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).
It All Adds Up
Maryland Professor of the Year Skip Fennell instructs students in the 1, 2, 3s of teaching.

Breaking Through
How Erica Guenther ’93 went from math phobe to fan—and brought her fourth graders along with her.

What Do We Want? Championship!
The Green Terror regains its former glory with the Centennial Conference title and its first undefeated season in decades.

The Gene Team
Joan and Alec Wilson ’75 link up to explore the genomic landscape.

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Career photographer Richard Anderson ’71 finds order in the world on film.

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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 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 Palijczuk, has just finished a painstaking restoration of the work, a 1903 reproduction of Johann Heinrich Hoffmann’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 to 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 renovations, 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.

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 painting 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 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.

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

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.
**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 college’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 in 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.”

**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.

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*,

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) Techné (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, led 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 three 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.


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

Ralene Mitschler, assistant professor of biology, has been spending a lot of time tramping through the backwaters of Carroll County searching for—of 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 Kirkner ’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.

Librarians Carol Quinn and Jane Sharpe celebrate a quiet workplace.

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 cataloguing 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 assistant 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...
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 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 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

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 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.

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

—Simeon Schlossberg

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.

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

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

"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."

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.

"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

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 mathematics, 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
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.

**Making Sense of Numbers**

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 school 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 Chambers 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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"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 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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Alumni Profile

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

Breaking Through

BY JUDY PHAIR KING

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 suggestion, 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
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 chocoholic, 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 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.”
Cover Story

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.

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 Centennial titlist 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 Lair 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 the 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.

As miserable conditions worsened, the team scoring first figured to be in the driver’s seat. Western Maryland grabbed the steering wheel and plodded through the muck on a 14-play, 72-yard march in the second quarter for what turned out to be the dreary afternoon’s only touchdown.

Freshman Brent Sandrock added a third-quarter field goal, and the defense tacked on a safety as it recorded its first shutout since 1992, blanking Salisbury 11-0.

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...
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.
PLAYER PROFILES

Ron “Crazy Legs” Sermarini, No. 12

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 himself 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

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

Tom “Professor” Lapato, No. 4

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, Kaarya 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.

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

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

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

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 showdown 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.
—Tom Lapato

Week-long rains left the field in dismal shape and both teams struggled to move 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.

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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 signalcaller 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 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 4½, 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 Don'té Abron, and freshman kicker Brent Spruill.

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 30 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 breaks-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 punted 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.
What do we want? Championship.
What do we want? Championship.

—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.

“It 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

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 the 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.

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

The 23rd 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 DePaul 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.
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.
"We’re teased that our spouse correlation coefficient is one. In the world of statistical genetics, it means we’re like identical twins."

—Alex 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.

“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.”

**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, Genomics
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)
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.

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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 for 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."

Editor's note: Kim Asch served as managing editor of The Hill from 1994-97 and is now working as a journalist in Washington, D.C.
Alumni Profile

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.
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 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."

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

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—Richard Anderson '71

**Anderson at a Glance**

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

**Favorite Books**
*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

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 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 Sylvanin 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.

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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 endowedment 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.

FOUNDER'S 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.

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.

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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.

College trustee Eloise “Chip” Payne ’38 and husband John are major fans of WMC.

Campaign chairman Marty Hill, Provost Joan Coley, Adm. Henry Laughlin and Trustee Dolores Snyder celebrate WMC’s most successful Annual Fund year.
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 halfback/fullback Hank Corrado of Bermuda join Leo Latham 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.

A photo of the 1997 WMC Sports Hall of Fame inductees is included.

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.

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.

When he returned from overseas, Lathroum coached football at Baltimore City College and basketball 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 Curves. 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.

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 Develin 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, Wisc., 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.

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 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 redeploy 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 community 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
James Felton ’95
Marian Goertee ’57
Sally Keck Gold ’78
James E. Lightner ’59
Walt Michael ’68
Melvin Mills
Brandy Mulhern ’97
Al Paul ’50
Donald Rabush ’62

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

The Task Force on Reunions Institutional Advancement Office
2 College Hill
Western Maryland College
Westminster, MD 21157-4390

The Task Force can also be reached by fax: 410-857-2784 or by E-mail to: Irussell@wmcd.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, Cac & 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


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 June 2, 1996.

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. Thomas E. Archer ‘41, of Kissimmee, Fla., on August 12, 1997.


Mrs. Adele Tenny Galloway ‘45, of Frederick, Md., on May 6, 1997.

Mrs. Marjory Welsh Ingebrightsen ‘46, of Cleveland, Ohio, on January 14, 1997.


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


Dr. Charles Sykes ‘51, of Cape Coral, Fla., on November 13, 1997.

Mr. Walker 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 Columbus, Md., on July 12, 1997.

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


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

Mr. Joy Clark Owens ‘76, M.Ed. ‘79, of Waco, Texas, date unknown.

Mr. John C. Doeges ‘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. Lynn Wesley Grimm MS ‘90, of Bel Air, Md., on March 13, 1996.


Carla Castagna ‘93 to Tom O’Neill on November 30, 1996. They reside in Reading, Pa.

Rebecca Caves ‘93 to James Cinelli on May 24, 1997. 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 Mechanicsville, Md.


Brad Stickler ‘93 to Jennifer Keiholtz ‘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 Bauernshub on March 31, 1997. They reside in Baltimore, Md.


Julie Simpson ‘94 to George Fabula on April 27, 1997. They reside in Perry Hall, Md.


Gregory Kresslein ‘96 to Denise Crigger on March 1, 1997. They reside in Finksburg, Md.

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 Streett, on December 4, 1996, to Paul and Sarah Stump ‘88 Streett.


Jaimie Frances Cardea, on July 28, 1997, to Jim ‘89 and Frances Fato ‘80 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 Turner ‘92 Weaver.


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 Stewert Meckley MEd ‘80, Deanna Hollabaugh Stegeman MEd ‘81 and Lorraine Palolini 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 MEd ‘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.

Marriages

Anne Phgerio Collins ’61 to Douglas Masselman 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.


Dennis Snyder ’88, M.S. ’96 to Missi Motter M.S. ’94 on July 12, 1997. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

Paul Welliver M.S. ’90 to Powell Gorman on March 22, 1997. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Lauren Brumbach ’91 to Andrew Rothermel on May 4, 1996. They reside in Reading, Pa.

John Clonfoco ’91 to Julie Caldwell on November 23, 1996. They reside in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Mimi Kiddeck ’91 to John Brunelle on April 26, 1997. They reside in Middleboro, Mass.

Corey Kral ’91 to Christina Patricia Renes on April 19, 1997. They reside in McLean, Va.


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 Sigler on July 14, 1996. They reside in Tamarac, Fla.

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

Births

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

Carrie Frances Colbert, on May 27, 1997, to Dante ‘81 and Mary Jo MS ’93 Colbert.

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


Amy Louise Hallman, on August 15, 1997, to Scott and Mary Alice Eckenrode ’85 Hallman.
“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 with 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 Cockley and Lovish.

Speaking of the Cockleys, Josh, too, is working hard in his garden and also enjoyed 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 bowls. She took a wonderful trip through British Columbia in July. Jo, do you get around! We’ll look for you at WMIC in 2001.

It was a pleasure to hear from Klee Grumbine in St. Joseph, Mich. Klee and Dottie Twigg ’57 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 Fran 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 “Sis” Twigg Murray (World’s Best College Roommate) writes from Collingswood, N.J., that she is planning some garden sales “to clear the house” with the help of her grandchildren. Sir, I remember how large your house is. You’re lucky those grandchildren are available!

Martha Washburn Bertholf and Dr. Lloyd Bertholf, retired WMIC professor, celebrated their 76th 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 WMIC 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 andwould love to hear from you. Doris Smedes Stonebraker 201 St. Mark Way, Apt. 115 Westminster, MD 21158

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This year, the word is cruising. The reason? Anniversaries. Leigh and Margaret Moss ’43 Venzke and 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 Raininen 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 WMIC 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 Vergis 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 Hodgeson ’43 Honeman were due to take their family of 12 to England and Scotland in July, staying in Marriott hotels with points accumulated like frequent flier miles.

Betty and Bill Dennis are active in the St. Michael’s area. Most trips are to Cleveland and Hartford to visit daughters. He met his old roommate Bill Wiley in Easter last Spring.

Elinor “Zeke” Jameson Daley’s best pleasure is visiting family in Westminster and Newark, Del. In June, Lindsay Chase celebrated their 53rd anniversary. They are reducing land maintenance and doing more traveling.

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

Salvyn 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 manage visits with family in Maryland, however.

Lester “Bo” and “Nicky” Nicodemus ’40 Keppen 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 Dennison College and also plans to attend a NASA Camp in Huntsville, Ala. during the summer. Joyce sends her love and 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 Guyer 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 their possessions on a computer with origin and significance to aid descendants.

Carl Thomas, with his second pastemaker, 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 biding 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 (lilianjoe@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 near with eight ports, including Asod, a gateway to the Holy Land. Lilian 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 learned from Tane Takahashi Matsumura often. Tane is thinking of a retirement home, too.

Ed and Ruth Beard Reeter 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 class members. 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" Prescot Vergis gave all her professional materials to Arizona State University and Scottsdale Community College. Ellen Logan Howard recalled that Jim was ill at our reunion and died later in the summer. She welcomes any communication from our friends. We have been fortunate to have known these old friends both in school and since. Some beauty lingers in each memory of which they have been a part.

Elise Culligan Skeaton 3910 Larchwood Road Falls Church, VA 22041

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 a freelance 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 Ingebrightsen, returned her card saying that Marjory died on January 14, 1997, of complications from 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 uppermost this year.

Cassie Schumann Kiddoo (CASSIE@KIDWEBTV.NET) attended her last WMC board meeting and was elected to be an "Emeritus 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 Alzheimers-like problems. A very bright spot was her Seabourn Caribbean cruise early this past spring.

Bill and Betty Leighter Laws 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 fan 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 Artie '44, which Ed and Ann Stevens Garman 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 Voorhees Ward and Joe '48 (DBRC/199B@PRODIGY.COM) have a lovely granddaughter, 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 reading materials for her church's Earth Day service.

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21157-4390
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 Douglass '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 Seaman represented WMC. Rosemary and Fred continue to enjoy their condo in Alexandria, Va., with Toots and Pat went to the reunion with Pat Barrel Klove and Janet ReCellie 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.

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, Louise 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.

Doris Kemp Moore (DKB2625@JUNO.COM) writes that there is no new news. She divides her time between Florida and Baltimore. She hopes to see Diddy in October and Fred and they 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 her family. She often visits the rest of her family in the Los Angeles area. She sorely misses her husband and best friend, but knows that she is a 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 Gloria 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 Diane teaches ballet and Gloria continues to teach piano.

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

Perhaps those who did not make the reunion would like to see the list entitled "In Remembrance".

More news from...
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 outdoor education of the local fifth graders and kindergarten classes. Likewise, Doris Joiner and Dr. Bill '54 Hancock spend much time traveling. Along with trips in the States 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 trial with the Sisdoma Westeriner Hiking Group. After a lifetime in Maryland, Betty Shivers Hitchcock moved to Chesterfield, Mo, to be near her daughter and grandchildren. Elderhostelging 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 McIaren D'Her in their home in San Diego. They have established a profitable home-based business in their retirement. In the spring they always stay out in Kearney, Neb.

Dr. Fred and Suzie Keever extend an invitation from Fort Pierce, Fla, to old acquaintances to drop by their mini-orchard of tree-ripped 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 grandchildren in Ohio and North Carolina.

Bernard "Buck" and Betty BachteU 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 grand children. In their travels, they met RitaGattens 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!

Most of our classmates and friends are retired. The Lloyd Owens', in the words of Voltaire, still cultivate my own garden, still work as a stockbroker, still pass a playable game of tennis and still participate in civic affairs. Lloyd and wife Luvie 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 Gordon have just returned from Egypt and Israel. They plan for travel to be one of their exciting retirement activities.

While complimentary it is to be invited to return to the job from which you retired! However, Pat Shear Pylypce didn't accept. Apparently, she opted to increase her volunteering 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 modern downstairs." They have 10 grandchildren, two of whom have their own children.

A first birthday for the first grandchild was this year's greatest event for Betty Duvall 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 heartful 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 volunteer 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 scrumptious lunchbox cruise down the Choptuck 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 breath-taking 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. Family reunion." "I've been taking classes in computers this year," writes Jo Kohner Zukar. "It's sure fascinating! You know, we must keep up with the times.

Dolly Dalgleish Dargie and Carl write that they enjoyed seeing each other at one 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 godchildren. Our travel has been a bit limited because the work at the hospital and church is demanding, but we keep planning. And speaking of planning, this is the best time ever to think seriously about our 50th Class Reunion! The interest in 2001 is growing markedly. Perhaps by the next column, we will have in hand some thoughts, plans, options, etc. Thank you so much for sharing with your classmates and the publication. 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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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 exposure 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 to 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 (jshats.dayoh@juno.com). He lost his dad, 98, 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 '58 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 Octan 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 summer. 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 '56 and Jean Wantz Laver 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 miniatures.

In June, Carol Conrad Berzon (BERZON@MARLOG.COM) attended the Lions Club International Convention in Philadelphia and was installed as District Governor 14-F 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 spent 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 Coomeb 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 called 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.

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Mary Jane Joyner McPherson (joynermcm.h&n.com) is busy with genealogy and writing the family history of the McPhersons. Mary has been the owner of a furniture store in Bloomington, Ind., for 18 years, and also serves on the board of the local women's club. She recently retired from her furniture store, and is looking for a new calling.

MaryJo Haggard (mhaggard@prodigy.com) continues to enjoy life in Texas with her husband and family. She and her husband are active in their church and community, and she volunteers at a local animal shelter.

Marguerite "Molly" McPherson McElrath, who attended Nick's funeral, was an associate dean at Saybrook University and is currently involved in external degree education and a very special place of learning.

I haven't done anything different in the immediate past, claims Fairy Flock 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 Tanecyty. They have three grandchildren and attend many of their activities.

Noble Raymond "Skip" Merkle is now the potenmate of Boudi 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 grandchildren, Brook and Brady Parson. We all were saddened to hear of the death of Nick Rausch, 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, Jr., and daughter Deborah Anne. Nick's former roommates, 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, when 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 Hutchinson, Brad Jones, Hugh McElroy and Gene Paul and his wife.

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.

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It seems the time has not yet come for email for our column. While some classmates sent back their cards with the email address noted, only three replied to that medium. I'll try to use it 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 account contact 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 1993. Jeff, Kim, Sam and Aaron live in Dallas where Jeff is a seniors' programs analyst with Southland. Mike, Josefinna, 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 Sandoval (PepeSandoval@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 Farris, 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 Houk LeFevre (keflew@palmetnet.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 Maid and Servicemandeer business and own seven franchises in Florida.

From Enid, Okla., Nicki Morris Carlsten reports the marriage of both daughters, Ingrid to Brent Sadler in November 1996, 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 Rolf still works for the Social Security Administration. They traveled to New Mexico in October.

Sheilba Bixler Markley retired in 1997 from Carrollton County schools after 28 years.

Pat Lakin Lemkuhl (lemkuhl@fred.net) reports being busier than ever teaching at Boonsboro High School, farming two farms, restoring Jericho, collecting antiques and babysitting grandchildren. Hunter and William Kayer. 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.

Fonda and Joyce Turner Kerns have been in Charlotteville, 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 Matsouke 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 in family reunion.

In September 1996, Jerry Bluechardn 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 (oewst@atol.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 Walding 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 (Susande@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.

Doris Simmons Fringer had a houseful in June when Julie '84 and her family moved from Ft. Leavenworth, Quarters were not available at Fort Drum, N.Y. Barbara teaches high school English and is advisor for the yearbook. Jack continues the daily drive from Lusty 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 is an intern at the Water Resources Management Institute for 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 Solistman 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. Bea still works for delegate Don Fry and Richard teaches part-time at Harvard 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 Wrigts are starting to scout around for retirement possibilities.

Carroll Urz 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.

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 anytime 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 Reichenbacher Boner says everything is pretty much status quo.

On the weekend of June 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 Rembert and Ken Gill regaled with restaurant stories.

Carroll Giese had the funniest stories, John "Zoooba" Holter had the best quips and best looking tie, and Don "Punchy" Leneski "looks as if he lives at the gym and could probably do a better job as a pulling guard now that more people could not attend, Bill Moore in particular. Chuck thought more people could not attend, do a better job as a pulling guard now.

DoD "Punchy" looks as if he lives at the University of Rhode Island and Waldorf. Chuck's only regret was that more people could not attend, Bill Moore in particular.

Ann is in her 17th year of teaching at Litchfield College and has one year to go with an MBA, got married July 20, 1997, and is working for husbanc, a division of the American Association of University Women.

On the weekend of June 27-29, the first cards, sent back for this column came from Jim March and Robin Siver 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.

Since 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 at the 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 majoring 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 Mechins 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 1970's log home was on the Historic Garden Week Tour last April. Son Matthew graduated from William and Mary, participated in an archological 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 going for Chase Manhattan in New York City.

On October 1, 1997, Robert Outman-Conant became a fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Bob has been priest-in-charge of St. John's Episcopal Church in Hollbrook, Mass. for 14 years and has been in Hollbrook the last 20 years. He and Judy have been married 16 years and have two sons, Jonathan, 12, and Christopher, 10.

Michael Rhodes' CPA firm celebrated 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 Price for 28 years. Their daughter Karen teaches at Sherwood High. Lori is a sophomore at George Washington 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 30 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 Science Co-op 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 some vacation. Instead, I ended up in 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 decays on the university's radio station 88.1 WMUC. Son Mike is taking the semester off to work and will return next spring 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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In a typical case of "be careful what you volunteer for," you all 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 fair to have each class report their class assignments, too.

Here's how the deal works. Each 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 crimp 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, to mention some intriguing stories too long to print here. Amongst the revelers that evening were some who had clearly made the most of a good excuse, especially for those who "really missed him, his humor and friendship." Harold heads a division of 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, there 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 Coller Fogg (JoCollerFogg@LCSys.Com) is commuting 75 miles, one way, to looking for an elementary or middle school principal’s position closer to their new church and parsonage which they love. In July, Joan attended the Principals’ Center Summer Institute at Fair Haven, N.J. that 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 surgery and teaching foreign language at Holabird Middle School in Dundalk. Betsy says that her kids are “growing up too fast.” Travis, 15, and Ede—short for Edith—13, are in high school this year and Heidi, 11, is in middle school.

“Despite the heat and the thunderstorms,” Dottie Insull-Bell 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.youthlifeskills.com.

I can’t imagine Nina Knaer 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 24th 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 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 Bert’s relatives and found “Good company, good food, good wine and beer!” In July, they attended Leon’s 30th high school reunion where they had a great time with 86 members of the “class of ’67” and their guests. Still in a festive mood, Leon and Betty celebrated their 25th 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 Alexandra is a senior and teaching 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 Warrenfelz Keeneey (Keeneey@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 11th year as media specialist at Acomac 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 (johnnson@STTE.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, you know there are so many things that are the same!”

Engineering, teaching, writing—it’s all in a day’s work for Robert Gagnon (RobRgagnon@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 Special Hazard and Fire Alarm 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 profession- als. 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 Johnsonburg, 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 for 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!” Already! Chuck stays in touch with Ray 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 hunt!

Bel Air, Md. is still home to Carol Graves Koffinke, 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 Kabenagel Dunlon 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 faculty 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, Chrissie, 16, wants to teach kindergarten.

“More variations on a theme” is how Corinne Klein Jensen, Ph.D. (CJDKRT@aol.com) described things. Her company, Institute for Disabilities Research and Training, Inc., just celebrated its 11th anniversary. The Institute mosty 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 11th and 12th 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,” hawking products she has developed to help 911 telecommunicators respond to calls.

Jim and Kathy Walter ’73 Hobart are getting lots of exercise as they establish a somewhat unconventional 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, who’s in town. What Jim didn’t 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 many challenges. Dr. Vernon finds 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 anyone else
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! Charfi is chair of the Psychology Department at URI and this summer he was ordained as a trainer in Kingian Nonviolence. He'll be training prison guards in nonviolence 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.

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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 Laschinsky. He has been quite a world 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 racing motorcycles, horseback riding and enriching the lives of others!

Garry and Lucy Powell '87
Leonard 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 February 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 Jabries, Ani Wist Carrier and Alyce Harden Montayne.

The last war was quite full 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 George '85 and Robin Adams Brenton (hey that's me!). They also see Dave and Halle Fowler and their kids, frequently.

real estate loan officer for Taneytown Bank. They reside in Taneytown, Md.

Tracy Price 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 twins, 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 Arizona in 1996, 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 Ciallela '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 Punicose, whose motto is "rock that floats!" ROBINSON@PSYCH1.PSY.SUNY.BEDU

A 10th anniversary trip to Cape Cod, Mass., with no kids!, was on the summer itinerary of Rick and Kathy Boyer Rockefelder. 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 Ellin and Mike Hepburn '85, although they don't seem to be able to get together as much as they would like! Rose78951MILB.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." John and wife Monica are busy with work, church and daughter Lilian, 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. jrosenquist@mail.hj.org

Another busy year for Susan Scharf! In May 1996, she married Larry Bush. Marci Sartoff '85 Xaffe was a bridesmaid and Marci's son Aaron was an adorable ring bearer.

Tracey 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 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!

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! gdawesaga@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 Tolim 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. cigarr-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 McCollom 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 Associate 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 Hipslay Kowalski '85.

Richmond, Va. is home to Tod and Josee Collinswaytuber. Tod is still with Overtone Transportation and Josie stays home with "the girls-friends," daughters Mars 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. 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 on a third. It's never-ending! We keep in touch with many WMC grads and their families, too numerous to mention.

Best wishes to all classmates. Keep in touch and God bless!

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The response to our postcards was great. We won'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 Middleton, 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 Eldenberg 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 re-locating 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 teller 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, Dragon, Gil, Frank Ski, and Boses 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 Haight 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 recently promoted to manager of 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, "FREEX," 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 M.S 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.


"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.

Renée Raborg Karrh 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. Renee and Lee will celebrate their 4th anniversary on October 16, 1997.

Lisa LaVita Klein and husband Steve live in Owings Mills, Md. She was just promoted to market manager for Olsten Financial Staffing in Baltimore, and offers help to those alumni looking for new career opportunities in accounting and finance.

Deanna Dailey (deanna.dai ley@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 matriz 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 1998, Allison "Lamb" Coffey landed a job as a software specialist installing restaurant touch screen computers. She lives in Gaithersburg 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 says she has kept in touch with a few of her Phi Alph friends, but got the most of her WMC information from The Hill.

Drista Henley 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 Resetter Abbott.

Karen Albright writes that she has been resort hopping since graduation. She lived on Block Island with Lynda Geideman and Denise Fleek Lague, at a ski resort in Colorado, and in San Diego, and for the past four years at the beach in San Diego. Karen sees fellow San Diego resident Patrick Colbert occasionally. She works in financial services at a credit union.

Katie Ruppenthal Michaelson MLA '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 fourth grade. Lauren married Andrew in May of 1996. Carrie Faith Anderson and Mindy Hastings Lupikow 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 of the five of us," 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 DeMattei and husband Dennis '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 Canelmo in Stillwater Minnesota. She works for People, Inc. with toddlers in a child care center and with mentally ill adult clients. 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 leg again."

Deerfield Beach, Fla., is now home to John Ciofano. 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 (no@st.net.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 Rodney, 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.

Elise Rosen Woods 3175 Hidden Ridge Terrace Abingdon, MD 21009-2983 and Melanie D'Amore 1 Maplefield Road, Apt. K418 Morrisville, PA 19067

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 Cavos married James Cinelli on May 24, 1997, and enjoyed a honeymoon in Bermuda. She works at World Electronics in Morgantown, Pa., with her credit and accounts receivable. Rebecca says hello to all of her fellow Phi Alph 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 Tamworth, Fla.

Bill Dolbow enjoys working on Capitol Hill in the office of U.S. Representative Tom Bliley (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 Omega mega friends and "all" 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 Choi recently returned from a one month trip to Beijing and Shangha. 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 Gobrecht 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 Maryland 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 & Holland 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 Signal 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 Putman 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 Nazzaro 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 Cage is teaching fourth grade at Fanny 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!


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 MD’s Spire, Katie Shepherd Marlowe and James Martin.

Christine Keiner is a doctoral student in the history of science, medicine and technology at Johns Hopkins University.

And after three years in Boston, Coleen Klasmeier is back home in Washington, D.C. practicing law at Covington & Burling. She keeps in touch with Tricia Duffy, D.J. Housole ‘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 degree in science of occupational therapy from College Misericordia, Pa.

Amy 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 students.

Andrea Mack is completing her MBA at Johns Hopkins University and plans to go on 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 rocks 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 Hartford 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 Myers and Craig Palmer.

Greg Otwell has worked at Bass Player magazine for the past year.

Jennifer Staub Orewiler has been a reimbursement analyst at Owings Mills Integrated Health Services for the last 28 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, VanVranken and Katie Duun. The couple graduated from University of Pennsylvania, Wendy 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 going 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.

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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 Alphas Janet McWain, Christie VanVranken and Katie Dunn. The four also visit. Kerry Meyers and Katie Keeler.


Kourtney Sweeney lives in Westminster, Md., and teaches second grade at Manchester Elementary School. She is in graduate school at WMC.


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 Raynard 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 Jed who is working on his Ph.D. Tracy wishes she could visit old friends more often.

Elizabeth Wagner married Scott Betton ’94 on June 21, 1997, with Mary Wagner, Jennifer Harding, Patricia Duffy and Heather Spire at bridesmaids. Elizabeth and Scott cruised to Bermuda on their honey moon 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 Owsianiecki ’92, Margaret Oehler and Elia Buchler Lambros.

Tori Warehouse Johnson married in April 1996. She lives 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
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 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 Wylie, Jim Clarus and Rick Wagman '91. She shares an apartment in Westminster with Susan Foreman.

One of the ministers performing the ceremony was Dr. Darrell Winklein '65, and Pam Gebhard Winklein '68 sang during the ceremony. She lives in Cockeysville, Md. and is a teacher at the Love of Learning Montessori School in Columbia.

Bobbie 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 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.

Sarah Ensor is a biochemist at a pharmaceutical/biotech company in Gaithersburg, Md. She is applying to doctorate programs for developmental genetists and hopes to enter one in the fall of 1998.

Carrie Frith moved to New York after graduation. She is a graphic designer for Human-i-Tees, an environmental fundraising company.

Jennifer Fleming is also a graphic designer, recently hired by Allsigs in her hometown of Bel Air, Md. She is very excited about the new job.

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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 Grind'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 decoders 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;"

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 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?

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.
SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD

Members of Gamma Beta Chi, better known as the “Beres,” 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 ‘85.

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

Sat., October 17
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.
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.
Cover
Art professor Wasi Palijcuk’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.
Photo by Mark Swisher.

Revolutionary Man
Jim Zucco ’73 leads the pack in high-tech communication.

A Strange Case
Michael Benitez ’82 discovers the grisly truth about the death of Edgar Allan Poe.

The Moral Doctor
Dan Welliver ’50 retires after caring for the body and soul of the WMC community for 40 years.

The Greek Ideal
WMC’s new sculpture collection reveals the art of athletics.

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**Martin Treks Down Under**

After marking the 200th win of her career in January, women's head basketball coach Becky Martin '80, M.Ed.'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 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."

**Women's Basketball Coach**

Becky Martin toured the land of kangaroos as a Rotary Foundation ambassador.

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**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
progruu organizers, were seniors Andreas Kalisperis and Rebecca Tothero. Students prepare for the trip in Neal’s January Term course “International Simulations: A Study of the U.N.”
—Mandy Hofsatter ’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 Iglicb, 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 listerv, 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.

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, taking 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
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."

Talbott 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 Talbott, "But I know I will have the skills to be able to go wherever the opportunity arises." •

Success No Mystery to Honorary PhDs

Mystery writer Sue Grafton is so popular that people are naming their children after her protagonist, Kinsey Millhone. The award-winning author, known for thrillers such as "A is for Alibi" and her newest book "N is for Nose," 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 retailer member of the General Motors Policy Board. An 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.

Stay Tuned for Summer Productions

Theatre on the Hill producer Ira Dornser 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.
"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 top of it all, Artie is the only one who doesn't realize that

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"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.
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 Brener, sophomores Chris Polin and Scott Taylor, and junior Josh Ellin.

Steve Smiddy, the only senior on the team, and sophomore Charlie Conway 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 Brener, a Ukranian 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

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^Centennial finish based on placing at postseason championship

"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.
Jim Zucco ’73 Storms the Cyberworld

BY AMY PELSINSKY

Jim 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 hired 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 workforce, 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...
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, much of which could only be analyzed with computers. A psychology major who approached every challenge in life with thoroughness and drive, Zucco had yet to be turned off by the computer world. The study generated a lot of data, Zucco remembered. "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."

—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, Caterpillar and Citibank. He traveled the globe, from Manila to Karachi to Athens. He went on 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 screeched 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 communications, 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.
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."

"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 exit 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 discounted," Zucco says. "The value of face-to-face communication is extraordinary."

—AP
Alumni Profile

Michael Benitez '82 Solves the Mystery of Edgar Allan Poe's Demise

A Strange Case

BY AMY PELSINSKY

he 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 insist 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.
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 “vultures.”

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.”
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 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 Tara 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.
“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 revolution, 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 Tara 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
'Medicine is more than a science; it's an art. And he has lifted that art to the highest level 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. Tiley married what she 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.

"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.
Feature

WMC's New Sculpture Collection Captures the Spirit of Athletics

The Greek Ideal

BY AMY PELSINSKY AND DON SCHUMAKER

The 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

Pieta, 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.
'Being both a boxer and an artist is a combination you don’t often find. There is more of the Greek ideal in Brown than most artists or athletes you find today.'

—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-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.

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 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 lightweight 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
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.

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.

“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.

"Boxing is a dance during which two people hit each other."
—Joe Brown, Sports Illustrated

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*a Point After Touchdown (1949)*
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 academic 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
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 every one 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 Mackenzie '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 sound-proof 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.

"For the first time in history we're really going to have a place on campus for high-quality rehearsals," 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 krumhorn. 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 WJAC 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 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.

A gift from Evelyn Collison Mackenzie '31 brings visiting musicians to campus.

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.
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.

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 homeland, 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-Budapest a reality. The first group of students who studied on the Budapest 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 answer any questions the students might have about their new home away from home. After all, Varga was 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.

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..."
Honors to still in style, and that the family ministered with heart, that a comforting beside manner is about Welliver who retired Chambers in his testimony family friend, as well," said ly physician can still be the career, see page 14. • more about Welliver and his from his practice last fall. For Scientists

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.Ds 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 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 netsuke.

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 Badice, 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.
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. Lilian Gladys Miles Duer '29, of Princess Anne, Md., on November 29, 1997.


Dr. Howard A. Amoss '32, of Fort Myers, Fla., on August 28, 1997.


Mrs. Tessa Cox Riewe '33, of Trenton, N.J., on January 6, 1997.


Mr. Lloyd M. Elderdice '33, of New Oxford, Pa., on January 10, 1998.


Mrs. Rebecca Holland Sutton '33, of Baltimore, Md., on August 9, 1997.

Mrs. Elsie Bowen Tyding '33, of Arnold, Md., on May 12, 1997.

Mrs. Blanche Nichols Stephany '34, of Seafood, Del., on October 27, 1997.

Mr. Clifton J. Tollenger '34, of Houston, Texas, on April 3, 1997.


Mr. Paul W. Burger '35, of Quincy, Pa., on March 4, 1997.


Mr. Stanley L. Dodson '37, of Parkville, Md., on November 22, 1997.

Mr. Edward D. Ruth '37, of Zanesville, Ohio, on January 1, 1995.

Mr. William C. McWilliams '39, of LaPlata, Md., on December 12, 1997.

Mrs. Anna McCuckle Brist '40, of Lonconning, Md., on October 5, 1997.


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. Charles W. Matley '44, of Lan- tana, 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. Salle Lore Woodward '49, of Frederick, Md., on February 1, 1996.


Mr. Maynard L. Fones '52, of Branford, 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.


Miss Mary L. Ellis '58, of Chey Chace, Md., on June 19, 1997.

Mr. Kenneth H. Mohlenhenk '60, of Taneytown, Md., on October 31, 1997.

Mr. John S. Gable MEd'61, of York, Pa., on May 20, 1997.

Ms. Patricia A. Pink '62, of York, Pa., on October 6, 1997.


Mr. Arthur S. Borisky '73, of Reisterstown, Md., on February 28, 1971.

Mr. Kenneth W. Simpson MEd'76, of Thomasville, Pa., on December 30, 1997.

Mr. Martin H. Owiecinka '90, of Westminster, Md., on December 19, 1997.

Mrs. Carol Norwood Smallley '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 Schiltz '78 to JoAnn Funk on August 23, 1997. They reside in Baltimore.

Carol Hunter Weber '77 to Craig Harrison 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 Zorbas, 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 Darmstead '93 to Brian Montgomery on November 8, 1997. They reside in Elkridge, Md.

Elizabeth Fundman '93 to Kevin Woodward '94 on August 9, 1997. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

Christopher Lynch '93 to Heather Baily '95 on October 11, 1997. They reside in Abingdon, Md.

Brant Lee Geiman '94 to Lisa Ann Baubitz on November 15, 1997. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Tiffany Jenkins '94 to Jason White in August 1995. They reside in Baltimore, Md.


Amy Pelinsky '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.

Dannielle Paquette '95 to James Gibbons 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 Jefferyes '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.
Class Notes

How do I know what my friends are thinking about? I read their minds when I question the same thing at the same time! A big THANKS for keeping our class informed and creating a feeling of togetherness after all these years.

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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 Kalb 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 Meaghan had a memorable two-weeks' visit with friends in Germany.

Elizabeth Mollor 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-'84. 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 Hartger says she would love to take a trip East from Vista, Calif., to revisit 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 Scottsdale.

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 helped bring the Hyatt Resort complex to Cambridge.

Mildred Burkins Conelly 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 Ft. Myers Beach, Fla. Everyday and husband Jim are still enjoying life society. They have wonderful friends, family, acquaintances of all ages and consider themselves blessed.

Katherine "Timmie" Timmons Letch writes that she is "hanging in there." Timmie is always pleased to read about what her classmates are doing.

Esther "Es" Righter Hoffman says she has no special news, but she has been plagued with three injuries 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 Evelyn Beach also says she always enjoys hearing the news about our class and appreciates the write-ups in The Hill. She and Millie Burkins Connelly keep in touch regularly.

Sally is still enjoying her home in Florida. The entrance to the retirement community was a lovely sight this year with 93,000 lights decorating every tree. During the holidays they 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 leg, 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. In late May he received 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 saw many of his old classmates, which made him happy. He hopes his classmates will keep in touch with him.

Charles Whittington and his wife Carolyn were busier this past 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 Preakness. 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 his left hand, so he attempted to type his 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 Shiran Vishara Shiran's handwriting following the assassination of Robert Kennedy. I shall add this clipping to our scrapbooks in the WMC archives.

Ada Beall Poole says she is feeling rather well for her age and does not drive 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—not to mention housework. 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 prostate 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 be remiss if let you know that I have received word that the following members of our class have died:

Clifton J. Tollenberg, of Houston, Texas, on April 3, 1997; Blanche Nichols Stephany, of Seaford, Del., on November 27, 1997; and John Whitmore, of New Windsor, Md., on December 18, 1997.

Lillian Frey Dexter 3726 Locheearn 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 Bradenburg '37 are keeping busy as volunteers at Fairhaven Retirement Center in Sykesville, 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., wrote to me and to Al to say they were moving 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 roommate.

She was a bright spot in her college years. Louise is in an apartment in a senior 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 has a month in Hawaii in the fall.

Dottie Mitchell Keel stays in Illinois until November 15, then returns to Tampa for winter. Her daughter, who visits at Christmas, lives in California and her son is in Chicago. She still enjoys golf, bridge and her poodle, Miss Annie.

Danny Moore in California writes that they have had a "medical year," but he is enjoying life fully. He has the welcome back from the heart attack: "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 Columbus, 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 Oettingen writes from a retirement community in Doylestown, Pa. Although her husband is in 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 the best period of their life was the four years at WMC, which she hopes to visit again this fall.

Ruth Jenkins Smith lives in Sevanna 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, Md. With granddaughters, 13 children and two grandchildren, birthdays and holidays stay busy. Ruth and I are members of the Retired Teachers Chorus and we practice weekly.

Peg Routzahn 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 Dashill Leckey spends winters in Florida. She attends and enjoys the Lower Eastern Shore Alumni Luncheon in August.

Jeanne Weber Goger from Roselle, N.J., often thinks of the friends and good years at WMC.

Dorothy Thomton still resides in her own house at West End, N.C., and enjoys beautiful North Carolina. Best wishes to former classmates.

John Blissman has moved with his daughter to Birdboro, Pa. He remarks that "old age is catching up with me."

Lucille Bork Johnson in 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 17- to 17-year-olds serving in their dining rooms, he'll have a lot of support to fall back on.

Charles Hynatt is active in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Roshakeda. 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.

Adelyne Mosely Galloway lost her husband, Ross, on May 11, 1997, after a fight against lung cancer. She says she is trying to hard to live 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 Quinny United Methodist Home in Quincy, Pa.

The Lord family continues to stay with doctor and dental appointments, family dinners, computer education, birthdays and other sojourns to our cottage in Ocean City. I enjoy my accompanying assignment with Retired Teacher's Chorus, and monthly Book Club and Luncheon Women's meetings. Our Golden Years are precious. We are pleased to take a month's vacation to Florida in January 1998.

Mary Bernager Lord 12 Marbury Road Severna Park, MD 21146

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: thank you for being here."

Steve Radawetz made me say: "I'm fine in good health." I'm sure many persons at 80 would love to be able to make that statement.
No news from Norma 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, electricizes the nerves, clears away the cob webs of 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. And Jeanne Lang LeDoux now resides at Blackburn retirement center in Baltimore. For lunch out of Baltimore, we depend on Mary Jane Honemann Rinchem 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 son has 18 greenhouses on Great Nantucket 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 golfer, Emil Edwards: “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?” With Thelma as an example—NEVER! I was so excited 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 enjoyed seeing each year at the Carroll County Oktilmer 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.”

Their good times are still on our agenda as May Snider Clagett 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 Cohoe 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 greatest building spree going on.” Dot is enjoying life at Oxdencrest 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 enjoy 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 grandsons and daughter 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 Penguins Colony, a CCCC 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, personal companionship (same age, background, “disabilities”), plus gourmet dining and no maintenance or housekeeping chores. “We are getting used to cold weather and love the autumn leaves.”

“We, too, find it hard to believe that we are as old as we must be for it to be almost 2000,” says Nancy Getty Hailey, who lives in a retirement center in Baltimore and has adjusted to “Baltimore living” very well. She says, “Charlottesville is beautiful.” Most of all she is enjoying her children, grandchildren (15 of them) and her adorable great-granddaughter.

Carol Carroll typed his response because, “My writing has become so terrible, but then it never was good. Maybe I should have become a doctor.” As a typist he “buys, pecks and corrects.” “My wife and I still have a pulse, although irregular, take pills, but can’t complain when we see who 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
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 '47, Barbara "Sissy" 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 Oeleair Stark writes, "but I agree with you— we are too young to be this old!" To the incomparable Nancy, "Dear Nancy, "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 1999 Extra Mile Scholarship. She is "home-grown," as both of her parents, June Wilkner '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 "Shoe" Sharp '36 in 1946. This year will be the 53rd year a team represents the program. We have a Fowble 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! With a younger friend, we left from what used to be the parking lot of the Peter Pan Restaurant in Urbana, Md., at 7 p.m. and were 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 tailgate champagne supper. It was great—and shall I say truly uplifting! An interesting experience was getting in and out of the balloon basket! I was happy to hear from Roland Stonessifer, Miles Jeffers, Grace MacVean ("Words of Wisdom-ME.") and another Californian, Charlotte Drechslr Greffin who lives in San Diego near Mots Yocum Ferris. She is writing a book and is feeling a bit 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 "Hop" 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 begin 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, 1999, where I hope we all will see each other. Please save the date!

Virginia "Ginny" Karow Fowble 123 South East Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224

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This time I am recording your responses as they come in, so the column may not be 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.

Donna DuVall 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 Cecelia Buckner Bonn and husband John to share the trip. 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 Pads, Pa., is the entry of his daughter Hazel, 17, into her freshman year at Penn State.

Helen Stoller Dettram, "Stoney" to most of us, left her home in St. Matthews, Md., during the summer to visit family and do some golfing along the way. She also had an interesting trip to Eastern Europe—six different countries; adding much knowledge to her already-acquired education and absorbing the beautiful scenery.

The Allen Poffenbergers curtailed their usual travels, 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, Washington, Albany, Saratoga 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 Franton 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 Lapp in Ellkins 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 it takes to 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 Elderhosterle twosome is the Shucks'. Marion "Suzy" Maddox Shuhorsky and husband Joe have swept the entire East Coast from Connecticut to Florida, 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 "Obituary" in Elizabethtown, Pa., who has had eye surgery. When her vision improves, he said he will contact me. Thank you, Mike.

Cecelia Buckner Bonn and husband John verified how much they enjoyed the WMC Alumni Danube Cruise with Donna and Richard. 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 grand- child) 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 Katty 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 first time.

A reunion on the East Coast for several Delts was hosted by Marian Whiteford Boyer and husband Sam. Joining them were Janet Lee Baugh Covington, Anita "Neeta" Richardson Oswald, Helen "Stoney" Dettram, Margaret "Peg" Thompson Simmons, Sally Moffett Dwyer '46, Paul Brooks '43 and wife. They all met at the Canal and were joined by Edna "Perc" Haller Beglin '46 and Helen Fowble '47. The Boyers aren't enjoying their friends, they share their cottage on Bodkin with their own families.

Ann Lee Hodge and husband Lingo shared their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Lingo was in the Nova Lodge Thiele and Jeanne Corcoran. Lingo's mother, 98, helped 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 then headed to Hawaii in October with the Prince George's Retired Teachers, who are lead by Lingo.

Can it be that we are old enough—and ready for—great-grandparenting? At time Bev Barkauski of Western- ster, Md., was expecting to have her first experience of that proud status before this goes to press.

Madeline Myers Hliatt, also of Westminster, writes that she and husband Bill Med "55 may not see their daughter Mary Elizabeth much since 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 boccie team in Tucson, Ariz., was really glad that Ann Frounfolter Palmer was on their team to help win the Gold Medal in 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 pains. The Palms still get around to Vegas, San Diego and Nova Lodge Thiele from Silver Spring, Md., she says she has seen many WMC friends without going to Ocean City fest in July, she means a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for the Hudsons and a trip to Ontario with her WMC Lodge brothers. What a 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 Jacqueline Blick '49 enjoyed a trip to Nova Scotia.

Words of sympathy have been sent to the families of Joseph Kugler and Adele Tenny Galloway following their deaths: Joe on April 17, 1997 and Adele on May 11, 1997.
lured Mary Spaulding Pfefferkorn to New Mexico where she met a friend who was a part of a Winniebaggo home group. For nine days she cohoed and ahed over the "grandstand cali" 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 says he 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 Adak 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 regumented to her chemotherapy and attendant to a household without their dad. You have no idea how much your cards, phone calls, and prayers helped us all. As now, I have returned to my volunteer work of reaching out to other patients in need; it is therapy for me. Of course, my other three children and their families keep me in line.

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Word in May 1997 from Rev. George Pfefferkorn in Bel Air, Md., that he is getting around pretty well with the help of his daughter Deborah 777 and has plans for several trips to WMC. At a WMC Baltimore Alumni Luncheon in August, Bob 48 and Helen Miles Dubel presented "Reflections on Our Trip to Antarctica" to an enthusiastic audience, including Louise Renk Kunkel, Louise "Sunny" Sapp Hawkins, Shirley Brooks Powell, Howard 50 and Jean Daughtrey Myers, and L. Edward "Lefty" Elliott. In a recent note Helen mentioned a November 1997 revisit to China. She says, "Between periods away from home, time is filled with church activities, friends and grandchildren, the ninth one born in April."

After a wonderful Wisconsin summer, Robert Siemion 43 and his "good wife" Margaret Waugh Siemion transported their organic vegetables to their winter home in Florida. During Alumni Weekend last May, Charlotte Anne Wilkins Hauser 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 44 and 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 alumni banquet, she was 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 of a birding trip, loon and moose, combined with a ride on the Katalinid, the lake passenger steamer, all were enlightening. The class of '49 send sympathy to Charlotte and her family.

Phyllis Weaver Dahn writes that she's settled into living in Annapolis in the past year. Phyl has visited WMC with her brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Janet Raubenheimer Weaver.

Oviedo Bowerox reports from Florida 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 Nettles Bowerox '51 and daughter, Brettie, took a trip to Greece and the Islands, "In the steps of Paul," a trip Oviedo had wanted to take since his first two college courses, Greek History and Greek Language. Her former husband Dr. Allen Mac Donald in 1946, Eleonora 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 Kentucky, 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 Malone 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 WMC alumni chapter luncheon in Wilmington, Del.

Word from Dr. Peter Callas 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 Greg's birthplace was a highlight. They returned to the states via Copenhagen and Austria. 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 Formwalt, Al "Moon" Paul '50, Stan Fieldman '51, Don Denny '50, Walt Dorsey '48 and George Norman '47.

Charlotte Goodrich Hoover writes that "since we moved to 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 area."

Anita Turner Bodnar's card 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 works for Einstein-Brookhaven Learning Center in Maryland and is active in church programs.

Bill and Doris Ritter Ensmonig 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 saying it was like "living on a cruise ship in the country." Family, travel and volunteer work occupy most of her time.

Al Jacobson and Carol celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with their kids, Bobby, Richie, Buckey and Ray, along with four grandchildren, Rachel, 5, Willie, 3, Ryan, 4, and "Peewee," 1. In August, Jake had quadruple bypass heart surgery and in November an endorectomy operation, as Jake says "procto-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 orphanages who are supposed to go to school but aren't. Jake enjoys playing pool and bingo, sans grandchildren with the required tuition. Jake is also assistant lacrosse coach at Millburn High School.

Duanne Boyer is a social worker at Horizon House, 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 Lore 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 Webb whose obit was received on June 9, 1997. Thanks to all who sent news and regards to their classmates.

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Adeline Allen Parker reports she is still in the travel business in Bellevue, Wash., and doesn't have enough sense to retire. She's like more time for her grandchildren, herself, seeing old friends and having time for 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 "Patsy" Herman Douglas reports she is still in the travel business in Bellevue, Wash., and doesn't have enough sense to retire. She's like more time for her grandchildren, herself, seeing old friends and having time for reunions.

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 "Chuck" 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.

Donna Ballard (nee Flatt) is now working at a mail order company in her native Denver. She enjoys her grandchildren, two of whom, nine-year-old Matthew and seven-year-old Lauren are her "treasures.

Betty Norwood Smalley was married on July 5, 1997, to Melvin Roberts. They live in Tombow, 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 Farmham '53 have new buildings to report. After 27 years of dreaming, Paul and his geological department cut 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 has opened a $25 million Marine Education Center. They now have an 800-seat indoor amphitheater overlooking more than a million gallons of salt water. Fran and Paul would be delighted to show you around the Twin Cities - you name the area. I had a nice chat with Shirley Jeffrey 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 Mattern. 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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Jim and Janet Boller Heins 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. Jan says 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 close to home. In the fall, she is continuing violin lessons, playing in an orchestra and a string quartet and taking art classes. Jim has turned a hobby into a part-time business in bookbinding. They both enjoy their grandchildren, in laws and three grandchildren.

Bert Springstead has also been traveling since he retired three years ago. Recently he has been to Iowa, Brannon, Mo., and Arkansas to see his older son and family, as well as Chero-
Donald "Sandy" Roberts has fully recovered from his bypass surgery. He and Elaine have another granddaugh-
ter 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 publica-
tions. He recently wrote one defend-
ing the Bible—that there are only two
options, celibacy or the covenant of
marriage, and all other forms of sexu-
al orientation. The Presbyterian
Church USA is currently in a battle as
to whether they will approve of "gay
marriages" for their officers.

Reverend Merle Fox is working
on his second book, a bibliography of
the works of Rev. Henry Harrbaugh,
Reformed minister and theologian of
the 19th century.

Martha Brunner 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 on
weekend trips to shows. Martha is still
working and ballroom dancing every
week.

Elizabeth Shepherd 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 Corin.
Tom and his wife Shelly have two
sons, 8 and 12. Her daughter Barbara
just moved into a new home nearby.
She is an executive chef and does
private catering.

Mary Warner Swedell says, for all
of them who met her parents on campus
years ago, that she did the hardest
thing in their life this past summer. She
placed her 89-year-old mother in
a home. Mary said that after being
care giver all these years it was sad, but
her mother could no longer be trusted
to wander. They are working on
building an assisted living center in a
rural area near the Henderson/Las
Vegas area.

Mae and Judy Johnson Zerbe
drove out West in October. They
visited the LBJ Library in Austin, Texas,
where her father's career papers were
donated. Their youngest son, Dean
Alexis, graduated magna cum laude
from George Mason University School
of Public Policy. He is now attending
New York University School of Law
where he is a candidate for an L.L.M.
degree in taxation. Judy and Mace
travelled to the beautiful Danish area
of America where they rented a farm-
house. They also spent time in
Switzerland and the Scandinavian
countries.

John '56 and Suzanne Dorsey
Batista found summer flying by. Their
cladened family met in Ocean City,
Md.; in July. Then John and Suzanne
went to Baltimore to help celebrate Tom
and Patti Hamersly Church's
40th wedding anniversary. This fall
they visited New York state and
Vermont to see the beautiful changing
colors. John's company was purchased
by Nash Lunch 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.,
Huntsville, 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 Schmill.
His son Andy is assigned to a fighter
squadron in Alaska, son Jon teaches
inspector pilots in Oklahoma and
dughter 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.

Barry 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 Burkeet '57
Galbi had a great vacation in the
San Diego and Los Angeles area. Paul's
sister Eileen Galvin '58 and her hus-
band Allen Gilmore '59 came from
the ice land of Keene, N.T., 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 addi-
tion, 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 I think 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.

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My apologies for missing
the deadline and therefore having
no column last time. Some of
the news will not be recent since
the 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. Roy 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 Charleston. He
sees them often, "performing his baby-
sitting duties." His other daughter
Kimberly lives in Atlanta and works as
a director of conventions and meetings
for an association.

Don D'Angelo and his wife
are 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 Dou-
glas has his own company, while
deughter 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 Conserva-
tory, Kitty Bond Allen writes she
also is involved with church work and
is editor of several newsletters. Her
granddaughters, ages 2 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.
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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 leylew@wmc.edu.

After 15 years as a clinical education administrator at the Dental 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 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 agricultural pursuits.

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 Benny 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 he and his son Allan organized. He enjoys local 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, married and living 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 Harmon’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 Commanding General of the 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.
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 battlefields and celebrated R.T.’s 50th at a spa in Berkshire Springs, W.Va. To round out their lives they are taking tai chi, “a very humbling experience.” She also shares news of sister Peg-ell’s baby boy, Skylar. “He’s big, blonde, blue-eyed and beautiful! A real joy for our home 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 died for him 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 Phil 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 junior 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.

A large part 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 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 Lynn Price sings with the company. Now it’s my turn! My day is going 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 Esperian (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 hanging over the chairmanship to someone else. The big news is our decision to retire (as soon 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 so young to be thinking about retiring, right? Right!

Keep in touch in any of four ways. Barbara Thomas 2331 Via Celeste Coot de Caza, CA 92679 714/589-3323 phone 714/589-9115 fax BA.TandTAG@ms.com

Greetings, classmates! I hope this newsletter finds you all you happy and healthy. I have just spent the last two days in an interactive teacher training seminar with three WMCCs at Carroll Community College (their new Bell Atlantic Distance Learning classroom)!: Ann Weber (Dr. Weber’s wife), Karen Merkle ’76, Carroll Community College’s vice president of extended learning and innovative technology, and Bruce Wahlgrens ’62, Bruce is 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 junior 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 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 McGaun

loves living and working in Calvert, County. She is a freelance writer who contributes 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 Lindsey, 16, ballet performances with Molly, 13, and piano recitals with Jolie, 9. Lindsey is starting to investigate colleges, including WMC!

Ann Swope Williams and hubby Don are enjoying the remodeled 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. Cara 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 Statesville 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 High School 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 fun, but Leigh enjoys playing for charities and community events.

Rebecca Watkins Orenstein helped save the trees in Westminster when recent road improvements threatened their 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 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 science research to QA engineer at a software company, company, Rachael, 8, and Sarah, 6, are involved with soccer, horses and piano.

Kathy Thornhill is enjoying her 24th year of teaching at South Hagerstown High School. In the coming months she will direct the "Odd Couple" for Hagerstown's community theater group, 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" Roux 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 Deakyne Cowan and Nita Conley Korn at the Trumpetmen's Reunion in October. She says they are both doing well.

Frank Wagner is back in Africa. He is working for the Peace Corps supervising 70 secondary math and science teachers. He teaches 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 is now at WMC Christian Fellowship Chapel 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 he decided that he and Linda are now officially "in town!"

"Drama" Don Elman is the general manager of the historic 2000-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 Graves Architecture in Princeton and 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 their new house in Haltchopre (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. Jay is teaching at Arbutus Middle School and Maria is still full time—care-nurturing and chiropractic.

Wayne and Nancy Fishbaugh Cassell marked their 10th Christmases 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, 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 a 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 Robert Skyler and Lucinda Newby '73 Noland. Their son Derek, 16, is playing goalie for the Thomas Johnson High School ice hockey team. Their daughter Lauren, 13, is into gymnastics, tennis and clarinet. Lucinda plays as much tennis as she can find time for and is still doing day care licensing. Bob's company, Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, received first FDA New Drug Approval in November. Bob has to travel to 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, Bryan Oland has become the Technical Director for the U.S. Army Medical Information Systems and Services Agency, headquartered at the same place. 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 makes the junior varsity basketball team this 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. 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 1997. Sandy got a promotion in June with the Maryland State Police's Chemistry Unit. She traveled twice in 1997 to North Carolina to testify in federal cases. The Hartsock's 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. Rob is in eighth grade. scrub is a drummer in a rock band.

Gary and Louise Mattocks McCorrie's daughter Kristen is 11-going-on-15(!) and doing quite well. She has been selected to play the oboe in the Jr. year. She seems to be settling down with the in-school counseling and is being tested for the AG program. Gary continues with Watson Electrical doing supervisory work and now has a company truck. Louise continues at Belk Stores Service as project leader and doing more infrastructure work. She was elected president of the Church UM.W.

Suzanne and Bill Corley passed another "slowest 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.

Sandra '90 from Westinghouse bought a 20-year-old Cape Cod style house in Reston, Va. She's enjoyed the nice yard with mature trees and bushes and watching the birds enjoy her bird feeder. She has become "Harricat Homeowner," making many trips to stores for tools and drapery rods! Kim and Barbara Enringer are a happy married couple. Barbara, 28, is in her second year at WMC in the management department and is still at her parents' home where she works. Tally is in her spring, his third semester at the college. Their daughter Eliza is a junior at F&M and thinking of becoming a psychology major. Their oldest son Kyle 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 Eliza 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 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 better year for us! Thank you again for all your wonderful notes and Christmas cards.

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Once again, I thank you all for responding so promptly to my plea for news.

Bruce Anderson reports that life is good. 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 Sivel '80 is enjoying her life in Gaithersburg, Md., and spending more time with her family. She left her faculty position at West Virginia University, and is now closer to the family farm in Maryland. 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 and 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 the Chief of Staff office 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 business administration 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 Kristin, 13, and Michael, 11. Andrew, 16, started his first year of public school (11th grade) and is doing well in his coursework and on the soccer team, proving that home education does work. Fred continues with his teaching and publication. He was promoted to full professor 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 all over the world. He has 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 Dallas 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 a new way of life. 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 grade ninth 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 slowdown.

Sharon Reeds Hobbs Fisher is teaching eighth grade magnet science at South- west 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. Peter's. 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 fusing 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. Her band Robert is still going strong as a Weights and Measures inspector in Maryland.

Living in northern Italy, Linda Spence Guess works as a science and math teacher or substitute teacher depending on the needs of our Gäthersburg, 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 group when our son Marc married Pam Thomas of 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, was a large 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 2½ hours of each other. Please keep in touch. Love to hear from you any time!

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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 Sarah. 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 Bircly 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 lawnson, Mark Rosenberg, John Patrick '80 and Eric Schwab '82. Wayne has completed his 15th year directing the Boys Late Lacrosse Goalie clinic with help from Robert "Skip" Scidel '78 and Chuck Nolan '83.

Ron and Leslie McDade '80 Bowen has their fourth child, Samantha Jane, on November 10, 1997. After three boys, Brett, Matt and Mickey, Sammi is quite a change! Ron works for Sr. Speedy Int. and Leslie works at Home Depot.

Hank Caple 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: Georogi, Andrew and Thomas.

Blanc Clark and wife Eleanor have four children, BRANDON, MAGGIE, TAYLIA and Madison. They are also foster parents to two more children.

Pat Clark and family live in northern Texas and get only the rare visit. They live in 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.

Robert O'Brien Davis is teaching at Travilah 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 Einsminger 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 restructuring.

Alice Frey Eubank adopted a baby boy in September. Edward is a real joy. Alice 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, Kerri and Steve. Jeff spent four months in Germany and Bev and the children joined him for part of the summer. Bev works for a private medical lab but enjoys 20 hours a week. She enjoys the flexibility of being 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 K-8, and volunteering for LaLeche League.

Austin and Martha Pratt '78 Gisriel are still enjoying life in Williamsport, Md. Daughters Becky and Sarah are both in school. The family loves being here and she helps 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 co-ordinated assessment and placement 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 of girls with an au pair agency.

Beth Lengel 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 '70 left his third 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 heard the good news. 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 Cavanagh, in Phoenix. She is in the business law/finance group doing corporations, corporate records, commercial lending, mergers and acquisitions. There can be very 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 is very happy in the Valley of the Sun.

Pam Hudson works for a local hospital in Huntsville, Ala., as vice president for medical affairs and regional constituent 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. He and his wife Debbie have a new house and his daughter Jerilyn, 16, is learning to drive.

Bill Jenkins writes from Richmond about the murder of his son, William, 16, in August. It was a very 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 security guard duty. 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 of violent crimes, and has received a community service award from the local organization, Victims of Violent Crime. Two memorial scholarships for posts for high school students 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 bred horse farm and is still knitting/finish ing 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, but now plans to be a physiatrist.

Kimberly Smith-Charette 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. Margaret's School 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 John's college and we will all have a sigh of relief!

Best wishes for continued good news. Write me anytime.

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Susan Goehner Houston is a

Hello, Class of 1980! It's a
dreamy, late October
day 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 concept of time is a bit distorted.

Linda Piccirelli Maher and her husband are delighted to announce the arrival of their son Christopher Woo Joong Maher, who was 5 months old when he arrived from Korea in October. Linda's daughter Nicole 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 McGovern writes that he and his wife Patrice 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 Farmers 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 Brian, 6.

Virginia Wilson Remian writes that she, husband Eric and their children Jake, 11, and Katie, 8, spent a wonderful week at Disney World last fall. They then had a two-week summer vacation exploring Europe! Eric, who is special projects coordinator at The Peninsula in Washington State, climbing Mount Ranier (well, halfway) and sailing to British Columbia.

Robert Ricardo writes that he is a manager at the YMCA in Alexandria, Virginia, and enjoys vacationing in their new home in the area. Their oldest daughter is a senior in high school and their second daughter is a junior in high school.

writes that otherwise, life continues much as usual: working, kids and trying to save for college educations.

Ellen Sartorio-Lawrence says the only thing that has really changed since last year is that her son Taylor, 7, is in first grade while daugh-
ter Emily, 4, erratically waits two more years before she gets to board the bus for kindergarten. Both kids play soccer. Ellen's husband Curt is doing catering and manages their church's food service program while Ellen continues to work for the Florida affiliate of the National Education Association. Ellen wrote that they visited to Maryland are few and far between, but she and her family 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 four boats freelancing him skiing in Altair, Utah. Kevin's brother Regan '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 anytime they can get 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 UVA pediatrics group and Fred is doing graduate work in the Psychology department. Daughter Jessey is spending her mornings in a terrific Montessori program and everyone is getting settled in nicely.

Audrey 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 the local social 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 "dude ranch" last sum-
er. 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 note suggests 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 recently put on a choir festival in which she was to have featured a great 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 opened 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 Zach, 10, will raise a bea-
gle puppy this summer. They are enjoying her very much in between wondering, "Why did we do this?" The Taylors were planning a December trip to two British Columbia sights, including the Rockettes 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 Wahlfathitg writes that he and his wife Sue are enjoying their 16-month-old twins and their Yellow Labs. In April, Dave was made a partner at Kelso and Company.

Ann Harrison Welford is teaching health to high school and physical education classes at Reston's Yorkodale Elementary 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 Reves '82 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 planes, while Kim is a full time mom. Caitlin has taken up golf but says he has a lot to learn.

Lee McIntire Wildemann is busy with a job as community relations representative for Pautantg Company. Lee is responsible for the company's outreach to the community and decisions on which events the company will sponsor. Lee's son, Philip, 12, plays soccer and is a junior referee for S.A.C.

Wayne Winterling 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 enjoying all the great views 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 Doenes was the victim of a fatal motor vehicle acci-
dent. He died on March 12, 1997. Condolences can be sent to his mother: Mrs. Janice Doenes, 4116 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 tri-
umphs and tragedies of everyday life.
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 births. If you have any news, please keep in mind that we arc looking for news of professionals 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 Ellicott 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 Ilkko has her own business. 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 Keohoe '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 Filishe 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 Buckwold welcomed daughter Cassie into their family on August 29, 1997. Beth has returned to work at WMC on a part-time basis.

Jim and Frances Fato Cardo write that they are doing very well. They spend most of their time enjoying Jamie Frances, 18, who is a student at all their favorite restaurants and clubs. They specialize in malpractice and personal injury. Frances is still the CFO for the Aspen Hill Club.

Chrisie 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 Schooler '91 were married last summer in Egypt. Several WMC friends attended the big day, including Bill McCarthy '87, Allen Mott '87, Amanda Zawacki '91 and Bill '86 Boyadjis, and Judy Goldstein '92. They are living 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 have moved to central Wisconsin. He is now an ophthalmologist at the Marshfield Clinic in Marshfield, Wisc. 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 to be a stressful task.

Pat Dull 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. Jamie and wife Amy Heebner '88 moved into a new house they built in the country near Rising Sun, Md.

Jennifer Geiter Dettlerick is attending the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy pursuing her Pharm.D. degree. She hopes to work in the area of cancer management after graduating in 2000. She has been married to John for nine children; no children yet, but they look forward to starting a family soon.

Jonathan Favorite is planning a new house in Kendrick, Md., (outside Hampstead). 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 successful son, Jack, born on April 21, 1997. She and her two boys enjoy a two week 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.

Colen 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 Dripps Groothman and her husband Bob '94 had a beautiful baby, Mary Frances, May. Terry loves being a stay-at-home mom. She is already missing her job one bit! Terry and family will be spending three weeks at Beach Bend, Del., this summer.

Michele Cruikshank Hayward and Craig '94 still live in Pittsburgh, Pa. Michael is a student returned to college to become a dietitian. She only has one more year to go!

Elizabeth Burkitt Howes is a sales manager at Hannigrs. 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 Wolfe 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 the only ones who hadn't been having fun with their candlestick games, no water, and heat from a wood burning stove! Jon is still working in retail and Julie is at L.L. Bean.

Bob Landon 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.

Tammie 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 for herself.

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 Jankovich Feehan and Pat '90 live in Centreville, Va. Chris is working as a programmer analyst at American Management Systems in Fairfax. Chris spends his 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/St. Luke 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 is great seeing everyone at Homecoming last fall. I hope 1998 is a great year for all. Keep the news coming!

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Have you been wondering what your classmates are up to? 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 Motovidick 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 teacher/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 Olge Beane! She is a teacher 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.

At the Baltimore Sun and writing features for Patuxent Publishing's newspapers in the Baltimore area, Amy Pelsinsky is back at WMC as managing editor of The Hill. She won 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. Katie Marsh Haim,of Ellicott City, 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 Petricca lives in Fruitland, S.C., with husband Anthony '92. They are adjusting to their new home and two babies—Olivia, born March 27, 1996, and
Emily Ann Oland and Brenton "Skip" Squires '93 were married June 14, 1997, in Little Baker Chapel in a ceremony performed by Dr. Ira Zeppy '52. Jonathan Boehm was best man, Maura Ziolkowski was maid of honor and Jennifer Dinsy was her 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 biological 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 Governor's Mansion. 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 Kuespert is working at Harford 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 Tyre '95. The wedding party included Carolyn Low, Anna Jakubic, Heather Hyland and Michael Clinton '95. Michele works in recruiting at PMAG Peat Marwick in Radnor, Pa., and resides with her husband in Brooklyn, 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 Braller on May 3, 1997. Jennifer works in Westminster as a service coordinator and is working towards her master's in counselor education.

Tiffany Jenkins Whitney '95 and Michael Mitchell '95 worked on a project to enter the Davis Cup tennis team and the winning team is now in South Africa for the Davis Cup finals.

On August 8, 1997, Sherrie L. Bernel put 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.

Kevin Koretzki lives in Westminister, Md., and is the associate manager of Chevry 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 roommates and fellow graduates Carolyn Buzanoski. She also celebrated New Year's in Scotland with her fiancé, Trey Rash '98.

After working as a waitress for seven months, Amy Dreibleib 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 AAI, and a partner with his father, Ryan. He lives in Cockeysville, Md.

Laurel Carichner is an accountant for Alex Brown, a Baltimore-based financial institution. She reports that she sat for the CPA exam in November along with several other '97 graduates.

Sophie Furrr 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.

Jill "Darlene" Gady 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 Monacoy Valley Olympic Weightlifting Club in Frederick, Md.

Carolyn 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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At 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 clackety-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 ashtray 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 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.
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.

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 at 410/857-2296.

Sunday, May 3
Honors Convocation, Baker Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m.
Friday, May 8
ROTC President's Review, 11:55 a.m., Memorial Plaza.
Saturday, May 23
Commencement, Gill Physical Education Learning Center, 2 p.m.
May 29-31

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.
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.
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 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-Ral” 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.

Music to Their Ears
A crescendo of student interest in the college’s musical offerings marks a revival in Levine Hall.

In the Shadows of Giants
With 251 green and gold teaching years between them, eight longtime faculty turn in their chalk and bid farewell to the Hill.

The Boogie-Woogie Man
Big Daddy Herb Sell ’57, high school choir director and jazz musician extraordinaire, teaches locals the meaning of jazz.

Theoretically Speaking
Associate Professor of Music Theory Glenn Caldwell explores life behind the music.

Minds vs. Money
Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance, explains the ins and outs of college finance.
Campus Safety on Wheels

None of the television networks will dare 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 completed 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 buildings, 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...
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.

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.

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 sales 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 membership 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 has also 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.
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
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 Back 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.

Back of 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.

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 87th out of 120 competitors 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.

**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 WMC Golf Teamaced the competition, winning the Centennial Conference Championship in April.

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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.

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 also led the Flute Quartet and Choir, the Woodwind Quartet and the College Band. This will also be the 12th year she

Robert Kachur is studying how the major themes of 19th-century horror classics have been modified for modern film audiences.

Linda Kirkpatrick

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.

Paul Miller

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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 Swiss wartime banking of victims' gold and jewels, and serves as assistant editor of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Holocaust and Genocide Studies journal.

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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 damselflies 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.

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Marilyn Kroeger Smith, chemistry lab instructor and chemical hygiene officer, joins the chemistry faculty after spending 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,
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 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 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 professor 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.

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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 justice 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.
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-age 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...
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—Michael Losch, associate professor of art history

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 inter-racial 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 Millstein 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 Iditarod 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 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-
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, earning 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.
Music to Their Ears
BY AMY PELSINSKY

The 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
Junior Dana Jacobson, sophomore Jennifer Donner and senior Jennifer Koch play with the eight-member Flute Choir, conducted by Linda Kirkpatrick.
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 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
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 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 “Salsso” 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.

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.

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—Linda Kirkpatrick, senior lecturer

Build It, and They Will Come

Gershwin’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,” Helmut 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 Eliot, conductor
5. Palestrina—“Pope Marcellus Mass” and selected motets (including “Sicur 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
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.

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.
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 gooey 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
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.
Alumni Profile

Eric Byrd ’93 Leads the Gospel Choir Flock

Sing, Amen

BY AMY PELSINSKY

It all started in February of 1977. Six-year-old Eric Byrd ’93 was sitting in front of his parents’ old cabin 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 Jubilators 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
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—Eric Byrd ’93

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.”

Teacher and jazz musician Eric Byrd ’93 ignites voices and souls in the ever-growing Gospel Choir on campus.
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Eight Longtime Faculty Retire

In the Shadows of Giants

BY JOYCE MULLER AND AMY PELSINSKY

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

When 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
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

"Everyone 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 convention, 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...
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 Maryand 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 WWII, 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 member, 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 Andréé live in Union-town, 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.
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 library 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 horticulture and music. She not only plays the piano, but is proficient at the harpsichord, viola da gamba and recorder.

In retirement, she plans to continue to tend the ivories, tend to her garden and do some volunteer work.

Man About Town

'Habits of the heart are important, as well as habits of the mind.'

—Ron Tait, professor of sociology

The 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 teens 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...
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

Docksiders 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 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 Central America.

In 1998 Weber was recognized for his work with the Robert J. Weber Award.
On 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 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 dig it when 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, wagging 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
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 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 in 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 have 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 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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The Promised Land

After earning his undergraduate degree at North Carolina AT&T State University in Greensboro, Caldwell headed to graduate...
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

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
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.

**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,
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 revenue 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 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 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 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
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

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 meet college bills. Seven out of ten full-time students nationwide receive financial aid; many receive a substantial amount. At private colleges like Western Maryland, for example, the average undergraduate receives $9,700 in financial aid, reducing their expenses by almost half.

The campaign, called "College Is Possible," is supported by a website (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.

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. •
SENIORS GIVE CLASS GIFT TO RICHWINES 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 NGI 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 comprehensive 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.
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.

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 Sayler).
4. Show your true (stars and) stripes in the parade (seniors Miesha Queen and Jessica Boehman).
5. Get fancy awards (alumni honorees Roxanne Benjovsky 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.

Western Maryland College still needs you after Homecoming is over. Check out page 51.
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 southern end of campus at the corner of Main and Union streets, in 1937.

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 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.”

Ward Arch was moved from the entrance of the college to the corner of Main and Union streets in 1937.
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 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 dietitian 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 1966, a position she would hold for 28 years.

Evelyn took on the role of 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 performances 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 advisor; 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 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

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Miss Alice T. Behlmer ’43, of Frederick,Md., On April 29, 1998

Mrs. Marion Millender Malone ’38, Towson, Md., on May 27, 1998.

Mrs. Page Turner Furth ’26, of


Miss Lillian Marie Zahradka ’52, of Cockeysville, Md., on August 16, 1998.

Miss Marian 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 Seaforth, Del., on July 13, 1998.

Mrs. Marion Millender Malone ’38, of Fort Pierce, Fla., on March 14, 1998.


Mrs. Eloise Chipman Payne ’38, of Towson, Md., on May 27, 1998.


Mrs. Laura Breeden Elsneroad ’40, of Ijamsville, Md., on June 9, 1998.

Mr. John E. Thompson ’40, of Frederick, Md., on April 29, 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.


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Miss Christine D. Kazmer ’70, of Frederick, Md., on April 8, 1998.

Mrs. Amelia Annan Mowbray-Clarke ’35, of Silver Spring, Md., on December 13, 1996.


of Wilmington, De., on April 25, 1998. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Mr. Harry C. Schreck ’50, of York, Pa., on May 13, 1998.

Dr. Stephen W. Dejter ’50, of Delaware.

Mrs. Marion Millender Malone ’38, Towson, Md., on May 27, 1998.


Mrs. Helen Eckard Bowlus ’31, of Silver Spring, Md., on May 7, 1998.

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Alexandra Longest, on January 12, 1998, to Timothy Longest and Denise Kennedy ’85.
Adam Ashburn Sarsony, on February 10, 1998, to Craig ’85 and Linda Ashburn ’87 Sarsony.
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 Terry ’86 and Beverly Donald.
Sophia Katsoulas, on August 15, 1997, to Dino and Missy Arhos ’86 Katsoulas.
Katherine Regessie King, on February 24, 1998, to Mark and Laura King ’86 King.
Rachel Anne Sadler, on June 30, 1997, to Tim Sadler and Julie Jurdi-Sadler ’86.
Emily Anne Williams, on October 14, 1997, to Steven and Kathleen Mano ’87 Williams.
Ryan Joseph Fangmeyer, on April 18, 1997, to Bob and Leigh Filer ’88 Fangmeyer.
Ryan Thomas Harris, on December 20, 1997, to Michael and Sheri Triwane ’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.
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.
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 Cantle.

90 Hummel.
Molly McConville, on January 1, 1998, to Kevin and Megan Kane ’91 McConville.
Ryan Rippeon, on March 18, 1998, to Rick ’91 and Teresa Rippeon.
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.
Conger Reid Wraas, on February 18, 1998, to Reid ’93 and Carolyn Roush ’95 Wraas.
Zajaha-Angela Wraas, adopted in November 1997, by Reid ’93 and Carolyn Roush ’95 Wraas.
Kayla Beth Wisotzkey, on February 23, 1998, to Todd ’94 and Diane Wisotzkey.
Taylor Wesley Hartzel, on June 10, 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.

Jaclyn 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 Southwestern 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 Middle and High School Outstanding Teachers:

- Pamela O’Callaghan
- Alexander MED’81, Marie Bantner
- MED’86, Loretta Leister Basler
- MED’78, Patricia Bead Barnhart
- ’82 MLA’81, Barbara Clark MS’93
- Mary Jo Cornes MED’84, Terry Fischer MS’96, Cynthia Foltz
- MS’91, Deborah Snyder Henze MLA’78, Liza Wilson Hieronimus MS’92, Pamela Root Hildenbrand MED’78, Melanie Gonsman Lazelle ’90 MS’98, Sheri Franklin Marling 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 Dutt rer 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
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Margaret Phillips
Ford turned 102 on August 13. She is still able to go to church Sundays and still does all kinds of crafts and handwork.

It's time again to greet each one of you. About half of our group were unable to send the postcards I sent out, and I think that's great.

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 '58 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 Collingswood, N.J., from such 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 Hammond and I were sure to attend our chance meeting recently. Lois lives in nearby Sykesville, 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 Twigg '37
Grumbine of St. Joseph, Mich., are busy with horseback riding and cheering on their athletically gifted grandchildren. Klee expresses regret 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 see 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 nine-year-old 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 program.

Happy news from our Bob Bennett. Robert S. Bennett III will be a Western Maryland College student this fall. Another source of grandmother pride is Julia Miller, who is working for her Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at Northwestern University.

Jean Bar Hosey 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 reminds 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 last of the cocky family still in England. Just as interesting, and just as important, was the recent arrival of Josh and Loviesh'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., are still living a busy life there. When they traveled, it is to visit their daughter in Fairmount W.Va., or their sons in Ocean City and Rising Sun, Md.

Thomas Eveland 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 United Way and also keeps busy with church, community and county activities.

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 28 years.

Madalyn Flickinger Manust 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 his father, Bill Adolph, appreciating his help in building her character.

It was good to hear that Neil Eckenroad 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 Christmas time Rachael Green Mansey was looking forward to being 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 houses complete with appropriate furniture.

Thelma Alford has sent greetings from Indiana. Last year was not easy because of nasal phangeric cancer and the accompanying radiation and chemo. She is planning to beat it.

Bill Bostin loves to play golf and also serves as a marshall at the Kemper Open in Potomac, Md. He has completed a three-year term as president of the DC/Northern Virginia alumni chapter.

Mary Hawkins 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.

Judy Toomey Russell has lived in Myrtle Beach, S.C., for 22 years. The time has come to think of returning to
Marguerite Hatch Little is in good health and delights in grand-daughter Kristina.
Madeline Cooper Durcya lives quietly and likes hearing about all of your experiences.
Kathleen Coo 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 Alumna 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 Martha 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 Crowder '43 Lowery at her 50th reunion.
Mary Lou Ashby Briscoe lost her husband Phil last October. She is sustained 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 Volmer 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 Beamock Pomeroy took time off from gardening, church and grandchildren for a Canadian vacation.
Lester "Bo" and Norma "Nicky" Nicolodous '40 Knep went to Connecticut to attend granddaughter Rosmie's graduation from Wesleyan University. Oprah Winfrey was the graduation speaker.
Lilyan Bennett Mulvany 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 Price of Crapeland 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 speaks of breathtaking scenery in Norway, especially to the Arctic Circle and the top of the world. Last August, Isabelle invited me to her Ashbury Village home for lunch with Eleanor Brown, Ruth Beard Reiter, Roselita Todd '28 and Betty Schaeffer Cissel '42.
Eleanor "Scotty" Prescott Vergis remains in good health—she does aerobics. A new grandson 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 recovered enough to drive to 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 Faw visited WMC.
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 Blonskey Hilton in January, Mary Brown Sherman in March, Ellen Harris Howard in December 1997 and George Logan Howard in October 1997.
Keep well, and keep in touch.
Elnor Culligan Skelton 3910 Larchwood Road Falls Church, VA 22041

This group of sun-kissed alumnus spent the summer working in Ocean City, Md. (l-r): Marlene Wagner '98, Christy Venerziani '99, Bethany Brown '00, Kristi Simon '00, Maegan 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 "downy ocean" this summer, but something tells 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) to: Postcards from the Edge, Office of Public Information, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.
growing of oranges. At this moment, there are three grown children and six grandchildren.

From Norristown, Pa., Robert Kettles writes: "We continue to enjoy retirement here and spend 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 Pfoutz Latham enjoy their 12 grandchildren and all the benefits of retired living and good health. Simply and powerfully they summarized their moment of retirement as "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 traveling.

With her Irish setter, Charlotte Janney Mellott makes her home in Baltimore. She works two nights a week at the Sheridan 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 days.

After 34 years of a very fulfilling marriage, Betty Shepter Papiro lost her husband John following bypass surgery. Betty has with her Susan, their handicapped daughter, at their home in River Yale, 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" Phills 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 Duval Rigoli 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 make two trips to other countries each year.

Laurie Winkelchen 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 Zolvak, 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 Papiro our sympathy, prayers and best wishes at the passing of her husband, John.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Ralph Gorton, 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.""

Bill Simpson
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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 to take a cruise in April. It was just as they pictured it. The weather was a little chilly, but they enjoyed. Two weeks later they attended the Lions District 22 convention when the weather was horrible and the food 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 Reter Stocksdale. 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.

Elle Lawson Conner married Bill Ellington on October 10, 1997. Bill and Marilyn Coombe Stewart got them together. They moved into a larger house in Henley Mills, Fla., 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. Elle says it is a perfect match, and she can't believe how happy she is. All the kids are fine.

Like Elle 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 retired as superintendent of schools in 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 Muhl 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. A 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 McNeel Baumeister has two 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. She just resigned as 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 Shelly. Andy has been serving on the Bergen County Y.M.C.A., 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 with his fellow trustees and 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 McCaulley 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 Gooetz 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 the 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 Dorsey '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 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 bad news from them. Nick's wife Robin 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 Zaccary. His nickname will be Zack.

Lois Coffman had a super week in D.C. last summer while her husband was 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 on 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 Schedee and '87 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 her 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 grandparents, 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, Austria and Amsterdam. Otherwise, Jack says it is tennis, tending 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 "Torsi" (an abbreviation for Torstensson), 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 related that he and Bill shared many classes and labs where Bill was 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 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. "Torsi" developed diabetes and then a soft tissue cancer on the thigh. Chemotherapy and 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 at the end of January, and they went on their first cruise with 42 people from the area. Their son Brett, a dentist, died several years ago, and they finally sold his condo in Germantown, Md. Their daughter Christa and husband Bill 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 Bill and their grandchildren. They enjoy traveling in their trailer to many areas of our country.

Ron and Nancy Pennypacker 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. Arneath Love and husband have eight acres and horses, so John usually cuts their grass for them, as he enjoys doing their tractor. Wendi takes care of her small yard as husband Ed is still involved with his band. Johanna still works at a resort in Arizona, and when it closes in May she returns home for a visit when the entire family has farm the Outer Banks, N.C., for two weeks. The Alumni Office notified me of the death of Rev. Thomas T. Stewart on October 6, 1997. Tom lived in Baltimore and is survived by his widow, Doris E. Stewart.

Earl Seipretired,' 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 Georgia 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 planning 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 Brevard, house hunting 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 “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 have 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 informed 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 near by. Daughter Dan is dating Rick, and their son, Ryan was born March 18, 1998. “This year of law school at the University of South Dakota. Karen, the mother of Kristin, also visited Nagano after the Olympics concluded. Kristin Tyeryar ’88 visited in March after completing her first year of law school at the University of South Dakota, Karen, the mother of Michelle, 2, is an eight grade English teacher and a master’s student at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va. Marcia Wilson, using a computer is a challenge in itself since many of the commands are in Japanese.

Jim and Lou Mateasse continue to enjoy their retirement, having spent two weeks in Paris, London, Chancellor country and Normandy. D-Day sites. The French countryside and 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 Mooseamse 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, commencing 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 Schott ‘60 Myers. Ozzie and Aimee say anyone traveling in Allentown, Pa., should call them.

In the spring, Jon and Bev Schott ‘60 Myers took a 17-day trip to France, visiting Paris and its many castles and towns in Provence and the Riviera. Jon serves on seven boards in various fields, which keeps him busy, and their ski shop in Vail is doing nicely its first year. Son Michael now has his MBA along with his CPA, 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 Hampstead, 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 Vail at the time.

Chris Reichenbecker Bonser sends greetings from Sykeville, La. 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 Samsbury 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 (monitoring 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. Ken 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 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 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 Horst 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 Tianman 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 Palkas ’84 daughter Rachel of the following weekend. Barbara has returned to the office to teach English and sponsor the yearbook. In addition to his World Bank responsibilities, Jack is now teaching at the PAX foster facility.

In his retirement Jerry Bluehdom is doing a lot of traveling and is enjoying tennis even more. He has taken up surfing and body boarding in addition to jogging and swimming. As a member of two wrestling 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 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 newest born on April 18. Their granddaughter from Pennsylvania visited this summer, the rest of the family lived there. 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 lives her new place in Bethany Beach. She hosted the Stone reunion in July. She still has work to do on her perennial beds, but son John has helped with the landscaping. In April, Lorie and her family arrived to await the birth of Michael’s brother, Zachary Stone Cooper, born in May. 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 sat 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 to attend more major tournaments, in addition to the Colorado junior circuit. While in Australia, he sat in on the constitutional convention in Canberra. They are considering dropping the Queen and becoming a republic. He says it was a bit like being in Philadelphia in 1787, 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 LeFew moved into a new home in Davenport, Fla.—the final move, per Chuck. It is a golfing community, so they play as much golf as they can. Chuck keeps busy with his businesses, Merry Maids and Servicemaster, while Mernette still works at Lockheed Martin. In October 1997, granddaughter Kylie Eric and 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 role of women and food during World War II.

I 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 Country, Va., in their human resources office. His stepson Jason Grant is a recent graduate of University of Virginia law school in Charlottesville, Va. After taking three years to sell their house in Pennsylvania, Sondra Nystrom Leef 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, residing in “grandma’s fix” trip 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 Linsey of Blackburg, Va., made his 11th trip to Bermuda to continue research on declining amphibian populations there. And Virginia on their research were published this year, as well as a 550-page book called “Mammals of Virginia: The Elimination of 18 Species” by Wilcox and Seml. It includes color photos, 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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Better late than never—Ann Schwartzman Rader e-mailed a reply for last year’s column. Her son Matt, then a senior, third trip high in Columbia. He covered for vanity 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 Mexico a few weeks 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. Ann and Jane “Woody” Fieseler ’70 catch a show at Theatre on the Hill.

The first card to arrive came from Greg Guty, who practices law in Cumberland, Md. His wife, Ann Darby MBE’76, continues to work in deaf education. For the first time in over 20 years, Ann will work in their home county of Allegheny. They just completed a missions trip with daughters Megan, 16, and Morgan, 14, to Camargo, Mexico, where they dug ditches and raised 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 Schatzman Rader 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 Armstoc Carter has 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 Jeannette 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 Palme Porter. He took in an Orioles 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 VonDelsen 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 Collver.

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 1980 after 20 years. He and his wife were 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 Vineyard, N.J., Board of Education, Bill, a sales position 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 biology major at Bucknell.

Into almost anything, Carol Jesatko Ferritta's e-mail address reflects her business concerns, Almost Metal Spinning Company, Almost Anything Antiques. Step-son Jared trained at Harris Island, S.C., for the Marine Corps, and is now in industrial and systems engineering. Steve Davill, 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, Courtny's team competed on the Hudson, and returned with two gold medals. Vancouver, Canada, and returned with two gold medals. Lin and Collyer.

Gail Perrle Stovall, who lives over two hours away in Stockton, Lin Lin calls on or e-mail from anywhere planning a visit.

Amy Lewis and Jim King have 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 as a non-denominational Christian minister.

I've wished for a convertible since high school, so Bill bought me a 1994 Jag XJS V12 for our 50th wedding anniversary this summer. Of course, I still have my MR2. Coming back my senior year as a married day student with only the semester esculpt, I began my career in February of 1989. I graduated when my seniors did! I am looking forward to our 50th 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 Effingham. 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.

Bye!

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It's hurricane season—
that must mean it's
time to write more news about us! I'm not sure what the direction is there, but somebody must keep something!

Time may march onward, but my mail is any indication, we all seem to
match, fly, bike, run, ski, drive and
overse the 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 school year, but
you may notice a few other letters rep-
even an "A" if you look closely.

Seems some folks have taken
me with my friends 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... 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 here.

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In the first time in a while with some real
newswriting news for the rest of us. Seems he joined a running group dur-
ing 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 North America for Habitat for Humanity (now we know how he keeps his house building skills sharp), HOPE programs and other local stuff.

Ray Waters isn't talking retire-
ment, but he has a
different career shift. After spending 25 years in banking—five of them as chair, president and CEO of Mellon Bank (DE)—John is now enjoying his third season sailing 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 aboard his Perkin's 331 (I'm assuming that's a sailboat!) which I think is named "The Cary." (You all have to be a little really little to fit this stuff on the boat, yes?)

Anyway, Heather is 20 and a junior at Oregon State in ele-
mentary education. Chris, 16, a high school junior who runs on the cross country team and is on the swim

team as well. Chris also works at 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 baseball and football, 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 Voc Rehab Division, is teaching everyone to fish the rivers. Except for Ellen. "Failing hooks" isn't on her list of preferred activities. Speaking of fishing, Bill Prettyman was 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." Billowed on his list of "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 Nurse, has "put in eight more years before mailing the third retirement 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!

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is well in the thriving 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. 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 Chesterton, Md., where she works for Chesapeake Bank, and new son-in-law, Tom, has his family concrete business. Andy, 22, graduated from Washington College (we have a real Chesterton connection going here) and is an account manager with Health Care Financial Partners in Chevy Chase. Carol Hoechls '70 is the busiest of all, Charlie says, as 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 Shermeyer Severson hasn't exactly switched jobs, 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 a job hunting. Ellen, who is a junior at York College in Pennsylvania, has switched majors from mechanical engineering to graphic design. Sue notes with a smile (I know she caried one) that her husband, Eric just turned 50. The smile continues with the comment, "Of course, I'm not old yet!"

Yet another person talking about her retirement is Darlene Richardson Robinson who has "discovered" travel 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 "full time life" and it's wonderful. Darlene and Steve '72 celebrated their 25th anniversary on cruise to Bermuda. Meanwhile, daughter Sonja is married and settled in northern Idaho while Dorrie is a senior at Shenandoah University.

Dawn 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 involved in the Caroline Center, which helps women struggling 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" experiences that prepared her for her current work. Dawn 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 when she and Nancy ran into Alison Kabenagle Doulton, 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 Scholl is! He does his vice principal-ing at John Carroll School in Bel Air. Sarah is in 10th grade there and plays field hockey, basketball and lacrosse, while her brother, eighth grade, plays soccer and basketball. Sarah and Emma recently spent two weeks playing lacrosse in England. All those sports and "no wrestlers," sighs Gary: What are you gonna do?! The whole family (Gary's wife Kathy and the seven 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 McGullick and her husband Ken went West this year to their third year in Austin, Texas. Sue is working as a medical social worker in an 80% Spanish-speaking clinic and is reaching her lifetime goal of becoming fluent in the language. February saw the "experience of a lifetime—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, she 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 well doing out on the West Coast. The Western Maryland grapesvine also word of Bill Westervelt's marriage. Come on guys, I need details!

Writing from Tennessee, Cec Sherard reports that he and Jeannie Castle are doing well—"celebrating their 27th anniversary!" Dalebrook 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 "fishing into a busy social schedule." Philip, 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 Philip "plays third like Brooks and we've never seen a 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, white Chuck, an agronomist with Terra International, troubleshoots problems at the company's outlets 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. Tiffany got to go to Bloomington 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. Two 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 his 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 cycled all that water to end up in the Alps!

Rusty and Pat McCall Bob Harper took their daughters Robin and Molly on a cross-country baseball trip while traveling from home in Helena, Mont., to Ichaba, N.Y., where Robin started at Ichaba College in the fall. Baseball fans all (I've been to Orioles games with them—there is something 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-Cardinals double header before making it to Ichaba. Despite our best efforts, we weren't able to fit a Pawtucket Red Sox (AAA) game here in Rhode Island into their schedule this year 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 cofounded the Center for Peace Studies at the University, trained all the federal prison guards in the state in nonviolence strategies and began talking with Dean Zepp about working together on a book about nonviolence. I'm having a blast working with folks from all over the state managing the URI-Brown Leadership RJ, and I'm also working toward becoming a certified nonviolence trainer as well. My own business, PlanWorks Consulting, fills in wherever I have time. Stana and David are on their own in Boston and have somehow turned our garage into a little secret place of all the sudden—weird how that 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 read 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 about the guitar, but it was—it was—but together with the conversations, interactions and friendships, new and old, the whole thing (I know I'm getting hokey, 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 list e-mail. 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. We'll go round. Next time we write we'll be on the cup 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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Hello to everyone! After 12 years of keeping you all in the loop, Deanna Taylor has decided to pass the job on to someone else. Nancy Marlowe Merritt and I (Phillis Menschener) will be sharing the responsibility of gathering the news and keeping 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-
Sackett College

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.

From Bennett MacLauchlan writes that after three years in Denver she is returning to Maryland to stay. Her job’s lock with Lochheed Martin is bringing them back East, and Forr says this will be her last move. She is busy with three children doing that “soccer mom” thing and hopes to see everyone soon at WMC.

Debby 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.

A.4 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 Kortvoyle Menningen 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 Hetz, 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 Menninger is the assistant general counsel for environmental law for Lockheed Martin. She and her husband Wilder Leavitt enjoy traveling and visiting family and friends.

JoAnne Campbell Nelson’s eight-year-old daughter asked her what it was like to go to college. JoAnne replied that it is a great experience 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 Cigna Corp., a fiber optics telecommunication company. Her three children keep her busy since she is one of those “soccer moms,” too. JoAnne writes that her husband and family are living in California and is working on her doctorate. She is working for Saddleback College and seems to love her position.

Cindy Conversano Bailey has her hands full caring for two sons.

Scott and Donna Butz ’82 Nichols enjoy the country life in Myerstown, Pa., 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.

Glen Rousse continues to do work in the commercial real estate business. He ventured down to Fells Point this summer to see the Charlie Brown/Benjamin Gleb ’82 band, a mini-reunion with a lot of the old gang.

Laura Morestein-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 country to the Canadian Rockies while working on starting a cell business. She is working at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center and looking forward to their oldest one’s graduation. 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 Fones Weber and Andy ’79 had their third child, Scott. Mary Lee is still director of marketing at WTNH 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 golf, 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 On Par Hill. He and the family, including their three children, went to see the Canadian Rockies for some mountain climbing.

Julia Windsor Yale left WMC in her sophomore year but is glad that we include her with our class. She enjoys visiting 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 psychology. 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 (Philis 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! Scrabbles, Stepstones, and sending 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 how does the college have an exciting new way for us to celebrate. Instead of crumpling 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 alumni who are celebrating reunions in the USA in 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 USF&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 travel agent for the past few years visiting London, Germany, Switzerland, 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 Burtonsville Elementary School in Montgomery County, Laureen Pearl Anagous teaches first grade. She also finds time to teach a step class 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 Killy Bagwell is (gasp!) a townie. She and her husband Greg live in Westminster with Chloe, and her baby sister Cameron. Although the family keeps her very busy, Maureen is able to work part time in accounting. For the past eight years as a Howard County parole officer and detective, she'd 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 stay in Denver, Wash., from 1995 to 1997, Ann Ettershan Bankhead, husband and son Ian, 2, are happy to be back in California where they just purchased a home. He reports that Ian loves the beach and swimming in their pool. She still works part time at her art business and loves time at home with Ian.

Doug and Kathy Eichelberger '85 Barna have kept their family growing and growing. Abigail Mac was born on April 27, 1998, bringing their grand and final total to four children—three girls and one boy. Four 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.

We look forward to his famous ceil in our midst! Maria Battalor was the executive chef for the Rainforest Cafe in Tison 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 Jojce and shapc Oscar.

Suzanna Gray Bliss runs an herb school she founded called Rooted Wisdom Center for Wholistic Studies in Stowe, Vt., and she also has two products, the Gypsy Cupboard bath and body care and Rooted Wisdom medicinals. Suzanna also sees clients in her private practice in Stowe.

From Cave Creek, Ariz., comes news from Susan Noely Bower. She is a stay-at-home mom, married to Jim Bower, a 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 Sekir, who quit the corporate rat race to do charity and massage therapy work, and Lynn Welch Hampton, who gave birth to beautiful baby Sophia 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 the Community Mental Health Center in the heart of Miami. She writes that she is finally using her psychology, Spanish and communications major 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, Robert, 7, Bryan, 5, and Zachary, 3, are "growing up much too fast." The boys are involved in many sports and Boy Scouts. They teach all new school building 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 time back to normal.

Summers off spent at the pool and beach—all, the teacher's life! Angie Tissue Cartron and son Austin, 7, enjoy it immensely, with their stepfather Karyn, who loves her husband Pete. Angie enjoys having three girls in Lanham, Md.

Leslie Cavill-Burns and her husband moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she works in three different units 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 into the family in February 1997. They now reside in Gambro's Md., although Leslie still teaches special education in Bowie.

An elopement to Kauai, Hawaii—now that's what I call romantic! Laurie Dollar: The honeymooners live in Half Hill, Calif., with their new puppy. Laurie works as a consultant with Kaiser Permanent.

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 Linganore High School with Mike Chavez and Kathy. Campanioli '82.

After a four-year leave, Karen Buttling 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, in second grade; Katie, 4, in preschool; and Brian, 1, is "up and running." Karen reports that the three have lots of fun together and keep her and Peter quite busy. Peter even finds time to coach Sean's soccer team! Karen and Peter enjoyed a trip to Ireland (sans children) before Brian was born; but alas, they are back to a busy routine. "No 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 Ehr owns a business 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 brokered 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 their sons Patrick, 8, and Kevin, 6.

The Social Security Administration is a place 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 Kane Graham and husband Rich 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 Eva Al-Arnesi 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 working for the Business Strategies and with his children, Sam, 2, and Ella, 1.

Charlene Ballard Handley still teaches ASL part time at Westminster High, which allows her time at home while Ken and Kelly may be back on "the Hill" soon to check out the new ASL specialist program.

"Busy, busy, busy..."—that's Dana Miller Hare—and with three children, ages 9, 6, and 3, a full time job, I can see why. Dana 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 Abair '87 Heck live in Mt. Airy, Md., with their two sons, Corey, 7, and Logan, 3. Drew works for Tantey Bank. He received an MBA from Frostburg State University in May 1997, and Laura received her M.E. from WMU 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.

Chauvin 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 actuarial with Buck Consultants. Jack, 3, also keeps them on their toes. His Joan’s little boyfriend—he writes that she “never knew that she could be so interested in race cars and trucks!” Joan herself has taken to the ice, and although she’s “not 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 at it!

You can see “Beeck Nave Hub in Walkerville, Md., where she works as an attorney (more about that, Beecky!). She, husband Roger and children Ryan, 5, and Erin, 3, live in Woodsboro, Md. Beecky is an active member of the Frederick Presbyterian Church as an elder, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School assistant and Grief Share 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
Ewing, who lives just a few blocks over there is just amazing. At home, she works as a business analyst at Gartner Group/ Datapro in Delran, N.J., where she is dabbling in web page development. She recently developed a 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 Rasmussen Minnich, Julie Winn, Beth Berling and Karen Bernhard Van Patten '84 celebrated the birthday of their friend 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 Alisa 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 Jeanene Owens Johnston moved to Delaware and both work for MBNA. Jeanene 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 Tyler (Johnston), 5, and Blake (Boling). 5. Tyler keeps the Johnston's quite busy with swimming lessons and ballet.

Cindy Jones lives in California and works as a special FX producer for a posthouse, Continuum. 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, but she hopes to be there for awhile. "Who else is out here from WMC?" asks Cindy.


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 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 Lucy Powell Lutche, Jim and Anni Wist Carrier, John '84 and Alia Harden 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 dorn parents at the school and they love it.

Laura King King and husband Mark welcomed their first child, Katherine "Katie" Rosie 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 Alyson Grace to their family on August 11, 1997. Debbie is excited about 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 riding. Wendy sends congrats to Liz Lambert, who went to the Greenwich circuit 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 Ops and Omegas—it's time for new blood! We're both 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! Robin Adams Brenton 5 Tracey Road Hanover, PA 17331

Melissa "Missy" Lachman began her second year back at WMC as an assistant athletic trainer and graduate student. 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 Cunninham DeVetter, daughter of Dennis '87 and Lori Perugini DeVetter.

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 the 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 play with their two young cats, Six and Summer. They visited Erik's relatives in Sweden for two weeks in August.

Megan Kane McConville '87, 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 as a member of the board of directors of the Frederick Landmarks Foundation and on the Historic Preservation Commission for Frederick County.

Katie Ruppenael 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 Bob. They had a great time traveling around Germany, Austria and Slovenia for 3 weeks.

Carolyn Miller is enjoying her work at Washington Community Action managing emergency intervention and case management programs. She also volunteers with a local homelessness advocacy group. 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 spent most summer weekends in Long Beach Island, N.J.

Kent Pearce, who lives in Timonk, 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 rockin' together every weekend and living on the Ridgeley family farm in Howard County, Md. She recently went to Amy Fowler's wedding to Rick Godarota.

Alisa Rock has 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 Rothermel 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 McMulden, 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 database service.

Christine Joy and Josette Solover got engaged on September 6, 1997, to Richard Solover—you, Josette Solover Goodroe's brother. They are living happily in an old firehouse in Mount Vernon, N.J. Her wedding was a blast with the regular gang in attendance: Josette Solover Goodroe, Jill Carter Brookhart, Lynne Kirsche Costello, Stacie Herrmann Austensen, Ellie Rose Woods, Kelly Zeager and the long lost Denise Lack Lagne. 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 a national festival in Barbados where her American team proudly took third place.

La Jenske Stene left work at a law firm and joined as a law librarian to assist her present position as an applications consultant for Lexis-Nexis, an online legal/news/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 Sevick '92, with husband Grant Disharoon '93, were in attendance. Leona lives in Columbus, Md., where she and her husband are building a house. Steve keeps in touch with Christy Wasko Bilton who, with her husband and daughter, bought a new house in Douglassville, Ga.

Jennifer Letterte Stewart has been living in Charlotte, N.C., for the last four years. Her husband John Stewart is a commercial lending analyst with MBNA and really enjoys it. She manages to keep extremely busy with her 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
September 1997. She is in her sixth year teaching deaf middle school students in Montgomery County public schools, and Mark is now a full-time musician. Jodlyn recently returned from spending three weeks visiting her sister in Dakar, East Africa. She said the trip was a dream.

Jennifer O'Hara Swettlerlch

Jolie Cohen Tinney and husband Scott Tinney live in Harford, Md., and make the long commute to Baltimore City every day. Scott has one year of law school left, and Jolie has one year left in residency at University of Maryland.

Sean Vis moved to Colorado in September 1996 to work in a branch office of USF&G. On May 16, 1998, he married Kelly Callahan of Westminster in Maryland, Md., and their reception was in Dover, Del. Many WMC alumni were in attendance, including Rick Wagman (a groomsmen), Ed Jacob, Bob Kennedy '93, Dan Dias '93 and Malin Jonsson '94 (together after all these years), Mark Long '93, Tom Quirk '92 and Kevin Wallace. Sean says if anyone wants to ski in Vail, he has access to a condo for a rather inexpensive fee.

In October 1997, Dirk Visser left Unisys to start a new adventure as a European revenue accountant for Cisco Systems International in Amsterdam. He says it’s a heavy responsibility, but it’s worth it, especially the trip to corporate in Silicon Valley, Calif. In the spring, he took a Dutch sign language course to compare it to American sign language, which he learned at WMC. Similar? No way. Dirk is also preparing for a holiday in South Africa.

Lisa Vokotitis keeps herself busy between September and June by teaching high school science, waiting tables, taking electronic classes and tap dancing. During the summer, she enjoys taking it easy and can be found either scuba diving in the Caribbean or relaxing on the beaches of East Hampton.

For the last year Jim Vowles has been touring the country with a federal team that trains emergency responders in what to do in the event of terrorist use of chemical/biological/radiological weapons. He says it’s great because he gets to travel all over and doesn’t have to pay for it. He has also been working on the company’s website, planning and hosting conferences and seminars, and designing and publishing promotional materials for all sorts of things. He plans to attend the University of Baltimore in the fall to pursue a master’s degree in publica-

tions design. Jim still keeps active with gaming and wants to say “hi” to all past and current members of the Knights of the Sextagonal Table. He sends a big howdy to all his professors.

Rick Wagman is living in York, Pa., while working for his family’s business, Wagman Construction, Inc., as a human resource manager. He’s also working towards his MBA at York College.

Laura Hensley Walsh enjoys staying home with her daughter Casey, 2. She is also working a couple nights a week at the Westminster Inn.

Todd Walter is still running the Boy Scout program in Clay County, Fl. He and his wife have two beautiful children, Warren Tyler, 6, and Caitlin Prescott, 4. His wife Lisa is doing well working for Gilbart. Todd is still playing rugby for the Jacksonville Rugby Football Club.

Eugene H. Whiting, Jr., has been teaching English in Anne Arundel County, Md., for the last 3 years. Prior to that, he served three years in the United States Peace Corps in Kenya. He is now on his way to Harvard Graduate School of Education to study international education.

Rodney J. Williams Jr. and Lynn Klingensmith '90 are living in Westminster. Lynn is the assistant bursar at WMC and Bob is a physical education teacher/counselor at Glenelg High School. He is planning to travel out West next summer on a bike and wants to know if there is anywhere out there that he can sleep on.

Kevin Wright is still a Baltimore County police officer working in Towson. He has been married for two years.

After celebrating their five-year anniversary in Hawaii, Danielle Trent and Matt Zeyher relocated to Fair- field County, Conn. Danielle, still a manager of accounting with Deloitte and Touche, is now in their national office in Wilton, Conn. After leaving UST and working for Andersen Consulting, Matt was recruited back in to UST’s corporate headquarters in Greenwich, Conn., to manage national trade marketing programs.

And finally, your news reporter, Elise Rosen Woods, is doing very well. On May 16, 1998, my husband Mike and I had a baby boy, Andrew. We are doing very well and get- ting bigger and bigger everyday. We have a lot of fun staying home with him this summer and don’t look forward to going back to work in the fall. I’m still working for the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, as a criminal investigator, and Mike is teaching physical education and health at Aberdeen Middle School. We hope everyone is doing well and keep the infor- mation coming.

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Another year has rolled around, and it’s time for another update on the Class of ’96. I’ve heard from a number of our fellow graduates who wanted to fill everyone in on what they’ve been doing.

Heather Smith Mader graduated in December 1996 and student taught during the spring of 1997. She married Chuck Mader in April of that year and bought a house in Manchester, Md., in June. She is seeking a language arts position in Carroll County.

A week before graduation Brad Miller moved to Sacramento, Calif., to take a job with Examen, Inc., a legal cost management company that audits lawyers. He transferred into the engineering department eight months ago as the manager of corporate reporting. Brad is planning a move to Florida this December to pursue an MBA/MS dual master’s at Florida Institute of Technology.

Kimberleigh Nichols lives in Westminster and is working on a master’s in library science. She finished her teaching certification at WMC this spring and will be teaching reading and Spanish at Carroll County’s Mt. Airy Middle School in the fall. She also continues in the Novels Sisters gospel trio with Kellie ‘99 and Krisly ‘01.

The 1996 Olympics experience was unique for Quiana Pollard, who worked in Atlanta on the hospitality committee. Over the last year-and-a-half, she has been a physical therapist and has completed various continuing education courses. Quiana is a rehabilitation technician at Dresher Hill Health and Rehabilitation Center in Dresher, Pa., and is also involved in personal fitness training. She was planning to apply to physician assistant programs this fall.


Amy Jo Sheriff Wiggins completed a one-year management and development program for MBNA, a large credit card issuer in Delaware. She has been working in their education department for the last year teaching a class for new employees. She married Darin Wiggins in July 1996 and recently bought a house in Elkon, Md. That house was lost to a Fourth of July party for fellow WMC grad Julie Brown ‘98, Mark Newman ‘97, Julie Kuerner, Josh Foster and Blair St.Amand.

Blair St.Amand, a resident of Fair- field, is teaching language arts to second-graders back, and I hope to hear from many others in the upcoming months. Feel free to write whenever you have news, and encourage anyone you stay in touch with to contact me as well.

Enjoy the rest of 1998!

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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 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'etre; scholarship; and service in the college community, such as academic advising, working with student groups and participation 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; this year 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.
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.

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 at 410/887-2296.

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 Arundel 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
August 9-23
National Parks tour.
Sat., Oct. 23
Homecoming.
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.