assistant treasurer while she works "a part time." Both are active at church, Jeff's golfing, Gail's power walking and Jeff's "angling," and in their spare time they're building a house. "Have discovered that building a house is as much work as having a baby, and guess what, we are too old for either. The house is a reproduction of one built in 1910 in Asheville, N.C.—it's pretty unique." Daughter Kyle is a junior at Dickinson and will study in England next year. Son Gavin is a freshman at the Gleneg Country School and the tallest in the family. He's involved with lacrosse, guitar, piano, sax, basketball and the Honor Council.

Very sketchy news from **Bill Griffith**. I think he's headed out West for skiing this winter, location dependent upon El Niño's effects on snowfall. Son Jack traveled to the University of Dallas to take a peek and talk to the baseball coach. One of his teammates is a back door neighbor of **John '68** and **Sue Mawby Heritage '69**.

**Pat Collins Begley** is working part time as a travel agent "just for fun." She won a trip to Hawaii in the first month, so she might want to trade in that government job to travel full time. Husband Michael runs the Maryland Opera Company where **Kyrne Price** sings with the company. "Now it's my turn! My days continue to be full and joyful. I am my kids' mom"—Kristen, 23, finished her year teaching English in Japan, spent the summer relaxing in the U.S. and is now back in Japan job hunting. John, 9, is a very competent student, soccer/baseball player, piano player and

kind soul. They fill my soul with joy. Tom continues as general counsel of Experian (the new TRW credit business). I continue my work for Habitat for Humanity of Orange County. I am also enjoying my role as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), for a 17-year-old girl. The summer concert series is over and I enjoyed handling over the chairmanship to someone new. The big news is our decision to retire (as close as possible) on Spring Island, S.C.—between Beaufort and Hilton Head. We've bought a lot there and are beginning to contact architects. We plan to spend the holidays there (in someone else's house) while we get the ball rolling. Wow, we're too young to be thinking about retiring, right? Right?

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**74** Greetings, classmates! I hope this newsletter finds you all happy and healthy. I have just spent the last two days in an interactive track training seminar with three WMCers at Carroll Community College (in their new Bell Atlantic Distance Learning classroom)! Ann Weber (Dr. Weber) '66, Carol Ann Weible '76, Carroll Community College's vice president of extended learning and innovative technology, and **Bruce Wahlgren '76**. Bruce joined the staff of Carroll Community College as director of the Advanced Technology Center for agriculture and business development.

Wife **Sherri Roby** is in her second year of teaching Spanish at Westminster High School after nine years at the middle school level. The Wahlgrens celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last summer with a trip to Grand Cayman Island. Their son Nathan is a senior at Westminster High. He has earned his Eagle Scout award and has been accepted at VMI. Daughter Allyson, a junior at the high school, maintains a near 4.0 average and has begun her college search. Both are excellent students, active in the music program and community activities and have grown into pretty terrific young adults (per Dad Bruce!)

**Robbie Warner McGaughan** loves living and working in Calvert County. She has a four-minute commute to Chesapeake Beach where she is a reference librarian at the public library. Husband **Jerry '73** drives an hour to work at Gallaudet. The rest of the time they drive all over the region for marching band competitions with Molly, 16, ballet performances with Julie, 9, and piano recitals with Julie, 9. Lindsey is starting to investigate colleges, including WMC!

**Ann Swope Williams** and hubby Don are enjoying their newly renovated home on Lake Hickory in North Carolina. Tom is 29 and working as a nuclear engineer in Maryland. Susan and Harvey have moved to Seattle, Wash., and love it there. Carla is an

honors student at Wingate University in North Carolina. Carole swims competitively and hopes to swim in the Olympics someday. Don continues to work in Stateville while Ann works as a staff agent for State Farm Insurance, but is closer to home in Newton.

**Leigh Rogoff** and wife continue their involvement with Americans for a Safe Israel and their support for YESHA. They are members of the Southern Jewish Historical Society and are looking forward to the annual meeting in Hot Springs, Ark. Leigh plays in a community marching band that performed for the Olympics and Paralympics. It was a lot of work, but Leigh enjoys playing for charities and community events.

**Rebecca Watkins Orenstein** helped save the trees in Westminster when recent road improvements threatened the downtown area. She founded Tree-Action to raise public awareness of the history of Main Street and the fact that many of its trees were being threatened for demolition. Rebecca persuaded the secretary of Maryland's Department of Transportation to visit, and he halted the project and devised a tree saving alternative as a result. The National Trust for Historic Preservation presented an honor award to Rebecca for her efforts at the National Preservation Conference in Chicago in October 1996.

Recent years have seen a lot of changes for **Robert Sklar**, the most striking being his career change from a science research to QA engineer at a software company. Rachel, 8, and Sarah, 6, are involved with soccer, horses and piano.

**Kathy Thornhill** is enjoying her 24th year of teaching at South Hagerston High School. In the coming months she will direct "The Odd Couple" for Hagerston's community theater group, The Potomac Players. She also hopes to direct a musical for her high school. Kathy and sister, **Loretta Thornhill '77** are planning a trip to Greece for the summer.

**Mary "Chip" Russo** wrote to me as ABD (all-but-dissertation) in English literature from University of Maryland. Chip continues to teach at Villa Julie College. Her son Bryan is in eighth grade at St. Paul's School. He plays football, basketball and lacrosse and is still doing top-of-the-class work. Chip saw **Jackie Deakney Canosa** and **Nita Conley Korn** at the Trumpeters' Reunion in October. She says they are both great!

**Frank Wagner** is back in Africa. He is working for the Peace Corps supervising 70 secondary math and science teachers. He travels a lot, but his home is Dar es Salaam.

**Linda McHale '75** and **Bill Thomas** continue to pastor the New Life Foursquare Church in Westminster. Bill has spoken at the WMC Christian Fellowship Chapel service and says they are a great group of young people. They have five kids—8 to 19 years old! Bill says they love the area and has decided that he and Linda are now officially "townies!"

"**Drama 'N' Don Ehaman**" is the general manager of the historic 200-seat War Memorial Theater in Trenton,

N.J. He works part time with students at the Lawrenceville School and designs lights for their productions. Don and Linda have been married 20 years. Linda works at Michael Greves Architect in Princeton. Don's stepson Michael is a drummer in a rock band.

**Maria Petrucci** became a new homeowner in March 1997. Maria, husband Jay and daughter Erin moved into a 70+ year-old house in Halethorpe (south of Baltimore). It is a fixer-upper! Erin is almost 4 and in a special pre-K class for kids who are speech delayed. It is teaching Nancy Arbutus Middle School and Maria is still in health care—nutrition and chiropractic.

**Wayne and Nancy Fishpaugh Cassell** marked their 10th Christmas in their Colorado home. The Cassells enjoyed several vacations in 1997, including Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, last winter, Glenwood Springs in June and a trip home to Baltimore in September to celebrate Nancy's father's 70th birthday with her four siblings and their families. Wayne and Nancy even spent a day at WMC for the military reunion. Wayne is still with Technology Training Systems. Last April he experienced life aboard an oil tanker on its way to Alaska while filming for a training program written by his company. Nancy is still with American Management Systems and spends her free time working on her photo albums.

There are no major changes for **Bob and Lucinda Newby '73 Nolan**. Their son Derek, 16, is playing goalie for the Thomas Johnson High School ice hockey team. Their daughter Lauren, 13, is into gymnastics, soccer and tennis as she can find time for and is still doing day care licensing. Bob's company, Otsuka American Pharmaceutical, received first FDA New Drug Approval in November. Bob has taken up ice hockey again and plays in the Frederick men's league.

After two years as a strategic consultant for the Directorate of Information Management at Fort Detrick, **Dwayne Oland** has become the Chief of Core Technology for the U.S. Army Medical Information Systems and Services Agency, headquartered at the same agency. Jenny and Dwayne's son Brandon is a sophomore at Frederick High School. He volunteered at Dwayne's work place last summer to fulfill his school's volunteer requirement and impressed people by working harder than the paid employees! Ian is an eighth grader at Ballenger Creek Middle School and made the junior varsity basketball team last year. The Olands have spent several vacations visiting NASCAR country in Carolina, Florida and New York. The kids were even part of the pit crew at Daytona USA; Dwayne was the gas man and Ian was the tire man! Their team changed tires in 27 seconds!

I received a wonderful Christmas poem from **Sandy Johnson Hartsock** and family reflecting on their 1997. Sandy got a promotion in June when the Maryland State Police's Chemistry Unit. She traveled twice in 1997 to North Carolina to testify in

several cases. The Hartsocks' year was busy with sports and Boy Scouting. Jon is a high school junior and worked for Aberdeen Proving Grounds last summer. Josh is a high school freshman and Jamie is in eighth grade.

**Gary and Louise Mattocks**

**McCrorie's** daughter Kristen is 11-going-on-15(!) and doing quite well. She has been selected to play the oboe in the band. Kyle seems to be settling down with the in-school counseling and is being tested for the AG program. Gary continues with Watson Electrical as a Supervisor work and now has a computer track. Louise continues at Bell Store Services as project leader and doing more infrastructure work. She was elected president of the Church UMW.

**Suzanne and Bill Corley** passed another "slowed and blessed" year in Florida on the Atlantic. They live in Atlantic Beach near Jacksonville, about 300 feet from the ocean! Lauren is 16, Lindsay is 13 and Kristin is 9.

**Roberta Schrom** bought a 20-year-old Cape Cod style house in Reston, Va. She's enjoying the nice yard with mature trees and bushes and watching the birds enjoy her bird feeder. She has become "Harriet Homeowner," making many trips to stores for tools and drapery rods!

**Karen Birkmaier Ermer** still works at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church in Towson. Hubby David, who continues at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, is also teaching an environmental course at UMBC this spring, his third semester at the college. Their daughter Elsa is a junior at FAU and thinking of becoming a psychology major. Their oldest son, Charlie is a senior at Perry Hall High School and plays the bass. He was in the process of auditioning for colleges, including Boston and Northwestern Universities and the Peabody Conservatory. Kurt is in fifth grade and enjoying Cub Scouts and playing soccer, basketball and baseball.

**Susan Ward Jones** works for First National Bank as a system developer, and enjoys working in downtown Baltimore again. Hubby Fred is doing just fine.

Everything at our new home is beginning to fall into place. My mom is getting used to the hustle and bustle of having a seven-year-old boy and a big, old golden retriever around! Drew is getting used to his new surroundings, although he still asks to visit our old home. He is a second grader at Cromwell Valley Elementary School, and is involved with Cub Scouts and rec council sports. I'm still trying to figure out how to combine two complete households and keep everyone happy! Hopefully 1998 will be a kinder year for us! Thanks again for all your wonderful notes and Christmas cards.

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**75** Once again, I thank you all for responding so promptly to my plea for news.

**Bruce Anderson** reports that life is great. Since his marriage in July 1996, he and Beth have been busy working on their house. In the spring of 1997 he was the assistant coach for his son Kyle's lacrosse team. To Bruce, this was a dream come true. He and Kyle also spend time surfing. Erin is now looking at colleges, has placed WMC high on her list and is keeping her parents busy going from college to college. In his spare time Bruce is working at his prospering law practice.

**Carole Silver Barber** writes that all is the same. Her twin daughters are now 18 and attending Frederick Community College. The eldest, Kelly, took a year off from Virginia Tech to be a nanny in Switzerland.

**Tara Auxt Baugh** is enjoying life in Gaithersburg, Md., and spending more time with her family. She left her faculty position at West Virginia University, and Phil is now closer to the family farm where he works. Tara is working part time as a research consultant in fruit post-harvest physiology.

**Charlie Berger's** girls are doing well. Erika, 10, is involved with gymnastics, softball and playing the piano. Amanda, 7, is into first level pre-team gymnastics and Brownies. They are both growing up fast and Charlie and Cheryl are having a hard time keeping up with their schedules. Charlie's plans included a trip to New Zealand and Australia to check out the wool for the year's production of carpet yarn, as well as sightseeing. Cheryl, who Charlie declares, "is the best," was to hold down the fort.

**Janet Boller Boyd** and her husband are very proud of their daughter **Amanda '01**, who is beginning her freshman year at WMC. Janet is very busy with her volunteer work.

**Roslyn Davis and Rob Canosa** moved this year and claim it was quite an adjustment. Their next move will be to a retirement community. Rob's work as administrator for mental health services in several counties through Villa Maria continues to be quite demanding. He also continues to run the Psychology department at VM, maintains a private practice and teaches at Loyola College. Roslyn has taken a job at Loyola in the Special Education department and is still at Johns Hopkins University part time. This year the Canosas officially began parenting teenagers (a scary thought).

**Bob Cullison MS'97** earned a degree in education and took a position as assistant principal at Baltimore County public schools' Millford Mill Academy for the 1997-1998 school year. His son **Chris '01** is a freshman at WMC, while daughter Erin is a sophomore at North Carroll High. Bob's wife Susan works at WMC in the President's Office. Bob still lives on a farmette with Belgian draft horses, goats, chickens, dogs and cats. In March, he participated in local parades with the St. Andrews Scottish Society as an escort to the colors.

Having retired from the Army, Lawrence M. "Mike" Dallas is working in Germany for Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC). He enjoys the European lifestyle and the travel opportunities. He recently returned from a 10-day trip to Egypt. The Dallases stay busy with their three daughters who are very involved in school activities.

Fred DiBlasio writes that his wife Jean Campbell '76 is in her seventh year of home educating Kristen, 13, and Michael, 11. Andrew, 16, started his first year of public school (11th grade) and is doing well in course work and on the soccer team, proving that home education does work. Fred continues with his teaching and publication. He was promoted to superintendent in 1996 at the School of Social Work at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. He is still getting calls from old friends after his appearance on ABC's "20/20" in January 1997. His work in the therapeutic use of forgiveness has attracted attention from professionals and the media, and he received a grant to do more research on the topic. Jean and Fred celebrated 18 years of marriage in Hawaii this year and found Maui to be the most beautiful place they have ever visited. The DiBlasio family is still active in their church and are always eager to talk to anyone about the Christian faith.

Debbie Melvin Farrell has moved. They sold their house last May and are renting in Annapolis while their new home is being built. The girls are 4 now and go to school two days a week. Debbie has gone back to work during the same two days at Aladdin Travel, where she worked before. Debbie claims, "Life is full and everyday brings a new challenge."

The Fishers remain busy. Matt is now a senior and has been doing the round of college visits. Karen Arndt Fisher writes that it's hard to believe it's been 26 years since she did the same thing. Emily is in ninth grade and keeps busy with school and the youth group. Since Matt serves as Emily's chauffeur, it's expected that she will miss him when he goes off to college. Dennis makes the trip into Center City Philadelphia each day and is doing training for all mental health organizations in the city. Karen keeps busy with school, family and their new puppy, Bailey (good name). She keeps hoping that things will calm down.

Sharon Hobbs Fisher is teaching eighth grade magnet science at Southwest Academy in Baltimore County. She writes that it's very different from what she's used to doing—teaching elementary science at Grace and St. Peters. She went from a school of 170 to almost 1,300 students. Her son Eric is in his second year at T.U. majoring in computer science, doing well and fussing with a car he bought for \$250. Her daughter, Courtney is in her first year at Villa Julie, majoring in nursing and loving college life. Hub and Robert is still going strong as a Weights and Measures inspector in Maryland.

Living in northern Italy, Linda Spice Guess works as a science and math teacher or substitute teacher depending on the needs of the local American middle/high school. Her husband Jerie works as an environmentalist at Aviano Air Base. Katherine, 16, and James, 13, keep her busy as she runs them to and from their activities. School holidays find the family in their minivan trying to see a little more of Europe.

Things are pretty "status quo" for Karen Farina Kehm. Daughter Jenny, 19, is a junior at the University of Maryland where she's majoring in psychology. Last summer, Jenny spent a year in Barcelona and then interned for the government at GSA in Crystal City, Va. Her sister Dani, 17, spent two months living in Playa Del Mar, Mexico, where she taught English to preschoolers. Dani is a high school senior going through the college application process (WMC is one of the schools she's considering). David, 8, is quite athletic, playing on a soccer team and hoping to play baseball this spring. Joel and Karen are fine. Karen loves teaching ESOL in Howard County, finding it a rewarding job.

Sharon Woods Kessler reports that nothing is new except for a mailing address change.

Having waited nearly 20 years to submit material for *The Hill*, Paul Schlitz eloquently wrote that he married Jo Ann Funk on August 23, 1997, in Landisville (Pa.) Mennonite church. Bill Bates '78 was in the wedding party and won the reception pie eating contest. Paul Schmalzer '76, Paul's WMC and monastery roommate, traveled from Titusville, Fla., to attend the wedding. Paul and Ann plan to reside anywhere but suburbia.

Johan V. van der Jagt graduated with a Ph.D. in special education from Southern University in Baton Rouge on July 25, 1997. He has accepted the position of assistant professor of Education in the Instructional Support Services department at the University of West Alabama in Livingston.

Suzi Windemuth joined the administrative staff at St. Lukes Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York as corporate administrator for surgery. It is his responsible for a group of more than 75 surgeons, covering two hospital locations and 50 surgical residents. The hospital was awarded a large multi-million dollar contract to develop a program for occupational medicine for the Metropolitan Transit Authority of New York/New Jersey, and Suzi was selected to develop and administer the program, a new challenge for her. The program successfully opened on March 1, 1997.

Well, as you can see, the Kings have moved. I started my new job as research and instruction librarian at Florida Tech in August. I answer reference questions, teach library instruction classes and serve as an information advocate to the College of Engineering, which includes contributing to the development of the Design Engineering Information Cen-

ter in the soon-to-be built Advanced Engineering Complex. I stayed with my sister and her family in Satellite Beach, Fla. until our Gaithersburg, Md., home sold at the end of August, and Pat moved in with friends in Rockville, Md. I returned north in early October to stand beside the father of the groom when our son Marc married Pam Thomas at the University of Maryland. It was a beautiful ceremony and lots of fun visiting with friends and family. I flew back to Florida and Pat followed in the car. We're almost settled in our new home, which, by the way, has a lovely guest suite. The dogs have adjusted nicely. Bailey swims in the pool and Molly is fascinated by the geckos (little lizards). We all HATE the fire ants. My folks live in Lady Lake, Fla., and my brother and his family live in Orlando. My whole family is now within 2 1/2 hours of each other. Please keep in touch. Love to hear from you any time!

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**79** Hello to everyone! I'm always glad to hear from each of you. I appreciate your response to my postcards, but feel free to send me news any time of the year.

Carol James Avery increased her family size by one. Andrew was born on November 26, 1996, joining sister Lauren, 5. Carol still has her law practice in Columbia but spends one work day at home with Andrew and volunteers at Lauren's school on special days.

Wayne Birely saw many old classmates and teammates at his 40th birthday party: Jack and Sue Hinton Kendall, Ron and Leslie McDade '80 Bowen, Julie Logan Kearney '80, Scott '80 and Martha Hooper Wheeler, Keith and Robin Lee '80 Lawson, Mark Rosenberg, John Patrick '80 and Eric Schwaab '82. Wayne has completed his 15th year directing the Boys Latin Lacrosse Goalie clinic with help from Robert "Skip" Seidel '78 and Chuck Nolan '83.

Ron and Leslie McDade '80 Bowen had their fourth child, Samantha Jane, on November 10, 1997. After three boys, Brett, Matt and Micky, Sammi is quite a change! Ron works for Sir Speedy Inc. and Leslie works at Harford Day School.

Hank Cagle is the CFO for a truck parts distributor in Baltimore. He and wife Katy, a high school art history teacher, have lived in Annapolis for the past seven years. They have three sons: Gregory, Andrew and Matthew.

Blaine Clark and wife Eleanor have four children, Brandon, Maggie, Taylor and Madison. They are also foster parents to two more children.

Pat Coker and family live in northern Texas and get only the rare visitor from Maryland. Son Adam, 8, is a soccer champion and daughter, Autumn, 5, is a star ballerina.

Barb Parsons and Bill Davis were married in December 1995. She has

stopped teaching after 17 years to return to school. She is taking undergraduate courses to get into graduate school for speech therapy.

Robin Oroian Davis is teaching at Trivale Elementary in Montgomery County schools. Son Kyle, 12, is in middle school, busy with sports, band and Scouts. Bryce, 7, is a future veterinarian—always bringing home bugs and animals to raise.

Roger Ensminger is living in Pennsylvania, planning to return to work in Atlanta. After 13 years at Delta Air Lines, he will be working at one of two companies formed by corporate reorganization.

Allice Frey Eubank adopted a baby boy in September. Edward is a real joy. Allice is still working full time from home but hopes to find part time work soon.

Bev Miles and Jeff Gates have a very busy time with the twins, Keri and Geneva. Jeff spent four months in Germany and Ben and the children joined him for part of the summer. Bev works for a private medical lab about 20 hours a week. She enjoys the flexibility to be with the children and to play golf and tennis.

Yvette Odell Gerhardt and family have bought a house in Holland, Mich. She has three children and keeps busy homeschooling, teaching Kindermusik and volunteering for LaLeche League.

Austin and Martha Pratt '78 Grier are still enjoying life in Williamsport, Md. Daughters Becky and Sarah are both in school. The family owns two cows, which help Austin keep the three acres mowed! Austin has been teaching for 14 years and Martha works at home as managing editor of *The Journal of Applied Social Psychology*.

David Green has been promoted to the position of director of residential services of the Arc of Carroll County. His responsibilities include the administration of a network of residential homes in Carroll County, providing community-based services to people with developmental disabilities and supervising a staff of 44 people.

Linda Lamb Hahn is enjoying retirement in Minnesota. She works part time teaching crafts and French in the elementary schools. She is also in charge of 20 girls with an au pair agency.

Beth Lengyel Hewett is working on her dissertation with hopes of graduating this fall. This school year she has been working as an adjunct English instructor for WMC. Paul '77 enjoys his work for Argonne National Labs and Russ, 14, is in the ninth grade at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in the science and technology program.

Chris Holmes is in his ninth year at Community United Methodist Church in Crofton, Md., and loving it. He took 12 people to Zimbabwe, Africa, in February to rebuild a church in an area where many children had never seen a white person. His own children are becoming teenagers, which is an interesting stage of life's journey.



**Nancy Goehner Houston** is a paralegal with a large law firm, O'Connor Cavanaugh, in Phoenix. She is in the business law/finance group doing incorporations, corporate records, commercial lending, mergers and acquisitions. There can be some pretty long days, but she loves the work. She and her husband Ryder rented an oceanfront condominium in San Diego last summer and had a great time. She misses the ocean, but otherwise life in the Valley-of-the-Sun is great.

**Pam Hudson** works for a local hospital in Huntsville, Ala., as vice president for medical affairs and regional consultant on medical staff issues for Columbia/HCA. She is also pursuing a master's degree in medical management. Pam lives on 65 acres with an extended animal family—horses, pigs, geese, dogs and cats.

**Jeff Jackson** is president of Dynacraft Golf Products, worldwide distributor of golf equipment. He was named educational chairman to Professional Golf Association of Australia in 1997 and 1998 and traveled there both years to make presentations. He is building a new house, and his daughter Jerilyn, 16, is learning to drive.

**Bill Jenkins** writes from Richmond about the murder of his son, William, in August. It was a rather high profile case, which may involve capital punishment for the murderer. It took place out in the suburbs during a robbery at closing time at a restaurant where he was on his second day of work. Bill and his wife Elise are spending a great deal of time working to support others who have lost children to violent crime. He has written articles, appeared on TV, spoken at functions to raise awareness on violent crimes, and has received a community service award from the local organization, Victims of Violent Crime. Two memorial scholarship funds for post high school study have been set up and are open for contributions. Bill's career as professor of technical theatre at Virginia Union University continues, as does his freelance designing in the theatres around Richmond. He also consults on the construction and renovation of several theatre spaces in the Richmond area.

**Leslie Renshaw Kemp** and **Sharon O'Connor Ross** stay in touch. Leslie works on a standard breed horse farm and is still knitting/finishing sweaters at Chester River Knitting. Quilting and animals are still her passions, but she never has enough free time for either!

Congratulations to **Wayne Lowman** for being named executive editor and publisher of the *Kokomo Tribune*, and most recently appointed senior editor for Thomson Indiana of Thomson Newspapers, Inc.

**Maryam Rostami Sallami** has completed her first year of medical school. She has worked in rehabilitation with deaf people for many years in Iran and Canada, and now plans to be a physician.

**Kimberly Smith-Charrette** has two kids, Cameron and Samantha. She is vice president for a four-hospital sys-

tem on the North Shore of Boston. Kim ran her first marathon in October, the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C.

The **Chapman** household is as busy as ever. I returned to work in July as director of the St. Mark's Preschool where both of my children attended. What a wonderful job! My kids, Sarah and Matthew, are both in public school, which led me into my second, but unpaid, full-time job—PTA president for a 1,100 student campus. It too is turning out to be a great experience. Carl is in his 23rd year teaching public school at the high school in St. Michaels. When the second week of June rolls around we will all have a day of relief!

Best wishes for continued good news. Write me anytime.

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**80** Hello, Class of 1980! It is a dreary, late October afternoon as I write this; drizzle and leaves are falling simultaneously. I have a pot roast simmering on the stove and my kids are watching Nickelodeon and playing together in a relatively cooperative fashion. It seems that it was only a few weeks ago that I wrote our last letter to *The Hill*. Of course, sometimes it seems like it has only been a few weeks since I was a student at WMC—not half a lifetime ago. I guess my sense of time is a bit distorted.

**Linda Picciorelli Maher** and her husband are delighted to announce the arrival of their son Christopher Woo Joong Maher, who is 3 months old when he arrived from Korea in March of 1996. Linda's daughter Nicola is very proud to have a baby brother, and all of the Mahers have enjoyed vacationing in their new house in Outer Banks, N.C.

**Eamonn McGeahy III** writes that he and his wife Patricia are doing well. Their terrific son Manus is in third grade and into karate, soccer and basketball. Eamonn is a general manager for Martin G. Imbach, Inc., a family-owned heavy and marine construction company. He writes that he misses "the Bombers."

**Tom Myers** writes that on August 30 his wife Katherine gave birth to their second child, Jackson Joseph Myers. Tom is still employed at the President Bank of Maryland, running the Healthcare Banking Group.

**Richard Newton**, who is living in Reisterstown, sent a terrific note. Unfortunately, he didn't say much about what is happening with him (although there is a clue in his letter that he enjoys fishing with friends).

**Harrison Peoples** and his wife Kathryn have three children: Ashley, 12, Britney, 9, and Harrison, 2.

**Virginia Wilson Remian** writes that she, husband Eric and their children Jake, 11, and Katie, 8, spent a wonderful week at Disney World last year. They then had a two-week summer vacation exploring the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State, climbing Mount Ranier (well, halfway) and sailing to British Columbia. Virginia

writes that otherwise, life continues much as usual: working, transporting kids and trying to save for college education.

**Ellen Sartorio-Lawrence** says the only thing that has really changed since her last note is her age! Her son Taylor, 7, is in first grade while daughter Emily, 4, enviously waits two more years before she gets to board the bus for kindergarten. Both kids play soccer. Ellen's husband Curtis does catering and manages their church's food service program while Ellen continues to work for the Florida affiliate of the National Education Association. Ellen writes that visits to Maryland are few and far between, but she and Emily were hoping to venture north on a business trip to Washington, D.C., this winter.

**Kevin Smith** writes that he and his wife Linda are living in Ocean City, Md., with their three kids, ages 8, 6 and 2. Kevin has owned O.C. Parasail Inc. since 1984. He builds boats during the winter months and now has a January finds him skiing in Alta, Utah. Kevin's brother **Keegan '81** lives two doors down from him and he sees **Tim Duffy** and **Rich Newton** yearly. Kevin and Rich recently went tuna fishing and had a blast! Kevin said that anyone coming to Ocean City should give him a call.

**Fred Smyth** and his wife Kathy have moved to Charlottesville where Kathy is working half time with a UNVA pediatrics group and Fred is doing graduate work in the Psychology department. Daughter Jesse is spending her mornings in a terrific Montessori program and everyone is getting settled in nicely.

**Andrey Flowers Spadone** and her husband Mike have three children: Nicole, 5, Morgan, 4, and Vincent, 3. Audrey says that she stays very busy with Nicole's kindergarten and keeping up with her boys. She completed her MA in Communication Disorders last year at California State University, but does not plan to return to the work force until all of her children are in school. Audrey really appreciates those WMC relationships which she has maintained and says that **Bill Coolahan** has been a great friend.

**Joshua Stillman** writes that his dental practice continues to grow, but there is still time for fun things, like two trips to a "duke ranch" last summer. Josh's three children, ages, 2, 4 and 7, keep him and wife Karen busy. The older two were scheduled to try skiing this winter and Josh says he'll let us know how it turned out! Josh's notes suggest that the small town where he lives, Paradise, Calif., lives up to its name, but life out West is far removed from WMC. Josh says he would love to hear from other alumni who have found their way to California.

**Sue Robinson Tandy** is still teaching first grade, but is now the lead teacher for her building, a position similar to an assistant principal. Sue writes that she has been very active in her church choir. They were preparing for a choir festival in which she was to have a featured part (not that she was nervous about this!).

**Sue Thornton** bought the Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre and Children's Theatre in Frederick, Md., last year. Since then she has been busy adapting most of the children's theatre shows, as well as directing and acting. The theatre is located on Route 40 in west Frederick and Sue says everyone should call about the latest production and come up and see her.

**Susan Tucker Taylor's** big news is that she, **Keith '81** and their children, Emily, 12, and Zachary, 8, got a beagle puppy this summer. They are enjoying her very much in being wonderful. "Why did we do this?"

The Taylors were planning a December trip to New York to see the sights, including the Rockefeller Christmas show at Radio City and the Broadway version of *The Lion King*. Keith continues in his job as media specialist at Piney Ridge Elementary School and is also the school's computer person; Susan is still a lab scientist at the State Lab.

**Dave Wahrhaftig** writes that he and his wife Sue are enjoying their 16-month-old son and their two yellow Labs. In April, Dave was made a partner at Kato and Company.

**Ann Harrison Weiford** is teaching health to high schoolers and physical education to kids pre-kindergarten through eighth grade at the Delaware School for the Deaf, as well as interpreting a little in first grade. Ann's husband Ken was preparing to take his CPA exam and daughter Robyn, 5, started kindergarten. Her stepdaughters Stephanie and Heather visited from San Antonio for two weeks last summer.

**Charles Wheatley and Kim Reese** have two daughters, Caitlin, 4, and Emma, 2. Charles continues to work at Northrop Grumman (formerly Westinghouse) where he does radar software for the F22 fighter plane, while Kim is a full time mom. Charles has taken up golf but says he has a lot to learn.

**Lec McIntire Wildemann** is busy with a job as community relations representative for Patuxent Publishing Company. Lec is responsible for the company's outreach to the community and decisions on which events the company will sponsor. Lec's son, Patrick, 12, plays soccer and is a junior referee for S.A.C.

**Wayne Winters** was promoted to a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army. In attendance at the ceremony were **John Leitzel** and **Tom Sims**. Wayne lives in northern Virginia and commutes to the Pentagon. He says he is working very hard to never grow up. In the midst of all of the exciting, busy things I have had to report, I have some very sad news to relate. Our classmate **John Doenges** was the victim of a fatal motor vehicle accident. He died on March 24, 1997. Condolences can be sent to his mother: Mrs. Janice Doenges, 4416 Wynn Road, Parkville, MD 21236.

Take care of yourselves. To those who faithfully return each post card, thanks a lot! It is fun to follow your lives, hear about careers developing, kids growing up and the other triumphs and tragedies of everyday life.



To those who manage to check in occasionally, it is great to learn even intermittently what has happened to you over the past decade or so. And to those who glance through the column, but don't return the post cards, we'd love to hear from you. You don't have to be the CEO of a Fortune 500 company or receive a Grammy for your third platinum album for the events of your life to be interesting and newsworthy. Keep in touch.

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**89** Hello, Class of '89! I hope that this issue of *The Hill* finds everyone happy and healthy. It sounds as though our class is doing great. Please keep in mind that we are not able to print news of engagements and pregnancies. I can include the news after the big day has happened. We would love to hear about everyone in our class. Here's the news from those people who returned their cards.

**Theresa Bernhardt Ballinger**, husband Bob '88 and their son Trey moved to Elicott City, Md. Theresa is still working for the Department of Energy and Bob is working for the House of Corrections.

**Brian Baugus** manages the Easton office of the Monument Mortgage Company. He also teaches economics part time at the community college in Easton. Brian's wife Ilika has her own business venture. Their daughter Samantha is 3.

**Jon Bovit** has been busy managing a family of five with his wife Ivette. Since 1994 he has been business partners with **Tom Kehoe '88** in a rapidly growing brewery.

**Matt Donner** hopes to attend Homecoming '98. This past winter he was busy getting married in Florida, where he now resides. Matt finished his master's degree in physical therapy and is currently practicing in a sports medicine clinic in Plantation, Fla.

**Maria Filish Douglas and Dave '87** live in Easton, Md., and love being on the Eastern Shore. This past winter they spent time skiing in Vermont, as well as a fun-filled week in Las Vegas. Maria is working as a Pampered Chef representative. They spend most of their free time with their daughter, Carter.

**Beth Harlow and Barry '88** Beckalew welcomed daughter Cassie into their family on August 29, 1997. Beth has returned to work at WMC on a part time basis.

**Kim Weir and Bill Butz** celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary. Kim is a Per Diem school psychologist in Montgomery and Carroll Counties, as well as a full time mom to their two sons, Brennan, 3, and Matthew, who was born on May 21, 1997. Bill is a controller for Aerotec, Inc. He and **John Fitzsimmons** flew down to Florida to attend **Matt Donner's** wedding.

**Jim and Frances Fato Cardea** write that they are doing very well. They spend most of their time enjoying Jamie Frances, 18 months. Jim is a plaintiff's attorney for Horowitz, Foran & Sonntag. He specializes in malpractice and personal injury. Frances is still the CFO for the Aspen Hill Club.

**Christine Kelly Cherundolo** and **Greg '91** moved to Atlanta, Ga. They added a second daughter to their family this fall, Caroline Lauren born October 21, 1997.

**Clayton Christiansen and Dina Soliman '91** were married last summer in Egypt. Several WMC friends attended the big day, including **Bill McCarthy '87**, **Allen Motl '87**, **Amanda Zawacki '91** and **Bill '86 Boydjalis**, and **Judy Klein '86**. They live in Cockeysville, Md. Dina is teaching and Clayton is starting up a new business with four other people.

**Harry Cohen** finished his residency in ophthalmology and he and his family moved to central Wisconsin. He is now an ophthalmologist at the Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wis. Their son Lane, 15 months, keeps Harry busy when he is not at work.

**Lauren Williams Greenwald and Larry '88** are doing great after eight years of marriage! They have two wonderful kids, Shawn, 4, and Mollie, 18 months. Lauren is working full time at Green Spring Health Services and was promoted last August. She claims that she still likes her work, but has found it very stressful being on the "management track."

**Pat Dail** is pouring his time and money into remodeling projects at his rowhome in Canton. He is working on his MBA at the University of Baltimore and working at Key Bank and Trust in real estate lending.

**Jamie Davis** closed up shop on his video business this year to stay at home with his children, Christopher, 4, and Mandy, 3. Jamie says that it's great to relate to people on his own level. **Janice and Andy Heebner '88** moved into a new home they built in the country near Rising Sun, Md.

**Janifer Euge Dettlerick** is attending the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy pursuing her Pharm.D. degree. She hopes to work in the area of disease state management after graduating in 2000. She has been married to John for nine years; no children yet, but they look forward to starting a family soon.

**Jonathan Favorite** is planning a new house in Syndersburg, Md., (outside Hamstead). The plans are slowly coming together, but Jonathan doesn't think he will be switching his profession to construction anytime soon!

**Chris Flatter** and his wife Cindy are living in Frederick, Md. They have a daughter, Melanie, 3. Chris has been a sales representative for McKesson for almost five years.

**Beverly Megenhardt Flowers** has a wonderful son, Jack, born on April 21, 1997. She enjoyed a fun summer with him; then it was back to work at North Carroll Middle School. She

writes that she is just enjoying life with her son and husband Tom.

**Colleen Foley** is living in Owings Mills, Md. By day she works with six toddlers in a day care center. By night she is on the technical staff at Toby's Dinner Theatre in Columbia.

**Terry Driggs Grothman** and her husband **Bob '93** had a beautiful son, Mark, last May. Terry loves being a stay-at-home mom. She doesn't miss her job one bit! Terry and family will be spending three weeks at Bethany Beach, Del., this summer.

**Michele Cruikshank Hayward** and **Craig '90** still live in Pittsburgh, Pa. Michele has returned to college to become a dietician. She only has one more year to go!

**Elizabeth Burkett Howes** is a sales manager at Henkens. Her job allows her to enjoy fun business trips. This year she went to the Wildlife Film Festival in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. She and her husband Tom have been having fun working on their new home in Bethesda, Md. They also enjoyed a great trip to the Bahamas last December.

**Julie Wolf Huston** and her family were patiently waiting for the snow and ice to melt and a speedy arrival of spring! Julie, husband **John '91**, Christina, 7, and Nicholas, 4, live in Maine and the winter has been very difficult. They were tired of candlelit games, no water, and heat from a wood burning stove! Jon is still working in retail and Julie is at L.L. Bean.

**Bob Hutchinsion** is a purchasing manager for GE Capital-TIP. His wife Paula continues as an adjunct faculty member teaching music at Valley Forge Christian College. She also teaches private flute lessons. Bob enjoys auctions and yard sales and is dabbling in the antiques market.

**Tammy Kile** completed her residency in emergency medicine last June. She has moved back to Laurel, Md., and is working at Harbor Hospital Center in Baltimore. She is enjoying her new house and having some free time since finishing school.

**Kristin Albert Jones** is still working for T. Rowe Price. She is now a retirement plan manager. She loves the position and is very happy. She and her husband are house hunting in the area and are finding it frustrating and fun at the same time. She runs into **Jude Yearwood**, who also works at T. Rowe Price.

**Sandi Stevens Corbo** was married last summer. This winter they visited **Steve Knight '88** and his wife in Vermont. Sandi said they had a great time, but there was too much snow! They are looking forward to going to California soon to visit **John Giza '88**, who is having a wonderful time living on the West Coast.

**Chris Jarkowicz Feehan and Pat '90** live in Centerville, Va. Chris is working as a programmer analyst at American Management Systems in Fairfax. Chris spends her free time with Pat and their two boys. They are enjoying being back in this area and have been able to catch up with many

WMC friends.

This past year has been quite exciting for me. Last April, I married **Chuck Zorbach** in Bethany Beach, Del. We enjoyed a wonderful weekend filled with wedding festivities. There were many WMC grads there to celebrate our big day with us. Chuck and I went to Jamaica for our honeymoon and now live in Cockeysville, Md. I am still teaching second grade at Our Lady of Hope School in Dundalk, Md. I am working towards my master's degree at Loyola College and I also work part time at Ann Taylor in Owings Mills. I am quite busy, but manage to run into good friends from WMC often. It was great seeing everyone at Homecoming last fall. I hope 1998 is a great year for all. Keep the news coming!

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**94** Have you been wondering what your classmates have been doing? Here are some of their latest happenings. As always, engagements and pregnancies won't be published until after the big event, so keep us informed!

**Darla Ledger**, on a leave of absence from teaching high school, is starting a second semester at Harvard Divinity School.

**Dawn Motowidlak** completed her master's in social work. She is the employee assistance program administrative director for Janus Associates in Baltimore, Md.

In addition to teaching first grade in Montgomery County, **Dana Mostow** just bought a new townhouse in Germantown, Md.

**Mary Nicholson** has been a trainer/manager for Citibank for the past four years. She lives with fellow classmate **Amy Grove**. In April, she had the pleasure of being in **Lisa Wieder Liddington's** wedding. Congratulations to **Ann Olgebarbels** and her husband who celebrated their one year wedding anniversary. She is a third grade teacher at Winfield Elementary School and will be finishing her master's program at WMC this summer.

After covering news and writing features for Patuxent Publishing's newspapers in the Baltimore area, **Amy Pelinsky** is back at WMC as managing editor of *The Hill*. She was several awards for her newspaper work from the regional press association before leaving, and met her husband, Jay Clark. They were married September 20, 1997, in Elkridge, Md., and honeymooned in Las Vegas. **Kellie Marsh Holosi '92**, **Maura Ziolkowski**, and **Jenny Smith '93** were in the bridal party, and many WMC friends shared the day. She and Jay live in Sykesville, Md.

**Allison Miller Petrocchia** lives in Fort Jackson, S.C., with husband **Anthony '92**. They are adjusting to their new home and two babies—Olivia, born March 27, 1996, and

Ethan, born April 22, 1997. Her son, Zach, 12, has been a big help with both! For the next year, she'll be taking a break from work and the pursuit of higher degrees to be a full time mom (Can you call that a break!).

**Ray Pickercall** sends word that he is a part time social studies teacher and assistant wrestling coach at his alma mater, Sachem High School in Lake Ronkonoma, N.Y. He completes his master's in education from Stony Brook University in May 1998. He recently accepted a job at Hylton High School in Dale City, Va., as a teacher/head wrestling coach. He'll be making that big move in June. Good luck, Ray!

Working in the governmental affairs department of a professional association in Rockville, Md., **Kristen Purcuro** is also busy attending American University. She is a graduate student in the School of International Service studying international politics and peace and conflict resolution. She lives in Gaithersburg, Md., with **Rolando Welch**, who is a juvenile counselor in Alexandria, Va.

**Michael Rice** is a conservation biologist at the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity in Tucson, Ariz. His organization is a non-profit environmental conservation powerhouse that strives to preserve and protect the wild places of the Southwest and their inhabitants. Their most recent accomplishment was the listing of U.S. jaguar populations as endangered.

**Jan Rick** is enjoying teaching first grade at Perrywood Elementary School in Bowie, Md. She also works part time for the Huntington Learning Center. She lives living in Annapolis and hopes all in the Class of '94 are doing well!

**David Smith** is working for the Chevy Chase Land Company of Montgomery County, Md. He and wife Angela had their first child, Kyle Francis Smith, on March 13, 1997. David received his master's from WMC in 1997.

**Carl Sciarappa** is studying to become an occupational therapy assistant. She plans to graduate in May.

While studying for her master's degree in counseling at Johns Hopkins, **Kristie Susco** is also working there as a research program coordinator.

In 1994, **Clifford Wright** began working at Adams/Hanover Counseling Services, Inc. (AHCS) in Hanover, Pa., as a mental health worker in their wrap around program. After completing his MSW at UMAB in 1996, he transitioned into an outpatient therapist position and became the clinical lead for AHCS's Centralized Intake Department. In November 1997, Clifford left AHCS for a position as a family therapist with Junction, Inc., a drug and alcohol counseling agency located in Westminster, Md.

After going to graduate school, and living and teaching history in New York City, **Kym Samuels** decided to "chuck it all" and apply to the Peace Corps. Kym now teaches four sections of tenth grade English to over 200 students in Fenor Selam, west Gojama, Ethiopia.

**Emily Ann Oland and Brenton "Skip" Squires II** '93 were married June 14, 1997, in Little Baker Chapel in a ceremony performed by **Dr. Ira Zepp '52**. **Jonathan Boehman** was best man, **Maura Jennifer Disney** was maid of honor and **Jennifer Disney '93** served as an attendant. **Anthony Hightower** and **Barry Hoopengardner '93** shared readings. Emily and Skip honeymooned on Sea Brook Island, S.C., and now live in Laurel, Md. Emily is the director of biographical research at the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis, Md., where she is writing a book about the First Ladies of Maryland and the history of the Governors' Mansions. Skip is a computer programming consultant with Sentient Systems of Kensington, Md.

**Marie Spano** is pursuing a master's degree in nutrition science at the University of Georgia.

**Susan Sommer** is working at Hardesty Capital Management, an investment counseling firm in Baltimore. She is taking a few business classes at Towson State and plans to pursue an MBA.

On June 1, 1996, **Michele Reavy Wilson** married **Tyler '95**. The wedding party included **Carolyn Lewis**, **Anna Jakubiec**, **Heather Hoad** and **Michael Clinton '95**. Michele works in recruiting at MPMG Peat Marwick in Radnor, Pa., and resides with her husband in Brookhaven, Pa.

**Cristie Rose** married **Chris Shifflett** in April 1997, and they bought a new home in New Windsor. Cristie continues to teach fourth grade for Carroll County Public schools.

**Tamitha Moore** married **Trevor Sellers '94** in November 1995. Tamitha is a teacher in Carroll County and Trevor is the treatment supervisor at a maximum security facility for juvenile delinquents in South Mountain. Tamitha and Trevor reside in Gettysburg, Pa.

**Jennifer Trent** married **George Bruller** on May 3, 1997. Jennifer works in Westminster as a service coordinator and is working towards her master's in counselor education.

**Tiffany Jenkins White** was married in August 1995 and had a beautiful baby girl in June 1997. Tiffany left her job in the education division of the Walters Art Gallery to care for her daughter. She is looking into starting her own events coordinating business.

**Jeff Sharp** is employed at East Middle School in Westminster, Md., and draws a monthly cartoon strip for **Raplines Magazine** out of Great Britain. Jeff is also working towards his master's of arts in publications design at the University of Baltimore.

**Maura Ziolkowski** spent the first five months after graduation as an au pair in Germany. She is now a Spanish and French teacher for first through fifth graders at Garrison Forest School in Owings Mills, Md. Maura's new interests include karate and writing songs on the guitar.

**Kirsten Stockett** teaches second grade in Jefferson County, Colorado. While working as an assistant manager at The Museum Company, **Annelise Sullivan** is searching for

writing positions with newspapers and radio stations.

If you have any additional updates that you want to send, please feel free to contact us. Looking forward to the next column.

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**97** **Glenna Deckle** completed her first semester in the social work graduate program at University of Maryland at Baltimore. She is also working in Baltimore, commuting from Cockeysville, Md., where she lives with **Sue Oxley** and **Susan Hotel**.

In 2001, **Susanna L. Kuespert** will earn her doctorate of veterinary medicine at Purdue University.

**Dawn M. Downey** is teaching fifth grade at Green Valley Elementary School in Monrovia, Md.

**Heather Brinkhouse** is studying at the Maryland Institute College of Art. She is in the digital art master's program and expects to graduate in May. Her focus is on 3-D modeling, web design and digital editing. She lives Reisterstown, Md.

**Drew Jahn** is finishing his military intelligence officer basic course and will soon be off to Fort Bragg, N.C., to serve a three-year tour with the 82nd Airborne Division.

In Philadelphia, **Michael "DP" D'Antonio** has established himself as an associate traffic manager for Tierney and Partners, one of the largest firms in the city.

**Amalie Elaine Eierman** is teaching first grade at Millbrook Elementary School in Baltimore County and living at home to save money.

On August 8, 1997, **Sherrie L. Bernal** put on her lab coat to signify her entrance into medical school at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth.

**Kevin J. Bernhardt** is a quality assurance engineer for Bentley Systems Inc. in Exton, Pa. In the software development field, he works with mapping and digital terrain applications.

**Timothy "Bender" D'Angelo** lives in Wilmington, Del., and teaches eighth grade algebra at Magnolia Middle School in Harford County, Md.

**Victoria Carromba** lives and works in Reston, Va. She is working at Praxon, a pharmaceutical company, and is planning to go back to school this fall. She traveled around Europe with family and friends last summer.

**Kevin Kosetzki** lives in Westminster, Md., and is the associate manager of Chevy Chase Bank in Frederick, Md.

**Lisa Hill** reports that her job as a marketing communications specialist at Farmers and Mechanics National Bank in Frederick, Md., is going well. She says that she is having a blast living with roommate and fellow graduate **Carolyn Buzanoski**. She also cel-

ebrated New Year's in Scotland with her fiancé, **Trey Rash '98**. Also working as a waitress for seven months, **Amy Dreibeis** got a job teaching German at North Carroll High School. She lives with sorority sister **Heidi Snyder**.

After leaving the car business, **Ryan John** finished two weeks of training for Aid Association for Lutherans, an insurance and financial company. He is now a district representative for AAL and a partner with his father, Ryan lives in Cockeysville, Md.

**Laurel Carichner** is an accountant for Alex Balthasar, a Baltimore-based financial institution. She reports that she sat for the CPA exam in November along with several other '97 grads.

**Sophie Furr** is a full time nanny for a three-year-old child. She plans to go back to school at Goucher College in Towson, Md., to work towards a certification in education. She is volunteering in a sixth grade classroom two days a week and is looking forward to teaching in the fall.

Last June, **Lori Fleischmann** began working as a budget analyst for the Department of the Navy. She lives in Westminster, Md.

**Lila "Darlene" Cady** placed first in her weight class in the Pan American Masters Olympic Weightlifting Women's Competition in July. In October she represented WMC in the National Collegiate Championships in Savannah, Ga. During the fall semester, she was a student teacher. She and her husband own Monocacy Valley Olympic Weightlifting Club in Frederick, Md.

**Andrew Buzanoski** of Ellicott City, Md., has established herself at T. Rowe Price Associates in Owings Mills, Md., a Baltimore-based investment firm. She works in the discount brokerage and compliance department.

As for me, I am also working at T. Rowe Price in the investment services division. I've been there since graduation and want to get my MBA soon. I'm still living at home, but looking forward to moving in with friends.

Time has flown by since we all crossed the stage and received our diplomas. I hope all of you are doing well. Please be in touch even if I don't send you a postcard!

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# Confessions of a Die-Hard Pencil Pusher

BY RAY PHILLIPS

**A**t a January faculty workshop on "Technology in the Classroom," I was the mystery guest. "Mystery," because in my 39 years of teaching, I have never had technology in my classroom. Sure, I'd show films in my January Term courses, but I would always put a student in charge of the VCR. Never used an overhead projector. Walk the second floor of Hill Hall and from every office but one—mine—you will hear the clicky-clackety of Apple keyboards as my colleagues compose exams, write letters, check E-mail, visit web sites and play solitaire.

The only web site I have ever visited is Charlotte's; the only chat room, Wilbur's sty; the only mouse around there is that rat Templeton. My ignorance of computer lingo is appalling. CD-ROM: a composer of light opera? Laptop: where my kitty likes to sleep. Modem: a John Deere lawn tractor? Hard drive: Interstate 84 from the Delaware River to Hartford.

That I have a phobia about technology, I will not deny. One of my nicknames in college was "Mech-Gene" (mechanical genius), a tribute to my ineptitude with machinery. Yet, in junior high school shop, under the tutelage of Mr. Smith, I operated both a wood and metal lathe, built an electric motor and made my father an ash-tray in the foundry. I saw myself as a young Tom Edison. I even had a chemistry lab in the basement of my house: "Do not put a match to hydrogen that, in spite of your precautions, got mixed with oxygen." (The explosion will be quite impressive.)

Sometime between those productive scientific and technological years and college, I developed the phobia—a fear probably deepened by my coming under the influence



JONATHAN CARLSON

of Thoreau's call for "simplicity" in "Walden." Incidentally, Thoreau's father owned and operated the premier pencil factory in New England. Among my colleagues, I am known as a devotee of Ticonderoga #2 pencils and yellow legal pads—my personal word processor. Everything I write, excluding letters and the *New York Times* crossword puzzles when I use a pen, is with a pencil. I wrote my 300+-word dissertation with a pencil; I am writing this piece with a pencil. The other day, the *Baltimore Sun* had an article about writers who still "write" on a manual typewriter. Manual typewriter. Why, I could never compose on one: kept hitting the wrong key and my back would start to ache. My pencil worked better and it never jammed.

What my colleagues reported in the workshop about their uses of technology was most interesting. Afterwards, I told them so. Never quite certain as to whether I was invited to be snickered at or to be pitied, I, nevertheless, spent a few minutes describing the props I have used in my

classroom. My coffee thermos has served as a wind tower in Crane's "The Open Boat" and as the jar in Wallace Stevens'

"Anecdote of the Jar." My favorite prop was the wooden window pull that hung in my classroom in old Memorial Hall. It served as Natty Bumppo's rifle in the shooting contest in "The Pioneers," as a harpoon in Starbuck's long boat, and another time it got me down the Mississippi on Huck's and Jim's raft.

One semester, as I was acting out the shooting contest, firing toward the open hall door, a campus tour walked by. I'm not sure, but I might have nicked one of the parents.

One day I borrowed a student's tennis racket to serve as a paddle for a scene in a Cooper novel. Next thing I knew, I was using the racket for comic effects: from paddle to a magnifying glass, then a banjo, followed by an ice cream spoon, and ending up putting the racket behind me like a tail, hopping and singing "I'm a duck-billed platypus." The entire routine took about 30 seconds, and, though pedagogically suspect, it did amuse and awaken the class.

Many are the ways to teach literature, and as you can see, the technological has not been one of mine. By the way, the duck-billed platypus routine got the best laugh of all my years of using humor in the classroom.

*Editor's note: Dr. Raymond Phillips has seen a lot of changes in the classroom during his 35 years of teaching English at Western Maryland. He has written several essays for The Hill, including forays into the faculty lounge and the charm of letter writing. He is retiring this spring before technology catches up with him.*

## ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR

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All alumni and their guests are invited to alumni events. Those living outside the sponsoring chapter's zip code may make reservations by calling the Office of Alumni Affairs at 410/857-2296.

**Sunday, May 3**

Honors Convocation, Baker Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m.

**Thursday, May 7**

ROTC President's Review, 11:55 a.m., Memorial Plaza.

**Friday, May 22**

Baccalaureate, Baker Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, May 23**

Commencement, Gill Physical Education Learning Center, 2 p.m.

**May 29-31**

Alumni Weekend. Class reunions for 1923, '28, '33, '38, '43, '48, '53, '58 and master's degree 1993, '95, '97.

**Monday, June 22**

Baltimore Alumni Luncheon.

**Monday, July 27**

Baltimore Alumni Luncheon.

**August 7-22**

Alumni Cruise around British Isles.

**Monday, August 24**

Baltimore Alumni Luncheon.

**Monday, September 28**

Baltimore Alumni Luncheon.

**Saturday, October 10**

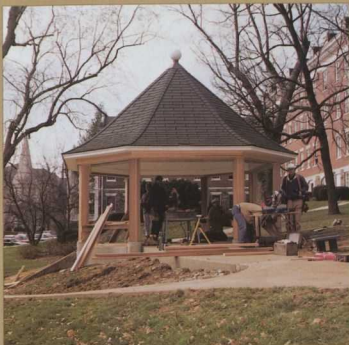
Wilmington Alumni Chapter meeting.

**Saturday, October 17**

Homecoming.

**Saturday, November 14**

Sports Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremonies.



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### CARPE DIEM

The landmark wooden gazebo named Carpe Diem has hosted sweethearts on moonlit nights and poetry classes on spring days. This winter it received a much-needed facelift thanks to a gift from the 1997 graduating class. Last year's seniors raised \$1,046 as a parting gift to the college to renovate the gazebo. Inaugurated by the Class of 1981, the Senior Pride program has become a college tradition in which seniors contribute their own money toward a project adopted in their class' name.





C. KURT HOLTZER

## HOT STUFF

The men's basketball team (above) squeaked their sneakers on a brand new gym floor this season. The shining maple was laid thanks to a surplus of funds from the reconstruction of the old Gill gym, which rose out of its own ashes this fall after a New Year's Eve fire gutted the building just over a year ago. The floor has already

seen Green Terror glory, including a double whammy blow to the men's and women's basketball career scoring records (see page 6) and winning grapples that led the wrestling team to its first Centennial Conference victory (see page 7). Turn to page 7 for the winter sports results.

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*Music to Their Ears*





#### HAVING A BALL

The Baltimore Ravens football team drew crowds to their training camp at Western Maryland College this summer. The team signed a five-year contract to use the college's facilities, and has helped the college make improvements to the football fields, locker rooms, campus roads and parking (see p. 4 for more).

# The Hill

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The Nichols sisters (Kim '96, certified to teach English and music; Krissy '01, a theatre arts major; and Kellie '99, a music major), used to sing "Baa Baa Black Sheep" and Irish lullaby "Too-a-Loo-Ra-Loo-Lal" while their grandmother played the piano. Now they're a Carroll County singing sensation that has been performing a *cappella* for three years, bringing down the house at churches and community groups. Read more about their part in Western Maryland's music revival on page 14. Photo by David Hobby.

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## From The Hill

### Campus Safety on Wheels

None of the television networks will clamor to create a "Pacific Blue" bike cop spin-off in Westminster, but the WMC bike patrol is rolling nonetheless, and reviews are thumbs-up. As part of a continuing effort to foster better communication between the Campus Safety staff and students, several officers traded their hubcaps for spokes to canvas the campus this fall.

The bikes take officers out of patrol vehicles and put them in direct contact with more students, in line with a nationwide trend towards more community-oriented policing. Two wheels also make it easier to get around a campus designed for pedestrians, not street traffic. "The bikes are so easy to maneuver in tight spaces that they will aid in patrol across the whole campus and should decrease response time to many areas," said Michael Webster, Director of Campus Safety.

Many student bike riders, a growing population on campus, are already stopping to chat with officers about the bikes, as well as their specialized training. Sophomore Jessica Vermillion says having officers cruising the campus may go far to ease tensions with students. "Usually, the only time you interact with them is if something is bad," she said, such as a parking ticket or an alcohol violation. "It may help them become more welcome if [students] see them all the time. There's not a car between you and them."

Six officers, about half of the Campus Safety staff, have com-

#### FACTS THAT WON'T FIT

*Music performances on campus last year: 32 • Number of pipes on Baker Chapel's organ: 792 • Most exotic instruments found in the music department: 3 mbiras (thumb pianos from South Africa) • Number of pianos on campus: 26 • Most mundane instruments found in department: the "Stomp" set of metal buckets, dust pans, trowels, dowels and tubes; also used as thrifty substitutes for African percussion instruments • Number of college choirs, ensembles and quartets: 18 • Capacity of choir loft in Big Baker during band practice: 52 with instruments • Number of students involved in music on campus: 200 and counting.*

pleted the required cycling course, which includes 40 hours of classroom instruction and course riding. Taught by Officer Mich Eder, one of the founders of the Baltimore County Police bike unit, the course emphasizes all facets of riding, from high-speed stops to overcoming obstacles like stairs and hilly terrain. The crew even learned to ride through some campus build-

ings, just in case. Some of the officers are so enthusiastic about the program that they are practicing on their own bikes to hone their new bike skills, and one can crank his wheels up campus steps.

"This is a fantastic program that has completely changed the patrol experience," said Bryan Burkholder, Campus Safety officer and coordinator of the bike patrol. "Not only

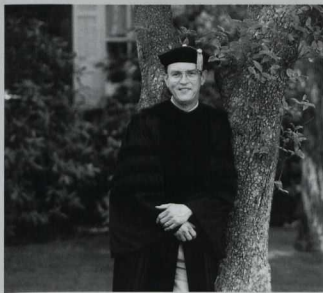
are we getting a much more positive response from students because they can see us better, but being outside and riding up a little higher, the bike provides us with better visibility so we can scan the campus more efficiently."

Besides the rugged shock absorbers and upgraded gear mechanisms, the silver-toned Diamondback bikes are equipped with a first aid kit and bike repair supplies. The college purchased one of the \$700 bikes, and the other was funded through a grant from the Carroll County Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), of which Campus Safety officers Ruth Barbour and John Quinn are members.

The bike is a popular voluntary assignment, and the wheels can keep turning as long as the temperature is above freezing and there is daylight. The silver machines could do night patrol when the department obtains high visibility gear. •



E.M. WERNERT, JR.



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## WMC'S PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

An outstanding record of teaching and research has proved a winning formula for Chemistry Professor Richard H. Smith, Jr. WMC seniors and juniors voted him their most influential instructor and gave him the 1998 Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award this June. A member of the faculty since 1971, Smith not only has a knack for explaining complex concepts, such as how AIDS attacks the immune system—using scissors, a screwdriver and a string of pop beads as visual aids—but he invites students to join him in his research in the laboratory and shares his by-line in scientific journals with the budding researchers. Read more about Smith's philosophy of teaching in this issue's *Final Word*.

## From Here to Budapest

Twelve pioneering Western Maryland students took a right turn on their way back to school this fall and headed straight for Hungary. They are the first group of American students to spend a semester studying at WMC-Budapest.

Five years ago, Western Maryland established a branch of the college in Budapest, Hungary, that offers a four-year undergraduate program in business administration and economics, communication, and political science. Students spend two years taking classes in Budapest and two years finishing their degree on the Hill. This is the first time Western Maryland students have studied at the campus in Europe.

Sue Singer, professor of economics, has the honor of being the first WMC professor to teach at WMC-Budapest. "I had been to Budapest, and I fell in love with the country," she says. "From day one I knew I wanted to do this." Singer is teaching introduction to business and corporate finance classes, primarily to Hungarian students. "I don't speak a word of Hungarian," she confesses.

Serving as tour guide as well as professor, Singer has planned weekend trips for the students to other parts of Hungary, as well as tours to Vienna and Prague. She hopes she can interest some of the Hungarian students in joining the group on their adventures. "[Our students] will have a better experience if they can become friends with Hungarians," she says.

Unlike Western Maryland, with its self-sufficient campus and residence hall living, classes in Budapest are in the heart of the city, and students live in nearby apartments. The Budapest dozen, ranging from sophomores to seniors, are living in a rooming house near the city park. Breakfast, laundry and maid service are included, but the students are responsible for tracking down their own food, which isn't a problem with the hearty college cafeteria serving a meal for \$1.60 and dinner out topping off at \$4. Throw in a city packed with an exciting nightlife and inexpensive tickets to cultural events, and it may be tough bringing these world travelers back to the Hill. •



**New Trustee Laura Lange.**

ship on the board of directors of the Johns Hopkins School of Continuing Education, the Arts Education in Maryland Council, the Baltimore County Education Foundation and the Council for Economic Education in Maryland, as well as membership on Baltimore County's Magnet School Advisory Council. She also has served with House of Ruth, a shelter for battered women and children; Magic Me; Junior Achievement of Central Maryland; and the Children's Guild, a Baltimore school for emotionally handicapped children.

Since 1983, Lange has been a training and development roundtable member and public speaker for the Securities Industry Association. She is also a 1992 graduate of the Leadership of Greater Baltimore Committee and serves on its board of directors.

Lange earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and is a Securities Industry Institute graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Business School. She became a New York Stock Exchange licensed investment broker in 1981 and a licensed registered options principal in 1991. •

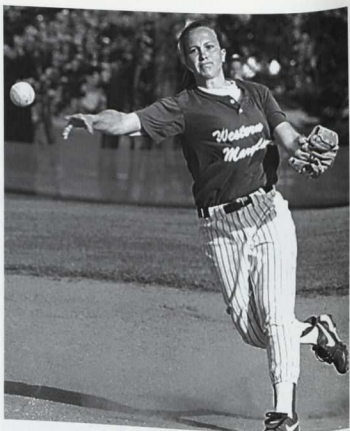
## Businesswoman Joins Board

Baltimore businesswoman Laura L. Lange is the newest member of the college's Board of Trustees. She will serve a three-year term on the board, which meets three times a year, and is responsible for the oversight of the operation of the college.

Lange, a resident of Monkton, Md., is senior vice president-director of sale development at Legg Mason Wood Walker Inc., a Baltimore-based investment brokerage company with more than 100 offices from Maine to Texas. The first woman elected to the company's board of directors, she has worked for the company since 1983, also serving as vice president-branch manager and vice president-director of training and development.

Her extensive community involvement includes member-

Second baseman Julie Backof '98 helped the softball team make the run to win its first Centennial Conference championship.



KEIS BROWN/CORBIS/CONTOUR SYSTEM

## Partnership Paves the Way

WMC's unique drive-in stadium has made it to the big leagues. Thanks in part to the NFL's Baltimore Ravens, the route around Bair Stadium has been paved and there are new parking lots near the bowl to bring Green Terror fans closer to the action.

A one-way traffic lane around the stadium, exiting campus via Harvey Stone Park's gate at Main Street, will make cruising campus easier at game time, and the parking spaces are already being filled by commuter students and are available for campus visitors and sports fans.

Funded in part by the Ravens, the \$75,000 project also includes the construction of additional parking spaces behind Gill Center and a paved entrance to campus from Pennsylvania Avenue at the Golf Shop.

This is the second campus improvement project undertaken by the college and the Ravens since the team signed a five-year deal in 1997 allowing them to use the college's fields and facilities for summer training camp. WMC and the Ravens agreed to share the cost of capital improvements to college facilities as long as both sides can realize an advantage, said Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance.

The Ravens organization also helped finance \$300,000 of improvements to the Gill Center training facilities and the college-owned Comfort Inn. Ceiling fans, heavy duty washers and dryers, electrical outlets and an ice machine

were installed in Gill Center. At the hotel and conference center, 1,500 square feet were added to the dining area, allowing the Ravens to eat as a team and hold team meetings at the center.

This year the Ravens also added to the quality of the college's playing fields by installing new sod at Bair Stadium and a portion of the soccer and Ravens practice field behind Gill Center. Part of the stadium's green was even plucked from Baltimore's Memorial Stadium, former Ravens stomping ground and longtime home to the Colts, who once held their own training camp at the college. •

## 'A' is for Achievement

Senior strong safety Tom Lapato from Mt. Airy, Md., won the \$10,000 Burger King College Football Scholar-Athlete of the Week award for his stellar performance on the field and in the classroom. The award winners, one for each

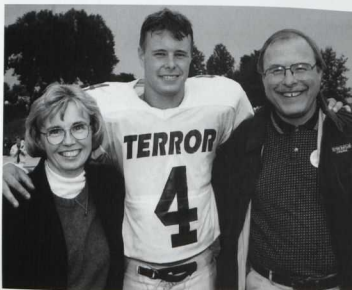
NCAA division, were chosen by the American Football Coaches Association and featured on national college football telecasts. Lapato, a two-time Green Terror co-captain, owns a perfect 4.0 grade point average as a mathematics and computer science major, with a minor in art history. His parents, Pat and Bob, joined him on the field in September (below) to make the halftime presentation of the Burger King check to Western Maryland's general scholarship fund. •

## Hitting a Home Run

Western Maryland's softball team hit the ball over the fence this season, winning its first outright Centennial Conference championship, making its first Division III playoff appearance and setting a school record for wins after going 27-9. The team's previous single-season wins record was in 1996 when the Green Terror finished 22-7-1.

Centennial opponents found Western Maryland tough to handle as the team fashioned a 14-2 conference mark. "This team had more overall talent than any team I've ever coached," said 10th-year head coach George Dix. "When we were on top of our game, we were difficult to beat." The Centennial Conference crown was the Green Terror's third overall after sharing first place in 1994 and 1995.

Dix's unit accorded itself well in the double-elimination Division III East Regional tournament. Western Maryland fell to Moravian in the opener but rallied to defeat



E. M. SWENNEY JR.

The WMC Golf Teamaced the competition, winning the Centennial Conference Championship in April.



C. ALVIN HOUTER

Chowan and then Moravian in a rematch of the first game. Host Messiah then brought the magical Green Terror season to a close with a 2-0 win.

It was also another banner year for senior second baseman Julie Backof of Westminster, Md., who batted .455 with 50 hits, including nine doubles, six triples and 11 home runs. She also scored 44 runs, drove in 45 and drew a school-record 23 walks.

Backof was chosen to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division III All-America second team and the GTE Academic All-America College Division second unit. She also was named the Centennial Player of the Year by the conference's head coaches for the second year in a row and earned her fourth consecutive All-Centennial Conference first-team nod at second base.

The slugger concluded her stellar career with school records in runs scored (154), hits (183), runs batted in (155), home runs (31), total bases (356) and slugging percentage (.892). All six of those marks are likely to make her one of the top 20 players in Division III history. ●

## A Drive to the Fore Front

Western Maryland's golf team won its first Centennial Conference golf championship by 36 strokes this April at Eagle's Landing Golf Club in Ocean City, Md. The Green Terror finished with a three-round total of 946 to runner-up

Muhlenberg's count of 982.

The conference title is Western Maryland's third in the 1990s, having placed second and third twice in the previous four Centennial championships. The Green Terror won the Middle Atlantic Conference championships in 1991 and 1993 before moving to the Centennial Conference in 1994.

Western Maryland junior Tony Worm was the tournament's individual winner. He shot a four over-par 76 in the final round for a 54-hole total of 10-over par 226. Gettysburg's Matt Beckert was the

runner-up, four shots behind Worm, with Western Maryland sophomore Craig Zabora third at 233. Terror senior Mike Diehl wound up fifth with a 240 score.

Head coach Scott Moyer's squad also competed in its second consecutive NCAA Division III championship this year. Worm once again spearheaded the effort, finishing in a tie for 37th out of 120 com-

petitors with a 72-hole score of 14-over par 302. He earned Division III All-America honorable mention recognition from the Golf Coaches Association of America after finishing the spring season with an average of 76 strokes per round.

The Green Terror placed 20th out of 23 teams during the 72-hole national tournament at Jekyll Island (Ga.) Golf Club. ●

### WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE 1998 SPRING SPORTS

Sport	Overall Record	Centennial Record	Centennial Finish	Postseason Individual Honors
Baseball	13-14	9-9	T5th/10	
Golf			1st/6*	3 All-CC; CC Player of the Year; 1 Division III All-America Honorable Mention
Men's Lacrosse	5-9	3-3	T3rd/7	1 All-CC 1st Team; 1 All-CC 2nd Team
Women's Lacrosse	9-6	5-5	T6th/11	1 All-CC 1st Team; 1 All-CC 2nd Team
Softball	27-9	14-2	1st/9	3 All-CC 1st Team; CC Player of the Year; 1 Division III All-America 2nd Team
Men's Tennis	1-12	0-8	9th/9	
Women's Tennis	13-2	8-2	T2nd/11	2 All-CC 1st Team; 1 All-CC 2nd Team
Men's Track			6th/9*	
Women's Track			5th/9*	2 All-CC

\*Centennial Finish based on placing at post-season championship.  
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For the latest game scores, call the Green Terror Sports Results Review at 410/857-2766, or visit the college's sports information web site at [www.wmdc.edu/HTMLpages/StuSer/Sports](http://www.wmdc.edu/HTMLpages/StuSer/Sports).



# Hill People

## New Faculty Greet Students

Students were greeted by some new faces in the classroom this fall as Western Maryland College welcomed seven new full-time undergraduate and graduate faculty.

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Robert Kachur

Robert Kachur, assistant professor of English, is teaching British literature courses. He specializes in 18th- and 19th-century fiction, and has focused his research on Victorian and Romantic women authors. He has numerous publications to his credit, including co-authoring a book on using dialogue as a teaching tool. He is working on a textbook on college writing, research and argumentation skills for college students. He earned his master's and doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he was given the Distinguished Teaching Award as a teaching assistant, and a bachelor's degree

from the University of Virginia. He taught at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell before coming to the Hill.

Linda Kirkpatrick, a senior lecturer in the music department, has taught flute at Western Maryland on a part-time basis since 1981. She has

*Robert Kachur is studying how the major themes of 19th-century horror classics have been modified for modern film audiences.*

also led the Flute Quartet and Choir, the Woodwind Quartet and the College Band. This will also be the 12th year she

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Linda Kirkpatrick

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Brian Lockard

has directed the college's community music program, in which over 100 children and adults come to campus to take lessons from outside music teachers. She has also been the administrator of the college's annual summer band camp. Kirkpatrick earned a doctorate from University of Maryland and bachelor's and master's degrees from North Texas State University. She has also been flute instructor for Loyola College and Elizabethtown College. A professional flutist, Kirkpatrick performs regularly at the college and throughout the region.

Brian Lockard, associate professor of education, retired this year as superintendent of Carroll County Public Schools. He will coordinate the graduate program in School Administration and teach in the graduate and undergraduate education programs. Lockard became superintendent after seven years as assistant superintendent of instruc-

*Brian Lockard joins the School Administration program after being superintendent of Carroll County schools.*

tion. He was also the county's director of elementary and middle schools, supervisor of elementary schools, principal of two elementary schools (Westminster and Charles Carroll) and a classroom teacher at Charles Carroll and Freedom elementary schools. Lockard taught part time in

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Paul Miller

the college's administration program from 1976 to 1983 and also taught at Frostburg State University. He earned a doctorate from American

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University, a master's degree from Western Maryland and a bachelor's degree from Frostburg State.

**Paul Miller**, assistant professor of history, will teach modern European history. His teaching interests also include the Holocaust and the American West. He has published several papers on the Holocaust with particular emphasis on the

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*Paul Miller is assistant editor of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Holocaust and Genocide Studies journal.*

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Swiss wartime banking of victims' gold and jewels, and serves as assistant editor of the

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**Randy Morrison**

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*. He earned two master's degrees and a doctorate from Yale University and two bachelor's degrees from Arizona State University. He has taught at American University, Yale, Brooklyn College of the City University of New York and Manhattan College. Miller is proficient in French, German and Spanish.

**Ralene Mitschler**, assistant professor of biology, joins the biology department after teaching part time at the college since 1996. She is working with one of only two labs in the nation researching gregarines, parasites which thrive in the intestinal tracts of dam-

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*Ralene Mitschler may have discovered a new kind of parasite.*

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selfies and dragonflies. Her field work last summer yielded what may be a new species of single-celled parasite. Mitschler earned a doctorate from Kansas State University and bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Randy Morrison**, assistant professor of biology, brings a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation with him to study the pigment cells in zebrafish with students, particularly why the cells change coloring as the fish grow from an embryo to adulthood. He earned a doctorate from University of Kansas, a master's from University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and a bachelor's from University of Dayton. He previously taught at Hood College, the University of Kansas and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

pending 20 years researching the molecular aspects of drug design at the National Cancer Institute-Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center. She earned a doctorate and master's degree from University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf (Minn.) College. She also has taught at University of Nebraska-Lincoln and St. Olaf College. •

## Moving on Up

Four faculty members ordered new business cards this fall after being promoted to full professor.

**Charles Neal**, professor of political science and interdisciplinary studies, joined the faculty in 1978. He teaches courses on judicial process, political theory and American political behavior. He also is the pre-law advisor and directs the college's Harvard National Model United Nations team.

**Bill Pagonis**, professor of physics, specializes in solid state physics, microcomputers and archaeological dating. Joining the faculty in 1986, he developed the college's thermoluminescence lab, used to date archaeological and geological materials with a method that rivals radiocarbon dating. He often travels to his native Greece and other countries to visit archaeological sites.

Professor of English **Pam Regis**, who joined the faculty in 1983, teaches 17th- and 18th-century literature and expository writing. Her first book, a re-examination of the intellectual history of science as practiced by Bartram,

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**Ralene Mitschler**

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**Marilyn Kroeger Smith**

**Marilyn Kroeger Smith**, chemistry lab instructor and chemical hygiene officer, joins the chemistry faculty after

Jefferson and Crevecoeur, was published in 1992. In recent years, every incoming student has received a copy of a 20-page guide to preparing research papers that she wrote in response to the new curriculum focus on writing across all disciplines.

**Sue Singer**, professor of economics/business, worked in the trenches as a staff accountant and tax specialist before joining the faculty in 1983. She led a dozen students to WMC-Budapest this fall (see p. 3). In 1996, Singer, a licensed CPA who specializes in auditing and taxation, was appointed by Gov. Parris Glendening to the Maryland State Board of Public Accountancy, which oversees certified public accountants practicing in Maryland. •

## Globetrotters

Everyone needs a break, and WMC's faculty usually take the adventurous route when they plan their sabbatical leaves.

Art History Professor **Julie Badiee** is crossing the ocean blue with the University of Pittsburgh's Semester at Sea Program on a four-month voyage from Japan to Morocco. The S.S. Universe's 650 students and 100 crew, faculty and administration, hold classes at sea between exotic ports of call where they will disembark to do everything from hiking in Japan to taking a river trip in Borneo. Badiee will teach art classes geared to the steamer's ports of call, and husband Heshmat, head of WMC's audio-visual services, will run the ship's audio-visual



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systems. She will then jet to Switzerland in the spring to help the Landegg Academy, affiliated with the Baha'i faith, develop a new bachelor's degree program that emphasizes international studies, as well as teach some classes.

**Margaret Boudreaux**, associate professor of music and chair of the music department, spent 12 days in China this summer visiting musical institutions in Beijing, Xi'an and

**Nancy Palmer**, senior lecturer in comparative literature, steps back into time this fall to explore the origins of civilization in Turkey, Syria and Jordan.

Shanghai with the People to People citizens ambassadors program. In addition to attending performances, she picked up some Chinese music she plans to transcribe (with some help with the words from Larry Wu, associate pro-

fessor of philosophy) for American choirs. Two pieces from her travels have already been accepted by World Music publisher EarthSong. She will attend the International Choral Festival of Athens in Greece in November, and will visit Ireland, Germany and Rotterdam for more music festivals during her yearlong sabbatical (See p. 14 for more on Boudreaux and the music department).

The desk of the future could earn a stamp of approval from **Howard Orenstein**, associate professor of psychology. He is helping Haworth, Inc., a company that makes desks designed to improve work productivity, determine how well a person can work at such systems. He will also be reviewing scientific journal articles on the relationship between sleep and headaches with Thomas Roth of The Sleep Disorders and Research Center at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. The pair, which has worked together on previous sleep research, are hoping to compile a conclusive review article for a journal.

**Nancy Palmer**, senior lecturer in comparative literature, will seek out the beginnings of civilization on a seven-week trip to Turkey, Syria and Jordan this fall with traveling companion and husband Del Palmer, professor of English emeritus. She plans to visit and read about the artifacts and the land where it all started in hopes that returning to the source will better prepare her to recount the Fall of Troy and other legends in her ancient literature and mythology classes. •

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—Robin Armstrong,  
assistant professor of music

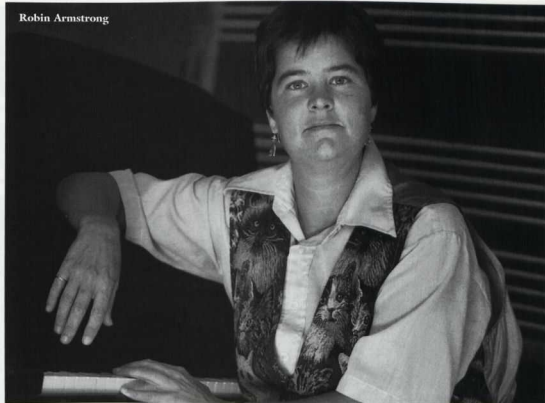
## **Taking it to a Higher Level**

Who said patronage was dead? Each year the college gives grants, most under a \$1,000, to help the faculty pursue their passion for advanced learning.

**Robin Armstrong**, assistant professor of music, will help educators diversify their curriculum at the National Conference of the College Music Society in Puerto Rico. Since joining the music department three years ago, she has worked to include contributions by women and minorities in her music history courses.

"I want to help people with practical suggestions that will get them to use more than just the three musical Bs of Bach, Brahms and Beethoven," she said. "These works shouldn't be included just because they are written by women or African-Americans. This is good music, and it has merit to be included. We need to produce educators who want women and others to be fairly represented as the norm and not the exception." Armstrong is involved in ongoing research of women composers.

**Tim Baylor**, assistant professor of sociology, will continue research on the history of American Indian Movement (AIM). He will interview founders and key members in the group and plans to compile the research into a book on AIM's first 30 years. "I want to look at the issue of trust and how important it is for an organization like this to work," he said. Formed by Native Americans to fight police discrimination and, later, economic and social jus-

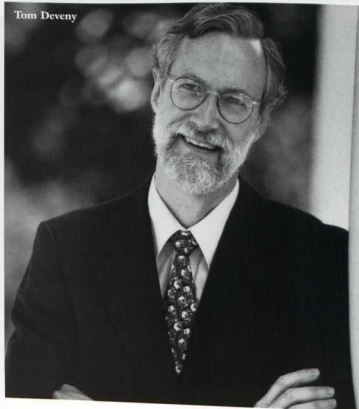


Robin Armstrong

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stice issues and treaty rights violations, AIM was often hampered in discussing its issues by conflict and violence surrounding the organization.

**Tom Deveny**, professor of foreign languages, will head to the Conference on Foreign Films and Literature at Villanova University to discuss the classic portrayal of good versus evil in the 1997 Spanish blockbuster film "Tesis." Spanish cinema has been Deveny's research passion for over a decade. "Spanish films, like American movies, run the gamut from suspense to comedy," he said. "The difference, however, is that they don't always have the Hollywood happy ending." He will also participate in a conference on romance languages and cinema at Purdue University.



Tom Deveny

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Colleen Galambos

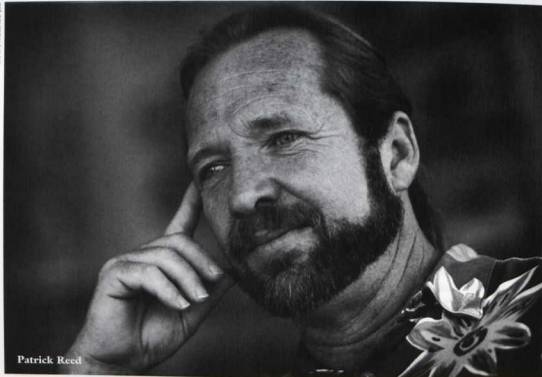
**Mohammed Esa**, assistant professor of foreign languages, will encourage educators at the annual conference of the American Council on Teaching Foreign Languages in Chicago to use music in their teaching. He has compiled a 160-CD collection of German rock and hip-hop artists that he says grabs the attention of his students. "The words in the songs are not as complex as those in books or newspapers, and it motivates students to be more active in the classroom," Esa said. More than a good dance beat, most of the songs also teach something about German life or politics. Esa will also present "Rocking the German Classroom" to high school teachers from Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

**Colleen Galambos**, assistant professor of social work, will present research on resolving

ethical conflicts encountered when providing case management services to the elderly at the American Society on Aging International's Fourth Biannual Conference on Long-Term Care in San Diego. She has introduced several gerontology classes to the curriculum and has been involved in ongoing research into issues faced by seniors and the elderly, including retirement and long-term care.

**Debra Lemke**, assistant professor of sociology, is working with colleagues on a social survey of American and Chinese societies that will ask students from Western Maryland College, Northern Kentucky University and an institution in Beijing about elder care and what students want for their parents. The survey will compare the attitudes about elder care and other issues of the Chinese and American college generations.

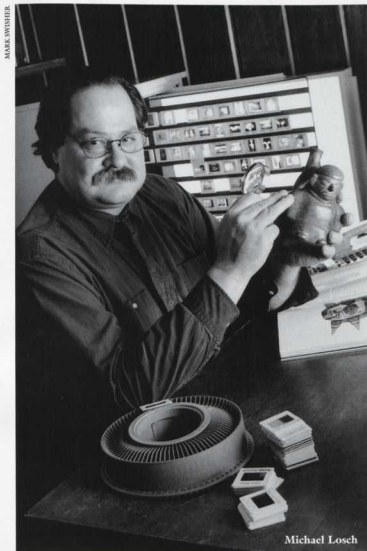
**Michael Losch**, associate professor of art history, traveled to the northwest coast, British Columbia and New Mexico to meet with Native American artists from several tribes to discuss their art and its traditional, as well as modern, uses. The fact-finding missions also included a day with Navajo and Hopi families and trips to ruins, canyons and some sacred sites. "You just can't understand some of the designs on the work in New Mexico unless you've seen a mesa," he said. "Much of the work centers around rain and cloud imagery, and after you've seen the land you know just how important they are and what the real meaning is behind those symbols." Losch has incorporated his discoveries



Patrick Reed

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associate professor of art history



Michael Losch

into a first-year seminar on traditional Native American arts, and plans to use more in a course on 20th century arts.

**Ron Miller**, associate professor of communication and theatre arts, is exploring the theatre of the Far East after a trip to the Portland International Institute and Festival. Miller studied Butoh at the festival, a modern form of Japanese theatre characterized by a slow, deliberate method that incorporates dance and music with a narrator's poetic passages. He

plans to do more research on the topic, but a few Butoh exercises may pop up in his acting classes.

**Patrick Reed**, associate professor of history, has been investigating claims that Worcester and Somerset counties on Maryland's Eastern Shore were a hotbed of Toryism during the Revolutionary War. He has found that the "Tories" were actually settlers who wanted freedom from any oppressive government, British or American.

"They were called Tories because they didn't comply," he said. "They might have been the purest form of patriot, taking freedom to its full meaning, the right of the people to self-determination." Reed's work will be incorporated into Salisbury State University's regional research center, which is working on the history of Maryland's settlement through the Revolution.

Assistant Professor of Education **Simeon Schlossberg**, who teaches in the counseling education program, is counseling teens referred by the Department of Juvenile Justice in Carroll County. "It sounds cliché, but I feel there is a little bit of good in everybody, and it is my job to help these kids find it in themselves," he said. The sessions will help him develop symposiums on effective treatments for juveniles with conduct disorder, the clinical diagnosis for those who have had more than just a brush with the law, as well as list of warning signs. ●

## *And the Award Goes To ...*

This year's Convocation ceremonies kicked off the academic year for students and recognized a number of current and emeriti faculty for their scholarly work.

**Margaret Woods Denman-West**, associate professor of education emerita, received the Faculty Book Award for "Children's Literature: A Guide to Information Sources," a reference for researchers. The book contains entries on children's books and biographical

information on authors and illustrators, as well as Internet access points.

**Eric Byrd '93**, music lecturer and director of the Gospel Choir, received a Faculty Creativity Award. His musical tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., "To Be A King," is included in the archives of the King Center for Non-Violent Social Change in Atlanta. In 1997 Byrd was given the Carroll County Human Services Award for his work to break down racial barriers through the arts, and later this year he will direct the Common Ground Mass Choir, an interracial group of WMC students and area residents, at the Vienna Advent Concert (See p. 22 for more on Byrd).

An award-winning author of more than a dozen young adult literature books, including an account of the life of Robert E. Lee, **Ramona Kerby**, assistant professor of education and director of the graduate program in school library media, also received a Creativity Award. She has established a web site, "The Author's Corner," which features Mid-Atlantic children's book writers and illustrators. Her latest book, "Reading Fun: Quick and Easy Activities for the School Library Media Center," was endorsed in the *School Library Journal*.

The Special Achievement Award was given to Associate Professor of Business Administration **Susan Milstein**, a licensed certified public accountant, who for six years has coordinated the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program in Westminster. The free tax preparation program, primarily for low-income individuals and families, features stu-

dent volunteer tax preparers trained by Milstein and the IRS.

A number of faculty also earned Scholarly Publications Awards for having recent work published in scholarly and professional journals.

**Sam Case '63**, professor of exercise science and physical education, authored seven articles, most relating to his research on participants in the Iditasport ultramarathon in Alaska and survival in extreme environments. The journals include *Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, UltraRunning, Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*, and *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*.

Assistant Professor of Social Work **Colleen Galambos'** work on quality of life for older people, ethical conflicts in managed care and patient self-determination in health decisions was published in *Health and Social Work, Computers in Human Services* and in the proceedings for the White House Conference on Aging.

**Bill Pagonis**, professor of physics, has continued his research on thermoluminescence and published five articles on the topic, including one co-authored by three student assistants, in *Radiation Measurements and Physics Teacher*.

A researcher in the areas of protein purification and characteristics and the biochemistry and pharmacology of cancer chemotherapeutic agents, **Carol Rouzer**, associate professor of chemistry, published work in *Protein Science, Chemical Research in Toxicology* and



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*Antioxidation Methodology*.

Professor of Chemistry **Rick Smith**, continuing his work on polymers and his research on HIV drugs, had articles published in *Chemical Research in Toxicology, Journal of Molecular Biology, Protein Engineering* and *Journal of Organic Chemistry*.

**McCay Vernon**, professor of psychology and director of the Western Maryland College Institute on Hearing Impair-

ment emeritus, published 11 articles on deaf education in various journals, several detailing the difficulties deaf individuals face in the judicial system.

The computational and theoretical studies in physical chemistry of **Brian Wladkowski '88**, assistant professor of chemistry, appeared in *Journal of Physical Chemistry, Acta Crystallography* and *Journal of the American Chemical Society*.

**Ramona Kerby**, assistant professor of education, won a Faculty Creativity Award for her web site on children's writers and illustrators.

## Three Faculty Honored for Longevity

Four members of the faculty notched 25 years on their teaching belts this year.

Since joining the faculty as an assistant professor of education and director of the graduate program in reading in 1973, **Joan Develin Coley**, provost and dean of faculty, has gained international recognition for her pioneering research into and commentary on the nation's reading programs. She has visited schools around the world providing teachers with insights into the development of reading comprehension skills in children, as well as published articles in respected reading journals. She continues as head of the graduate reading program today and leads a successful summer reading clinic for elementary school youngsters. Appointed the first female provost and dean of faculty of the college in 1994, the second-ranking administrator behind President Robert Chambers, she serves as the college's chief academic officer, directing the educational programs and personnel at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Previous to serving as provost, she oversaw the growth of the college's master's programs in education and the liberal arts as the dean of Graduate Affairs. She has also been director of

Continuing Education, associate dean of Academic Affairs, director of Admissions and Financial Aid and chair of the Education department. A native of Philadelphia, Coley received an A.B. in English with honors from Albright College in 1966. She earned both her master's and doctorate in education from the University of Maryland.

Known on and off campus for using computer technology in his teaching and research, Professor of Biology **Wilbur Long** has done extensive computer modeling of the behavior of embryonic cells and introduced technology in his courses in developmental biology. He was appointed to the technology committee for the Maryland State Board of Education and also participated in a Potomac Edison Company program on developing technology for student use. He has worked with students to study fish embryology, which includes mutating zebra fish and gene identification, earn-

ing several faculty publication and special recognition awards for his research. Recent work on positional information of vertebrate embryos using cell transplantation techniques, done with colleagues at MIT and Purdue University, earned a prestigious \$500,000 grant from the National Science Foundation for the three institutions. Long has been a pre-medical adviser for students and currently serves on the Budget Committee. He earned a bachelor's degree from Towson University and a Ph.D. from Dartmouth University.

**Herbert Smith**, professor of political science and international studies, has combined his knowledge of theory with the reality of the political arena to inspire budding politicians, lawyers and public servants in his classroom for 25 years. In addition to sponsoring internships for students at sites statewide, he co-directs the Survey Research Center at WMC, which employs students in its own survey projects.

Smith has been a sought-after political commentator, pollster and pundit in the Baltimore area, appearing on both television and in print, including his own articles on Maryland politics and government. In fact, he has earned WMC's Scholarly Publications Award three times. For more than a decade, he has been a senior research associate at the Schaefer Center for Public Policy, producing projects and surveys on state and national topics. On campus he is chair of the department of Political Science and International Studies and has served as faculty secretary, faculty visitor to the Board of Trustees, a member of the Middle States Steering Committee, chair of the Faculty Development Committee, and in 1998 was the speaker at the scholars dinner for faculty. He earned a bachelor's degree from Ursinus College, and master's and doctoral degrees from The Johns Hopkins University. ●

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Bill Long, Joan Coley and Herb Smith celebrate 25 years of teaching and leading on the Hill.



Students Join Revival in Levine

# Music to Their Ears

BY AMY PELSINSKY

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Margaret Boudreaux, head of the music department and director of the College Choir, has been orchestrating a crescendo of musical interest on campus.

he pounding of Middle Eastern drum beats rumbles through Levine Hall. It echoes past Glenn Caldwell, professor of music theory and composition, whose chair squeaks as he slides from his keyboard to his computer, composing a symphony about the Southern town in which he grew up. It thumps next door, where a student sits at an upright piano practicing Chopin's "Prelude in E Minor," his fingers slipping only occasionally. It bumps down the stairs, past a duo improvising on the shiny black grand piano in the rehearsal hall.

The throbs dissipate at the door to Music Department Chair Margaret Boudreaux's office, where she is retrofitting a song she picked up in China, transcribing the notes so the Madrigal choir can read the music. Her office walls, papered with posters of the Kennedy Center and Wolf Trap, and her college town of Boulder, Colo., are punctuated by black and white pictures of Helmut Rilling, one of the world's top choral directors and a role model with whom Boudreaux sang and studied in Germany. Compact discs she uses in class—"Don Giovanni," "B Minor Mass," and the "St. Matthew's Passion"—are stacked like a skyscraper on the corner of her desk.

"Music can be a time and space machine. It can take you anywhere and any time—if you're willing to take the trip," says Boudreaux, part music philosopher and part choral director, who has chaired the music department and filled its sails with siren songs since 1991. Guiding a team of music performers—pianists, flutists and saxophonists—who double as composers and historians, and, of course, professors, Boudreaux has helped draw a growing number of new students to the music curriculum like the Pied Piper.

Just over 10 years ago, the program was heading down a slippery slope to extinction. Course enrollment was down and the number of music majors dropped to the point that the teaching accreditation program was quieted. But things have been

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'OF ALL NOISES,  
I THINK MUSIC IS THE  
LEAST DISAGREEABLE.'

—SAMUEL JOHNSON

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Junior Dana Jacobson, sophomore Jennifer Donner and senior Jennifer Koch play with the eight-member Flute Choir, conducted by Linda Kirkpatrick.



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—Margaret Boudreaux,  
Chair of the Music department



changing. Enrollment has been steadily increasing, interest in instrumental and vocal groups has swelled, and the music education degree is viable once again. An addition is even scheduled for the music building to provide more rehearsal space.

"Under Dr. Boudreaux's stewardship, the music department has exploded," says Bo Eckard, director of the wildly popular Jazz Ensemble. "Student participation in class and ensembles has tripled in the last few years. We're bursting at the seams."

There has been a near two-fold increase in enrollment in music classes in the past five years. Even basic music appreciation classes, often stuck in the gray realm of academic requirements, have had enough pizzazz to draw students. Assistant Professor Robin Armstrong, whose specialty is early music and music of the Renaissance, teaches some of the those classes. She says extra courses have had to be added to respond to student interest, and there has been no drop in enrollment in any of them.

"We don't have that many music majors, but we have lots of people participating—not to be professional musicians, but to be good amateurs," says Boudreaux, who

**The Nichols sisters, Kim, Kellie and Krissy, harmonize with the college choirs when they are not singing as a team at community events.**

came to the college to teach and lead the choir in 1989 (she became chair two years later). "The spirit of learning for the sake of learning is so important in a liberal arts college."

Boudreaux has been instrumental in creating an atmosphere that appeals to today's mix of students, bringing an energy and enthusiasm for music, a commitment to the community and an ear for tradition that has been reinvigorating the department. From Latin American choral pieces to computer composition classes, Boudreaux has led the way in springing open the blinds in Levine Hall to let in some fresh air.

## 'THE FASCINATING CHILL THAT MUSIC LEAVES ...'

—EMILY DICKINSON

Western Maryland's music department had always been strong, churning out music teachers for Maryland's schools, as well as choir directors and church organists for affiliated Methodist churches. However, when ties between the college and the Methodist church were severed in 1975 by the Board of Trustees, there was a drop-off in church-bound musicians seeking instruction, recalls Del Palmer, former Dean of Faculty. The demand for teachers dropped at the same time, and music education program enrollment hit a low note.

The department still attracts those who want to teach music and those who want to pursue careers as professional singers, but these days, most of the students enrolled in classes are singing and playing in ensembles to blow off some steam and stay sane between organic chemistry labs and European history finals—and they are taking music just as seriously. Between class time, practice, rehearsals and performances, students playing guitar in the Jazz Ensemble and learning how to play the saxophone during their down time aren't taking casual electives. Adjudications are tough, practice hours are long, yet the rosters keep filling up.

Part of the allure is a group of gifted and accomplished professors and lecturers who not only teach, but hand out a little real world advice along the way. They are people who spend the weekend pulling a riff out of a saxophone in a jazz club or leading the community in playing ancient instruments whose names are familiar only to those who revel in King Arthur legends. They are cutting compact discs during the summer months and composing symphonies late at night once the papers have been graded.

Course offerings have also multiplied like the notes in Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony." "When I came we only had the basic music major, no specialization like now," says Glenn Caldwell, brought in to teach music theory and composition, as

## The Music Man

**Ed Milliner** '98 has just shaved off his "monster chops," his 19th-century sideburns, after playing Sir Toby in "Twelfth Night," and he's still getting used to his mustache not being there. He has spent a full half of his time these four years on campus in Alumni Hall canvassing the stage starring in "Tartuffe," "Surburbia" and "Cabaret," his baritone voice booming off the walls of the historic hall.

Ah, but it's the music that keeps him sane. That's what mathematics majors heading to graduate school to study mathematical logic need to do, you see. "It's something to keep me from doing math or theater all the time," says Milliner, who graduated this spring.

Milliner has been lending his hearty voice to the College Choir, the Renaissance Madrigals group and the annual musical theatre workshop. He has played in the concert band, cheered on the Terror in the pep band at football games and poured his heart into his trombone at Jazz Ensemble practice.

Arguably, music has been a part of his

life longer than math. He got a piano when he was 4 years old, and picked up the trombone in fourth grade and has played it throughout his four years on the Hill. When his voice changed, he joined the choir in high school, singing bass at Perryville High School. There were only three guys in it, so he sang loudly. "Danny Boy" was his first solo.

Now he likes any tune that moves quickly and is a challenge to wrap his lips around the words, something big and dramatic like "O Fortuna." Or the "Salseo" piece that the Madrigals sang last spring, a work made up entirely of percussion sounds made by the singers.

His music professors helped push him to enjoy the tougher songs. "They are here for the students," he says. "They go slow if they need to, and they tell students what they need to work on. They teach. They are not just performers."

Milliner is studying computer science in anticipation of heading to graduate school to focus on mathematical logic, and music will continue to counterbalance his studies.

well as instrumental music. "Now we have majors in theory and composition, history, music and theatre, and music with a minor in education."

In the meantime, small instrumental groups like the saxophone and clarinet ensembles, as well as instrumental classes, have been flourishing, as has interest in individual music lessons. "There used to be voice, piano, clarinet and flute," says David Kreider, senior lecturer and piano teacher at the college since 1981. "Now there is classical guitar, jazz piano, jazz guitar, electric bass, harpsichord, sax." He has seen the number of students being juried for piano triple in the last five years alone—and few of them are music majors.

There are enough women in the electric bass ensemble to form their own all-girl band. The Jazz Ensemble, which in its



A trombone player since fourth grade, Ed Milliner '98 has spent his time outside of class among sheet music and stage sets.



*'The goal is to  
make music and  
have fun doing it.'*

—Linda Kirkpatrick,  
senior lecturer



## ***Build It, and They Will Come***

**G**ershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" is a rich work that can lift an audience right out their seats, but the College Band can't perform it. There's not enough room to rehearse with the grand piano in the choir loft of Baker Memorial Chapel, where the band practices. That is, not yet.

Levine Hall, 109 years old, is due for an addition, expected to begin some time this fall. The addition will feature a large rehearsal hall with an 18-foot cathedral-style ceiling for instrumental student groups and soundproof practice rooms, including a chamber music ensemble rehearsal room and classrooms. An adjoining tower will link the new addition to the existing Levine and will include restrooms and elevator.

Construction is made possible by bequests from the estates of Dr. Edward J. Nygren '47 and Evelyn Collison Mackenzie '31 that were added to the college's endowment, financing a bond to build the \$1.5 million addition, as well as funding special performances by visiting musicians.

"When the addition is complete, it will be a tremendous step forward," says Senior Lecturer David Kreider, who is slated to play the piano for the Gershwin classic. "Growth will be remarkable."

## **MUSICAL COMPANIONS**

We asked Margaret Boudreaux, head of the music department, what music she would require for a stay on a deserted island. Her top ten list follows, in no particular order:

1. Bach—"Mass in B Minor,"  
Helmuth Rilling, conductor
2. Handel—"The Messiah,"  
Robert Shaw, conductor
3. Mahler—"Symphony No. 2 (Resurrection),"  
Leonard Bernstein, conductor
4. Beethoven—All Nine Symphonies box set,  
John Elliot, conductor
5. Palestrina—"Pope Marcellus Mass" and  
selected motets (including "Sicut Cervus")
6. Gerry Mulligan—*Night Lights*
7. Joni Mitchell—*Miles of Aisles*
8. Carol King—*Writer* (because of the song  
"Up on the Roof")
9. The Singers Unlimited with Oscar Peterson
10. The King Singers—*Courtly Pleasures*

## The Conductor

**Michelle Hull '98** lifts her baton before the eight-member flute choir and raises her eyebrows for attention. When she drops her arm, breath flows through the flutes and she begins to tap out an invisible rhythm in the air.

A music major with a minor in education, Hull must conduct several musical and choir pieces before graduating. She has already conducted pieces for the College Choir, the Flute Choir and the College Band ("Gettysburg" and "Robin Hood Prince of Thieves"). "I'm grateful I've had the opportunity to be able to get up in a concert and conduct," Hull says. "At a larger university, you're in a class of 30 or 40 people and you only conduct for those people. I've conducted for band twice here before even student teaching."

As the flutists pick out the tune, senior music lecturer Linda Kirkpatrick, who is the director, as well as a performer in the choir for this number, gives Hull tips on how to keep the pages of her music from sticking together between slight corrections in the tempo of her bobbing baton.

"The Flute Choir is more of a challenge," Hull says. "I've never conducted something so small and tight. The parts are so intermingled, you have to be aware of every part and they need to see the beat." Unlike a band, only one per-

son is playing each part, and there's no one to fall back on after a missed note, she says.

She has learned to use her face and hands to lead the choir from Margaret Boudreaux, associate professor of music and head of the department. Kirkpatrick, who also leads the College Band, has helped her translate the tips of her fingers into the arc of the baton for smaller instrumental groups, like the Flute Choir. And she's already had a chance to teach a class on campus, leading students in a music appreciation class in the Virginia Reel and other dances she has learned as a Civil War reenactor.

"I've always wanted to teach," says Hull. She's eyeing the Baltimore City school system after student teaching, hoping she can start an instrumental music program at a high school. "I'd start up a symphonic band first, start an orchestra on the side and ensembles," she says. "Eventually I want to have a marching band."

A tall order? If there's one thing Hull has learned, it's "things aren't as hard as they seem," she says, especially after learning little tricks of the trade in the music department. With that in mind, she takes a deep breath and makes eye contact with the flutists. "One more time from the top," she says.

infancy had more people on stage than in the audience, must have three jazz workshops to accommodate all the students interested in playing. The Gospel Choir, a multicolor group of students singing old spirituals and contemporary gospel, has nearly quadrupled in just four years (see p. 22 for more.)

Not to mention the trills of the Flute Quartet and Choir, the Woodwind Quartet and the College Band, all directed by music lecturer Linda Kirkpatrick, a professional flutist who has been nurturing ensembles for 17 years. "The goal is to make music and have fun doing it," says Kirkpatrick. "I see growth here. I see it getting better and getting more participation."

Why the crescendo in interest? According to Boudreaux, a study by the music educators' national conference found that using challenging and substantial literature in teaching, as opposed to shallow and overly simple arrangements, leads to an increase in enrollment. The music department has followed suit, filling its curriculum with diverse classes like "Art and Music of African-American Women" and "Middle Eastern Music." There is even a course that teaches counterpoint, the music theory background necessary to write in an 18th-century style, the same way Mozart and Bach learned to compose. The result: Enrollment has hit a high note.

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'THEY SAID, 'YOU HAVE A BLUE GUITAR —YOU DO NOT PLAY THINGS AS THEY ARE.'  
THE MAN REPLIED, 'THINGS AS THEY ARE—ARE CHANGED UPON A BLUE GUITAR.'

—WALLACE STEVENS

A bit of a music archaeologist, Boudreaux digs music out of modern China, dusty old libraries and private collections, then translates the words (often with some help from colleagues), rewrites the notes in a form a modern American choir can understand, and, best of all, presents it to an audience who has never, ever heard it before.



**Michelle Hull '98** conducted several choir and band numbers as part of her music and education preparation.

## The Singer

It was the moment of truth. **Raphael Taylor** '00 and three of his singing buddies strained to see the audience through the bright lights shining on the Apollo Theatre stage. It would be a tough crowd, for sure.

"People are usually quiet when you're singing, but not at the Apollo," Taylor says. "It was the hardest place." There, the audience can be more supportive than any other, cheering, standing and clapping, or they can boo you off stage before you get to the second verse.

Taylor's crew won a chance to sing at the historic theater in New York City at a production agency talent show. They were not booed off, as many acts are painfully rebuffed. In fact, they won fifth place out of 15 acts. The top four make it on television. "If I can sing there, I can sing anywhere," he says.

Now he's majoring in music and trying to learn the music business from the inside out. When he's ready to launch his singing career, he'll know exactly how to play the game, he says. He's also considering writing music for country singers, like Garth Brooks and Clint Black. "It's so heartfelt," he says. "I really feel what they are singing about."

Singing is more than hitting a few pretty notes for Taylor. "If you don't believe in what you're singing, it's hard for the audience to believe," he says. "Performance is one of the most influential things you can do."

Taylor was barely talking when he started singing with his three little brothers in church. At home, when he couldn't pronounce a word, he'd make it up and start singing, his mom tells him. But he wasn't a musical prodigy. He skipped out on music for those adolescent years—it just wasn't cool—returning to his true love as a senior in high school. Now he sings in all his spare time as part of the Madrigals, the College Choir, the musical theatre workshop and the Gospel Choir, for which he has done some music arrangement. He even laid a Barry White number on the audience at the annual Jazz Night that features a cabaret-like night of jazz music and sultry singers.

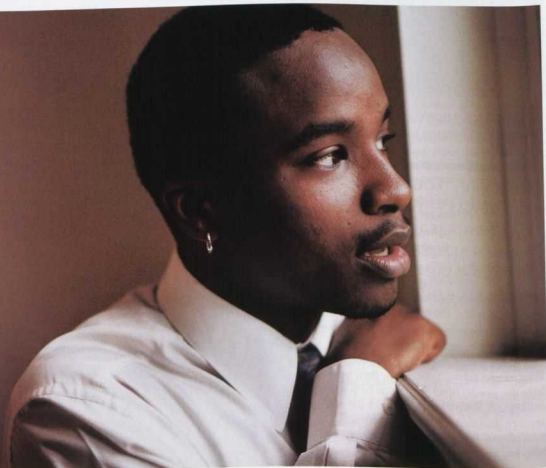
"Music stirs something up inside of me and I've got to let it out," he says. "I really love singing. It really touches me because I'm expressing what I feel inside. I feel warm and goey inside when it touches other people."

"One of the most wonderful, unique, peak experiences as a performer is when I have something that is really unique that nobody has heard," says Boudreaux, who garnered prize after prize for performing such works as a choir director in Phoenix, Ariz., for 10 years before joining the music faculty.

She has re-scored Renaissance works, rewriting the music so modern singers can understand the notations, and arranged non-choir tunes to accommodate many voices. The College Choir recently performed a set of unpublished arrangements of American hymn tunes. Last spring, the Madrigals performed a Latin-American piece based on a salsa rhythm composed entirely of percussion noises made by mouth.

She says performing pieces no one has ever heard offers a special thrill for the audience, as well as giving students a chance to interpret it in their own way. "I

Junior Raphael Taylor works on his own musical arrangements when he isn't singing with campus choral groups.



want to be able to bring out everyone's way of expressing themselves," she says with her usual intensity. "I want to increase the repertoire of hearts and souls and not apologize for any of it."

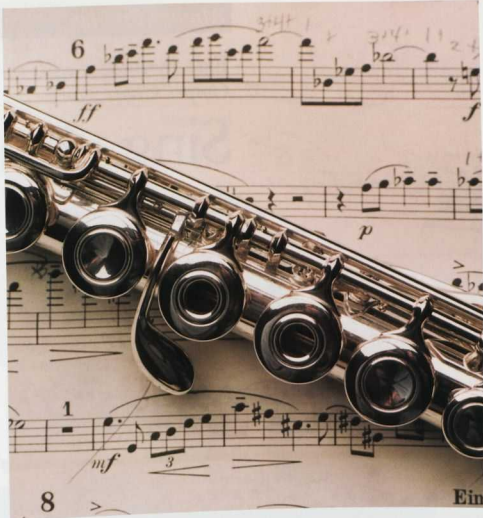
Part of that repertoire includes the audience, an essential part of the choir that Boudreaux always takes into account. "It's not we sing, you sit," she says. Boudreaux pauses to chat with the audience before each piece, warning them to keep an ear open to a certain style or to fill them in on the history behind the song as if the concert hall were her classroom.

"She can be very inspiring," says 13-year chorister and Dean of Student Affairs Phil Sayre [of Boudreaux's attention to history even when the choir is learning a song.] "She talks about the background and meaning for a few minutes, and it gets you into the sense and meaning of the song. She always says that if your head is in the right place, your voice will follow along."

Boudreaux also invites the audience to sing along. "You have certain songs you do every year so college alumni can sing with you," she says, a practice essential to building traditions. The College Choir sings "Lord Bless You and Keep You" at every spring concert; choir members step off the stage to encircle the audience and invite anyone who knows the song to sing along. At the end of every December concert, the singers again surround the audience, with burning candles in hand. The lights are turned off and everyone sings "Silent Night."

It's all a way of bringing people together, creating community, and promoting understanding. It is why she mixes Bach and Wagner with obscure Italian opera and Latin-American folk songs. "Other cultures are very difficult to understand, but if we know enough of the song's context, we can allow our emotions to be a part of it. We can become one with that other culture," she says. "The most direct way to reach the heart is through singing."

And with all these heartfelt songs and resounding rhythms, the slick jazz riffs and warm violins, the swaying gospel and stunning ceremonial hymns, students' musical repertoires have never been stronger or more exhilarating to hear. •



## Hear Ye, Hear Ye

Western Maryland's concert season is already in full swing. Here are a few highlights for the school year (all are free and open to the public):

**College Choir**, featuring seasonal music and a community sing-along Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in (Big) Baker Memorial Chapel. Their spring concert will be Sunday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the same place.

**Gospel Choir**, featuring the 70-member choir singing a mix of traditional gospel and contemporary spirituals, Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Friday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in (Big) Baker Memorial Chapel.

**Jazz Night**, the hippest, hottest night of the year, Thursday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. and May 6 at 8 p.m. in Decker College Center's Forum.

**An Evening of Madrigals**, Tuesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in (Little) Baker Chapel.

**Student Chamber Music Ensembles**, Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. (Little) Baker Chapel.

**College Band Concert**, a 50-member band composed of student, faculty and community musicians performing everything from classical to pops, Sunday, May 2 at 7 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

**Music Theatre/Opera Workshop**, students in the music theatre and opera workshop class present soaring arias and brassy show tunes Monday, May 8 at 8 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

Call 410/857-2599 for more information on campus performances.



Eric Byrd '93 Leads the  
Gospel Choir Flock

# Sing, Amen

BY AMY PELSINSKY

**I**t all started in February of 1977. Six-year-old Eric Byrd '93 was sitting in front of his parents' old cabinet television in Willingboro, N.J., watching a variety show. Then it happened. The most important thing in his life. Ray Charles walked on stage, sat down at the piano and spoke into the microphone. "Does anybody here remember my old friend Martin?" Byrd recalls him saying, then he let the coolest tune Byrd had ever heard stream out the tips of his fingers onto the ivory keys of the piano.

Byrd, a teacher at Western Maryland and Frederick Community College, and a jazz musician with several albums to his credit, is sitting at a piano in Levine Hall's rehearsal room. He plays the same tune and finishes the line in a Charles-esque croon, "somebody tell me where he's gone ... I was amazed this blind cat was playing that. I was blown away." He took piano lessons the following year—only because Ray Charles played the piano, he says.

Believe it or not, this same musician who also plays the bass, drums, guitar and violin, the one who remembers the exact date his parents bought the piano and exact date of his first lesson because they were such significant landmarks in his life, wanted to be a journalist when he started classes at Western Maryland. Here he sowed his musical roots, and with a little help from people like Jazz Ensemble director Bo Eckard, who turned him on to the limitless world of jazz improvisation, he realized his true love and his inescapable talent. "I was a musician waiting to happen," Byrd says.

He has since played with several jazz combos at area clubs, including the Howard Burns Quartet, with whom he has written a number of songs. He has provided music for short films and commercial projects, including the musical score for an instructional math film distributed to elementary schools around the nation. He has been the opening act for some of the legends of jazz, including Ethyl Ennis and Charlie Byrd. He writes his own music and has contributed his talents to a few compact discs. He even sang at Carnegie Hall.

He currently directs Western Maryland's Gospel Choir, one of the most popular and well-attended campus events in recent years. Director since 1994, he has shepherded the group from 17 to 70 members and created a spiritual singing sensation that draws more than 400 people to its concerts.

"I didn't think there'd be enough people interested in doing that kind of music," says Byrd, who was leading the Union Street United Methodist Choir down the hill from campus when Margaret Boudreaux, head of the music department, asked Byrd to come back to college to start a gospel choir. She had to ask him four times and throw in a parking permit before he agreed. The first year, the group didn't even perform on campus. "I didn't think anyone would show," Byrd says. They sang with the Union Street Gospel Jubileers instead.

In December of 1996, that 22-voice choir, a mix of ages and races from the church and the college, was invited to perform at the 14th annual Vienna Advent Sing Concert, an event sponsored by Austrian cultural officials. The choir was the only gospel ensemble among 20 choral groups, and they played to a standing-room-only crowd. They so impressed the officials that they were the only choir invited to return for the closing ceremony.

Byrd had never played a note of gospel music before coming to Westminster. Growing up, he says he spent Sunday mornings in a white church singing traditional hymns. He played violin for a dozen years, having an ear for opera and symphonic works. In high school he played keyboards in a rock 'n' roll band. "I wrote songs about girls you wanted, girls you dated and girls who left you," he says.

He wrote a more meaningful piece that was performed by the College Choir for his graduation in 1993 called "Good Morning," in appreciation for the place that helped him start his dream career as a musician, composer and teacher. He won the Class of 1938 Award for Excellence in

*'I want to make each student feel like it doesn't happen unless they're there.'*

—Eric Byrd '93

Teacher and jazz musician Eric Byrd '93 ignites voices and souls in the ever-growing Gospel Choir on campus.



Music as a college senior that same year. This year, he won the Faculty Creativity Award.

Profoundly influenced by the works of Martin Luther King Jr., Byrd wrote a song about the civil rights leader this January, scribbling the notes down in the back of the bus on a return trip from a musical tribute to King at the Kennedy Center. In recognition of the 30th anniversary of the King's assassination, "To Be A King" is part of the collection of the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change in King's hometown of Atlanta. He hopes he can take the choir there to sing it in person. "There's no way without King that I

could get a job teaching at a predominantly white college," Byrd says. His father imparted first-hand knowledge of life growing up as a black man in Alabama during the 1920s—the sight of the Klan on horseback and white kids throwing rocks from the bus at the black kids who had to walk to school—making Byrd acutely aware of how far this nation has come.

"This class did not exist 30 years ago. Little things like us all going to school together and having relationships didn't happen. People have really given their lives to make this particular moment possible. Imagine having black and white kids sing

at a white school with a black director. The fact that all this stuff is normal now is really significant."

Byrd has not only empowered his choir to see beyond their boundaries, but he has encouraged each of them to find their true talent. He has been pursuing a master's in African-American music at Morgan State University in Baltimore and is starting his own record label, Solid Rock Records, to release the Gospel Choir concerts on compact disc and cassette. "I want to use that as an avenue for students to compose their own music," he says. "I want to make each student feel like it doesn't happen unless they're there." ●

Eight Longtime Faculty Retire

# In the Shadows of Giants

BY JOYCE MULLER AND AMY PELSINSKY

*Editors' Note: We were privileged to have had an audience with eight faculty, who retired from full-time teaching this May, as they cleaned out their offices at the end of the school year. Institutional treasures all, they revealed to us in brief conversations their love of teaching, their deep respect for students and their abiding love of this college. Their reliable presence leaves campus, but their legacies, and some of their office furniture, remain with us.*

## A Man With Principle

*'Be your best professional self and you'll end up where you want to be.'*

—Herman Behling,  
associate professor of education

**W**hen people ask me what I do, I typically say I teach teachers who are becoming school principals," says **Herman Behling**, coordinator of the graduate program in school administration and associate professor of education. This education guru, who received a standing ovation from his graduate students when he announced his retirement during class, has helped countless teachers and principals on the road to success in his 24 years of teaching at Western Maryland College, not to mention his time spent in administrative positions in Maryland's school system.

"I believe the role of a principal is to be in the classrooms with the kids," he says. "The principal should have a significant impact on the instructional program. School is for kids. Educators need to remember that, particularly when you are faced with buses, budgets and bills."

Behling came to the college in 1967 as an adjunct professor of education, teaching until 1981 when he was appointed Maryland's assistant state superintendent of schools, responsible for the certification of the state's teachers and the approval of college teacher preparation programs. He returned to the Hill in 1988 to instruct teachers on how to be school principals and chaired the Education Department from 1992-1995.

Behling graduated from Kent State University in 1954 and earned a master's and a doctorate from Columbia University in 1958 and 1964 respectively. He began as a classroom teacher in Ohio and went on to be a vice principal and principal in Maryland. He also taught classes at Towson State University, Frostburg State College, Johns Hopkins University, Appalachian State University and the National Teacher College in Manila, Philippines.

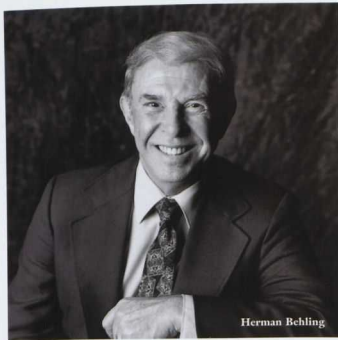
Ironically, Behling didn't know anyone who graduated from high school growing up. His father left school in sixth grade, his mother in eighth. "I had marvelous teachers who liked me and encouraged me. They made me feel like I was something special," says Behling, who did the same thing for countless students who have passed through his classroom.

Behling has worked extensively in the Maryland public school system and state Department of Education consulting, coordinating and supervising student teaching, teacher education and teacher certification. He has assisted in several college evaluations with the Middle States Association of College and Secondary Schools, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Maryland State Department of Education. He has also served as a consultant on teacher preparation programs and staff development for career teachers for the South Carolina State Department of Education, the Palm Beach Public School District and the West Virginia State Department of Education.

He served as president of the Maryland Association for Teacher Education and the Association of Teacher Educators. He was also the national president of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification from 1984 to 1985. He was honored with the Distinguished Teacher Educator award by the Maryland Unit of the Association Teacher







Herman Behling

Educators, was given a certificate of recognition by the Johns Hopkins University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa for his contributions to teacher education, and was recognized as founder of the Maryland Council on Staff Development in 1991.

Behling, who has already traveled to 42 countries, plans to teach a seminar at the National Teacher's College in the Philippines during his first year of retirement. He lives in Ellicott City, Md.

## The Greek Ideal

*“Every one was around two hours. 1996 was the shortest on record.”*

*—Dick Clower '50, professor of exercise science and physical education*

It was a man's world when **Dick Clower '50**, professor of exercise science and physical education, came to teach in old Gill Gym 42 years ago. But not for long. “When I came, the concept of physical education and athletics was different. Women taught classes for women. Not many people besides majors took physical education courses,” he says. “In the early 1960s we added more activities, and women became more interested in competitive things.”

Clower pushed for those activities, as well as women's competitive athletics, during his 19 years as director of athletics. Now there are equal offerings for the sexes with team conference championships on both sides of the playing field.

Clower's association with WMC spans 45 years, beginning with his arrival as a student in 1947. After graduating in 1950, he headed to Springfield College to earn a master's in physical education in 1956. He taught and coached at Thurmont and Hampstead high schools

for six years before returning to Western Maryland to teach and coach. He earned his Ed.D. at West Virginia University and became head of the Physical Education department in 1960, a position he held until retirement.

Over the years, Clower has coached track, soccer, football, baseball and lacrosse. He coached basketball for 13 years and boasts a record of over 100 wins. He served as the director of athletics from 1965-1984 and has been the long-time coordinator of the physical education graduate program offerings.

To fellow faculty, he is known as the unofficial timekeeper of the commencement ceremonies, guarding figures going back 18 years. Ask him the longest one and he'll pull a crib sheet out of the top

drawer of his desk with times since 1986. “Every one was around two hours. 1996 was the shortest on record,” he reports.

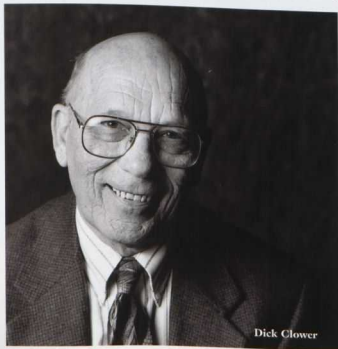
His passion is Olympic history, having studied at the U.S. Olympic Academy at Pennsylvania State University and Emory University in 1988 and 1990 respectively. He presented a paper at the International Olympic Committee Symposium in Greece in 1985 and has written several articles. He plans to return to Greece to visit some of the Pan-Hellenic game sites

Clower has also been active in physical education and collegiate sport organizations throughout his career. He served the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association as president from 1978 to 1980 and was president of Middle Atlantic State Collegiate Athletic Conference 1980-82. A WMC award for service to the lacrosse program is given in Clower's honor each year.

He received the college's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1965 and was named an Outstanding Educator of America from 1971 to 1973. In 1990, he received a Presidential Citation from the Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance for meritorious service to the profession. He has been the group's secretary/treasurer, membership chair and manager of the annual conven-

tion, as well as a contributor to many physical education journals. He has presented clinics and papers at the group's annual sessions, as well as at the Eastern District Associate of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. He has also reviewed textbooks on measurement, sports sociology and the history of physical education and sport.

Clower was appointed to the Board of Visitors of the Maryland School for the Deaf by Gov. William Donald Schaefer in 1989, serving



Dick Clower

until 1993. Long active in the Red Cross conducting small craft safety training programs, he received several certificates of recognition for community service from the group.

A decorated veteran from the Korean War, he was awarded with Army Commendation Ribbons with oak leaf cluster, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Korean Campaign Ribbon with two battle stars.

Clower is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa and has served the college on every standing committee of the faculty and numerous ad hoc committees. He lives in Westminster and plans on doing some whitewater rafting out West with his wife Sherry in retirement.

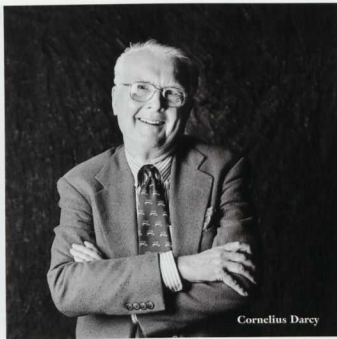
### Historical Figure

*'There's something to be said about getting out and getting involved in other areas you may find interesting.'*

—Cornelius Darcy, professor of history

Dressed in his characteristic tweed jacket and tie with snappy loafers, **Cornelius Darcy**, professor of history, is usually milling around the back of McDaniel Lounge at lectures, checking off the names on a clipboard of his students attending for extra class credit. He has been beating the drum for students to stretch their minds and attend campus concerts and lectures for 34 years.

He, for one, can honestly say he has missed few band concerts, Phi Beta Kappa lectures and softball games. A supporter of seemingly every on-campus event, he was given a Special Achievement Award for his dedication to all things WMC in 1996. "There's something to be said about getting out and getting involved in other areas you may find interesting," says



Darcy, a patron of the arts who has contributed a significant number of books to the library's collection and frequents Baltimore film and theater houses.

Darcy holds degrees in history from Bowdoin College, Harvard University and Columbia University, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1970. He began his teaching career in 1954 at the Darrow School in upstate New York and also served on the faculty of Newark State College in New Jersey. In 1963 he joined the faculty of Western Maryland, and he chaired the History department from 1970 to 1993.

Darcy has continually made an effort to extend his education, both here and abroad, with courses, seminars and workshops in the area of his specialty, Western European history, as well as Russian and Canadian history. His studies have led to the creation of new courses on World War I and the French Revolution. He has delivered papers to his peers and published the results of his research, most notably on artists and their patrons in England. He has been granted several research awards—including one each year since 1980—from the college and from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

He has served on many college committees, including the Honors Program committee, and has treated the community to numerous exhibitions on historical and artistic subjects, such as the exhibit on Shakespeare's illustrations organized with Dr. Evelyn Wenner. For seven years he has planned the annual Wenner-Wingate Memorial Lecture that focuses on the history of sports and honors the late English professor.

One of the founding members of the college's Phi Beta Kappa chapter, Darcy served as the liaison person for the chapter

application. "It is a wonderful achievement for students," he says. "Throughout the U.S. to be listed as Phi Beta Kappa represents quite an accomplishment."

He has represented his peers as an officer in the Maryland Conference of the American Association of University

Professors and is a member of the Maryland Committee for the Humanities. He is also a member of the American Historical Association, Pi Gamma Mu, Phi Alpha Theta and a board member of the historic Shriver Mill Homestead in Carroll County.

Darcy resides in Westminster with wife Eleanor, who is currently one of the editors of the papers of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. In his retirement, he plans to resume his research in the area of WWI, particularly the social aspects of the war, such as propaganda and art. He also plans to continue to develop his current research project in British history.

### Director of Details

*'I wanted to be a math teacher since seventh grade. I was the teacher when the neighborhood kids played school.'*

—James Lightner '59,  
professor of mathematics

He knows that details make the difference. That is why **James Lightner '59**, professor of mathematics, pours over the records in the college archives to glean the history of daisy chains and kicking posts to share with new students. It's the reason he measures the distance between each chair in Gill Center with a two by four so each par-

ent will sit comfortably and have a good view as their child walks across the commencement stage. It's why he left teaching public school over 30 years ago to bring his grasp of theory to the Mathematics department to help improve the curriculum.

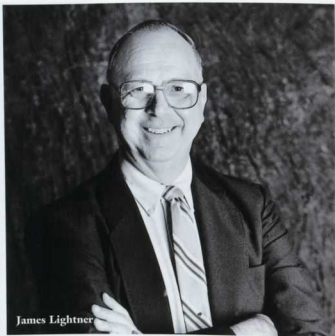
Lightner's association with WMC spans over 40 years, beginning as a student in 1955. He finished his bachelor's degree in three years (although he is officially the Class of '59) and went on to teach mathematics and English in Frederick County while attending Northwestern University in the summer for his master's degree. He returned to the Hill to teach mathematics in 1962 while pursuing a Ph.D. at the Ohio State University, earning it in 1968.

Specializing in geometry and the history of mathematics, Lightner has written and presented papers to mathematics teachers nationwide for the past 36 years, as well as authored a two-edition high school-level geometry textbook.

He was given the college's Distinguished Teaching Award early in his career in 1966. Named Outstanding Mathematics Educator of the Year in 1986 by the Maryland Council of Teachers of Mathematics, he served as the group's first executive secretary from 1988 to 1994 and as president from 1982 to 1983. He was further honored with the George R. Mach Distinguished Service Award, given to him in 1993 by the national mathematics honor society Kappa Mu Epsilon, a group he has served since 1965 when he founded the Maryland Beta chapter at WMC. He was the group's national president from 1977 to 1981 and has been adviser and secretary to WMC's chapter for 33 years.

Lightner is most visible in his role organizing the commencement ceremony as college marshal, a job he has been dedicated to since 1971. His signature red robe and swinging gold tassel are reassuring signs each year that everything will run smoothly. "I love ceremonies," Lightner says. "There's a dignity about them. Pomp and circumstance are fun in their place." He will continue his duty in retirement.

He has sung baritone in the College Choir most of his years as a faculty mem-



James Lightner

ber, as well as during his student days, and is proud of helping revive the tradition of using "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," the unofficial college hymn, in some ceremonies.

He has been an active member of the Western Maryland community, serving on campus committees such as the Founders Committee of the Alumni Fund and the Board of Advisers for Chamber Music on the Hill. Recognized by the Alumni Association for enriching alumni ties to the college, he was given the Meritorious Service Award in 1984 and the Alumnus of the Year Award in 1998.

Lightner served on three evaluation committees for the Middle States and chaired the steering committee for the 1993 Middle States Evaluation for the college. He was the first director of the January Program in 1969 and led it for 14 years. He also led a study tour to England and Scotland 13 times with Ray Stevens, professor of English emeritus.

An active member of several mathematics professional associations, Lightner has served on committees for the National Science Foundation and the Maryland Department of Education. He passed on the duties of secretary and treasurer of the Delta of Maryland Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, which he helped found in 1980, and is now a consultant to the society's national office. He has been chapter adviser to the Maryland Beta chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity since 1989. He has been listed in "Who's Who in American Education," "Who's Who in the East" and "American Men and Women of Science."

This WMC devotee plans to travel and teach occasionally in his retirement, as well

as revise and update the written college history. "Goodness knows we ought to know what happened in the past before we reinvent the wheel," says Lightner, unofficial campus historian. "We have a very rich saga, and it needs to be recorded."

## Campus Cowboy

*'I was always somebody else, role-playing all the time.'*

—Ray Phillips, professor of English

English Professor **Ray Phillips'** copy of "Treasure Island" still has the brown paper he wrapped around it in eighth grade. It is covered with treasure maps and messages such as "Land ho!" and "Thar she blows!" in heavy penciled pirate handwriting. "I was never me," says the man who has been shamelessly acting out "Moby Dick" with his wooden window pull and Wallace Stevens' "Anecdote of the Jar" with his coffee thermos on the classroom stage for 34 years. "I was always somebody else, role playing all the time," he says, remembering his equally theatrical childhood.

Phillips joined the faculty at Western Maryland College in 1963 with degrees in English from Dickinson College and Columbia University. Before coming to the college, he was an instructor in English for two years at Colby College and a teaching fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. He received a Ph.D. in English and American literature there in 1968. "I've been getting paid to do what I like to do—read," he says, leaning back in his red leather chair, passed on to him by English Professor Del Palmer when he retired. It

was originally President Lowell Ensor's.

Phillips' monographs on novelist and Hollywood screenwriter Larry McMurtry, of "Lonesome Dove" fame, and writer Struthers Burt have established him as an authority on Western fiction; he has written articles and reviews on American literature, notably fiction of the American West. "When I was a kid, everyone I knew went to the movies to see Westerns," he says. "There were eight or 10 cowboy stars. We saw those all the time, then we'd play it." Years later he would ride through cowboy country by train, returning from war-torn Korea, and not cast an eye on the plains in his rush to get home. "We went through the very territory I'd find so fascinating," he says.

He received a faculty book award in 1984 for his monograph "Struthers Burt." He has also been a popular reviewer for Books Sandwiched In, the campus' lunch time book group, and a contributor to *The Hill* magazine.

Phillips has served on many college committees, including the Budget Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee, and was elected by his peers as their first

faculty ombudsman, an office he held for 10 years. He has held membership in the Thoreau Society, the Emily Dickinson Society, the Western Literature Association and the American Studies Association. He has also been an active member of the American Association of University Professors, serving as chapter and state president.

He has delighted audiences with his acting ability in several plays, on and off campus, including "Antigone" and "On Golden Pond" in which he played his favorite character, Norman Thayer, a role popularized in the film version by Henry Fonda. He also appeared in a short film about Carroll County.

He and his wife Andrée live in Uniontown, Md., and Williamsport, Pa. He will bring his love of tales of bold, honest, hard-working spirits into retirement when he attempts to write the story of his family using a handwritten autobiography his father left him when he died. "He was an unlettered man, but I'm going to try to work with his story and I'm going to incorporate it into my life with him and the rest of the family," he says. "That'll give me something to do."

## The Book Keeper

*Hardly anyone ever says what they want in a straightforward manner.'*

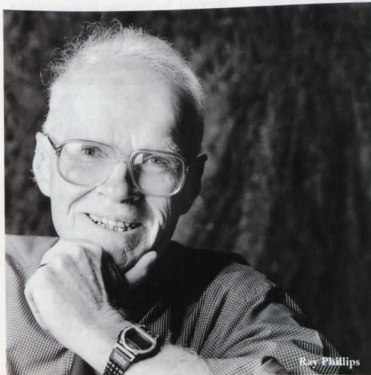
—Carol Quinn, reference librarian

After 25 years among the stacks of Hoover Library, Carol Quinn, reference librarian and coordinator of the interlibrary loan program, has learned what it takes to find a researcher's pot of gold. "You must have the ability to listen to other people and ask questions about what people want," she says. "Hardly anyone ever says what they want in a straightforward manner."

Quinn opened the book on library science while taking a course on how to do research in English literature in graduate school. "As a reference librarian you catalog all kinds of sources of information, and the more you look at things, the more you begin to match information needs with people," she says, with her characteristic serenity.

She has been tracking down resources for professors finishing dissertations and helping students write research papers since 1972 when she came to the Hill as a reference librarian and instructor in library science. She taught in the now defunct undergraduate program in library science, and led courses in the graduate media program for several years. She previously held positions as graduate library assistant, reference and humanities librarian, and English instructor in Minnesota, Florida and Kansas.

Quinn studied at the University of Florida in Gainesville where she earned a B.A. degree in English in 1961. She obtained her M.A. in library science at the University of Minnesota in 1965 and returned to Florida to complete a second master's degree in English in 1969. She continued studying English at the University of Kansas and pursued Italian at the Johns Hopkins University.



Roy Phillips



At Western Maryland, Quinn has seen the library metamorphose from a brick box to its dazzling present building and watched card catalogs disappear into computer monitors. She has kept pace with a rapidly changing field, providing instruction to classes and individuals about how to use the resources of the library far beyond its walls. "The most interesting thing that has developed in the library over the years would be the OCLC, or Online Computer Library Center," Quinn says. "It has a database of over 40 million items, virtually every book ever published."

Quinn, whose own bookshelves at home are full, has been active in professional organizations, such as the Maryland Library Association, the American Library Association, the Maryland Interlibrary Loan Librarians and the Association of College and Research Libraries. She has also been a regular presenter at workshops and meetings.

She served on the college's Comprehensive Examination Committee and the Calendar and Schedule Committee, as well as spent several years on the College Student Activities Committee advising the foreign films subcommittee, an appropriate position for a woman who has studied six different languages over the years.

Quinn cultivates an interest in horticult-

ture and music. She not only plays the piano, but is proficient at the harpsichord, viola de gamba and recorder.

In retirement, she plans to continue to tickle the ivories, tend to her garden and do some volunteer work.



Ron Tait

### Man About Town

*'Habits of the heart are important, as well as habits of the mind.'*

—Ron Tait, professor of sociology

**T**he line of students forms daily outside his door. They come to seek advice on their papers and which classes to take.

More importantly they come to talk to the man in the Winnie the Pooh necktie who actually listens to them. They want guidance. After all, **Ron Tait**, professor of sociology, has been solving the problems of youth on and off campus for decades. He has been angst down to a social science.

Tait earned his bachelor's and master's at the University of Delaware in 1962 and 1968 respectively. He served as a probation counselor for a family court in Delaware, senior program director for the Boys' Club of Wilmington and a research associate for the division of urban affairs at the University of Delaware before arriving at Western Maryland College in 1968.

He pursued a Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Maryland during his first years of teaching, earning his Ph.D. in 1976.

Over the years, Tait and his students have applied technical expertise to researching a variety of campus issues, from community attitudes toward the college to graduate student satisfaction to student attitudes toward the library. One student reportedly told Tait that "doing research makes my neurons tingle." He has used the same skills to undertake studies for the benefit of the local community, such as studying transportation issues in Carroll County and views on poverty in Maryland. For two years he spearheaded a campus-wide effort to raise funds for the poor in Third World countries. He helped students start their own community efforts, serving on the Zepp/Griswold volunteer activity committee for seven years. "This is delightful way to make a living," he says. "When my students understand something, and their eyes light up, it's exciting."

He has offered tireless service himself as a community volunteer. "It's a fundamental important value to care about others," he says, hoping that his time in the classroom has inspired his students to help others, as well. "Also, you meet some nice people." He has been a big brother for two Westminster youths as part of the Big Brother and Sisters Association, coordinating a program to involve WMC students as big brothers and sisters, as well. In Carroll County he has volunteered for FISH, Food Sunday, the Leukemia Society and



Carol Quinn

served as a tutor for the Literacy Council for several years.

He is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, the national honor society for sociology, and was an adviser for Pi Gamma Mu, the national social science honor society at Western Maryland College.

Tait and his wife Joan live in Westminster, Md. He plans to teach part time in his retirement, as well as continue in community service work. Always ready for a game of pick-up basketball, Tait teases that he is also hoping for a \$4 million contract to play for the Washington Wizards. "[General Manager] Wes Unseld said my chances were between slim and none," says Tait. "And slim is on vacation."

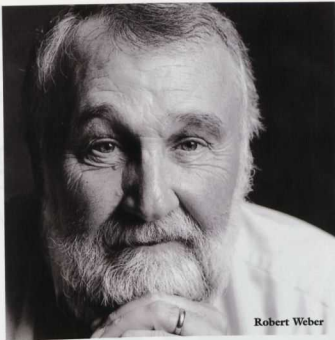
## Politically Incorrect

*'Once my students go through the Weber plan, the rest is easy. They have seen the worst they can encounter.'*

—Robert Weber, professor of political science and international studies

**D**ockside propped on his desk, Robert Weber, political science and international studies professor, leans back in his chair and lights the signature cigar braced between his lips. Tree air fresheners hang on his coat rack, and Smoke Out spray rests ready to refresh the office lest anyone complains about him breaking the "No Smoking" rules. "I have a dispensation from the governor," he grumbles through his stogie.

Posters of others that fly in the face of convention hang from the walls of the office: a montage of John F. Kennedy, John Cleese doing his high-step walk, and Joshua L. Chamberlain, not only one of the most remarkable figures in the Civil



Robert Weber

War, but a philosopher and teacher who taught every class but trigonometry, not to mention serving as governor of Maine and president of Bowdoin College, Weber explains.

Weber describes his teaching style as the Neo-Gestapo-Socratic method. "Not much lecturing. I do interrogations," says the longest sitting chair of the department, a man known for giving very few As. He has striven to be "firm, but fair" in the classroom for 29 years. "I teach those basic fundamentals that don't have to do with academe, such as being on time for class and turning in papers on time." Not to mention the ins and outs of world politics, of course. "Once they go through the Weber plan, the rest is easy," he says. "They are the 'Children of Darkness.' If they stick with me, they may get a glimmer of light."

After receiving his bachelor of science degree from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee in 1962, Weber abandoned his Midwestern roots and came to Carroll County to teach English and social studies at North Carroll High School. He left soon afterwards to earn both his master's and Ph.D. degrees in political science at the University of Maryland in 1966 and 1969 respectively, returning to town to join the Political Science department in 1969. He was going to be in the merchant marine until his wife-to-be, Ann, suggested he go into teaching.

Weber gained a reputation as an excellent and caring teacher capable of tackling a wide array of courses. He boasts of never in 30 years failing to return a test the next class period. As chair of the department

since 1983, he has stressed student needs and made the department home to a growing number of majors. He has spearheaded curricular innovation that stresses involvement in internships and directed study experiences, ranging from local state's attorneys' offices to U.S. Senate offices, so students leave the Hill with practical experience.

As an active member of the Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs, he has immersed himself in his field beyond the campus. He has also led students to the Harvard United Nations Model for 29 years, giving them a firsthand look at how nations interact on major issues. He is a constant at Parents and Families Weekend, Senior Day, convocations and graduations, and has been a part of summer advising sessions for transfer and freshmen students.

In addition to providing political analysis for local elections to Westminster radio station WTTR, he has written book reviews for *Choice*, a journal of reviews for college libraries, and earned college grants to study his discipline in greater depth. His scholarly pursuits have taken him to Great Britain, France, Belgium and the Netherlands, and he has taken students behind the Iron Curtain and to study emerging nations in Central America.

On campus he has served on many college committees and enriched the community by bringing speakers to the college and sponsoring town meetings on topics such as the global economy and the Middle East. He created the Robert J. Weber Award in 1998 to recognize star political science students.

Weber and his wife, Ann, live in Westminster. He plans to build an addition on the house in retirement, as well as tend the farm, play golf, read and offer his services to Gov. Parris Glendening, he says, as a volunteer for the state of Maryland. ●

Big Daddy Herb Sell '57  
Brought the Beat to Town

# The Boogie- Woogie Man

BY SUSAN THORNTON HOBBY

**O**n a dreary February day in 1943, 14-year-old Herb Sell '57 lay in bed with onion plasters on his feet, recovering from pneumonia and bored to tears.

He half-heartedly twisted the radio dial back and forth through the big band and classical stations. Then, he locked onto something new—boogie woogie's funky bass notes jumping around and behind a melody. The young pianist—who was only allowed by his piano teacher to play perky marches and polkas—was mesmerized by the jazz pouring out of the speakers. And he never looked back. For 55 years now, Sell has played that music devotedly.

As an eighth-grader, he played during air raid drills in school hallways. He played over the Hanover radio station from 1944 to 1947. He played at night clubs after pulling sodas or hanging wallpaper in his father's business all day. He played while studying at Shippensburg State Teachers College (they needed a pianist for their dance band, he recalls, and thinks that's why they admitted him), then he played in the Air Force Orchestra. In clubs in Carroll County and his native Pennsylvania, on military bandstands all over the country, in the practice rooms of Western Maryland College and finally, as choir director at Westminster High School for 35 years, Sell played his beloved jazz.

Driving, lost, through Sell's hometown of Littlestown, Pa., I stop to ask directions of a teenager decked out in Nike swooshes. She pauses, thinks, then asks: "You're looking for the piano dude?" And she points to his house. Everyone knows Sell through his music.

Sitting near his black baby grand, wearing a golf shirt and sensible shoes, Sell



"Daddy" Sell's passion for boogie woogie music has made him a local star.

looks like a typical retired public servant—he left Westminster High in 1992. Then put him before the ivories and ask for a musical tour of his life. First, he plays the Repasz Band March, the piece that won him second place and \$7 in his first amateur competition, when he was in sixth grade.

Next, as he glides through a medley of Duke Ellington, George Shearing, Scott Joplin and Fats Waller, he slips into his jazz persona: "Daddy" Sell. Teens from Westminster High thought it was cool that he used the jazz lingo of the day, and when he started calling those hip cats "Daddy," they turned it back on him.

Sell pulls out a brown leather diary from 1944, and reads his news from that era, full

of that cool jazz phrasing, news of the war, annals of his bus trips to Atlantic City to watch name bands on the piers and lists of what he listened to late at night on his radio.

Most people thought jazz, back then, "was sinful music," Sell laughs, and that only urged him on. "I was playing bop. I was a big fish in a small town. There were few who understood that style. I thought about leaving many times. ... Most people weren't interested in jazz. It's like being a loner."

But in 1950, when he entered the Air Force Orchestra after a year at Shippensburg, he found compatriots. In the Air Force's Special Services music school where he ended up teaching service men how to entertain their troops, his boss, J. T. H. Mize, a musicologist who wrote for *Esquire* magazine, ferried Sell around while he did interviews or watched concerts. That's how Sell made the connections that allowed him to bring big-name artists like Duke Ellington, Jester Hairston, Count Basie and Maynard Ferguson to Westminster High School.

"And all during the service, I was playing, wherever I was, always playing in clubs. It was exactly what I wanted to do," Sell says, waggling his fingers on an imaginary keyboard. One night, playing at the Rail Club in Indianapolis, he noticed a young lady, there alone, watching him play.

"It was the first time I ever had a girl listen to me play for so long. I thought I'd better make a play for her," Sell chuckles.

They married in 1952, and Sell decided the life of a musician on the road was not for him—too many drinks, too many drugs. He thought he'd better settle down, so the couple returned to Littlestown so Sell could work for his father's paper-hanging business. For four

C. AUBREY HORTER

**Westminster High School's Class of 1970 remembers when Herb Sell '57 brought Duke Ellington (right) and Count Basie, (lower right) to town for school concerts.**

months, he didn't touch a piano key. He was miserable.

"I thought to myself, 'How can I live this way?'" he says.

Then he figured out that his G.I. Bill could pay his way at Western Maryland College. There, Sell toed the line—wearing a tie, tossing out his chewing gum before hitting the classroom and playing Beethoven instead of bop.

"I thought if I played that music I'd be booted out quickly. I had a daughter, I knew I had to make good," Sell says.

And he did, mastering the classically-based program and refining his skills. One of his Western Maryland professors, Arleen Heggemeier, remembers Sell well. "He was a very serious student, very hard working," Heggemeier says. The only time she heard him play jazz was "if I went out to dinner. We never allowed him to play it around Levine Hall," laughs Heggemeier, who returned to Westminster just last year, to play in one of Sell's all-Gershwin concerts.

Once he graduated in 1957, Sell landed "a chance of a lifetime" job, as chorus director at Westminster High School. But he still played local clubs on weekends.

"I could have gone on the road, tried to make it that way professionally," Sell says. "But it's a rough life. ... At one time, I thought that's what I had to do. But since it's all over, teaching was the most wonderful thing I could have gotten involved in."

He dug in at Westminster, determined to keep up the school's music dynasty. A master's in music at the University of Maryland helped ground him in the history of music, he says, which gave him fodder for the popular concerts he planned at Westminster High—all Irving Berlin, all country western, all Gershwin, all Duke, all blues.

Sell called on connections from his days in the service to pull in musical greats—and now he slips from their jackets the vinyl records of the school concerts during which Duke Ellington directed the choir in "Take the A Train," in which Jester Hairston sang with the choir on spirituals, in which Sell stood on a chair in the audience to guide the 80-member choir spread throughout the auditorium in "I Got Rhythm."



"Most of my concerts, and maybe the public doesn't realize this, were educational, not a hodge-podge," Sell says. "I try to give a meaning at the back of every concert."

Bo Eckard, lecturer in Western Maryland's music department and director of the college's Jazz Ensemble, recalls his days at Westminster High with Daddy Sell.

"It's wonderful to meet a living repository of jazz styles and the jazz slang," Eckard says. "His repertoire is astounding. He could call almost any song, scrub it right down and play the hell out of it. There's only one Daddy. When it comes to playing jazz of that era, what I hear out of Daddy is the real deal."

Just as Eckard has done, many of Sell's students kept music close to their hearts, as teachers, jazz enthusiasts or performers.

Debbie Becker started as an alto in Westminster's choir. "Mr. Sell was just wonderful. He gave us a lot of different influences, he tried everything," recalls Becker, who loved the theme concerts. She went on to sing in a few bands, to marry a musician and to maintain a home recording studio. "He brought the best out in everyone."

Concurrent with his Westminster High career, Sell served as the director of the Carroll County Choral Society, and still does. He was also organist and choir director at St. Mary's United Church of Christ in Silver Run, Md. He remembers hearing an eighth-grader, Myron Dutterer, sing bass. "He sounded mature then," Sell marvels.

And "Mo" Dutterer still marvels at Sell. Now the drama director at Centennial High School in Howard County, Dutterer credits his career to Sell's musical influence, from



his time as one of the "bunch of idiot eighth-grade boys" in the church choir through his years at Westminster High.

Dutterer went on to major in music in college: "That made Herbie real happy," he says. "Then I skipped the big party over in Vietnam," Dutterer says, by joining the Army chorus. "I'm safe and alive. I may owe him my life."

Dutterer directed middle school choirs in Howard County schools for decades, then moved on to direct musicals and theater performances in high school.

"He's just a real piece of work," Dutterer says of Sell. "Put a Scotch on the rocks on the side of the piano and he'll play for you for a couple of hours."

Most of the time, he doesn't even want the Scotch. Jazz is enough intoxication for him, Sell says. ●

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*Glenn Caldwell's Musical Meanderings Lead Him from Country Roads to World Stages*

# Theoretically Speaking

BY AMY PELSINSKY



he light in the dean's cottage burned through the night as Glenn Caldwell, instructor of music theory, hovered over his keyboard working on the arrangements of three Stevie Wonder songs for the pop star's European tour. All night long, he enriched Wonder's simple songs with parts for strings, horns and a much-ballyhooped rhythm and blues section, all to be performed by some of the greatest orchestras in the world. His version of "Love's In Need of Love Today" can be heard on the 1995 Natural Wonder compact disc, performed by the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Stevie doesn't know me to this day, but my name is on the music," says Caldwell, associate professor of music theory, who just recently met Wonder in person for the first time. He was a ghost writer then, helping a well-connected college buddy arrange three of 20 songs for the star under a tight two-week deadline.

Not bad for a guy who quit piano lessons in the fifth grade because it interfered with the "Batman" TV series. Fortunately, he picked up the clarinet (a prerequisite for playing his favored saxophone) at an audition for the school band. Even though the only reason he was there was to get out of taking an English test during the same class period.

These days, Caldwell is more apt to face things head on. And make a few changes along the way. He's very much like a cool jazz tune, smooth and often understated with a hum of electricity buzzing beneath the surface. One of three full time music faculty doing everything from teaching theory and the history of jazz to coaching young musicians in clarinet and saxophone lessons,

Caldwell crams his time out of the classroom doing research in music theory—currently translating the texts of 19th-century French theorist Alexandre Morel, a mathematician who had an interest in the construction of the ear and how people hear music—and putting his own music to paper.

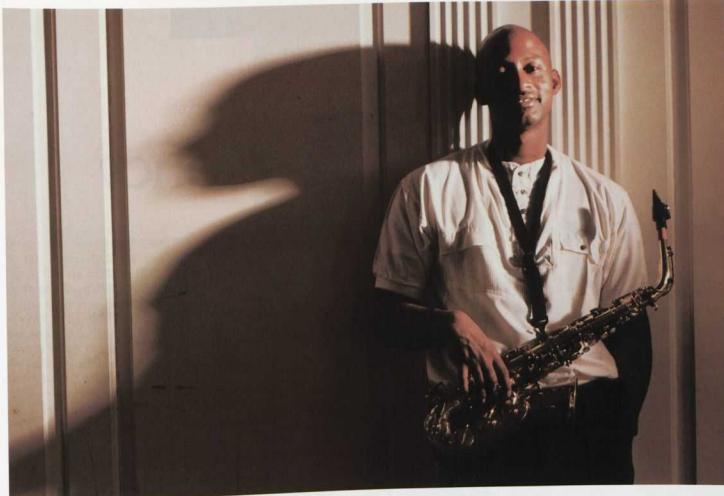
He is knee deep in a symphony dedicated to Clover, S.C., the small town he grew up in with a population of 6,000 and a railroad cutting right through the middle of town. His dad, a machinist, owned just over 100 acres bequeathed to him by Caldwell's grandfather. "He'd come home from work and get on the tractor," says Caldwell, who grew up picking tomatoes and corn before the mercury crept up to 95 degrees by mid-morning. "I always appreciated the country," he says. "You can get some serious thinking done out there."

He already has a publisher for a woodwind trio dedicated to the Underground Railroad, complete with strains from old spirituals, like "I Will Trust in the Lord," and an inkling of "The Star Spangled Banner." He even arranged holiday tunes for the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and a 120-voice gospel choir last year, a job he will continue this season.

He says pursuing his passion in 19th-century music theory and theorists and writing orchestral and electronic music gives him more experiences to offer his students. "If I'm growing, my students are growing," he says. "That's what education is."

## *The Promised Land*

After earning his undergraduate degree at North Carolina AT&T State University in Greensboro, Caldwell headed to graduate



DAVID HOBBS

school on scholarship to Rutgers University in New Jersey, a few short miles from New York City. He was a teacher's assistant in the stellar jazz division. There, this small town country boy encountered a world with a jazz heartbeat that still leads him to wistfully reminisce about the faculty whose photos are pinned to his office door. There was jazz pianist Kenny Barron, guitarist Ted Dunbar and bassist Larry Ridley. Even Terence Blanchard, who wrote the scores for several Spike Lee films, wandered through the department while Caldwell was drinking in the jazz Mecca.

Caldwell himself plays tenor saxophone, doing studio work for some contemporary gospel and rock 'n' roll recordings, as well as playing in clubs. However, the spotlight is no draw for him. "I had a lot of teachers who thought I should pursue performance, but the stage didn't really grab me," he says. "I wanted to be the person who wrote the tunes."

After graduation, he took a less glamorous job as a band director at a small high school in Mullins, S.C. Two years later he enrolled at Ohio State University for graduate work in music theory, the study of the technical aspects of harmony, form, melody and rhythm.

He was the perfect fit for a music program at Western Maryland College when he graduated, bringing theory and composition experience to a growing department that could offer a wider range of classes with his expertise.

Caldwell saw his position as chance for him to grow, as well as the students. "Interdisciplinary things are a real possibility here. I was impressed by the willingness of the faculty to work with faculty in other departments," he says. "I have the opportunity to grow in any area that I choose."

The key to helping those students grow as musicians, he says, is to teach them how to compose on computers using MIDI (Music Instrument Digital Interface), the same technology he uses for his own songwriting. MIDI involves a keyboard hooked up to a computer that uses software designed to manipulate music. The computer writes the notes on a music staff on the screen as the keyboard is played, and then the composer can play the work back, changing and adding notes, inserting a little crescendo and even extrapolating chords, all at the touch of a button.

"The major composers today use this type of software," he says. "I could take 30 hours to write a piece and have it all laid out by hand. It takes three or four hours

with MIDI." Several kinds of software turn the computer into everything from a personal musical stenographer to a one-man recording studio.

"There is a certain part of unleashing creativity that this stuff allows," Caldwell says. "You can lay down tracks and not pay an engineer. You can put dynamics in music, make the music swell, synchronize it with movies." In fact, Danny Elfman used the same type of software to compose the original "Batman" movie score.

A MIDI Jan Term course is currently taught by music lecturer Don Horneff, but Caldwell hopes to make it a more integral part of the music curriculum. He calls it "thinking dangerously" and giving students interested in pursuing careers in the music business the know-how they need to make it happen.

It's all part of the creative excitement he wants to challenge on campus, and in Westminster, a community he says is a musician's haven waiting to happen. He's itching for that same music vibe he experienced at Rutgers. "Now, when it comes to music, I've seen what can be," he says. "As Martin Luther King said, 'I've been to the Promised Land.' I'm going back, and I'm taking some of you with me. Do you want to go?" ●

*Economist Seidel is Resourceful  
Manager of WMC's Finances*

# Minds vs. Money

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than A. Seidel, vice president for Administration and Finance since 1994, heads one of the college's four major divisions and oversees a \$45 million budget, 300 employees, construction projects costing \$25 million, as well as day-to-day financial and business operations, including the auxiliary enterprises such as the bookstore, food services, facilities management and others. It's a job with limitless challenges that Seidel manages expertly while still teaching part time and keeping his experienced eye on the economic trends that affect the college's financial health.

Seidel began teaching economics at Western Maryland College in 1969. Born in Baltimore, Md., he received his undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1963, his master's in business administration from Wharton Graduate School at the University of Pennsylvania two years later, and his doctorate from Hopkins in 1977. He is a repeat winner of the college's Distinguished Teaching Award, and in 1990 he earned WMC's first national Sears-Roebuck Foundation's Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award.

This fall he talked with *Hill* editor Joyce Muller about the challenges of managing college resources and the intricacies of pricing education in today's complex, highly competitive market. Beyond the campus, Seidel serves as president of the Greater Westminster Development Corporation and on the board of directors for Union National Bank.

**How does the financial operations of an academic institution such as Western Maryland College compare to profit-motivated corporations?**

The key similarity Western Maryland College as a non-profit organization shares with a for-profit organization is that both WMC and businesses want to allocate their respective resources in the most efficient ways possible. The product WMC delivers to a student is an education. We strive, just as for-profit organizations do, to deliver the best product that we can, and at the

lowest cost. For-profit organizations do this because they are trying to maximize the difference between the revenue and their expenses to yield a profit for owners or dividends for their stockholders.

In higher education the motivation for operating efficiencies is radically different. A college desires to be highly efficient so that any revenue that is generated—in fact, all of it—is returned to improve the educational effort. At the end of a successful year in higher education, there is no profit, no surplus and a zero bottom line. That zero bottom line is misleading because intentionally we are putting any and all resources that the college can attract toward upgrading the quality of the educational experience, whether it is through the purchase of additional technology for the students to use, attracting the brightest faculty and the best teachers, providing the best academic setting in which to study or the best residential setting in which to live.

Many people who understand this scenario realize that, in higher education, the revenue that is generated from the people who actually purchase our product always falls short of the cost of delivering the education. That's why we turn to our alumni for aid, and seek aid from both the federal and state governments and local businesses, anyone who's interested in supporting the quality of higher education to supplement the operating budget. Year in and year out we are challenged to seek ways to yield the most we can out of our resources.

In similar fashion, we do strive to manage our resources such as for-profit organizations do when it comes to things like purchasing supplies, providing food services, and making building repairs.

We commit to doing these things at the lowest cost and in the most efficient ways that we can. I believe we have a bigger incentive to do even better than achieve a profit, as businesses do. We work to improve the value of a Western Maryland College education and make a difference in the lives of our students.

Those of us in the Administration and Finance division of Western Maryland

From classrooms to board rooms to construction sites, Ethan Seidel shapes WMC for future success.

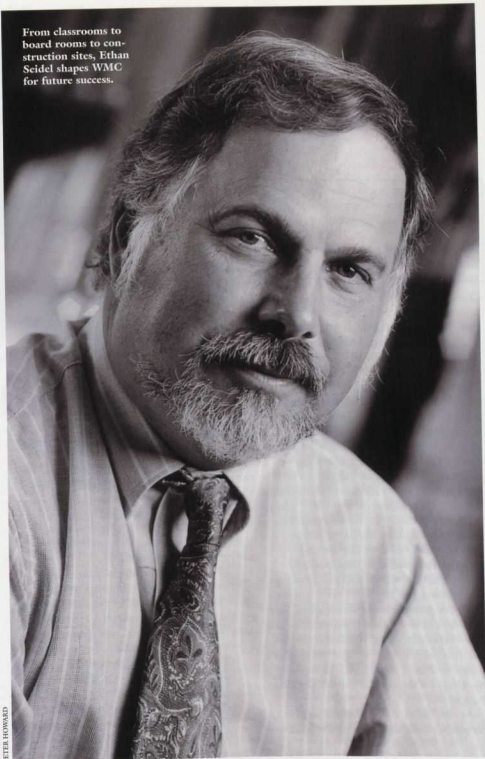
believe that every time we can find a better way to finance a new academic building so that the building ends up with more educational features to benefit students, we've accomplished something. It's not just dollars and cents; there's a real sense of accomplishment. We've put a lot of effort and work into upgrading the college's academic buildings and residence halls in recent years, and as a result, we've seen student enrollment rise by 25 percent. I believe that represents a much greater reward than just a bigger dividend if you're a stockholder of some corporation.

**How does the Consumer Price Index relate to tuition increases? Are there other benchmarks WMC reviews to remain competitive?**

We actually follow the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) in setting policies for the college. The HEPI is one of many price indices published by the government and is not simply the price of going to college, rather it tracks the prices colleges have to pay in order to operate, just as the Consumer Price Index deals with prices that consumers pay.

We follow the HEPI to get a sense as to whether we are controlling our costs at Western Maryland, but we also follow it to get a sense of what we're facing in terms of what we will have to pay to hire faculty, to pay for utilities for the campus, to buy food to feed the student body and other major expenses that affect the operating budget.

Actually for the past five years we have held annual increases in total costs, including tuition, room and board, to a maximum of four percent. This reflects a policy set in the college's long range plan which was approved by the board of trustees. The plan calls for us to not exceed four percent in the foreseeable future. We are being sensitive to the fact that consumer prices are not rising more than three or four percent and we're trying to stay close to that.



PETER HORNBERG

**The public's anxiety about college prices has risen sharply in recent years. What measures does Western Maryland take to be both affordable and accountable to students and their families?**

There's been a lot of attention on college costs, including a Congressional hearing and report on the topic within the past year. Prospective students and their families should remember to not make a judgment of what college will cost until they find out what kind of financial aid is available and

what financial aid they may be specifically eligible for. The Congressional study pointed out that a high percentage of students are eligible for aid, either based on demonstrated need or earned through academic achievement. When you factor financial aid in, most will discover that the actual cost is likely to be much lower than the announced price.

Here's a point of fact at Western Maryland. When we factor in financial aid programs of all types over the past five years,



Capital improvements nearing \$25 million yield dividends of increased student enrollment and retention, according to CFO Seidel.



PETER HOWARD

the cost of attending Western Maryland has risen less than two percent a year, which is way below the inflation rate.

#### Why does the college have an Enrollment Management Committee, and what is its role?

One of the primary functions of this campus committee (membership includes the Provost, Vice President of Administration and Finance, Dean of Admissions, Director of Financial Aid, Assistant Treasurer and Director of Financial Planning and a Trustee as appointed by the Board) is to study the cost of attending WMC and make recommendations to the Budget Committee of the college as to any changes to tuition, room and board costs. The budget process begins each year in October with the recommendation on what tuition, room and board costs will be for the next academic year as voted upon by the trustees at their fall meeting. We make this decision early in the year to inform families of both current and prospective students so that they have a clear picture of what it will cost to attend Western Maryland.

The committee looks at more than just price and how it interacts with enrollment. The cost of attending WMC has the potential to affect the number of students who will choose to attend. This has a ripple effect on the college's total operating budget.

As my former economics students will remember from my lectures, the total rev-

enue is the price you charge multiplied by the quantity of items that you sell, so the number of students that attend, as well as the price of attending, determines nearly 70 percent of the college's revenue.

The Enrollment Management Committee reviews our financial aid policy and establishes parameters for the amount of support we can afford to offer, and balances that capital commitment against our predictions to attract academically talented prospective students, as well as retain upperclassmen and the capacities of classrooms and residence halls.

No matter how careful your analyses of these factors there is slippage to the positive or negative side. In the current year the retention rate increased markedly (WMC has its highest retention of first-year students in 10 years) due to all the steps we've taken to improve the quality of education and campus life experience.

Frankly, the committee's work is not just revenue-based policy setting. If there's an opportunity to give someone an education, it's a waste not to give that education. At

the same time, we are at capacity now, and as we constantly bump against it, this makes enrollment management a more difficult job to carry out. We walk a tightrope to adopt strategies that attempt to yield just the right number of students at the right cost of education.

#### Define how the cost of an education is different from the price?

The cost of an education varies with the individual situation. It is very unusual in the for-profit operation for the cost or the price of the product to be geared to the ability to pay. This is the standard in higher education. If by price we mean the list price we find in the catalog (the Congressional report referred to this figure as the sticker price), this published amount is quite different from the price paid.

Need-based and merit-based aid approximates \$13 million of WMC's \$45 million operating budget and when spread out among the entire student body provides a major reduction over the price that is actually paid. That's why it is so important that prospective students and their families thoroughly explore every avenue for financial support from the colleges as well as other sources.

At Western Maryland College we embrace the "need-blind" policy in admitting students, which simply defined states that the ability to pay is not a factor in accepting or denying admission. The admissions process here does not take into consideration a student's ability to afford a WMC education. Once a student is admitted we try to find ways to make it work. Some students pay less or more than others.

Competition among colleges for the best students has led to price reductions related

#### WMC TUITION & FEES

<i>Fall</i>	<i>Tuition</i>	<i>Room &amp; Board</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>% Change</i>
1995	\$15,300	\$5,365	\$20,665	3.92
1996	\$16,125	\$5,365	\$21,490	3.99
1997	\$16,850	\$5,350	\$22,200	3.30
1998	\$17,730	\$5,350	\$23,080	3.96
1999	\$18,650	\$5,350	\$24,000	3.99

Comprehensive costs at WMC have been held to under four percent during the past five years. Need-based and merit-based financial aid approximates \$13 million of WMC's \$45 million operating budget. A range of scholarships and financing options—including grants, loans and campus employment—can help make a WMC education affordable for every admitted student and can help make it a great value, too.

*The value of a WMC education continues to grow ... Investing in human capital is one of the best investments you can make.'*

—Ethan Seidel,  
Vice President for Administration and Finance

to ability. You shouldn't believe that if your family is doing reasonably well from an economic perspective, you will not be able to get any kind of financial support at Western Maryland. That is not necessarily true if you are a good student and have a strong academic record. There is an extensive scholarship program related to academic performance. This is another reason why there exists a large gap in some cases between the advertised costs and what an individual student will pay.

#### **Why doesn't Western Maryland eliminate financial aid and charge everyone the same?**

For the complete answer, one needs to enroll in a course in microeconomics. The short answer is if you simply charge everyone the average price that students who attend WMC are now paying, that would be a financial benefit to everyone now paying above the average price, and of course, those are people who are better able to pay. Conversely, it would be a financial detriment to those paying below the average price because to a large extent the reason they are paying below the price is because they can't afford to pay the average price. So if we have one price for all, it is a certainty that we would have fewer students, and we certainly would have a different mix of students. A less diverse student body would detract from the current educational experience.

You can charge one price, but in the end WMC would end up with a smaller student body and fewer resources which would jeopardize our ability to provide quality education to a diverse student population.

#### **What strategies have been employed to increase the college's endowment over the past few years?**

Our role in Administration and Finance is to see that the corpus of the endowment is wisely invested so that we can take growth from the endowment to improve the educational experience.

We seek to hire the best professional management we can get. It simply requires outside expertise. The college has a good trustee investment committee whose role it

is to oversee our endowment managers.

As a college that has been here for 130 years, we want to maximize our return, but we don't want to take too much risk. Finally, we have an inflation adjusted, rolling average withdrawal policy based on total return with a cap policy that limits the amount of funds we withdraw in any year for the operations of the college. The percentage fluctuates and is set ultimately by a combination of things with safeguards to protect the endowment and ensure its growth for future generations.

#### **How has the value of the college's education improved?**

From my view as an economist, I recently saw a study that says the income gap between the college-educated and the those without a college education has grown tremendously. It's related to the surge in technology that has occurred in our society. It further stresses the importance of a college education as a great investment over one's lifetime.

What you really have to consider, economically speaking, is the present value of the future earnings that an education generates, and all the data that is coming out indicates that that investment is more essential than ever. In this light, the value of a WMC education continues to grow and is more important than ever. It should be looked at as a capital investment and an investment in human capital. Investing in human capital is one of the best investments anybody can make.

My bottom line assessment is that Western Maryland College was a great place to be when I came here 30 years ago, and it's a great place to be now. We continue to strive to be the best we can, and I believe that we're succeeding.

There's a vibrancy in what's happening here and it's reflected in the record number of student applications we are receiving, the record size of our entering classes and the size of the total student body, our largest ever in college history. This amazing growth in size has occurred while the grade point averages and the high school SATs have also been increasing. It's a good time to be at Western Maryland. ●

## **Getting the Message Out: College is Possible**

Western Maryland College joined the Coalition of America's Colleges and Universities in a national education campaign launched in October to improve the public's understanding about financing a college education.

This campaign is in response to survey research released in May that showed that while parents and students value a college education, many dramatically overestimate the price—often by as much as 200 percent—and underestimate the resources that are available to them to help pay for college.

Educational expenses are clearly a point of concern for many families of college students. Most people do not realize that there is \$60 billion available to students in financial aid from federal, state, local and institutional sources to help them meet college bills. Seven out of ten full-time students nationwide qualify for financial aid; many receive a substantial amount. At private colleges like Western Maryland, for example, the average undergraduate receives \$9,700 to help pay for college, reducing their expenses by almost half.

The campaign, called "College Is Possible," is supported by a website ([www.CollegeIsPossible.org](http://www.CollegeIsPossible.org)), the U.S. Department of Education's special toll-free number for college information (1-800-433-3242) and a comprehensive resource guide.

WMC's Financial Aid Office welcomes calls and visits from students and their families who need assistance. Since every family has unique financial circumstances, the college offers individual counseling to help each develop a financing plan that will make it possible to afford a Western Maryland education.

For more information about payment plans, scholarships and need-based aid, call 410/857-2233.

# Development

## NEWS

### SENIORS GIVE CLASS GIFT TO RICHWINE ROOM

The Class of 1998 raised \$854 as part of their Senior Pride campaign to help support the purchase of tables and chairs for the Eleanor and Keith Richwine Special Collections Reading Room, located on the second level of Hoover Library. The room features the Richwine's collection of Beat Generation and Jack Kerouac memorabilia, as well as signed editions by American literary giants like H.L. Mencken, Dorothy Parker and Sinclair Lewis. It also holds collections from and published works by people connected with the college.

Inaugurated by the Class of 1981, the senior class gift, made possible through the generosity of individual class members, has become a college tradition. Organized by the graduating class, it provides an opportunity for the seniors to "leave something behind" and to memorialize the accomplishments of the class during its years on the Hill. •

### WMC IN THE CITY

"What do Yale, Ohio State, Vanderbilt, USDA, NIST and the NCJ have in common?"

"What do Harvard Medical School, Wake Forest Medical School, Knox College, Muhlenberg College and Hofstra have in common?"

"What do Columbia, Cornell, Princeton, Purdue, Michigan State, Northwestern, Rochester, Rockefeller and Stanford have in common?"



The answer to all three, according to Richard Smith, professor of chemistry and this year's recipient of the WMC Distinguished Teaching Award, is Western Marylanders. The correct answers to these questions are respectively: WMC faculty have spent sabbaticals at these institutions in the past 25 years; WMC science majors are on the faculties; and WMC chemistry majors have earned doctorates at these prestigious universities.

These questions were posed to more than 50 New York area alumni gathered on September 23 at Manhattan's Penn Club to celebrate the on-going success of college's Defining Moment \$40 million campaign which includes construction of the \$13.4 million science center. President Robert Chambers also spoke of recent accomplishments by faculty and students and the impressive improvements to the academic facilities since the launch of the compre-



The Empire State Building reflected green and gold as a vibrant group of alumni gathered to celebrate WMC and learn about the college's vision for the future. Among the guests at the Penn Club were (clockwise from top left): Chemistry professor Rick Smith ter Fredi '78; Rick Smith, President Chambers, Kash Wright '99, Fred Eckhardt '48 and daughter Kief; Brian Shepherd '93, Ed Veprovsky '93 and Peter Brownrigg '94 and Vice President Rich '26, Pat Shank '87, President Chambers, Peter Brownrigg '94, Dan Seahold '88 and Mandy Hofstetter '99.

hensive campaign. Campaign efforts have raised \$35 million to date toward a \$40 million goal with some 14 months remaining for alumni and friends to make new commitments or increase their support. •

# News

From Alumni

## Five Alumni Honored for WMC Service

Five dedicated WMCers were given Meritorious Service Awards at the Alumni Banquet May 30 for their demonstrated devotion to the college and the Alumni Association.

**Sally Gold '78** began her 20 years of service to the college as a sophomore helping with the Alumni Fund campaign by stuffing envelopes and working phonathons. She has served on numerous committees, including those for the National Fund, Reunion Fund, Class Reunion and Young Alumni Affairs. She has been Class Chairman and Chapter Coordinator, as well as president of the Alumni Association and Visitor to the Board of Trustees. A Trustee since 1996, Gold has served on the Reunion Task Force Committee and will lead the National Annual Fund Committee as chair until 1999. She has been Class Agent for the past six years.

Class president since 1978, **William M. McCormick '73** was director of Alumni Council in 1972, chaired the Young Alumni Committee from 1975 to 1976 and served on the Class Reunion and Reunion Fund committees. He was also a Career Services volunteer in 1993 and represented his classmates as Class Agent for five years.

Working tirelessly as a member of the Board of Trustees since 1980, **M. Lee Rice '43** Sc.D. '83, served as Trustee

Chair from 1991-96, challenging years in the life of the college. He was a member of the Class Reunion Committee in 1998, as well as a Physical Dimension Campaign worker from 1982 to 1983.

Known as the unofficial WMC sports historian to his classmates, **John "Nemo" Robinson Sr. '43** is vice president of his class. He has been involved with the Sports Hall of Fame Committee as chair from 1985 to 1986, as well as a member and a consultant. He was director of the Alumni Council from 1959 to 1962, as well as a member of the Reunion Fund and Class Reunion committees. He worked as a phonathoner in 1987 and 1993, and was a worker on the Physical Dimension Campaign from 1983 to 1984.

**R. Christine Royer '48** has worked diligently to encourage alumni to share some of their financial rewards with the college. She has given over a decade of alumna service working on everything from the Physical Dimension to the Defining Moment campaigns. A Trustee since 1994, Royer has served as chair of the Annual Fund Founders Society, chair of the Annual Fund Committee and, most recently, chair of the Reunion Task Force Committee, which introduced a new plan for reunion programming. She was also a Class Agent from 1994 to 1996, and served on the Class Reunion Committee for two years. ●



C. KURT HOUTER

## Greetings from New Alumni President

Hello Fellow Alumni,  
It is my pleasure to serve as your 1998 alumni president. As a member of the Class of '68, my memories include women's curfews at 12 p.m. on weeknights and family-style dinners of fried chicken, homemade pies and unforgettable cloverleaf rolls. It was hard to avoid "freshman spread," except for the dinner nights of "mystery meat," "mounds of joy" and chicken livers. Most every student said "hello" when walking past one another, and Blanche Ward and McDaniel were female-only dorms.

The campus has certainly changed. The beautiful library, the expansive physical education center and the future science hall will bring us proudly into the new millennium.

I hope you will return to campus for Homecoming October 17. We all have full

schedules and need the stress relief of laughter and relaxation with past classmates and friends.

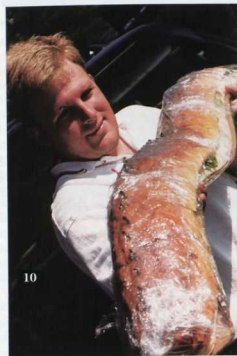
The Alumni Council will meet November 2. These open meetings are designed to share chapter information and disseminate details of the Trustee meetings to the alumni membership.

Past President Fred Eckhardt's '48 sense of humor and deep caring for the college and everyone associated with it were evident at all social gatherings and meetings. I could count on his encouragement for any task requiring our presence. Thank you, Fred.

"The Hill" is always seeking ways to bring alumni back to campus. The quality of today's education reflects positively on our own degrees. Encourage high school students to consider WMC, and make colleagues and friends aware of our alma mater. I look forward to serving you in the months ahead.

Fondly,  
Kathleen M. Rittler '68





## Top 10 Reasons Alumni Come Back to the Hill

1. Win the big game (WMC 38—Dickinson 20).
2. Show off the newborns.
3. Give WMC President Robert Chambers advice (while he's riding in the parade with Jim Saylor).
4. Show your true (stars and) stripes in the parade (seniors Miesha Queen and Jessica Boehman).
5. Get fancy awards (alumni honorees Roxanne Benjovs McClanahan '89 and James Lightner '59).
6. Get happy (Sophomores Charlsie Lashley, Jamie Falcone and Bianca Locke-Wilson).
7. Cheer on the teams.
8. Turn back into a Terror—and parade through town.
9. Wear your 50-year-old letter sweater (Bill Seibert '49 holds the oldest WMC football record, while son Dave '78 marks 20 years coaching on the football staff).
10. Three words: six-foot hoagies.

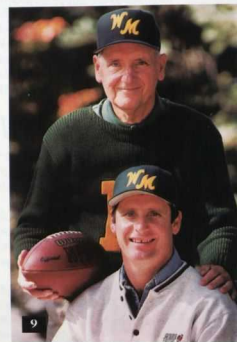


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### Ward Arch Turns 100

Ward Memorial Arch, the rough-hewn stone entryway to campus, has long been one of the most recognizable features of Western Maryland College. This year, we celebrate the 100th birthday of the arch, built in 1898 in memory of Dr. James T. Ward, the first president of the college. It was a gift from his niece, Ulie Norment Hurley, and originally stood at the entrance of College Drive between the President's House and McDaniel Hall. Built in the days of horse and buggy, the arch proved too narrow for modern traffic and was moved to its present spot, the south-end of campus at the corner of Main and Union streets, in 1937.



**Built in the days of horse and buggy, the arch proved too narrow for modern traffic.**

How do you move a stone arch? It can be tricky. The following is a recollection by Phil Uhrig, director of alumni



affairs emeritus, of how local stone mason Harry Ditman and his crew moved the arch, beginning in the fall of 1936.

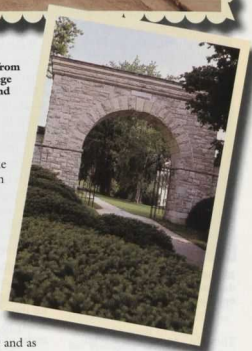
"Harry told me that he devised a numbering system for the stones to aid with reconstruction. As each stone was removed, it was given a number painted on the surface

with a solution of lamp black and kerosene. But as an added precaution Harry made a sketch of the numbered stones on his paper lunch bag, creating an exact replica of the arch

**Ward Arch was moved from the entrance of the college to the corner of Main and Union streets in 1937.**

prior to removal. The plan was to place all the numbered stones down at the new location and then reassemble them. All this was carried out with no problem, but before reconstruction could begin, an early heavy snowfall totally covered the stones. As the snow continued to fall and as the weather turned bitterly cold, the men decided to postpone the job until spring. It should be remembered that in that day, mortar was not treated with anti-freeze as it is now.

"With the arrival of spring, Ditman and his men returned to the stone pile to begin work on re-erecting the arch. Much to their surprise, they discovered that the winter had taken its toll. Markings had disappeared from many of the stones, making the job of



reconstruction almost impossible. But this situation did not stop the crafty old stone mason. When he went home that evening he asked his wife if she remembered that day in the fall when he had brought home his "toot" (paper bag) with the sketch on it. Yes, she remembered, and being a frugal Pennsylvania Dutch lady, had saved the bag. And so the day was saved and the arch was rebuilt with precision." ●

Chip Payne,  
Trustee and ardent  
supporter of WMC.



## In Memory of Reuben Simon Henry Holthaus

Reuben Simon Henry Holthaus came to Western Maryland College in 1946. A native of Iowa, he graduated from Morningside College and Boston University School of Theology, where he also earned master's and doctorate degrees. For 30 years he was department chairman of philosophy and religion (as it was then called). He was one of the designers of the graduate course "Trends in American



Reuben Holthaus, longtime department chairman of philosophy and religion.

Thought" and taught it regularly each semester and summer until retirement in 1976. In philosophy, he was particularly devoted to his "Ethics" course, in which he exposed students to a wide variety of thinkers and issues, and loved to stimulate discussion.

It was in the area of Asian studies that Reuben made his most distinctive contribution to the college. In 1963 he received a Ford Foundation fellowship to attend an Asian

Studies Summer Institute in Hawaii. Three years later he coordinated a Summer Institute in Asian History at the college and during his 1968 sabbatical went to Japan to study Buddhism, Shintoism and several new religions in Japan. He not only developed a new curriculum in Asian studies that attracted a large number of students, but he spearheaded a non-Western requirement as part of the students' total four-year load and inspired other departments to offer courses in Eastern and Southeastern cultures.

Reuben was utterly devoted to the college throughout his life. As a young faculty member, he and his wife Lucile chaperoned many a school dance in Gill Gymnasium. Students were welcomed to their home for picnics and discussions on a regular basis. In letters received from students on the occasion of his retirement, the most frequent description of Reuben was friendly, understanding, accepting, and supportive.

In addition, he served on almost every standing committee of the college, sought for his thoughtful manner and his ability to remain calm in the midst of faculty clamor and turmoil. He could be counted on to be a fair and reasonable voice as he strove to keep before him, and others, the broader picture and the longer view. He served on several evaluation teams for other colleges and was commended by the vice president of one such institution for his outstanding service.

One of the most vivid memories of Reuben is that of his service as college marshal. For

years, his presence as a veritable patriarch at all occasions of pomp and circumstance was enjoyed, admired and became expected. The gentle giant, who could wield an ax in the woods like Paul Bunyan even in his later years, gave a special dignity to the office of marshal that has long been remembered.

Thank you, Reuben, for your legacy. In the words of President Ralph John at the time of your retirement, "You have to be among the good Lord's most elect."

Robert H. Hartman,  
Professor of Philosophy and  
Religious Studies Emeritus

## Trustee Payne Passes On

Eloise Chipman Payne, Class of 1938 and a member of the Board of Trustees, passed away in Towson on May 27 at the age of 82.

Chip, as she was affectionately called by both family and friends, was a registered dietician for 28 years and served as supervisor for the Baltimore City School Food Service. Her supervision of 1,300 employees, the majority of whom had not completed high school, helped her realize the value of education and become a committed advocate for higher education. Through her encouragement and assistance, many of those employees earned their high school equivalency diplomas and college degrees. Her membership on the board of American School Food Service Association as the first chairman of its national certification program enabled her to further assist employees.

Mrs. Payne wrote numerous articles for the *American Food Services Journal* and served as president of the Maryland Dietetic Association and the Maryland School Food Association. In 1976 she garnered national recognition when the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded her the National School Lunch 30-Year Service Award.

Following her retirement in 1976, Mrs. Payne became one of the college's most enthusiastic and effective volunteers. In 1978 she was named to its Board of Trustees and received the Alumni Meritorious Service Award. In 1982 she was elected president of the Alumni Association and served on the search committee for the appointment of college President Robert Chambers.

During her decades of service to the college, Mrs. Payne held nearly every major office and received every major award an alumnus can merit. She was a tireless fund raiser for the college and served as the National Chair of the Annual Fund in 1990 when the fund broke all records.

Her most enduring legacy is the Eloise Chipman Payne Scholarship Fund, which she and her husband John created in 1986 to provide annual support to students exhibiting academic excellence and high moral character.

Mrs. Payne, whose ancestors arrived on the Mayflower, was born in Harrington, Del. She graduated from Harrington High School in 1934 and also earned certificates from the University of Maryland, Cornell, Rutgers and Kansas State universities.

## College Organist Evelyn Hering Remembered

I've known Evelyn for over thirty years, but because of her warm personality (some might call it her "southern charm"), I feel as if I have known her all my life. She came to Western Maryland College in the fall of 1951 to be an instructor in music. In 1955, married and expecting her first child, she resigned to devote her energies to raising four children: Eddie, Cathy, Patty, and Margie. She returned to teach full time in



**Evelyn Hering, music instructor and college organist.**

1966, a position she would hold for 28 years.

Evelyn took on the role of college organist when her colleague Oliver Spangler became the director of the College Choir; and for at least one year she also directed the choir, as well as the women's Glee Club, chorus, and the College Choristers. She often had private organ students and followed their careers long after graduation, proud that a number of them held significant positions in churches and schools. Evelyn also attended all campus musical perfor-

mances and sat through, or accompanied, countless student recitals and juries.

Hours of practice and research went into Evelyn's work. She was a remarkable accompanist, serving the college choir for 25 years. She had a delightful sense of humor and enjoyed working with people to help them understand and appreciate music; this made her an excellent choir and ensemble director who sought the best from her singers and whose temperament was such that her singers gave her their best as well.

Evelyn had a level-headed approach to college issues and set high standards for her students. The following words always appeared on her course syllabi, summarizing Evelyn's philosophy of teaching music: "The student's achievement in this course is determined, ultimately, by life itself. The prime goal is to open up new horizons for the student, to reveal to them the wonder of art, and to stir their emotion and imagination." Her courses spanned the musical spectrum from "Music Appreciation" to the "Music of Oceania," and she was constantly studying and attending workshops looking for new ideas and teaching techniques.

Her calm, good humored approach to life and to her profession made her a popular teacher and adviser; many students sought her out for counsel for she was a very good listener. It should be noted, however, that for all of her genuine sweetness and friendliness, she was no pushover. I often likened her to a "steel magnolia." She was a demanding teacher; indeed, the only complaints she ever received were

## All in the Family

Incoming WMC students and their alumni parents and grandparents gathered on campus August 27 for the orientation program for new students.

Row 1 (l-r): Laura McKenna '02, Danielle Kahn '02, Frank Brown IV '00, Jack Griffith '02, Ben Graff '02, Tamara Hall '02, Pat Danaher '02.

Row 2: Bob Garrity '56 (grandfather to Laura McKenna), Karen Farina Kehm '74, Frank Brown III '37 (grandfather to Frank IV), William Griffith '70, Sandra Sullivan Graff '74, Diane Poole '78 (guardian to Tamara Hall), David Danaher MS'97.

Row 3: Robert Bennett III '02 with his grandfather Robert Bennett '36.

Members of the WMC family tree not pictured include: Richard Adams, WMC Trustee, and Kimberly Adams '02; Deborah Byron Carswell '73 and Holly '01 and Rebecca '02 Carswell; Connie Clarke MEd'85 and Erin Marie Clarke '02; Connie Nipple Harnum MEd'70 and Matthew William Delbaugh '02; Joseph Donovan '70 and Michael Jared Donovan '02; Mary Bowden Mascari '66 and John Timothy Mascari '02; Thomas Mavity '71 and Katie Mavity '02; Lois Thompson Hammer '36 and granddaughter Elizabeth Arianna Meade '02; Clifford Merchant '69 and Kristen Eileen Merchant '02; Scott Peters '80 and Todd Erik Peters '02; Joann Donnelly Pilachowski '73 and Christi Jean Pilachowski '00; Edward '77 and Valerie Dalrymple '77 Rollins and Edward Ellis Rollins '02.

that her courses were "too hard." One student commented, "She teaches like a grandma and tests like a Nazi!"

Evelyn was a true professional in every sense of the word: master teacher, excellent musician, creative director, sympathetic adviser and counselor to both students and colleagues. She spent her professional life at Western Maryland College and enjoyed this long and dedicated association. Her warm, engaging smile always told us she was glad to be part of our college family and, as she once said, "grateful for the opportunity to relate to people through teaching."

I will remember Evelyn

Winfrey as one of those special individuals who had a significant impact on the college, its students, faculty, and staff. She endeared herself to us all by her openness, sincerity, graciousness, and good humor; she always looked forward with an optimistic spirit and a radiant, serene smile; and she has given us all a wonderful example of courage as she ultimately dealt with and accepted her final illness. We give thanks that she passed our way and touched our lives so deeply. She will truly be missed.

James E. Lightner,  
Professor of Mathematics  
Emeritus



## In Memoriam

Mrs. Nellie Royer Mulligan '17, of Snow Hill, Md., on May 20, 1998.  
Mr. John T. Ward '19, of Portland, Ore., on February 20, 1998.  
Mrs. Rebecca Moffett Frederick '21, of Sellersville, Pa., on January 18, 1998.  
Mrs. Myrtle Lankford Todd '22, of Princess Anne, Md., on March 17, 1998.  
Mr. Paul R. Kelbaugh '25, of Rothesay, Canada, on February 11, 1998.  
Mrs. Page Turner Furth '26, of Southern Pines, N.C., on April 14, 1998.  
Mrs. Marjorie McWilliams Richter '26, of Westminster, Md., on August 11, 1998.  
Miss Helen G. Wheeler '29, of Chevy Chase, Md., on January 24, 1998.  
Col. William C. Pelton '30, of State College, Pa., on July 6, 1998.  
Mrs. Helen Eckard Bowler '31, of Silver Spring, Md., on May 7, 1998.  
Miss Margaret E. Hamilton '31, of Frostburg, Md., on January 3, 1998.  
Mrs. Virtue Shockey Clopper '32, of Smithsburg, Md., on September 12, 1997.  
Mr. Harold W. Kopp '33, of Narragansett, R.I., on May 10, 1998.  
Mr. Howard W. Cantwell Jr. '35, of Baltimore, Md., on December 23, 1997.  
Mrs. Gladys Jones Kuhlmann '35, of New York, N.Y., on December 8, 1997.  
Mrs. Amelia Annan Mowbray-Clarke '35, of Silver Spring, Md., on December 13, 1996.  
Mrs. Isabelle McWilliams Drugash '37, of Seaford, Del., on July 13, 1998.  
Mrs. Marion Millender Malone '38, of Fort Pierce, Fla., on March 14, 1998.  
Col. Anthony H. Ortenzi '38, of Maitland, Fla., on April 16, 1998.  
Mrs. Eloise Chapman Payne '38, of Towson, Md., on May 27, 1998.  
Mrs. Kathleen Messenger Sherman '38, of Melbourne, Fla., on May 31, 1998.  
Mrs. Ludean Bankard Weisser '38, of Columbia, Pa., on January 30, 1998.  
Mrs. Laura Bredren Elseroad '40, of Ijamsville, Md., on June 9, 1998.  
Mr. John E. Thompson '40, of Frederick, Md., on April 29, 1998.  
Mrs. Nellie Blonsky Hilton '41, of Cumberland, Md., on January 23, 1998.  
Mrs. Mary Brown Sherman '41, of Spruce Pine, N.C., on March 24, 1998.  
Mrs. Shirley Reese Brown '42, of Crawford, Wis., on May 6, 1998.  
Dr. Cameron Ore '42, of Lakehurst, N.J., on May 14, 1998.  
Miss Alice T. Behlmer '43, of Buffalo, N.Y., on July 24, 1997.  
Miss M. Caroline Gable '43, of Stewartstown, Pa., on February 17, 1998.  
Mrs. Dorothy Cox Liebno '43, of

Baltimore, Md., on May 19, 1998.  
Mr. William H. Harrington '44, of Lovettsville, Va., on November 14, 1997.  
Mrs. Martha Libis Hitchens '47, of Lewes, Del., on April 10, 1998.  
Mr. Thomas C. Mulligan '48, of Snow Hill, Md., on June 26, 1992.  
Mr. Thomas R. Dashiell '50, of Frederick, Md., on May 4, 1998.  
Dr. Stephen W. DeJeter '50, of Kensington, Md., on April 16, 1998.  
Mr. Attilio Margarita '50, of Sacramento, Calif., on April 17, 1998.  
Mr. Harry C. Schreck '50, of York, Pa., on May 13, 1998.  
Dr. Ralph J. Gorten '51, of Nassau Bay, Texas, on September 20, 1997.  
Mrs. Imogene Weybright Yast '52, of Reisterstown, Md., on June 22, 1998.  
Rev. Wesley L. Gebhard '53, of Erie, Mich., on March 25, 1997.  
Miss Frances A. Wilson '53, of Street, Md., on November 10, 1997.  
Mr. John E. Jannuzzi MED '56, of Chambersburg, Pa., on June 17, 1998.  
Mr. Franklin M. Shaw '57, of New Market, Md., on May 19, 1998.  
Mr. H. Gordon Hurlbrink '58, of Cockeysville, Md., on August 16, 1998.  
Miss Lillian Marie Zahradka '62, of Baltimore, Md., on November 10, 1997.  
Mr. David H. Humphrey '63, of Bethlehem, Pa., on April 30, 1998.  
Dr. Robert D. Price '64, of Harwood, Md., on March 13, 1998.  
Mrs. Lena Frances Thomas Flatter '65, of Baltimore, Md., on November 4, 1997.  
Dr. Ellis Turk '65, of Baltimore, Md., on August 15, 1998.  
Mrs. Virginia Lages Baker MED '66, of Sun City Center, Fla., on June 14, 1998.  
Mr. B. Duane Lins '66, of Columbia, S.C., on September 8, 1997.  
Miss Christine D. Kazmer '70, of Baltimore, Md., on April 8, 1996.  
Mrs. Eleanor Bartlett Therien MS'76, of Westminster, Md., on June 29, 1998.  
Mr. J. Raymond Mathias MED '78, of Westminster, Md., on May 11, 1998.  
Mrs. Geraldine Lane Wu '78, of Westminster, Md., on June 1, 1998.  
Mr. Ronald D. Parker '80, of Thurmont, Md., on July 7, 1998.  
Mrs. Jennifer Walsh Hawes '87, of Beaverton, Ore., on July 30, 1998.  
Dr. Reuben S. Holthaus, professor of philosophy emeritus, of Westminster, Md., on April 24, 1998.  
Mrs. Evelyn Hering Winfrey, associate professor of music emerita, of Westminster, Md., on July 21, 1998.  
Dr. William A. Macdonald, past professor of art history, of Butler, Pa., on February 27, 1998.  
The Honorable Louis L. Goldstein, honorary doctor of laws '1973, of Prince Frederick, Md., on July 3, 1998.

## Marriages

Charlotte Heagy Bright '50 to Byron Hollinger on April 13, 1998. They reside in San Antonio, Texas.  
Ellie Lawson Connor '56 to Bill Ellington on October 10, 1997. They reside in Hershey, Pa.  
Nancy Retter Stockdale '56 to Frank Metrick on April 25, 1998. They reside in Westminster, Md.  
Ron Clawson '69 to Jeanne Marie McClure on June 13, 1998. They reside in Kearneysville, W.Va.  
Dave Petrucci '73 to Paulette Shockey in May 1997. They reside in Frederick, Md.  
Denise Giangola '78 to Michael Courbon on February 14, 1998. They reside in Laurel, Md.  
Sarah Jabrles '86 to Ted Kenyan on July 26, 1997. They reside in Princeton, N.J.  
Grant Keinig '88 to Linda Natozi on September 28, 1997. They reside in Frederick, Md.  
Tara Stevenson '88 to Russell McEvoy on November 23, 1996. They reside in Baltimore, Md.  
Miriam Pipes '90, MS'94 to Rick Krumrine on July 13, 1998. They reside in Taneytown, Md.  
David Wessel Jr. '90 to Veronica Murphy on July 25, 1998. They reside in Towson, Md.  
Christine Houlihan '91 to Richard Schlover on September 6, 1997. They reside in Mountretown, N.J.  
Lia Jenkins '91 to John Stene '92 on April 4, 1998. They reside in Columbia, Md.  
Jennifer Ann O'Hara '91 to Louis Swerlitsch III on May 23, 1998. They reside in Catsaqua, Pa.  
Andrea Pinkham '91 to Erik Martz on September 6, 1997. They reside in Media, Pa.  
Jim Secker '91 to Valerie McMullen in October 1997. They reside in Rockville, Md.  
Sean Via '91 to Kelly Callahan on May 16, 1998. They reside in Keensburg, Colo.  
Melissa Denney '92 to Jeremy Haack on July 11, 1998. They reside in Baltimore, Md.  
Drew Richards '92 to Andrea Sweency '93 in June 1998. They reside in Wayne, Pa.  
Dean Scannell '92 to Robin Ann Butler on April 4, 1998. They reside in Baltimore, Md.  
Charles Hammond Jr. '93 to Kelly Maher '95 on June 27, 1998. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.  
Jennifer Johnson '93 to Steven Michael Hoffman on September 20, 1997. They reside in Ellicott City, Md.  
Sabra Karr '93 to Will Dator on September 6, 1997. They reside in Mahwah, N.J.  
Lisa Rossignol '93 to Don Joy Jr. on September 13, 1997. They reside in Baltimore, Md.  
Tim Smith '93 to Beth Zawadzki '95 in July 1997. They reside in South Charlestown, W.Va.  
Matthew Fuhrman '95 to Andrea Kolesar '96 on April 18, 1998. They reside in Sykesville, Md.

Junko Honda '95 to David Young on September 6, 1997. They reside in West Friendship, Md.  
Michele Smith '95 to Daniel Devine on October 4, 1997. They reside in Iselin, N.J.  
Tiffany Barbera '96 to Randall Poth on April 25, 1998. They reside in Westminster, Md.  
David Masenheimer Jr. '96 to Brita Wagner '97 on April 18, 1998. They reside in Hanover, Pa.  
Heather Smith '96 to Charles Mader in April 1997. They reside in Manchester, Md.  
Laura Liggett '97 to Clifford Franck '98 on April 25, 1998. They reside in Hanover, Pa.  
Scott Morsberger '97 to Jill Yanke on May 23, 1998. They reside in Westminster, Md.

## Births

Monica Renee, Gabriel Joseph and Eric Paul Douglass, on June 8, 1998, to Tom '54 and Lisa Green-Douglass.  
Daniel Jared Norment, on March 21, 1998, to John '76 and Marilyn Norment.  
Andrew Hynson, on December 15, 1997, to David '78 and Joan Hughes '81 Hynson.  
Edward Eubank, adopted in September 1997, by Thomas and Alice Frey '79 Eubank.  
Jamie Lynn Teramani, on January 27, 1997, to James '79 and JoLynn Teramani.  
Nora Wahlbrink, in July 1997, to Jeff '86 and Barbara Forrey '81 Wahlbrink.  
Emma Koepen, on September 2, 1997, to Peter '82 and Penny Koepen.  
Anne Elizabeth Edwards Leatherman, on January 19, 1998, to Gary Leatherman and Toni Edwards '82.  
Benjamin Alexander Wandishin, on March 3, 1998, to John '82 and Susan King '83 Wandishin.  
Giulia Balentine, on April 6, 1997, to Jerry '83 and Paola Balentine.  
Michael and Joseph Cornwall, on July 8, 1997, to Bruce and Michele Horvitz '83 Cornwall.  
Elizabeth DeBeer, on August 30, 1997, to Robert '83 and Gina DeBeer.  
Jacob Grant, on November 3, 1997, to Darryl '83 and Susan Grant.  
Nicholas Riley Hout, on April 24, 1997, to Christopher and Rixey Lebehr '83 Hout.  
Grace Olivia Houser, on October 20, 1997, to David Houser and Cynthia Brauk '83.  
Christopher James Sturiale, on May 21, 1997, to Steve '83 and Kristin Sturiale.  
Joseph Riner, on July 7, 1997, to James '84 and Linda Riner.  
Meghan Suzanne Kelley, on August 4, 1997, to David and Mary Ellen Miskelly '85 Kelley.

**Alexandra Longest**, on January 12, 1998, to Timothy Longest and Denise Kennedy '85.

**Adam Ashburn Sarosny**, on February 10, 1998, to Craig '85 and Linda Ashburn '87 Sarosny.

**Taylor Reese Casey**, on April 27, 1998, to Johnny and Teresa Price '86 Casey.

**Elizabeth Lea Dolan**, on February 23, 1997, to Edward and Leslie Stinchcomb '86 MS'88 Dolan.

**Molly Ruth Donald**, in April 1998, to Jerry '86 and Beverly Donald.

**Sophia Katsoulas**, on August 15, 1997, to Dino and Missy Arhos '86 Katsoulas.

**Katherine Ressie King**, on February 24, 1998, to Mark and Laura King '86 King.

**Rachael Anne Sadler**, on June 30, 1997, to Tim Sadler and Julie Jurd-Sadler '86.

**Maggie Michelle Lang**, on March 11, 1998, to Paul and Lynn Fangmeyer '87 Lang.

**Emily Anne Williams**, on October 14, 1997, to Steven and Kathleen Mancini '87 Williams.

**Ryan Joseph Fangmeyer**, on April 18, 1997, to Bob and Leigh Filer '88 Fangmeyer.

**Haley Jane Harford**, on January 6, 1998, to Dave and Lisa Sullivan '88 Harford.

**Ryan Thomas Harris**, on December 30, 1997, to Michael and Sheri Trivane '88 Harris.

**Katie Lynn Holland**, on March 26, 1998, to Mark and Kelly Grubb '88 Holland.

**Holden Matthew Kangas**, on November 20, 1997, to Guy '88 and Laura Kangas.

**Meghan Ann McDermott**, on May 22, 1997, to Raymond '88 and Elizabeth McDermott.

**Madeline Joanne McEvoy**, on November 28, 1997, to Russell and Tara Stevenson '88 McEvoy.

**Jordan Taylor McKelvin**, on April 3, 1997, to Michael '88 and Sandy McKelvin.

**Bridget Ann Michaels**, on December 9, 1997, to James '88 and Pamela Michaels.

**Tristan David Miller**, on January 17, 1998, to Jeffery and Lori Ebert '88 Miller.

**Allison Brooke Moltz**, on March 5, 1997, to Carl and Gina Graham '88 Moltz.

**Caroline Pate**, on April 7, 1997, to Michael and Tracey Nicoll '88 Pate.

**Joshua Michael Smith**, on July 14, 1998, to Jeff '88 and Tracey Ann Tokar '88 Smith.

**Elizabeth Hannah Terry**, on February 20, 1997, to Brian and Linda Ward '88 Terry.

**Stephanie Erin Hammann**, on June 29, 1998, to Ken '90 and Karen Hammann.

**Molly Anne McCarthy**, on May 23, 1998, to Bob '90 and Mary Baschoff '91 McCarthy.

**Clara Grace Mulle**, on October 29, 1997, to Mark '90 and Elizabeth Mulle.

**John D. Hummel**, on May 11, 1997, to John '91 and Lisa Cantie

'90 Hummel.

**Molly McConville**, on January 1, 1998, to Kevin and Megan Kane '91 McConville.

**Ryan Rippon**, on March 18, 1998, to Rick '91 and Teresa Rippon.

**Nicholas Christopher and Anthony Brennan Welsh**, on November 17, 1997, to Robert '91 and Maria Welsh.

**Andrew Kevin Woods**, on May 16, 1998, to Mike and Elise Rosen '91 Woods.

**Sarah Spire**, on March 23, 1998, to Bill '93 and Heather Wakefield '93 Spire.

**Keilly Jane Wagner**, on August 25, 1997, to John and Jane Ann Ryznar MS'93 Wagner.

**Georg Reid Wraase**, on February 18, 1998, to Reid '93 and Carolyn Roush '95 Wraase.

**Zachary David Wraase**, adopted in November 1997, by Reid '93 and Carolyn Roush '95 Wraase.

**Kayla Beth Wisotzky**, on February 23, 1998, to Todd '94 and Dianne Byerly '93 Wisotzky.

**Peyton Elizabeth Townsend**, on March 2, 1998, to Ed and Cherie Kissel MS'95 Townsend.

**Taylor Wesley Hartzel**, on February 19, 1997, to Nathan and Patrice Alderfer MS'97 Hartzel.

## Master's News

**Brian Lockard MED'69**, retiring superintendent of Carroll County Public Schools, was selected coordinator of the WMC graduate program in School Administration. As an associate professor of education, Dr. Lockard will also teach in the graduate and undergraduate education programs.

**Dr. Jean Andrews MED'77**, professor of deaf education at Lamar University, was honored as the university's top scholar with the University Scholar Award on April 22. The award is based on current significant scholarship, a history of ongoing exemplary scholarship spanning at least the five previous years; and the projected effect of the award on future scholastic accomplishments. Recognized as a national leader in her research of reading for deaf children, Dr. Andrews is also widely known for her efforts to support bilingual/bicultural education for deaf children.

**Jacalyn Lewis Powell MED'77** has been appointed principal of Eldersburg Elementary School.

**Dr. Thomasina Piercy MED'79** has been appointed principal of Mt. Airy Elementary School.

**Mark Stuart MS'94**, who has served as director of annual giving at Gettysburg College since 1994, has been promoted to assistant vice president for campaigns and special projects.

The South Western School Board has approved **Kelly Cartwright MS'97** as assistant principal of Emory H. Markle Intermediate School.

Congratulations to the following for being nominated by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce as 1998 Elementary School Outstanding

Teachers: **Pamela O'Callaghan Alexander MED'81**, **Marie Bantner MED'86**, **Loretta Leister Basler MED'78**, **Patricia Reid Barnhart '62 MLA'81**, **Barbara Clark MS'93**, **Mary Jo Cornes MED'84**, **Terry Fischer MS'96**, **Cynthia Foltz MLA'78**, **Liza Wilson Hieronimus MS'92**, **Pamela Rolt Hildenbrand MED'78**, **Melanie Gonsman Lazzelle '90 MS'96**, **Sheri Franklin Maring MED'87**, **Cheryl Warfield McDonough MS'95**, **Joanne Miller MS'94**, **Regina Richardson MS'96**, **Vicky Kelley Wilmer MS'93**.

Congratulations also to the following for being nominated by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce as 1998 Middle and High School Outstanding Teachers: **Donald**

**Abbey MED'76**, **Brenda Dutterer Baker MED'83**, **Lillian V. Barnes MED'83**, **Christine Brockman MED'83**, **Joseph Carr Jr. MS'96**, **Susan Snodgrass Case '65 MED'84**, **Jennifer Manger Dolch '89 MS'96**, **Charles Fazenbaker MED'76**, **Deborah Clarke Harbaugh MLA'82**, **John Holt MS'92**, **Martha Howells MLA'82**, **David Knight MED'78**, **Mary Nevius-Maurer '74 MLA'80**, **Joanne Gallagher Pency MS'97**, **Jill Abbott Schulz '82 MLA'87**, **Sharon Burleson Schuster MLA'82**, **Dennis A. Snyder '88 MS'96**, **Leo Totten MED'87**, **Troy Warehime MS'96**, **Timothy Whireney '89 MS'96**, and **Alan Zapp '78 MLA'93**.

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**18** Margaret Phillips Foard turned 102 on August 13. She is still able to go to church most Sundays and still does all kinds of crafts and handwork.

**36** It's time again to greet each one of you. About half of our group returned the postcards I sent out, and I think that's great. Thank you.

First, let's salute classmate **Martha Washburn Berthoff** who, with her husband, our well-remembered biology professor **Lloyd Berthoff**, lives in Westminster Village in Bloomington, Ill. On June 17 Martha celebrated her 100th birthday! (When I mentioned this to **Ray Simpson**, he said, "That makes me feel young.") I hope Martha's great achievement makes each one of us feel young.

Speaking of **Vernon "Ray" Reynolds Simpson**, he and his wife **Helen Leatherwood '38** look great each time I see them. Ray says he no longer takes trips abroad but enjoys many activities closer to home in Mt. Airy, Md., such as gardening, church and theater.

**Catherine Kephart Amos** wrote from Columbus, Ohio, that an operation a year ago did wonders to alleviate her back pain. At the time she wrote, Catherine and her family were about to have a reunion in Savannah, Ga. Don't we all love those events!

Recently **Henrietta Twigg Murray** visited me on her way home to Millington, N.J., from a gathering of the family in Cumberland Md. I was so pleased about her surprise visit. Her remark, "Age has its privileges, and I'm enjoying them all," seemed worth passing along.

After 62 years, **Lois Thompson Hammer** and I were surprised at our chance meeting recently. Lois lives in nearby Skyville, and we soon managed a full-day visit and a lot of catching up.

Word from **Marvel Jackson Simpson** is that a quiet life in a beautiful area of Fredericksburg, Va., is exactly what she most enjoys.

And, from a different direction, **Klee and Dottie Wiley '37** **Grumbine** of St. Joseph, Mich., are busy with horseback riding and cheering on their athletically gifted grandchildren. Klee expressed pleasure that during the 1997-98 winter he used his snowblower only twice. We can all wish to be so fortunate!

**Lee Irwin Cronin** in Bel Air is another fortunate person. With all her family nearby, she admits, "I'm blessed."

Speaking of family, **Mary Louise Raver Lauffer** in Finksburg, Md., is deservedly proud to report 10 great-grandchildren (and that includes triplets!). Although she misses her summers in Maine, she knows how fortunate she is to have so many of her

family close.

From **Rosalie Gilbert Valentine** comes a wish that any class member who is near Sun City, Fla., will stop in to visit with her. Rosalie recently made a trip to Salt Lake City to attend a grandson's wedding.

**Ethel Gorsuch Schneider** reports, "The best of all my activities is time spent with my six-year-old adopted Chinese granddaughter." But there's also a granddaughter planning an October 1998 wedding, a grandson who is a commercial pilot and Ethel's daughter who is now deputy director of the Smithsonian Associates programs.

Happy news from our **Bob Bennett**. Robert S. Bennett III will be a Western Maryland College student this fall. Another source of grandfathers pride is **Julia Miller**, who is working for her Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at Northwestern University.

**Jean Baer Hoseny** in Granbury, Texas, hopes that next year she can send us some good news. The recent loss of her husband is uppermost in her mind at present. Jean, we do understand and send you our sympathy.

It was a 60th wedding anniversary for **Jane Leigh** and **Franz Hartig** in 1997. They celebrated by taking a wonderful trip. This time, a tour of parks of the Southwest was their pleasure. Between their trips, they are avid sports fans, especially of local lacrosse.

Another classmate in this area is **Kay Young Mackley**. Kay says that her life at Carroll Lutheran in Westminster is very busy, but she manages to hold on to several long-term interests, especially Laubach Literacy, the worldwide "Each One Teach One" method of helping adult illiterates learn to read and write. Kay also remarks that she is glad to see that WMC is actively working for better race relations.

It is hard to imagine the **Rev. James A. Richards** of Ledgewood, N.J., sitting back while others tend his garden. Two serious falls brought about this situation, but his temporary sedentary life has not kept him from working on his second book. His autobiography was published in 1995.

**Josephine Dawson Clark**, of Lady Lake, Fla., is still keeping up with her bowling and still hopes to get to Westminster again.

**Joshua H. Cockey**, of Monkton, Md., writes of a unique experience. He and his wife had as guests the members of the last Cockey family still in England. Just as interesting, and just as important, was the recent arrival of **Josh and Lovisha's** first great-grandchild.

For her granddaughter, **Helen Ewing Harding** arranged what must have been a wonderful beach wedding. When not busy with such pleasurable events, Helen is still doing a lot of volunteer work.

**Allen and Caroline Smith '38** **Dudley** at Homewood Retirement Home in Hanover, Pa., speak of living a busy life there. When they travel, it is to visit their daughter in Fairmont, W.Va., or their sons on Ocean City and Rising Sun, Md.

Just like one of my daughters, **Thomas Evland** and Bernice planned a trip to South Dakota in July. I've gotten reports that it is truly beautiful out there, but Tom and Bernice had something even better planned, a visit with the Native American boy they sponsor. While at home in Denton, Md., Tom chairs the county of United Way and also keeps busy with church, community and county activities.

**Lucky Willette Schick**, living the good life in Miami, writes that after two knee operations since December 1997 she can at last get down without a walker. That is good news indeed. Willette also says that she is really thankful for her good friends and neighbors.

More and more I see fellow WMC alumni here at Carroll Lutheran Village, as well as in Westminster, and don't we have fun with our reminiscing! Although I am a few hours' drive from each of my four oldest children, I see them often. In the past year I've attended the weddings of two granddaughters, spent Christmas in Connecticut meeting my new baby great-grandson, saw him again in June at a week-long stay at Avalon in New Jersey, spent Easter week in Williamsburg with a son and his family, and now my younger daughter and my youngest son have been a psychology professor, as well as the soccer coach, at a small college out there, a place reminiscent of Western Maryland College in its younger days.

So, almost before we knew it, another year has passed. In a few months I hope to be sending cards to you again. If you'll return them with your message, I'll do my best to keep us all in touch.

And, in the meantime, my love and best wishes to each one of you.

**Doris Sneddes Stonebraker**  
201 St. Mark Way, Apt. 115  
Westminster, MD 21158

**41** The Class of '41 is alive and in the good of health. We enjoy retirement, travel, volunteer work and look forward to the future of our grandchildren.

Last year, **Bill Banks** of Oroville, Calif., made another 7,500-mile tour of the country in his motor coach. He enjoyed lunch in Maryland with **Bill Wiley** and **Bill Dennis**.

Retirement villages are becoming new addresses, especially Oak Crest in Baltimore. **Fran Dillaway Tompkins** is slowly getting used to a different way of living after surviving the moving problems. She found **Doris Lubking Bechtel** already there. "Lubby" still enjoys bridge and takes trips to see grandchildren. Mark and

**Betty Poore Vincent** also are residents. They don't miss the gardening and mowing and have brought the dog along, too.

**Annette Hutchins Wilford** didn't escape commitments at Asbury Retirement Complex at Solomons, Md., but she relishes the contact with nice people.

**Ruth Billingslea Weller** is at Carroll Lutheran Village where she found many WMC grads. She likes being close to college programs.

A call from **Hank Holjes** finds him renewing an early interest in painting—watercolor, acrylic and oil. He has 12 grandchildren, one of whom is 6 foot 5 inches tall.

**Joe Rouse** and Helen will soon celebrate a 50th anniversary. He continues with the Army Claims Service, handling high profile cases as he has for 35 years.

**Madalyn Flickinger Maust** is looking forward to being a great-grandmother. She sent a column from her local paper written by **Brent Toomey '75**. It was a Father's Day tribute to her father, **Bill Adolph**, appreciating his help in building her character.

It was good to hear that **Neil Eckenrode** is enjoying life on the Eastern Shore.

**Violet Younger Cook** reports that she can't see well but still manages to read books—some in large print. She hardly remembers what happened yesterday, but she doesn't hurt "and that's a blessing." However, she did remember everyone that I mentioned from our past.

At Christmastime **Rachael Green Marsey** was recovering from back surgery. She celebrated by going to Disney World in a wheelchair with seven grandchildren. Daughter **Suellen** breeds horses in Georgia. Rachael creates miniature historic homes complete with appropriate furniture.

**Thelma Bowen Offutt** sends her greetings from Indiana. Last year was not easy because of nasal pharyngeal cancer and the accompanying radiation and chemo. She is planning to beat it.

**Bill Robinson** loves to play golf and also serves as a marshal at the Kemper Open in Potomac, Md. He has completed a three-year term as president of the DC/Northern Virginia alumni chapter.

**Mary Hastings Phillips** claims to be slowing down. However, she still volunteers, maintains a home and takes short trips.

When **Doris Benson Lankford** and her 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren get together, they need space for 29. She has an Alaska cruise in her future.

**Jeanette Wigley Thomas** has given up those long trips. That may change when a son moves from Australia to London.

**Harper LeCompte** continues to attend classes and book discussion groups. He was not affected by the Florida fires.

**Jane Toomey Russell** has lived in Myrtle Beach, S.C., for 22 years. The time has come to think of returning to



Easton, Md., where sons and families are nearby.

**Marguerite Hatch Little** is in good health and delights in granddaughter Kristina.

**Madeleine Cooper Duryea** lives quietly and likes hearing about all of your experiences.

**Kathleen Coe Walters** remains in Plymouth, Mass., supported by friends and family. "Kakie" visited her daughter in Charlotte, N.C., at Christmas-time.

**Hazel Beard Guyer** is a full time organist at the Church of the Apostles United Church of Christ. She and Al appreciated the life of early settlers as they toured Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

I was pleased to hear from **Margaret Fallin Tate**. After a year at WMC, Peggy attended Towson State College, graduating with a BS in education in 1942 and an MS in 1964. She taught for 31 years in elementary schools in Baltimore City and County. After retiring, she worked as a director of a credit union for 27 years. She has served as travel chairman for Retired Teachers of Baltimore County. In 1987, Peggy received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Towson University. She has one son in Northern Virginia. She travels extensively, most recently to Antarctica.

**Charles Earl** celebrated his 80th birthday last year with all the children. He and Marina made their usual trek to Rome despite Charlie's difficulty walking. They moved to a group floor apartment in Westminster. They attended the alumni banquet with **Harry '40 and Marie Crawford '43 Lowery** at her 55th reunion.

**Mary Lou Asbury Briscoe** lost her husband Phil last October. She is supported by family members and is living with a daughter in Massachusetts. A river cruise on the Volga was planned with a stop at the Hermitage.

**Alice Vollmer Applegarth's** latest journey was to the Greek Islands and Turkey. This year there were visits with four children from Boston to Hong Kong, Florida trips and monthly visits to their Eastern Shore home.

**Jeanette Brannock Pomeroy** took time off from gardening, church and grandchildren for a Canadian vacation.

**Leslie "Bo" and Norma "Nicky" Nicodemus '40 Knepp** went to Connecticut to attend granddaughter Ronnie's graduation from Wesleyan University. Oprah Winfrey was the graduation speaker.

**Lilyan Bennett Mulvaney** has moved to a Marriott independent living community. A cruise on Russian waterways is planned with Moscow and the Hermitage on the itinerary. For their 50th anniversary, a stern-wheeler voyage has been arranged. It begins in Portland, Ore., and follows the Columbia River to the route of Lewis and Clark and the Oregon Trail.

**Frankie Royer Copeland** returned from a nature trip to Costa Rica in January. Now she is helping plan for the centennial celebration of her church.

**Isabelle Zimmerman Martin**

## Postcards from the Edge



This group of sun-kissed alumnae spent the summer working in Ocean City, Md. (l-r): Marlene Wagner '98, Christy Veneziani '99, Bethany Brown '00, Kristi Simon '00, Meaghan Kelly '00, Erin Webb '99, Melinda Virts '99, Lauren Hein '00, Melissa Linton '99.

We could travel to the ends of the earth to show our WMC spirit, but we know that many of you are already doing the job. This motley crew made it "down'y ocean" this summer, but something like us our alumni are flying to more exotic climes. Send a photo of yourself and any college buddies in some identifiable part of the world showing your WMC dedication, and we'll print the best shot each issue. Sorry, all photos become property of the college. We're keeping them for our own album! Send your snapshots and details of your personal postcard (including names of those pictured and how to contact you): Postcards from the Edge, Office of Public Information, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.

speaks of breathtaking scenery in Norway, especially to the Arctic Circle and the top of the world. Last August, Isabelle invited me to her Asbury Village home for lunch with **Eleanor Brown, Ruth Beard Reter, Roselda Todd '28 and Betty Schaeffer Cissel '42**.

**Eleanor "Scotty" Prescott Vergis** remains in good health—she does aerobics. A new grandchild was a good reason to go to Seattle last December.

In June 1997, all four of **Ted Bowen's** daughters helped him move from Shenandoah Valley to our Northern Virginia Hermitage. He had a hip replacement in January but has a recovered enough to drive to all the local places of historical interest and recreation. At the Hermitage he is on several committees and supplies the pulpit at vespers as well. He continues to work on his memoirs of his time as pastor and DS in the D.C. area.

**Betty and Bob Fav** visited WMC-Budapest on a trip to Europe last May.

**Elizabeth Rankin Corbin** continues in her 30th year as volunteer with Air Force Family Services at Bolling Base, D.C. Liz has two grandchildren in college in Oregon.

We are saddened by the loss of good friends and classmates: **Nellie Blonsky Hilton** in January, **Mary Brown Sherman** in March, **Ellen Logan Howard** in December 1997 and **George Murphy** in October 1997.

Keep well, and keep in touch. Elinor Culligan Skelton  
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**51** From the Class of '51, greetings to all our fellow graduates and friends.

**Marty Buchman Brauning** of Finksburg, Md., writes: "Gary and I have been richly blessed with a large family and many happy memories from the past. We continue to reap our living from the soil. Our two sons have followed us in the field of dairy farming. We stay close to God in our profession."

**Rachel Holmes Ebert Cauzan** shared that "Bill and I love living in Mobile, Ala. We consider this time a gift—we had no time before to appreciate the beauty of our environment." Bill had lung surgery in 1996 and is

on the mend today. Also in 1996, the youngest daughter survived breast cancer. Rachel recently retired from teaching 12th grade English.

**Dr. Charles and Peggy Jean Brown Ecker** of Columbia, Md., have been blessed with good health. Chuck is in his eighth year as Howard County Executive and is a republican candidate for governor. Congratulations, Chuck, on your impressive education and community service record.

**Stan Fieldman**, of Pikesville, Md., keeps trim by playing softball twice a week with the Beltway Senior Softball League and the Maryland Old Liners. They won the 1998 West Virginia Seniors at Charleston. On Sundays, he plays tennis doubles with **Bill Anderson '48**. Stan and Mary are especially proud of daughter Nancy, who is a director of occupational therapists in a California hospital.

After many years, **Dr. Fred Keefer**, my college roommate, and I caught up with each other to the delight of both of us. In his retirement, Fred and his wife Susie love to travel. They now live in Ft. Pierce, Fla., where Fred has become something of an expert in the



growing of oranges. At this moment, there are three grown children and six grandchildren.

From Norristown, Pa., **Robert Kettels** writes: "We continue to enjoy retirement here and spend four months in Dunedin, Fla. We are into church work, library, and I love golf, bridge and scrabble." Bob suggests that for our 50th reunion we each write a synopsis of our life since WMC and put them together in a binder. Thanks for the suggestion, Bob.

**Leo and Barbara Pfautz** **Laroum** enjoy their 12 grandchildren and all the benefits of retired living and good health. Simply and powerfully they summarized this life's moment in Baltimore with "The Lord is good and we are well!" Leo and Barb, may it be so for the entire Class of '51.

**Dr. Richard and Fran Scaggs '53** **Leighton** moved to Savannah, Ga., this past year. Both are semiretired. Dick is a clinical professor of medicine at Mercer University School of Medicine, teaching two days a week at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah. Fran is a docent at the Telfair Museum of Art. They make time for lots of tennis and golf.

With her Irish setter, **Charlotte Janney Mellott** makes her home in Baltimore. She works two nights a week at the Sheraton Gift Shop, but her interests remain traveling and tennis. Along with visits to son Carl and daughters Caryl and Caryn, she has visited college alumnae. Charlotte's commitment to attend the reunion in 2001 may be an idea profitable to us. We will have special opportunities to see many other friends from our college day.

After 34 years of a very fulfilling marriage, **Betty Shepter Papirio** lost her husband John following bypass surgery. Betty has with her Susan, their handicapped daughter, at their home in Riverdale, N.J. Their son and family live nearby. Betty's schedule is full both inside and outside the home as she coaches a Special Olympic softball team, teaches GED and ESL classes for incarcerated men, drives for Meals on Wheels and participates in her church.

**G. Howard "Jerry" Phipps** of Bel Air, Md., has retired again. He left his athletic director post at Charles Hickey School of Youth Services International. However, Jerry decided to give more time to golf, so he is working part time at a great course in Aberdeen, Md. He is "enjoying the senior citizen life."

The news from **Betty Duvall Rigold** and husband Bill of Annapolis, Md., centers "chiefly around our now two-year-old first grandchild." They are kept rather busy guiding son Steve in a new business venture. As time permits, they make the most of their condo in Rehobeth Beach, Del.

Gratefully, Peg and I (**Dr. William Simpson**) are able and continue to enjoy our work in the hospital, church and community. The Rotary and Lions Clubs provide us with windows to the international scene. Our grandchildren

and godchildren provide those special moments of excitement to our senior years.

In partial retirement in Albuquerque, N.M., **Marian Benton Tonjes** teaches one course each semester while she finishes a fourth edition of her college text and takes care of her 97-year-old mother. Marian still manages to take two trips to other countries each year.

**Nancy Winkelman** left the unusually warm weather of Sun City Center, Fla., to visit Alaska this summer. Hope it was everything you hoped for, Nancy.

"John and I (**Jean Mellon Wood**) have been living in Murrells Inlet, S.C., just south of Myrtle Beach. We have two sons and five grandchildren. We are avid golfers and enjoy the year-round golfing season in South Carolina. Would love to hear from anyone living in the area."

**Jo Kohner Zukaw**, of Rockville, Md., worked diligently to have a garden. However, the deer, rabbits, squirrels, moles and slugs feasted so well that she had precious little for herself. On the upside, Jo is well and excited about our 50th reunion.

Our Class of '51 extends to **Betty Shepter Papirio** our sympathy, prayers and best wishes at the passing of her husband, John.

We also extend sympathy to the family of **Ralph Gorten**, who passed away September 20, 1997.

My thanks to each of you who sent a card for this writing. I suspect that many of us feel we have already shared whatever is newsworthy. Yet, whenever someone just sends "regards" it is a kindness to remember. We have two more columns before our 50th Reunion. May we use these to be in touch with our classmates and as a vehicle to facilitate a quality moment together in 2001 on "the Hill." Keep well!

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**56** I really enjoy this volunteer job. I get lots of mail, and I get to share the news of our class with all of you. I appreciate your responses to the postcards, but feel free to send me news any time of the year. I especially welcome your personal thoughts and memories about members of our class who are no longer with us.

Last winter **Mary Bond** went to Mexico for a month, visiting Veracruz, Oaxaca and Puerto Escondido. While there she experienced a 6.5 earthquake. Mary spent the summer at Lake Champlain in Keeseville, N.Y.

Bermuda was the perfect place for Bob and **Fairy Frock Flickinger** to take a cruise in April. It was just as they pictured it. The weather was a little chilly, but they managed. Two weeks later they attended the Lions District 22 convention where "the weather was horrible and the food was worse." Nice people made the situation better. Bob and Fairy are still very

active in church and community activities.

**Les Werner** continues to do pastoral counseling. He serves two churches in Glen Burnie, Md. Les had plans to go to Spain for two weeks in November.

Life has been exciting for **Nancy Retter Stockdale**. On April 25th she married Frank Metrick of West Chester, Pa. They honeymooned on Duck Key, Fla. Nancy is running for re-election to the Maryland House of Delegates in November.

**Mollie Hargett Williams** continues to enjoy retirement: reading, traveling and hospice volunteer work. In May she took a driving tour of New England, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Mollie returned to WMC last year for the first time since 1956. She saw lots of new things but lots of familiar things also.

**Ellie Lawson Conner** married Bill Ellington on October 10, 1997. **Bill and Marilyn Coombe Stewart** got them together. They moved into a larger house in Hershey Mill, Pa., and go to Florida for the winter. They went on a cruise in April and a trip to the Canadian Rockies was planned for August. Ellie says it is a perfect match, is. All the kids are fine.

Like Ellie and Bill, we got to visit Marilyn's beautiful gardens in Northfield, N.J., last summer. We enjoyed having lunch with Marilyn and Bill and catching up on news of our families before our tour of the gardens. They are incredible! Marilyn organized a Summer Garden Tour featuring 10 private gardens from Margate to Absecon, N.J. At one time there were 250 people in her gardens. Marilyn is retired after teaching special education and was awarded the Governor's Award in Excellence. Bill Atlantic County Special Services. He now works part time as a school psychologist in the Egg Harbor District. They enjoyed a month's vacation in Florida last winter.

**Kaye Melh Miller** enjoys being a member of a woman's support group in her retirement community in California. Seven of them gather each week to air problems and to share their collective wisdom. Kaye says now she needs to figure out what being older means.

Retirement definitely agrees with **Charlie Luttrell** as he feels great. There are two recent additions to the family: daughter Cathy had a son, Daniel, in August 1997, and son Nick and his wife had a son, Cole, in November. Charlie is still addicted to tennis, playing in VSTA tournaments. To minimize brain atrophy, he is doing some tutoring.

**Marilyn MacLennan Baumeister** now has three grandchildren. One was born early and weighed only three pounds, three ounces. It was a rough time for little John Heard, but now he is doing fine. Wallace now has a younger brother, Logan, a happy bundle of energy.

Dr. Cyrus Creveling, husband of

**Cornelia Rector Creveling**, retired in January after 42 years at the National Institutes of Health. They went on a trip to Athens, Santorini, Rhodes and Turkey. They plan on going to southern France, and in 2001 they will travel to Japan. Cornelia is still director of music at Bethesda United Methodist Church and will be for awhile. Bob was just elected president of the Washington Academy of Science, so they will be home for at least a year.

**Anthony "Andy" Tafuri** has been practicing law for 35 years with **Bill Shelfo**. Andy has been serving on the Babylon, N.Y., town board and has been a councilman for eight years. He is running for judge of Suffolk County's District Courts. Wife **Delores** is a nurse. They were married 37 years in September, and they usually celebrate in Bermuda. Son Scott is a doctor in California, Mark is in Rockville, Md., with Lockheed-Martin, and Eric is a CPA in Arlington, Va.

Congratulations to **Jerry Fader** on his appointment as a trustee for WMC. He is looking forward to working for the college. Jerry is still working hard in the automobile business. Heritage Automotive Group now consists of 24 dealerships and is still looking to grow. All three sons work with him, and he has five grandchildren. Jerry also serves on the board of Sinai Hospital.

**Don McCauley** has retired for the second time from DOD. He has moved to Palm Coast, Fla., and, hopefully, a calmer and more relaxing life. He sends regards to all his friends.

**Shirley Gootee McWilliams** has been a full time volunteer for four years. She is very active in the hospital auxiliary and Cambridge Rotary Club. Shirley still travels as often as possible. Her last trip was to the Canadian Rockies, and she was looking forward to a Panama Canal cruise.

**John Batista** continues to work for Super Foods/Nash Finch Co. but is looking forward to retiring within the coming year. **Suzanne Dorton '55** and John, along with some Dayton friends, toured the state of Vermont in early October to see the color, and they were not disappointed. In February, their daughter gave them their sixth grandchild. They now have three boys and three girls and are enjoying every minute they have with them. They were planning a vacation last year with their families at Bethany Beach last July.

John had been in touch with **Nick Rausch Jr. '90** and his wife, who are both dentists and who took over the late **Nick Rausch's** practice. There was good and sad news from them. Nick Sr.'s wife Rosemary passed away 15 months after him from a massive stroke. A baby boy was born to Nick Jr. and wife, and they said that he looked so much like his grandfather that they named him Nicholas Zackery. His nickname will be Zack.

**Lois Coffman** had a super week in D.C. last summer while her husband was in a computer workshop. It was

fun to be back in the area, and they had some wonderful steamed crabs. They even carried some back to Ohio as a treat for her 94- and 96-year-old parents. This summer they were going for their annual vacation on the Isle d'Oleron. When they return to Belgium, Lois will again work with a Vietnamese restaurateur on his English. She says it's great fun.

Homecoming '97 was a special day for **Janet Reck Wunderlich, Mary Warren Pinschmidt** and me as it was the first Trumpeters Reunion. A lot of time and effort was put into organizing this event by **Marian Scheder Goettee '57** and the alumni office. There were 75 in attendance and all of us had a great time reminiscing and meeting friends. The WMC archives supplied lots of memorabilia, and it was fun looking over it. The first Trumpeter tapping was in 1944.

Janet writes that she has been busy in her rose garden of life. She has taken the time to smell and appreciate the beauty of each rose along the way. Professionally, she has been a teacher and secretary. She took time off to be a stay-at-home mom until college tuitions. She has had to watch some of her favorite roses fade and die, but she rejoices in the new buds that have continued life. Her three daughters have given them two grandsons so far. Janet and husband Joe are both retired and have opened up the garden gate to travel. They have cruised the Caribbean, visited Europe and motored to California. Janet says they are in full bloom.

Mary has a Ph.D. from the Medical College of Virginia and is a professor of biology at Mary Washington College. She enjoys traveling, especially biological collecting. She and husband Bill had a fantastic trip to Lake Baikal in Siberia last summer.

Life remains about the same at the beach for **Kaye Phillips Jones** and husband Jim. They are playing lots of golf and bridge, and he is working part time at a local golf course. Son Jim and his new bride just moved into their new home in Snow Hill. Kaye and Jim were looking forward to having their summer visit with their grandkids, Olivia, 7, and Claudia, 3. Kaye and Jim met **Dick '55** and **Jo Siehler Durst** for lunch in June when they were at their house in Bethany. **Gus '55** and I missed all of them there, but had caught up with Jo and Dick at Sanibel Island, Fla., last March. Their condo has an incredible view of the Gulf of Mexico. We, too, enjoyed having lunch with them.

**Jack Morton** retired from the practice of radiology last January after working part time for the past six years. They spend their winters in St. Pete Beach and recently returned from a cruise on the Danube with visits to Prague, Budapest, Austria and Amsterdam. Otherwise, Jack says it is tennis, tinkering on two antique cars and yard work, all of which beat working for a living.

Many of you will remember that Jack remained close to **Bill Cook— "Cookie"** or **"Torti"** (an abbreviation

for Tortoise). Jack fondly called him—who passed away in September 1997. They roomed together their senior year in Old Main before moving to their new digs in MacLea Hall. Jack relates that he and Bill shared many classes and labs where Bill was always the student and Jack the practical joker, often at Bill's expense. One embarrassing moment occurred in their Old Main room when Dean David showed up unexpectedly with a prospective student. Cookie's desk and bed were adjacent to the wall and window facing McDaniel Hall, and Jack had obtained a pair of cheap binoculars and hung them at Cookie's desk. The dean inquired about the binoculars, and Jack referred him to Cookie, who was at a complete loss for words and highly embarrassed. In the 1960s Bill served in Vietnam. Following his discharge as a major, he enjoyed sailing on the Bay. Wife Sue, **Bob Green** and Jack, along with their families, would tag along. "Torti" developed diabetes and then a soft tissue cancer on the thigh. Chemotherapy with his afflictions slowed Bill, followed by thyroid cancer and more therapy. "While the body slowly deteriorated, his mind remained quite active, and he became a computer nut," Jack said. A more sincere, honest and dedicated individual would be hard to find, and Jack felt honored to have him as a friend. Jack added that Cookie was a special little guy who will be missed by all who knew him, and WMC has likewise lost a real friend and supporter.

Chris and **Carol Marker Lockard** are still living in Cumberland, Md. Chris retired in the end of January, and they went on their first cruise with 42 people from the area. Their son Bret, a dentist, died several years ago, and they finally sold his condo in Germantown, Md. Their daughter Christa and husband and three grandchildren live in Colorado, and Carol and Chris visit them as often as possible.

Frank and **Helen Prettyman Hickam** also enjoy going to Colorado to visit daughter Paige and husband and their grandchildren. They enjoy traveling in their trailer to many areas of our country.

Ron and **Nancy Pennyacker Howard** enjoyed having their daughter-in-law and three grandchildren stay with them last summer while a new house was being built in St. Louis for them. Nancy and Ron were planning a trip with their trailer to the West to see some national parks at the end of the summer.

John and **Mary Jane Davidson Anderson's** three girls are fine. Ardeth Love and husband have eight acres and horses, so John usually cuts their grass for them as he enjoys riding their tractor. Wendi takes care of her small yard as husband Ed is still involved with his band. Johnna still works at a resort in Arizona, and when it closes in May she returns home for a visit when the entire family heads for the Outer Banks, N.C., for two weeks. The Alumni Office notified me of the death of **Rev. Thomas T. Stewart**

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on October 6, 1997. Tom lived in Baltimore and is survived by his widow, Doris E. Stewart.

**Earl Seipp** is semi-retired, still selling insurance and financial products. He is active in local Republican politics and horse activities with daughter Heidi in Philomont, Va. He also still pursues his photography. In February and March he visited with daughter Robin in Vero Beach, Fla. Earl has been a widower since June 23, 1997.

In May, **Marilee Hodson Quesada** went to Aruba for a week and enjoyed the beautiful weather and snorkeling. Her trip to China was also in May. She met her brother in Seoul, Korea, where they visited cultural events and places, as well as shopped.

Then they went to Xi'an, China, to see the terra cotta statues.

**Barbara Hoot and Don '53 Stanton** are beginning their last academic year at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. Don has announced his retirement for June 1999 after 11 years in the presidency there. Barbie thoroughly enjoys sharing work with Don, entertaining and chairing the campus beautification committee. She is liaison for the university on the board of the George Shakespeare Festival and helped plan the new performing arts center. Their three children and three grandchildren are scattered from Lancaster, Pa., to Jackson, Miss., but they enjoy getting together often.

**Judy Horne Henry** retired from

Juvenile Justice in January 1997 in Florida. She does volunteer work with the Juvenile Justice Council of Brevard and Keep Brevard Beautiful. Boredom set in, and she started doing part time case management with the elderly population. They do guardianship and power of attorney through the courts for clients who are alone or without the capacity to manage. Judy was traveling to Massachusetts for her daughter's wedding in September. For fun she bikes, ice skates (even in Florida) and swims.

**Howard Shores** reports that things are going well in southern California. He went through three "right size-down size" evolutions, so he decided to stop working for others in the financial services world. He started his own pool service business, which is a good business in California. He also has his own financial investments/insurance and an income tax preparation service. All three businesses work well together. Howard took a vacation last Christmas and visited the Canary Islands and Spain, a great place to visit.

**Kathleen Holt** is enjoying golf. She is currently at Mount Holyoke College but teaching a reduced load this coming year. Full retirement comes next spring.

**Jack Turney** is busy combining a judicial campaign and a book-selling program. He is a candidate for the Circuit Court of Garrett County, Md., and marketing his novel "The Wagon Road." Jack is enjoying the exposure because he is renewing old friendships and meeting new people at an age when most people don't get the opportunity. The book sales are going well, Jack says, but you never know about a campaign until the ballots are counted. **Walt Sanders** is his technical advisor (he says he's drawing heavily on principles of politics learned from Professor Hurt). Somehow this doesn't leave Jack with goose bumps of enthusiasm, he says, but they are having a lot of fun creating political propaganda on Walt's extensive computer equipment. Jack promises to keep us apprised of the developing drama in this gripping vignette.

**Phil '55** and **Jean Wantz Lawyer** visited relatives in Myrtle Beach and Ft. Lauderdale last winter. They are quite excited as both of their children will be moving into new homes nearby. Daughter **Michele Lawyer Gibben '87** is an adjunct math instructor at WMC this fall. Son Kevin is a full partner with **Dr. Robert Scott '66** in his five orthodontics offices. They are enjoying their four grandchildren, and they take care of them often.

**Kathryn Chamberlin Flamac** still resides at her manor house in France. In June, she had just returned from a visit to Burgundy for the ninth centenary of the founding of the Cistercian abbey. Another highlight of the trip was detailed visits to several Romanesque 10th and 11th century churches. All those points of interest are in the same area as the famous French Charollais white beef cattle

and, of course, the Burgundy wine cellars, excellent cuisine, cheeses made by the monks and the colorful varnished tile roofs. She says it's a lot of fun learning the French provinces in detail.

**Bob Green** and wife **Lyn** moved from a rental at Hilton Head Plantation into the new house they built. Lyn has been busy decorating the inside while Bob has concentrated on the outside plants and waging an unending battle on the weeds, which seem to sprout overnight in new locations. They have not done much traveling as living at Hilton Head has been a continuing vacation, and there are numerous activities to occupy their time. They did go to Florida in March to attend several major league spring training games. In September they had plans to go to Europe where they were to spend time in France and then motor by car to the Armed Forces Recreation Area in Garmisch, Germany, for a week. When Bob was in the service he had assignments in France, Germany and Belgium, so they are looking forward to being in those areas again. After working 40-plus years, he finds retirement to be great, particularly being able to set his own schedule.

**Gus '55** and I spent a lovely two weeks touring Ireland last September. We were impressed by the beauty of the country and the friendliness of the people, and we sure enjoyed staying in some of their castles and manor houses. All of our kids are fine.

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**61** E-mail is becoming more popular. This year about a third of the replies came via e-mail. Working out of their apartment in Jupiter, Fla., **George** and **Edie Duncan** are living the good life. They are valuing properties for the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Florida Department of Transportation and local banks, but they are trying to slow down.

**Bob** and **Mac Retha Rippeon** are golfing, fishing, traveling and hunting in their retirement. They were disappointed in their Royal Caribbean golf cruise but had a great time in Puerto Rico. Grandson Ryan was born March 18, 1998, to **Rick '91** and wife **Teresa**. Daughter **Kathy** is regional manager of AIG Insurance in Washington, D.C.

**Malinda Burgess Fossett** is doing well after surgery for a brain tumor in early September 1997. As of her card in May, she was out and about and driving again, but her recovery made for a long, slow winter.

Another classmate who does not want to repeat 1997 is **Baine Yates**. In early January he suffered renal failure followed by unsuccessful dialysis. In July, his son **Sidney** gave him a kidney. The transplant was successful, but then he had a heart attack and spent Christmas week undergoing a triple bypass. **Baine** and **Marty** are both

retired and spend a lot of time in transit from Snow Hill to the hospital in Baltimore. Though semi-confined, they visit their daughter and two of five grandchildren when they are able. **Sidney** and two grandchildren are in the Navy, stationed at Misawa, Japan. **Sherwood** and one granddaughter are in Fort Hood, Texas. It makes for big ly who saw him is grateful for his family.

Greetings from Las Vegas, which has become home to **Jim '60** and **PEG Herring Goldring** aged 12 years there. Peg is still secretary to the senior pastor at their church, Calvary Chapel Spring Valley, which has grown from 100 to 2,500 people. Jim is now the West Coast development representative for HCJB World Radio. Since the main station is in Quito, Ecuador, they travel there from time to time. Their three children and three grandchildren are wonderful.

Since her boss, **Don Fry**, was appointed to the Maryland Senate, **Bea Ackerman Sherrill** is working full time. It is a challenge adjusting her schedule to fit in all her activities outside of work. In July, husband **Richard** and another teacher followed the trail of Lewis and Clark for a week. Their daughters and spouses are all fine. Granddaughter **Megan** was a year old in June and is the joy of all of them.

**Bobbi Hastings Jung** has returned to, and is enjoying, the diversity of public accounting. She is working in a small firm with just one other full-time CPA. Husband **Paul** has no major changes in business or hobbies but is back to genealogy with a vengeance, working at his computer for hours on end. **Scott** and **Dawn** have two sons, **Connor**, 4, and **Morgan**, who was born March 16, 1997, six weeks prematurely. **Bobbi** and **Paul** enjoy the boys often; they babysit while **Scott** and **Dawn** go to night school. In October 1997, daughter **Dana** bought a house in Silver Spring, which she has and fall, **Bobbi** and **Paul** spend weekends at their cabin in West Virginia.

Enjoying retired life in Englewood, Fla., are **Jim** and **Linda Brown**. In 1997, accompanied by his son and daughter-in-law, they visited Ireland and the homestead of Jim's parents. **March 23** was the birth of their first granddaughter. **Jim** and **Linda** returned to "the Hill" for **Dick Clower's '50** retirement party and continued to Wilmington, Del., to celebrate Jim's mother's 88th birthday.

**Carolyn Powell Walking** is celebrating her return to Maryland. After 25 years and five days in the field of special education, mental retardation, she retired in February. They moved working at home for **Johnson & Johnson** until January 1, 1999. They are within walking distance of the Metro, and **Carolyn** is taking courses at the Smithsonian. Her B&B is open.

**Sue Wheeler Goldsborough** is also retired but at least twice as busy. She joined a book club, tutors, maintains a little garden for the civic association, sings in the church choir,

cleaned their closets and the attic, walks every morning and visits friends. This fall, after she and **Ted** enjoyed an Ohio River cruise on the **President Queen**, she took over as president of Pennsylvania's Zeta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary teachers' sorority that raises money for teacher scholarships and supports St. Jude's Hospital. It entails writing newsletters, two conventions a year, meetings, fund raising and keeping people happy. "I love the fact that I can wake up on I want to, have an extra cup of coffee and decide for myself what to do that day!" **Ted** is also retired and just as busy as president of Lower Merion Historical Society, which puts out programs for the public and fourth grade classes in their schools. They see their son and daughter-in-law on occasion.

Daughter **Jenny** moved to Japan and married there. She and **Keishi** were here in the States for the month of August.

In April, **Alan Katz** moved to Owings Mills, Md. On June 15, **Judy Kerr** and **Wally Sizel** completed his sabbatical in Rhode Island and returned to Moorhead, Minn., where **Wally** teaches in the math department of Moorhead State University.

**Ann Morley Willard** wrote that they had put their Vermont home on the market and would be moving, but she did not say where. **Kell** has retired from IBM, and their first grandchild was born May 20, 1998. "This year has been loaded with firsts and changes—worth more on the horizon."

**Marcia Wilson Teyrer** e-mailed from Sapporo, Japan, where **Gary** is the Sapporo Brethren Colleges Abroad Director for a two-year term ending next August. He is on sabbatical for one year and on leave of absence for the second. He teaches English classes and supervises American students who come to Hokkaido Gakuen University to study Japanese language and culture. **Marcia** is studying Japanese and is making some progress. In the spring they took a trip to the various cultural and tourist attractions in Japan. They also visited Nagano for the Olympics celebration. **Kristin Teyrer '88** visited in May after completing her first year of law school at the University of South Dakota. **Karen**, the mother of **Michelle**, 2, is an eighth grade English teacher and a master's student at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va. **Marcia** says using a computer is a challenge in itself since many of the commands are in Japanese.

**Jim** and **Lou Matousek** continue to enjoy their retirement, having spent two weeks in Paris, London, chateau country and Normandy D-Day sites. The French they studied at a local college came in handy. After a visit in Memphis with son **Jim**, his wife and two granddaughters, **Jim** went on an Arctic Circle fishing and bear hunting trip. Other activities included the Shaw/Shakespeare Festival in Canada, time at their camp in the bush of northwest Quebec, a visit to Mooseneck and Moose Factory via rail



from Toronto and another hunting trip for Jim in upper Quebec. A Hawaiian Islands cruise is on tap for 1999.

**George Varga** attended WMC commencement this spring to see the first 19 students from the Budapest program graduate. The Varga's house on Marco Island is under construction, so they will become Florida residents soon.

On August 31, **Al Stewart** retired again from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Since **Nancy Smith** has been practicing retirement for four years, this will give them more chances to visit the kids and grandkids in Virginia, Phoenix and Denver, as well as travel to other interesting places.

**Ozzie Stewart's** granddaughter was 2 on June 26, 1998, and he enjoys spoiling her. His recent travels include the Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica, Scandinavia and Russia. They visited the Oregon coast with **Jon and Bev Scott '60 Myers**. Ozzie and Aimee say anyone traveling in Allentown, Pa., should call them.

In the spring, **Jon and Bev Scott '60 Myers** took a 17-day trip to France, visiting Paris and 28 villages and towns in Provence and the Riviera. Jon serves on seven boards in various fields, which keeps him busy, and their ski shop in Val is doing nicely in its first year. Son Michael now has his MBA along with his CFA, and he and his family have returned to Baltimore where he is opening his own money management business. Son Jeff and his family returned to Tufts University in Hamstead, N.H., to get his Ph.D. in English. Bev saw many of her sorority sisters at a reunion in May, including **Diane Kanak Holter '62**. Both of **John and Diane's** sons live in Denver, and the Holters visited Bev and Jon in Val in the summer.

**Chris Reichenbecker** Boner sends greetings from Sykesville. Last October Goswin had quadruple bypass surgery. He has fully recovered to enjoy his former activities. Chris has osteo-arthritis in her right knee, but anti-inflammatory drugs make it more bearable. This summer they made some necessary renovations to their kitchen. Their sons are well and busy and still single.

**Beth Butler Sansbury** has traveled more than ever since joining the Inspector General's staff two years ago: Germany, Austria, Bosnia, Turkey, Egypt, Greece, India, Thailand and Tokyo. Dave has been to Finland, the Netherlands and Spain working with an upward feedback program (management evaluation) at our embassies. In addition, Beth took Lori to Rome and Naples for a graduation present. Beth and Dave spent a week together in November 1997 in San Francisco and are looking forward to retirement when they can do more traveling together. Kerry graduated from University of Virginia in May and is teaching English for a year in Japan under the JET program. Lori is a sophomore at St. Mary's College of

Maryland where she is doing crew (coxswain for the four-man boat) and cheerleading. Dave's daughter Leah works for a breast cancer research unit at North Carolina University Hospital and daughter Allison is a senior in high school.

On April 29, **Chuck Bernstein** spoke on law-related issues in Professor Herb Smith's state and local government class in the WMC Political Science department. "In contrast to my years at WMC, I was prepared for this class." Afterwards, he had lunch with President Chambers and three students who are bound for law school.

In June, **Barbara Hoist Fringer** accompanied **Jack '60** to East Asia on World Bank business. She climbed the Great Wall of China, and they visited the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square in Beijing. They also spent several days in Hanoi, Danang and Bangkok. Son Craig married Susan King on April 25. They moved into a house in a convenient neighborhood for Craig's commute to Towson University, where he works in the Telecommunications Office. In July, the Fringer's Lusby home, "Rainbow Chase," was crowded with family for the holiday weekend and then the christening of **Julie Fringer Palakas '84** daughter Rachel the following weekend. Barbara has returned to the classroom to teach English and sponsor the yearbook. In addition to his World Bank responsibilities, Jack is now teaching at the PAX River facility. In his retirement **Jeff Bluehdorn** is doing a lot of traveling and is enjoying Hawaii even more. He has taken up surfing and body boarding in addition to jogging and swimming. As a member of two hiking clubs, he takes hikes three to 15 miles long into the lush valleys and ridge tops of the two mountain ranges in Oahu. "There is always something new to do, and I love it."

In San Diego, **Dotty Holland Baty** and husband Gary run their own computer software company. Gary does the programming while Dotty takes care of the business end. They spent the summer remodeling their kitchen and family room. They have five children and five grandchildren, the dren and five grandchildren, the grandest born on April 18. Their granddaughter from Pennsylvania visited this summer; the rest of the family lives nearby. They travel to Mexico and San Francisco, since it is so close, and love San Diego where "you just cannot beat the weather."

**Lorena Stone** loves her new place in Bethany Beach. She hosted the Stone reunion in July. She still has the Stone to do on her perennial beds, but son John has helped with the landscaping. In April, Lore and her family arrived to await the birth of Michael's brother, Zachary Stone Cooper, born on May 26. After receiving his passport, they returned to Romania in July.

**Mike Bird** continues to be involved with tennis. In January, he visited New Zealand and Australia. In Melbourne he saw the Australian

Open and next to the coach and wife of the winner, Petr Korda, at the finals. He also met Aussie champion of yesteryear Ken Rosewall. Mike hopes after retirement next year to play more national tournaments, in addition to the Colorado senior circuit. While in Australia, he sat in on the constitutional convention in Canberra. They are considering dropping the Queen of 1787, but they won't have to fight and becoming a republic. He says it was a bit like being in the Queen in 1787, but they won't have to fight a revolutionary war. Daughter Andrea received her MA in education in June from Cal State Long Beach and now teaches sixth grade. She has moved to Houston where her husband has a position with Koch Industries. Son Chris is in Dallas with A.T. Kearney Consultants.

In March, **Chuck and Mernette Houk LeFev** moved into a new home in Davenport, Fla.—the final move, per Chuck. It is a golfing community, so they play a much golf as they can. Chuck keeps busy with his businesses. Merry Maids and Businessmaster, while Mernette still works at Lockheed Martin. In October 1997 granddaughter Kylie Erin joined grandson Diller, 3. Son Doug still works with his dad but lives in Sarasota.

In January, **Joanne Lamb Hayes** finished her Ph.D. in food and food management from the department of Nutrition and Food Studies at New York University. She spent the spring renovating her kitchen and now is working on a cookbook based on information she collected while writing her dissertation on the roles of women and food during World War II.

He had lunch with **Martha Woodward Davis** in August. She is still teaching sixth grade language arts at Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa. Dick has retired and plays lots of golf and bridge. They have three children and three grandchildren.

**Ron Phillips**, of ElkrIDGE, Md., retired from the federal government in September 1994. His last position was director of personnel and community activities at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He now works for Fairfax County, Va., in their human resources office. His stepson Jason Grant is a recent graduate of University of Virginia high school in Charlottesville, Va.

After taking three years to sell their house in Pennsylvania, **Sondra Nystrom Leaf** and her husband have moved to Montgomery, Ala. They find the town's history quite interesting and are learning more about the Alabama coast, along with being involved with the newcomers' club. First grandchild Kyle Richard lives in New Jersey, resulting in "grandma fix" trips there.

**Pat Lakin Lemkuhl's** newest grandchild is a beautiful baby girl, Hadley Alyse, born August 18. Pat is in her 37th year of teaching. She keeps thinking she will retire, but each year the kids are great and she continues to enjoy teaching. Taylor is busy with farming and rentals, volunteering at school and teaching photography.

As for us, things are pretty much status quo, which is good.

In August, **Don Linzey** of Blacksburg, Va., made his 11th trip to Bermuda to continue research on declining amphibian populations there and in Virginia. Three papers on his research were published this year, as well as a \$50-page book called "Mammals of Virginia," the culmination of 18 years of data compilation. It includes color photos, range maps, original skull drawings and other information about every mammal that currently or formerly occurred in Virginia. Don is still a professor of biology at Wytheville Community College.

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**69** Better late than never—**Ann Schwartzman Rader** e-mailed a reply for last year's column. Her son Matt, then a senior at Howard High in Columbia, Md., tried out for varsity tennis and was a member of the schools' math team. He was looking forward to majoring in architecture. Her Spanish has helped Matt in school and on their trip to Madrid a few years ago. They had planned to go to northern Italy last year, but Ann broke her foot. She takes several ballet classes a week ("not a dance-related injury") and performs with dancers "whose parents are generally older" than she. Yearly, Ann and **John "Woody" Fieseler '70** catch a show at Theatre on the Hill.

The first card to arrive came from **Greg Getty**, who is practicing law in Cumberland, Md. His wife, **Ann Darby MEA '76**, continues to work in deaf education. In the first time in over 20 years, Ann will work in their home county of Allegheny. They just completed a missions trip with daughters Meghan, 16, and Morgan, 14, to Camargo, Mexico, where they dug ditches while the temperature soared to 117 F degrees.

**Les Caplan's** postcard arrived next. He spent a depressing but rewarding nine-month tour in Bosnia. Les retired after 29 years from the Reserves this past August. His oldest son attends Georgia Tech on a Navy ROTC scholarship and cruised the Mediterranean this summer with the Marines.

After 30 years, **Naomi Scharf Benzil** e-mailed her first news to the column. Since she and Phil have retired, they were able to take a WMC trip to Alaska. Naomi taught high school social studies, served as executive director of the Carroll County Arts Council and worked for the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation and several Democratic campaigns. They have four grandchildren. I will always remember that after graduation Phil corrected some of my husband's orthodontic problems and, in so doing, changed the course of our lives for the better.



**Carol Marcacot Carter** was gotten the "baby," a red Lab named Daisy, through her first year. This fall Carol will be in Hong Kong on a business trip for the University of Pittsburgh. After Christmas, she and Bob will go to St. Martin. Carol is taking her niece to France in May as a graduation gift. Last June **Ron Clawson** married Jeanne Marie McClure. They sold both of their homes and bought a new one in Kearneysville, W.Va. While working at Ft. Detrick, Ron has done projects with **Joan Paine Porter**. He took in an Oriole game with **Howard Bond**.

**Steve Davis**, another first-time correspondent, is an analyst for the Department of Transportation. He saw **Rich Fuller** when he returned from Bangkok. Rich, a computer consultant, "braves the daily traffic and pollution on his bicycle to reach confused clients." During Rich's visit, they toured the Inner Harbor in Baltimore on their bikes. Steve can't say enough about **Walt Michael '68** and his Common Ground on the Hill summer program. He visited with **Ellen VonDeHsen Elmes, Linda Berry VanHart '68** and **Cary Wolfson '68**, all of whom were instructors in this multi-traditional experience. He also managed to spend time with **Pam Zappardino '71** and her husband, Charles Collyer.

**Bill Dudley** responded to a card sent in error to his summer home in Cape May, N.J. He retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves in March 1998 after 28 years. "Most were spent in the New Jersey Air National Guard as the clinic dentist, but the last six years I recruited top students for the USAF Academy in Colorado Springs." While wife Lois continues teaching for the Vineland, N.J., Board of Education, Bill is a sole practitioner general dentist in his hometown. Oldest son Scott, a senior at Middlebury College in Vermont, is applying to dental schools. He is in his fourth year of collegiate football and baseball. Daughter Robyn is a sophomore bio/ed major at Bucknell University. Keith, a junior in high school, plays soccer, basketball and baseball.

Into almost anything, **Carol Jesutko Ferritta's** e-mail address reflects her business concerns, Almost Metal Spinning & Almost Anything Antiques. Step-son Jared trained at Parris Island, S.C., for the Marine Reserves. Carol is president of Home Business Network, a support and marketing group, and has started writing for the *Carroll County Times*.

**John Haker** visited his daughter **Kim '96**, stationed in Mannheim, Germany, to finalize wedding plans. Son Stephen spent the summer working in a restaurant, while sister **Kelly '01**, a sophomore at WMC, worked in a pet store. Wife Bonnie provides home health nursing. John has returned to Aberdeen Proving Ground working with the Abrams tank, Bradley fighting vehicle and other systems being tested and evaluated.

**Lin Lin Chen Herbert**, a third

first-timer, e-mailed from California. Lin Lin missed graduation because she finished college in January of 1969 and was already employed by GE, which kept her moving. Transferred to San Jose with the nuclear division, she traveled around the world to nuclear power facilities, working in the computer department to monitor and control "every aspect of using nuclear power to generate electricity." After her children were born, she moved to the research division, which didn't require as much travel. In the mid-1980s, Lin Lin and her brother started a company to develop software for the medical industry. In the early 1990s, she slowed down to enjoy her family. Husband Frank, who has been with Colgate Palmolive for the last 24 years, has been very supportive. Daughter Courtney, who was working for startup concern iReady making chips and software that allow consumer electronic products to become interactive and access the Internet, was to enter Berkeley this fall to study industrial and systems engineering. Son Patrick, who made Eagle Scout in high school, was to begin his junior year at Berkeley in mechanical engineering. This summer he developed web pages for Loral, a satellite company in Palo Alto. Both children won gold medals at the California All-State Championships in rowing. Last April, Courtney's team competed in Vancouver, Canada, and returned with two gold medals. Lin Lin only knows of one other classmate in California, **Gail Perrie Stovall**, who lives over two hours away in Stockton. Lin Lin wants calls or e-mail from anyone planning a visit.

**Amy Lewis** and **Jim King** who are one son living in Boston and another who is a sophomore in high school. Jim is head of sales for a pharmaceutical company, and Amy is assistant director of youth markets for the American Heart Association.

**Life** is continually changing for **Katherine James Klemstine**. Son Jonathan entered the Maryland Institute College of Art this fall. While building up her holistic health practice in Annapolis, she continues seminary studies at a non-denominational Christian minister.

I've visited for a convertible since high school, so Bill bought me a 1994 Jag XJS V12 for our 30th wedding anniversary this summer. Of course, I still have my MR2. Coming back my senior year as a married day student with only the education semester left, I began my career in February of 1969. I graduated when my seniors did! I am looking forward to their 30th reunion, as well as ours. Summer found me remediating the Maryland Writing Test and training Baltimore City teachers about teacher evaluations based on demonstrated student performance. Bill still practices law in Elicott City. We ride a 1984 Honda Goldwing for fun. Mike entered his sophomore year at Towson University after being out for surgery. Rob changed his major and is a senior at the University of Maryland. Last

January he was caught in the ice storm trying to get into Montreal.

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**W**hile the hurricane season—that must mean it's time to write more news about us! I'm not sure what the connection is there, but somebody must know something.

Time may march onward, but if my mail is any indication, we all seem to march, fly, bike, run, ski, drive and otherwise move in more different directions (sometimes all at once) than any one person could keep track of. This time around we're officially on the second half of the alphabet, but resented—even an "A" if you look closely. Seems some folks have taken me at my word and are dropping me a line, e-mail, fax, card or whatever when something is happening with them. I love it! Keep it up!

As for those of you I haven't heard from yet... make my day! Get in touch. If you have an e-mail account, run right over to your computer (like now!), type in my address and just say "Hi!" At least I'll have your address that way. Or send me a postcard of where you live. My cats get the mail first, and they love the pictures! However you do it, let us know you're out there. Okay?!! "Nuff said."

Now, on to all the news that's (sort of) fit to print.

**Brenda Murray** can't get too homesick for WMC. She reports that she's still teaching eighth grade math at West Middle School in Westminster.

**John Skinner** checked in from the first time in a while with some real motivating news for the rest of us. Seems he joined a running group during the past year and now he "almost looks like (his) yearbook picture again." Mercy, let me in that group! John is still doing tech work at TRW. Jason is majoring in communications at Virginia Tech, and Melissa (Jason's twin) is at the McIntyre School of Commerce at the University of Virginia. John echoed many of our thoughts with two comments: "thank goodness for in-state tuition" and "Pat and I look forward to our return to school in 6 weeks." Keep up the running, John. You're setting the standard for the rest of us.

No slouch in the exercise department herself, **Ellen Ritchie Logan** has taken up weight lifting and cardio exercises. Living in Bend, Ore., for nearly 20 years, Ellen has three kids and joins them in skiing, snowboarding, swimming, running, mountain biking and all the other stuff they like to do. (Doesn't seem like she really needs the extra cardio exercises, but hey, it can't hurt!) Anyway, Heather is 20 and a junior at Oregon State in elementary education. Chris, 16, is a high school junior who runs on the cross country team and is on the swim

team as well. Chris also works as a movie theater, which means the family gets in free! His high school choir will be singing at Carnegie Hall in January. Mike is 13, swims, plays football and baseball, wrestles, AND plays clarinet in the band. What do they do in their spare time? Fly fishing, what else? Ellen's husband Paul, who works for the state Pub Rehab Division, is teaching everyone to fish the rivers. Except for Ellen. "Baiting hooks" isn't on her list of preferred activities.

Speaking of fishing, **Bill Prettyman** checked in with news that he has already acquired his retirement home. It sits on six acres in Clarksville, Tenn., complete with a couple of horses and "some of the best fishing lakes in the country." Bill has moved to his "last military assignment" at nearby Fort Campbell, Ky., where he is the chief of logistics at the Army Hospital. Only two years to go until retirement—for Bill, anyway. His wife, who is an Army RN, has to put in eight more years before making the shift to retired life.

As if Bill's talking retirement isn't enough to make me wonder what I'm doing wrong, **Chris Spencer** sent news of how much he's enjoying retirement—six years into it! AARRGGHHH! (Sorry, I'm okay... really.) After six years on his island in Puget Sound, Chris says he's "forgotten what the East Coast looks like," but he sure hasn't slowed down. He's working with a theater doing shows and stage stuff and has gotten back into sculpture—he had a few "non-photographic" gallery shows recently. Chris also tries to get to France/England every year for reunions with friends and to have a "jumping off place for trips to other countries," like Turkey ("a really great place"), Italy, Greece and Germany. This fall Chris is building another house. Feeling a bit confined where he is, Chris found 14 acres overlooking the Olympic mountain range with the main shipping lanes to Seattle in between. Now that sounds like a view! He is also volunteering for Habitat for Humanity (now we know how he keeps his house building skills sharp), HOPE programs and other local stuff.

**Jody Waters** isn't talking retirement, but he has had a major career shift. After spending 25 years in banking—five of them as chair, president and CEO of Mellon Bank (DE)—Jody is now enjoying his third season selling the Chesapeake out of Oxford, Md., with paying guests from all over. His business is called Oxford Sailing Charters, and he would love to have some of you all aboard his Perkins 331 ("I'm assuming that's a sailboat") which I think is named "The Cary." (You all have to write really little to fit all this stuff on to those tiny postcards—and my eyes ain't what they used to be.) Jody's son is following in the family tradition and is a sophomore at WMC with his daughter is going to Mary Washington College (MVC, he points out). Last year Jody and **Jeannie Houston '72** traveled to the NCAA football playoffs. A good time was had by all. Two messages from Jody: "All

is well in the throving village of Oxford" and "GO TERRORS!"

Another career change to report—this one after 27 years. When Bell Atlantic and NYNEX merged last year, **Charlie Moore** took an early "retirement" (there's that word again) package. "Chasmo" now holds a finance position with ARINC in Annapolis and is thoroughly enjoying learning a new business and transferring his experience to a smaller, rapidly growing company. He is also loving the 10 minute commute! Daughter Julie, 25, got married on September 19 and will be living in Chestertown, Md., where she works for Chesapeake Bank, and new son-in-law Todd is in his family concrete business. Andy, 22, graduated from Washington College (we have a real Chestertown connection going here) and is an account manager with Health Care Financial Partners in Chevy Chase. **Carol Hoerichs '70** is the busiest of all, Charlie says, and she cares for many aging members of the family. Chas and Carol continue to be extremely involved in their church, Western Maryland Trustee activities and lots of other stuff.

**Sue Sherner Seavers** hasn't exactly switched careers, but she does have a new job. Still working for the Department of Defense at Ft. Meade, she is now "directing the career development program for one of our skill fields." She must have done a good job in her former position; she was getting an award for it on the day she wrote me a note. Sue's oldest daughter, Laura, graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland with a degree in Spanish and is job hunting. Ellen, who is a junior at York College of Pennsylvania, has switched majors from mechanical engineering to graphic design. Sue notes with a smile (I know 'cause she drew one!) that her husband Eric just turned 50. The smile continued with the comment, "Of course, I'm not old either!"

Yet another person talking about retirement is **Darlene Richardson Robison** who has "discovered time" since she retired as director of a nursery school. She is continuing her music work at her church (in Hagerstown) and says now that she works "part time" she has a "full time life" and it's wonderful. Darlene and **Steve '72** celebrated their 25th anniversary on a cruise to Bermuda. Meanwhile, daughter Sonja is married and settled in northern Virginia, while Dorrie is a senior at Shenandoah University.

**Dorn and Nancy Decker Wagner** didn't go all the way to Bermuda, but they did celebrate their 25th anniversary last year at Bethany Beach. Nancy is working for Episcopal Social Ministries as director of the Caroline Academy, a program for children of women enrolled in the Caroline Center, which helps women in the community find a career that pays at least a living wage. Before the Academy, Nancy taught science and math enrichment and did staff development for the YMCA at their inner city child care sites. She reports being

real happy with what she is doing now and feels fortunate to have had some, shall we say, "challenging" career experiences that prepared her for her current work. Dorn is a designer in the engineering department of Vulcan Hart/PMI. Amber, 17, was selected to attend a special poetry workshop sponsored by the English office of the Baltimore County Public Schools where she and Nancy ran into **Alison Kobernagel Donlon**, who works as a specialist for the English office.

Audrey, 14, is finishing middle school. Remember getting called down to the vice principal's office? Well, we've gone from getting called in by the vice-principal to being the vice principal. At least **Gary Schell** is! He does his vice-principal-ing at John Carroll High School in Bel Air. Sarah is in 10th grade there and plays field hockey, basketball and lacrosse, while Emma, eighth grade, and Anna, sixth grade, play soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Sarah and Emma recently spent two weeks playing lacrosse in England. All those sports have "no wrestlers," sighs Gary. What are you gonna do?! The whole family (Gary's wife Kathy rounds out the group) just returned from a visit with some Cheyenne friends out West. They all dance in pow wows whenever they get the chance. "Life is good."

**Carolyn Daniel McGolerick** and her husband Ken went West this year as well—northwest! They spent some time in Alaska and can now say they have visited all 50 states.

**Sue Seney** also wrote from the West, but she wasn't just visiting. She and her partner have just completed their third year in Austin, Texas. She is now working as a medical social worker in an 80% Spanish-speaking clinic and is reaching her lifetime goal of becoming fluent in the language. She also spent February in Merida, Mexico, which she says was the "experience of a lifetime, one only my summer in Bolivia (with S.O.S.) could equal." Sue's sons, Nathan and Ethan, have grown into "big, wonderful, creative, kind and caring young men." Nathan graduated from University of Maryland School of Architecture and moved to San Francisco while Ethan, a senior at Westminster High, is showing great talent in video production, especially comedy. When she wrote, Sue was planning a "fine CRONING ceremony" for her 50th birthday. Way to go!

I heard indirectly from a member of our California contingent. The college reports that **Peter Johnson** has checked in with them and is alive and welling out on the West Coast.

The Western Maryland grapevine also sent word of **Bill Westervelt's** marriage. Come on guys, I need details!

Writing from Tennessee, **Coie Sherrard** reports that he and **Jeannie Castle** are doing well—they've celebrated their 27th anniversary! Dollywood keeps him pretty busy, and the kids keep them both on the go. Coe Jr. is at Virginia Tech, where he has two scholarships from the Business School. Erin, 16, is running track, cheerleading, and "fitting school into

a busy social schedule." **Phillip, 12**, is the "quiet one" and is heavily involved in an ambitious baseball program that travels all over the tri-state area (Coe didn't tell me which three states they were, so use your imagination!). Coe says Phillip "plays third like Brooks and wears Cal's number" What more could you want?

**Leslie Hastings Oberts** dropped me a line from Bloomington, Ill. She works in the chemistry department at Illinois State University, while Chuck, an agronomist with Terra International, troubleshoots problems at the company's outlet in Wisconsin and Illinois. Matt graduated from the University of Michigan in chemical engineering and is a plant manager for a steel coating facility in Dearborn. Twin brother Josh went to Michigan State and is teaching fifth grade science in Bloomington. At the time of writing, Leslie reported no daughters-in-law "now or pending yet!" Ben, an eighth grader, is a typical 14-year-old boy. Those of you who have had them know what that means!

Hope you caught the feature on **Richard Anderson** in a recent issue of *The Hill*. I caught up with Richard to ask him some questions about Common Ground on the Hill (he's on the Board of Directors) only to find out that he was going to miss this year's gathering due to a schedule conflict. He was in Ireland that week cycling, taking pictures and watching the first three stages of the Tour de France, which started in Ireland in 1998—"an historic first" Richard says. I still haven't figured out how they cycle across all that water to end up in the Alps!

**Rusty and Pat Callbeck Harper** took their daughters Robin and Molly on a cross-country baseball trip while traveling from home in Helena, Mont., to Ithaca, N.Y., where Robin started at Ithaca College in the fall. Baseball fans all (I've been to Orioles games with them—there is always some serious score-keeping going on in that group), they caught a White Sox-Mariners game in Chicago, side-tracked to Indianapolis so Robin could tour the NIH genetics lab, then headed to Baltimore to catch the O's. Heading up the coast they managed to fit in a Mets-Cards double header before making it to Ithaca. Despite our best efforts, we weren't able to fit a Pawtucket Red Sox (AA-A) game here in Rhode Island into their schedule this time around! Molly made it back to Helena just in time to start her sophomore year in high school. When not racing across the country, Pat is working with the United Methodist Church in Helena facilitating community groups, and she continues her consulting work as well (which involves some racing across the country, come to think of it!).

Besides cheering on the Pawsox, Charlie and I are having a good time with lots of different stuff these days. Charlie is still chair of the Psychology department at URI, and this year he co-founded the Center for Non-violence and Peace Studies at the

University, trained all the federal prison guards in the state in nonviolence strategies and began talking with Dean Zook about working together on a book about nonviolence. I'm having a blast working with folks from all over the state as program director for Leadership RI, and I'm also working toward becoming a certified nonviolence trainer as well. My own business, PlanWorks Consulting, fills in wherever I have time. Sana and David are on their own in Boston and have somehow turned into real grown-ups all of a sudden—swirl howl! happens!

A highlight of the year for us was the week we spent at Western Maryland as participants in Common Ground on the Hill. For those of you who have missed the stories about it, Common Ground brings together black, white and Native American traditions in art, music, and language to explore cultural diversity in search of common ground. We stayed in Blanche Ward (talk about living in a time warp—and with a man in my room. Legally, no less!) and thought we were coming to learn more about guitar, mountain dulcimer, blues harp, gospel singing and social change. We did learn a lot of that—and what a time it was—but together with the conversations, interactions and friendships, new and old, the whole thing (I know I'm getting hazy, here) was a truly profound experience. We'll be thinking about what happened that week (and practicing all those instruments) until we go back next year!

I hope you're thinking about keeping in touch. You'll find a myriad of possibilities for doing so after my name at the end of this column. Use one! Also, folks keep clamoring for a class e-mail list. I've started one, but it's way too short. I know lots more of you are out there in cyberspace. Let me know where! If you want the list, just give me an electronic yell, and I'll send it your way.

That's it for this go round. Next time I write we'll be on the cusp of the new millennium. ACK! For now, keep smiling and enjoy the journey! (Remember the postcards—three cats are counting on you.)

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**81** Hello to everyone!  
After 12 years of keeping our class news, **Deanna Taylor** has decided to pass the job on to someone else. **Sandy Marlowe Merritt** and **Phillip Menschner** will be sharing the responsibility of gathering the news and letting everyone know what is happening.

Dee has moved to West Jordan, Utah, just outside of Salt Lake City. She loves it out West and finds it very cultural. Actively involved with her music, she has started playing the piano again and planned to audition for the Utah Symphony Chorus in the fall. Dee manages the operations divi-

sion of a company that stores medical records, and although she doesn't make any money, she is happy. Her two youngest children live with her, and her oldest is in Frederick with his father. We all thank you, Dee, for doing such a great job over the past 12 years.

**Fon Bennett MacLachlan** writes that after three years in Denver she is returning to Maryland to stay. Her husband's job with Lockheed Martin is bringing them back East, and Fon says this will be her last move. She is busy with her three children doing that "soccer mom" thing and hopes to see everyone soon at WMC.

**Debbie Taylor Meagher** is in Columbia with her husband and two dogs. She is designing a line of dresses, and her husband is a self-employed investor/trader. They spend their time working out at the gym and boating, and Debbie still plays tennis regularly. Hiking in the Aspen mountains is also an enjoyable pastime.

After 14 years living in Boston, **Joe Menendez** and his wife **Ellen Stump '83** have moved to Cockeysville, Md., where they are having a home built. They wanted to be closer to family and friends and can't wait to see everyone. The whole family is busy playing tennis and bike riding. Last year they went on a 10-day bike ride in Ireland. It was beautiful, green and wet. This year's vacation is taking them somewhere drier. They planned to head to the wine country in northern California in the fall.

**Jill Kortvelley Mennicken** commutes to New York City four times a week from her home in Garden City, Long Island, to her job at Forrest Edwards Group. She is the account manager selling outsourcing, temporary and permanent staffing services. Her husband Tom is the business manager for the *New York Post*.

**JoAnne Mills** lives in Hanover, Md., with her significant other Ray Hentz, and she is working as an independent software consultant for Northrup Grumman. She has been taking classes in screenwriting and has submitted her first screenplay for production. When she is famous in Hollywood she will not forget her old WMC friends.

**Mary Morningstar** is the assistant general counsel for environmental law for Lockheed Martin. She and husband Wilder Leavitt enjoy traveling and visiting family and friends.

**JoAnne Campitell Nelson's** eight-year-old daughter asked her what it was like to go to college. JoAnne replied that it is a great time for friends, fun and education if you find the right school. JoAnne found that at WMC and misses it a lot. Her husband's general health has not been good, but they hope they have seen the last of Johns Hopkins Hospital. JoAnne is working for Cienna Corp., a fiber optics telecommunication company. Her three children keep her busy since she is one of those "soccer moms," too. JoAnne writes that **Dawn Sweeney Lindsay** lives in California and is working on her doc-

torate. She is working for Saddleback College and seems to love her position. **Cindy Conversano Bailey** has her hands full caring for twin sons.

**Scott and Donna Butler '82** Nichols enjoy the country life in Myersville, Md., a little town between Frederick and Hagerstown. He runs his own computer networking and consulting company. Despite the tranquil surroundings, the activities of their four children keep them quite frantic.

**Pam Owen** is still flying the blue skies both domestically and internationally. She is in Port St. Lucie, Fla., getting ready to buy a house, hopefully on the water.

**Michelle Pierdinock** can't wait for a student schedule this fall. She will be attending the University of Delaware on a full scholarship for a Ph.D. in public policy and urban affairs. She is also a faculty member of the State of New Jersey's Governor's School for Public Affairs and the Future of New Jersey at Monmouth University. After all these years she has rediscovered her love of teaching. She will be close by and hopes to see some of her old friends from WMC soon.

**Maurice and Beverly Packard '84** Pitzer are in Hanover, Pa. They continue to home school their four children and look forward to their oldest daughter entering the high school level. Maurice continues to work at Sears while working on starting a cell church. They believe their lives are indeed full.

**Owen Rouse** continues to do well in the commercial real estate business. He ventured down to Fells Point this summer to see the **Charlie Brown/George Kleb '82** band, a mini-reunion with a lot of the old gang.

**Laurie Morstein-Rovin** loves smalltown life in Greenville, S.C. She is working for *Gardening Know-How* magazine and still oversees a treatment program for abused girls. If anyone is in the Greenville area, she invites you to visit their gallery, The Main Gallery Company.

**Louise Herrera Scalzi** is in Carroll County working at the Outdoor School. Her husband **Michael '85** and she enjoy being parents to their one-year-old daughter. Summer plans included trips to Colorado and New Mexico.

After 16 years with the U.S. Army Material Systems Analysis Activity, **Janet Carr Short** moved across the parking lot at Aberdeen Proving Ground to the U.S. Army Research Lab. It is a more stable organization, and she can work a convenient schedule. **Ken Short** is still the architectural historian for Carroll County, but that position will end in December. He is disappointed because he feels there is a lot more work to be done to research the county's historic structures. Similar positions will be opening up in Baltimore County, and they have their fingers crossed that he will get one of them. Their daughters attend Cromwell Valley Elementary Regional Magnet School for Technology where apparently a lot of WMC alumni have

children attending. Two dogs round out and complete their family.

**Trevor Smith** left his employment at Grace Fellowship Church to join Morningstar Systems, Inc., a small internet consulting company in Owings Mills, Md. He and wife **Donna Troxel '82** live in Westminster.

**Eileen Flynn Toomay** has been married for 11 years to Philip, and they have two children. Eileen is the director of annual giving for her high school alma mater, McDonough. Her family is living in Lutherville, Md.

After a six-month maternity leave (baby #3 Nora in July 1997), **Barbara Forrey Wahlbrink** returned to her job at Lument Technologies four days a week. **Jeff '80** stays busy with their Heavenly Ham business in Gaithersburg, Md., and he has his own financial planning practice. Last year they took trips to Bermuda and Hawaii, plus family outings to Florida and the beach. The kids' sports and social activities keep them busy, too.

**Jeff Waldron** started a new position at NOVA Health Systems as director of payroll. Dorothy has been the assistant controller for Kloury Construction for several years. In between coaching soccer and baseball and being a club scout leader, Jeff still finds time to play in racquetball tournaments. He is thinking that a fourth child is a possibility.

**Craig Walker** was getting ready to send his oldest son off to Elon College this fall. His wife Judy is the principal at Hampstead Elementary School. Craig is a physical education teacher at Spring Garden Elementary School in Hampstead, Md., and coaches golf at North Carroll High School. He spent the summer playing golf and keeping things around the house straight. He must have done a good job because he e-mailed me with his news before the deadline.

**Mary Beth Webb Schmalbach's** Christian law counseling has been the busiest and most challenging this year. She was going to begin training to become a marriage counselor, which is an area to which she feels drawn. She is also going to be trained to supervise other counselors. She is busy with two daughters and volunteers in the oldest one's classroom. Ballet, gymnastics and soccer keep her busy (Oh no, another "soccer mom!"). Last year they vacationed in Hilton Head and loved it so much they planned to go back this year.

**Mary Lee Pones Weber and Andy '79** had their third child, Scott. Mary Lee is still director of marketing at WTNH 8 in New Haven, Conn., and Andy is still in commercial claims at Travelers.

**Craig and Elaine Lippy '83** Wheatley live in Glen Burnie, Md. He works for BioMedical Company at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. His hobbies include shooting, machine shop and water skiing. He writes that if anyone has any guns they want to sell they should get in touch with him.

**Regan Smith** is still practicing law in Ocean City, but he has left his part

time position as assistant state's attorney for Worcester County. His wife still has the Anglers Restaurant and Marina, and his brother **Kevin '80** still has OC Parasail. He and the family, including their third child Maura, were to go to the Canadian Rockies for some mountain climbing.

**Julia Windsor Yale** left WMC in her sophomore year but it was glad that we include her with our class. She enjoys reading *The Hill* to see what everyone is up to. She lives with her husband and five children in Potomac, Md. She is working toward a master's in health science at Johns Hopkins and owns and runs a health compliance consulting firm.

**Maggie Mules Herman '81** received the American Lung Association of Maryland's 1997 Distinguished Service Award in the field of fund raising. She was chosen because of her continued commitment to the mission of the Lung Association by providing financial support and leadership via the Chesapeake Bay Bike Tour.

**Nancy Marlowe** is returning to "the Hill" to get her master's in counseling, and **Bernie Merritt** has his own public relations company in Alexandria, Va. Nancy is busy with Girl Scouts, PTA and doing the important mom stuff.

For me (**Phillis Menchner**), I am living in Finksburg, Md., with my significant other of 13 years, Steve Wiles. I am involved with the community, serving on the executive board of the Carroll County Women's Fair, as well as other committees and councils in town. I have a private group practice for mental health counseling in Eldersburg and do contract work for the Carroll County General Hospital Emergency Department through Sheppard Pratt Hospital. This year I will also be doing some counseling in the county school system. Steve has his own home improvement and contracting business.

I enjoyed getting news from everyone. It is fun to receive e-mails and get postal mail other than bills. Please feel free to let Nancy or me know what is happening with you and anyone else from the class. You don't have to wait to get a postcard to contact us. We hope we did okay with our first attempt at this job. Please forgive us if we made any mistakes or omitted information. Take care and keep in touch.

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Wow, has it been another year already? Thanks to all who sent me information this time around (first half of the alphabet).

Can you believe that in just three short years we'll be celebrating our 15th reunion! And boy, does the college have an exciting new year for us to celebrate. Instead of cramming our reunion in during Homecoming in the fall—when we have so many other people to see and places to go—we'll be joining with *all* the alums who are celebrating reunions in 2001 for a Reunion Weekend in April or May 2001. (Specific date to be announced soon.) It is sure to be a super weekend filled with fun activities for the whole family! So keep your calendars clear and stay tuned for more information.

**Lisa Abbey** will soon be out of a job due to the US&G/The St. Paul merger. She looks forward to starting a new job, as well as the large severance/bonus package. She has been a traveling fool the past few years visiting London, Germany, New Orleans, Cancun, Florida and Jackson Hole, Wyo., where she enjoyed dog sledding. She's now planning a trip to Paris. (Wow, Lisa, that must be some benefits package!) She lives in Owings Mills, Md., with her dogs Molly and Madison.

In her 10th year at Bartonville Elementary School in Montgomery County, **Lauren Pearl Anagnos** teaches first grade. She also finds time to teach "step" at the Howard County YMCA in Ellicott City. When she has a break, she and her husband enjoy traveling to Mexico, Aruba and Jamaica—enjoying each other's company and life in general.

**Maureen Kilroy Bagwell** is (gasp!) a towie. She and husband Greg live in Westminster with Chloe, 2, and her baby sister Cameron. Although the family keeps her very busy, Maureen is able to work part time in accounting.

After eight years as a Howard County police officer and detective, **Ann Hallendorf Bailey** decided to switch to a more relaxing job. She now teaches math and science at a middle school. (I think she needed the law enforcement training for this new job!) She and her loving husband of six years, Rodney, have a beautiful son, Tyler, 4.

**Stephen "Skeeter" Bailey** is an assistant professor in the department of rehabilitation sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina. He, wife Liz and their two daughters, Moira, 4, and Emily, 1, live in Charleston, S.C. He has been collaborating with **Sam Case '63** on a project examining the factors influencing performance during the Iditarod.

After a brief stint in Gig Harbor, Wash., from 1995 to 1997, **Ann Etershank Bankhead**, husband and son Ian, 2, are happy to be back in California where they just purchased a home. She reports that Ian loves the beach and swimming in their pool. She still works part time at her art business and loves having time at

home with Ian.

**Doug and Kathy Eichelberger '85** Barbra has kept their family growing and growing. Abigail Mae was born on April 27, 1998, bringing their grand and final total to four children—three girls and one boy—and two very busy parents. Doug is still branch manager for Exide Battery Corp., and Kathy plans to continue teaching two mornings a week at a Christian preschool. They can't wait to see everyone at Homecoming this fall. She has a famous cheer in our midst!

**Mark Batoroff** was the executive chef for the Rainforest Cafe in Tysons Corner, Va., and has been promoted to corporate opening chef. He will be opening restaurants in southern California, Denver and Boston this year. His spare time is spent with his wife Joepce and sharpei Oscar.

**Suzanna Gray Bliss** runs an herb school she founded called Rooted Wisdom Center for Wholistic Studies in Stowe, Vt. She also has two product lines: Gypsy Cupboard and Wisdom medicinal. Suzanna also sees clients in her private practice in Stowe.

From Cave Creek, Ariz., comes news from **Susan Nealy Bower**. She is a stay-at-home mom, married to Jim Bower and mother to Elizabeth, 4, and Sarah, 1.

**Julie Winkler Breed** lives in Annapolis, Md., with her "best buddy," daughter Madeleine, 2. She works as a "rocket scientist" for NASA, managing an Information Systems R & D branch. She is, extremely proud of **Nancy Sekira**, who quit the corporate rat race to do charity and therapy work, and **Lynn Welch Hampton**, who gave birth to beautiful baby Sophie this year.

Miami is now home to **Susan Scharf Bush** and her husband. They moved from Michigan when Susan was accepted for a predoctoral internship in clinical psychology at Community Mental Health Center in the heart of Miami. She writes that she is finally using her psychology, Spanish and communications majors at the same time! They are looking forward to year-round warm weather and swimming in December.

**Bob and Karyn Upton Butler** have been busy doing "boy" things and loving every minute. Their sons and boys are involved in many sports and Bob coaches them all! A new school was built just around the corner, so the boys—and Karyn, who teaches Latin part time—have a short commute. The Butlers just finished remodeling their home and are glad to have things back to normal.

Summers off spent at the pool and beach—ahh, the teacher's life! **Angie Tissue Carterson** and son Alex, 5, enjoyed it immensely. Alex keeps her husband Pete busy. Angie teaches third grade in Lanham, Md.

**Leslie Cavill-Burns** and her husband moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she works in three different

places at University Hospital. Luckily, she can make her own schedule.

On the move again, **Dave '84** and **Susan Garman Dick** moved to Atlanta, Ga., where he will be in technical sales. Susan is a stay-at-home mom to Lauren, 6, and Andrew, 4.

**Leslie Stinchcomb Dolan** and her husband welcomed Elizabeth Lea to the family in February 1997. They now live in Gambrills, Md., although Leslie still teaches special education in Bowie.

An elopement to Kauai, Hawaii—now that's what I call romance, **Laurie Dollar**. The honeymooners live in Pleasant Hill, Calif., with their new puppy. Laurie works as a consultant with Kaiser Permanente.

**Jerry Donald** and wife Beverly welcomed their new addition, Molly Ruth, in April. Beverly has her hands full at home with Molly and Blair, 3. Jerry works at Lingoare High School with **Mike Chavez** and **Kathy Campagnoli '82**.

After a four-year leave, **Karen Butting Donegan** returned to teaching first grade at Deep Run Elementary in Howard County this fall. She also keeps busy as a sales rep for Kelly's Kids clothes. Sean, 7, is in pre-school; Katie, 4, is in preschool; and Brian, 1, is "up and running." Karen reports on her and her three boys that she and her husband and Peter quit to busy. Peter even finds time to coach Sean's soccer team! Karen and Brian enjoyed a trip to Ireland (sans children) before Brian was born, but, alas, they are back to a busy routine. "No more exotic trips," she reports.

**Brian and Cindy Ebert-Russo** are having a great time with their daughter Payton, 3, who is "such a little lady." Cindy works at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital and Brian is with Baltimore Gas & Electric.

**Beth Erb** owns a home on the water—"yes, there is water in Texas!"—in Irving, Texas, where she is a client representative for IBM in their finance division. She sells to banks, credit unions, and mortgage and brokerage firms. She enjoys taking golf lessons, playing volleyball and traveling—a lot!

**Caroline Butler Ewing** received her MBA from Loyola College in Baltimore in May. She was busy looking for a job when she wrote to me. She lives in Crofton, Md., with her husband Brad, who is a pilot for American Airlines, and sons Patrick, 8, and Kevin, 6.

The Social Security Administration is where you can find **Nettie Barrick Funk**. She married Doug Funk in 1995 and became step-mom to Chad, 16. They live in Hampstead, Md.

**Jane Manlove Garrett** is busy as the credit manager for Moore's Lumber in Aberdeen, Md. She and her husband celebrated their 10th anniversary last year with a cruise and trip to Disney. No kids, but they keep busy working, traveling and playing golf.

After 11 years you can still find **Bryan Geer** working at the DEA in Washington, D.C.

**Nora Jane Graham** and husband Kirk keep busy with their son Brian Patrick, 1. Nora is a full time advertising sales rep but is able to work from home three days a week. This past summer she enjoyed a trip to England to visit **Eve Al-Arnasi Angers** and her husband David, and she looks forward to returning, soon.

"I'm sailing away ..." writes **Kevin Groner**. He was looking forward to a sailboat race to Bermuda when he dropped his postcard in the mail.

When he's not on the high seas, he keeps busy with work at Deco Business Strategies and with his children, Sam, 2, and Ella, 1.

**Charles Ballard Handley** still teaches ASL part time at Westminster High, which allows her time at home with Erin, 8, and Kellie, 6. She may be back on "the Hill" soon to check out the new ASL specialist program.

"Busy, busy, busy"—that's **Dena Miller Hare**—and with three children, ages 9, 6 and 3, and a full time job, I can see why. Dena has been teaching fourth grade at Robert Moton Elementary School in Westminster for 12 years. She has also managed to squeeze in a master's in curriculum and instruction to boot!

**Drew and Laura Ahalt '87** Heck live in Mt. Airy, Md., with their two sons, Corey, 7, and Logan, 3. Drew works for Taneytown Bank. He received an MBA from Frostburg State University in May 1997, and Laura received her M.E. from WMC this May. Now that he's not hitting the books, Drew finds time to coach Corey's baseball, basketball and soccer teams and throws in a little time on the links for daddy now that he works closer to home.

Chaffering has become the full time job of **Joan Lemeshow Horton** between six-year-old Sarah's tennis, soccer and ice skating lessons. Joan reports that Sarah has a better social life than she and her husband Mike. He was promoted to principal/consulting actuary with Buck Consultants, Jack, 3, also keeps them on their toes. He's Joan's little boyfriend—she writes that she "never knew that cars could be so interested in race cars and trucks!"

Joan herself has taken to the ice, and although she's "no Tara Lipinski," she is steadily improving. It's her form of relaxation and mental therapy. We expect to see you at the next Winter Olympics, Joan—keep it!

You can "see" **Becky Nave Hub** in Walkersville, Md., where she works as an optometrist (sorry for the pun, Becky!). She, husband Roger and children Ryan, 5, and Erin, 3, live in Woodsboro, Md. Becky is an active member of the Frederick Presbyterian Church as an elder, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School assistant and homemaker shelter volunteer.

**Karl and Sherry Hubach** say hello from Surfside Beach, S.C., just south of Myrtle Beach, where the practice he is in continues to grow. Over the past year Karl has taken on the study of phlebology to treat spider and varicose veins, "a much-needed area of expertise," he writes. No kids yet, but he



and Sherry keep busy and their dog, Shasta, who keeps them entertained. Karl sends an open invitation to anyone who visits Myrtle Beach "to be sure to look us up!"

Decorating and gardening at her old house in Woodbury, N.J., keeps **Margie Jacobs** busy. She works as a business analyst at Gartner Group/Datapro in Delran, N.J., where she is dabbling in web page development. She recently adopted her new best friend, Dante, a "very entertaining" black miniature poodle, from an animal shelter where she also works. In January, she and **Nancy Sekira**, **Cindy Raspberry Minnich**, **Julie Winkler Breed** and **Lori Bernard Van Patten '84** celebrated the birth of Sophie Marie to **Lynn Welch Hampton** and husband Jerry. Margie also keeps in touch with **Christopher Williams '87**, who is spinning web pages in Baltimore.

**Mark Johnson** is still plugging away with Young Life in Prince George's County. He and wife Ailsa enjoy time with their two boys, Zachary, 3, and Danny, 1. They are excited about their ministry and their family is great, although Mark did share that he never knew how hard fatherhood would be until now!

Who says couples can't work together? **Stew and Jeaneane Owens Johnston** moved to Delaware and both work for MBNA. Jeaneane is busy decorating their home, while Stew tries to keep a lid on the expense! They enjoyed a cruise last April to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary. They keep in touch with **Phil '85** and **Sarah Burton Boling** because of the close friendship between Taylor (Johnston), 5, and Blake (Boling), 5. Taylor keeps the Johnstons quiet busy with swimming lessons and ballet.

**Cindy Jones** lives in California and works as a special FX producer for a posthouse, Hollywood Digital. She just received her first feature film credit for "X-Files: The Movie"—their company did 93 out of the 220 FX shots. She reports that it was a lot of work but fun to see her name go by in the credits. The weather in L.A. is great, and she hopes to be there for awhile. "Who else is out here from WMC?" asks Cindy.

She even loves the sleepless nights? Yes, that's what **Julie Jurd-Sadler** writes about life with her new little girl, Rachel Anne Sadler, born on June 30, 1997. "Enjoying every minute of it," she says.

**Missy Arhos Katsoulas** retired from teaching and enjoys the time she gets to spend at home with son E.J., 3, and Sophia, who was born on August 15, 1997. In April, Missy traveled to England for 12 days while husband Dino was working over there. They saw most of the tourist attractions in London, then spent a week in Yorkshire County taking in the countryside. She reports that the history over there is just amazing. At home, she sees a lot of **Caroline Butler Ewing**, who lives just a few blocks away. Missy looks forward to seeing

more people at our 15th reunion!

Martha's Vineyard was the site for the July 26, 1997, wedding of **Sarah Jahries Kenyan** to Ted Kenyan. In attendance were **Steve '87** and **Lacey Purcell Luteche**, Jim and **Ally Wist Carrier**, **John '84** and **Aime Hand Montanye**, **Kevin and Karen Scheidt Groner**, and **Charlie Cave**. Sarah is the college counselor at The Hun School in Princeton, N.J., and also coaches softball. Ted teaches history and coaches ice hockey and lacrosse. They are dorm parents at the school and they love it.

**Laura King King** and husband Mark welcomed their first child, Katherine "Katie" Resse King, into their family on February 24, 1998. The family was getting ready to move from Chicago to Baton Rouge, La., where Mark will be studying for his Ph.D. at LSU. They enjoyed a visit from **Julie Ann Elliott Sikora '87** and her husband Paul, who were in Chicago on business.

Another retiree from the business world, **Debbie Cooke Kleinsorgen** called it quits after a few months of balancing motherhood and a full time career. She and husband Eric welcomed Allison Grace to their family on August 11, 1997. Debbie enjoys being home with her and sends a "hi" to all.

**Steve Knott** still works for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Assessment Forum in the Office of Research and Development. He is also pursuing a master's, so he doesn't have much time for his favorite hobbies, golf and skiing.

"Life in southern Maryland goes on as usual," writes **Wendy Bartko**

**Libert**. She is vice president at District Mayflower and invites anyone who is moving to give her a call. She still rides horses and spends as much time as possible boating. Wendy sends congrats to **Liz Lambert**, who went to get a haircut and ended up buying a beach house in Bethany!

**Julie High Sawyers** got married last year (you realize, Julie, this means you'll move to our next column with the second half of the alphabet!) and had a baby in June 1998. She still works as an occupational therapist in Westminster.

**George '85** and I are working hard at home with our lighting business and are still renovating our house! We hope to finish the second (and last!) floor this year. We keep busy on the Alumni Council and numerous other committees and volunteer jobs at WMC. We both recently retired from advising the Sig Eps and Omegas—its time for new blood! We're also active at Grace Bible Church in Manchester, Md., where I am the treasurer for the preschool/kindergarten. No kids, but our dog, Annie, family and friends keep us more than busy.

Best wishes to all classmates. Keep in touch and God bless!  
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**91 Melissa "Missy" Lachman** began her second year back at WMC as an assistant athletic trainer and lecturer. Her first year was both exciting and scary. She says it was a little intimidating working with people she admires and holds in high regard—her college professors. Missy also became the proud godparent to Kelsey Cunningham DeMatte, daughter of **Dennis '87** and **Lori Perugini DeMatte**.

**Matt Levy** is still working at Delaware Valley College as the sports information director. His 1997 football program was voted the second best publication in the nation for a Division III school. He is also doing some radio broadcasting on the side as an announcer for high school football games.

**Andrea Pinkham Martz** was married to Erik Martz September 6, 1997, in Bowie, Md. They honeymooned in Colorado. They still live in Media, Pa., where they enjoy married life and playing with their two young cats, Six and Summer. They visited Eric's relatives in Sweden for two weeks in August.

**Megan Kane McConville** had a baby girl, Molly, on January 13, 1998. She and her husband Kevin live in Rockville, Md.

**Mary Baschoff McCarthy** and husband **Bob '90** are excited about the recent addition to their family, Molly Anne, born May 23, 1998. Molly joins sister Sarah, 4. Mary is working from home as a writer and a marketing/public relations coordinator for the Chamber of Commerce of Frederick, Md. She is also serving on the board of directors of the Frederick Landmarks Foundation and on the Historic Preservation Commission for Frederick County.

**Katie Ruppenthal Michaelson** works in the office of public information at the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development handling media relations and doing some speech writing for the governor. She still lives in Annapolis, Md., with her husband Rob. They had a great time traveling around Germany, Austria and Slovenia for 3½ weeks.

**Carolyn Moller** is enjoying her work at Washington County Community Action managing emergency intervention and case management programs. She also volunteers with a local homelessness advocacy agency. She and her husband David enjoy doing a lot of traveling to places, including New Orleans and Florida.

**Mike Orlando** is a CPA working as a senior tax accountant for a public accounting firm in Horsham, Pa. He spends most summer weekends in Long Beach Island, N.J.

**Ken Pearce**, who lives in Timonium, Md., is an assistant vice president with Merrill Lynch Investments.

**Jennifer Carroll Ridgely** will finish her master's in guidance counseling at WMC in December. For the last

five years she has been teaching first grade in Montgomery County, Md. On July 21, 1998, she and husband Randy celebrated their second wedding anniversary. They are still re-doing together every weekend and living on the Ridgely family farm in Howard County, Md. She recently went to **Any Fowler's** wedding to Rick Granger.

**Alice Ross** has been married for nearly two years and is living in Baltimore, Md. She is a full time student at Johns Hopkins University studying for a master's in business.

**Lauren Brumbach Rothemel** continues to enjoy teaching sixth graders. She and her husband are planning to move into a new house.

**Jim Secker** was married in October 1997 to Valerie McMullen, whom he met on Capitol Hill, where she works. They live in Rockville, Md. For the last three years, Jim has been working for *Congressional Quarterly* in Washington, selling an online legislative tracking service.

**Christine Houlihan Selover** got married on September 6, 1997, to Richard Selover—yes, **Josette Selover Goodroe's** brother. They are living happily in an old firehouse in Moorestown, N.J. Her wedding was a blast with the regular gang in attendance. **Josette Selover Goodroe, Jill Carter Brookhart, Lynne Kirsche Costello, Stacie Hosen Woods, Austensen, Elise Rossmann, Kelly Zeager** and the long lost **Denise Fleck Laque**. Christine is still working for the University of Pennsylvania Health System as a patient representative. For fun, she continues to coach field hockey and even plays a little on an indoor and outdoor team with **Lynne Kirsche Costello**. In the summer of 1996 she played hockey in an international festival in Barbados where her American team proudly took third place.

**Lia Jenkins** still left work at a litigation firm and a job as a law librarian to accept her present position as an applications consultant at Lexis-Nexis, an online legal/financial information company. More importantly, she was married to **John Stene '92** on April 4, 1998, in WMC's Little Baker Chapel. **Tim Ruggles** and **Leona Sevik '92**, with husband **Grant Disharoon '93**, were in attendance. Lia lives in Columbia, Md., where she and her husband are building a house. She keeps in touch with **Christy Wasko Dillon** who, with her husband and daughter, bought a new house in Douglasville, Ga.

**Jennifer Lettner Stewart** has been living in Charlotte, N.C., for the last seven years. Her husband **John Stewart '90** is a commercial lending analyst with GMAC and really enjoys it. She manages to keep extremely busy with their son Hunter, 4, and daughter Kaylie, 1. She says being a mom has been more rewarding, challenging and fulfilling than she ever imagined.

**Joslyn Martin Stewart** and husband Mark moved into a new house in



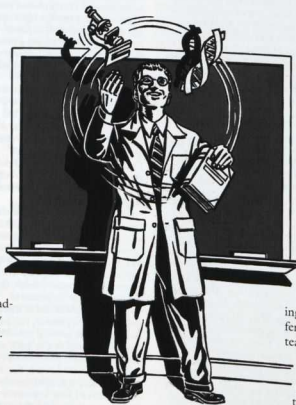
# How to Keep the Love of Teaching Alive

BY RICHARD H. SMITH JR.

Where does scholarship, loosely referred to as research, fit in the career of a Western Maryland College faculty member? Is it even necessary? We are not a large research university where institutional reputation depends in large part upon faculty members who maintain a cadre of graduate students to churn out scholarly publications, grist for the external funding mill. Yet scholarly pursuit is critical to the academic life of Western Maryland. Given excellence in teaching, the most important mark of quality in an undergraduate college is the caliber of the scholarly endeavors of its faculty—and its students.

For faculty, scholarly activity is the daily exercise regime that maintains our artistic and intellectual muscle tone; it promotes long life in our academic discipline. Without such efforts, the knowledge of our field of expertise rapidly sinks to the level of our textbooks. Left with such a meager base, it is not surprising that boredom and lack of enthusiasm soon follow. While it can be argued that one can read the current literature to "keep up in the field," somehow that process just doesn't engender the same intellectual growth as the agony of grappling with a challenging problem and the ecstasy of generating new knowledge or a new work of art. Beyond that, our own personal success and failure engenders empathy for the daily struggles of our students—facing that which is not understood. It is easier to see the need for a helping hand when we ourselves know how steep the slope can be.

We at Western Maryland most highly value that form of scholarly activity referred to as student-faculty research. The primary objective of our scholarship is not



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reputation, or works, or dollars. Instead, we see scholarly pursuit as a natural extension of our classroom teaching. Thus we encourage student involvement in the quest, a joint effort between student and teacher. In working side-by-side in the studio or at the bench, we mentor our students by example: "work, finish, publish," according to Faraday's Dictum. More than by any other means, it is through this experience that we expose our students to the "real world," where the answer isn't in the back of the book, and a try is more likely to be met by failure than by success.

In the career of a teacher, as in most other areas of life, balance is essential. The faculty handbook rightly describes the triad of criteria by which we measure our success or failure: teaching, our *raison d'être*; scholarship; and service in the college

community, such as academic advising, working with student groups and participating in committees that shape the academic program of the college.

Western Maryland is unique in the extent to which faculty join the administration in determining the short term and long term goals of our students and our college. Faculty should and do guard jealously the privilege and responsibility that this chartered partnership affords them.

Acknowledging that a day has only so many hours, Western Maryland provides an atmosphere that permits us to achieve our goals by concentrating our energies at different times on different aspects of our profession; in that teaching, next year scholarship or perhaps committee work. Nonetheless, we must recognize that our objective is as a tripod—to permanently diminish one or two legs ensures a career that teeters on the edge of collapse. Achieve balance by threefold foreshortening and our view of the intellectual world is obscured by the dust of others passing us by.

*Awarded the Ira C. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award last spring, Rick Smith says he joins his Western Maryland teaching idols Jean Kerschmer, Del Palmer, Keith Richwine, and foremost, Ira Zepp, in the honor. A Visiting Scientist at the National Cancer Institute's Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center since 1979, Smith and his undergraduate student colleagues have performed research on the chemistry of triazenes as it relates to the development of new anti-tumor drugs. His research has involved more than 30 student collaborators and has resulted in more than 25 journal articles, the majority coauthored by students.*

## ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR

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All alumni and their guests are invited to alumni events. Those living outside the sponsoring chapter's zip code may make reservations by calling the Office of Alumni Affairs at 410/857-2296.

### **Mon., Nov. 2**

Alumni Council (formerly the Board of Governors) meeting, 7 p.m., Hill Hall, first floor.

### **Fri., Nov. 6**

Young Alumni First Fridays, Westminster Inn.

### **Sat., Nov. 14**

Sports Hall of Fame Induction/Fellowship of Champions Banquet.

### **Sun., Dec. 13**

Alumni Holiday Brunch at WMC sponsored by Baltimore and Carroll County chapters. Chapter presidents: Fletcher Ward '49 and Bill Marks '52.

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#### **Sat., Feb. 20**

Board of Trustees.

#### **Sun., Feb. 28**

Evening with the president for Young Alumni leaders.

#### **Fri., Apr. 9**

Anne Arandell chapter meeting.

#### **Fri./Sat., Apr. 16/17**

Board of Trustees.

#### **Mon., Apr. 26**

Alumni Council meeting, Hill Hall, first floor.

#### **May 4-20**

French waterways cruise.

#### **May 28, 29, 30**

Alumni Weekend. Class reunions for 1924, '29, '34, '39, '44, '49, '54, '59, '64, '69.

#### **August 9-23**

National Parks tour.

#### **Sat., Oct. 23**

Homecoming.



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### **MIRROR, MIRROR**

The windows of Hoover Library reflect a fresh coat of paint on the steeple of Baker Chapel, which will be hosting a packed season of holiday concerts. See page 21 for the music line-up.





#### SIZE DOES MATTER

Big things come in small packages, and here is the proof that a small college has what it takes to make its students science stars in the big world:

- Our students outperform their peers from larger, better-known schools on the medical school admissions test.
- Per capita, WMC is among the top 50 colleges in the nation in the number of graduates who earn doctorates in life sciences.
- The college is one of only 19 undergraduate institutions in the nation to receive two consecutive grants from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute for the biology program.
- We are the first college on the East Coast to introduce molecular modeling to the curriculum.

The \$13.4 million science center, growing brick by brick towards its spring completion date, will help young scientists soar even higher.