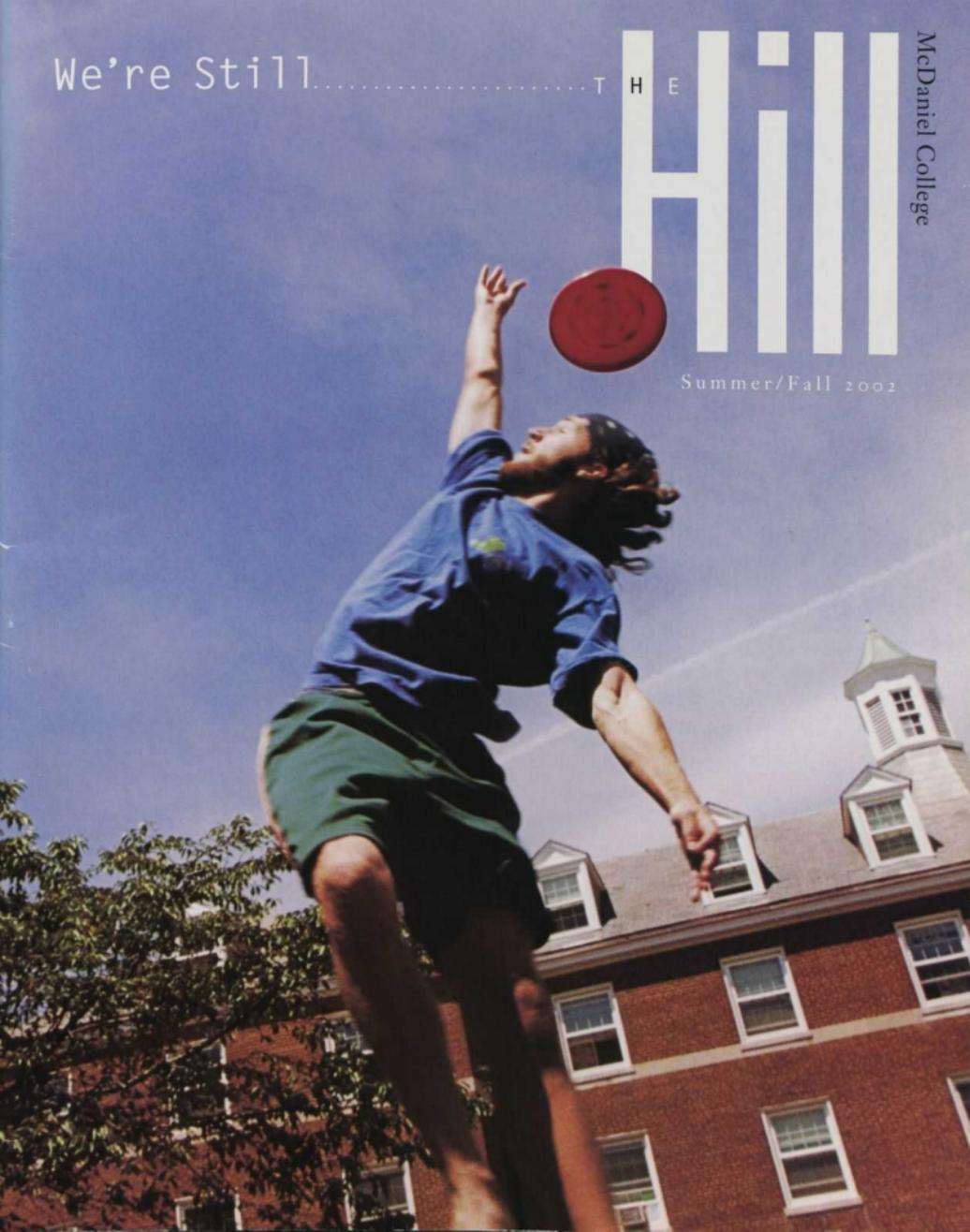


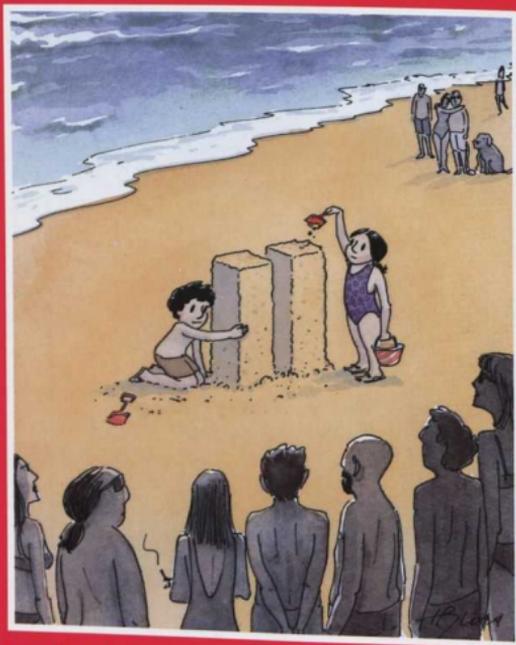
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## SHIFTING SANDS

By Harry Bliss, a cover artist and cartoonist for *The New Yorker*.

"One year later we gather here to reflect upon the horror of that day and we know that usually, in our everyday worlds, our moral choices are not as stark as they were on September 11: either destruction or creation, either hatred or solidarity, either killing or saving.

Nevertheless, we can, in small ways, every day, choose the path of creation, of human solidarity and reject the path of destruction and hatred. In our everyday encounters we can build bridges with those different from us, find commonalities rather than disparities, whether those who are different from us are classmates, community members, or persons across the globe."

—From remarks by Mark Hadley, associate professor of religious studies, at a campus gathering one year after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001

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"A college's best gift to her children is not education, but character—her character."



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"Swim along with the current. Don't fight against the current."

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## It's Official: We are McDaniel College

Day One as McDaniel College was celebrated July 1 with about 500 people from campus and the surrounding community who gathered for a short celebration in Memorial Plaza.

Together, town and gown toasted with juice and coffee a new era in the College's distinguished 135-year history, a history that is interwoven with the town of Westminster.

After the campus coffee break, the College committee overseeing the transition to McDaniel College delivered green-and-gold mugs to downtown Westminster merchants. At Harry's Main Street Grille, where proprietor Harry Sirinakis is the third generation to serve College students, customers were served their java in McDaniel College mugs by waiters wearing McDaniel College T-shirts.

Earlier in the morning, President Joan Develin Coley and Board of Trustees chair James I. Melhorn hosted an early-morning breakfast for the Carroll County business community. Among the 50 well-wishers was retired Westminster banker Ober Herr, Jr., a 1949 alumnus and grandson of the College's namesake William Roberts McDaniel.

Affectionately known as Billy Mac, McDaniel helped shaped the College's destiny and today personifies its mission. During his 65-year association with the College, he was a student, alumnus, professor, administrator, trustee, parent, and member of the Westminster community.



### JUST THE FACTS

**Percentage of minorities in the Class of 2006: 21 •**

**Percentage of students who belong to a fraternity or sorority: 18**

**• Percentage of dorm rooms wired for Ethernet: 100 • Students**

**who are currently bunking at the College-owned Best Western**

**hotel while awaiting completion of new campus residences: 40**

**• Percentage of students receiving academic scholarships or**

**need-based aid: 85 • Hours and days per week an officer is on**

**duty at the campus safety desk: 24/7 • Net annual income from**

**four cell phone providers who will install antennas on the water**

**tower: \$50,000 • Incentive given to College employees to buy a**

**house in Westminster as part of the state's "Live Near Your**

**Work" program: \$3,000 •**

"Our greatest strength is the indelible bond of people,"

Coley said. "Our history is rich with professors and proprietors, students and entrepreneurs, scholars and innovators, researchers and farmers.

"We have changed our name but we'll continue to change lives. That was William McDaniel's passion, and so it continues today." •

Read more about what's new on the Hill at [www.mcdaniel.edu](http://www.mcdaniel.edu) and remember that all e-mail addresses now end with [@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:@mcdaniel.edu).

## Old Main Bell Rings for Graduates

Nearly 650 students received bachelor's and master's degrees during the 132nd Commencement May 25. In keeping with tradition, the clear ring of Old Main bell launched the Class of 2002, just as it welcomed them to campus four years earlier. Here are some highlights of the celebration:

Journalists **Cokie** and **Steve Roberts** were awarded honorary degrees. Cokie Roberts is chief

congressional analyst for ABC News and co-anchor of *This Week with Sam Donaldson & Cokie Roberts*. Steve Roberts is a contributing editor at *U.S. News & World Report* and the Shapiro Professor of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University.

In addition to their diplomas, bachelor's degree candidates received copies of *Life after Graduation*, a soft-cover book of financial advice and money saving tips, from the Alumni Relations Office. The book includes chapters on negotiating with landlords and choosing a car repair shop.

Associate Professor of German **Mohammed Esa**, this year's faculty speaker, reminded graduates that understanding and learning about other cultures is a lifelong pursuit. Esa is a Palestinian-American who grew up in Israel.

**Fourteen flags** from other countries flanked the Commencement stage in honor of graduating international students.

Four retiring faculty were honored with emeritus status, including: **Nancy Palmer**, senior lecturer in English; **Joel Macht**, professor of education; **Howard Orenstein**, associate professor of psychology; and **Dave Neikirk**, librarian.

Earlier in the day, six cadets in the College's Army ROTC program were commissioned as second lieutenants into the U.S. Army.

**Erin Clarke** of Finksburg, Md., received the Edith Farr Ridington Phi Beta Kappa Writing Award, given to the graduating senior who prepares the best Honors paper. Clarke's paper, a critical look at the standard established for Victorian feminism, is available at

## Write On: Literary Magazine Showcases Student Prose, Poetry



The admissions essay is just the first of many challenging writing assignments in a student's college career.

For those who write not just for grades, but for their own gratification, there is *Contrast*, a forum for aspiring poets, fiction writers, photographers, cartoonists and painters.

Inside the latest issue of the student literary magazine, subtitled "Umbra," are the best of 150 worthy submissions by campus writers and artists, according to Editor Matthew McGowan '04.

Copies are available for \$5. Make checks payable to Contrast and mail to the attention of faculty adviser Kathy Mangin, Department of English, McDaniel College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157. •

Hoover Library along with past award winners.

Karen Pizzoloto of Newark, Del., won the Argonaut Award for having the highest cumulative grade point average. She surpassed the perfect 4.0 with a 4.058, a feat she was able to accomplish because of plus-minus grading. •

## Admissions Essays Shed Light On Today's Teens

Admissions Director Marty O'Connell typically wades through about 2,000 application essays in the course of



Admissions office employee Bhahirethan 'Ryan' Parameswaran '03, from Sri Lanka, shares his perspective on college life while touring prospective students and their families around campus.

four months as part of the annual admissions review process. Into the wee hours of the morning, she reads every essay her office receives for a peek into prospective students' lives.

Over the course of her 24-year career, 12 of them at McDaniel, O'Connell has noticed that candidates are ever more willing to share personal information that gets increasingly intimate each year.

"I am alternately either profoundly sad at how much a 17-year-old can go through and survive, and giddy at what one person can do to make the world a better place," says O'Connell, who takes the time to comment on each essay in a "p.s." at the bottom of every acceptance letter.

The Class of 2006 was selected from more than 2,400 prospective students—a 31-percent increase. While most applicants say they think a great deal rides on the essay, in fact it will never be a substitute for the academic aspect of their transcript, O'Connell points out.

But those 300 words do give her and her team of admissions counselors a sense of the personality and talents someone will bring to the campus community.

"The essay determines students' writing ability and their ability to communicate, which is ever so important at a liberal arts college," says Assistant Director of Admissions Gina

Rende. "We assess attention to detail, grammar and usage of terms, word choice, and whether the essays are concise yet descriptive."

The essays also give candidates a chance to break away from the formality of the application forms and show their creativity, "which we love to see," Rende says.

Diversity is not just about gender, ethnicity or religion, but life experience. And, judging from their essays, incoming freshmen are a diverse group.

Among their essays was a tale of adventure by Brian Belida of Rockville, Md., who spent several years living in Kenya and South Africa with his journalist parents. He described watching a pride of lions close in on a lone wildebeest, trekking down into Olduvai gorge where some of the first hominid remains were discovered and bungee-jumping off of the Victoria Falls bridge.

Star Carson wrote about surviving the deaths of her parents and having to learn to set her own goals. "I know now that the biggest lesson I could possibly learn from them is not to live to make someone else proud, but rather myself," wrote the Baltimore native.

Brittany Rossen of Germantown, Md., took the whimsical approach by writing and answering her own essay question, "If you came with instructions, what would they be?"

## The World According to 18-year-olds

Most students entering college this fall were born in 1984. Here are a few reasons why they see the world differently from their professors and coaches:

"Big Brother" is merely a television show.

Cyberspace has always existed.

The U.S. and Russia have always been partners in space.

We have always been able to choose our long distance carriers.

Fox has always been a television network choice.

Ozzy's lifestyle has nothing to do with the Nelson family.

The drinking age has always been 21 throughout the country.

Hip-hop and rap have always been popular musical forms.

Genetic testing and DNA screening have always been available.

Electronic filing of federal income taxes has always been an option.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) has always been available to doctors.

Scientists have always recognized the impact of acid rain.

The Coen Brothers have always been making films.

—From *Beloit College's* "Mindset List" for the Class of 2006

O'Connell and her staff learned not to leave a Brittany in the sun too long because she burns easily; to give her rice to cheer her up when she is blue and that, given the finest of pencils and paintbrushes, a Brittany is likely to produce works of abstract art. •

## And the Oscar of Academe Goes to: Louise Paquin

The nurse was having difficulty getting an intravenous line into Biology Professor Louise Paquin. She sent for help from another nurse who was more skilled at the procedure. The second nurse warned Paquin that it would take her a while of "digging," and then asked Paquin if she wouldn't mind answering some of her questions for an exam on immunology she was scheduled to take later that day.

"She proceeded and I lectured and taught for a half-hour and I never remember pain," recalls Paquin. "It proved to me once again that teaching frees me of my own personal 'stuff' like nothing

else can. It reminded me that I love teaching and that I'm happiest when I'm teaching."

In Paquin's case, it's true that what we love to do most, we do best. She is this year's recipient of the Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award, a bi-annual honor bestowed by the faculty. Think of it as the Oscar of academe.

"I can't begin to tell you how elated I was!" confirms Paquin, sounding a bit like Sally Field in her "you really like me" acceptance speech. "Scientists in general, and professors in particular, get the greatest satisfaction from the approval of their peers. The fact that this award is from nomination by the faculty is tremendously rewarding."

More rewarding, Paquin says, are her 22 years at the College where she has been a demanding and devoted educa-

tor since her arrival on the Hill in 1980.

Paquin, who also chairs the biology department, is a certified clinical cytogeneticist committed to introducing science and non-science majors alike to the complex and captivating field of genetic research. Over the years, she has developed several new courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, covering topics such as immunology, biomedical ethics, advanced human genetics, advanced molecular genetics and Human Heredity for the non-scientist.

An impressive number of her students have gone on to earn Ph.D.s in genetics, while others have completed master's degree programs in genetics, genetic counseling and cytogenetics, thanks to their training in Paquin's lab and through internships she arranged for them.

Equally important, says Paquin, is the scientific interest she sparks in students who are more comfortable in humanities courses in Hill Hall.

"There is a great challenge to starting with students who all but dare you to make this interesting to them," says Paquin, who most often teaches Human Heredity and Bioethics to non-biology majors. "The trick is to keep them interested when the drier material comes up. Everyone gets so much misinformation about genetics from the media, that I feel like I'm doing something of a public service to be teaching future legislators, business people and citizens to understand at least the basics."

Paquin earned her doctorate in biology and the genetics of higher organisms in 1977 from Georgetown University. She taught at several institutions

"Scientists in general, and professors in particular, get the greatest satisfaction from the approval of their peers,"

—Louise Paquin

and worked as a cytogenetics consultant before joining the faculty here. During a sabbatical in 1987, she collaborated with eminent geneticist Dr. George Thomas '59.

Always one to relate her esoteric specialty to the larger culture, Paquin is researching the ways genetic defects have been portrayed by artists through history as an indication of society's changing views of genetic diversity.

Paquin serves on numerous advisory committees for testing organizations, such as The College Board, for which she helps to develop and grade national biology tests. She currently serves as Chair of the SAT II test development Committee.

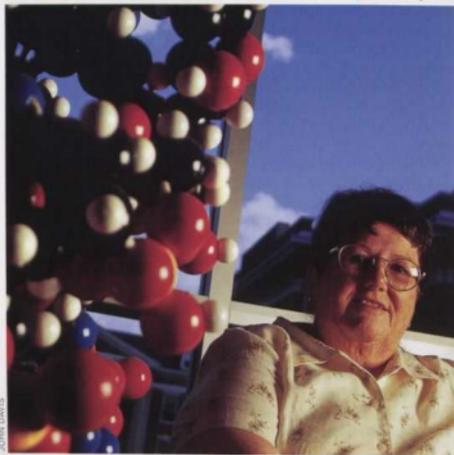
As coordinator of the Master of Liberal Arts program from 1985 to 1997, Paquin achieved full membership for the College in the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs. She also pushed for the requirement of a final project to serve as a culminating experience for the MLA degree, which the faculty approved in 1990.

For many years, she was the Adviser to the Catholic Campus Ministry and is a member of the College Choir. She will be teaching this fall in the McDaniel Budapest program. •

## Hughes: Studying, Causing Change

Sherri Lind Hughes, associate professor of psychology and since 2000 the assistant dean of Graduate Affairs, is interested in change and in assessment. That is, she believes that mod-

Biology Professor Louise Paquin is this year's recipient of the Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award, a bi-annual honor bestowed by the faculty.





RICH RODRIGUES

**Change is inevitable, says Associate Professor of Psychology Sherri Hughes. As an ACE Fellow, she'll spend the year exploring ways to assess and direct change at the College.**

ern colleges must assess everything that happens, or should happen, on the campus.

Assessment, she says, should be a campus-wide, comprehensive effort that includes the entire student experience—from the dorm room to the classroom, social life to intellectual life.

Change is inevitable. Assessment of change—and of immutability or reluctance to change—is important to any institution's health and critical if change is to be planned for and directed.

These are among the reasons Sherri Lind Hughes hopes to develop an Office of Assessment at McDaniel. In order to further her development as a leader in higher education and to benefit McDaniel during a period of unusual change, Hughes was chosen to participate in the American Council of Education (ACE) Fellows Program.

The ACE Fellows Program, founded in 1965, is considered the nation's premier higher education program. Each year, 30 to 40 emerging and established leaders are selected to serve their own institutions by working with another for a semester or two to broaden their leadership skills and understanding of higher education.

Each Fellow selects an institution that belongs to ACE and has some particular areas that need assistance, but most of all, Fellows select the mentor—the president or other high-level

administrator—with whom the Fellow will work closely.

Hughes is among 37 senior faculty and administrators who are members of the 2002-03 class. Her colleagues come from large state universities, community colleges, and baccalaureate institutions.

"This is such an honor," Hughes says, "and I am genuinely excited about all that I will learn and bring back with me to McDaniel. I've been involved with the College's preparations for the Middle States Accreditation next spring and have seen how important the broad view is—as well as the challenges of preparing for the unknown."

For the next year, Hughes will commute from Westminster to Marymount University in Arlington, Va.

While McDaniel and Marymount vary widely—Marymount was founded by the Roman Catholic Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary in 1950 as a two-year school for women—each faces similar challenges.

Hughes' mentor is President James E. Bundschuh, with whom she is working to examine projects and concerns ranging from student academic success to strategic planning, a human resources curriculum (another specialty of Hughes'), faculty governance and budgeting.

"One of the things I'm interested in," Hughes says, "is developing a 'learning contract' between the students and the institution. All in all, this is quite an adventure and I can already tell it will benefit McDaniel."



KATE SPANGLER

## Giving Voice to the New College Name

Dora Sabo, 67, has been the voice of the College since she took the job as campus switchboard operator in 1978. Back then, she fielded all incoming and outgoing calls, her arms flying over the old-fashioned plug console from her booth in the hallway of Elderidge.

Since moving to her perch at the information desk in Decker Center, Sabo's smiling countenance has made a positive first impression on all who walk through the door. (Now a part-timer, she shares the position with Betty Miller.)

Two of her children graduated from the College, Mike Sabo in '91 and Sally Sabo Lang in '87, but she was not too concerned when she learned their alma mater would get a new name.

"Just make it something I can pronounce," she pleaded. McDaniel College fits the bill, she says, "Oh it definitely flows."

**Average calls per day:** 225

**Most common question:** Alumni often call to find out, "What's happening on the Hill?" Surprised and delighted to recognize her voice, they ask, "Is this Dora?"

**Most unusual query:** "Some alumni call me and want to know how I see so-and-so and what's going on with them. They just think I know everybody, and I guess I do."

**Best part of the job:** Talking with people. Working with students and getting to know what kind of people they are.

**Worst part of the job:** "Having to tell people, 'I'm sorry, they're not taking any calls. They're forwarding their calls to phone mail.'"

**Times since name change she's slipped and answered with, 'Western Maryland College':** Not telling. ♦

## Press Corps or Brat Pack?

While watching press conferences on C-Span, Associate Professor of English and journalism teacher Terry Dalton noticed that the White House press corps was sprouting a lot

of new, younger faces. No longer was the room filled with long time reporters like Helen Thomas who started covering the White House in 1961.

His observations are now recorded in "Reporting: Greening of the White House," which appeared in the March-April issue of *Columbia*

**Journalism Review.** According to Dalton, nearly a third of the press corps members are under 30 years old, including former *Baltimore Sun* writer David Greene, a frequent guest lecturer in Dalton's classes.

Many of the reporters he spoke with suggested several reasons for the trend: the White House beat with its long hours and grueling travel schedule is better suited to young people; twenty-somethings come cheaper than seasoned pros, and a declining appeal of the beat to many older correspondents—at least since Sept. 11, 2001.

Dalton often writes for publications about trends in journalism, as well as other issues, including ethics •

## Birdbrains Teach Psychology Prof, Students How Humans Learn

Upstairs in Winslow Center, down a short corridor, behind a locked door is the colony room where Assistant Professor of Psychology Margaret McDevitt's colorful pigeons rest in their cages, feeding on mixed-grain pellets.

Once employed as racing pigeons, the retired birds' only job now is to participate in 60 minutes of daily lab experiments that give students new opportunities to research the basic stages of learning that are common to all animals, including humans.

In other words, their new work involves spending an hour in a computer-operated chamber discerning which of three buttons to peck to get their treat. During the spring

semester, the pigeons' behavior in one experiment proved students' hypothesis that even birdbrains can appreciate information.

They were able to show this by presenting the pigeons with a choice between two stimuli, a response key with a horizontal line and a response key with a circle. When pecked, either eventually raised the food hopper to reveal a treat. However, the horizontal line first led to one of two signals that told the birds whether it would take either five seconds or 20 seconds for the food to appear, while the circle presented signals that were uninformative.

**Margaret McDevitt's colorful pigeons give students hands-on experience with research in behavioral psychology.**



MATT SPANGLER

A computer controlled the scenario and collected data on the pigeons' choices, while students watched the pigeons. Even though there was no difference between the two alternatives in terms of how often they got food, how much food they got or how long they had to wait for food, the birds generally showed greater than 90 percent preference for the line than for the circle. "Which means," McDevitt explains, "that they're not just caring about the food—they want information."

The lab is a component of the Psychology of Learning course required of all psychology majors, and students are assigned a bird with which to conduct their experiments. McDevitt, who brought the equipment with her from University of California, San Diego and San Diego State University, says concepts like choice behavior, the value of information and models of conditioned reinforcement can

seem dry when described in textbooks.

"Yet when students are in the classroom and they have their own bird, you can see that they feel a personal connection to what they're learning," McDevitt says, adding that the connection can be humorous at times. "They are really proud of their bird when their bird figures things out and get really upset when their bird doesn't figure it out."

McDevitt counsels her students not to anthropomorphize—or assign human qualities—to their pigeons.

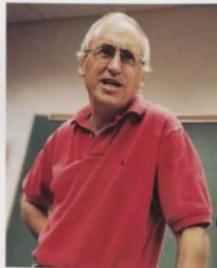
When a student complained last semester that a pigeon "was depressed" because it wasn't performing properly during the experiment, McDevitt recognized it as an opportunity to teach a lesson in behavioral psychology.

"I'd try to have them confront what is the basis for saying that, what behavioral thing were they observing that was leading them to make that

assumption?" she says.

Perhaps, if their pigeon wasn't pecking at either stimulus, it wasn't hungry enough. Maybe the student was talking while the bird was in the chamber and the noise disrupted it. Or, maybe the bird laid an egg that morning.

"I tried to get them to think of alternative hypotheses besides their bird is an idiot, or suffering from a malaise of spirit," she says, adding that the same lesson holds true with human behavior. "You could make guesses, but then you have to look for evidence." •



BECK DEWITT/STATION

## Five-Figure Grant Goes to Fennell To Train County's Math Teachers

Education professor Francis "Skip" Fennell snagged an \$85,000 grant from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program to work with Carroll County elementary school math teachers. The program will focus on ways to meet the national, state and local mathematics standards. The trained teachers will then develop a program to improve student math proficiency throughout their schools.

The project is a collaborative effort between the College and the Carroll County Public Schools. Fennell is the winner of the 2000 Glenn Gilbert National Leadership Award from the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics and in 1997 was named the Maryland Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. •

## Faculty Milestones, Tenure at Last!

Perhaps the biggest milestone in the career of college professors is the day when they are awarded tenure.

"When I got the news, I ran outside in the rain and danced for joy," confirms **Jasna Meyer**, now an associate professor in the communication department. "I didn't know I could

**Education Professor Skip Fennell also pulled in grants from the Exxon Mobile Educational Foundation and Research for Better Schools.**

feel more committed to the College until that commitment was reciprocated in this way."

In all, seven assistant professors were awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor in August. Besides Meyer, they are: **Lauren Dundes** in sociology; **Mark Hadley** and **Vera Jakoby** in philosophy and religious studies; **Robert Kachur** in English; **Robert Lemieux** in communication and **Randall Lee Morrison** in biology.

Tenure, which provides faculty members with job security and ensures their academic freedom, is an affirmation by the College of their contributions to the community, both as a teacher-mentor and as an academic.

"I've always thought that the change in professional rank from assistant professor to associate professor that accompanies tenure aptly reflects a new professional relationship: you go from assisting the College to actively being associated with it," says Hadley. "As someone who has been strongly committed to the mission and ethos of liberal arts education since my undergraduate days, I am quite happy to be associated with such a fine and growing institution as McDaniel College."

Also awarded promotions were: Music Department Chair **Margaret Boudreaux**, from associate to professor, and Deaf Education Graduate Program Coordinator **Judith Coryell**, from associate to professor.

Celebrating 25 years of service to the College are **Catherine "Kim" Easterday**, swimming coach and lecturer in exercise science and physical education, and Professor of English **Kathy Mangan**.



C. KURT HOOPER

## Fulbright Fellowship Sends Librarian to Study Graphic Novels in Japan

Graduate student **Allyson Lyga**, a librarian at Cranberry Station Elementary School and a student in the College's program for school library media, received a prestigious fellowship from the Fulbright Program for the current academic year. In November, she will leave for Japan to study graphic novels.

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. It's funded through the U.S. Department of State and is named for former Arkansas Senator J. William Fulbright, who introduced the original legislation for the program.

About 4,500 new grants are awarded annually. Fulbright alumni include Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, governors and senators, ambassadors and artists, prime ministers and heads of state, professors and scientists, Supreme Court Justices and CEOs. •

New full-time faculty are Assistant Professor of Psychology **Erika J. Koch** and Hoover Library Director **Michele M. Reid**.

New Hoover Library improvements include a proxy server that enables off-campus users access to licensed online databases—a boon to graduate

and non-resident undergraduate students—and increased library holdings. The volume count is at 212,795, up by more than 5,500. •

# HIT SPORTS

## Ultimate Frisbee Takes Flight

No cheerleaders come out to support them. No newspapers report on their games. And no referees officiate.

No matter. These athletes are into the fun of the sport, period. And they've been known to practice 50 straight hours to prove it.

The game is Ultimate, a hyperkinetic hybrid of football, soccer and Frisbee toss-and-catch. During the past few years, Ultimate has caught on across the nation, sparking Internet-advertised pickup games, city leagues, quasi-organized teams, college and even high school and middle school squads.

In its fourth year, McDaniel's Ultimate Frisbee Club is breaking into the national rankings; its co-ed team placed in the top 50 percent last year, according to the Ultimate Players Association, the game's governing body.

Ultimate players like senior Andy Ewing, the McDaniel team's co-founder, are attracted to the game because it offers a great workout and a mellow yet

competitive communal spirit. They also like what is known as the Spirit of the Game, the revered credo that places fair play and fun over winning and dictates that players referee themselves based on an honor system.

There is no division I, II or III, said Ewing. McDaniel is one of the smallest schools in its Metro East Region, which includes Cornell, Penn State, Maryland, Navy and Princeton. The College's team has beaten bigger schools like UMBC and Towson.

Part of the team's practice schedule each spring includes its annual throw-a-thon, which doubles as a club fundraiser. Two years ago, Ewing threw for 24 hours to help keep the Frisbee in the air for 36 continuous hours. In the spring, the team beat its record with 50 continuous hours.

"We walked to Sheetz while throwing the disc and even kept it going in the store,"

In its fourth year, McDaniel's co-ed Ultimate Frisbee Club is breaking into the national rankings and has grown to 40 members.

BILL DENISON

## Ultimate Details:

### BASICS

- Ultimate is a non-contact disc sport played by two teams of seven players.
- The object of the game is to score goals.
- Players are not allowed to run while holding the disc. The disc is advanced by throwing or passing it to other players. A goal is scored when a player catches any legal pass in the end zone that player is attacking.
- The disc may be passed in any direction. Any time a pass is incomplete, intercepted, knocked down, or contacts an out-of-bounds area, a turnover occurs, resulting in an immediate change of the team in possession of the disc.
- The field is 120 yards long and 40 yards wide with two 25-yard deep end zones.
- First team to 15 wins the game.
- The official Ultimate Frisbee disc is actually not a Frisbee, which is a registered trademark of the Wham-O Company, but a flying disc made by Discraft. It is slightly heavier than a Frisbee.
- Ultimate relies upon a spirit of sportsmanship which places the responsibility for fair play on the player. No referees are required.
- If a novice player commits an infraction out of sincere ignorance of rules, it is common practice to stop play and explain the infraction.

### LINGO

- A long throw is a "huck."
- The opening kickoff is a "pull."
- A good diving attempt is a "bid."
- An accurate passer is a "handler."
- The long bomb catchers are "deeps" and the short pass receivers are "poppers."
- A "Savage 7" is a game with no substitutions.

### HISTORY

- The first college Ultimate game was played between Rutgers and Princeton on Nov. 6, 1972. Rutgers won the game.
- In 1975, Ultimate was introduced into the World Frisbee Championships.
- In 1983, the first true World Ultimate Championship was held in Gothenburg, Sweden. Two club teams, representing the U.S., won open and women's divisions.
- In 1989, Ultimate was shown as an exhibition sport during the World Games in Karlsruhe, West Germany. This year also saw the first World Club Ultimate Championship, in Cologne, West Germany.
- In 2001, Ultimate was included as a medal sport in the World Games in Akita, Japan along with disc golf. Six countries were invited to compete based on their finishes in the WFDF 2000 World Ultimate Championship in Germany. Canada won the World Games gold medal with an overtime victory over the United States.
- Ultimate is now played by an estimated 100,000 players in more than 30 countries. The Ultimate Players Association in the U.S. has more 13,000 members.



## Green Terror Football Schedule

Find results, stats and more by clicking on the Athletics button at [www.mcdaniel.edu](http://www.mcdaniel.edu)

**Oct. 5** Muhlenberg College \* Home 1:00 PM

**Oct. 19** Homecoming—Dickinson College \* Home 1:00 PM

**Oct. 26** Franklin & Marshall College \* Lancaster, Pa. 1:00 PM

**Nov. 2** William Patterson University Wayne, N.J. 1:00 PM

**Nov. 9** Bethany College Bethany, W.V. 1:00 PM

**Nov. 16** Johns Hopkins University \* Baltimore, Md. 1:00 PM

\* Centennial Conference



MATT BRANIGAN

### NCAA LAUDS TWO SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Jill Krebs '02, an all-American cross country runner with a 3.918 GPA, was named the Maryland state winner of the prestigious NCAA Woman of the Year award Sept. 3. NCAA postgraduate scholarships also went to Krebs and Jason Wingate '02, an all-American strong safety with a 3.4 GPA. The NCAA awards just 174 postgraduate scholarships annually, 87 for men and 87 for women. The \$5,000 scholarships are given to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are in their last year of intercollegiate athletics competition.

he said, referring to the all-night convenience store at the other end of Main Street. "Of course, the employees were a little miffed until we explained it and they let us keep throwing, but they were real short throws."

The club has grown to about 40 members and is officially recognized by the Student Government Alliance, which allocates funding. For the second time, the club hosted an Ultimate Frisbee tournament as an optional activity during Orientation. Nine members room together in an affinity suite they've dubbed, "Living in the Spirit."

"Everybody is welcome there," Ewing said. "We're all best friends, we all hang out, watch movies and talk together."

The club designed and bought its own uniforms, a green and yellow T-shirt emblazoned with a "Buddha-like" monkey with six arms, four of them holding discs. The team travels informally to about three weekend tournaments per semester, piling into the cars of older members who are permitted to keep vehicles on campus. •

### New Men's Lacrosse Coach Scores High Marks with Focus on Academics

James Townsend, the new men's lacrosse coach, guided Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to its first-ever NCAA Playoff berth in 2000. But it was also his players' winning record in the classroom that scored big with McDaniel's Athletics Director James Smith.

Seven of Townsend's players were honored as Academic All Americans while 10 of his athletes were named to the USILA/STX Division III All America team. His commitment to his student-athletes and the McDaniel College philosophy were decisive factors for Smith in hiring Townsend.

"His experience at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will allow him to continue to elevate the profile of our program," said Smith. "I believe Jim will also be committed to the overall life success of our

student-athletes, not just their accomplishments on the field."

After Rensselaer's historic season in 2000, Townsend took the Engineers to the tournament's quarterfinals in 2001.

The postseason bids capped a rebuilding project that began with Townsend's arrival on the Troy, N.Y. campus in 1992.

During his tenure, Townsend brought home a pair of Eastern College Athletic Conference Upstate New York Division III Championships in 1997 and 1999, and won the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association Championship.

For his efforts, Townsend was named the UCAA Coach of the Year in 2000, 1998, and 1996, and earned Man of the Year honors from the Adirondack Chapter of US Lacrosse in 1998.

Townsend predicts similar victories for the Green Terror. "I am excited to take over a program that is poised for success in the NCAA postseason," he said.

No stranger to Maryland, Townsend is a 1986 graduate of Salisbury University, where he began his career as an assistant that same year. He spent three years as the head coach at the Worcester Country School in Berlin, Md. before joining the Washington College program as an assistant in 1990. Townsend stayed with the Shoremen until taking over at Rensselaer. •

### Sports Hall of Fame's 25th Anniversary

A quarter-century has passed since the College first began recognizing the all-time greats in its athletics program. Since the very first banquet was held in October of 1978, 138 alumni have been inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame. Here are five more to add to the list:

**Arthur E. Blake Jr. '71**  
Baseball, Wrestling

**John H. Hort '58**  
Football, Track & Field

**Nancy Kammerer Pusey '88**  
Field Hockey, Lacrosse

**Susan Lapidus Spencer '83**  
Swimming

**Laszlo Zsebedics '63**  
Soccer

No one in the 135-year history of the College worked more tirelessly than William Roberts McDaniel to see that it fulfilled its mission. Although six decades have passed since death separated him from the College he cherished and nurtured through 65 formative years, his spirit is still tangible.

The yellowed pages he left behind allow us to know him—

# Meet

in his own words. Through these lectures and speeches, we can begin to imagine how a conversation with the College's namesake might have gone.

BY PEGGY FOSDICK

# McDaniel



Professor McDaniel sits at his desk, pencil in hand, his thoughts filling page after lined page. Memories flood his mind, swirl with his ready knowledge on dozens of subjects and erupt in the words he will use to inspire his audience.

Students. Fellow alumni. Colleagues. Townsfolk who trek up Westminster's Main Street to the campus on the hill one frigid February day in 1891 to learn the story of the moon as only Billy Mac can tell it. He entertains and enchants—tempering science with myth, mystery and a dash of poetry, quoting Shelley: “that orb'd maiden with whitefire laden whom mortals call the moon.”



His thirst for knowledge has always been unquenchable—well-honed even as a 16-year-old far from his Eastern Shore home studying by the soft glow of a coal-oil lamp. The quest is rivaled only by his desire to share what he's learned.

A consummate teacher, the professor writes on a foot-square inlaid-wood writing desk. Inside its hinged top are pencils and paper. Everything else is in his head.

As he writes, his upright looped scrawl loses its peaks and valleys. The flourishes smooth and the letters elongate in his battle to keep written word in step with thought.

Sunlight streams through his office window and glints off the snow white of his thick shock of hair. He is lost in his work, but the hint of a smile in the corners of his mouth reveals his sheer delight.

Here is a man who has found his element.

*Tap. Tap. Tap.*

He turns toward the door, pencil still poised over his Saxony linen writing tablet, purchased from Everhart Bros., the local stationer and purveyor of books at 165 E. Main Street in town.

"Come in, come in," he says grinning a welcome, yet curious about the reason for the unscheduled visit.

He listens to the request, and shifts uncomfortably in his chair.

Ask a question about the sun, the moon and the stars, and the mathematical astronomer is unleashed. Wonder why he lobbied for physical as well as intellectual and spiritual fitness of his students, and the detail-oriented mentor builds a convincing case for the shaping of a man. Or woman.

His repertoire is broad and deep: Geometry. College policy. Algebra. Fund-raising. German. Methodism. Calisthenics. Cycling. Latin. Parenting. Astronomy.

But talk about himself?

He clears his throat.

"Surely the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places, and if I had it to do all



"If I had it to do all over again, ... I would want to fill the same stations here at Western Maryland. Only I would want to fill them better."

Presidents call him indispensable. Colleagues respect his dedication to teaching. His students speak of his attention to detail, his demanding yet patient way of guiding them through algebra, geometry, astronomy—and in the early years, the exercise he invented: club swinging to music.

over again, I would want to be professor of mathematics, I would want to

fill the same stations here at Western Maryland," he says, pausing before he adds, "Only I would want to fill them better."

Then, he's silent. His soft blue eyes, framed by the two perfect circles of his trademark brown-rimmed glasses, stare expectantly as if he's put the matter of his



accomplishments to rest. Brilliant student, active alumnus, empowering professor, treasurer, vice-president, acting president, trustee—this ultimate sculptor of the College's destiny would do it all again. But better?

#### IDEALISTIC SCHOOLBOY

The land and nation still bear scars of the Civil War when young Billy Mac makes his way to the decade-old, one-building college founded just four years after Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address 20 miles to the north. As the first college south of the Mason-Dixon Line to admit both men and women, it is ahead of its time. But these men and women are not even permitted to pass each other in the hallways, let alone attend classes together. An addition in 1872 gave each professor a classroom with separate doors for men and women—they see each other only at meals, in chapel and on parlor nights under the vigilance of the faculty.

He and his classmates sleep, eat, study, and attend classes in the five-story, red-brick building perched atop College hill.

They have no electricity, no running water, and only the heat of the coal stoves, which occasionally set wooden floors on fire, to stave off the chill of the winter winds that roar up the north side of the hill.

Oh, but the view. From room number 6, Billy Mac can see forever. He can touch his dreams.

"Seated at my own lofty window, which looked toward the long dark ranges of the Blue Ridge and Catoctin mountains towering in imposing grandeur, I watched the sunset's pencil trace a fairy picture, as the majestic orb of day neared the horizon and touched the peaks with myriads of shimmering sunbeams, producing a scene of enchanting magnificence," recalls the distinguished professor.

Billy Mac's three roommates deem him "the noblest Roman of them all" and remember for the remainder of their days his oft-repeated, can-do motto.

"There shall be no Alps," McDaniel says, mimicking his idealistic fervor as a schoolboy. No mountain is too high or too steep for him to climb.

A stand-out student, he earns a Maryland Senatorial Scholarship in 1878,

the first year they are voted into law by Maryland's General Assembly. Two years later, he graduates second in his class of six men and four women. He teaches school in Buckeystown for a year and heads, sights set on a doctorate in mathematics, to Johns Hopkins University.

Fate and College president J.T. Ward disrupt the plan on Feb. 23, 1885. Responding to Ward's call for help, McDaniel returns to the college to fill in for the ailing professor of mathematics W.J. Thomas, who succumbs to typhoid fever within the month.

The College has grown in Professor McDaniel's absence. He finds a new men's dormitory—Ward Hall—and it even has running water, although cold only, to the first and second floors. There are stables, a carriage house and an ice house stocked with 34 tons of ice to keep meat cold. Students have formed literary societies, and the baseball club is in its third season of heated play against rival Gettysburg College. To add to the three-year bachelor's degree tailored for women, the trustees had approved in 1883 a four-year course through which women could earn the same baccalaureate degree as the men.

William Roberts McDaniel settles in— for life.

#### EDUCATOR AND INNOVATOR

"It is said that a rolling stone gathers no moss; I would hate to think it is equally true that a stone that hasn't rolled has gathered moss," McDaniel says, putting down his pencil, turning full attention to the conversation. "While the great body of mathematical truths is the same, I would not have you to believe that the teaching is the same. That would be to reduce the classroom to an intolerable grind and to debase the high profession of a teacher. But each year brought something new by way of application or interpretation and kept the fountain fresh and the waters sweet—at least for me."



"A college's best gift to her children is not education, but character—her character. Education makes a scholar; character makes a man. And her character is best read in the lives of her sons and daughters."

William McDaniel is among them. The College and her children, as he sees them, are family—as surely his family as his wife, Ada Smith McDaniel, and their daughter, Dorothy, born in 1898. The McDaniels live on campus in the home built for the newlyweds in

(Above) After much trial and error, the 25-year-old professor masters his recently purchased 'wheel,' as the early versions of the bicycle are called, and starts the College's first bicycle club in 1886. (Below) Wife Ada Smith McDaniel, whom he married in 1895.

Each of the early years also brings a new adventure—first in learning and then in teaching. After much trial and error, the 25-year-old professor masters his recently purchased wheel, as the early versions of the bicycle are called, and starts the College's first bicycle club in 1886. His recruitment as gymnastics teacher sends him to Harvard for the summer of 1887 and results in his innovative "Club Swinging by Note"

which blends mathematics, music, and his newly acquired knowledge of anatomy, hygiene and calisthenics. A year later he begins the tennis club.

"Physical culture is doing for the body what education does for the mind, bringing out all its latent forces, training them to ready, graceful, useful activity," he says, turning the focus away from himself and aiming it squarely on one of his favorite subjects.

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1895, the same year buildings on campus are illuminated by electricity. His blatant enthusiasm and fervent loyalty rally alumni across the country. Letters bearing news of former classmates and former students arrive daily and he responds faithfully to each one.

"I have often wished that all such letters that come to me could be gathered up into one big annual newsletter for general circulation. A pressing need of the Alumni

Association is an efficient medium that would keep the members in touch with each other and the college, a live wire with a current of vivifying interest.... Let us find ourselves, and we will then find our relation to our alma mater."

Mac, as he is often called, puts together the first Alumni Bulletin in 1914. He serves as the clearinghouse, but now he is able to broadcast the news to hundreds.

"One of the surest signs of progress, one of the safest omens for the future of any college is the increasing interest an increasing number of her alumni are taking in her welfare," he says, humility stopping him short of the slightest acknowledgement of his role.

"I think it was one of the French kings who said that to wage war successfully three things were necessary. First money, second more money, third still more money. We might well borrow his words when we state the requirements for running a college successfully. First money, second more money, third still more money."

One building follows another on campus: Levine. Yingling Gym. The President's house. Hering Hall. Little Baker. A new Ward Hall. Ward Memorial Arch. Alumni Hall. A library and administrative building later named Peterson Hall. Lewis Recitation Hall. Enrollment is ever increasing, from a couple of dozen to a hundred to hundreds.

Changing lives, McDaniel discovers, is a costly enterprise.

The professor continues to teach while assuming the responsibilities of treasurer, vice-president, secretary of the faculty, and on four occasions, acting president. The young people who follow their dreams to the Hill are his top priority. And he knows them well.

"One morning last month in fact, Lewis Jarman, a classmate of mine was present at morning chapel. Of course he reflected on the fact that he knew not one of the students. Yes said I, but you knew their fathers and mothers. That bright-eyed little girl there in the sophomore



The McDaniels live on campus in the home built for them in 1895, the same year buildings are illuminated by electricity. Daughter Dorothy is born in 1898.

abouts," he says remembering the months in 1901 that the College shared second president T.H. Lewis with the troubled Adrian College in Michigan. "Is Dr. Lewis at home? When is Dr. Lewis coming home? When does Dr. Lewis start home? When is Dr. Lewis going to Adrian? Will Dr. Lewis be here this week? Will Dr. Lewis be away next week? And so on ad libitum ad infinitum until I thought my only recourse was to wear a placard with all the answers to these questions printed on it and then all I would have to do would be to point the interrogator to the

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class is Buck Garey's daughter, and the tall one is Charley Wright's daughter; and there is Addison Beane's son, and Lida Hubbard's daughter, and Smith Orrick's boy and Preston Devilbiss' son. And since all these people had been Jarman's schoolmates, it made the whole scene a different one for him."

#### A LEADER TO LOOK UP TO

The pressures of his life—classes, fundraising, frequent speeches to alumni, policy making, parenting, and more—make him seem to be here, there, and everywhere on campus. His passion keeps him going—passion, that is, laced with a finely tuned sense of humor.

"These duties and immediate responsibilities of the President your humble servant has tried cheerfully to bear and has found none that has weighed too heavily unless it be the multitudinously repeated questions as to the President's where-

proper answer."

Everyone naturally expects him to know all of the answers regardless of which of his many hats he is wearing at that moment. It is a rare question that stumps him.

"One of the professor's wives newly come to the college had occasion to go to the dressmaker's over on Pennsylvania Ave. and took the short cut across the vacant lots down in front of the College. To her dismay she found enjoying there the rich pasturage of tin cans and other dry-land flossam and jetsam, an innocent looking billy goat. This was too much for her.

What should she do? Oh! And she suddenly remember the Secretary of the Faculty and retracing her steps to his office she asked in all seriousness, "Will this goat down here butt?" This was a poser. I felt astounded at my ignorance and in deepest humiliation I had to admit that though I pretended to be the Secretary of the Faculty, I have not the least idea of the intentions stored up



Billy Mac studies the mysteries of the cosmos through the College's first telescope, purchased for \$1,000 with a gift from trustees W.H. Starr and E.O. Grimes.

in the hidden recesses of the innocent looking billy goat's cranium, whether they be good or ill."

This builder of solid foundations may indeed not know the intentions of a billy goat, but it would be a mistake to think his scope is limited to intellectual matters.

"When the year opened in September, we had high hopes of our record to be made in athletics," he says of the 1902-03 school year.

"We expected to sweep all championships and prizes from the field. In football we had undoubtedly the best aggregation of canvas-clads that had ever represented us upon the gridiron and we gained some brilliant victories. But alas as we confess in our prayers we left undone the things we ought to have done. And there is not much joy in beating Mount Saint Mary's by a score of 23 to 0; Maryland University 16 to 0; Maryland Agricultural by a score of 26 to 6 and Pennsylvania Military Academy by a score of 11 to 10 when we could only make it a tie game with the Johns Hopkins and suffer defeat at the hands of Saint John's. We have only the same old excuses to offer. In the Hopkins game they played a strong team of graduate students for short halves against our lighter team. In the Saint John's game, it was a case of bad luck. Capt. Roberts was kicked in the head and hurt so badly that he lost his judgement and at the critical time gave commands for reckless plays.

"The snappy game played with the Hopkins had one happy result, it inspired Mr. E.O. Grimes Jr. of the class of 1896 to do the handsome thing, and he directed Manager Carman to provide his entire team with a new outfit of suits and other



## Ode to Billy Mac

Early on, William Roberts McDaniel was hailed as a leader and positive influence on the College, its community and its mission. Author of the College song, Caleb W. O'Connor, class of 1899, penned this prescient tribute to Billy Mac in 1915:

**Up in Old Westminster, there's a college on the hill,  
And the strongest roofer for the dear old place is BILL;  
Everybody knows who Bill is, by the thorny path,  
He has made us struggle through, with that infernal Math.**

**Once he made a foxy rule, with faculty gathered round,  
That no student should waste his time, with the pretty dames in town;  
Then he takes a look himself, and gathers in for life,  
The sweetest girl in all the lot, and now she's Billy's wife.**

**Western Maryland never has been free with its Degrees,  
I know myself you can't sidestep the faculty's decrees;  
But the biggest honor ever handed, from their guarded stock,  
Was when they said to Billy Mac, henceforth your name is Doc.**

**The time is coming when old Western Maryland, on the hill,  
Will cover all the top of it, and keep on growing still;  
And the biggest building up there, and better than them all,  
Will be the one from Billy's boys, and called McDaniel Hall.**

**No matter what has happened since, in joy or other ways,  
We look, and long again, for those dear Western Maryland days;  
Oh, speed the day, when everyone of us can travel back,  
And join the universal song, of GOD BLESS BILLY MAC.**

paraphernalia at his expense. And if we have not been winners in all the games we have still to our credit that we stand against the policy of practically employing a certain class of so-called students to win our games for us, and in doing this we are raising the whole plane of college sports."

### TOO HUMBLE TO SPOIL IT

The sidelines of football games and other sports are the only places on campus McDaniel is not in the center of the action. Over the years, he sees the installation of central heating, electricity, telephones, cold and hot running water to all of the buildings. He works relentlessly to

find ways to fund the College he loves.

And the College honors him. First, with a home on campus. Then, a new women's dormitory named for him in 1922. His portrait is hung in 1930, in the wing of McDaniel Hall known as McDaniel Lounge. A silver tea set and golden words from four Presidents and virtually every trustee proclaim his immeasurable contribution.

Soft-spoken and quietly unassuming, William Roberts McDaniel is unchanged through it all.

Then, the ultimate: On July 1, 2002, the College is named McDaniel College.

The white head turns. William Roberts McDaniel looks out across campus — and beyond. The speech-maker struggles for words.

As is his way, he puts aside his feelings and considers his College family. His thoughts are easily read in the softening of his gaze. His words echo his gracious acceptance of previous honors.

"It quite overwhelms me and I think my first impulse would be to tell you how unworthy I feel myself to be of it all, and I would but for a bit of experience that comes back to me from very early school days. I

recall the occasion quite vividly. I was once reciting Latin and by some chance gave an answer that exceeded the teacher's expectation, whereupon he proceeded to compliment the diligent study which that answer seemed to indicate. Feeling it was due more to good fortune than to diligent study, I was about to disabuse his mind of that impression when the shrewd boy who sat next to me brought me up with a sharp nudge and said, 'Don't spoil it.'

"And so I presume it would be equally rash on this occasion for me to insist that this all seems to be a piece of good fortune rather than a reward for real merit.

"It is your verdict, I mustn't spoil it." •

# College Gospel Choir is a Rock for All Ages

BY LISA BRESLIN

If the course description for McDaniel College's Gospel Choir were left to the students or any of the 400 people who pile into Big Baker for annual Gospel Choir concerts, the wording would be much different.



"The most valuable thing that choir offers probably isn't musical at all," according to Gospel Choir Director Eric Byrd '93. "That thing is the communion we have each Thursday night."

Instead of "an all-college choral ensemble that explores the sacred musical styles of the African-American traditions," the course description would probably be, "an all-college, all-color choir that celebrates God's gifts through music that moves the soul. Come weary, leave exuberant."

Instead of the prerequisite "permission from the instructor," the catalog would promise, "whatever your musical talents or limitations, there is a place for you here."

Ever since Margaret Boudreaux, head of the music department, lured Director Eric Byrd '93 from the neighboring Union Street United Methodist Choir, 1105 Gospel Choir has remained one of the most popular classes on campus.

Enrollment has soared from the original 17 members in 1994 to a solid mix of more than 95 sopranos, altos, tenors, and bass singers. Originally, one bass player accompanied the group; now there's a full ensemble that includes bass guitar, some brass, piano, and drums.

It's not the size of the choir or the accompanying band that matters, Byrd is quick to note. It's the magical transformations that take place throughout the year.

Students who come timid, eventually sing rousing solos; students who come to class with some amazing burdens that have been locked inside them for years, pour out the details to other choir members or to Byrd and find comfort. And, often, students who come with little or no faith, turn

their lives over to a loving God they've come to know through music.

Perhaps the best testimonials for these magical transformations are the collage of notes, cards and letters on Byrd's office door:

*Eric,*

*...I can truly say that coming away from this class I know more than my religious grandmother, (you know that's hard to beat)...Again thanks ... God has blessed us with you!*

*Eric,*

*Just wanted to write a quick note to say thanks. The gospel choir has truly been an amazing experience, and through your guidance I have become a better person.*

*Eric,*

*...I know I was always quiet and we never really spoke much, but you brought a lot of joy and inspiration to my life. You have been like a positive beacon of light in a sometimes-dark world. My Thursday nights will never be the same again without the time of fellowship and praise Gospel Choir brought...*

The joy, the exuberance, and the comfort that many choir members feel during and after Thursday night rehearsals and concerts is the result of many things—the music, the director and the fact that everyone trusts the people around them.

"The songs in Gospel Choir ministered to our hearts, minds and souls," said Maya Redfearn '02. "The songs, the prayers, the laughs, and Eric Byrd's warm smile carried me through all my endeavors at the College."

"The most valuable thing that choir offers probably isn't musical at all," Byrd said. "That thing is the communion that we have each Thursday night. This class appeals to everybody—the Greeks, the jocks, the non-athletic, men, women, everybody."

"And yet, these diverse choir members eventually realize that no matter how many tears they cry or no matter how much fun they have, they will not be ostracized. And that's cool. That's what is fun about the class," Byrd said.

These magical transformations are not limited to class members; people from the College and neighboring communities, and even audiences abroad, have been moved as well.

Experience the Gospel Choir at a free concert Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in (Big) Baker Memorial Chapel.



Students from every campus niche sing side-by-side and are uplifted by the music and by the group spirit they create.

When the College Gospel Choir sings, the pews are always packed and hands wave in the air as the choir belts out contemporary and traditional Gospel tunes that Byrd says he carefully and prayerfully selects each semester.

Gospel concerts almost always feature soloists and student's personal testimonies in front of standing-room-only crowds.

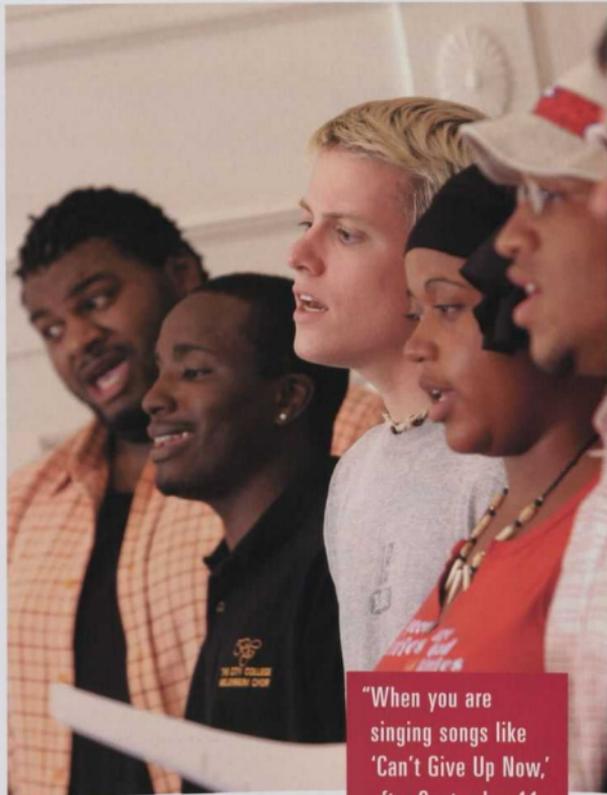
In 1996, Byrd's 22-voice choir was invited to the 14th annual Vienna Advent Sing Concert in Austria. They were the only gospel ensemble among 20 choral groups and they performed for a full house.

Austrian cultural officials who organized the event and the audience were so moved by the group's rousing performance that the College Gospel Choir was the only group cheered back for the closing ceremony.

Again, notes plastered on Byrd's door highlight the Gospel Choir's transforming power:

*Dear Mr. Byrd,  
Hello. You don't know who I am, but my name is Kerry Wilson and I recently attended the Spring Gospel Choir Concert. It was so uplifting to me ... All week long it was if a songbird sat on my shoulder singing every lyric I heard that night. Even now, weeks later, I still find myself singing those words over and over and I can't help but smile...*

*Eric,  
...I know: that for me, being a part of Gospel Choir has renewed my faith in the Lord...My father does not attend church except on holidays, and he is a very typical avid-country-music-supporting man. He too has found ministry in Gospel Choir concerts, which is just another effect of your tremendous power to bring voices and people of different backgrounds together as one.*



PHOTOS BY C. KURT HOLTER

**"When you are singing songs like 'Can't Give Up Now,' after September 11, or you watch people's faces calm when you sing at a Rape Crisis vigil, it is unbelievable. It is a spiritual experience that changes your life."**

— John Bushman '02

"Before I joined the Gospel Choir, I was a religious guy, but I definitely became more religious," said John Bushman '02. "When you are singing songs like *Can't Give Up Now*, after September 11, or you watch people's faces calm when you sing at a Rape Crisis vigil, it is unbelievable. It is a spiritual experience that changes your life."

"We all knew that we'd have a good time, not matter how much we were stressing about classes," said Latonia Haines '02. "Gospel Choir was the place to chill and de-stress."

"The spirituality is hard to explain," Haines added. "But I know that after choir or after knowing that our concerts were reaching out to people who might not go to church, I always felt better. I miss choir already."\*

Nancy Palmer Built the  
Honors Program to  
Bring Out the Best in  
the Brightest Students





# GREAT WORKS

BY KIM ASCH

Even when Ingrid Carlson '97 was in the best shape of her life, she still declined frequent invitations to go running with her professor and mentor Nancy Palmer because, she says, "I was sure I'd slow her down."

Palmer, whose hard-charging athleticism, wry wit and strong opinions pulse just beneath the surface of her gracious southern charm, chuckles at her former student's revelation.

But it doesn't surprise her.

"My daughters are afraid to run with me, too, because I tell them we're only going to do six miles and then I'll feel too good to stop and I'll say, 'Let's keep going,'" explains Palmer, who is 62 now and a grandmother. "I'm constantly competing with myself. I feel I should do better than the day before."



**Nancy Palmer infused the Honors Program with her unabashed sense of fun, as well as her passion for literature and learning.**

Smithsonian—as well as Affinity housing in Daniel McLea.

Palmer made an annual ritual of the holiday party she hosted at the cozy Victorian home on Pennsylvania Avenue she shares with husband Del Palmer, professor of English emeritus.

"It was awesome. The food was really good, Del made buttered cider punch, and somebody would invariably end up on the piano and we would try to sing carols with varying degrees of success," recalls Joy Hoffman '98, an English major who works at Berea College in Kentucky. "Alumni from all different classes would drop in and we all just mixed because we all had Nancy and the College in common."

These days, the Honors Program hovers at the desired 100 students, with each class evenly represented. Freshmen enter with an average SAT score of 1376 and all students maintain at least a 3.4 grade point average to stay in. They are a diverse group of budding writers, artists, attorneys, doctors and research scientists.

"We're all very passionate about something—for me, that's our common bond," Lipchock says.

Some are gregarious; others are shy. Many are athletes. Cross country star Jill Krebs '02 was recently named NCAA Maryland Woman of the Year for her feats in the sport, as well as for her 3.918 GPA.

"More—that's what distinguishes them. They may not do things differently, they do more," Palmer says. "They want to

major in everything and minor in everything. They want to do it all—and they do. They double-major and triple-minor."

Students in the program take a total of six Honors courses, the senior Honors colloquium, and produce a senior project. During their first year, they are expected to complete the Heritage Sequence—Great Works of the Western World I and II. The courses introduce them to representative masterworks of European culture from ancient times to the present and are an initiation to the rigors of the Honors Program. For years, Nancy taught one course and Del taught the other.

"I love them both," says

Carlson, who was a double-major in political science and Spanish and minored in comparative literature.

She earned a master's in Latin American studies from Georgetown University in 2000. "Nancy is a little bit more rebellious. She was so progressive and open and empowering for young women."

Yes, Palmer would tell her students, the Great Works are mostly written by dead white men—Homer, Aeschylus, Sophocles, Virgil, Dante, Shakespeare—but they are still relevant. There's as much to learn from what's not in the text.

"Who's not here?" she'd ask them. "Who's not represented?"

When students complained they didn't like the *Iliad* because it's militaristic, all-male and all about fighting, she conceded that it is. And then she would challenge them. "So how are we still like that today?"

#### CHALLENGING ASSUMPTIONS

"When hell freezes over."

The phrase got Lipchock thinking. In Dante Alighieri's poem *The Inferno*, the center of hell is a frozen lake in which the damned are encased in ice. Lipchock raised the irony with his Honors Program peers and they talked about Dante's theory

**"Don't waste your brains. We have got to have the best and most creative thinking that we can get to solve the world's problems."**

—Nancy Palmer

Challenge has also been the guiding principle of Palmer's nearly four decades at the College. The senior lecturer in English retired in May after a distinguished career in which she challenged herself not only as a scholar and teacher, but also the campus status quo regarding women's rights, the treatment of adjunct faculty members and the lack of campus diversity.

Perhaps her greatest legacy is the Honors Program she helped to build, which recruits exceptionally talented, motivated undergraduates and challenges them to perform at their peak. In turn, their contributions in classes, their participation in athletics, and their leadership in clubs and student government, raise the bar of excellence for the entire campus community.

"Don't waste your brains," is a Palmer maxim, and she repeats it often to the Honors students, for whom she served as adviser since taking over as the program's director in 1992. "We have got to have the best and most creative thinking that we can get to solve the world's problems."

From her office next door, English Professor Kathy Mangan watched as Palmer welcomed an endless stream of students into her office in Hill Hall, where she was tireless in her cheerful dedication to their intellectual, cultural, and social lives. "I doubt that few people on campus truly grasp the sweep and depth of Nancy's contribution to the Honors Program," she says.

Honors Club President, Junior James Lipchock, does. "It was almost as if she was a mother, she knew everyone and cared about everyone," he says. "She just created this sense of community in a way that seemed effortless."

#### GROWING INTENSITY

From the beginning, Palmer was determined to grow the program and to find ways to encourage students to identify with it and to each other. She and a committee of faculty and administrators set to work developing a design for living and learning that would tie together curriculum with cultural and social activities—such as trips to Broadway shows and the

"If you consider a nerd someone who is passionate about school or about something he loves, I wouldn't call it a negative term."

—Junior James Lipchok,  
Honors Club president

of hell as sinners' icy separation from God, the source of light.

"I know it's kind of dorky, but since we have the Great Works courses in common, we can talk about it," he says. "If you consider a nerd someone who is passionate about school or about something he loves, I wouldn't call it a negative term."

Unlike high school, at college the smart kids are hardly stigmatized. The only people on the Hill throwing the word "nerd" around are the Honors students themselves—and they're having a lot of fun with it. They publish a sarcastic monthly newsletter, appropriately titled *Nerd News*, and spend much time brainstorming the design of their T-shirt. Last year's featured a "Kick Me" sign printed on the back.

It's not unlikely to find an Honors student wearing one of these T-shirts while participating in one of the Program's community service efforts. Clearly, the group culture of the Honors Program is infused with Palmer's unabashed sense of fun, as well as her righteous spirit.

From the moment she stepped foot on campus, Palmer spoke up for herself and the rights of others.

In the early 1960s she attended a committee meeting where discussion turned to the lack of African Americans on campus. Palmer—a young, part-timer—spoke in favor of launching a recruiting effort and was shot down by a senior, tenured professor.

"Being part-time and a woman meant, don't speak," she says, describing how upset she'd been by her colleague's negative attitude toward her and her ideas. But she brightens again when she adds that her department chair, John Makosky, "did tell me later that I was right."

At every party, she says, "I did my anti-Vietnam war pitch." In 1993, she and Del

went to Viet Nam to see for themselves if they had been correct in their views. "I was right in protesting that I didn't want to kill these people," she says. "Those

people are the sweetest people you'll ever meet."

She also volunteered for the League of Women Voters. Now, she is serving her second five-year term as a Westminster planning and zoning commissioner.

In special studies courses, Palmer introduced students to great women writers like Toni Morrison, Virginia Woolf and Nadine Gordimer. Usually, there were just three or four students and they met in her office or in her living room where they chatted and munched on snacks.



Graduates of the Honors Program from the Class of 2002 commence on their journey to make the world a better place, per Nancy Palmer's instructions.

"It was really neat, more like a conversation than a class," recalls Carlson. "The things she picked for me to read were really formative in my political consciousness."

In an independent study course, Palmer and Jennifer Yi '02 explored Middle Eastern feminist writers together for the first time. "And we both learned, contrary to our thinking in the beginning, that they are interested in sex," says Palmer, with that mischievous, freckled grin of hers. "We didn't think we'd find that, but they're very interested in the erotic side of life."

## Retirement Syllabus

Del Palmer, professor of English emeritus, used to say that his most significant arguments with wife Nancy Palmer were over literary matters, such as the meaning of a passage in Dostoevsky.

Since Nancy retired in May as a senior lecturer in English, the disagreements have become sizeable—but only because they now center on the length of the books.

"She's interested in writers like Salman Rushdie, Don DeLillo and people who write big books, while I have gone toward shorter works," he explains. "I think she's an incredibly patient person."

In her retirement, Palmer says she is most excited to be a student again—and now she has the time to be patient. A voracious reader, she is in the middle of *Atonement: A Novel*, by Ian McEwan and just finished London: *The Biography*, a 1,000-page novel by Peter Ackroyd. She also loves more popular fiction (she has all the Oprah Book Club recommendations) and enjoys flipping through *National Geographic*, *Country Living* and *Travel Magazine*, and regularly reads *Utne Reader*, *Newsweek* and *The Carroll County Times*.

The Palmers are planning to take an archaeological tour to Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma) and Thailand with a group led by a university professor late in the fall. They are already reading and studying to prepare for the trip.

"That will be great. I want to be back on the other side," she says. "I want to learn and take notes." •

Because she never earned her Ph.D., Palmer wasn't eligible for a tenure-track position on the faculty. But in 1987 her commitment to the College was recognized with the first Senior Lecturer position, which came with all of the important benefits of a full-time faculty job. It was an important breakthrough for her part-time colleagues.

"The College has been very lucky that we've had so many good part-timers who are committed, who give their time to the students, who do advising, who serve on committees," she says. "So it was natural and it was right and it was fair to do that."

However, if she had to do it all over again, she says she would have earned her Ph.D. She advises her students to push higher and farther—in all of their pursuits. "Take over," she urges them. "Do better than we did." •

# Quick Study

## Larry Wu

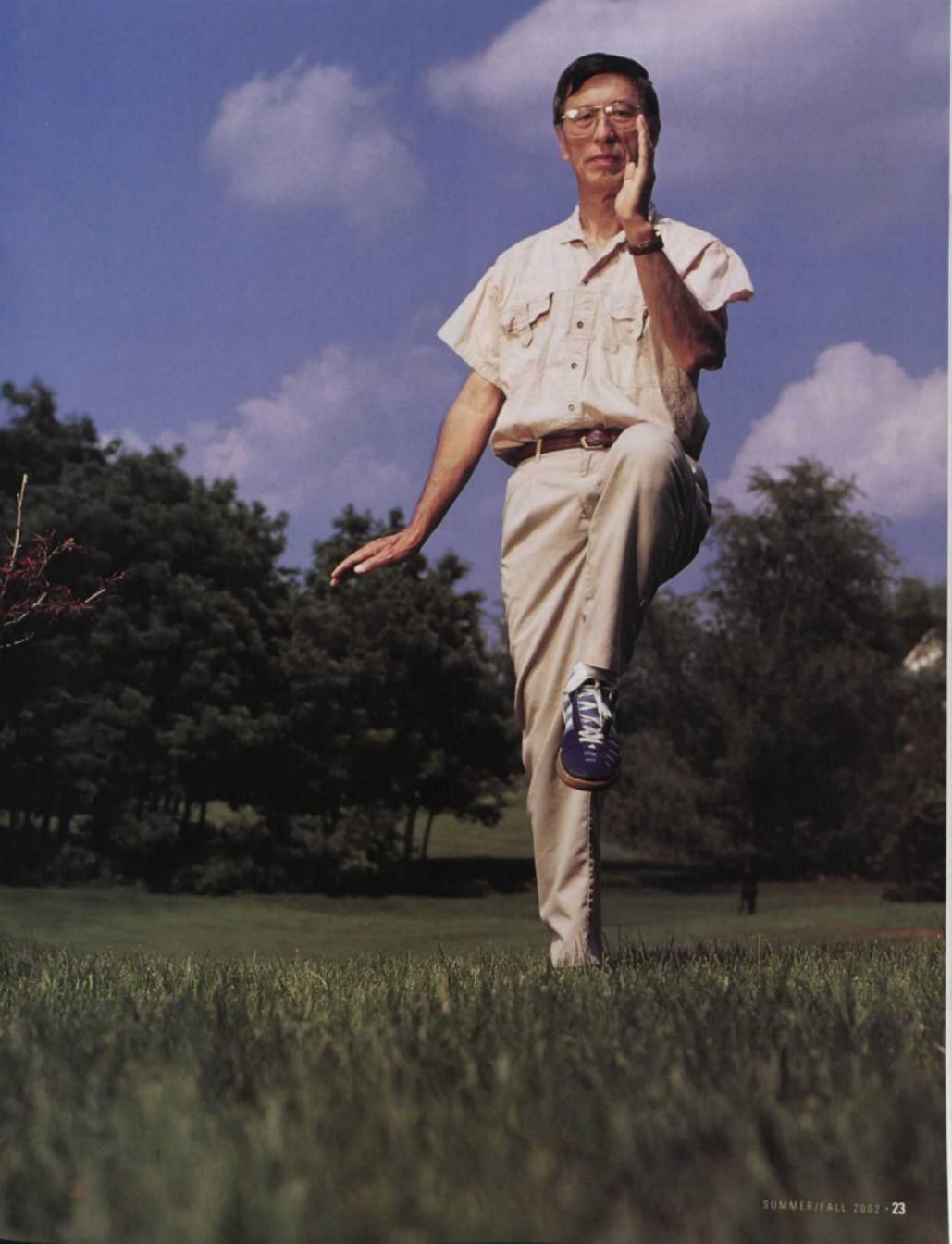
*Professor of Philosophy; native of Taiwan; 27 years on the faculty; 64-year-old father of three, including incoming freshman Andy Wu; widower; Tai Chi instructor whose classes are always full.*

*In his words:*

- **My favorite posture** is Grasp the Bird's Tail.
- **In the beginning**, when you're learning to do it, it's one of the most difficult postures. I particularly like it because it's very relaxing, your whole body rocking back and forth.
- **Have you ever seen** the birds standing in the tree chirping, and the tails go like this and like that, the tails just don't stand still? The bird's tail in Tai Chi symbolizes your mind. Your mind is always moving, never at rest, and it's very hard to grasp the bird's tail. You have to learn to still your mind.
- **Things were very difficult for me** the first year I was in this country.
- **Somebody burglarized** my car, broke the window, and took everything. I mean, literally everything, including my passport, all the paper, money, clothes, everything.
- **Graduate school was rough going** because of the language and cultural differences and differences in the educational system. I couldn't sleep. I had insomnia, anxiety, all kinds of problems.
- **Fortunately**, a friend of mine who had practiced Tai Chi told me that Tai Chi would calm me down and help me to concentrate and study.
- **Shortly after practicing** Tai Chi I could tell the difference.
- **The short sequence** of 24 postures usually is done in five minutes. The end is also the beginning, so you can keep going.
- **It has a great healing effect**, both physically and mentally. You feel you become one with the environment, you lose yourself in nature. You experience this peace and joy that religious people talk about, peace and joy that surpass understanding.
- **It's not easy to get it right**. It's easy to just go through the motion sloppily but you should be patient and careful, do it right the first time. And if it's not correct, correct it right away.
- **By teaching it**, I understand it better. I learn along with the students.
- **Habit**, like Aristotle said, is second nature.
- **I really am convinced** that quite often the difference between success and failure, in most cases, is a matter of good or bad habit. Tai Chi is part of the good habit, part of the good daily routine.
- **The Chinese philosophy Taoism** is associated with Tai Chi. To have a good life, we should have a simple lifestyle, close to nature, and try to understand the operation of natural law. And then, having understood that, you cooperate with natural law.
- **The Tao of Pooh?** It's pretty good, funny and has some very profound philosophical thoughts.
- **Swim along** with the current. Don't fight against the current.
- **I like to cook fish**. If it's fresh, you can steam it with ginger. Rockfish is good, or salmon. They are very healthy.
- **Unfortunately, my kids eat** American junk food.
- **Taiwan**, when I left, had a very poor economy. Now, it's very good. The school and my old neighborhood, they're totally unrecognizable. I was born there and grew up there, but when I went back, I had to ask for directions to go where I wanted to go.
- **That's the high price we pay** for "progress" and prosperity.
- **I came here to pursue the American dream**. Sometimes I feel like instead of a dream it's a nightmare. But Tai Chi helps me carry through. It's given me inner strength, not just muscular, but inner strength.
- **Without it**, I'd be dead.

"You should be patient and careful, do it right the first time," Larry Wu.

JOHN DAVIS



## Faculty Gain Grant-Writing Smarts

BY KIM ASCH

Rabah Crawford dreaded the idea of lecturing to six members of the faculty who were selected as this year's Grant Fellows. As director of corporate and foundation relations—a.k.a., the resident grant-writing guru—it was Crawford's job to teach the professors how to find and apply for grants to fund their research, new academic programs and creative projects.

She needn't have worried. The faculty—three from biology, and one each from the theatre, political science and history departments—proved to be eager students.

"I have much more respect now for grant writers, fundraisers, and development people who do this full time," says

**Grant Fellow Ralene Mitschler seeks support to provide stipends and equipment for students pursuing biological research on a group of insect parasites.**



Elizabeth van den Berg, senior lecturer in the theatre department. "The grant I'm working on now has over 25 pages of detailed instructions."

The Grant Fellows program was established in 2001 by the Office of Academic Affairs, the Corporate and Foundation Relations Office and the Grants Committee to demystify the grant-writing process and to empower members of the faculty to pitch their brilliant ideas to the many sources of private and federal funding. Each year, five Grant Fellows are awarded \$2,650 to support their efforts during the summer and into the following academic year.

This summer, biology professors Sam Alspach and Esther Iglich are sharing a fellowship to explore the addition of

an environmental studies program at the College. Van den Berg wants to develop a Theatre for Young Audiences company that would perform plays from children's literature in Carroll County schools.

Assistant Professor of History Paul Miller seeks funding to explore increased course offerings in non-Western subjects. Volker Franke, assistant professor of political science and international studies, wants funding for research into the cognitive development of political concepts.

And Assistant Professor of Biology Ralene Mitschler wants to find funding sources that will provide students with stipends and supplies while they study parasites, their host insects, and possibly their genes and proteins.

"Most college or university biology summer research opportunities pay \$2,500 to \$5,000, plus room and board per student," she says. "It is really a wonderful opportunity for students on several levels. They get first-hand research experience that might be publishable and they actively participate in the scientific method rather than solely reading results of the method in research papers."

The Grant Fellows are chosen partly based on whether their project has the potential to get funding. But, while every fellow is obligated to write a proposal sometime during the year of their fellowship,

## Fiscal Year 2002: The Short Report

**The College had its second-best fundraising year, with more than \$8 million in cash gifts, an 11 percent increase over the previous year, and \$7.4 million in new gifts and pledges, which is a 17 percent jump over FY 2001.**

**The Annual Fund hit \$1.55 million, also the second-best year in the College's history, although the percentage of alumni participation dipped to a 10-year low of 26 percent. New National Annual Fund Chair Ken Gill '61 and Trustee Annual Fund Chair Bill Westervelt '71 have set next year's goal at \$1.65 million with 30 percent of alumni participating. •**



"there's no way anyone can guarantee landing a grant," Crawford says. "If they don't, at least they have the practice and when they get another idea they'll be more likely to go for it."

Crawford took some teaching cues from her students and decided the best way to share her professional expertise was to spend less time lecturing and more time working cooperatively.

Among the most important lessons faculty learn: define your project; write succinctly and clearly; pay special attention to your project summary.

"Sometimes I have to tell them it's a little too intellectual," she says.

The most important lesson? Don't take rejection personally.

"Professors are very passionate about their fields and their projects and it is hard for them to see why someone wouldn't want to fund them. An important part of the training is putting things in perspective," Crawford says.

Van den Berg says she gained both the know-how and the motivation to write her proposal for an NEA Learning Arts Grant in time for the Aug. 12 deadline.

Agrees Miller: "The program has given me a great deal of confidence that anything you need funded can get funded with the right skills, support, and determination." •

## New Trustees to Lead with Love and Energy

To serve as a College Trustee is no easy assignment: it is the Board who charts the future of the institution and invests a great deal of wisdom, work and wealth to see that it reaches its goals. **Ken Gill '61** and **William J. Westervelt, Jr. '71** recently joined the group of highly motivated leaders, more than half of whom are alumni. And former College First Lady **Dorothy John** was named an honorary trustee.

Here's a little bit about what each brings to the Board, and why each is honored to serve.

As an undergraduate, Gill was a sociology major and a football player. He had just started graduate school to become a city planner when he was called to fulfill his obligation to the armed forces, eventually joining the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army.

In training down South, he ran into College alumni, friends and football teammates. Thus began what has turned out to be a lifetime of close association with his alma mater and everyone associated with it. He and his wife, **Jeanne Moffatt '62**, socialize with eight alumni couples.

Because his Army obligation fell so early in the conflict, Gill did not have to go to Vietnam. When he returned from the service, he went to graduate school at the University of Maryland, and through an ad in *The Wall Street Journal* got involved with the food industry. A born entrepreneur and salesman, he has owned all or part of as many as seven companies at once. His daughters

now run the Gill Group, Inc., an international food service and equipment supplies company with offices in the United States, Far East and Europe.

McDaniel is part of Gill's family, not only because two of his children attended, not only because of his beloved alumni friends, but because of the education he received.

"I went there to play football," he says, "and that was a wonderful experience. But I am so grateful for the social skills I gained, including the ability to speak well and confidently, but also because I learned how to write."

The campus has, he says, changed for the better, but the endowment still remains a disappointment. "That's one of the primary reasons I joined the board: to help with the effort," he says. "And I'll tell you, my father would be so proud that I was asked to serve. As Am I."

Westervelt graduated with a degree in economics in 1971. With the War in Vietnam continuing and the demands of women and minorities also stirring passions and reaction, it remained a time of great turmoil on American campuses. While discussion was lively and feelings strong, life on the Hill was not nearly as riotous as it was at larger and more urban schools. "WMC held on to its traditional values when the world outside was in flux. I was in ROTC and nobody ever troubled us," Bill Westervelt says. "I think that's still true of the College: it changes but holds onto the things that matter."

The most significant change at his alma mater besides the name—which he considers a necessary step forward—is the

## Gift Highlights

**Mr. & Mrs. Charles D. Broll**  
**\$196,680**

Made through a gift of stock to augment the Dr. George Stansbury Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund, created by the Brolls in 2000 to honor Mrs. Turner Baker Broll's father, Dr. George Stansbury Baker, Class of 1927. The scholarship is awarded annually to a science major who distinguishes himself or herself academically.

**Hilda C. Landers**  
**\$100,000**

Made by the Hilda C. Landers Trust to support annual scholarships for McDaniel College students.

**Robert E. '62 & Margaret 'Peggy' Hoey '63 Warfield**  
**\$100,000**

Made in celebration of Mr. Warfield's 40th class reunion to establish and endow The Robert and Margaret Warfield Scholarship Fund. This fund supports students demonstrating financial need and majoring in English, economics, or business administration with preference given to students from Worcester County, Md.

**LTG Otto '63 and Jan Guenther**  
**\$100,000**

Made to support renovations to transform Lewis Recitation Hall and Lewis Hall of Science into a modern academic complex. The gift, which the College has recognized by naming Lewis Recitation Hall Classroom 227 in their honor, was made in memory of Otto's professor and mentor, Dr. Ralph B. Price.

level of student demands and expectations.

For Westervelt, the most important aspect of the College experience is the relationships he made—many of which remain intact. The economics and finance courses he took were, he says, a good foundation for the MBA in finance and marketing he earned from the University of Baltimore after his Army service. He also attended the University of Maryland Executive Development Program.

Westervelt's career in finance included some 17 years in retail banking. He is currently the cofounder and president/CEO of First Annapolis Consulting, a leading financial services consulting and financial advisory firm.

So why did he agree to become a trustee, when he is so busy with this business, teaching and speaking?

"I know it sounds corny, but you have to put back. One thing I can do is to try to influence my classmates to be more active in whatever ways are appropriate for them. You have to put back."

John began her relationship with the College as First Lady in 1972 when Dr. Ralph John was inaugurated as the sixth president. Many students found a home away from home at the President's House over the next 12 years. The climate they created enriched and inspired many in the campus community and beyond. Dot and Ralph worked together to bring the College to lofty levels of achievement and visibility, and through turbulent times guided it safely into the future. •

## ALUMNI

## Alumni Feel at Home on the 'Other Hill'

BY MICHELLE HAMILTON  
KERSHNER '98

Alone in Washington, what's an alum to do? Grab a classmate, find a hill and pretend you're back at college.

Impossible? Hardly. Alumni in D.C. have been doing it successfully for almost a year on the "other Hill."

A photograph of the Western Maryland caboose tacked above the pool table makes D.C.-area alumni feel at home at Kelly's Irish Times on Capitol Hill. According to bartender Kevin Malleck, the railroader's union met in the back corner of The Irish Times. The caboose photo was originally mounted to honor the bar's union patrons, but D.C.-area alumni discovered it in their search for the perfect happy hour location.

"We meet from one Hill to another," says Andreas "Andy" Kalisperis '98, leader of the informal group that meets monthly for happy hour. "It was only appropriate" to hold the first happy hour at The Irish Times in honor of the caboose, he adds. And the Guinness isn't bad, either.

Most of the new Washingtonians flock to happy hours to socialize and meet new alumni living in the area. Brian Hornbecker '99, a regular at happy hours, enjoys unwinding with old friends. "I come to see everybody and get to know people better who I only vaguely knew in college," he says.

In a city where people walk past each other without exchanging a word, Christie

Addeo '00 finds comfort in her ties to the group. "It's nice to have a bond," she says.

For Josh Schechter '98, a Silver Spring resident, the happy hours are a chance to socialize in D.C. by starting with a crowd of familiar faces. "I don't work in the city, so I see it as a place to hang out. It's a fun place filled with young professionals," he says.

New Capitol Hill resident Ryan Ewing '01 is a diehard participant who has only missed one happy hour. "Living in or around the city was something I never thought I'd do," he says. But while basking in his newfound independence, he admits, "It's good to know there are other people to turn to." Ewing, who works with the Semester in Washington program at George Washington University, calls on his happy hour connections professionally, too. "When I'm looking to place interns, some of the people in the group are on the top of my list."

And in D.C., who you know is everything. "As a lobbyist, I know how vital networks are," says Kalisperis. His group ensures newcomers like Ewing have their own set of Washington connections.

But the group is hardly all business.

"No one comes to these things without hoping there's someone new," says Aaron Corbett '99. Corbett, whose initial flirtations at happy hour grew into a romance, insists, "It's a great place to meet people who you're compatible with and who have the same history." And because you never know where a laugh over a drink will take you, "Everyone's happy to be friendlier than usual," he says.



Networking is the name of the game in Washington and having a regular alumni get-together helps graduates who are new to the city make important business and personal connections. Join the D.C. gang for its next happy hour Nov. 7. For location, e-mail [alumni@mcDaniel.edu](mailto:alumni@mcDaniel.edu).

Newcomers typically find alumni get-togethers just like they did as students: through the grapevine.

Addeo, discovering the group through Corbett, recruited her roommate, Laura Kelly '01, to join the fun. Ewing is snagging alums before they even graduate. He dropped in with his brother, Andy Ewing '03, who enrolled in the Semester in Washington program and interned in D.C. for the summer. Thanks to Kalisperis and his cohorts spreading the word, alumni graduating six years apart can share a table at happy hour.

Although these new Washingtonians can be overheard discussing security clearances or the latest congressional gossip, they typically suspend discussions about work during happy hour. Swapping memories and keeping clued in to current happenings at the College take priority. "It's probably the only way I stay connected," says Corbett. "It's how I continue my involvement with the College."

The group meets anywhere from Capitol Hill to the 'burbs, but many say The Irish Times is their favorite spot. "Anytime a college friend came to visit, I would take them to

see the picture of the caboose," says Kalisperis. For Corbett, the "whole caboose thing" immediately made Kelly's Irish Times his top pick for gatherings. "Everybody looks for those little signs."

Kalisperis wants the group to remain the welcoming committee for D.C. alumni. "When a senior graduate and moves to D.C., I want them to know we're here," he says. And there's no better person to show newcomers the ropes than Kalisperis. Having made the Westminster-to-Washington transition nearly five years ago, he can now boast of feeling right at home on the "other" Hill, too. •

## Why Alumna of the Year Does So Much for the College

BY KIM ASCH

Wait a second. Isn't volunteer extraordinaire **Kathy Moore Ritter '68, M.Ed. '75**, supposed to be talking about duty, sacrifice, utter exhaustion?

Instead, she's using words like "fun," "exciting," "rewarding" and even "energizing" to describe her prodigious efforts



**Aluma of the Year Kathy Moore Rittler was shocked to learn she would receive the highest honor given by the Alumni Association for her volunteer efforts. "I just love the College and it was nothing for me to do these things," she says.**

on behalf of the College over the past three decades.

And she's downright speechless about the Alumna of the Year award she's about to receive at Homecoming Oct. 19. It is the highest honor given by the Alumni Association and is presented to graduates who are of good character, are held in high esteem by their associates and who have brought credit upon themselves and the College.

Finally, she explains.

"I just never thought it would be possible. I just never did. I'm not rich, I'm not a CEO. I just love the College and so it was nothing for me to do these things. I did them because I enjoy them," she says. "To receive an award for this is just wonderful."

"This" is years worth of service on various committees, including the Sports Hall of Fame, the Meritorious Service Award, the Young Alumni Award and the Alumna of the Year Award committees. She's served on the Homecoming committee. She was alumna to the Board of Trustees. She served as the president of the Alumni Association. She continues to write letters to classmates encouraging them to contribute to the Annual Fund. And now she's on the 2003 reunion committee.

In the process, Rittler says, she's gained another education. "What I've learned personally is, I think, self-confidence. Imagine going to a board meeting with Peter Angelos, Wayne

Curry '72, Kurt Schmoke—I was shaking hands with these people and carrying on conversations," she says. "You had to develop a certain poise and demeanor and trust yourself because it was so easy to feel of lesser standing. I mean, I was just a school teacher.

"But we had a common goal, so that made it easy."

The Salisbury, Md., native loved the College before she ever stepped a foot on campus. In fact, at the urging of her father, she enrolled as a student without visiting. "I saw it for the first time when I arrived for my first class," she recalls. Her sister, Pat Moore, followed in her footsteps and graduated in 1970.

From the beginning, she was active in the life of the campus. Times were changing, and the physical education major was eager to see some of the rules rewritten, such as the requirement that women wear skirts or dresses to class.

"My fondest memories are the days when we had snow so that we could wear pants," she says.

After she graduated, she got a job teaching in the Baltimore County school system and has continued for 31 years. She married and had three children, including **Matthew Rittler '99**. She was busy at work, at her Finksburg home and at church, where she was an active volunteer.

But she always stayed involved with the College.

"It was wonderful to go back and be with people on an adult level that you had known at the College while growing up," says Rittler, who likes to get up by 5:45 a.m. so that she can get to school early. "I enjoy people

## EVENTS FOR ALUMNI

## OCTOBER

- 3 \*First Thursday Alumni Networking Happy Hour – Lucy's Restaurant & Lounge, 247 Market Street, Philadelphia
- 12 \*Alumni, Faculty, and Families Golf Clinic – Campus Golf Course
- 19 Homecoming – Awards Brunch; Parade; Football Game; Volleyball Tournament; Affinity Reunions include: Field Hockey Alumni Game, Wrestling Alumni Match, Home Ec Majors, Bachelors and Honors Program; Academic Open House (History, English, Social Work, Political Science) in Hill (Memorial/Science) Hall; \*Post-Game Party on the Tennis Courts; Fireworks.
- 26 Alumni Council Retreat – Campus

## NOVEMBER

- 7 \*First Thursday Alumni Networking Happy Hour – Washington, D.C.
- 12 \*Philadelphia/Wilmington, Del./Southern N.J. Alumni Reception – Philadelphia, with keynote speaker David Stout '76
- 16 \*Alumni, Parents, and Friends "Hopkins Game" Luncheon – Baltimore
- 19 \*Sports Hall of Fame 25th Anniversary Banquet – Gill Gym
- 23 \*New York City Alumni Bus Trip and Alumni Reception – Arrive/Depart Gill Gym Tickets to *Phantom of the Opera*
- 24 \*Holiday Buffet/Concert/Student Alumni Council Tree-Lighting – Forum & Baker Memorial Chapel

## DECEMBER

- TBA \*Carroll County Alumni Reception
- 5 \*First Thursday Alumni Networking Happy Hour – Geckos Bar & Restaurant, 2318 Fleet Street, Baltimore

## JANUARY, 2003

- TBA \*Harrisburg, Pa., Alumni Reception
- TBA \*Baltimore County/City Alumni Reception
- TBA \*Annapolis Alumni Reception
- 9 \*First Thursday Alumni Networking Happy Hour – Philadelphia
- 20 \*Minority Alumni Chapter Reception
- 27 \*Baltimore/Carroll County Alumni Luncheon

## FEBRUARY, 2003

- TBA \*Washington, D.C./Arlington, Va., Alumni Reception
- 6 \*First Thursday Alumni Networking Happy Hour – Washington, D.C.
- 24 \*Baltimore/Carroll County Alumni Luncheon

\*reservation required

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and I'm not one to sit still—except to read a book."

Volunteering hasn't felt like a sacrifice at all, Rittler says. In fact, it's been a gift.

"Isn't that always the way, through giving you gain?" she says. "I've gained in so many ways."

Other awards to be presented to alumni include: **David Bailey**

'57, **Tracy Kennard Imm '87** and **Harris LeFev '51** to receive the Alumni Community Award; **Frank Bowe '69** and **Eric Byrd '93** to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award; **Caroline Babylon '76**, **Phil Entice '71**, **Andy Kalisperis '98** and **Caroline Benson Tringali '85** to receive the Meritorious Service Award. •

## Charles "Chap" Herrman Jr.

Charles "Chap" Herrman, 66, associate professor of sociology emeritus, died April 26. He succumbed to malignant melanoma.

Herrman of Pylesville, Md., was known by colleagues and students alike for his diversity of interests. Engineer, clergyman, gourmet chef, gentleman farmer and classical sociologist, Herrman taught sociology at the College for 20 years.

He earned one bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and another in theology from Emory University in Atlanta. A native of Salem, N.J., Herrman held a master's degree and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Virginia.

His students were the beneficiaries of his skills, experience, advice, sense of humor and learning—all of which Herrman shared liberally. The fruits of his farm harvest made their way into his kitchen and onto the dinner table for colleagues, who knew him as a private man with a deep, abiding concern for those around him. He also immensely enjoyed classical music.

He was a member of numerous professional societies and the recipient of honors and recognition, including Tau Beta Pi (the engineer's Phi Beta Kappa), Alpha Pi Mu (National Industrial Engineers Honor Society), Pi Gamma Mu (the National Social Science Honor Society), and the American Sociological Association.

Herrman arrived on campus in 1974 after teaching at the University of Virginia and Auburn University in Alabama. During his tenure at McDaniel College, he served on the Honor Board, Student Personnel Problems Committee, Disciplinary Hearing Board, the Admissions, Standards, and Financial Aid Committee, Research and Creativity Committee, and the undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee. His role as College Marshall made him a highly visible figure at Commencement, Baccalaureate and other official College functions.

He is predeceased by his parents, Elizabeth and Charles Chapman Sr., and sister Harriett, and is survived by his brother Daniel Herrman of New London, Pa., and three nephews, and his longtime friend, Glenn Arrants, also of Pylesville. •



## OLD MAIN BELL TOLLS TO HONOR DEARLY DEPARTED

Alumni Relations Director Robin Adams Brenton '86 uses a gavel to ring the "Old Main" bell, which has marked the passing of time for more than 100 years on the Hill. Originally used to summon students to dinner and classes, the ringing of the bell now signals important milestones in the life of the College, including the deaths of alumni. When the death of an alumnus is reported to Brenton's office, she ensures the 300-pound tin and bronze bell tolls in their memory. "It's important for classmates and families to know their loved ones are honored and remembered," says Brenton.

**Mrs. Carolyn Whiteford Hanna '37**, of Whiteford, Md., on April 18, 2002.

**Mrs. Sue Smith Wingate '37**, of Wilmington, Del., on May 8, 2002.

**Mr. Nelson P. Musselman '38**, of Baltimore, Md., on September 3, 2001.

**Mr. Woodrow W. Peeling '39**, of Westminster, Md., on March 26, 2002.

**Mr. Jack W. Lytton '40**, of Turlock, Calif., on February 19, 2002.

**Mr. Fred B. Plummer '40**, of Bradenton, Fla., on March 11, 2002.

**Mrs. Helen Hoke Voss '41**, of Spring Valley, Calif., on January 18, 2002.

**Mrs. Betty Ellwein Baker '42**, of Crafton, Va., on January 30, 2002.

**Mr. Richard G. Blades '46**, of Wayland, Maine, on November 24, 2001.

**Dr. Edward A. Newell '46**, of Gulfport, Miss., on February 20, 2002.

**Rev. Robert Grumline '47**, of Baltimore, Md., on April 9, 2002.

**Mr. William R. Chaffin Jr. '48**, of Orange, Va., on May 8, 2001.

**Mr. Charles L. Mulligan '50**, of Frederick, Md., on January 6, 2002.

**Mr. Joseph M. Barry '51**, of Locust Valley, N.Y., on January 29, 2002.

**Mr. Raymond M. Sauder, MED '52**, of Scottsdale, Ariz., on October 2, 1996.

**Mrs. Ruth Cahlander Marmel '53**, of Philadelphia, Pa., on September 23, 2001.

**Mr. Thomas T.G. Pearce Jr. '53**, of Mantoo, N.C., on March 4, 2002.

**Mrs. Ava Sears Vecchioni '54**, of Kitty Hawk, N.C., on February 12, 2002.

**Dr. Frederick P. Haehnlen, MED '55**, of Honolulu, Hawaii, on April 15, 2000.

**Dr. Bruce K. Price '56**, of Baltimore, Md., on May 17, 2002.

**Mr. James R. Hayes III '58**, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on February 21, 2002.

**Mr. Robert H. Layman MED '58**, of Elliott City, Md., on January 24, 2002.

**Mrs. Nancy Ford Tinkler '58**, of Pasadena, Md., on March 27, 2002.

**Mr. Gordon M. Weiner '58**, of Charleston, W.Va., on April 21, 2002.

**Mr. Daniel J. Brown MED '59**, of Yardley, Pa., on November 21, 1998.

**Major Crawford G. Coyner MED '61**, of Annapolis, Md., on January 27, 1999.

**Mrs. Lynn Gooding Henderson '63**, of Cary, N.C., on October 1, 2000.

**Mrs. Jean Turner Muholland MED '63**, of Parrish, Fla., on April 24, 2002.

**Dr. Gary F. Bitner MED '64**, of Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., on November 20, 1999.

**Dr. George Scheitel '64**, of Harrisburg, Pa., on May 24, 2001.

**Mr. Tommy L. Foyle MED '65**, of Thurmont, Md., on April 11, 2002.

**Dr. James M. Kennedy MED '67**, of Baltimore, Md., on July 22, 1997.

**Mrs. Mary Folckemer Pillsbury '67**, of Baltimore, Md., on August 22, 2000.

**Lt. Col. Douglas B. Shoemaker MED '71**, of Marlbury, Md., on April 22, 2002.

**Mrs. Linda Bruder Higgs '74**, of Westminster, Md., on April 25, 2002.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Glasovatz Hage MED '75**, of Brunswick, Maine, on July 17, 1996.

**Mrs. Marcia Polk Meyer '78**, of Kensington, Md., on January 29, 2002.

**Mr. Duane M. Charlow '80**, of Wilmington, Del., on May 1, 2001.

**Mr. Samuel R. Frost '85**, of Stewartstown, Pa., on March 10, 2002.

**Mrs. Rebecca Burke Hill MED '85**, of Colorado City, Colo., on December 15, 2001.

**Mr. Michael T. Worthen Jr. '91**, of Colorado Springs, Colo., on May 11, 2002.

## In Memoriam

**Mrs. Louise Owens Sapp '23**, of Baltimore, Md., on February 1, 2002.

**Miss Mildred E. Price '24**, of Chestertown, Md., on March 16, 2002.

**Mrs. Marie Blocher Eburg '26**, of Hampstead, Md., on February 10, 2001.

**Mrs. Dorothy Gilligan Bennett '28**, of Bethesda, Md., on February 21, 2002.

**Mrs. Louise Baus Hopkins '28**, of Sun Lakes, Ariz., on November 22, 2000.

**Mrs. Mildred Carnes Peterson '28**, of Onancock, Va., on August 29, 2000.

**Mr. James R. Day '29**, of Rockville Centre, N.Y., on December 18, 2001.

**Mrs. Mary Leshner Nichols '30**, of Easton, Md., on February 23, 2002.

**Mrs. Esther Hollins Chepenik '30**, of Jacksonville, Fla., in October 2001.

**Mrs. Ruth Gleichen Keiter '30**, of

Cumberland, Md., on January 28, 1996.

**Mrs. Anna Callahan Sessner '32**, of North Lauderdale, Fla., on February 1, 1994.

**Dr. John W. Musselman '33**, of Vero Beach, Fla., on February 22, 2002.

**Mrs. Mildred Burkins Connelly '34**, of Houston, Texas, on April 21, 2002.

**Mr. Carl H. Everly '34**, of Oakland, Md., on December 24, 1996.

**Mr. John H. McNally '34**, of Harrisburg, Pa., on March 3, 2002.

**Mrs. Beatrice Cutsail Brandenburgh '35**, of Gaithersburg, Md., on January 8, 2002.

**Mrs. Helen Whitmore Grantham '35**, of Walkersville, Md., on May 3, 2002.

**Mr. Frank C. McIlveen '36**, of address unknown, on January 21, 1987.

**Mr. Donald H. Prince '36**, of Silver Spring, Md., on June 6, 2001.

**Mr. George A. Gosnell Sr. '37**, of Bel Air, Md., on February 21, 2002.

**Ms. Maureen Fiore Brothers MS'98**, of Finksburg, Md., on August 1, 2000.  
**Ms. Nicole L. Castro '00**, of Silver Spring, Md., on March 20, 2002.  
**Dr. Charles C. Herrman Jr.**, professor emeritus, sociology, of Pylesville, Md., on April 26, 2002.  
**Mr. Alonzo G. Ducker Jr.**, honorary doctor of law 1982, of Towson, Md., on March 18, 2002.  
**Dr. James Tobin**, honorary doctor of law 1984, of New Haven, Conn., on March 11, 2002.

## Marriages

**Helga Hein '82** to Bernard Penner on March 9, 2002. They reside in Perry Hall, Md.  
**Rob Nightingale '95** to Amy Moeller on December 28, 2001. They reside in Edgewater, N.J.  
**Julie Backof '98** to Matthew Boden on November 9, 2001. They reside in Hampstead, Md.  
**Elena Bozylinski '99** to David Cole on May 11, 2002. They reside in Towson, Md.  
**Amy Doane '99** to Kyle Neubauer '00 on April 27, 2002. They reside in Frederick, Md.  
**Jessica Haller '99** to Brian Coats in June 2001. They reside in Perry Hall, Md.  
**Meghan Joyce '99** to Jim Maher on February 23, 2002. They reside in Fernandina Beach, Fla.  
**Krissy Kurtyka '99** to Gabriel Reilly on April 21, 2001. They reside in Fort Collins, Colo.  
**David Seydel '99** to Teresa Addeo '00 on November 24, 2001. They reside in Glen Burnie, Md.  
**Melissa Shartle '99** to Jeff Gredlein on April 27, 2002. They reside in Eldersburg, Md.  
**Jaclyn Mathias '00** to Craig Patterson '98 on November 10, 2001. They reside in Westminster, Md.  
**Amy Pritchett '00** to Luis Sera on December 22, 2001. They reside in Westminster, Md.  
**Jennifer Glassman '01** to John Wennell III on April 20, 2002. They reside in Manchester, Md.  
**Amy Davidson '02** to Daniel Latta on December 29, 2001. They reside in Hampstead, Md.  
**Billie Jo Shorb '02** to Neal Wagner on December 28, 2001. They reside in Westminster, Md.

## Births

**Eric Matthew Tolin**, on May 29, 2002, to Gary '86 and Cindy Tolin.  
**Alexa Hayman**, on June 6, 2001, adopted by Lori Hayman '87.  
**Nicholas** and **Cameron Sikora**, on August 24, 2001, to Paul and Julie-Ann Elliott '87 Sikora.  
**Theodore Williams**, on June 27, 2001, to Steve and Kathy Mancini '87 Williams.  
**Grace Ciana Goldberg**, on April 12, 2002, to Gary '88 and Carla Goldberg.

**Matthew Thomas Schiller**, on March 4, 2002, to Lee '88 and Christine Schiller.  
**Zachery Stephen Jones**, on December 2, 2001, to Stephen and Kristin Albert '89 Jones.  
**Owen Christopher Patterson**, on March 27, 2002, to Rob '90 and Jennifer Justh '93 Patterson.  
**Elijah Seveck Disharoun**, on November 9, 2001, to Grant '93 and Leona Seveck '92 Disharoun.  
**Brady McGuirk Drawbaugh**, on July 14, 2001, to Travis and Mary McGuirk '93 Drawbaugh.  
**Logan James Montgomery**, on March 13, 2002, to Brian and Trisha Darmstead '93 Montgomery.  
**Paige Catherine Shepherd**, on May 9, 2001, to Brian '93 and Dina Pacchiana '93 Shepherd.  
**Jake Strovel**, in June of 2001, to Jeff and Erin Thompson '93 Strovel.  
**Mark Edward Black**, on May 6, 2002, to John '94 and Meghan Black.  
**Jenna Mae Fritzges**, on February 9, 2002, to Sean and Amy Bridgeman '94 Fritzges.  
**Tristan Farinato Webster**, on February 25, 2002, to Lucas and Kristie Susco '94 Webster.  
**Dustin Michael Oddis**, on March 8, 2002, to Michael and Carrie Schuster '95 Oddis.  
**Michael Beeker**, on December 13, 2001, to Josh and Amy Alshar '99 Beeker.

## Master's Column

The Loudoun School Board has appointed **Franklin Evans MeD79** as director of secondary education. He most recently served as a staff specialist with the Maryland Department of Education in Baltimore and has years of experience as a teacher, a principal, and a professor at Johns Hopkins University.

**Bonnie Clydesdale Ward MeD'80**, who has overseen curriculum, instruction and staff development as an assistant superintendent of Kent County's public schools, has been named superintendent of Kent schools. Bonnie has been in education for more than 30 years.

**Brett Sandler MeD'80** was voted 2002-2003 Teacher of the Year at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. He is a full-time nursery operations instructor in career education in the department of the deaf. He not only teaches his students how to run a nursery business, they do business as a class. He has worked at the school since 1981 as an instructor for the deaf, work adjustment counselor, driver education instructor and nursery operations instructor.

**Susan Adams MeD'82**, a Hampstead Elementary math teacher and 26-year veteran of Carroll County schools, was named Carroll County Teacher of the Year and will move on to state competition.

**Stephen Guthrie MeD'84** will be the next assistant superintendent of administration for Carroll County



## ROOMIES: NOW AND THEN

Fifty-seven years ago, Norma Keigler Raffel and Doris Vansant Blades, both members of the Class of 1949, bunked together as sophomores. In April, the two became roomies again on a trip to Bhutan, a tiny Buddhist country nestled in the eastern Himalayas. It was just like old times for the pair, except these days they're permitted to wear pants and did not have to observe a curfew.

Public Schools beginning July 1. He will oversee administration areas, including transportation, food services and facilities.

**Donna Simmons MeD'87**, a teacher for the deaf at Midland Elementary School, received a \$300 grant from the Education Alliance for instructional materials to educate the second-graders in sign language and about deafness.

**Teresa Lambert Pittinger MS'30**, a fifth-grade teacher at Manchester Elementary, was one of eight selected as a Carroll County Outstanding Teacher.

**Linda Hezlep MS'91, MS'93**, who has been the principal at Wolfsville Elementary in Frederick County, will move to New Market Elementary.

**Karen Reighter Feichtel MS'95, MeD'96** has been appointed as director of special education for the Derry Township School Board. Previously she has been supervisor of special edu-

cation at Central Dauphin School District. She served three years as the assistant principal at Central York Middle School and five years as a learning support teacher in the Mechanicsburg School District.

**Nicole Roop MS'97** has been awarded a scholarship from the Graduate School of Education and Human Development at George Washington University, where she is pursuing her doctorate in higher education administration. She is employed as academic coordinator for aerospace engineering at University of Maryland, College Park.

**Amy Hampton MS'00** began work on March 11 as the executive director for the Tyrone Area YMCA. She most recently served as athletic director at Central York High School and as a youth care worker at the Centre County Youth Detention Center.

# CLASSNOTES

70TH REUNION  
MAY 2-4, 2003

1933



Another year has rolled around and finds **Mary Ellen Senat Dixon** at Forest Hill Manor, a retirement home in Pacific Grove, Calif. Mary Ellen turned 90 years young on April 6th. She says, "So much has happened since our graduation in 1933. My dear husband, **John Harrison Dixon '32**, died in 1987 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Our daughter, Lynn, has a home in Marina, which is close by and very helpful for me. Our son Richard and his wife live in Atlanta, Ga. They visit frequently and we are often in touch by phone."

**Ezra Edmondson** says, "At 90, I'm still alive and enjoying the class-column."

**Helen Deogees Engle** says, "1933-2002, 69 years since I last 'kicked the post.'" Helen had a chance to visit the Hill in September. Her daughter drove her to Westminster and around the campus. Helen says of her visit, "It's great to go back in memories and a visit. Much was new to me, but there it was still, Little Baker Chapel and I looked at McDaniel, spotting my dorm windows. I also had a bonus, a short, but delightful 'do you remember' visit with **Margaret 'Squeak' Erb Mann**." Helen has been living at Sunrise of Columbia, Assisted Living #322, 6500 Freetown Rd., Columbia, MD 21044 since August 2000 and would love to hear from each of the remaining 1933 survivors.

**Sue Cockey Kiefer** is still busy with Presbyterian women, Woman's Club, Friends of McKim, and baking for and socializing with the MS group which meets every Friday for exercise in the YMCA pool followed by a social hour. In August 2001, 20 members of Sue's family, representing four generations, met in Baja California, Mexico for a family gathering—the oldest 88, the youngest 3 months.

**Dot Rankin** says, "I'm still alive and kicking—but not very high!" This summer, **Kathleen Moore Raver** plans to sit and rock on her front porch. Visits from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren enliven her days. Kathleen enjoys reading, listening to music and visits with friends. She sends best wishes to all.

**Miriam Fogle West** still lives in

Uniontown, Md. at the homeplace. Husband Howard died December 6, 1999. She keeps in contact with some of the alumni in the area.

1939

**Julia Berwager** continues to enjoy retirement with a busy life full of enjoyable activities. On June 20, 2001 she entertained 18 former Glen Burnie students at her home in Manchester, Md. She states, "What a delightful day we did have—recurring former experiences and renewing friendships of former years."

Since November 2000, **May Snider Claggett** and **Royal '33** live at Carroll Lutheran Village, a retirement community in Westminster, Md. They enjoy their friends and the many activities offered there. May says, "Healthwise, we're holding our own and enjoy every day."

**Emeline "Stevie" Newman** has rafted the Colorado River twice through the Grand Canyon.

**Emil "Ed" Edmond** sends best regards from sunny Tucson where the weather is ideal for golf all year round. He remembers the long, cold walks up the hill from town to campus after basketball practice and games at the State Armory in Westminster. He says, "It would have been great to have Tucson weather then!"

**Allison Ford** still enjoys life in the West. He has to give up skiing at the request of his knees. He still travels, but uses tours instead of "do it yourself." Last year they traveled to Malta and Danube River. This year they went to Egypt and plan to go to Russia in September. Allison sends regards to all.

**George Grier** and Betty still live on their farm in Uniontown, Md. They spend three to four months in Florida each winter. Last year George finished his fourth book, *Old Family Farm, Life As It Was 100 Years Ago*. "The book is now selling in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, and Indiana much of it through 4-H organizations. Copies can be secured at Family Farm

Books, 2307 Uniontown Rd., Westminster, MD 21158. Cost \$17 including shipping and tax.

**Louise Leister Hailey** is living at Freedom Village, Bradenton, Fla., a retirement community of 900 people, seven months of the year. She goes home to Manchester for the summer and a month at Christmas. She expected to go north for the Manchester School reunion on May 4 and the graduation of one of her twin granddaughters from Hollins University, Roanoke, Va., on May 19.

**Winifred Harward Howell** will be moving from Oxford, Md. to a cottage at William Hill Manor in Easton, Md. June 1.

**Thelma Yohn Lockard** is enjoying retirement. Her grandfather, **Regina Richardson Smith '86**, has taught at Hampstead Elementary for 12 years and has been nominated for Teacher of the Year for the sixth time. Daughter **Bonnie** is a client service specialist at T. Rowe Price in Owings Mills. **Don Denny** is retired from the state and is a traffic specialist with his own company. **Thelma** is very proud of her children and four grandchildren all of whom live nearby and keep a check on her.

**Emeline "Stevie" Newman** says, "My natal day 89 is nipping at my heels, but I have just passed another annual physical exam with the doctor's congratulations on my good health." As a "depression era kid" from Long Island, N.Y., Stevie felt blessed when WMC took her in for a most rewarding-rite of her life. She often recalls those happy days and the friendships made on the Hill. Since retiring in 1973, she has resided in Tucson, Ariz., where she enjoys the varied cultural life with her many friends. She has rafted the Colorado River twice through the Grand Canyon. She no longer travels abroad. Stevie sends best wishes to all.

In March 2000, **Betty Shunk Rhoten** moved to Blakehurst, a retirement facility in Towson, where she enjoys all the wonderful services. She plays bridge several times a week and enjoys the activities of her six grandchildren who all live within a 30-mile radius. Once a month Betty gets together for lunch with six WMC graduates—**Jeanne Lang LeDoux**, **Peggy Young Bailey '37**, **Dot Cohee Harris**, **Gladys Coppage Hendrickson** and **Mary Jane Honaman Rinehimer**.

**Brendah King Stuhl** will be married for 60 years Aug. 2. She has two daughters and three grandchildren.

**Norma Keyser Strobel** moved from South Carolina back to Maryland in May 1999. "Living at Harlands is a different way of life and takes some getting used to," says Norma. She enjoys seeing old friends and likes Howard County. She does miss the South Carolina climate.

**Frances "George" Stout Taylor** is still "minding the farm" with all the "stray" dogs, most of whom have been there 10 or more years. At the present there are nine dogs, three cats, and two elderly "coon-hunting" mules,

## HELP WANTED

Do you love getting mail and being the first one to find out what's going on with your classmates? The Office of Alumni Affairs has openings for class reporters for the Classes of 1953, 1979 and 1984. If you're interested in filling a position or would like to know more about it, call 410/857-2296 or e-mail [alumni@mcDaniel.edu](mailto:alumni@mcDaniel.edu).

one of which wears a harness George designed with which the mule can be picked up with the aid of a tractor hoist since she has a useless hind leg and cannot get up without help. George has eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1944

The Class of '44 had a 49-percent response to the inquiry cards. On the next go round, let's shoot for 100 percent.

**Rev. Wallen L. Bean**, who turned 80 on Feb. 12, continues activity in spite of Parkinson's disease. "Beamie" serves on two boards for senior citizens in Massachusetts and reads to elementary school children in North Dartmouth, Mass.

**DeWane Bills**, formerly of Painted Post, N.Y., writes from Union, Maine and is satisfied to stay home and enjoy good health. He travels to Maryland occasionally to see friends and keeps in touch with **Tom Tereshinski**. Wane's only son is an actor and lives in New York City.

**Margaret Ann Smith Cassell** lives in Salisbury, Md. and keeps in touch with **Jeanne Diefenbach Smith**, **Gen Spry McGee**, **Phyl Green Schaeffer** and **Becky Larmore Griffith**. She volunteers at Coastal Hospice in Salisbury and at the Opportunity Shop sponsored by Ashby Methodist Church. Recent travel has taken "Smitty" to Cancun, Mexico and to Europe.

**Olive A. Cook** celebrated the 50th anniversary of her commissioning as Deaconess of the United Methodist church on Jan. 18. Olive is a member of the choir and holds worship service at various nursing homes in Wilmington, Del.

**Mary Turney Gipo** stays busy in Cumberland, Md. volunteering at St. Paul's Lutheran Church for church suppers, etc., and at her high school alma mater, Allegany High, where she is currently on the alumni reunion committee. Daughter Linda is a librarian in Cumberland.

**Marjorie Strickland Green** and husband are active ministers, still under appointment by the United Methodist church in Newberry, S.C. On Easter Sunday of 2002, they were joined by

11 immediate family members (children and in-laws), 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A new granddaughter was adopted this year from Kazakhstan.

**Rebecca Lamore Griffith**, our "May Queen," is moving from Livingston, N.J. after 40 years of residence there. Her new home on the Eastern Shore will be completed in September. Her new address will be 218 Creekside Drive, Salisbury, Md.

**Frances Hall Judd**, of Boynton Beach, Fla., is living in a retirement community. Frances is now a great-grandma.

**Rev. William Keefe**, of Concord, N.H., served as president of the Retirees Conference of the United Methodist church. He and his wife, Elsie, travel to churches in New England presenting sacred dance choir programs. Son Jim recently treated William and Elsie to a Prince Edward Island excursion.

**Sabra MacDorman Corbin Kitter** paper regarding the current popular subject—WMC's name change. Sabra is opposed to the change. She now lives in Manassas, Va. She reminded me of P.K.s (preacher's kids) must stick together as we did in the "Methodist days of sponsorship."

**Ann Meeth Kingman** moved to a retirement community in Columbia, Md. One of her granddaughters is on the dean's list at Mary Washington College, another is an honor student at Centennial High School in Columbia, and a grandson has a four-year scholarship to the University of Delaware.

**Bertha Hall Maloney**, of Kingsville, Md., was incapacitated for most of 2001 with a broken leg. She had a knee replacement on Feb. 20, 2002. Three of her 13 grandchildren were recently married.

## Rev. William Keefe and his wife, Elsie, travel to churches in New England presenting sacred dance choir programs.

**Genevieve Spry McGee** has moved to 9521 Quail Hollow Drive, St. Michaels, Md. The move facilitates visits with her daughter in Rehoboth. She travels with family to Key West, Fla. and to the Rocky Mountains, where the family skis. This summer she will travel to California, Washington, and Oregon, then to Ireland in the autumn. Genevieve usually attends the alumni get-together in Ocean City, Md. in July. Her sister **Ruth Spry Garrettson '46** attended the College prior to nurses training at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore where she became head nurse on pediatrics.

**Jan Eckhardt McWilliams** and husband **Clarence '43** spend winters in Naples, Fla. and summers in Fenwick Island, Del. Carter, their 22nd grandchild, was born in Atlanta, Ga. on St. Patrick's Day, 2002. Jeannie and "Mac" are proud grandparents of 13 boys and nine girls.

**Ginny Salerno Olson**, of Medford, Mass., is working full time in real estate with her broker daughter-in-law. Her sister, **Gloria Salerno Adams '42**, lives nearby on Cape Cod. Ginny says "four grandchildren and three cats keep life interesting."

**Wilbur D. Preston**, senior partner of Whitford, Taylor and Preston law firm in Baltimore, and his wife, Lucinda, left the U.S. on May 7 to visit Lucy's son in Taiwan. While in the Far East they will also visit Japan, Korea and China. "Woody" served as chairman of the WMC Board of Trustees for 10 years. Currently, Woody's son **Bruce '75** is a trustee.

**Phoebe Johnson Rutherford**, of West Dennis, Mass., had a successful knee replacement in July 2001 and states, "I can now get around very well."

**Russell Sellman**, of 59 Ridge Road, Westminster, has Picks disease, which has affected his temporal lobe and affected his word recognition abilities.

**Jeanne Diefenbach Smith and Benjamin 'Bud' '43** visit their three children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren frequently. "Diefie" has macular degeneration but copes well with her visual disability.

**Thomas Tereshinski** has been very active in an effort to retain the name of WMC for our liberal arts college. "Terry" has been teaching his grandson, Tom, the fundamentals of golf so that Tom can compete for a position on his high school golf team. Terry is historian for the Anne Arundel County Retired Teachers Association and for the past four years has been president of the Galesville Improvement Association. Terry is married to **Mary Ruth Woodfield Tereshinski '48**.

**Cordelia Price Turk** and husband Carl (USN Captain) have retired in Virginia Beach. "Corly" gave up tennis because of Fibromyalgia but still walks two miles per day. She also gave up children's choir directorship after 40 years of service. Son Matthew teaches in graduate school at University of California Santa Barbara. They have six grandchildren—two in Virginia Beach, two in D.C., and two in Santa Barbara.

**Katherine Clemson Turner**, of St. Niago's, Md., tells of her great preparation at WMC for the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing (via the U.S. Public Health Service Cadet Corps.). Emphasizing WMC as a family school she wrote that her father, **Charles B. Clemson 1898** received his A.B. and his M.A. from the College. He was president of the Alumni Association and a trustee visitor. A sister **Mary Clemson Wilson '39** also graduated from WMC. Her mother was a public relations person and always wrote regarding College activities in her news column. A brother John Clemson attended

Harvard on a football scholarship obtained through Dick Harlow who left WMC to become Harvard's football coach.

**Grace Dryden Venable**, of Towson, Md., exercises daily with husband Dr. Sidney Venable who is recovering from open-heart surgery. Their recent travels have been confined to family reunions in Oklahoma and Bethany Beach, Del. Three grandchildren have finished college and "are finding their places in the working world."

**Mary Crawford Lingham**, of Westminster, moved to Carroll Village at North Hill in July 2001. Her current address is 205 St. Mark Way, Apt. 318, Westminster, MD.

**Anita Rue White** writes "no news except our move." On March 23 Anita and husband Malcolm changed their residence to 1015-C Pheasant Run Drive, Fort Pierce, Fla.

Regret to report that **Arthur O'Keefe** died in July 2001. We remember "Ots" as a fine athlete, football and basketball, and for his performance as Jimmy Cagney (I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy) in the "Junior Follies" of 1943.

I retired as professor and chairman emeritus Surgery, Medical College of Georgia (M.C.G.) in Augusta in February 2002. My most recent book, "Saga of Surgery-M.C.G.-1828-2001," is being published by the University of Georgia press. **Eilon Priel Mansberger '46** serves as adviser to the Faculty Spouse Club at M.C.G. Son **Jack '75**, a surgeon, is medical director of the new integrative medicine program at Archibald Hospital in Thomsville, Ga. Daughter Leigh, also a surgeon, is currently enrolled at Boston University's School of Public Health.

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**1945** Writing our column in mid-winter for *The Hill* summer issue has at least allowed me to enjoy the Florida and Arizona warmth and the traveltogues from several climates.

**Margaret Waugh Siemon** wrote from her "winter home" at Lake Worth, Fla., saying she is "fine...shouldn't complain because I'm so lucky—but life does have many adjustments." I wish I could share her unique computerized holiday card proudly showing her 10 successful grandchildren all over the world. One—Mary Laurel—was even pictured at the World Trade Center on Easter 2001. How lucky I am to be the class reporter!

**Nell Quirk Levay** and husband John had a three-month vacation as snowbirds in Florida. Their latest news pertains to their family: daughter Ann and husband Lou, a pilot for UPS, made an exciting trip to China to bring back to Nell and John an adopted granddaughter. The Levays' son and his wife have returned to Maryland from Georgia, settling in Salisbury.

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I'll bet you didn't know the **Suhorskys—Marion 'Suzy' Maddox and Joe**—have been in Vera Beach, Fla., for two years and are "very content." They are dwelling in a 200-home development with all the amenities for seniors including Suzy's passion—bridge. Their two daughters are doing fine: one a teacher in Dorchester County, Md., and the other with Glaxo Smith Kline in Durham, N.C. Granddaughter Beth was married in October '01 and Becky will graduate in May.

Of her two homes, Ord Valley, Ariz., is **Ann Frounfeiler Palmer's** preference over Florida; however, her travels don't allow her to stay in any one home too long! In 2001 she went to Spain, to Italy for a week on a masted sailing ship and to Ireland. In 2002, she and her friend Frank were to go to Tahiti and Hawaii on a two-week cruise. She's back to Florida in her condo every few months and visiting her sister in Bradenton. "Still miss Bill terribly...been 2 years and I cried all the time the first year."

**Robert M. Adams** "Still well—active, involved, and living in vibrant downtown Madison, Wis., two blocks from the Capitol and practically on the UW campus." Bob expressed his opposition to a name change of his alma mater.

## "College ties can ne'er be broken formed at WMC."

Out in Indianola, Iowa, **Janice McKinley Reisman** is recovering from a triple bypass operation. Great-granddaughter Alexandra, 5, has a new baby brother—Nickoles.

Up in Greenville, Maine, our **Anna Avers Hastings** had a fall in May '01, fracturing her femur and hip, and a dislocated shoulder. This has given her a "new appreciation of handicapped facilities and sensitive attitudes" and is looking forward to throwing away her cane by the end of winter. Watching her granddaughters, 7 and 11, develop in Colorado gives Anna so much pleasure. She is still active at home in church and the Moosehead Arts and Theater Facility, reads and quilts and loves her small town. When she found out I live in Elicott City, Md., with three zip codes, she reminisced about her first career venture as the first librarian in Howard High School when the county was "unpopulated." She should see it now!

**Dr. Earl W. Morey** and wife **Betty Little '48** will be celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary soon. Home on Lake Pinehurst, N.C. gives them much happiness, but perhaps their busy life outside is the reason for their good health. Along with activity in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church where Earl teaches and occasionally preaches, they are either on the golf course or enjoying their three children and spouses and 14 grandchildren, ages 23 to 9. How they manage to fit in to two or three trips to Europe yearly where he teaches seminars on Biblical Interpretation is remarkable!

**Ruth Loew Putzel**, in Elkins Park, Pa., keeps herself busy with her horticultural judging, flower shows, and bridge. "Time flies and I think about WMC and the good old days." Don't we all!

**Frances "Fuzz" Brown Crawford** and her husband in Hanover, Pa. are "getting older and slower, but functioning well when health permits...looking forward to short trips because of a change of scenery is good for us."

**Bob Miles Huber** and husband **Milton '43** of Milwaukee, Wis., had a big family reunion in California to attend the wedding of their 41-year-old "bachelor" son and his bride Marika Gutierrez. The couple honeymooned in New Zealand. The Hubers spent the year-end holidays remodeling the bathroom and powder room. Summers are enjoyed at their lake cottage in Michigan. "Relatively good health adds to our enjoyment wherever we are." Their first granddaughter entered college this year gaining junior status based on her test scores and college credits earned in high school. Shall we comment—good genes?

**Rev. Harvey E. Buck**, in Pacific Grove, Calif., and family "have much for which to thank the Lord, despite the deterioration in and around us!" No other news.

From Irvine, Calif., **Thelma Young Friedel** and husband **Ridge '43** had a wonderful 2001. Ridge and Thelma celebrated his 80th birthday cruising on the Rhine River followed by a week in Ireland, returning to the States one week before 9/11. Now 2002 has started off great with a Friedel reunion in Dallas—back where they reared their four children. Thelma sends her best wishes to classmates.

**Ann Leete Hudson** and husband Charles are at home in District Heights, Md., sometime during the year to enjoy University of Maryland football (went to the Orange Bowl) and basketball, but put on their traveling shoes most of the time. In January-February '01, they visited Australia, New Zealand, N&A Islands. In March, it was Naples, Fla. In May, time-sharing in Bryce, Va. June found them in Washington State to visit oldest son Charles and family. And August was Sunset Beach, N.C. Their three grandsons and four granddaughters in the Maryland area are glad their "grams" are home sometimes!

**Cecelia Buckner Bouma** and husband John were also on the alumni Rhine River and Danube River trip. Stops along the way each day took them back in time. They saw the site of the College's Budapest campus in a beautiful red sunset.

The Tein Towers of New York were but 12 miles from **Anne Winters Tait's** home in Westwood, N.J. Four of her neighbors perished in the hour of 9/11 and a town nearby lost 12 more. Anne says, "This is a great love that shows forth even now through the community. Isn't it wonderful how many ways people (young and old) do reach out to one another?"

**Dr. G. Wells Drumwright**, in Silver Spring, Md., enjoys his retirement from dentistry by volunteering at National Capitol Trolley Museum several days a week.

**Rev. Carroll A. Doggett**, in Myersville, Md., still does substitute preaching. The Doggetts winter at St. Petersburg, Fla. Cataract surgery has been successful.

Anticipating surgery on **Marian Whiteford Boyer's** knees in the spring and summer so she can continue the luncheons with Janet, Peg, Sally, Perk, Gale, Ginny, Neets, Stoney, and Shannie. The Boyers are all fine.

**Margaret "Peg" Carter Welkos** still "perking along" at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster where many alumni also dwell.

An Elderhostel in San Antonio in April 2001 and a trip to Ireland in September took **Mary Virginia Webb France** away from her "love"—bridge. I'm sure she found her time out of Baltimore was worth it.

**Ruth Hausmann Thomas** and husband Jay have moved from an apartment in Sun City, Fla., to a house not far away, where Joe can keep busy with do-it-yourself activities. They are much happier, but keep in close touch with their friends at Freedom Plaza. "Health not good, sorry to say, but we get along!"

**Kay Kaiser Frantum** and Ted were unable to join the alumni tour group on the September '01 trip to Europe, Ted was in the midst of major surgery, but is doing "OK" now. Kay is the caregiver for her mother who is now in a health center after fractured hip surgery.

And from **Donna DuVall Sellman**—she had a final alumni tour from Amsterdam to Budapest with half the group traveling on to Prague. Donna has a "heart and head full of good memories of our times together on the many alumni trips **Russ '44** and I have accompanied since 1983." Her final statement—"college ties can ne'er be broken formed at WMC."

Remember **John E. "Smuffy" Smith**? He has finally gotten in touch with us from Galeville, Md., where he sold the Smith Building Supply business after many years. He and his wife Marie, of 53 years, enjoy their two children, three grandsons, and one great-granddaughter, all living nearby.

Keeping up with **Mary Spaulding Pfefferkorn**, Poplar Spring, Md., is next to impossible. Mary has a beautiful way with words describing her life, especially her trips. I felt as though I was riding on the camel in Egypt and drifting seven days on a Nile riverboat, taking in all the "monumental sights." That trip was enjoyed in early November 2001. Mary also walks with an international organization called the Volks-Manhattan, Valley Forge, Pa., Princeton, N.J. She has even met alumni on these walks. Day treks not far from home are especially attractive for Mary. Where is Louis? Making coffee in Baltimore to supply the best restaurants around town!

"Shades of Makovsky's sophomore English class—I am enjoying poetry again! Maturity helps." That quote comes from **Marian Lee Stiffler Blenko** in Mason, Ohio. She says some phys-

ical limitations preclude trips and some activities, but she still keeps busy with family, exercise and volunteering.

**Charlotte Wilkins Hausler**, in Fairfax, Va., always responds to my request for latest news; however, there was none. Only sincere frustration to the "crazy" name-changing idea of WMC.

From Lake Alfred, Fla., **Lillian Jackson Martin** opened her returned card like this: "Frustration is making me respond; soon we won't be able to recognize the name of 'our' college, and that's very discouraging." Lil stated that she sees Dr. Evelyn Mudge often and at age 98 she is busily writing a biography of her brother, the general. The Martins' oldest daughter visits her daughter who lives near there.

**Gale Lodge Thiele** and I keep in touch periodically by phone. She does her thing in Silver Spring, Md., and takes day trips here and there.

Pinehurst, N.C. keeps **Dr. William E. Smith** on his toes through his post-ministry, golf and family. The Smiths celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 2001. Bill will have assisted in the ceremonies for the dedication of the Jack Nicklaus Museum on the Ohio State Campus at Columbus, Ohio in May. Then, in the summer, he will have traveled to the Reformation areas in Germany and Switzerland. He commented on the name change—"Am I an old foggy?" No, you are not!

What have I been doing? Enjoying the luxury of having a landlord and paying rent after 40 years of caring for a home on an acre of ground. I only moved seven miles from Granite, Md. to the Chatham Gardens Apartments in Elicott City. I have more time for my volunteer work and keeping in touch with my out-of-state families.

My old roommate **Lucienne Ransburg Pfefferkorn** gets me down to Annapolis every few months to share the joy of two of her eight grandchildren. Lucienne sent me a quotation for my journal, which leads into my next subject—"Death ends a life, but not a relationship." Her husband, Bill, died in March 2001, a void in her life after so many wonderful Navy and retirement years. We also lost **Dennis Hartzbard** in May 2001, and **Deloris Blizk Thomas** in February 2002.

As we all look back on the past 57 years, our memories of dear classmates and their loved ones help keep us going on in life. These past 16 years as your class reporter have given me the chance to know and love those classmates I never had the time to know on campus. WMC will always be WMC, no matter what other name replaces it. And I will always be your reporter as long as I can hand write the column and have my "secretary friend" type it. God Bless All of You.

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*Editor's Note: A fellow classmate sent the Alumni Office a copy of the Grand Presbyterian Church November 2001*

newsletter in which there was printed a nice article about your class reporter, Anna Rose was honored for her 20 years as the adult choir director. She was praised, tested and applauded for modeling a faithfulness and an energetic service to the music ministries of the Granite Church.

**1951** How wonderful it was to hear from classmates. All of those who had attended the 50th reunion shared the excitement they felt about the weekend we enjoyed together. Another consensus focused on the frequently occurring "senior moments" we are all experiencing. At least we can all identify.

**Larry and Dottie Phillips Bailey** enjoyed a wonderful vacation in the Canary Islands in February before starting to pack for their move to Mallard Landing in Salisbury in August.

**Dolly Dalgleish Darigo** and Carl are fortunate to have one daughter in Anchorage, where they visit each winter to hear her participate in a symphony concert. A second daughter, a Lt. Com. in the Navy, is stationed in Hawaii. It was good to see them again at the Founder's Society dinner at Westminster Hall last fall.

In the summer of 2001,  
**Ed Klohr and Louise**  
worked in Yellowstone  
National Park for seven  
weeks.

**Bob Kettells** and wife Doris are very happy with life in their new permanent residence in Florida where they are busy with church activities, golf and visits with three children and five grandchildren.

"Yes, it was a touching occasion, our 50th reunion," according to **Norm Stameka**. His wife, Janice, was very impressed with his alma mater. Especially gratifying was reconnecting with **Paul Schatzberg** and his wife, **Tobalee Isaacs '52**.

New Paltz, N.Y. is still home for **Gil Clough** although much time is spent traveling to Montana and Florida to visit family. He still pursues his love—downhill skiing and volunteering with the Mohawk Preserve. The Ulster Choral Society (four performances in Carnegie Hall) also lays claim to his time.

**Marian Benton Tonjes** enjoyed spending time with **Peggy Kerns Band** and Ray prior to the reunion. In addition to teaching part time at the university, Marian is writing her family memories with photos attached, as well as pursuing her weekly hobbies of tennis and bridge.

**Mary Ellen Hess Meyn** has accompanied the travel industry with trips to Hawaii, one to Bangkok and Singapore with **Bob Fraser** and his family to attend his son's wedding, a tour of Italy with **Betsy Muth McCall '54** (Mickey's wife), as well as a houseboat trip on Lake Powell with her daughter, plus a visit with her son in Santa Fe.

**Mary Winkelman** has almost completed her original list of "places to visit when I retire," but not to worry she has added new adventures to the list. In fact, I was surprised to see her at a decorator show she was in New Windsor in April. She was in the area to attend her 55th high-school reunion in Baltimore.

In retirement **Lincoln Justice** and Rachel have been exploring America and the world via travel and the Internet. The latest research project has been "who was responsible for the events on 9/11?" which was part of an open-ended continuing education course using computers.

In Lewisburg, W.Va., **Roland Layton** is still growing prize-winning flowers as well as serving as editor of the Greenbrier Historical Society's Journal, in addition to playing lots of bridge. He enjoyed a great visit with **Dick and Fran Scaggs Leighton '53**.

**Jo Kohner Zukav** sends greetings to all classmates with this reminder, "Just remember, age is just mind over matter. If you don't mind it, it doesn't matter."

**Betty Duval Rigoli** and her husband spent five months in a Rehoboth Beach condo while while their new home in Centerville was being built.

**Phil Kahle** treasures the many pictures taken at the reunion. The spectacular Lewis and Clark country was enjoyed from a cruise on the Snake and Columbia Rivers with **Larry and Dottie Phillips Bailey**. In December Phil moved into a new one-level house where there is no more lawn mowing and snow shoveling.

"Kudos to the staff at the college who planned the reunion," said **Jerry Phipps**. He is now fully retired from all part-time jobs including coaching. He now plays lots of golf, particularly in senior tournaments, winning his share by shooting his age six times last year. His "home away from home" in Ocean Pines, Md. is a haven.

In the summer of 2001, **Ed Klohr** and Louise worked in Yellowstone National Park for seven weeks. A two-week train trip through Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and Seattle with a four-day stop in the North Cascades of Washington, which included a 55-mile boat ride up Lake Chelan to a resort in Stehekin for some snow shoeing was a wonderful vacation.

Shortly after the reunion **Mary Ruth Williams** attended a great gathering of Army women, past and present, at Fort Lee, Va. to dedicate the new Army Women's Museum. She and her brothers helped an aunt in Los Angeles celebrate her 90th birthday. Noting that she is a wonder physically,

**Mary Ruth** brought home some L.A. water hoping it would do the same for her.

**Paul Schatzberg** was uncertain about attending the 50th reunion having only been back to the 10th. However, roommate **Norm Stameka** insisted and Paul and wife **Tobalee Isaacs '52**, had a great time renewing acquaintances, discovering the changes on campus and meeting the dynamic new president.

**Doug Bivens** is resting on his 1 1/2 acres in the country in Calvert County and keeping in close contact with his three sons and three grandsons.

**Angie Crothers Zawacki**, and **Len '50**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October. Their recent travels have taken them to South America, New Orleans, Montego Bay and a stop in Charlotte, N.C. to visit **Sonya Wine Dyer** and her husband.

"Len's hobby is cooking which allows me time for bridge and church activities." All eight grandchildren reside in Maryland allowing for frequent visits.

**Marty Buchman Brauning** was delighted to meet President Coley and view the many changes to the campus. Their family continues to enjoy country living. "Our 11 grandchildren are a source of great pride and joy with three of them in college this fall."

**Peggy Brown Ecker** and **Chuck** wrote that, "reunion weekend was very enjoyable but passed too quickly." Chuck is serving as Carroll County's Interim Superintendent of Schools.

**Don McShane** spent most of the '90s living aboard a '41 Rhodes Reliant yawl in the Caribbean mostly around the Grenadines, Trinidad and Venezuela. In a boat yard in Trinidad our classmate met a Welsh lady, a competent ocean sailor and married her before she escaped in her vessel. For the moment Don and Mel are land-locked in Emare, Va., restoring an old house.

**Tom Lang** and Alice enjoy visiting daughter Becky in Virginia, son David in Ohio and daughter Patty in nearby Cinnaminson, N.J. and the eight grandchildren.

**Barbara "Babs" Payne Wilson** and **Bob** had a unique "golden anniversary celebration"—they took a trip each month to places they had missed or wanted to revisit. "It was a year we'll savor forever—riding in an airboat in the Everglades, holding a five-foot python, boating with the dolphins, drinking beads at the Mardi Gras and catching champagne on our anniversary on a cruise ship."

**Pat Shear Pylpce** enjoyed reconnecting with **Dolly Dalgleish Darigo** and **Harriet Kahn Kessler** at the reunion. Her life in Hyattsville, Md. involves chauffeuring people to doctor appointments, volunteering at two churches and spending lots of time with two little grandsons. She is currently actively involved in the Great American Clean Up in Prince George's County. In her spare moments she continues to read quality

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**Pat McLaren DiMeo** explained her absence from the reunion—the show “Quilters” ran through the end of the month. It’s been a busy year theatrically for her but no complaints about that. Daughter Lauren was married in Nantucket. Her husband’s sister works at *Modern Bride* and got their nuptials portrayed on a two-page spread in the October 2001 issue. The spread, the excerpt from Lauren’s book and Pat’s note were so enjoyable that I wish I could share all of them with you.

**Bill Simpson** furnished a very poignant message for the “Remembrance Ceremony” at the reunion (which he was unable to deliver due to illness) that was beautifully delivered by **Harry LeFev**. Although Bill retired, obviously the work goes on—helping colleagues, serving as City Police Chaplain, continuing active participation in the Rotary Club and singing with the Choral Society. Peg continues to work in Human Resources. A trip was made to Ireland in March to locate some long-lost cousins.

**Jean Simms Coaksey** reported that her husband “Deedy” died Nov. 10, 2001. A second great-grandchild will soon join the family.

**Mary Lou Schanze St. Leger** was unable to attend the reunion because of her husband’s health. “Bo” died Nov. 27 at the age of 74. “God was good since he had Alzheimer’s for more than six years.” Even though Ocean City is growing by leaps and bounds Mary Lou still loves living there.

## **Dottie Frizel Williams** *is enjoying the best of two worlds—ice dancing all winter and making fused glass in her studio in Maine all summer.*

**Bob Fraser**, who missed the reunion because of illness, reports from Alaska that he is fine now and is looking forward to the 55th.

**Doris Joiner Hancock** has lived in Arizona for 34 years.

**Shirley Stevenson Potter** regrets that she missed the reunion but felt unable to participate due to the death of one of her sons from cancer just two weeks before. Last October she and her husband George traveled to Thailand, a trip she recommends to anyone seeking adventure. Next trip is scheduled for Peru—anyone interested?

**John Dennison Smart** reported hearing great thoughts about the reunion. She is still living alone on the lake in southern Virginia—her husband passed away five years ago. Her good health allows her to make frequent

trips to Maryland to visit two sons, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her current adventures include trips to Charleston, Alaska, and National Parks in U.S.A. plus California and Nevada.

**Dottie Frizel Williams** reported that she is enjoying the best of two worlds—ice dancing all winter and making fused glass in her studio in Maine all summer. She has kept the property in blueberries and white birch. Spare time is spent walking the beach, pulling mussels, and enjoying scrumptious crabmeat. She invites those in the area of Bar Harbor to call her. Her two granddaughters, 8 and 3, are skating their legs off.

**Rachel Early Green and Eric ’53** continue to be busy and active in spite of the nuisances of being senior citizens. Rachel is still doing her outdoor education hikes in the lovely Rocky River Valley with fifth-graders, and wilderness walks with kindergartners. Since their children are in the Baltimore area they return to Maryland frequently.

**Betty Fisher Carmichael** reports that husband Don had spoken hundreds of 15-minute religious messages and since his death in 1986 she has been making a list of them by years—in 1985 he spoke 3,000 minutes.

**Janice Benson Paulson and Doug** have officially retired—however “Janney” continues as Web master of the French portal site “Lequartier francais du village planstaire” as well as the maintainer of their church’s website. Doug enjoys golfing three to four times a week and they are both active in church activities as well as duplicate bridge. Their daughters and families live within five minutes of each other in Maryland while son **Doug ’74** and his family reside in Atlanta.

**Dottie Kleinfelter Earl and Homer ’50** have completed some renovations to their home in Annapolis “to make living a little easier.” They are still enjoying traveling as well as spending time with their children and grandchildren.

From the pictures taken at the reunion it was obvious that **Charlotte Janney Mellott** was thoroughly enjoying the event, a fact she emphasized to me in a phone conversation two weeks later. Unfortunately in early June “Janney” suffered a fatal heart attack. When **Alice Yurley Snyder** visited her children she said that the reunion memorabilia were prominently displayed.

Assisting in the planning of the 50th reunion was almost as much fun as attending it. Four of us, **Anne Van Order deLong**, **Mary K. Wills Albrittain**, **Peggy Brown Ecker** and I, who had lived in the management house for seven weeks during our senior year, enjoyed sharing stories. Bill and I cruised the Snake and Columbia Rivers on a paddle-wheeler in August with **John Schaeffer** ’49 and Eve.

Class members extend their sympathy to **Char Janney Mellott**’s children and the family of **Joe Barry**, who died on Jan. 29, 2002.

Hopefully I will receive news from more classmates next time around. We do want to stay in touch don’t we? **Jackie Brown Hering** 33 Fitzhugh Ave. Westminster, MD 21157 Email: wjhering@hotmail.com

# 1957

The class of ‘57 continues to make its mark—45 years after that day in June when we donned those black caps and gowns, paraded across the stage in Alumni Hall, and stepped out to “take the world by storm.” By the volume of information that we received via postcards, emails and questionnaires, it looks like we did just that. The amount of “newsy notes” that arrived on the reunion questionnaires was too much to publish in the directory, so I have compiled all of it in this column. Curl up and enjoy the reading.

**Dot Clarke** says that cleaning out the house is a slow, full-time activity, but she is uncovering bits of family history while doing it.

**Anna Jarrell**, although retired, stays super-busy with camping, traveling, her counted cross-stitch and just plain enjoying life. Memories of dorm life, Sigma activities, and working in the dining hall are favorites and memorable persons are Drs. Kerschner and Holthaus.

**Don Tankersley**, our third president, has retired to the golf course, supplemented with yard work and visits to grandchildren in Denver, Melbourne, Fla. and Arlington, Va. **Leanne Manning Tankersley** ’59 continues to work three days each week in her private practice. Favorite memories? Dining hall, soccer field, and Mrs. Helen Harbaugh.

**Mary Ellen Weber Moberg** is another world traveler in our ranks. She and Jim have a home in Gaithersburg, Md. and a second one on the Chesapeake Bay, near Solomon’s Island. They joined the alumni river cruise through Holland, Germany, Austria and Hungary, and the fall 2001 Trans-Canada rail trip. Their children live close by—one in finance with Marriott and one in the Justice Department. Mary Ellen still sings, plays handbells, does boating and crabbing, and drives the church bus. Good times in Blanche Ward are fond memories.

We still have a widespread group of classmates west of the Mississippi. **Abbott Wainwright** and wife, **Ronnie Ann**, are at home in Scottsdale, Ariz. From 1998-2000, Abbott was consultant to the National Association of College and University Business Officers in Washington, D.C. He fondly remembers Dr. Spicer and Dr. Wenner, not so fondly remembers those 8 a.m. classes on Saturday morning!

**Jean Cline** moved to Camas, Wash. in 2000, after spending 32 years in Alabama. She is 90 minutes from the ocean, nine miles from the Columbia River, and has a good view of Mr. St. Helens and Mt. Hood. There is no

severe weather to deal with.

Also on the west coast is **Pat Patterson** in a retirement community in Claremont, Calif. Pat worked nearly 40 years with the United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries and the retirement community consists of an “ecumenical collection of folks who have worked as missionaries, ministers, religion professors, YM and YMCA workers, etc.” Five colleges and two grad schools are in town, providing great intellectual stimulation. She does miss the northeast, and still has a house in the Massachusetts Berkshires. Pat plans to join us in 2007.

San Antonio, Texas continues to be a creative, colorful, changing city with **Barbara Zepp Bieberbach**. She finally became a grandmother. The design decisions that are necessary for a sun-room addition are “thwarting her intention to sink gracefully into senior senility.”

## **JoEllen Outerbridge DeMarco** *is a retired librarian and administrator, but volunteers as a docent at Historic Spanish Point and in one of the high school libraries in Florida.*

Also in San Antonio is **Bill Muhlendorf**, a retired U.S. army colonel. Sharon and Bill have two daughters, one son, two grandsons, and two granddaughters. They are content to stay close to home, have good health and no complaints.

**Joanne Parrish**, my four-year roommate, recently left the Oklahoma territory to “return to the Bay.” She is retired and lives in Salisbury, Md.

**John and Jan Kaufman**, of Richmond, Ind., are enjoying a second retirement. Trips to Florida, Savannah and Ocean City, plus visits to their daughter and family in Lynchburg, Va. and numerous Elderhostels keep them quite busy. In fact, a Crisfield, Md. Elderhostel trip was planned to follow our 45th reunion. He has good memories of good people, faculty and environment, especially remembering Gill Gym and Dr. Ensor.

In Kent, Ohio, **David Meredith** enjoys his retirement and wonders how he survived so many years of a full-time teaching schedule. He spends most of his time reading, writing and socializing.

Two classmates, **Buddy and Grace Fletcher Pises**, reside on a lovely hilltop in Vermont. Frequent travel has been a part of their lifestyle. **Grace and Jean Warfield** ’56 explored Antarctica in February 2001, Grace and Buddy

erving Ireland, and future trips are planned to Brittany and Scotland's highlands and Islands. They also sandwich in frequent trips to visit five grandchildren in Maryland and two in Vermont.

**Karin Schade James** resides in Pennsylvania, but also travels extensively. She struck off another item on her "to do" list by exploring the Mayan ruins in the jungles of the Yucatan Peninsula last February. A trip to her home country of Canada is planned for the summer, cruising along the coast of Nova Scotia and across the Bay of Fundy to New Brunswick. Country-western dancing also keeps her busy.

As we head south, down the East Coast, we find lots of classmates. Pat Werner Callender and husband George have recently become official residents of Florida in their 38-foot diesel motorhome. Their home base is a park in Davenport, Fla., but they will come back to Maryland for about six months of the year. Pat loved singing in the choir and being with friends, as well as the dramatic presentations. Her favorite spot was the music building with PaPa deLong.

**JoEllen Outbridge DeMarco** is another snowbird, spending about four months in Sarasota, Fla. and the rest of the year in Abington, Pa. Both places keep her busy. She is a retired librarian and administrator, but volunteers as a docent at Historic Spanish Point and in one of the high school libraries in Florida. In Abington, she works at Abington Memorial Hospital in the recovery room and in the family lounge. At WMCC, JoEllen remembers the Old Main grille, Phi Alphas, friends, and getting an "A" in Modern American Lit. **Dr. Makosky '25** and Dr. Marshall grant fund memories.

**Carol Bingham Prendergast**, residing again in Panama City, Fla., retired from the American Cancer Society in 1997, but does some volunteer work at Guardian Ad Litem (program for abused children), in the ACS, and participates in the Masterworks Choral. Carol loved singing in the college choir, particularly at Christmas in town, and made many life-long friends.

In Tallahassee, Fla. is **Dr. Gene Jenkins**, along with his wife, Patsy. They have three children and four grandchildren, and Gene is still pastoring at Grace Church. He has lots of pleasant athletic memories, as well as great friendships with **Bob Butler**, **Dick Hersh** and **John Kauffman**.

**Delbert and Barbara Moreau Kohl '60** retired to Delray Beach, Fla. in 1994 after 30-plus years with the Federal Government (Marine Corps and FEMA) and 31-plus years in the National Guard and Reserves. The unity and friendliness among the classmates of '57 stands out to Del and he, too, remembers the Old Main grille, as well as Dr. Whirlfield.

Largo, Fla. is home to **Tom and Yvonne Braun**. Tom retired in 1993 and spends time playing golf and traveling. Tom and his first wife, who died

from a brain tumor, had three children and five grandchildren. Tom remarried and Yvonne has two children and two grandchildren. They cruised to the West Indies, visited Europe for two weeks and plan to visit Branon, Mo. this year. Tom was also chair of the Social Activities Committee where they live—946 homes—for three years. Along with all these activities, Tom also elaborated on some major health problems during the past year, receiving chemo and radiation treatments. He says his life of activity and relative good health are all in his favor and his attitude is excellent. Favorite memories—**Dr. Price**, **Dr. Summers**, the college name, **Verville** and **Fred Rausch**.

Another Florida resident is **Joyce Harrington Stotler** in Cocoa Beach. Joyce's husband retired from coaching soccer at Florida Tech, but continues as president of his own civil engineering firm. Joyce continues to teach literature and writing at Florida Tech, having returned to college 15 years ago to get two master's degrees in English Literature and English Education. Three children and five grandkids add to their family circle. Joyce remembers graduation day because she slept through the rehearsal and found—to her horror—that she was seated at the end of the row during the "real thing." She was expected to lead her row out to the aisles, and she did not have one clue. Fortunately, the boy across the row knew what he was doing and she "mirrored" his actions. She still keeps in touch with **Lynda Skinner Kratovil** and **Pop Simon Jurf**. Her most memorable person is Esther Smith.

Leaving Florida, but still deep south, we find **Janet Perkins** and **Howard Zimmerman** in Gulf Shores, Ala. Jan retired in 1991, after 30 years as an elementary school librarian. What is she doing now? Working two to three days a week at a bookstore, and playing bridge at least one day a week. Howard retired from International Paper in 1992 and enjoys golf and occasional bridge. They have three children and six grandchildren and love living on the golf course and close to the beach. Favorite memories of theirs include shooting pool in the Rec Hall, waiting tables in the dining hall under the guidance of Mrs. Harbaugh, and living in the Management House with Daisy Smith. Howard loved Francis, the chef, who kept everyone well fed.

**Nancy Caples Sloan** and Denny are the parents of three daughters and granddaughters to nine and live in Marietta, Ga. They have traveled in their motorhome and helped with the grandchildren during the past 10 years.

**Ann Hershfield Lau**, who spent her freshman year with us on the Hill, wrote from Bluffton, S.C. She transferred to Gettysburg, married, and finished at Millersville—18 years from start to finish. She was a teacher of high-school English in Lansdale, Pa. for 25 years. Ann says that retirement

is great—doing gardening, golfing, serving as a guardian to abused children, being an officer in the local Democratic Club, and traveling. She does NOT cook, however, and did not plant roses in South Carolina because she doesn't have time to smell them.

North Carolina is home to many '57 alumni. **Hein Boardman** and **Robert Radcliffe** are at Caswell Beach, enjoying their home on the intra-coastal waterway. Bob still works for Good Humor/Breyer and Helen is active in the Oak Island Antique Guild. She is still decorating and painting murals. The family consists of four children and five grandkids. School spirit is a favorite memory, along with Little Baker Chapel, and each other.

**Quincy Ashburn Polk** is in Asheville, N.C., living a very quiet life. She has twin granddaughters that live a few minutes away and a 2-year-old granddaughter in Pennsylvania. Good opportunities for knitting.

**Sara Price** and **Earle Finley** stay busy in Raleigh, N.C. with four children and 15 grandchildren. Earle is involved in commercial real estate and ministry. Sara assists Earle in the office, is busy with grandparenting and traveling. They remember the beauty of the campus, have great dining hall memories, made lots of friends and, of course, met each other.

Moving north, **Marge Post Engstner** is in Belling Ridge, N.J. She and her husband have a 1-year-old grandson, and remain busy with friends, family, and small group Bible studies. She says she remembers thinking how old the alumni were when they returned to campus—now she is one of them.

Also in New Jersey is **Rev. Dave Bailey**. Dave is celebrating 45 years on the radio, now being heard from Massachusetts to Washington, D.C. He also celebrates 45 years of marriage and 40 years since starting Ranch Hope for boys and girls.

**Richard Buterbaugh** and **Jeanne** are in Corfu, N.Y. and traveled to Australia with **Jack** and **Carole Richardson Baile '64** and the alumni group earlier this year. They were celebrating 60 years of marriage. Daughter Dorothy has also returned after three years in England.

**Herb Sell** is still in Littlestown, Pa. with his wife, Eleanor. Two children and four grandchildren round out their family. Herb retired as vocal director at Westminster Senior High School, but presently directs the Carroll County Choral Society, is organist/choir director at a church in Littlestown, and still plays jazz piano engagements. His favorite memories are of Dr. Arlen Heggeneger and the Music Department.

Back in the state of Maryland are lots of us. **Fred** and **Cathy Rausch** have a home address in Pasadena, Md. but enjoy the cruising life, along with their 173-pound Great Dane, the security system. They travel on the boat about eight months of the year. The family consists of three girls,

**Mary Jane Thorney Wilson** has discovered sea kayaking through Elderhostel, and prefers the waters on Maryland's Eastern Shore to the waters of St. Simon's Island, Ga.—no alligators.

three boys, and 10 grandchildren. Fred's favorite memories are of graduation, the Black and White frat brothers, Dr. Price and the golf course.

**Mike Savarese** is in Columbia, Md., has two daughters, a son, and two grandchildren. He lost his wife in August 2000. Mike continues to work, but also plays lots of golf. He remembers the first two exams—in English and sociology—in his freshman year that were lost to the professors.

**Mary Jane Thorney Wilson** is in Mt. Airy, but spends a lot of time at her house in Rehoboth, Del. She has two children and two grandchildren, and does extensive traveling. She has discovered sea kayaking through Elderhostel, and prefers the waters on Maryland's Eastern Shore to the waters of St. Simon's Island, Ga.—no alligators.

**Pat Richter** and **Skip Amoss** are in Westminster and have one son and one grandson. They are both retired, but spend time traveling, volunteering, and in community activities. Skip is on the National Board of Directors of the ACS and also received the Boy Scouts "Scout of the Year" award. Pat is active with Rotary Club, church and Salvation Army. They traveled to Australia with the WMC group. Memories are of the drama department and painting scenery, as well as Old Main grille, and Esther Smith.

In Baltimore is **Ginny Tull Phipps**, who is retired. **Charlie '55** is also retired. Two daughters and four grandsons, plus travel, church work, tennis, volunteering keep them busy. Ginny says she remembers the dining hall and Charlie.

**Lynda Skinner Kratovil** is in Lantham, Md. and is director of community services for the Methodist Board of Child Care. Frank is an administrative judge in Prince George's County. Lynda remembers the time that she and a roommate missed the dorm curfew and had a serious session with Dean Howery and the Women's Council. She says it is funny now.

Randallstown, Md. has been home to **Bev Parsons** and **Cliff Carter** for a long time. Bev retired from teaching piano, and is presently church organist (39 years). Cliff retired from the State Highway Administration in 1985. Family also keeps them busy—

three children and nine grandchildren. He remembers the Management House, also.

**Pat Dixon Bloomer** of Elkridge, Md. and **Bill '56** have three children and four grandchildren. Pat is a retired secretary who has discovered quilting. She is well known for her quilting projects. Pat remembers dorm life, Old Main, and many friends.

**Lillian Fowler Benson**, of Towson, Md., retired from teaching and is currently working at the Baltimore County Public Library. **Frank '56** is an attorney, and they have two children and five grandchildren. Lillian mentions field hockey, Phi Alphas, friends, Old Main and Frank.

**Jane Wise Winkler** moved back to Catonsville, Md. after having been in downtown Baltimore for many years. She hopes to cut her hours to half time in the next year.

## John Hall is presently working on a book about the Eastern Shore during the Great Depression.

**Peg Whorton Everly**, in Hagerstown, Md., works at Bioshitaker in Walkersville, and has many church activities. Her daughter works in Thurmont.

**Betty Ely May**, of Sykesville, Md., retired from teaching music, but is still involved with music activities at her church. She is enjoying retirement, her two grandchildren and her church choir. WMC brings back memories of dorm life, friends, and musical activities. She remembers Prof. deLong and Levine Hall.

In Southern Maryland, in Upper Marlboro, is **Jean Goode Stahl**. Jean retired as an assistant to the chairman of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, Maryland General Assembly, in 1996. She then worked for the Lion's Eye Bank for 2 years and returned to the General Assembly in 2002 on a part-time basis. Her husband, Robert, is a retired administrative patent judge. They have two children and four grandchildren. Memories include Carpe Diem (a place of reflection), Blanche Ward Hall, Old Main, the friendships and campus community, and Dean Howery.

Back up in Western Maryland is **Bob Butler**. Bob retired from the army, built a house in Myersville, started an auto business, and married **Barbara Willis Reed '60** in 1999. **Dot Snider Butler** died in 1992. Barbara's first husband, **Sam Reed**, was our first class president, and died in 1991. Bob mentions the camaraderie with his classmates and the life-long friendships. He also plays golf with a group from '57.

**Peg Simon Jurf** is a Westminster resident. Peg started as a teacher, later

sold real estate, and is now retired. Her husband, **Amin Jurf '59** is also retired. Traveling and visiting family keep them busy—four children and five grandchildren. Peg loved the special events like May Day, Lantern Chain, Junior plays, Junior follies, and the art lab with Miss Shipley.

Rockville, Md. is the present home of our joy **Joan Durno Bradford**. Sadly, her husband, Jim, died of brain cancer in 1996. Joan continues to stay extremely active. She continues to act in the Washington, D.C. area, doing movies and TV shows. She really enjoys working with the Children's Theater, helping to teach drama classes at Adventure Theater in Glen Echo Park. Ten Elderhostels have had her as a traveling member, she reads books on top for the blind at the Maryland Library in Baltimore, and she is a Licensed Lay Eucharistic minister in the Episcopal Church. Joan's favorite memories are working on the Junior Follies and on plays, living in the Management House in her senior year, going to the Eastern Shore on a choir trip and having ham for almost every meal. A favorite spot was on the top of the hill, overlooking the football field—this space is now occupied by Hoover Library, but it was a wonderful view. Most memorable person—Eather Smith.

**Brant Vitsek** lives aboard the "Lazy Bones," exploring all the waterways. He expects to be back in the Chesapeake for the summer, and will plan to be at the 50th reunion.

Another Baltimore resident is **John Hall**. John and **Marian Martin Hall '53** have four children and seven grandchildren. He is retired from the state of Maryland and they, too, are world travelers. He is presently working on a book about the Eastern Shore during the Great Depression. John has many memories of WMC, but his favorite took place in his freshman year, during a football game. There was no parking lot near the stadium, so cars parked on the grassy slopes. He was paid \$2.00 to put on his ROTC uniform, and help to park cars. There was a mixture of rain and light snow, and by the time the game was over almost every car was stuck. He helped to push cars out, and, of course, got splattered with mud from the spinning wheels. It cost more to get the uniform cleaned than he earned that day. A better memory was the day he got married in Little Baker Chapel on Marian's graduation day. His favorite person was Dr. Price.

**Audrey Pierce Maberry** is in Annapolis, Md., retired from real estate, and she and Barry spend four months in Ft. Myers, Fla. during the winter. The home in Annapolis is relatively new, in a 55-plus development—easy living and no steps. Barry is retired from the ministry, and now does stress seminars and laughter seminars nationally. He also does some weddings and other rites of the church. Audrey says she remembers "being thin" at college, also making long-time friends, spending time in

the grille, and remembers the Green Terror.

**George Douglas** just reported in from Westminster he where he lives, along with his wife, **Marie Upperco Douglas '56**, except in the winter months—more snowbirds to Florida. They have a son and a daughter, with four grandchildren. Dr. Kerschner is a memorable person.

**Dick Hersh**, of Waynesboro, Pa., had the honor of being named Baseball Coach of the Year in 1986 by the *Chambersburg Public Opinion* and the *Hagerstown Morning Herald* newspapers. Dick retired from teaching after 30 years of service and now works full time as a sales associate in his wife's State Farm Insurance Agency. He says his life has been great with a happy marriage and raising a delightful family of three children, and now, one grandchild.

**Mary-West Pitts** and **Paul Ensor** have a home-built-for-the-theater-organ that is Paul's major life project. They are in Glenwood, Md. We have watched this organ come out of the depths of the basement at the other house—in many pieces—and gradually watched it being put together in the new home. We will let you know when the first major concert is being performed! Mary-West was director of Christian education at Oakdale Emory United Methodist Church in Olney from 1990 until September 2001. During her term, a preschool and kindergarten were established. Paul is still working for the Maryland State Health Department, as a clinical consultant. Their daughter, **Carol Ensor Creel '99**, is finishing her master's degree in counseling at the College. Son, David, a graduate of Wake Forest, lives in Denver. There are four grandchildren in the family. Favorite memories—lasting friendships, meeting each other, formal dances, floats for the Homecoming Parade, building sets. Many memorable people, including some great biology professors.

I guess I am down to the two of us. **Jack** and I are still making beautiful smiles in New Windsor, after 40 years. We are as busy as the rest of the world, with work, church activities, community activities, grandchildren, and family activities. Our son, **Jeff '84**, is in New Mexico with his two boys and Connie, so that gives us a good excuse to do some traveling. Our daughter, **Lisa Goette Galinatis '85**, and her family—two children—and our other daughter, Alison, and her two girls all live close to us. I have stayed active with alumni projects. Thinking back to our college days, Jack remembers the friends, all the classes, and me. I remember friends, also, involvement in college activities, and Jack. Those Bio labs were memorable, as well as Little Baker Chapel—a place of quiet repose. Dr. Jean Kerschner was a most memorable person.

Well, Reunion Weekend 2002 has just ended and we all had a wonderful time reminiscing about the past 45 years, plus our years spent on campus.

Classmates made such comments as "great variety of activities," "beautiful changes on campus," "wonderful to interact with students and faculty on campus," "what terrific food." Those who were able to partake of two or three days of activities were in awe of the changes to Reunion Weekend.

Everything is held on campus, so we all have opportunities to really become a part of the college again. The students love it, also. They are always amazed at our '50s rules, regulations, curfews, etc. We all wore our "designer beanies" (as described by one classmate) at the all-reunion luncheon, and drew many favorable comments. The Class of '57 dinner—an Italian buffet with appropriate decorations—in McDaniel Lounge was a huge success. Many thanks to all the classmates who served on the committee to plan our 45th reunion.

A big boost to our class was the fact that we won the Old Main Award for the highest Annual Fund contribution to the College. As of Reunion Weekend, we contributed \$31,670, coming from 46 class members, a total of 44.6%. That was a smaller percentage than in previous years and we know we can do better for our 50th reunion. Our next reunion makes us the honored class, with all the special privileges. Mark May 2007 on your calendar now and plan to be with us for the entire weekend. You will be assured of having a wonderful time.

Keep the news coming to me and I will save it for the next column.

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40TH REUNION  
MAY 2-4, 2003



Your scribes are back. Janice and I appreciate the healthy response to our recent mailing and apologize for the lack of news for the past two years. No fault can be ascribed to any-

one for the hiatus but we nonetheless wish and hope for more connectivity as opposed to less. In particular we look forward to May 2003 for our (believe it or not!) 40th reunion. We'll celebrate from May 2 through 4 and hope that as many of you as possible will return to renew and establish acquaintances.

Please e-mail Janice at [dhobar@qis.net](mailto:dhobar@qis.net) or Jerry at [gmnpalaw@aol.com](mailto:gmnpalaw@aol.com) to make suggestions concerning activities you would like to see occur during our 40th. Janice attended **Don's '62 40th** in May '02 and claims that all who attended preferred the May reunion period to Homecoming. There were enhanced opportunities for visits with old friends, time to establish new acquaintances and relationships and to just tell old war stories. Please let us know

your requests for our May '03 40th.

Now for the good stuff—our opportunity to chronicle your recent activities. **Gene '60 and Starr Beacham Arbaugh** now reside in Boca Grande, Fla. the home of the Bush winter white house. Starr and Gene recently celebrated their 40th anniversary and revel in the visits of their three children with their families. As Starr wrote, "life is good!" Starr and Gene welcome alumni anytime they are in the Boca Grande area.

**Sue Rushton Batson** and family continue residence in Ellicott City, Md. and report that son **Alexander '93** is in economics and business and is employed in Columbia, Md. with Honeywell. Sue and Marshall enjoy two beautiful granddaughters who occupy much of their retirement activities.

**Bob Manthey is now the longest serving pastor (14 years) in his historic Frederick church's 232 years of existence.**

Great news from **Eric Buckner**—"he married Patty Wolfe in December 2000, honeymooned in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with **Dave Selikowitz**, and **Glenn Hanna** and his wife, Carol. In addition, he attended Dave's 60th birthday party at Fisher Island, Fla. in January '02 along with many other alumni. Eric pilies his trade as a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch and resides in downtown Baltimore in the Otterbein area.

**Geraldine Hopkins** retired and enjoys another stage of life. Geraldine will see you at our 40th. It's a short ride from Annapolis to Westminster.

The **Kiltzbergs (Richard and Judith Callahan)** celebrated their 35th anniversary in grand style. They took two sons to England and Scotland, met up with their daughter who resides in Rome and enjoyed a well-deserved celebration. Richie reports that his youngest son joined his firm last year and works the Princeton office while Richie toils in Florida. His mantra—"If you have good health, a fond family, some shekels in the bank, you're way ahead."

**Bob Manthey** is now enrolled in *Repley's Believe It or Not*. He informs your scribes that he is now the longest serving pastor (14 years) in his historic Frederick church's 232 years of existence. Bob has already announced that he will be present at our 40th reunion and would like the opportunity to address the group. (Let us hear from you.) Finally, Bob has been traveling in Europe, the Canadian Maritime Provinces as well as the good old USA and enjoys his two granddaughters who live in the close environs of Frederick, Md.

## Sutton's China Syndrome



**Dave Sutton** reports that he is so enamored with China that he intends to return again and again. After spending a week in Shanghai "on business" early in 2002, he's been off having one amazing adventure after another. He made a four-hour trek up to Mount Qingcheng, the birthplace of Taoism, to the summit monastery where he stayed overnight with the monks. He cruised the Yangtze river. In July, he began teaching English to business people in Shanghai. Following are excerpts from some of his dispatches to classmates:

**Leming is a compliment:** The people are real—simple, hardworking, clever, honest and they seem to appreciate my crazy straightforward manner and my desire to be useful and help, behaviors not much trusted in the U.S. anymore. They have given me a Chinese name "Leming," meaning, "happiness, bright and clear." I like thinking that if this is what they think of me, I must be doing something right.

**Clean fun:** I have discovered a major public institution here in China—it is the "Barber Shop/Beauty Salon." It really is more than that, it's a place where men and women will touch base every day. I'm thinking that it must be like what the local barber shop was in our early history—the community message board or something like that. This institution thrives on the fact that nobody here washes their own hair. That's what this institution is for: the simple pleasure of having somebody run their hands through your hair—a shampoo and head-neck-and-shoulder massage to get you through the day. Perhaps you can imagine that I have really gotten into this (and you can hold the "what hair" comments). Now I am a card-carrying member of Jiao Jin San Jiao. The card is a pay-in-advance account that entitles you to the equivalent of a \$1 haircut and shampoo, a head-neck-and-shoulder massage for two bucks and an hour-and-a-half full body massage for—now hold on to your seat—for \$5. Sorry, Jerry (my barber for over 30 years in Menlo Park) but I've found somebody else, in China.

**Killer cafes:** Have you been to one of these massive Internet cafes? I don't know whether they are in the U.S., but here they are everywhere and what do you think 99 percent of the people at the screen are doing? Catching up on their e-mail? Surfing for some needed information? Conversing on a chat room?

No, No. They are training to be snipers, commandos and the latest high-tech bombardiers. With full stereo sound (not really confined to the earphones they are all wearing), you've got bombblasts, blood curdling screams, gun fire, guts and gore—it's all there in vivid color at your own neighborhood virtual battleground. Ollie North would love this. What great things we have been able to put our communication technology to. And we are getting buy-in from our youth for the military-industrial-communication complex good and early. Shouldn't have a problem enlisting the next crop of fighter pilots or commandos for the next war against evil.

Why do you suppose nobody has developed a game based on the number of lives saved as opposed to the number taken? I guess it's not as exciting, is that it? But they are learning eye-hand coordination and how to use the technology, you say. I prefer stickball, myself. •

**Naomi "Sam" Saifuku** has set the modern-day record for the greatest distance a post card traveled since she communicated from Honolulu, Hi ala moana, Hawaii telling us that she's teaching English spoken as a second language at a middle school and looks forward to retirement in December '03. Hopefully we'll see Naomi in May '03 at our retirement. Naomi

noted that she's proud of her daughter's medical school attendance in Philadelphia—"is a proud single parent and plans to continue work restoring her historic home in Hawaii and to visit friends and family on the 'Mainland'."

**Marty Schugam** has retired from the Maryland Department of Juvenile Justice and is employed elsewhere. He

and Paula celebrated their 35th anniversary and are proud as peacocks that their older son, Larry, is running a computer lab at Peabody; in between bands and the pursuit of a master's in policy studies at Johns Hopkins University. Their younger son, Lenny, completed his master's degree in chemical engineering at the University of Maryland College Park.

## Carolyn Webster

**Molyneux is editor of a local paper, which covers nine towns.**

**Dave Selikowitz**—"you better be at our 40th on May 2 through 4, 2003." Dave was kind enough to jot a quick note off and to supply Janice with enough information to fill one entire page of alumni news. He is truly a peripatetic traveler, a Horatio Alger and an eminently successful person. We need to hear from Dave about his many activities that include several continents. For example, in the recent past, Dave has been to France, Israel, Florida, New York, Scotland, the Hague and Budapest. Now that's traipsing! Hopefully Dave will regale us with the details of his travels as well as tell us about his road-running races in the various parts of the world he's participated in. In fact, Dave is now appointed Chair of the First Annual Road Race for the Class of '63.

**Bill and Maureen Filbey '62** Sitter continue residence in Garden Ridge, Texas and report they recently celebrated their 40th anniversary. Bill received an award as the 2001 San Antonio Recovering Heart Patient as he endured seven bypasses three-and-a-half years ago. They are preparing to construct a custom log home with ample room to accomplish their ministry training.

**Dr. L. Pullen 'W. King Smith** reports that "like lawyers and soldiers, old oral surgeons never die we just slowly fade away." Unfortunately, King doesn't see retirement on his horizon and tells us that Joyce continues to work at Union Memorial Sports Center in Towson while they both enjoy their grandchildren. King was recently appointed to the State Dental Board through 2004 and we hope to see both Joyce and King at our 40th.

**Dee Pettigrew Strickland** retired from high school English teaching in 1999 but nonetheless continues to enjoy life absent bell ringing by volunteering in schools and substituting a little. Dee and her husband, Myers, thrive on their grandchildren's growth and report that their daughter and son-in-law, **Charlotte Strickland '92** and **Gary '92** Uter, are also alumni.

**Joni and Howie Wagner** are a happily-coupled couple. They just became grandparents for the first time and report that granddaughter, Elana, is a bundle of joy and that the grandparent feeling is great. Their oldest daughter, Fran, has been in business with mom and dad for the past seven years and they are even happier to report that their youngest, Adria, has just joined to perpetuate the business for the next generation. They sold their apartment in Manhattan, are building a home in Del Rey Beach,

Fla. where they will spend the winters and look forward to their presence at our 40th reunion.

**Ginger Rumney Ward** and her husband, Joe, traveled to three captivating spots in the summer of 2001, Stresa, Italy, Gstaad, Switzerland, and Seefeld, Austria. They also state that within the past two years their highlights include the wedding of their younger son, who teaches social studies at Perry Hall Senior High School. Ginger and Joe focus a good deal of attention on their two grandsons, Sam, 2, and Alec, 5.

**Janet and Laszlo Zsebedics** took an alumni European river boat cruise which started in Amsterdam, proceeded down the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers through 66 locks ending in Budapest, Hungary where they stayed another week traveling the countryside. Janet and Laszlo highly recommend the trip. In February '02 they spent three weeks in Hawaii which, despite it being their third trip, was the first occasion on which they saw whales—fascinating. Janet and Laszlo report retirement is great and that in April '01 their second granddaughter was born. They continue to travel to Myrtle Beach at New Year's and August to utilize their timeshare and enjoy the good golfing.

**Richard Yobst** continues his association at Salisbury University (34 years) and now serves as associate vice president for Administrative Services. He reports being 85-percent complete toward the renovation of an 1859 vintage home he purchased in Vienna, Md. He's been at work on the project four years because he's done it all by his lonesome. Dick, we look forward to hearing more about it at our 40th and bring photos of the completed product.

**Carolyn Webster Molyneux** and husband, Tom continue residence in northern New Jersey at Westwood. Carolyn is editor of a local paper, which covers nine towns. Janice and I both observe that her reportorial skills are deficient. She was only able to report that her daughter Sam was a sophomore at Lafayette and that son Glen graduated from Marist in 2001 and was a social worker for a New York State agency. Otherwise, as Carolyn put it "It's all downhill," and she then had the audacity to ask "Was this what I was supposed to do?" Carolyn you better be at our 40th to tell us a bit more about life in northern New Jersey.

**The Warfields (Bob '62 and Peggy Hoey)**, of Ocean City fame, have really been active. Son Robb graduated Furman University and daughter Claire became a mother. Peggy proclaimed "We are grandparents!" and that Madeleine Elizabeth Mavictor is the most beautiful little girl you've ever seen—happy, healthy and much loved. Bob is fully occupied constructing a 56-unit oceanfront condominium that is reputed to be a \$25 million project that adds another stellar facet to the Warfield reputation. Peggy was honored to exhibit in a one-person show

at a local art gallery for her mixed media collages. From all reports it was successful and Bob and Peggy promised to see us at our 40th reunion. Your class reporters are certain that they represent the collective interests of our class in congratulating Peggy and Bob on their recent generous donation to the College.

**Belinda Adams Eddy** and her husband Don tell us that in May '00 they spent two weeks in Greece including one week with our classmate, **Mari-anthi Pappadopoulou Koucos**, Mari-anthi's husband, George, and their three children, Stella, Joanna and Katerina. Belinda reports it was as if they had just graduated and that the passing years had not interrupted their friendship in the least. The Eddy family next went to England, Russia and Wales in the summer of 2000 and were certain they'll have more to tell us at the reunion in May '03.

**Dagmar Jones Miller** has made the move four doors down to a more spacious house and rents her former home to Hopkins students. Most importantly, as with so many, that grandparent role has taken over. Her granddaughter, 2, is the daughter of son Erik and wife Natacha. Dagmar is working at being the best granny while working, doing community work, and being a superluniar for the Baltimore opera. I seem to forget that fact each time I go to the opera. Son Tyler lives in Brooklyn where he is an actor.

## Peggy Hoey Warfield

*was honored to exhibit in a one-person show at a local art gallery for her mixed media collages.*

**Lynne Rodway Worden** and **Jim '60** have moved to Colorado after 30 years in Michigan. Their three daughters live in Colorado and they have six grandchildren. Jim has a portable business so the move was easy. Son Jim is in college and they have a bit of the empty nest syndrome. They stay very busy with Community Bible Study and lots of grandparenting. Jim and your female scribe went to a high school together in North Jersey.

**Bob Kleine** is still in East Lansing, Mich., where he teaches a graduate course in public finance at MSU. He and Judy enjoy their two granddaughters and have taken several trips to Europe. He promises to be at our 40th.

**Ellen Wheelerton Bell** is enjoying retirement on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She is a consultant in human resources management with federal agencies, has discovered Elderhostel and reports that son number one is a wildlife biologist in Virginia and number two is a photojour-

nalist. She lives live in Easton.

**Joyce Brown Layman** has been retired for four years and loves her volunteer work with the Maryland Historical Society and Hampton Mansion. Recent travels have taken them to Alaska, Holland, Ireland and the wild west of the U.S. Grandparenting to their three granddaughters is very special.

**Bonnie Friesse Dubler** is retired on May 37 in education as a music teacher and guidance counselor. Bonnie (as with most of our classmates) loves retirement and is traveling with husband Bruce Burns to Switzerland, Florida, California and soon Australia. Son Tom is a CPA. Bonnie and Bruce live in Churchville, Md.

We love what **Ginny Alexander** has to say. "Not much new since last communication except, like everyone else, a little older and looking forward to retirement. Been looking at sunny and warm Florida (Sarasota/Bradenton area) for seasonal living. Our insurance consulting business is very portable, so we hope to do seven months in New Jersey while its warm and five months in Florida during the colder months."

Our retired General—**Otto Guenther**—has now retired from a job in the private sector. He promises to "help" with the reunion. The Guenther family is close by in Fairfax, Va.

**Joan Reid Fisher**, one of those "last home" economics majors, still enjoys life on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in Crisfield. It's a small world over there—**Stefling Green's** sister and our late **Lynn Gooding Henderson's** brother live in Joan's neighborhood.

**Jack Buttmer** reports late—just like his papers at College. "My news is fairly simple—after 37 years pastoring churches in eastern Pennsylvania it was time for a change. Thinking about retirement, Nancy and I chose to relocate into the area we've been vacationing in for 20 years and in June 2000 moved from Reading, Pa. to Plattsburgh, N.Y. Plattsburgh is about 25 miles south of our border with Canada and sits right on Lake Champlain. Our sailing has increased dramatically since our arrival here and right now we're taking up snowshoeing. Cross-country skiing is new, and who knows what after that. My woodworking shop is up and running and we continue our interest in American antiques. I'm serving a United Methodist congregation of about 450 folks here, though I kept my official clergy membership in the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference. We plan to use the next two years looking for a house either here in upstate New York or in Vermont as a retirement place. We've been blessed with good health, and now have four grandchildren, two each in Trenton, N.J. and Brooklyn, N.Y. It's cold up here, but life is good!"

**Sam and Susan Snodgrass '85** Case stay oh so busy with grandchildren and being Provost and Provostess for the College! They are quite an asset to our community and thank heaven

Sam is not thinking about retirement...yet!

**Peggy Reynolds** and husband Vincent Arillo are ballroom dancing (he's the instructor) and love those grandchildren. Church activities fill much of their time.

More good retirement news—**Ginny Lankford Dalesandro** and Dan are now retired, she from nursing, he from teaching for 36 years. They reside in Pitman, N.J. Lots of travel on the horizon for them.

A major change for **Joe and Pat Downey** was Joe's retirement after 24 years with Dow Chemical Company. He is enjoying his new found freedom, playing a lot of golf and tennis and managing to keep himself busy and out of trouble. Shortly after his retirement he purchased a new toy—

*The Hobart family traveled to Mainland China in July '01 with daughter Kim and son-in-law Mike Zaruba on a trip to adopt Faith Elizabeth, a 17-month-old Chinese baby.*

1972 Red Olds 442 convertible which is his pride and joy. They are "snowbirds" and spend February to April in Lakeland, Fla. and Michigan for the good months.

**Jackson Day** has explained his career phases—clergy; health care; both. He is a program director of Health and Wholeness with the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society. He also works with National Conference of Vietnam Veterans Ministry. He and Fran have traveled to Greece. Son James is in New York and daughter Cathie is in Texas with their three granddaughters.

**Jill Fredholm** and **Ken Porter** enjoyed a trip to New Zealand and Australia in February '02 and are now in the middle of bathroom renovations at their home. They tell us that May '03 is already on their calendar and they now know the exact date—May 2 through 4.

**Claudia Fetrow** and **Wayne Whitmore** celebrated Wayne's 60th year which they characterized as "the best of times and the worst of times." They reported that on the plus side they participated in reunions with family and friends and traveled quite a bit. Claudia reduced the number of shows in which she participated but still creates unique clothing. On the downside, the Whitmores reported losing a number of dear friends and experiencing the horror of 9/11.

**Betty Jacobus** and **Jack Blackburn** had an active family year celebrating in New Harbor, Maine with their grandchildren, Jack and Abby, and

otherwise immersed themselves in the numerous activities in Charlottesville, Va.

Another Virginia alum, **Pris Ord**, regaled us with the description of two very special trips. She reports that the first weekend in August she drove to the Country Inn in Berkeley Springs, W. Va. where she joined **Trinka McGibbeny Cuemen**, **Janet Walker Gray**, **Janice Mooney Hobart**, **Judy Reinhardt Lantz**, **Claudia Fetrow Whitmore** and **Becky Wright**, all former McDaniel House mates for an observance of their 60th birthdays. The Country Inn is actually a resort and spa so besides several very good meals together, the group was pampered in high style. This was somewhat disappointed at the absence of **Betty Wirt Jacobus Blackburn** and **Marty Wirt Davis** their two other house mates who were unable to join the group.

**George Kemmerer** currently reports residing in Santa Rosa, Calif. and has retired after years in the information technology profession. He now consults and is doing adjunct faculty work for a local junior college. George is also chair of the Santa Rosa Junior College Computer and Information Sciences Advisory Committee and president of the East Santa Rosa Rotary Club. He's been married to Jeannette for 37 years, has three grown children and two grandchildren. He occupies his little bit of free time with golf, sailing on San Francisco Bay and traveling. George tells us he hopes to be back for the 40th reunion and we hope to see him there.

**Janet Pricer '62** and **John Warman** spent an active year entertaining seven grandchildren, raking leaves and otherwise helping structure and direct family activities. John loves life—he's retired and Janet still works to support the family. Doesn't get any better than that does it John?

**Anne Benjamin Drenning** writes that she hopes to attend our 40th reunion. It will be good to see her after so many years. Anne writes: "I am staying on our farm. The boys and I my son-in-law are very helpful, protective and vigilant. Bowen and family went to eventually build here, so that will be a huge help. Bruce (deceased September '00) and I decided years ago that this was where we wanted to live. The farm was Bruce's dream, and he loved getting on his tractor, tending to his livestock and fields. I think all his worries disappeared when he crossed our bridge to come here, so, having any ill health, I am here for the duration. It was and is a great place for our children and now our grandchildren to come. I am still teaching high-school English and enjoying it. My students are great. Time goes so quickly, doesn't it?"

The Drenning farm is located in Waterford, Va. and if any of you have an opportunity to visit that unique antique town call Anne at 540-882-3218.

We're slowly reaching the age where health and wellness become increasingly important and critical.

Sadly, we are advised that **Margaret "Peggy" Gooding Henderson** died in October 2000. In addition, **Janet Walker** and **Jim Gray** were intimately affected by the event of 9/11 as they lost their son, Chris, who worked for Cantor Fitzgerald in the World Trade Center. Chris was as likeable an individual as you'd ever find and had the combined personality of both Janet and Jim. We look forward to seeing the Grays at our 40th.

The Hobart family traveled to Mainland China in July '01 with daughter Kim and son-in-law Mike Zaruba on a trip to adopt Faith Elizabeth, a 17-month-old Chinese baby. Grandma and Grandpa as well as the other Hobart family members became as enchanted with Mainland China as **David Sutton, Don '62** continues his activities at Hobart Studios and Janice plans that by the time you read this column she'll have retired after 30 years in the Carroll County school system, 23 of which were spent as a guidance counselor molding the lives of hundreds if not thousands of high school students. Don may have to secure a real job on Janice's retirement.

Good fortune continues with the Richman family as their eldest daughter graduated Colgate and their youngest will be a junior at the University of Michigan come September '02.

Janice and I ask again that you attend the 40th reunion and that you let us know what activities you'd like to see occur. In addition, Janice has just volunteered to serve as point person to contact any '63 alum you tell her you want present at our 40th reunion. Let's rain on Janice's parade.

Our school year recipient of the 1963 scholarship is **Michael S. Baker '02**, of Potomac, Md., who majors in French with a minor in cross-cultural studies. Janice and I remind all of you that contributions for any significant event are welcome to increase the endowment of our 1963 scholarship fund.

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and  
**Gerald Richman**  
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**1969** While fantasizing about retirement, **Stephen Davis** says he has not been canoeing in Arlington, Va. where "nearly small streams" dried up this past spring.

**Mike Baker**, athletic director at North County High, is in his 34th year of teaching. Wife **Janet Elin '70** teaches at Glen Burnie High. Daughter Alison has a dental practice in Rosedale, Md. while her two sisters, Amanda and Jessica, attend dental school in Baltimore. Mike adds, "Everyday is a gift—so I always eat dessert first!"

**Cindy Terheerme Borga's** youngest

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daughter, Devon, got married. Next is a planned trip to China even though Jerry said, "The closest I'll get to China is a cabinet."

Supportive of the name change, **Carol Armstrong Carter** is a member of the College Board of Trustees. She's vice chancellor at the University of Pittsburgh responsible for its \$500 million capital campaign. Carol and husband Bob bought a home on Anna Marie Island, Fla. as an "escape."

Quite established at the University of Illinois, **Don Elliot** and wife Mary spent two weeks in Hong Kong and the P.R. China as part of a federal university faculty exchange. In D.C. last January, he had a beer with **Doug Smarte**, Son Scott traveled through Europe and the U.S. representing an Icelandic products manufacturer. Daughter Sarah, a stage manager in Memphis, was to do a summer Shakespeare festival in Pennsylvania. Son Zachary graduated in May from University of Illinois.

Enjoying their new home in Cooke's Hope in the Easton, Md. area, **Hugh Dawkins** is active in the Talbot Hospice Foundation, the local Little League Board, and Maryland District 6 Umpires Board. He has completed three years as president of the Waterfowl Festival in Easton. Hugh, with his wife and three children, went on a Caribbean cruise.

**Bill Dudley's** "three kids" have added up to "ten continuous years of multiple tuition payments." He can now "see some light." Son Scott, 25, finished his third year at University of Pennsylvania Dental School, accepted an Air Force scholarship and will start his career in a USAF hospital residency program. Daughter Robyn, 23, graduated from Bucknell, teaches freshman biology in Dundalk and lives near Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Keith, 20, is to start his junior year at Gettysburg this fall.

**Patrick Fleeharty** and wife **Lisa Renshaw** got a plateful of tectonics when they vacationed in Iceland. Last summer Pat made a three-month motorcycle camping trip to Sturgis, S.D. for the national Harley rally. In the fall, he had his first bike accident fracturing his coccyx and left ankle. He and Lisa are lay ministers and choir members at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis. Pat sang in a jazz mass at a nearby church. They had a German foreign exchange student, Berenic Wendt, stay with them

for an entire school year. Older son Sean completed his rookie year as a firefighter/EMT in Norfolk, Va. Sean and wife Lisa have a baby daughter. Son Dave is a chef in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., and his wife Marcy teaches Yoga. They have kindergarten-entering Avery.

**Jim Godown's** family has "headed over the hill" from Springfield, Mo. They have two in Colorado and one in California. A fire broke out at their house when no one was home. A neighbor alerted the fire department but it took eight months to rebuild.

No longer in the army, **John W. Haker** is an operations research analyst in the chemical demilitarization program at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. Wife Bonnie became director of nursing at Brighittle Assisted Living in Bel Air. They've recently traveled to Germany, Poland, Switzerland, Italy, plus Georgia and Arizona following daughters who are army officers. Their son is working in the restaurant business. John encourages donations to the **21L George Williams '86** Scholarship Fund. George died in the '88 Lockebrie terrorist bombing of Pan Am 103.

**Katherine M. James** is a hospice chaplain for Hospice of the Chesapeake in Anne Arundel County, Md. Kathy says that it is unlike any job she has ever done. "I thoroughly love the work I am doing with dying patients." Son James was to graduate from Maryland Institute College of Art in May.

**Nancy Cole Jerardi** with husband Joe went back to Homecoming and "no one even knew who the Green Terror was!" Times have changed for them. Joe retired from York Hospital in York, Pa. Nancy left Contact, a 24-hour crisis help line, when she was diagnosed with MS. She's doing social work part time in order to have "more me time." Daughter Karen graduates from Penn State and then plans to go to Pittsburgh Medical School.

Now part owner of Normandeau Associates, an environmental consulting firm he's been with for 24 years, **Pete Kinner** spent a week in Utah fly-fishing. Wife **Betsy Horton** is an elementary school librarian. Daughter Amy received her MS in public health and works for EPA. Son David and his wife live in Boulder, Colo.

**Ira Klemoms** and wife Janet continue treating patients for persistent headaches and facial pain. Daughter Stephanie, 19, has a dual major in genetics and dance. Son Adam, 11, is majoring in baseball.

Change has come to **Gaye Meekins** with the death of her mother. Gaye has a career in real estate in the Annapolis, Md. area and a web page, Goldenhomes.net.

**Nancy Higdon Morgan** and **Richard** sent their youngest, Dan, off to University of Maryland this fall. Daughter Sara received her master's in public health, got married, and moved to Northern Virginia where their oldest, Todd, is a software developer. Nancy is a nursery school teacher. The

"typewriter" business has evolved into a computer systems integration company specializing in digital voice recording. Dick added that he's graduating from being the local high school PTA president for the last 10 years.

"Continuity, not change, seems to mark" **Robert Outman-Conan's** life. This year marks the 28th anniversary of his ordination, 24 years of living in Rockland, Mass., his 20th wedding anniversary, and seven years as the priest at St. John's Episcopal Church in nearby Holbrook. Son Jonathan is 17 and Christopher is 15.

Change entered **Judy Eiserold Parks'** life. Two years ago, she and Tom '67 moved to a new home in Woodbridge, Md. Judy has been in charge of staff at South Carroll High in Carroll County for the last two years. Their son and daughter both got married. Tom has a shorter commute to Frederick, Md. working for Bechtel Corp. since 1970. Judy and Tom celebrated their 33rd anniversary.

**Linda Newton Reid** and husband Jack are grandparents. Daughter Lara and husband Dana are looking for new experiences in the western U.S. as Lara plans to attend grad school for biology. Their son Jonathan married Mary Norwood, mother of Hunter, 3. Hunter now has baby sister Kade Alexandria.

**Ray Simpson** took a winter cruise on Holland America's Volendam. He was scheduled to cruise this April on Carnival's Holiday with a visit to the Mayan Pyramids during a day trip to Cozumel.

Still in Florida, **Robin Siver Snyder** runs a house painting business. She went to Israel last year and Egypt last April. Robin's been studying voice, performing for a few years and hopes "to get into opera."

Finally responding, **Aane Read Ward** works part time as a staff development educator at Cheshire Medical Center in Keene, N.H. **Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro '70** and **Gary Shapiro** work there too. Husband **Mike '88** retired from the army and is employed by Keene State College. In Atlanta, son Jeff, 30, can be found in the scenery shop at Turner Broadcasting. Sarah, 27, is at home working while she decides where to pursue her PhD. Katherine, 21, attends Keene State.

**Linda Osborn White** is now a grand-mother to Samuel. She continues operating her business, Village Designs. The new father, her son Jay, has a company called Baltimore Research Agency in Atlanta, Ga. Son Matthew resides in Federal Hill, Baltimore.

In the last two years Bill and I have been to Santa Fe, Nashville, Ft. Lauderdale, Montreal, Berlin and Brussels. He's bought another car over the Internet, but this time had to have it shipped from California. Retiring after almost 33 years from Baltimore City, I was hired by Baltimore County and am still a high-school English teacher. My first full day of teaching at Milford Mill High was 9/11, because we had just come back into

the country the previous day. I am now teaching with instructors who I knew as students. Son Rob, at Abilities Network in College Park, Md., matches the disabled to potential private sector jobs. Mike is finishing up at Towson University with a double major in psychology and philosophy.

Bye for the next two years, **Brenda Chayot Morstein** 11986 Route 144 Ellicott City, MD 21042-1044 calmone@aolis.com

**1975** Wow! What a response. Thank you. As always, it's great to hear from everyone.

**Tara Auxt Bauger** continues to enjoy her family and life in Gettysburg, but hopes to get back into academics some day soon. In the meantime, she has been working on a pomology textbook.

**Karin Bem** wrote that she works in a wonderful spot, 40 minutes from San Francisco. She agrees with Luther Burbank that it's "Gus's Chosen Place," but curses him and his hybrids when pollen season hits. While thinking of a few little known facts about herself for an office party, she found herself flitting back to the class musical, *Something about Nemo*. She then less frighteningly thought, "He is moving a good deal of her trial practice into mediation, where she can help folks quickly solve their problems. She is enjoying the role and challenge as much as the loved being in a courtroom, but she gets more immediate gratification and a lot better sleep at night. At home, she is surrounded by son Gus and his bevy of 12-year-old basketball, baseball, pool, ping-pong playing friends, an underfoot dog, a new house to maintain, and more walls to fill with her increasing painting passion. She is still writing and playing music (now joined by the band's offspring and their instruments—equally astonishing and scary); still does a bit of skiing and lots of Pacific Ocean hiking and camping. Two or three times a year, she returns to Delaware and has even taken an alma mater with Gus, who's hooked, which case, Karin will have to continue her shadowing of The Boys of Summer, happy ever after).

The girls are keeping Cheryl and advanced to level 7 in gymnastics and Amanda, 11, finished tied for second place in her sixth-grade basketball division, which was coached by "dad." Charlie then moved onto softball. Plans were to spend spring break in Cabo San Lucas—just to sit and relax in the warm sun, without pick-ups or drop-offs... After 22 years in the pharmaceutical industry, **Douglas W. Bitz** recently "retired" to pursue independent consulting, travel, and working on his house. Prior to Sept. 11, he had made

lengthy trips to Russia, Finland, Spain, and Portugal. He's looking forward to the Paris and Australia trips he has planned for late 2002.

Things continue to be about the same for **Bob Cullison**. He is still the principal of Carroll County's Alternative School. A new building for his school is under construction and should be occupied in the 2003-04 school year. In 2001, his school was named a National Service Learning Leader School because of all the services they integrated into the daily instructional program. Bob's wife, Susan, still works at the college. His daughter, **Chris '04**, is a sophomore. His son, **Eric '01**, has moved into his own place and continues to work for Barnes and Noble.

Life also hasn't changed much for **John Campbell '76** and **Fred DiBlasio**. Fred continues to teach at the University of Maryland and counsel part-time. The topic of "forgiveness" is still his major focus. Both John and Fred are very involved in serving God in their church, community, and home. Jean is in her 11th year of home educating their children. Andrew, 21, is a junior at Towson, majoring in communication studies. Kristen, 18, graduated early and is finishing her freshman year at Anne Arundel Community College and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). Kristian plans to attend UMBC full time in the fall.

**Jack Mansberger** left his surgical practice in Georgia to open a new Integrative Medicine Center. He has a passion for alternative healing methods and has been studying acupuncture for several years.

majoring in social work ("in spite of having two social workers for parents"). Michael, 16, is finishing his sophomore year and working on getting his driver's license.

**Russell Faulkner** invited everyone to come and see him at Mercer's Carpet One-located a stone's throw (for a Superman) from the College.

Lots of changes for **Sharon Hobbs Fisher**. She is now experiencing empty-nest syndrome since both her children moved out at the same time. Eric is an engineer at Lucent, and Courtney is a pediatric nurse at Sinai Hospital. Sharon is still teaching third grade—she had to take off for two months after she broke her knee. Robert continues to be an inspector at the Department of Agriculture.

**Linda Jean Beam Giraudin** reports

that she is tragically re-singled after 11 months of marriage. She is returning to "Giraudio" because of the four children's names. She writes that God is gracious and Multiple Sclerosis is an adventure—she has been having good and bad days for 22 years now.

Life is good in San Antonio writes **Linda Spence Guess**. She lucked into a great teaching job in 2002, working with small groups of at-risk ninth-graders in a variety of subjects. Jeric becomes eligible for Civil Service retirement in another year (so he's happy). Katherine, 20, is a junior at Maryville College in Tennessee. James, 17, is a high-school senior. Both children are healthy and doing well—Linda can't ask for anything more.

2001 was a year of huge changes for **Sally Dixon Haley**. She got divorced, sold one house and bought another, became the single parent of Molly, 16, and Philomina, 13, started a private homeopathy practice in a new home-based office, and began a half-time position in psychiatry in Tognus VA Hospital in Maine.

**Nan Marie Hamberger** had the honor of representing Alvernia College, where she has been an associate professor of education for the past 11 years, at the inauguration of the College's eighth president, Dr. Joan Develin Coley. Nan enjoys teaching graduate and undergraduate courses at Alvernia; she also serves on numerous committees. Her teaching and research interests include literacy development, especially in urban schools, and multicultural education. In 2001, she visited Cuba with a group of graduate students and faculty.

Having an exciting year, **Bette Gemma Jarcewski** and her family planned to vacation in Hawaii in June 2002. Christine graduated from high school this year and plans to attend Gettysburg College in the fall. Beth will be a high-school junior. Larry and Bette can't wait to retire after teaching for a collective 59 years.

**Karen Farina Kohn** writes that her entire family spent a wonderful 14 days in Europe last summer. Son David's team was playing in Scotland, so **Joel 74**, David, and Karen flew to Glasgow where they had a great time watching soccer and touring some beautiful towns. They also spent lots of time in the city of Glasgow, where their daughter **Dani '01** met up with them. Dani had spent a fabulous spring semester in Seville. In May '01, Dani flew home to graduate, then headed back to Europe to backpack for a month. Jennifer, 24, also met them in Scotland. This is Karen's 26th year of teaching ESOL, but it's her 17th year of teaching. She finds it a pleasure and very rewarding to watch students who don't speak, read, or write a word of English soak up the language like sponges. Although she doesn't have a lot of time for herself, she does unwind by taking weekly tap dancing lessons. Recently, she had a chance to "show off" at her school tal-

ent show, dancing to *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*. Her colleagues and all her students were impressed that she knew how to do something other than talk, and she was grateful that she got through the number without falling off the stage or flat on her face! (She

*From time to time, Jack Tracy gets up to the beach to do some sand sculpture and was invited to several international exhibitions*

remembers having similar sentiments as a dancing penguin in the junior fliers.)

**Sheri Schaecker 78** and **Felix Licari** are still in Houston, doing fine. Nick, 16, is playing high school competitive club soccer and is starting to think about colleges. Matt, 12, is also playing soccer and has started playing guitar. He got a Fender Strat for Christmas and is playing rock-and-roll. Felix says: "Who knows, he might be the next Interstate 13." \* Felix also reported that age finally caught up with him—the recently underwent emergency surgery to have his gall bladder removed. On the other hand, the day he spent jamming with Richard Tucker was great.

**John Linton** has a new job as director of risk management for Cornerstone Real Estate Advisers, Inc. in Hartford, Conn. She traveled to Greece in June 2001 for two weeks. This was her second visit but she saw some new places. Her itinerary included Rhodes, Crete, Kos, and Athens. Judy plans to celebrate her "big birthday" in 2003 with a big trip.

Having very little contact with the College over the past 25 years, **Richard Loper** finds himself there quite a bit now that two of his six children are currently enrolled at the school.

**Jan '03** is a junior and **Jan '05** is a freshman. Richard continues to live in a 250-year-old log cabin, while employed as a social worker in Westminster. After spending his free time for the past 10 years coaching lacrosse, he recently was hired by Human Kinetics to work on their new coaching lacrosse book, scheduled for publication in 2002.

In 2001, **Jack Mansberger** left his surgical practice in Georgia to open a new Integrative Medicine Center. He has a passion for alternative healing methods and has been studying acupuncture for several years. The center has been a huge success and the Mansbergers have been surprised and thrilled with the overwhelming public response to it. Their oldest son, Will, 19, is studying recording arts in Florida after home schooling for many years. Their youngest son,

Luke, 15, is also home schooled and is in the ninth grade. Shelley is the home school teacher, and writes that she is still thrilled and delighted to be married for 26 years to the most wonderful man on earth.

**Jay Markanich** writes that he is still busy with two children in college and two at home. His health is excellent and he is working towards retirement by age 50. Currently in Virginia, his future plans may include heading south, perhaps as far as Florida.

**Mark 'Pearl' Metzger** reports that he and his family are status quo, just older. His girls, JoHanna and Emily, are now 8 and 4. Their restaurant, The Tabernaacle Inn, is thriving. Mark has become a lobbyist for the New Jersey Restaurant Association and takes frequent trips to Washington, D.C., and Trenton on behalf of the industry. His wife, Janine, is about to publish a children's CD of original kids' songs. Mark (at age 48) is still playing basketball.

**Laura Lane** and **Jeff Middleton** reported going through some difficult times. Flooding forced Jeff into temporary office space for four months. Additionally, Laura's mother passed away after a long illness and Laura found herself dealing with health issues in mid-April. But, she goes on to write, their boys continue to be a source of joy. David is finishing up his first year at Georgia Tech in Atlanta in mechanical engineering. He loves it but Laura misses him. Scott is finishing his junior year in high school and played football (backup quarterback) and baseball (relief pitcher). He has been visiting colleges in his spare time.

**Roberta Tall Morton** is still teaching preschool and is still taking kids back and forth to track meets and baseball games. Their son, Tim, was expected June to graduate from high school in June and needed to choose between Harvard and Duke by May 1. Their daughter, Rebecca, is a freshman in high school and their daughter, Deborah, is a junior at Harvard.

**Vernon Munster** is presently the athletic director at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind. On Oct. 13, 2001, he was inducted to the Drew University Athletic Hall of Fame as a soccer coach/athletic director. Vernon worked at Drew in Madison, N.J. for 17 years before moving to Yavapai Junior College in Arizona. His wife, Susan, is substitute teacher. Lauren, 15, Megan, 12, and Matthew, 9, are growing fast. Lauren is a dancer and plays volleyball and tennis. Megan's team was the 12-and-under Indiana State Cup soccer champions.

Cherishing the memories, **Ron Pleasanton** sends his best wishes. He is still teaching at Delaware Tech, where he is the department chair for visual communications. His son, Matt, is a junior at the University of Delaware. Megan was to graduate high school in June 2002, and Erin was completing her freshman year at Smyrna High.

**Bob Ramsdell** continues to practice law in a five-attorney firm in

Lawrence, Kan., with a focus on civil litigation. He broke free last summer to go on a two-week mountain backpacking trek with Stephen at Philmont Rocky Mountain Scout Camp. **Leslie Williams '78** stays very busy home schooling Stephen. Erin graduated from high school in June 2001. They home schooled her from kindergarten through 12. Erin has done well in her freshman year at Trinity International University (in Deerfield—northwest of Chicago). Stephen, 16, is in the 10th grade. He is trowing over Bob a 6-foot-3-inches and 205 pounds. He played eight-man football with Olathe Christian School last fall. The team did quite well, won the Kansas Christian Athletic Association championship, and were invited to the National Association of Christian Athletes tournament in Dayton, Tenn.—and won.

**Randall 'Randy' Richards**, who reports that he is doing very well, was expected to graduate from the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine on May 26, 2002. His plans included a residency in internal medicine and pediatrics (a four-year combined program) at East Carolina University in Greenville, requiring a move in early June. Randy visited the Hill in January 2002 and thinks the new science building is great!

**Craig W. Stone, DDS**, has been an emergency room clinical instructor at the University of Maryland-Baltimore College of Dental Surgery since 1997. He is married to Theresa and has a son, Craig Jr., 2. He also has a private practice, has been named to *Who's Who*, and has received numerous awards. His future plans include family, early retirement, and travel, which coincide with his hobbies—private plane, family, and travel. Craig says life is good and he hates to work.

**Bill '74** and **Linda McHale Thomas** are staying busy in lots of different ways just keeping tabs on their children. Their oldest son, BJ, 23, is living and working in Annapolis. **Joy '01**, 21, graduated last year and is working in D.C. and Westminster in theater and the arts. **Julie '04**, 20, is a sophomore at WMC, majoring in art/ deaf education. Joshua, 16, is a sophomore in high school. Jordan, 12, is a sixth-grader. And, the Lord blessed the Thomases' with Jacob in December 2000. Linda writes that celebrating their 25th anniversary and the birth of their son in the same year was wonderful; and that Jacob has brought much love and joy to their home. It is a delight to watch him with his brothers and sisters—they can barely remember life without him.

**Jack Tracy** reports that this is a big year for them. Their daughter, Jessi Lauren, was to graduate from Duke in May. Their son, Jason, a class of 2000 Duke graduate, works for the Wheelhouse, a production company headed by screenwriter, director, producer Randall Wallace. Jason planned to wed in August at the Hotel Bel-Air in Beverly Hills. Jack anticipated quite a source. Jan and Jack are enjoying life

on the Isle of Palms, Jack's advertising agency continues to roll along and he has taken on some new projects as a media consultant for the local NBC affiliate and Comcast Cable. He still handles and creates all the advertising for about 10 small local businesses and coaches 11-12-year-old girls' basketball. In addition, from time to time, he gets up to the beach to do some sand sculpture and was invited to several international exhibitions—one in Spain and another in Belgium (but didn't go). Jack writes that he still doesn't travel much and has no passport. He continues to keep in touch regularly with **Steve Browney** and **Bruce Moler**, and hears from **Bobby Cahill '76**, **Hank Mills** and **John Feldman '76** once in a while. Jack also hopes that as his classmates create ever nearer to the big "5-0" that each is enjoying good health and fun times, whenever possible.

**Kathy Hamilton '76** and **Tom Trzecie** still live in Monkton, Md. with their children, Greg, 19, and Meredith, 15. Tom is serving as general counsel and senior vice president of claims for an Internet-based commercial insurance division of XL Capital of Bermuda. Kathy's business, Absolutely Organized, a professional organizing service, is going swiftly. Tom is active in the Methodist church as a lay speaker and he and Kathy both sing with a contemporary worship group. Tom is looking forward to the annual golf outing at Myrtle Beach that includes fellow alums, **Chip Graber '73**, **Larry Schmidt**, **Mark Higdon**, **Steve Vaughan '76**, **Don Dulaney '74**, and **John Barnes '77**. Tom adds, with a nod to the geriatric group, they are including **Charlie Moore '71** this year.

**Roger Tristle** continues as the human resources field operations officer with Nationwide Insurance Company, where he has worked for 28 years. Tamara, very involved with Dog Agility and Portuguese Water Dog Water Competitions, has earned a water title and two legs of the Agility Dog title. She is looking for a second Portuguese Water Dog puppy. Their son, Shawn, continues as a designer and manager for Meadowbrook Gourds in Newville, Pa. Daughter Amanda had plans to be married in April 2002 and has been working as a fluvial geomorphologist in Harrisburg, Pa.

**John Trumbo** is writing poetry and prose and traveling. He spent five months in Spain, where he has a son, Sol, 19. He also has two daughters, ages 20 and 15. John adds that he's single and has been a Quaker for the past seven years.

**Bruce Walz** is associate professor and chair of the department of emergency health services at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. In July, he published his first book, *Introduction to EMS Systems*. Bruce is still single and enjoying his new home in Mount Airy, Md. He likes woodworking and sailing as well as volunteering as a paramedic with the local fire department (although after 32 years,

he is "semi-retired" from his fire department involvement).

**Suzi Windemuth** writes that things in New York City are surging forward with renewed energy in all sectors. September 11 events clearly brought a new purpose to everything they do there. She is still the executive director of the Neurological Institute at Columbia University—four years of hard work and great fun. They have a new university president and a new dean of the medical school...so new plans abound. They are building a new neuroscience institute (two 450,000 square-foot buildings for clinical and laboratory research), which is scheduled for completion in five years.

**Janet Zimmerman** and **Bob '73 Wolff** are doing well. They are slowly adjusting to both girls being away at college. Jessica was to graduate from Wake Forest in May, and is looking into graduate school to study optics. Emily is a freshman at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va.

Pat and I are loving life in Florida. Pat continues to work for bd Systems and is involved with the commercialization of space vehicle launches. I'm still working as a librarian on the University of Central Florida campus in Cocoa. We had a great 50th anniversary celebration for my folks and enjoyed watching my cousin, Hunter, on *Survivor Marquesas*. We finally got Bailey a playmate. Brandi is a ram-lunatic golden retriever/lab mix, who should be a really great dog on about three or four years. Marc and Pam still live in northern Virginia and get down to see the old folks every now and then. I continue to enjoy good health (cancer-free for more than two years) and love hearing from you. Feel free to write or e-mail any time. Our next reunion is two years down the road. Until then...wishing good things for all y'all.

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Hey, where is everybody? We had our 20th Reunion last year and there were only about 25 of us there. Now it is time for us to update each other with our news and hardly anyone responded. I know we are getting old but we aren't there yet! **Mildred Artis Alexander** was at the reunion and she had a great time. She is still in Catonsville, Md. and still madly in love with her husband **Michael '80**. She still works for the State Department but looks forward to doing more traveling. She has gotten into scrapbooking and is busy getting all her photos together.

Things are finally looking up for **Jane Carstensen**. The last couple of years have been harried for her going in and out of the hospital and having to make several moves. She has landed and is getting set to look for work again.

After nine years of commuting to New York City to go to work every day, **Nancy Casey** has decided to stay put in Potomac, Md. Her four children keep her amazed. Nancy has assumed care of her sister who is stricken with MS.

**Anita Crouse Stonebraker** keeps busy with her family full of music. Gareth, 14, is a freshman and plays trumpet in the Trojan Marching Band and is busy traveling from Disney World to NYC marching in parades. Gabriel, 12, is in 7th grade and plays drums and sings tenor in the adult choir at Covenant United Methodist Church where mom sings soprano and dad bass. Annelise, 10, and Laurie, 5, are taking piano lessons. Annelise plays clarinet and is in the 2002 North County Honors Chorus. Both girls sing in the choirs at church and Anita is the director of the choir.

**Lucille "Luanne" Leatherman Froberthausen** is trying to retire so she and Bob can spend more time at their "Oasis," North Hutchinson Island in Florida. She is still doing social work consulting with families who have persons with disabilities. And of course she is still the RN in the health suite at the College. The thing she loves the most, though, is taking care of her grandchildren.

**Alex Gurus Jr.** is very proud of his talented soccer-playing sons, Cooper, 6, and Owen, 4. He is excited that his wife is planning to run the Baltimore marathon. She is a freelance interior design/space planner. Alex teaches children with autism at Catonsville Middle School. He has been selected for a Fulbright Teacher Exchange and they are waiting to hear if they are going to the UK, Finland or Canada next year.

**Mary Beth Gibbons McCullough** is still living on the Eastern Shore with her family. She recently became a certified aerobics and kickboxing instructor. She is hoping to run her fourth marathon this fall. When she isn't being physical, she helps to run her husband's home business of environmental consulting, Sustainable Science.

**Louise Herrera Scalz** is still in Carroll County living with her family in Taylorsville. This is her third year as a stay-at-home mom which is a big task keeping her family organized. Her husband, **Michael '85**, is a behavior specialist for Carroll County Schools and is teaching some graduate classes at the College.

**Laurie Morstein-Rovin** loves living in Greenville, S.C. She has a great job as the director of the United Way of Greenville County's Success by 6. Her two children, Daniel, 13, and Hannah, 10, are very musical.

**Mary Morningstar** missed the reunion last year but she had a mini-reunion with lots of her old friends from WMC. She is the in-house counsel for Lockheed Martin Corp. and her husband, Wilder Leavitt, does international property law for a firm in D.C.

**Maggie Mules Herman** is still in

Minnesota. She keeps in touch with some college friends, too. Her son, Bridger, 6, is in kindergarten.

**Scott Kallins** went skiing with **Steve Aaroff** and **Wade Heck** and he says they still can't ski worth a darn!

**Pam Owen Leone** is in Ft. Worth, Texas and is still flying for American Airlines. Things are getting back to normal after 9/11. She still loves being up in the sky.

**Lisa Potocki Brown** has been working for Social Security Administration in Woodlawn, Md. since 1982. She is a computer specialist at the National Computer Center. She has divorced from her high school sweetheart but her family is well and getting bigger all the time. She is living in Catonsville, Md.

**Regan Smith** is busy chasing his kids and coaching his son's lacrosse team. He himself has gotten back to playing

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lacrosse in the Masters and Grandmasters Division. He keeps in touch with lots of old schoolmates. If anyone is in Ocean City look him up, stop in and say hello.

**Dawn Sweeney Lindsay** made it to the reunion last year, all the way from California. She just built a new home and is busy decorating. Her son is 13 years old. She is still working at Saddlebrook College in an administrative role. She is looking forward to the next excuse to fly back east.

**Jeff Vinson** couldn't make the reunion because May is when he goes to Cancun. Northrop Grumman has moved him to Rolling Meadows, Ill. where he is a business manager. He and his girlfriend/fiancée Vicki moved in September 2001. Jeff says "Go Terror" and "Keep the Name."

**Ann Sowers Zimmerman**, her husband Walt, and her two sons, Kyle, 6, and Jared, 3, are in York, Pa. She helps her husband in his chiropractic office and keeps busy volunteering in her son's school and in the community.

**Rachel Kefauver Mann** is still in University Park, Md. She is working hard as a professional assistant to a partner in a big downtown law firm. Her husband **Corey Mann '82** is teaching science and is busy coaching wrestling and soccer and organizing middle school dances. Her son, Richard, 15, will have dad for chemistry next year. Her "little boy" is now taller than both mom and dad and is the wrestling team's heavyweight and an imposing soccer goalkeeper. It is time to start thinking about colleges for him. He may end up at McDaniel.

**Jill Kortvelsky Menicken** had a great time at the reunion. She gave

her two children, Katy, 8, and William, 5, the grand tour of the Hill; she too is planting the seeds early. (If anyone goes to the Web site for the college, Jill's children are pictured there. I bet you can figure out which two they are.) Her husband, Thomas, started his own business last year. He sets up educational internships for European students who want to work in New York and the U.S. Jill is still working four days a week in the staffing business at a company called Forrest Edwards Group in Manhattan. Jill writes about 9/11. "I was 'trapped' in Manhattan on Sept. 11th during the attacks since they closed off the city and we couldn't get out till afternoon. We literally watched the towers burning and heard the military flying overhead—very frightening being so close to a war zone. Thankfully my family is well and my friends. No one talked about anything but 9/11 for weeks and it just didn't seem important to talk about anything else—especially business. I came back to the city two days later and made myself get over the fear. Each day got a little bit easier. The sound of sirens and low flying aircraft still gives me the chills."

**Jane Mills Hentz** has decided to take a year off of work and do some of the fun things in life that you never have time for. She is fulfilling one of her dreams, she is taking piano lessons! She is also writing screenplays. She promises to still remember us all when she gets famous in Hollywood!

Our prayers are with **Mary Hoyle Gottlieb** as her husband Noel battles cancer.

**Phyllis McMahon Christopher** is living in the Baltimore area. She has started her own environmental consulting business.

**Brett Schurmann** is living in Catonsville. His daughters Erin, 17, and Lianne, 14, live nearby with their mother.

The last address we had for **Seth Prager** was for Indonesia. Anyone know where he is?

**Joe Della Badia's** information card came back undeliverable too. Oh where oh where can Joe be?

**Nancy Marlowe Merritt** was to finally graduate (again) from the College with a master's in counseling.

**Bernie** continues to do well as a partner at Qorvis Communications in Washington, D.C. They moved to Clarksville, Md. last year and really enjoy their new home. The children, Caitlin, 14, and Casey, 10, are growing faster than Nancy would like but they are doing great. She too wants to know where everyone has disappeared? Nancy and I had a great time at the reunion in May 2001. It was good to see everyone who was there.

Our party turned out to be the happening place. Once we unplugged the lights, turned on the Disco Ball and bubble machine, all of the dancers arrived. It was great spending time reminiscing about the good old days.

As for me, I am busy with my own

group practice, **Menschner & Associates** Counseling Services. The office is located in the Finkburg Plaza. I have four therapists and a psychiatrist working for me. I stay very involved in Carroll County and an busy organizing lots of community events. Many people have been asking me, both alumni and community folks, what do I think about them changing the name of the college? My answer to them has been simple, it doesn't matter what the official name of the school is, it will always be WMC to me.

Keep safe, healthy and happy. Keep in touch with either one of us.

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# 1987

This past May, we celebrated 15 years since graduating from WMC. So, just for fun, I asked our classmates to report not only on their current news, but also on what they did during the summer of 1987. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the column, and a special thank you to those of you who indulged me and provided a look back to that long-ago summer.

**Sandra Brant Alvey** celebrates 15 years of marriage this year! She and **Alan '85** were married before Sandra graduated so she spent the summer of 1987 as a newwed and an officer at Ordnance Officer Basic. Sandra and Alan, who thankfully survived being at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, have three children—Douglas, 12, Gregory, 9, and Samantha, 5. Sandy is finishing Command and General Staff College and is looking forward to the LTC promotion badge—she has six years with the Army Environmental Center. The Alveys continue to vacation in great places like Lake Tahoe, San Francisco, and Las Vegas.

**Liz Fox Beaulieu** worked for Merrill Lynch in the summer of 1987, but only until heading off to graduate school at Boston College in September. Having resigned from her teaching job last June, Liz is currently at home with Madeleine, 4, and Jack, 3. She and husband Tim are planning a third adoption. Up in Durham, N.H., Liz doesn't run into many alumni, but

**James "Bill" Embrey** is a former Navy SEAL and is currently an instructor for the Secret Service.

she does keep in touch with her Phi Sigma sisters.

**Bill and Stephanie Wagner Brewster** live in Hampstead, Md., where Bill sells pharmaceuticals for Bristol-Myers Squibb. Stephanie switched careers from banking to teaching and now works at the Montessori School of Westminster where daughter, Sarah, just finished third grade. Sarah's sister, Kate, 3, will begin preschool this in the fall. The Brewsters see many alumni on a regular basis and also enjoy their annual vacations together.

Since graduation, **Ken Brignall** has enjoyed a career in institutional sales. He works for Pharmacia Corp. selling pharmaceuticals to Baltimore area hospitals like Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland, and many others. He writes that his greatest achievement is his happy marriage to his wife, Jeanne, and raising his two boys, Kyle and Chris.

**Margo Engle Burns** now lives in Chicago and hopes to see many College friends in Ocean City, N.J., where she and her family will spend June, July, and August.

**Dennis DeMatte Jr.'s** summers are spent sailing the Chesapeake aboard the "Shearwater" with his wife, **Lori Perugini '81**, and daughter Kelsey, 4, and hosting the annual DeMatte party where they see many College friends. Fifteen years ago in the summer of '87, Dennis worked on the 1st District New Jersey legislative race. Currently, he is coaching a swim team and working for the Improvement Authority.

**James "Bill" Embrey** is a former Navy SEAL and is currently an instructor for the Secret Service. Earlier this year, he celebrated his 12th anniversary with wife, Victoria, who is a teacher. They have two children, James Alexander, 9, and Elizabeth Grace, 6, and enjoy living in southern Maryland.

**Wendy Haug Ensz** spends as much time as possible with her family—husband Don and sons Corey, 9, and Dylan, 7. She lives living in Sioux Falls, S.D., and enjoys her involvement in the boys' school activities. Wendy has found both her jobs, as an early childhood music educator and the co-director of a Kindermusik program, very rewarding. In the summer of '87, Wendy worked as a camp counselor.

**Holly Morgan Frye** is still living in beautiful Shepherdstown, W. Va., with her husband, Jim, and children Trey, 10, and Donovan, 18 months. She continues to be the director of student community services at Shepherd College and is still working on the renovation of her family farm house, circa 1865.

**Michelle Lawyer Gribben** is still teaching finite math and pre-calculus at the College. She and her husband, Scott, are very active with the senior high youth group at their church. Their daughter, Amy, 12, enjoys playing the piano and flute, and son, David, 9, loves baseball. Michelle's summer of '87 was spent lifeguarding

**Steven Johnson** is now the director of curriculum for Carroll County Public Schools.

and coaching the WRC swim team to the division championships before he headed off to graduate school at UMBC.

In June '01, **David Grodnick** and wife Lori bought a house in Lawrenceville, N.J., and immediately began renovations. They finished most of the interior updates in time for the birth of their daughter, Sloane Caroline, on Oct. 26, 2001. Dave is currently the vice-president and in-house counsel for General Land Abstract Company in Princeton, the largest title insurance agency in New Jersey. Back in January, he had a great time at the Super Bowl in New Orleans, watching the game from sky box seats with **Eric Hummel '88, John Chessock '88, and John Giza '88**.

Last October, **Lori Ann Hayman** traveled to Vietnam to pick up her new daughter, Alexa, born June 6, 2001, from an orphanage in Hanoi. Despite an extra week spent in terror in Ho Chi Minh City as the INS suddenly chose to investigate Vietnamese adoptions—and possibly deny Alexa her Visa—the story had a happy ending. Alexa is now becoming a proud American!

**Laura Ahalt Heck** and her family—husband Drew '86 and sons Corey and Logan—love their 2-year-old home in Mt. Airy. Laura, who is in her 14th year of teaching, is the family cheerleader, cheering on Corey (fifth grade) and Logan (first grade) and Drew, who coaches the boys' soccer, basketball and baseball teams. Drew currently works for the Westminster Union Bank in Westminster. When not in Mt. Airy, the Hecks enjoy spending time at their family home in Chestertown, hosting College friends.

**Loe Holmes** and his wife, **Trish Feaga '84** are busy with their four children, ages 11, 9, 5, and 3. Trish still has her own tax business and Lee is the controller for a German-owned distribution company that sells equipment for measuring the color, appearance, and physical properties of primarily paint and plastics. Lee, who is still in the Army Reserves, was recently promoted to major. He is in the training unit at Ft. Meade, Md.

**Steven Johnson** is now the director of curriculum for Carroll County Public Schools. He, his wife, Maritere, and their three children, are moving in August to a newly built home in the Westminster area.

Working part time works best for **Susan Pinto Keen**, who is a CPA/accounting manager in public accounting, specializing in the medical area. Her schedule allows her to keep up with what's going on in the

accounting field, but also lets her be home most days with her three children, Bradley, 7, and twins Lindsay and Abby, 6. She and her husband, Rick, are very excited to be building another home.

Paris, France is home for **Melissa Durlay Kreis**. She and her husband, John, have two daughters—Julia, 2, who was born when they lived in Canberra, Australia, and Léa, who was born in Paris this past March. Melissa's family had a wonderful visit from **MaryBeth Angus Taylor** in the spring of 2001, and also saw **Ferren Demore Bolesla** and **Julie Bugg Maher** last summer.

**Theresa LaMotte** has her own personal training/fitness consulting business called First Step Fitness—she also teaches health/human sexuality classes at Carroll Community College. Theresa, who completed her master's degree in human resource development from Towson, lives in Catonsville with her husband, Steve Perdue, and their two daughters, Taylor, 6, and Rylee, 3.

Back in 1987, **Kim O'Dea Landgraf** had no idea that 15 years later she and husband, **Eric**, would be married for 12 years and have four beautiful children! The Landgrafs live in Haddonfield, N.J. Eric is an insurance agent with the Calhoun Agency in town, while Kim is a homemaker and child-care provider. Over the holidays, they visited with Bob and **Ferren DeMoro Bolesla**, and Ed and **Julie Bugg Maher** at the Maher's new home.

**Lynn Fongmeyer Lang** is happy living near her parents in Woodwood—coincidentally, right across the street from **Chris Ginther's** parents. Her children, Matthew and Maggie, see their cousins, Jack, Ryan, and Jenna (Bob and **Leigh Fier '88 Fongmeyer's** children) often. Lynn, who celebrated five years of marriage last December, has spent most this year doing volunteer and substitute work at her son's school. In the summer of '87, after recovering from Mono, Lynn started her first job at U.S. Catholic Office of Publications Services and also spent a lot of time with **Holly Morgan Frye** and **Leigh Fier Fongmeyer '88**.

**Luc Levensohn** was busy moving to Falls Church, Va., skateboarding and writing for *Lapper Magazine* in the summer of '87—he then started his first job doing telecon sales. Nowadays, Luc lives in Manchester, Mass., with his wife, Sara, and their two children, Philip, 5, and Emma, 3. He is the IT Director for Protk.com and an avid runner, having just completed his fourth Boston Marathon this year. Luc keeps in touch with **Kevin '86** and **Karen Scheidt Groner** and their family and hopes to see more of them over the summer.

Big news this year for **Steve Lutche!** He was named partner in his law firm, Gessner, Seab, Mahoney, and Lutche. His wife, **Lucy Purcell '86**, stays at home with their two children, Brigitte, 5, and Stevie, 2. Recent travels for the Lutches include the Dominican Republic with family and

the Outer Banks of North Carolina with some of Steve's fraternity brothers. The summer of '87 was not as eventful for Steve—he spent his time searching titles and anxiously awaiting law school.

**Ginger Mahle** is still teaching elementary school in Howard County. And, she's still flying. But, she did have to stop skydiving because of a landing incident. To keep busy in the summer, Ginger works with an air-show act that travels the country.

**Bill and Cynthia Schaler '88 Mann** now have three children—Annabelle Spencer Mann was born July 3, 2000. She joins her big sister Madeline and big brother Benjamin.

In the summer of '87, **Beth Friant Martzall** worked in the personnel department of a toy factory. Now, she's a stay-at-home mom (and a referee, as Beth writes), taking care of Ben, 5, Ashley, 2, and Nate, 1.

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**Greg Merrill** sold his company, HT Medical Systems, and is now pursuing new ventures, including running a sports car team that competes in the Speed Channel GT World Challenge—car #13, Porsche. He is now married to Claire and they have a son, born Aug. 14, 2001. Greg keeps in touch with a number of alumni, including **Aaron Zajac**, **Barry Goldmeier**, and **Mark Honick**, and **Miko** and **Suzanne Handowsky Hogan**.

**Margaret Miller** is living and working in the Seattle, Wash., area as the director of team development for a company called Zones, Inc. She and her fiancé, Rob, were married in Maryland on June 1, 2002. Margaret misses Dr. Julie Badier, but is grateful that she spent a lot of time with her in Maryland and Chicago before she passed away.

**Chris Morris** and his wife, Maureen, have two children, Ben, 5, and Madeleine, 2, and live in Reisterstown. A development manager for Heritage Properties in Towson, Chris finished the master of science in real estate program from Johns Hopkins this past spring. Maureen recently completed her Ph.D. in psychology through George Washington University—she is a psychologist with the Kennedy Krieger Institute of Baltimore. Chris is looking forward to the summer and spending more time with Bachelor fraternity brothers and their families.

Life is crazy busy for **Michael Murphy**, his wife, Allison, and their children, Amanda, 8, Caroline, 3, and Patrick, 8 months. They recently moved to Easton, Md. Michael still has his own business—now he just works a lot harder!

After nine years in Florida, the **Joe Nattans** family moved back to the Northeast and now live in York, Pa. Joe works for Centex Mortgage Company as an area manager, covering Maryland and Pennsylvania. His wife, Laura, and his children, Courtney, 4, and Andrew, 2, enjoy being closer to family and spending time with cousins and grandparents. Joe is looking forward to getting back to the Hill to watch some soccer and baseball games.

In the summer of 1987, **Ken Novotni** began the full-time job of running the business that he and his brother started in '86, Novotni Bros. Construction is a blacktop and concrete paving business. Ken married his wife, Karla, in 1990, and they have three daughters, Nina, 4, Natalie, 3, and Nadine, 1. In '98, the brothers bought seven acres of land and built a new shop for their business.

**Dawn Holman Pfaff** is living in Finksburg and has two active children, Alex, 4, and Maddie, 6. Dawn is still at Alex. Brown, where she has worked for 11 years. Last spring, the Pfaff family enjoyed a great trip to Mexico.

**Dan Pipes** lives in a 130-year-old farmhouse on 45 acres in northern Vermont. His land includes a stream, pond, fields, woods, and a large barn that houses 30 laying hens. Dan also raises chicken for meat, keeps beehives, grows a large vegetable garden, makes his own maple syrup, fishes in the summer, and enjoys bow hunting. Mary, Dan's wife of nine years, is an RN who stays home with their two daughters. The Pipes will begin home schooling for Hattie, 7, and Ellen, 4, this summer. Dan is a major, working in the Vermont Army National Guard.

**Amy Ratcliffe Prytula** and her husband, Glen, are experiencing the joys (and hassles) of new home and new pet ownership. In October '01, they bought a house in Venice, Fla., and in December, adopted a huge Maine Coon kitten named Oscar. Amy spent the summer of 1987 working at a temporary job, but that started an editing job with McGraw-Hill that fall.

**David Reith** is currently a business manager for communications systems at Northrop Grumman Corp. He and his wife, **Sharon Pierce Reith '88**, built a new home in Frederick County 2½ years ago after the birth of their son, Ben. They also have an older son, JD, who is 11, and a daughter, Jennifer, 8. David worked for Westinghouse in the summer of '87.

**Suzanne Brazis Rossi** just moved to Timonium to accommodate her growing family. She and husband, Chris, now have four children. Nick, 8, plays football and lacrosse for Cockeysville. Megan, 6, plays lacrosse and takes tap lessons. Son Jack, 3, is a Batman fan. Suzanne loves her job as a stay-at-home mom, but is planning to go back to school to get her teaching certificate. As busy as they are, the Rossis still find time to travel to such great places as the Cayman Islands, and

Marco Island, Fla. In the summer of '87, Suzanne worked at the College in admissions and also coached hockey.

In May, **Kate Sampall** finished her Ph.D. in American History at Georgetown University. She has accepted a position as an assistant professor of American studies at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey. Kate, who lives with her partner, John, and German Shepherd, Max, in Amherst, Mass., is currently in negotiations with two publishers regarding her dissertation. Additionally, a gallery in Soho is interested in her photography and she just got her second cover. Kate will be giving papers at both the Organization of American Historians (OAH) and African Studies Association (ASA) conferences.

On June 24, 2000, **Beverly Kreifer** married Charles Shaner, a ninth-grade earth science teacher. The newlyweds enjoyed a wonderful honeymoon in Barbados and also vacationed in Florida last year. Bev and Chuck are both active in church activities, including the choir and bell choir, and improvements to their townhouse in West Chester, Pa., are always in the works. Bev still works at Managed-Comp, where she's a Worker's Compensation Claims Adjuster. This summer, the Shaners plan to travel to Portland, Ore., and also take a 15-day tour of England and Scotland.

After eight years in Arkansas, **Pam Hamm Sherwood** and her family are now living in western Pennsylvania where her husband teaches at Westminster College. Pam's primary focus remains at home taking care of her family, but she does work part time as a technical writer for a science outreach program of Westminster College.

This past spring, **Julie-Ann Elliott Sikora** returned to work after a year off. She will be performing two shows, *Born Gaily* and *Peter and the Wolf*, at Theatre J in Washington, D.C. Both shows open at the end of May and run until July 14th. Her absence from the theatre was due to her pregnancy and the birth of fraternal twin boys, Nicholas and Cameron, born Aug. 24, 2001. **Laura King '86** has visited her a couple of times when she was in town and Julie-Ann was thrilled to meet Laura's beautiful daughter, Kate.

**Beth James Simmons** has a baby girl, Shimena Marie, who celebrated her first birthday on March 30, 2002. Husband Scott makes a great daddy and is very proud of Shimena! Currently living in the Seattle, Wash., area, Beth has been working part time as a psychotherapist since her return from maternity leave in June 2001.

In the summer of 1987, **Dave Stroud** worked as a lifeguard with the South Bethany Beach Patrol. After the summer was over, he started his service with the Army Signal Corps, where he has been ever since. He is now an operations officer of a Signal Battalion in Darmstadt, Germany. His greatest accomplishment, however, has been raising his two boys.

After graduation, **Nicolle Gaines**

Thompson enjoyed a 25-day tour of 13 European countries, returning just in time to begin the grad program in deaf education. In October 2000, Nicolle completed her first marathon as a racewalker in Dublin, Ireland, with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program. This past March, Nicolle added a kickboxing teaching certificate to her aerobics one. She is currently teaching second grade at Westtown Friends School in Pennsylvania. Her children, Jerry, 12, and Nicalla, 10, continue as competition tap-dancers.

**Kathy Mancini Williams** and husband, Steve, now have four children. Theodore "Teddy" was born on June 27, 2001. His siblings, Steven "Scooby," 6, Emily, 4, and Johnny, 3, are loving their new baby brother. Steve's vitreoretinal practice is quickly growing, keeping Kathy busy running the business end of the practice. She had a great time with a handful of hard-core Phi Alpha **Karen Scheidt Groner**, **Kari Gustafsen Makar '86**, **Tracy Kennard Irm**, and **MaryBeth Angus Taylor** during "Spring Break" in Ft. Lauderdale this past April and is looking forward to Homecoming '02.

After four years, **Todd** and **Anita Butler '88 Wolf** returned from Korea in June 2001, with their sons, Marshall and Owen. Although they enjoyed their time in Asia, the Wolfs are happy to be home in the States. Their current home is Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where Todd is attending the Command and General Staff Officer's course. Anita remains busy supporting the boys' school and sports efforts—flag football, soccer, and baseball. After a May '02 graduation, Todd will be assigned to the military's U.S. Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

**Jennifer Brashears Wuamett** and family have relocated to Austin, Texas. Jennifer accepted a transfer with Motorola to work as vice-president of patents and law director for a newly formed subsidiary. So far, they love Austin and the transition has been pretty smooth for sons Stephen, 12, who is in sixth grade, and Dylan, 3, who attends pre-school. After the move, the Wuametts added two new family members—a puppy for each of the boys!

This past year I survived another downsizing at AT&T and my husband, Ron, survived being 10 blocks from the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001. I have increased my Web-related job activities and now manage several internal AT&T Business Sales Web sites. My two boys, Christopher, 6, and Gregory, 3, are looking forward to our vacation in Lake George, N.Y., this summer. The entire Rex family will be there to celebrate my parents' 40th wedding anniversary. My summer of '87 was spent working in the Community Relations department of a local New Jersey hospital and making trips down to the Jersey shore. Thanks again to all contributors!

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## Weightlifter Defies Gravity and the Odds

BY LISA BRESLIN

**Darlene Cady '97** made a name for herself back in 1996, when as a 37-year-old undergraduate, she became the oldest female collegiate to capture the gold in an Olympic weightlifting competition.

The rules have changed (collegiate competitors must now be under 24 years old), but Cady has been pushing her academic life and her weightlifting career to new heights ever since.

Cady is now a physical education teacher at Wheaton High School. In 2001, she became the first

**"I see these students who have great athletic potential. They just need help finding the avenue to excel."**

—Darlene Cady '97

female certified club coach invited by USA Weightlifting, the national governing board for this Olympic sport, to participate in Junior Olympic Weightlifting Camp.

With that invitation, Cady and her husband, Mike, escorted eight youths to the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center. Darlene was assistant strength coach and Mike was the head coach and they honed the youths' weightlifting skills while introducing them to art athletes.

All this time, Darlene Cady wasn't far from the textbooks. In spring 2002, she graduated from University of Maryland with a master's degree in education and she has her sights set on her Ph.D.



**Darlene Cady is a champion weightlifter and coaches children to set weightlifting records of their own.**

NICOLLE MARTIN, COURTESY OF THE FREDERICK NEWSPOST

This unique blend of lives—teacher, student, coach and competitor—began when Darlene and her husband, Mike, opened the Monocacy Valley Olympic Weightlifting Club in Frederick, Md. in 1994.

"I knew Mike would be spending a lot of time at the club," said Darlene. "Plus a host of other reasons motivated me to get into weightlifting. I had a bad back that, after surgery, the doctor told me I shouldn't lift anything heavier than a laundry basket; I had a neck injury from an accident and I inherited a tilted pelvis from my grandmother."

Under the guidance of her husband, Darlene started a weightlifting regimen, and after six short months, they both knew she was ready to compete.

"As a competitor, Darlene is intense and focused. Her competitive state of mind allows her to give 110 percent," said Mike Cady, who is a certified coach with USA weightlifting and was recently inducted into The Masters Olympic Weightlifting Hall of Fame. "There are no anxiety attacks, there is no need to calm nerves. Whatever we do in training, she makes a beginning point for competition."

In 1995, Darlene took Best Female Lifter in the Virginia State Games; in 1998, she represented the United States in Scotland at the Worlds and earned a silver medal. In 1997, she set a world record in her age and weight class in the Snatch and Clean & Jerk.

With their Frederick club as the prime training spot, Darlene and her husband waded through the paperwork and bureaucratic mumbo jumbo necessary to reinstate weightlifting and kayaking in the Maryland State Games this year. Over the years, they also rallied a small team of local children and weightlifters from all over the nation to weightlifting records of their own.

Some of their best recruits may some day come from the Wheaton Sports Academy, an after-school program geared for at-risk kids directed by Darlene. The academy features weightlifting as its primary sport, followed closely by table tennis and badminton.

"I see these students who have great athletic potential. They just need help finding the avenue to excel," said Darlene. "When it is done right, there is no greater high than to defy gravity the way we do." •

1993



**Nancy Despres Dryden** and her husband Cameron have relocated to Leesburg, Va. where Nancy has joined The Dog School of Leesburg as a dog trainer.

The move has allowed Nancy to catch up with some of her Phi Mu sisters!

**Grant Disharoon** and **Leona Sevik** '92 welcomed their first child, Elijah Sevik, on Nov. 9, 2001. Grant is employed by W/tech in Frederick and is managing business development.

**Elizabeth Wagner Botson** has been busy traveling to England, Ireland, Scotland, St. Thomas and St. John. She and husband **Scott '94** and their yellow lab, Bailey, reside in Clemmons, N.C. where Elizabeth teaches high-school art and Scott is a pharmaceutical sales rep.

**Rebecca Caves Cinelli** is looking forward to seeing her Phi Alpha friends at the 10th reunion! She is enjoying her flexible schedule as a self-employed residential home-builder consultant performing homeowner orientations.

**Tony and Karen Murphy Ferguson** are living in Belcamp, Md. Tony is a network administrator at Goddard Flight Center and Karen is a project manager with HAZMED, Inc., having finished her master's in organizational management. Both are still playing music and staying busy with their families and pets.

**Sherri Smith Grunberg** and husband **Tom '96** recently purchased a home in Columbia, Md. For the last two years, Sherri has been practicing as a pediatrician in the Catonsville area. In their spare time they have enjoyed making home improvements and traveling to Mexico and St. Lucia.

**Tracy Walter Campbell** was recently promoted to corporal in the Maryland National Resources Police, where she has worked for seven years. She resides in Easton with her husband Frankie, a commercial waterman, her three stepchildren, and two new pets.

**Adam Freimanis** and **Susie Pollard '94** are residing in Old Town Alexandria with their two new dogs. They enjoy traveling and keeping in touch with their College friends. Adam works as a consultant with Price Waterhouse.

**Jan Hill Babczyk**, her husband Jeff and daughter Hallie, 3, live in Westminster, Jen is now a vice president in her family's business, Masonry Homes.

After graduating from WMC, **Shannon Ruddle Benedetto** earned her doctorate of pharmacy, completed a manage-care residency and worked as a clinical director at Advance PCS in Hunt Valley. Shannon and her husband Robert recently moved to New Hampshire, where Shannon landed a position as a clinical education consultant with Pfizer, Inc.

**Dianna Meredith** lives in Waldorf, Md. and loves the Southern Maryland atmosphere. She recently celebrated her six-year anniversary with the Walt Disney Company. She manages the Disney store in St. Charles Town Center and recently won the coveted "Spirit Award" (this is awarded to less than 1 percent of the employees in North America). She plans to move to Texas soon with her fiancé, Hershel Bradley.

In June 2001, **Jennifer Justh Patterson** moved from Annapolis, Md. to Medford, Ore. with her husband, **Rob '90**, a physician's assistant in orthopedics, and son Robbie, 2. On March 27, 2002 they welcomed Owen Christopher into their family. He was a big boy—at 8 pounds, 8 ounces. They enjoy traveling the West Coast and the slower pace of life out there. Jen's a stay-at-home mom.

**Cindy Pearson** left the work force over two years ago to be a stay-at-home mom to daughter, Madison Ann. She loves being a Mom! She lives in Calvert County, Md. with her daughter and husband, Morris. They've been enjoying traveling extensively throughout the country and overseas. Cindy was very active in the Coalition to Preserve the Name of WMC.

**Paul Picchierri II** is a mortgage sales manager. He's been married to Diane since September 2000. He enjoys spending time with College friends and travels once a year back to watch the football team. He recently trav-

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eled to Cozumel, Grand Caymen, St. Lucia, and Barbados and he's the coach of Pop Warner football.

Married to wife, Tammy, for seven years, **Mike Razes** is the proud father of twin boys, Nicholas and Anthony, born Sept. 2000. The Razes live in Washington Township, N.J. Mike is the vice president and branch office manager of Glenn Insurance Inc.'s Vineland, N.J. branch. The little time he is away from his family he spends being involved with the local chapter of Business Networks, Inc., various church committees, and he sings baritone in his church's barbershop quartet. He enjoys keeping in touch with his Phi Del brothers, especially **Chris Betz, Chris Wess, Russ Weber, and Jeff Spera**.

**Eric Resh** lives in Baltimore City and is completing dental school at the University of Maryland. He will work with his father and two brothers in Hampstead, Md. at Resh Family Dentistry.

**Kimberley Ostrow Richey** works in the Office of Minority and Women's Health in the Bureau of Primary Health Care, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. She continues to review theatre for *Intermission* magazine on a part-time basis. With over 150 theatres in the D.C. area, it's her dream job!

Living in Lake Tahoe, Calif., **Leslie Shimkus** recently built a house on Donner Summit with Andy Biederman. An interesting fact about Donner Summit—it gets the most annual snowfall of any inhabited area in North America. Leslie is the children's ski school director at Sugar Bowl ski area during the winters and she keeps busy in the summer with office management and bookkeeping for the Sugar Bowl Ski Team Foundation. She sends out a big hello to all the Phi Alphas!

**Jenny Lind Smith** graduated with a master's of information science (MIS) from the University of Michigan School of Information. Her concentration was in information, economics, management and policy. She'd love to find a job using her IT skills in the Washington, D.C. metro area.

**Tim Smith** is a market manager for St. Lawrence Cement. He lives in Greensburg, Pa. with his wife **Beth Zawadzki Smith '95** and daughter Madalynn, 2.

Stay-at-home mom, **Robin Lang Snider**, lives with husband Mike and two children, Matthew and Hailey, in Howard County, Md.

**Erica Guenther Steele** and husband, **Mark '95**, welcomed their daughter, Payton Victoria, into the world last New Year's Eve. Erica's a fourth-grade teacher at Spring Garden in Hampstead, Md. Last April, Erica had the honor of presenting a math workshop at the NCTM (National Council for Teachers of Mathematics) conference in Orlando, Fla. She resides in Westminster, Md. with her family and dog, Best.

**Erin Thompson Strovel** received her Ph.D. in human genetics from the University of Maryland-Baltimore in 1999. From there she worked in the medical genetics training program at the NIH in Bethesda, Md. She has been preparing to take the board exams in clinical biochemical genetics in August 2002. Her proud moment was the birth of son, Jake, in June 2001. Erin lives with her husband, Jeff, and Jake in North Potomac, Md. and looks forward to taking a long summer vacation.

Preparing for her residency in osteopathic medicine is **Lori Sweitzer**. Lori graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June of 2001.

Living on an 18-acre horse farm in New Jersey is where you'll find **Ashley**

**Scattergood-Tooney**. Ashley and her husband have been married for two years and just finished having their farm, Too Good Acres, built. She and her husband actually built their own barn where they raise four horses, three cats, and two dogs.

**Dianne Syerly Wisotzky** is a stay-at-home mom with two children, a 4-year old daughter and 2-year-old son. She and husband **Todd '94** are celebrating their nine-year wedding anniversary. Todd works as a market analyst

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for Hershey Foods. Dianne also finds time to volunteer at her church and as a phone worker for a local crisis line.

**Reid Wraase** and wife, **Carolyn Roush '95** live in New Windsor, Md. with their two sons. Reid is the creative director for a cultural resource firm in Frederick, Md. They enjoy spending time with friends **Tony and Lynn Rosas** and grant **Disharoon** and **Leona Sevik '92**.

**Martha Shaver Wester** lives in Clarksburg, Md. with her husband of four years, Jamey, and their two dogs, Brewtus and Virgil. She works in Gaithersburg doing cellular and molecular research. She and Jamey enjoy gardening, landscaping, and home improvement projects. They also spend time riding ATVs and mountain bikes. Martha stays in touch with **Tracy Baynard, Ashley Scattergood-Tooney** and **Kathleen Hatcher**.

**Wendy Gayo Pardoe** enjoys life in Ellicott City, Md. with her husband of five years, Brian, Maxwell, 2, and dog, Hannah. They recently welcomed their second child, Riley, on May 10. Wendy's a training specialist at T. Rowe Price Associates in Baltimore, Md. She received her M.B.A. with a concentration in finance from the University of Baltimore in May 2000.

After serving as a prosecutor for five years, **Mary McGuirk Drawbaugh** opened her own law practice in Frederick, Md. Mary, her husband, Travis, and son Brady, 1, reside in downtown Frederick. They enjoy remodeling their historic home, playing golf and traveling.

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1999

Hello to the class of 1999! We certainly have a lot to report in this issue of *The Hill*.

**Michelle "Gabe" Hull-Barsh** is busy working with her music students at Salisbury Middle School. At home, she looks after her son Troy, born Nov. 21, 1999. She lives with her son and husband David in Salisbury, Md.

College ties are never broken, at least not for **Amy Baxter, Cindy West Crown, Christy-Ann Brown Cushman, Kerrie Wilke,** and **Suzanne Weatherly '00**. The girls still see each other as much as possible.

**Amy Baxter** currently resides in West Chester, Pa., working as a human resource coordinator. She is also active in the Big Brothers and Sisters of America program.

**Christy-Ann Brown Cushman** lives in Gieselstadt, Germany, with her husband **1st Lt. Michael Cushman**. Christy-Ann teaches third grade at the DODDS American School while Michael is a platoon leader in a black hawk unit.

**Cindy West Crown** was recently married to Erik and lives in Hampstead, Md.

Many of you are using chalk and red pens every day. **Heather Blatt** teaches second grade at Clarksburg Elementary in Clarksburg, Md.

Fourth graders keep **Jodi Davidson** on her toes at Winfield Elementary in Carroll County, Md.

**Erin Porter** is teaching English in Frederick, Md. as well as being a graduate student at the College.

Clearspring Elementary in Damascus, Md. is lucky to have **Matt Study** as a fifth-grade teacher.

Ciao from **Jessica Boehman**. She has spent the last two summers in Italy researching her thesis for a mas-

## Jeremy Mercer travels to southern Chile to teach fly-fishing on the Rio Palena.

ter's in art history from Pennsylvania State University. In April, Jessica presented a talk at Washington D.C.'s National Gallery of Art.

**Elena Bozynski** is enjoying her new job as a database administrator for the development office of Loyola College.

**Sara Gruber** and **Roxann Ingram '00** and **Faye Ingram '00** are putting their theatre experience to use at The Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C. Sara is the Web editor and public relations associate there and has gotten to meet Anthony Hopkins and Kelly McGillis, among others. Is Hollywood next for these alumnae?

**Tim Herb** is enjoying success working for Morgan Stanley's private client group in Baltimore. He is considering

puruing his M.B.A. in the near future.

It's been an exciting year for **Laurie Jones**. After moving to Alexandria, Va., Laurie recently started a new job as a visual graphic designer with Burke Consortium, Inc.

**Janet Keymetian** is ready to put away her books and pick up her briefcase. After graduating from New England School of Law and taking the Massachusetts bar exam, Janet is looking to practice environmental law in Massachusetts.

**Melissa Powell** is currently in the counselor education master's program at the College. She will graduate in May 2003. She also works in the development office and still sings in the Gospel Choir. She is on campus a lot, but manages to get to New Jersey to see her new goddaughter, Gracie.

**Wanda Malihom** has been putting her running shoes to good use. She spent several months training for the Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska held June 22, 2002. Wanda also works at Jos. A. Bank Corporate Headquarters.

**Jennifer McCabe** is currently finishing her third year in a Ph.D. program in cognitive psychology at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She recently defended her master's thesis on memory and adult aging. Jennifer is also teaching an introduction to cognitive psychology undergraduate course at the same university. She lives with her husband, Frank, in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Fishing is the life for **Jeremy Mercer**. From May to October, Jeremy works as a fly-fishing guide at Elk-tort Lodge in Colorado. For the remainder of the year, he travels to southern Chile to teach fly-fishing on the Rio Palena. Jeremy hopes to continue traveling before he has to settle down to a "real job."

**David Seydel** was married to **Teresa Addeo '00** on November 24, 2001. David graduated from American University with a master's of science in environmental science in May '01 and is currently working as an environmental planner. His wife is a medical student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

**Matthew Moscato** has seen Europe and driven across the United States since graduation. He currently works for Action Business Systems and is enrolled at Loyola College in the MBA program.

The theatre has been a second home for **Grant Rice**. After moving to New York City in 1999, Grant has worked as a producer and manager for several Broadway and off-Broadway productions, including *The Lion King* and *Chicago*. He is working on his master's of fine arts at Columbia University.

**Erin Ostendorf-Snell** and her husband Steven are currently in the master of divinity program at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pa. They celebrated their wedding on December 21, 2001.

**Kelly Stevenson** has been using her



Alumni with close ties to William Roberts McDaniel show off their new College T-shirts at Ocean City, Md. (From left to right): Renee Hering Kuhn '78, Bill Mallonee '76, College namesake William Roberts McDaniel's grandson Ober Herr '48, Jackie Hering '51 and Karen Herr Mallonee '76, M.Ed. '79, who is Billy Mac's great-granddaughter.

Take a snapshot of you and your alumni buddies anywhere in the world sporting your McDaniel College spirit, and we'll give you a few minutes of fame in the *Class Notes* section. Be creative! Send your photo with details about your adventure to: Postcards from the Edge, Office of Communications and Marketing, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.

hammer and nails to remodel her home outside of Philadelphia, Pa. She is the chemical quality technician for a manufacturing company near her home.

**Shannon Tinnis** is a pre-doctoral sociology program at the University of Georgia. She spends her time doing research on organizations and women and substance abuse treatment.

**Mike and Kare Fisher Waddington** were married in August 2000 in Little Baker Chapel. They currently reside in Ellicott City, Md. with their bulldog, Tarheel. Kare is a physical education teacher who is enrolled in a school administration master's program at Johns Hopkins University. Mike is a private investigator for an insurance company.

**Erika Wunderlich** is finishing her master's in education at the University of Maryland. She hopes to find a job teaching high school biology after graduation.

The Ruby family has grown! **Mark and Sandra Geiman Ruby** spend their time with Anna Grace, 1, and Blake, 3. Mark works at Aerotec in Hanover, Md. while Sandra attends medical school at the University of Maryland at Baltimore. Her younger brother, **Joe Geiman '05**, is now residing on the Hill.

Congratulations to the following alumni on their master's degrees:

**Jessie Beltz**, who received a master's of education in elementary special education from Loyola College in the

summer of 2001.

**Nick Gough**, who received a master's of education from University of Maryland-Baltimore County in May '01. He is now a second-grade teacher in Baltimore City and serves as an adjunct faculty member for CGCBC as well as a supervising teacher for UMBC

**Karen Uschold Meadows**, who received a master's of art in English and creative writing from Hollins University. She is a published poet in *The Hollins Critic* and was married on Aug. 18, 2001.

**Stacey McIntyre**, who received a master's of science in behavioral psychology from University of Maryland-Baltimore County in May '01. She is now a behavior specialist at Ivy Mount School in Rockville, Md.

I am currently a first-grade teacher at Cranberry Station Elementary and reside in Reisterstown, Md. Thank you for all your postcards and messages. I loved hearing from everyone. Feel free to contact me with updates at anytime.

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# Enron Executives Should Have Read More Shakespeare

The recent scandals of Enron, WorldCom, and Adelphia have once again raised questions about our business practices and how we judge them from an ethical perspective. There is a temptation to shake our heads at such behavior as exemplified in these cases, and then dismiss it as merely more examples of how people do business in our society.

"They all do it," one hears, or "That's just the way it is in the business world." But such dismissals are unacceptable. The men (and so far it seems to be only men) who have engaged in these practices have not only broken the law; they have inflicted severe damage on the companies they lead and caused widespread pain and loss among those who work for them.

How does a liberal arts education help us in dealing with such ethical issues? Courses in ethics, and specifically in the ethics of business, teach that success and morality are not mutually exclusive. When I first introduced such a course at the College in the spring of 1983, students were amazed at how many ethical issues arose within all aspects of the business world, such as employment relationships, advertising, public trust, and financial statements.

But it doesn't take a course in ethics to get the point across. Examples of ethical wrongdoing that we find in literature and history are much more vivid and compelling. In drama, ethical issues take on flesh and blood. We watch as the actions of a lead character bring about consequences that are unforeseen and uncalculated.

The ancient Greeks had a word for the tragic flaw that brought about the downfall of the heroes in their dramas. It is "hubris," which literally means an over-reaching, or excess. Sometimes it is translated as "pride." More graphically, it refers to the blindness due to excessive egotism, greed, and power. Only too late do the



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central figures realize what their actions have wrought, and the loss they are doomed to suffer. Oedipus comes to mind as such a figure. The Greek tragedies are classic lessons in morality because they deal with the temptations and moral failures that are universal among us.

Many of the plays of Shakespeare echo the same theme. Figures of greatness bring about their own ruin because of their hubris, their intemperance. Othello becomes possessed of jealousy and kills his own beloved. We think also of figures such as King Lear, Macbeth, and Hamlet.

Novelists, too, have portrayed lives whose undoing has come about because, although they may be possessed of great charm, wit and sagacity, they suffer from the same hubris and the blindness it causes. Raskolnikov, in Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*, thought, because of his intelligence, he was above morality and the law, and thus axed to death a pawnbroker because he regarded her as a worthless member of society.

The effectiveness of such literature is that it can give us lessons in ethical behavior without preaching or lecturing. It demonstrates, giving us real-life situations. It is moral without becoming moralistic.

Perhaps we teachers need to take more time to make these lessons relevant to our students. To dismiss the practices involved in the recent scandals as "just business" is to demonstrate a kind of moral callousness the human community as a whole cannot tolerate. The world of business itself is dependent upon public trust. When that

trust is betrayed, the effects are disastrous—bankruptcy being the most obvious one, along with thousands of employees losing jobs and benefits. Business cannot be exempt from common morality, any more than medicine or teaching or sports. They are human enterprises involving a network of relationships that must be honored.

Robert E. Lee, retired from the army and the battles of the Civil War, and living in a kind of genteel poverty in Virginia, was visited by a group of men who wanted his endorsement for an enterprise that he quickly saw was of very questionable morality. It was a kind of scam to make quick profits. As the men talked, Lee began to tremble and turn white with rage. Finally when he could take no more, he rose from his chair and blurted out, "Get out of here before you name my price!"

That's the bottom line: you had better know your price, the price where you would sell out or cross over the line and indulge in behavior that cannot be tolerated in society and that compromises yourself.

Literature, history, biography and autobiography, stories of men and women in scientific laboratories conducting experiments, in affairs of state, in the ivied walls of academia, in the retail store and in the executive suites—they all give us a wide range of examples of how "the good life" is to be lived or not lived. Those who suffer from hubris do not know their price, or have ignored it.

To judge them as evildoers is not meant to smear them or bring disgrace upon them—they have already done that to themselves. To judge them is to insist that they are members of a community in which their infractions exact a price on others, sometimes a terrible price. •

*Bob Hartman, professor emeritus of philosophy, retired in 1995 after teaching for 26 years. For 20 of those years he served as chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies.*

*"I dwell in Possibility—  
A fairer House than Prose—  
More numerous of Windows—  
Superior—for Doors—"*

—Emily Dickinson



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FOUR



FIVE



SIX



SEVEN



EIGHT

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#### McDANIEL PRIDE

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Descendents of William Roberts McDaniel gathered at the beach in Ocean City this summer to celebrate their family, which has had ties to the College since it was founded in 1867. Several in the group are alumni, including grandson Ober S. Herr, Jr. '49 (bottom, far right), great-granddaughter Karen Herr Mallonee '76, M.Ed. '79 (second row, second from right) and William L. Mallonee '76 (third row, far left).

See page 10 for a 'conversation' with the College's namesake.





SUSAN RUDDICK BLOOM

**LAVENDER FIELD AT ABBEY DE SENANQUE, FRANCE**  
Art and Art History Professor Susan Ruddick Bloom photographed a lovely field of purple flowers in Provence, France. Then she created this "digital painting" at home on her computer. Learn more about Bloom's high-tech creative method on page 6.

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bliss of being in  
the classroom  
is heaven"



"I don't care  
who you are.  
I will call you  
sweetheart  
or baby"



"For me, the  
only path to inner  
peace is through  
forgiveness"



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## From Our Midst, the Perfect Name

McDaniel College.

As if called out of the darkness of Memorial Plaza, the new name glowed to light—and life. Old Main bell tolled, again, for one of the College's own.

The name McDaniel would lead this private, liberal arts college into the future while providing forever a bridge to its 19th-century beginnings.

Months of anticipation and deliberation culminated May 10, when the College family and friends gathered on the Hill for the announcement of the name. Nearly 2,100 people had offered name suggestions. They, and so many others, had participated in the effort to find a new way of identifying the institution that for so many reasons had stolen their hearts.

From their midst had come the perfect name.

William Roberts McDaniel was one of them.

In mission and in essence, McDaniel personified the College. Student, alumnus, professor, department chair, vice president, treasurer, acting president, trustee, parent, grandparent—McDaniel served in all of these roles during a 65-year relationship between man and institution that ended only with his death in 1942.

He was also, and perhaps more so, the much loved and admired Billy Mac.

His can-do motto, "There shall be no Alps," set not only his life's cadence, but that of the College as well. No mountain was ever too high for either to climb.

Roommates in Old Main's Number 6 remembered the arrival in the fall of 1877 of a

quiet, unassuming sophomore, barely 16 years old, who would graduate three years later as the salutatorian of the Class of 1880.

"We grew wise under the rays of a coal oil lamp mellowed by a paper shade, and together roasted the old dominick (chicken) from the college roost upon the flat top of a hard coal stove; and where through the upper sash of the only window, we beheld the grand panorama of the Blue Ridge," wrote one roommate on the occasion of the alumni banquet honoring McDaniel's 30 years of service to the College.

Billy Mac was well on his way to his doctorate at Johns Hopkins when his alma mater asked for his help. He arrived by evening, ready to fill in the next day for ailing mathematics professor W. J. Thomas. On College Hill he remained for life.

Presidents called him indispensable. Colleagues respected his dedication to teaching and the hand he invariably extended to faculty newcomers.

His students—many of whom went on to be trustees, presidents or simply fellow members of the Alumni Association—spoke of his attention to detail, his demanding yet patient way of guiding them through algebra, geometry, astronomy, and early in his tenure, exercising by swinging clubs to music.

They delighted, too, in watching a determined Billy Mac surmount his Alp of the moment. The bicycle almost got the better of him, before man mastered machine.

His legacy lives on in the men and women who occupy today's classrooms. McDaniel once said it is true that, "There is no royal road to learning." Still, he said, "the fact remains that the educational pilgrim

must travel it and needs a guide, a counselor and friend."

Billy Mac was all three to the thousands of lives he touched and changed. He devoted his life to the College, and worked mightily to establish and perpetuate a sense of community among the ever growing ranks of alumni.

"We must not lose sight of that great fact, that the more

more to good fortune than real merit.

But he never spoiled it for those who wanted to honor him.

Perhaps he would be humbled were he to know that his College would now be named for him. Perhaps he wouldn't agree that he represented the everyman—every life changed on the Hill.

But surely he wouldn't spoil it.



**Professor William Roberts McDaniel (top row, middle) among a group of faculty between 1895-96.**

the Alumni are kept together, the more solidarity, and the more cohesion there is, the more the interests of (the College) will prosper," McDaniel once said, trying to turn the spotlight around to the group that had gathered to honor him.

Humility was his way. During one of the many banquets that honored him, he told of an experience from his childhood on the Eastern Shore. He'd just exceeded his teacher's expectations in his recitation of Latin. Little Billy Mac started to protest the teacher's compliments, believing it more luck than diligent study. But his buddy next to him nudged him and said, "Don't spoil it."

So it was throughout his life. He believed that his work and his accomplishments were owed

For six decades ago, the Trustees seemed almost to foresee the destiny that would be McDaniel's. Saddened by his death, they ended their eulogy to their friend and colleague with these words:

"And somehow or other, one feels that the life of William R. McDaniel will be interwoven into the destiny of Western Maryland College, as his life has been into every decade of its history. For while William R. McDaniel, the mortal, is gone; William R. McDaniel, the spirit, lives—and motivates the lives of others.

"It will continue to do so till time and eternity meet." •

## William Roberts McDaniel: One of Us

**Son:** The son of John and Ann McDaniel, he was born August 11, 1861 near St. Michael's, Md.

**Student:** Fall, 1877 to June, 1880; he was just 16 when he entered as a sophomore; almost 19 when he graduated Salutatorian of his class.

**Alumnus:** Treasurer of the Alumni Association for 50 years.

**Teacher:** Buckeystown, Md., 1881.

**Graduate Student:** Johns Hopkins University, 1882-1885. Returns in February, 1885, to substitute for the ailing math professor W. J. Thomas who dies in March.

**Professor:** Mathematics, astronomy and, for several years, gymnastics. McDaniel didn't give up teaching until 1921, long after he had been appointed treasurer and vice-president of the College and had served as acting president for three extended periods. Secretary of the faculty for 40 years.

**Bicyclist:** The young professor buys a bicycle in 1886. The campus community watches to see whether Billy Mac conquers the bicycle, or vice versa. Not one to ever give up, McDaniel learns to ride the bike, organizes a bicycle club on campus and leads excursions into the countryside.

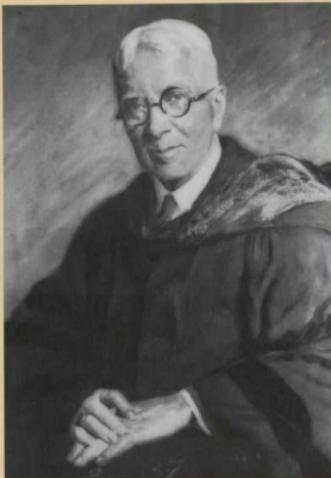
**Innovator:** Spurred by his interest in the physical as well as intellectual development of students, McDaniel heads for Harvard's Summer School of Physical Culture during the summer of 1888 where he studies anatomy, hygiene and instruction in gymnastics. Returns to campus to invent a new form of exercise, club swinging to music, which utilizes both music and math. His publication, *Club Swinging by Note: A Method of Recording and Teaching Club Swings*, results in the introduction of the method at Harvard.

**Spiritual leader:** Organizes the first campus Sunday School and serves as its superintendent for many years.

**Treasurer:** At the urging of President T. H. Lewis, the Board of Trustees appoints McDaniel as treasurer of the College in 1894, a position he retains until his death.

**Editor:** When the first College paper is started, all copy is subject to McDaniel's scrutiny, until he is confident in the students' sense of journalism.

**Husband:** Marries Ada Smith, daughter of John Smith, the first Board president, on November 21, 1895. College President T. H. Lewis performs the ceremony. The bride's nieces, Caroline and Susan Billingslea, carry bouquets of violets at the wedding held at her brother Joseph Smith's Westminster home.



**Father:** Dorothy, the McDaniels' only child, graduates from the College in 1918.

**Vice-President:** McDaniel named vice-president and acting president in 1906 to provide a leave of absence, for the second time, for President Lewis. He remains vice president for 35 years, until his death, when the office is discontinued.

**Trustee:** Just 50, McDaniel is elected to the Board of Trustees and granted the Doctor of Science degree – the College's first – in 1911.

## Chronology of the Name

Immediately following the Jan. 11 announcement of the Naming Initiative, the College launched a search-and-selection process. Students, alumni, faculty, parents, staff and friends participated in the effort. Here are the key dates in the evolution of the new name, McDaniel College.

**January 11:** First of hundreds of e-mails from constituents commenting on name change.

**January 15:** First of five student forums to hear comments and answer questions.

**January 28:** Spring semester classes begin with professors leading discussions of name change and, in some classes, integrating the new initiative into coursework.

**January 30:** College Committee on the Naming Initiative meets to establish naming criteria of heritage,

distinction, clarity, longevity and overall validity.

**February 1:** Letter to all alumni from Alumni Association President Phil Enstice '71 and President-elect Pam Zappardino '71 supporting name change.

**February 5:** Faculty unanimously passes resolution in support of the name change. Emeriti Faculty also pass a resolution supporting the change.

**February 8:** Names solicited on the College Web site and a postage-paid postcard mailed to 23,000 members of the College community.

**February 12:** College Committee on the Naming Initiative meets to discuss long list of names based on criteria.

**February 15:** Postcard invitation to nine information sessions mailed to alumni, parents, and friends in Maryland, Virginia, D.C., Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and West Virginia.

College responds to frequently heard questions by posting new questions and answers on the Web site.

**February 21:** College Committee on the Naming Initiative meets.

**February 27:** About 30 alumni attend the first information session at the Best Western in Westminster. Two to three sessions a week are held in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

**March 1:** Deadline for name suggestions. 1,754 postcards and 291 e-mails yield 418 suggested names.

**March 6:** College Committee on Naming Initiative narrows list of names.

**March 9:** Board meets in special session to consider name candidates submitted by committee.

**March 29:** Letter updating the name change process sent to 23,000 College family and friends.

**April 20:** Board reviews research and unanimously votes to adopt the new name, McDaniel College.

**April 26:** Invitations to name announcement and celebration mailed to College family and friends.

**May 10:** McDaniel College announced to College family.



### CHANGED BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

Western Maryland College will forever be part of the Hill—and the College leadership is looking to alumni for suggestions of how and where on campus to permanently honor the original name.

Please send your ideas via e-mail to [honorwmc@wmdc.edu](mailto:honorwmc@wmdc.edu) or regular mail to Alumni Relations Office, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157-4390. The deadline is July 1, 2002.

## New Residential Village to Make Student Housing Feel More Like Home

Like most upperclassmen, junior Jamin Bartolomeo dreams of having a kitchen where he could prepare some of his own meals, even faster Internet access, private bathrooms and a large common area where he could study or hang out while living with some of his closest friends.

For the past year, Bartolomeo and other students have been working to help make that dream a reality.

**"We hope to add much-needed common areas and amenities to our present buildings, and to reduce the overcrowding."**

—Phil Sayre, dean of student affairs

They've met monthly with administrators, residence life staff and physical plant personnel to help plan the College's \$5 million residential village, scheduled to begin construction this spring.

By fall 2003, the village's six new buildings will become home to 120 students, who will live in apartments designed for groups of four, five or six. Each apartment will include a full eat-in kitchen, living room and two bathrooms, as well as a mix of single and double bedrooms.

"Students want to feel like they can take care of them-



selves, and the features of these new buildings allow that opportunity," he says. "The aspect that I am most excited about is the increase of singles. I think as time goes on, more and more people want their own private space."

Student apartment living is popular on campus and at colleges nationwide. A generation ago, students were relatively accepting of living on a dormitory floor of 40 or 50 students, all sharing a single bathroom, but today's students expect more amenities such as private or semi-private baths. Since the construction of the Garden Apartments 25 years ago, students have vied for the chance to live in them, as well as College-owned houses.

Today, more than 60 students live in the houses along Pennsylvania Avenue purchased by the College over the past few decades. The six, two-story apartment buildings will be situated parallel to the houses, set back with a green space in between. Together, the area will form the "North Village."

Bartolomeo predicts the creation of a second quad will enhance student life. "As of now, the quad between ANW and DMC is a popular common ground where people can hang out and connect. It is a place that brings the community together," he explains. "I think the second quad will be

very beneficial to the campus in creating a common space among the future residents of the North Village while also preserving the green space of the College."

Retention is expected to benefit as current students see a variety of housing available over the four years, says Phil Sayre, dean of student affairs and chair of the planning committee. There's freshman housing in traditional dormitory-style Whiteford for women and Rouzer for men; suites of varying sizes in Albert Norman Ward and Daniel MacLea Halls; independent and Greek housing in Blanche Ward and McDaniel Halls, and apartment living in the Garden Apartments and the new North Village. For the past 16 years, Honors Program students have been housed together in ANW suites.

North Village is a first step in a plan to transfer some students from overcrowded buildings to the new apartments. Other parts of the residential improvement plan include major work on Rouzer, McDaniel and Blanche Ward Halls.

"We hope to add much-needed common areas and amenities to our present buildings, and to reduce the overcrowding," Sayre says. "Not only will the North Village spaces allow us to expand

**Six, two-story apartment buildings will be situated parallel to College-owned houses along Pennsylvania Avenue, set back with a green space in between. Together, the area will form the "North Village."**

somewhat, but they will also help us with the housing crunch. The overwhelming majority of students want to live on campus to be part of that special community that exists only on a campus like ours."

Ninety-one percent of incoming first-year students moved into Rouzer and Whiteford Hall last August, while about three-quarters of all undergraduates live in campus residences. About half of the new spaces will be used to reduce crowding in existing housing and half will be dedicated for growth in the student residential population.

The North Village architects have presented several plans for add-ons to the current configuration of six buildings, but further expansion would require significant changes to campus roadways and entrances—as well as involve additional cost.

"The administration and trustees will be grappling with residence construction and renovation for several years to come," Sayre says. •



## THE HIGH NOTES OF LEVINE HALL'S NEW LOOK

Levine is the oldest building on campus. • Two generous bequests from the estates of Evelyn Collison Mackenzie '31 and Edward J. Nygren '47 helped fund the \$1.5 million addition. • The home of the music department is named in memory of J. Levine Billingslea, the young grandson of College co-founder John Smith, president of the Western Maryland Railroad.

## Acclaimed Poet Speaks About Love and Thugs

Nikki Giovanni's left arm bears a tattoo that spells out "Thug Life." When pressed by a student to explain the apparent contradiction between the slogan and her successful career as a poet and college professor, Giovanni explained, "I'd always rather be the people running than the people chasing. I'd rather be the thugs than the people trying to destroy them. I'd rather be Matthew Shepherd than the people who beat his brains out."

With equal conviction, Giovanni shared her poetry, personal creeds and passions

"Don't get so caught up in who you think you are that you can't be who you are," award-winning poet Nikki Giovanni said at a February reading.



during a February visit and poetry reading on the Hill. The evening was part of a Black History Month Celebration series, sponsored by Multicultural Services, the Black Student Union (BSU) and the English department.

Giovanni teaches black studies at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and has been named Woman of the Year by *Essence*, *Mademoiselle* and *Ladies Home Journal*. Her poetry has earned numerous awards, including the NAACP Image Award for Literature in 1998 and the Langston Hughes Award for Distinguished Contributions to Arts and Letters in 1996.

"To know that I'm spending time with someone so great is like, 'Wow,'" said BSU member Arnelle Quashie '05, who dined with the poet at a President's reception before the reading. "We've talked about her travels and my interest in the people of Haiti."

About 250 people filled Baker Chapel to hear Giovanni read poems that celebrate diversity, individuality and love. Her works paid tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., black women, slain rapper Tupac Shakur (who had "Thug Life" tattooed across his abdomen) and the African Americans who worked as train porters.

She shared her sense of humor, as well as motherly advice, to students and others in the audience.

"Don't get so caught up in who you think you are that you can't be who you are," she challenged. •

## Sound of Music Sweeter Than Ever With Upgrade

Music department faculty and students are singing the praises of the expansion and renovation of Levine Hall. A new, three-story section includes a rehearsal hall complete with 18-foot cathedral ceilings and modern, soundproof practice rooms.

The hall moves the band out of cramped quarters in the balcony of Baker Memorial Chapel and the quiet rooms allow student percussionists to drum away without disturbing practicing musicians. The addition and the original Levine, built in 1889, are linked by a sleek brick tower which features restrooms and an elevator, making the complete structure handicapped-accessible.

Levine Hall is the oldest classroom building still standing. It was the gift of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Billingslea in memory of their young son, James Levine, who had been a student in the Primary Department of the College. The function of this building was to give the Primary Department its

own accommodations. It was used later as a Preparatory School, containing sleeping rooms for the male students, recitation rooms, a library, and principal's office.

In 1899, Levine Hall was enlarged to provide classroom space and a third floor was added in 1901. It was again renovated in 1939 as the academic building for the Music Department.

Music has always played a key role in the life of the College community.

"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 department chair Margaret Boudreaux, part music philosopher and part choral director. She guides a faculty team of music performers, pianists, flutists and saxophonists, who double as composers and historians, and of course, professors. Their combined efforts have drawn a growing number of new students to the music curriculum.

Student participation in class and ensembles has tripled in recent years. Today the department's offerings appeal to the more diverse student body, bringing an energy and enthusiasm for music, a commitment to the community and an ear for tradition that has reinvigorated the department. •

## Digital Masterpieces are in Bloom

Art Professor Susan Ruddick Bloom says she prefers the "digital darkroom" to the dim, chemical-laden studios traditionally used by shutterbugs. She begins with a scan of one of her color slides, then "sashays" between various software programs that mimic pastels, watercolors and colored

pencils to create pieces of fine art.

The resulting works, such as Arles Lane France (below) and Lavender Field at Abbey de Sananque France (pictured on the inside front cover), are more like paintings than photographs. They are printed on a high-resolution machine, on special paper and with archival inks estimated to last more than 200 years, far longer than a typical photo.



SUSAN RUDDICK BLOOM

Instead of a blank canvas, Art Professor Susan Ruddick Bloom began this "digital painting" with a color slide she took while in Provence, France. She used computer software to enhance the image with digital tools that mimic watercolors, pastels and colored pencils.

Bloom is classically trained and regularly gathers with college and community artists to sharpen her drawing skills by sketching the human form from a live model. But she eagerly embraces new technology, as well, and was one of the first on campus to experiment with computer-enhanced creativity.

"I started when Macs had a screen the size of an index card," she recalls. "Now, some of my images will fill an entire Zip disc."

Of course, even Bloom's digital "paintings" begin with the timeless tools artists work for years to hone: a good eye, active imagination and hard work. To capture the lavender field on film, Bloom followed her curiosity after hearing there was an abbey near where she was staying in Provence, France, where monks maintained a field of the purple flowers. She fearlessly walked among crowds of buzzing bees to reach her preferred vantage point.

"I found out later there were also a lot of snakes in that field," she says. "Thank goodness I didn't know it at the time." •

## Praise for a Musician Ahead of His Time

Associate Professor of Music Glenn Caldwell's first book, *Harmonic Tonality in the Music Theories of Jerome Joseph Momigny (1762-1842)*, is perhaps the only text devoted solely to the study of the Belgian theorist, music publisher and organist whose progressive ideas were rebuffed by the 19th-century establishment.

Momigny's advocacy of a 27-tone key system and an increased use of chromaticism kept him out of the prestigious Royal School of Music, now the Paris Conservatory.

"His theories were never accepted because they were too far out of the norm then. It rubbed against the teachings of the school," Caldwell says. "There were only 11 [tones] in the Western system at that time."

Momigny's theories, or at least the ideas behind them, gathered support in the late 1800s and musicians then and today use much more chromaticism in their music without having to change keys. But Momigny died in a mental institution, never getting proper credit for his foresight—until now. •

## President Joins Class with Region's Top Leaders

President Joan Develin Coley recently enrolled in a new course: the Greater Baltimore Committee's invitation-only Leadership Selects Class 2002. Her classmates are 49 executives from business, non-profit and government who were chosen from 97 applications based on their records of professional and volunteer leadership, civic activity, concern for the community and potential to help build a better Charm City. The mission of the Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC) is to enhance the business climate of the region by organizing its corporate and civic leaders to develop solutions to area problems. GBC Chairman is Frank Burch, a



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College President Joan Develin Coley was named by *The Daily Record* as one of the Top 100 Women of Maryland.

former WMC trustee and senior adviser to long-time business leader and advocate Walter Sondheim, who received an honorary doctorate from the College in 1999. Among those joining Coley, also named one of *The Daily Record's* Top 100 Women of Maryland, in the leadership class are: Roger Birkel, executive director of The Baltimore Zoo; Todd Cleary, vice president of T. Rowe Price; Susan Gauvey, U.S. Magistrate Judge of District Court of Maryland, and John Shano, partner of KPMG, LLP. •

## Holocaust Scholar's Film Shows Allies' Culpability

Assistant Professor of History Paul Miller's first full-length film, *They Looked the Other Way*, provides a new medium for communicating his Holocaust research. The documentary shows that the Allies knew about the crematoriums at Auschwitz and other death camps and had drawn up plans to bomb Auschwitz which, sadly, were never carried out. Miller and his co-producer, Stuart Erdheim, also a Holocaust researcher who has written and directed a play on the

same topic, talk with military experts about the feasibility of the mission. "It could have been done," says Miller, who serves as assistant editor of *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, a publication of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. •

## The 'Never-Ending' Sabbatical

That's how Rick Dillman, professor of communication emeritus, describes retirement. "It's like a sabbatical that just goes on and on," he says in an e-mail from his hometown of Wellsboro, Pa., where he settled into a house next door to an old high school chum after retiring last summer. "I highly recommend it."

Library Director Dave Neikirk, who will retire June 30 after 15 years at the College, is downright giddy at the prospect. He plans to do the same thing he did during the summers of his childhood, "absolutely nothing!"

Neikirk, who held several positions in the library at the University of Delaware before signing on to lead the Hoover team, will happily give up his Westminster apartment and return to live full time with his wife in their family home in Newark, Del. He's been a weekend commuter all these years.

"I'm going to catch up on 15 years worth of yard work and house projects," Neikirk says.

During his tenure at WMC, Neikirk oversaw the expansion of the award-winning Hoover library, a project he refers to as "the highlight" of his career. "To be entrusted with that kind of responsibility from start to finish and to see my name list-

ed on the plaque on the front of the building—wow!"

After the World Wide Web debuted in 1993, Neikirk made sure the library was connected and upgraded its computer lab. He also helped develop a partnership with Carroll County Public Library and the library at Carroll Community College that gives patrons of Hoover access to more than 600,000 volumes.

"Dave has done outstanding work for the College over the years, and his current efforts to develop online access to the library have been both successful and crucial," says Dillman. "With all of his interests, I really have no doubt that Dave's 'permanent sabbatical' will be busy and fruitful, too."

Dillman recently launched an experimental, digital art Web site at [www.cyberynth.com](http://www.cyberynth.com), that grew out of his fascination with photographic, multimedia and Web site design. To build the site he first had to master Macromedia Flash scripting, which, he says, "was both work and fun." About 100 images are mounted at Cyberynth, and he expects to add more each year. Most recently, he started learning the Coldstone computer game engine. "I have two or three games in mind which, if they work out, would eventually be available as shareware," he says. •

## When He's on Bass Guitar, The Name is Hank

In the classroom, he is Henry Reiff, education professor and associate dean. On stage, he's Hank, New Orleans-style bassist who keeps the beat for Sangmele, an acoustic trio that has gone from gigs in Westminster to the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage. The group includes Walt Michael '68, founder of Common Ground on the Hill, and local vocalist Lea Gilmore.

Sangmele (sang-ma-lay) means mixed blood—the group is of mixed races—and African American roots music, such as spirituals, gospel, blues, folk and jazz, is its specialty. The trio was featured at Renwick Gallery near the White House as part of a Black History Month celebration and jammed with folk legend Pete Seeger, the headliner at last year's American Music and Arts Festival sponsored by Common

Education Professor Henry Reiff (left) plays bass with Sangmele. Local vocalist Lea Gilmore and Walt Michael '68 complete the roots music trio.



RICHARD ANDERSON '71



Class of 2005 President Sara Abbott found her niche in student government.

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Ground (check out this year's line-up at [www.common-groundonthehill.com](http://www.common-groundonthehill.com)).

"We are out there to demonstrate that people from different backgrounds can play music together, be together, and just get along," says Reiff. "We want to set an example." •

## Election Cured Homesick Freshman

Sara Abbott's first semester was about as rough as they get: she didn't make the soccer team, she missed home and the boyfriend she left behind. She was seriously considering packing up and heading back to Madison, Conn.

Then Barb Horneff, dean of first-year students, challenged Abbott to run for freshman class president—and she won the election. The new president's first celebratory phone call was to her mom to say she wouldn't be returning home after all, now that she had a class to lead.

Time to pine is not something Abbott has a lot of these days. She meets weekly with the Student Government Association and convenes another weekly meeting with representatives from the Class of 2005. She also attends meetings of the All College Council once per month, which offers the

presidents of each class and the SGA a chance to bring their concerns to College President Joan Develin Coley.

Abbott has proven to be a hardworking and straight-talking advocate for her classmates. She

organized a T-shirt sale and fund-raiser at Homecoming (unfortunately, the class didn't quite break even). She lobbied to get soap in the freshmen residence hall bathrooms (got it). And, though she's eager to institute a freshman dance, she decided it would be prudent to first gauge whether her classmates would support the event before spending any money on it. The surveys went out by mid-March.

Abbott isn't afraid to take an unpopular stand on issues, such as whether freshmen should be granted parking permits for their cars.

"I don't think we should be allowed to have cars," she says, "because it encourages us to stay at school on the weekends and to get to know each other."

Serving as freshman class president has taught Abbott a lot about herself, she says.

"I've learned that I do love responsibility and to be in a leadership role," says Abbott. "I've definitely gained self-confidence. Now I want to take public speaking and do anything that makes me more effective."

Abbott plans to run for reelection next year. And, since she no longer has time for soccer, she's looking beyond exercise for a major. •

## Advice Columnist Addresses Student Dilemmas

Senior psychology major Cathy Pendorf provides an ear and an answer—non-professional of course—to the homesick, lovelorn and otherwise struggling in her "Dear Kitty" column, a regular feature in the student-run *Phoenix* newspaper.

The column offers a glimpse at some of the issues facing students as they live, learn and grow up together on a campus that 75 percent of all undergraduates call home. And Pendorf's replies, clever while compassionate, show the maturity and confidence of an evolving activist who works to make life better for her peers. Like her leadership positions on the Asian Community Coalition, the Trumpeters, the College Diversity Task Force and the AIDS: Support, Awareness and Prevention group, this is a job Pendorf takes seriously.

"It would be really easy to put a funny spin on my answers. But if real people are writing real letters I owe them ideas that might actually be helpful," she says. "I try to be positive but I also want to be realistic."

Roommate squabbles and romance dilemmas are among the hottest top-

ics. "My roommate keeps taking my food from the microfridge," "My roommate's a slob," and "I think my roommate was reading my notes," are some of the common complaints.

More serious issues crop up, too. "One student wrote saying they were gay and wasn't sure whether to come out to their roommate," Pendorf recalls, careful not to reveal the gender of this anonymous advice-seeker. Another writer went to his first fraternity party where everyone was drinking and smoking and wanted to know if he was a loser for not indulging.

"Of course, my reply was, *of course* there's nothing wrong with you. You're not strange and weird—and you're not even really that different," says Pendorf.

Pendorf taps into campus resources, such as the counseling and health centers, as well as campus organizations like the Gay, Lesbian and Bi-Sexual Alliance, to inform her answers. She also relies on her own solid sensibilities.

Gay students should come out to their roommates only if



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they're comfortable, she advises. In another column, she suggests that a student seek help from counselor Susan Glorie and to stop worrying about what her peers will think if they see her heading to Smith House, adding that if anyone is watching where she's going, "They're the dorks for staring." Another time, she urges a guy to tell his friend that he's interested in her romantically, but cautions, "You have to be ready for any answer."

Because a professional therapist would never advocate any one course of action, Pendorf sees her "Ask Kitty" alter ego as more of a big sister or good friend than as the clinical psychologist she's intent on becoming.

"A lot of this is common sense," she explains. "But it's not necessarily common sense for everyone." •

## Student Libertarians Aim to Spark Action

Ralph Nader of the Green Party and the Libertarian Party's Harry Browne—both candidates in the 2000 presidential election—couldn't differ more in their approaches to government. But both men were invited to campus this spring by the same group of politically active students.

Students for Liberty, founded a year ago by senior Jeremy Keil and Dennis Lucey '01, brought the polar opposites to the Hill—on different nights—to be keynote speakers for a week-long series of lectures designed to spark debate, discourse and a renewed sense of urgency in the public forum.

**"The whole point of the week is to get people involved in social and political change."**

—Jeremy Keil

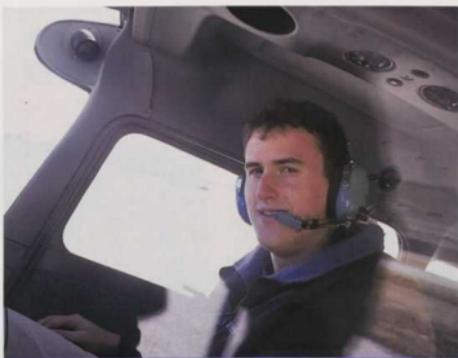
So what if some students might turn on to Nader's liberal ideas, instead of Browne's limited-government message, which Keil prefers?

"The whole point of the week is to get people involved in social and political change," says Keil, the driving force behind Liberty Week, held March 25-30. "It doesn't matter what your politics are, just that you get involved."

In addition to Browne (March 27) and Nader (March 30), Liberty Week speakers included: author Doug Bandow, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think-tank; Republican Carmen Amedori, a Carroll County delegate and Republican Julia Gouge, a Carroll County Commissioner.

The total price tag for the week was \$7,000, quite a bargain according to Keil, who was able to coax Ralph Nader to do the gig for just \$3,500. "Ralph Nader's fee generally varies between \$25,000 to \$30,000, but because the College is close by his Washington headquarters he agreed to lower the price," he says. "Of course, I had to explain that Western Maryland College was just an hour from D.C."

Keil cobbled together his budget with contributions from the Student Government Association, the departments of Academic Affairs, College Activities and Admissions,



JOE RUSSO

## Clear Skies Ahead for Student Pilot

When the semester's stresses start to get Jon Pearson down, the political science and criminal justice double major simply rises above the fray—about 5,000 feet above it.

Pearson recently earned his pilot's license and is now legal to fly single-engine land airplanes. Over the past two years, between classes, studying and his grueling practice and game schedule during basketball season, Pearson squeezed in 50 hours of private instruction and practice flights at Carroll County Regional Airport, about 2 miles from campus. Here are the highlights of Pearson's flight plan:

**Song he sings during take-off:** *Only the Good Die Young*, by Billy Joel

**First planned destination with friends:** Ocean City, about 45 minutes by plane

**Average cruising speed:** 110 mph

**Preferred plane:** Cessna 172; it's large enough to fit his 6-foot-9-inch frame

**Why flying is better than driving:** "No traffic, awesome views."

**How friends react:** "They all want to bum rides."

**Where the pilot's license will take him:** "I hope to combine flying with criminal justice, maybe by working for a federal agency." •

plus a handful of academic departments.

Assistant Professor of Political Science Volker Franke, who serves as faculty adviser to Students For Liberty, applauds the group's effort. He likes to tell his students that college should help them accomplish three things: to become skilled at finding information; to become good citizens who speak out against what bothers them and to discover their principles. Liberty Week, he says, furthers those goals.

"It's a very good idea for students to be exposed to a wide range of viewpoints," continues Franke, who doesn't necessarily agree with all of Keil's ideas. "I always told my students, I don't care what your opinion is, as long as you can support it." •



Freshman star Kelly Cramp (bottom) and Kacey Barnes are two of six members of the Class of 2005 who helped the women's basketball team win its first-ever Centennial Conference Championship.

## The Year it All Came Together

BY KIM ASCH

At a team meeting a week after their final game, women's basketball head coach Becky Martin advised her players to take their eyes off the ball for a while and enjoy their break from grueling daily practices.

The girls just laughed.

"At that point, we'd already gotten together for a pick-up game," recalled freshman Kacey Barnes. "I think because we just missed seeing each other."

If ever there was a team that has jelled on and away from the court, it's this one. The players'

chemistry—combined with their talent and hard work—translated to a historic season. The team posted a school record of 22 wins and won its first ever Centennial Conference Championship. With the championship, the team also earned its first-ever trip to the NCAA Division III National Playoffs, where it was finally defeated by Scranton University.

For the team's six freshmen, the introduction to collegiate-level sports couldn't have been more rewarding, or more fun.

"We knew we were a special team from the moment we started playing, there was a lot of talent and we immediately bonded like a family," said Barnes, who started hanging

## Coach's Parents Offer Sideline Support

BY LISA BRESLIN

Players respect her. Their parents are in awe of her. And the team's alumnae love her. But women's basketball head coach Becky Martin's biggest fans are her own mom and dad.

For the past 21 years, Dorothy and Paul Martin have rarely missed a home game, or an opportunity to console, cajole, and counsel the team and its head coach from the highest row of bleachers. They have recruited a core of about a dozen feisty seniors—citizens, that is—to join them on their top perch, which offers a wall for back support.

"It has been fun watching the girls and getting to know them," said Jean Jenkins of Westminster. "I've watched Toby McIntire '04; she is fast and the way she can handle that ball is amazing. We just get to know their faces and some of their moves."

Many are also eager to offer assistance to the referee, especially if they suspect there's been a bad call.

"They see our fouls but they can't see theirs," "That ref is blind. Come on ref, get a seeing eye dog," they have been known to bellow.

When the game is as close as the team's nail-biter against Muhlenberg (WMC won by one point during the last second of overtime), these seniors are screaming to beat the band.

If it's a blow out in the Green Terror's favor, their conversations often drift to "How's your health," and "Remember those that Becky and all the kids enjoyed playing in the creek on the Leppo's farm?"

Many can reel off the team's home game record without notes: WMC, 83 - Muhlenberg, 82; WMC, 66 - Haverford, 19; WMC, 57 - Lebanon Valley College, 50. Like many other fans, they groused loudly about that fact the WMC wasn't ranked in the region and took extra pride in the team's first-ever conference championship.

"Some of the people up there on the back row of the bleachers I have known my entire life," said Coach Becky Martin.

"They are an extended family no matter how good or bad things get. I consider myself fortunate that my parents have shared in this with me and with their friends." \*

out with her teammates as soon as regular practices began in October. "It made it that much sweeter because we weren't supposed to be any good, according to the rankings, and we proved everyone wrong."

Of the half-dozen talented newcomers, Kelly Cramp was the standout, earning a spot on the starting five. The shooting guard from Pennington, N.J., finished second on the team in scoring, next to junior Jen Piccolomini, who became the newest member in the 1,000 point club on her way to garnering All Centennial Conference Second Team Honors.

"Kelly is definitely a player you build a team around," said

Martin, but she added that each of the freshmen contributed to the season's success. "The word team means everybody. We can't win with just Kelly. Everybody has a valuable role."

Breaking into a new team could have been humbling for the other freshmen, all of whom got used to being in the spotlight in high school. But the respect they received from veteran team leaders, like senior Brooke Brenneman, junior Kris Brust and sophomore Toby McIntire, made even a few moments of playing time feel like a major contribution.

"Even sitting on the bench didn't matter because I knew I

## Attention Armchair Sports Fans

Even if you can't be there rooting from the sidelines, you can still cheer on the Green Terror. Track the progress of all your favorite teams at <http://www.wmcd.edu/athletics/athletic.shtml>

## Women's Basketball Alumnae Celebrate Martin's Winning Ways

BY KIM ASCH

was part of the team and that my time will come," explained freshman TeAndra Smith, who for four years was a starting center on the varsity team at her Cumberland, Md., high school. This season, much of her role involved supporting teammates from the sidelines.

"We cheer from the bench to keep our players up," said Smith, adding that she enjoyed hearing the other players chanting "T! T!" when she was on the court. "It makes you feel good when the rest of the team's behind you."

Many of the players' parents and professors consistently came out to support the team. Junior Erin White's parents, the Cramps and the Barneses regularly made the three-hour drive from their homes to cheer on their daughters and their teammates.

"After a game, you always had a hug from somebody, even if it wasn't your own mom or dad," Barnes said.

Winter sports can be especially tough on freshmen. While the rest of their classmates get to go home for several weeks of R&R, these athletes must return immediately after the holidays for two-a-day practices over the January term. The players scheduled movie nights, pizza outings and spaghetti dinners at team captain Brooke Brennen's off-campus apartment to break up the monotony of living on a near-empty campus.

Coach Martin hosted a team dinner at her house, too, which gave the girls a chance to continue a women's b-ball tradition of playing practical jokes. As she said goodnight to the few remaining guests, who had stayed behind to distract her, Martin was greeted by the sight



Former players traveled from far and wide to reunite on their old home court and to share some laughs with head coach Becky Martin.

of 200 forks stuck in the front lawn.

"Jan term is what made our season," Barnes said. "It really made us closer."

Next year, four of the freshmen—Barnes, Cramp, Weimer and Smith—will live together in an affinity suite in Albert Norman Ward with five other athletes. The Lady Terror, as they call themselves, will partner with the local YMCA to offer sports-oriented activities to children.

It'll be a chance to show the younger generation how empowering sports can be.

"When you study hard for a test and you get that A, it's a good feeling. But it doesn't compare to the feeling of winning that conference title," said Brooke Weimer of Williamsport, Md. "And it's kind of cool, since the name is changing, to think that we'll be the first—and the last—women's basketball team to become conference champions at Western Maryland College." •

*This is the second in an occasional series about members of the Class of 2005 and their experiences as they live and learn on the Hill.*

They came from such far-flung places as Arizona, Illinois and North Carolina for the chance to shoot hoops on their old home turf against other women's basketball alumnae and, best of all, to reunite with head coach Becky Martin.

"They came to harass me," quipped Martin '80, who is not only the winningest coach, but the most prolific scorer in WMC basketball history. "I'm sure I was the brunt of a few laughs."

Well, maybe just a few.

About two dozen players from the past three decades showed

up in January at Gill Gymnasium for the alumnae basketball game, an annual tradition that Martin resurrected last year. But first, some of the women—and no one is naming names—did some major re-decorating to Martin's car. Practical joking is also a long-standing women's basketball tradition.

"I woke up Saturday morning and was running late. I rushed out to my car and found that someone had drawn a big heart and a star on the windows with the words, 'WMC 4 Eva,'" said Martin, who players sometimes call Noni, the Italian word for grandma. "I had no choice but to show up at the game with it because I was in a hurry."

Going into her 22nd season, Martin is the beloved central figure of the women's basketball program. She first made her mark while she was an undergraduate from 1976-80. The 5-foot-9-inch center became the team's first 1,000-point scorer (1,299). She also led the College to its first league title and won the division MVP award as a senior. She still holds team records for scoring average in a season and career. And she still has the mark for points in a game (39 vs. Ursinus in her career finale).

After launching her coaching career with three losing seasons, Martin has endured only four more in the last 18. In 1988-89 she won the Middle Atlantic Conference Southern Division Coach of the Year award after leading the College to a 20-5 mark.

Over the years, the Carroll County native has coaxed the best out of her players with a flexible style and calm demeanor that shuns the shouting so often heard from other coaches. She is personable and fun-loving with a well practiced ability to laugh at herself.

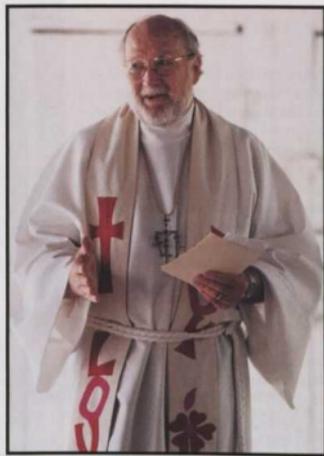
"She's just a real genuine person. She's interested in her players both on and off the court and wants them to be successful, not just in basketball but in life," said Deb Shockley Zacher '92, who drove up from Raleigh, N.C. with her husband and 1-year-old daughter Sydney to participate in the reunion game. "She played the role of coach while I was in school, but after that she became a friend." •

YES

Ira's Second Birthday

“While I knew in my mind how fragile life is, the heart surgery and lymphoma forced me to face mortality at the deepest level of my being. It was the despair and joy, the agony and ecstasy, the hell and heaven of that year which went to the very marrow of my bones. And in my physical and spiritual healing I felt Your presence near!”

—FROM ZEPP'S PRAYER, FOR MY SECOND BIRTHDAY



ra Zepp is munching on a grilled chicken sandwich—no fries—and sipping a diet soda. It's just past the noontime rush

at Harry's Main Street Restaurant, known to old timers as Harry's Lunch. A recent expansion and complete renovation has transformed this former hot-dogs-with-everything hangout into a modern bistro. Fish, veggie burgers and garden salads are now on the menu, which is a good thing since Zepp has become a “food fundamentalist” and eats very little red meat or saturated fats these days.

At 72, Zepp is on the celebration side of a physical overhaul of his own. In September 1998, he had quintuple heart by-pass surgery and spent the rest of the fall in and out of Carroll County General Hospital with an irregular heartbeat. Then, in December, non-hodgkins lymphoma was discovered in his spleen and he underwent another surgery to remove it in

February 1999. Doctors determined that the cancer had been excited along with the spleen, but suggested preventative chemotherapy just to be sure. Over three months of treatments, Zepp lost his appetite, his beard and what little hair was left on his head. But by July, a CAT scan showed no cancer and the cardiologist delivered promising news that Zepp's heart was doing as well as could be expected.

His soul is better than ever. Shaken but enlivened by his brush with death, Zepp gives thanks to God every day for what he calls his "bonus years." Before his illness, he'd led an exemplary life—more than half of it at Western Maryland College. As an undergraduate he demonstrated an intellect as broad as his athletic shoulders, and was both a stalwart on the undefeated football team and the outstanding male student in the Class of 1952, for which he was awarded the Bates Prize.

Since returning to the Hill in 1963, first as dean of the chapel, then as full-time professor of religious studies, he has become nothing short of a living legend. His courageous, nonviolent efforts to further civil rights; humble affirmation of all people, especially those within the campus community; electrifying courses on taboo topics like human sexuality, death and racism, and serious scholarship on a wide range of subjects—from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X to the culture and religion of Islam to shopping malls as sacred spaces—have inspired generations of students to do their part to make the world a better place.

And yet, upon celebrating his "second birthday" after getting a clean bill of health in July 1999, he wasn't sure what he should do next. He asked God, "What would you like me to do with the rest of my life, since I got this second crack?"

The answer will come as no surprise to anyone with even a smidgen of faith.

"What I've always understood is that when doors open up to you, when opportunities come, and maybe they repetitively



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**Three-time winner of the Distinguished Teaching Award Ira Zepp, 72, still leaves himself enough time before class to "get nervous."**

**"It's the student, stupid"**

*—Quote on the wall in Ira Zepp's campus office*

come, that's an answer to prayer," he says. "And what's still opening up is teaching, writing and family."

Hallelujah.

#### HEAVEN IS THE CLASSROOM

Lunch over, Zepp says he better be getting back to campus, even though his afternoon honor's course in Prejudice and Power won't begin for at least another 30 minutes. Without a hint of irony, the three-time winner of the Distinguished Teaching Award explains, "I have to give myself half-an-hour to get nervous before class."

After all these years, Zepp still spends time meditating and "centering" to prepare for the theater that is the classroom. In crowds, he is surprisingly shy, but not here. With chairs arranged in an egalitarian circle, he leads thoughtful and sometimes fiery discussions rather than delivering lectures, his massive hands working the air like a rudder to direct the dialogue.

Teaching is loving affirmation of all students, which bestows value and worth and allows them to believe in themselves.

"I understand that God is always saying a kind of cosmic 'Yes!' and it's up to us to respond gratefully and to approximate that," he says. "So if love is at the center of the universe, it better be the center of the classroom."

Explaining that "questions unite and answers divide," Zepp challenges students by asking: Why are there so many poor people? Can we learn the language of the oppressed, even in translation? Why do white students tend to sit together in the dining hall? What is the color of a flesh-colored Band-Aid? Why is there still a need for a course on prejudice and power?

Knowledge for knowledge's sake is not what education is about, Zepp asserts. "To know



PETER HOWARD

**When the campus climate became too stressful for Victor McTeer, one of two black students in the Class of 1969, he'd stay at the Zepps' for a few days.**

**"Someday, after we have mastered the winds, the waves, the tides, and gravity, we will harness for God the energies of love; and then, for the second time in the history of the world, we will have discovered fire!"**

*—A quote by Father Pierre Teilhard de Chardin displayed on the wall of Zepp's home office*

and not to act is not to know," he continues. "Knowledge is about affecting the world and making it a better place. It's called praxis, the practical, concrete unity of reflection and action."

Times have changed since he first prodded students to think—and act—on issues of race, class, gender and sexual orientation. Back in the mid-'60s, female students had a curfew.

Chapel was mandatory, for everyone. And there was no support group for gays and lesbians because being open about one's homosexuality was not an option.

Fourteen percent of the Class of 2005 is minority but the Class of 1969 had only two African Americans, Victor McTeer and Joseph Smothers, who were also the first African Americans to graduate from WMC. McTeer recalls dealing with racism both subtle and overt. Zepp was one of the few white people he felt he could trust and when campus life became too stressful, he'd stay at the Zepps' for a while.

"To this day, I still remember his phone number and I use it a few times a year," says the 53-year-old, an attorney with a lucrative practice in Mississippi who has won a string of civil rights and anti-tobacco cases over the past two decades. "Ira believes and he lives his life as if he believes. As I've gotten older, it impresses me even more because I understand how he was able to treat me the way he did and it guides me in the way I treat others."

Ellen Von Dehsen Elmes '69 describes the stimulating speakers Zepp brought to campus while dean of the chapel, such as Philip Berrigan, the priest who destroyed draft registration files in 1968, as "the greatest gift of knowledge, particularly self-knowledge."

But most memorable, she says, is his ability to guide the campus community in times of grief and despair.

"The assassination of Dr. King left us, as it did our nation, horror-stricken to the point of numbness. What to do? Where to go? Ira prayed with us, spoke eloquently

of his friend, led us in a candle-light processional, and eventually, took us into inner city Washington soup kitchens following the rioting of the despairing beloved community," she recalls.

Like Elmes and McTeer, many of Zepp's former students still consider him an important touchstone.



"I feel so lucky and so blessed to be on campus to benefit from his counsel," says Common Ground on the Hill founder Walt Michael '68, who credits the idea for the traditional music and arts organization to the undergraduate work he did in Appalachia through the Student Opportunities Service that Zepp co-founded. "He isn't just flowers and sunshine. He'll bring you to confront the issues you have to deal with."

"He's definitely still an influence," says Sue Griffin Hill '68, a high school English teacher in Connecticut. "Sometimes when I despair, it helps me to think about people like Ira who have spent their lives affirming the possibility of positive change."

Laura Lee Wilson '83, campus minister at University of Delaware, speaks regularly with Zepp, who she refers to as "my mentor for life."

Eric Byrd '93, a professional jazz artist who teaches in the music department and directs the gospel choir, explains, "When I'm in his presence, I feel smarter. I feel like I can make a difference in the world. I feel like being a professor can have an exalted sense of responsibility."

Current students view what Zepp has to teach them as not only relevant, but revolutionary. Rob Caswell '02 was so inspired by Zepp's Power and Prejudice course he decided to devote his career to social justice. He's spending

**Pam Zappardino '71 and Linda Van Hart '68 with activist Stonewall Johnson at the Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, Ala. The visit was part of a civil rights and nonviolence study tour led by Zappardino over Jan Term.**

the spring semester in a study abroad program in South Africa.

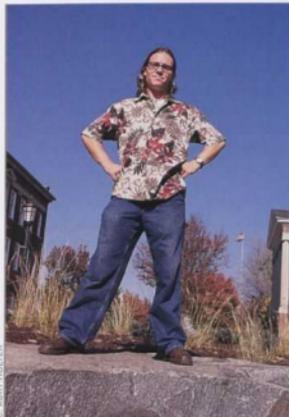
Many more do good works in their own quiet way.

As Zepp says, "Every time you affirm another person, the world is changed."

#### WORDS TO LOVE BY

Zepp once dabbled in woodcarving. He even took a class last summer at Common Ground and turned out a fine spoon. But the hobby didn't call to him. "When you're talking about a vocation, I think you ought to be attracted to it, you ought not to have to decide whether to carve or not to carve," he says. "What is not happening is carving. What is happening is I'm writing."

The written word has always been one of Zepp's most powerful tools, both for shaping his ideas and expressing them. In addition to his parents, who "struggled through the Great Depression with rare ingenuity and unflinching integrity," his teachers and the fathers of nonviolence, King and Mahatma Gandhi, Zepp looks to texts for his heroes.



C. KURT HOLTZER

## Rob Caswell '02 Seeks Justice in South Africa

So, what's a white middle-class kid from Germantown, Md., doing in South Africa?

Senior Rob Caswell is spending the spring semester in Cape Town and the Western Cape region as a student in the School for International Training's semester abroad program. Partially funded by a WMC student research and creativity grant, the trip will allow Caswell to document the post-Apartheid culture in a photo essay.

Caswell, a guitarist with a yen for world travel, tuned into human rights issues after taking Ira Zepp's course in Prejudice and Power.

"I feel like I've been liberated from my own prejudices," says Caswell, who designed his own major in social justice and roots music. "My major is the first item on my change-the-world agenda."

Adds Caswell, "Studying the suffering of others is uncomfortable. But while the road might be difficult, for me it's essential to walk it." ♦

"No one has more completely fulfilled the wedding vow of being there in 'sickness and health, for better or worse' than Mary."

—from Zepp's prayer, *For Mary*

As a child growing up with little means in rural Harford County, Md., Luke's Gospel became his first literary role

model. "I was fascinated by the stories of Jesus defending the poor, helpless and outcast," he says.

Most of the eight books Zepp has written deal with issues of faith and morality. His most recent, *Prayer as Ballast and Rudder*, is a collection of his favorite prayers from official College occasions, various religious traditions and his personal conversations with God. David Carrasco '67, the Neil L. Rudenstine Professor of the Study of Latin America at Harvard University, wrote the introduction.

As a regular contributor to *The Gold Bug* for 10 years and a religion columnist for *The Carroll County Times*, Zepp always wrote from his heart, no matter how controversial his point of view.

In a 1965 column for the campus newspaper, he argued for the acceptance of gays. "I wasn't quite sure what I was saying, but I knew that gays and lesbians were all right," he recalls. "I had two guys come out to me the next week."

Daughter Jody Zepp, who teaches part time in the political science department, remembers that her parents' advocacy of civil rights was unpopular in conservative Westminster. The family received hate mail and dirty looks from neighbors who didn't like the sight of black guests at their house.

"By virtue of taking stands you will have some people who are on the other side. I've made enemies, but I never think of them as enemies," Ira Zepp says. "I will love the hell out of them, or better yet, heaven into them."

Pam Zappardino '71 and her husband Charlie Collyer, both psychology Ph.D.s., recently founded the Ira and Mary Zepp Center for Non-violence and Peace Education in honor of the couple's longtime example of nonviolence in action. They will teach courses for undergraduate and graduate credit through Common Ground on the Hill. And Zepp's latest project is his collaboration with Collyer on a book about the history of nonviolence.

But perhaps most meaningful of Zepp's writing endeavors are the many notes and



Over the past half-century, Ira and Mary Dodd Zepp raised four children: Jody, Karen, Alan and Paul (not pictured) and now delight in their granddaughter Rachael.

e-mails he shares with, literally, hundreds of alumni, current students and colleagues. Given all of the people who would like to stay close to Zepp, it seems impossible that he responds to everyone within a day or two.

"People write, I should write back," he says simply. "I want them to know I care. Caring is the cement that holds the world together."

## Zepp's Advice: 'Do Not Seek a Happy Marriage'

It's easy to marry the person you love. The hard work is in loving the person you marry.

Not a very romantic sentiment, but that's why Ira Zepp has incorporated it into the thousand-plus wedding ceremonies he's conducted over the past half-century. Love, he says, is a verb. It is not an elusive state of being that's synonymous with romance or happiness.

And "resolute love," the kind required for that deepest of all human relationships called marriage, is better defined by down-to-earth words like respect, trust, honesty, gratitude, fidelity, honor, kindness, patience and commitment.

"This is not easy. For most of us it is very hard to put this kind of love into practice," says Zepp, who will celebrate his golden anniversary with Mary Dodd Zepp in June. "But I often wonder, wouldn't we have more successful marriages if love were understood and practiced this way?"

Zepp's advice to newlyweds, what he calls the "Three 11th Commandments," have moved not just brides and grooms, but pews full of guests, to loving action. Invariably, long-married couples in attendance at a Zepp wedding find themselves

holding hands and vowing not to take each other for granted.

Ready for a refresher?

### DO NOT SUFFOCATE ONE ANOTHER

You are together but—and Zepp says what comes after the but is very important—there should be spaces in your togetherness. As Kahlil Gibran wrote in *The Prophet*, you should not drink from the same cup or eat from the same loaf. Instead, nurture each other and let each other grow.

"There's this pathological thing that Hallmark does with greeting cards that say 'I can't live without you,'" Zepp says. "You know that's not true. You are two strong independent people who came together and you bring that individual uniqueness to the relationship. Never lose it."

### PUTTING 'YES' IN 'I DO'

"At their 40th anniversary party, a friend asked Ira what it was like to be married to the same woman for four decades. Mary jumped up to protest, "But I'm not the same woman!"

On June 21, Ira will celebrate 50 years of marriage to Mary Dodd Zepp '49, MS'83. Keep growing, Zepp advises the hundreds of alumni couples whose wedding ceremonies he's performed. "Or else you're doomed."

Together, the Zepps raised four children and now delight in their 11-year-old granddaughter Rachael. They stuck together through the civil rights movement, which often took Zepp away from the family, and the feminist movement, which changed the dynamic of their relationship when Mary started a career as an elementary school teacher.

"We're on our fifth marriage now," Zepp says, referring to the distinct stages of his constantly evolving relationship with Mary. He likes to tell younger couples, "If you think you love each other now, come to me in 30 years and we can talk."

Zepp is thinner these days, but that's because he's working to keep the weight off. Both his beard and his appetite are back. A notorious chocoholic, Zepp has discovered Nestle's Chunks, which have zero saturated fat. "It's virtually all I eat when it comes to Theobroma—food of the gods," he says. "When I want to celebrate, I fall from grace and sin by mixing them with natural peanut butter."

He treats himself to the modified Reese's cup about once a month, but really, Zepp is celebrating every day. Happy second birthday, Ira. •

*Editor's Note: Writer Kim Asch is a former student of Ira Zepp's and continues to be inspired by his bonily at her 1998 wedding. See a more complete version of this story on the Web ([www.zmdc.edu](http://www.zmdc.edu)).*



Gordon '68 and Barbara '70 Shelton (above) were married by Ira Zepp, as were Don and Ellen Elmes '69 (left), who are also pictured here with Mary Dodd Zepp.



### DO NOT SEEK A HAPPY MARRIAGE

Zepp often tells newlyweds, "I hope you don't ruin a very good relationship with this marriage."

He begs them not to make a happy marriage their goal. "If you seek it, you'll never find it," he cautions.

"Instead, what will make a marriage happy is doing a lot of other kind of important things that serendipitously and accidentally and surprisingly produce a happy marriage."

Pay attention to the little things, he says. "Do random acts of love for one another more often than you're inclined to. Don't go to bed angry. Hold hands forever."

### REDEFINE LOVE FOR THE REST OF US

"Love is a meaningless word," Zepp says. "I want some redefinition of love."

For instance, he says, sign notes to each other: with deepest respect; with deepest trust; with deepest loyalty; with deepest fidelity; with deepest like.

"In this redefinition, remind us of what it means to love," he continues. "There's this wonderful line in Corinthians 13 where love is patient, love is kind, love is not rude, love is never arrogant, love is not gloating over other people's faults, and then—I love this line—love keeps no score of wrongs."

There's no math in love, Zepp concludes. There's no computing in relationships. "Because in marriage, each is expected to give more than to receive." •

—K.A.

# Quick Study

## Cecelia Bowns

*Celebrating her 36th year as dining hall diva; a.k.a. Cel, Miss Cel, Mama Cel, and Cece; dishing up hot food, nourishing bugs and delicious laughter.*

*In her words:*

■ **I don't care who you are, I will call you sweetheart or baby.**

■ **If I called** all these students by name, I'd be in a lot of trouble. I am serious. They'd want to know, why do you know this one better than you know me?

■ **They show me a lot of respect.** They all say please and thank you and ma'am.

■ **Some of them will come back** and talk to me, tell me some of their personal problems. They'll stand on the line and tell me if it's nobody else there, and if it's really upsetting then I'll pull them aside and we'll talk together.

■ **I had a little girl come in** one day, I seen her standing out there and she was crying. And I said, sweetheart, are you OK? And she said, I just miss my mom. I said, I tell you what, I'll be your mom and you go to college and enjoy yourself. You mark my word, you'll get over it.

■ **And she got over it.**

■ **I get a lot of mothers** come through the line and say, thank you.

■ **A man** last year came up and said, Cecelia, you're still here! And that was so cute. Me and his daughter was so friendly. He came in a couple times when he come to visit her. Her brother went to school here, too. I said, boy I'm getting old.

■ **I get a lot of pictures** from students. They bring their children back to see me—I'm grandma. I say, thank you for bringing my grandbabies.

■ **That makes me feel** pretty good. Real good.

■ **I think the food** these days is better than it used to be. We got a lot of new things, half the times I can't even pronounce it. I have to have someone help me to say it right.

■ **Chick pea** chimichanga—that's vegetarian.

■ **Way back in the day,** we had to set the tables ourselves. We had to carry the plates out to students; we served everything family style.

■ **We used to fix up nice plates** for them Colts [during summer training camp]. And they enjoyed it, too. And they always talked to the line servers and cut up with us and we had fun serving them and carrying on.

■ **Johnny Unitas, Lenny Moore**—boy, didn't they eat. Those big guys were no vegetarians.

■ **I have one little student** who comes back four or five times through the line. He's a little guy, too. I say, my God, child, have you had enough? He says, Miss Cel, I'm a wrestler. And I say, that's OK, child, go ahead and enjoy yourself.

■ **I guess I do** like to see people eat.

■ **The black students used** to sit in their own little groups. And I used to ask them, why ya'll sit in your own little groups like that? I said, all ya'll gotta do is make yourself talk to these guys. I said, ya'all gotta communicate with one another. I noticed that during the years gone by they started talkin' with one another. Now you see 'em spread out, sittin' around with each other.

■ **The campus is better** for it.

■ **I think I'm much different** when I see the students come through the line. They make me put on my happy face.

■ **Sometimes I just cry.** The love wells up in me and I have to go off to myself and let it out because I don't want them to see the expression on my face. They ask me, Miss Cel, are you OK? And I say, yes baby, I'm beautiful. Just like you.

"I guess I do like to see people eat," says Cecelia Bowns.





JACK ROBBINS

BY KIM ASCH

# After the

In the nearly five years since his teenage son was shot to death, Bill Jenkins '79 has discovered that good things can come from tragedy—but only through forgiveness.

Bill Jenkins stood sobbing over the coffin, preparing to bury his oldest child on an August afternoon. Sixteen-year-old William had been shot to death during a holdup of the fast food restaurant in suburban Richmond where he'd been on the job just two days.

The shooter, arrested within minutes of committing the crime, faced murder charges and a possible death sentence.

And Jenkins, a Christian and lifelong pacifist, faced a moral dilemma. For as long as he could remember, he had been philosophically opposed to the death penalty. Now, he couldn't help but wonder, should this killer be allowed to live after stealing the future of his kind-hearted, talented, hard-working boy?



# Police Left



That summer of 1997 had been a magical season of growth and companionship for father and son. William and his two younger siblings had returned to Richmond after a two-year stint in Tennessee. Bill's former wife Katherine Hedian Ex'79 had completed a midwifery program there and, now that she was certified, intended to open a birthing center in Virginia's capital so the children would once again live near their dad.

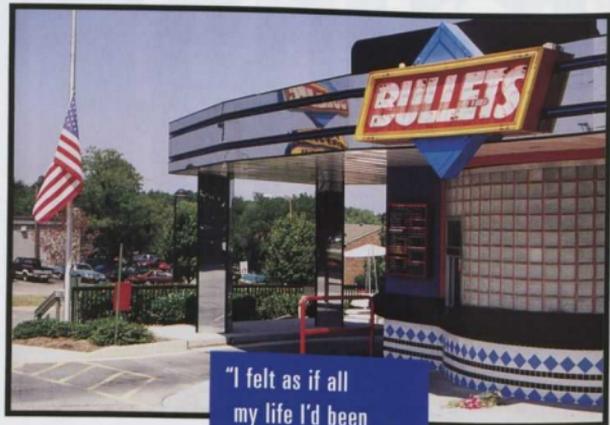
William had enrolled in a homeschooling program in order to prepare for senior year at his new high school. Jenkins, an associate professor of speech and drama at Virginia Union University and a freelance theater set designer, took William to work with him every day to help his son establish a study routine. Early each morning, the father would pick up his son and they'd set off for the local theater or the college, grabbing a sausage biscuit and an iced tea on the way. William, a talented artist and budding poet, cracked the books while his father built the set for *Oliver*. If they finished up early, the two would indulge their shared guitar obsession, making the rounds of music stores, trying out new instruments and jamming together.

"There was great joy in that summer," Jenkins recalled. "We were becoming good friends who respected each other as adults and as family."

In August, William got a night job at Bullets, a local fast food joint. It was in a safe neighborhood, just up the street from his house, and he had friends who worked there. He wanted to earn a little extra money before school started, maybe buy a new guitar. His first shift was a success and he told his dad he thought he was going to like the job. The morning before his second shift, Jenkins dropped William off at the library before heading to work.

"I told him to have a good day, and as was my habit, I told him I loved him. He said, 'I love you too, dad,'" Jenkins recalled. "Those were the last words I heard him speak."

At about 10:40 p.m. on Aug. 12, a 23-year-old man, armed with a semiautomatic pistol, attacked William in the parking lot as he was leaving for the night and forced



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—Bill Jenkins

him at gunpoint back to the employees' entrance. He ordered William to knock on the door, which was opened by the manager. The man shot William in the neck, took money from the safe and the manager's purse, then fled in a getaway car with two teenage girls. Another employee called 911. Within minutes, the police chased down and arrested the man and his accomplices, but William was dead before he hit the floor.

Sometime after midnight, Jenkins was awakened by a phone call from the police. They were at William's house and wanted him to come over right away. When he walked into the house, Jenkins saw that his son was not there and that a stranger was comforting Hedian. The officer gently broke the news.

The police said William was the victim of a botched robbery. As far as Jenkins and everyone who loved William was concerned, the robbery had been a success: A 16-year-old had been robbed of his life; His family and friends had been robbed of their precious William.

These were some of the thoughts assaulting Jenkins as he stood over his son's coffin, crying like a baby, wondering how to respond to the violence done to his oldest child—and to all of them.

Sixteen-year-old William was shot to death during a holdup of this fast food restaurant where he'd just finished his second day on the job.

"I felt as if all my life I'd been practicing my faith and now I was called on the stage to perform it," Jenkins said, describing the terrible day they buried William in a cemetery nestled in the Shenandoah mountains he once loved to ski. "It was at that moment I decided that I am not going to respond with anger or vengeance. For me, the only path to inner peace is through forgiveness."

Both Jenkins and Hedian told the prosecutor the killer deserved to spend the rest of his years behind bars, but not to be executed. He was ultimately sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. **NONVIOLENT, NOT PASSIVE**

Jenkins' life would never be the same after William's murder. The grieving process would never truly end. But, rather than seek revenge, Jenkins resolved to effect positive change. He would become active on three fronts: victims' assistance, gun control and the abolition of the death penalty.

"Dragged into a life of activism and anguish," he said, "I spend my days trying to make as many good things come out of this as possible."

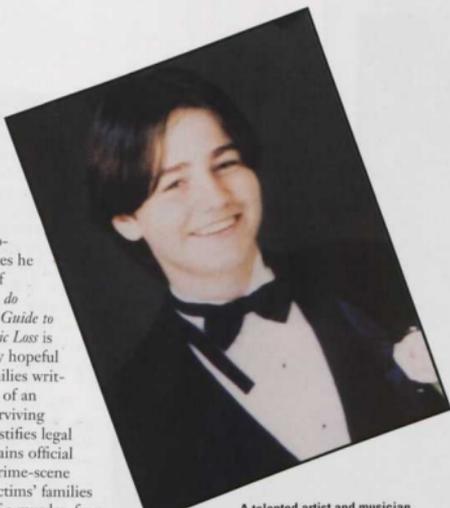
He started by self-publishing the book he wishes he had received the night of William's death. *What to do When the Police Leave: A Guide to the First Days of Traumatic Loss* is a practical and ultimately hopeful manual for bereaved families written from the perspective of an "unwilling expert" on surviving tragedy. The book demystifies legal and medical jargon, explains official procedures such as the crime-scene cleanup and walks the victims' families through the aftermath of a murder, from identifying the body and making funeral arrangements to dealing with the media and depression.

"That's the only kind of book like it in the galaxy. If we'd had that book in the beginning it would have been really helpful," said David Knight, associate rector at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Richmond, who works with Jenkins on the local victims' support group. His 21-year-old son Jamie was murdered in 1997, several months before William.

*What to do When the Police Leave* has been adopted as a training manual by victims' assistance programs and law enforcement agencies across the country and is mentioned in best-selling novelist Patricia Cornwell's *The Last Precinct*. Cornwell, a Richmond resident, wrote the foreword for the book's expanded third edition.

Long accustomed to his behind-the-scenes role in the theatre, Jenkins now takes center stage to further his political causes. Thin, bespectacled and soft-spoken, the 44-year-old is a powerful writer and charismatic speaker who never tires of telling William's tragic story if it has the potential to help some other families enjoy a happier ending.

Emboldened by what Jenkins refers to as "a credential no one else wants to have," he takes on gun manufacturers, the



A talented artist and musician, William would be 21 now and, his dad says, "he certainly would have had a girlfriend."

National Rifle Association and Second Amendment lobbyists with the moral authority of a father who knows all too well that guns do indeed kill people. As a board member of Virginians Against Handgun Violence, he testifies before the state legislature and speaks out loudly and often in support of laws that would limit criminals' access to firearms.

"Our best investment in society is to prevent victimization in the first place and one of the best ways we can do that is to effectively interdict sales and access to firearms by criminals at the front end, rather than merely waiting for them to victimize someone and prosecuting them for their illegal behavior later," Jenkins said recently in a keynote address at the eighth annual Citizens Conference to Stop Gun Violence in Washington, D.C.

In newspaper editorials, at rallies, on radio talk shows and in workshops with prison inmates, Jenkins offers himself as evidence that guns and bullets kill more than people: "At the end of a muzzle, hopes and dreams die, careers and talents are shattered, and families and relationships are torn apart," said Jenkins, whose second marriage failed in the aftermath of William's murder. "The statistics don't tell the whole story. Over 30,000 deaths and two to three times that many injuries every year don't tell the whole story."

Jenkins' work to abolish the death penalty on behalf of the national organization, Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation, is perhaps more difficult to understand. It seems counterintuitive that the people hurt most by homicide should devote their energy to sparing the lives of killers.

For the record, Toby Vick, former Virginia Commonwealth Attorney for Henrico County who prosecuted William's case, agreed with Jenkins and Hedian that their son's killer didn't deserve the death penalty. But, he disagreed with their over-

all assessment. There is a need for capital punishment in "unique and extraordinary circumstances" where the criminal represents a continuing danger to society, he said. "My personal view of the death penalty is that it's a justifiable public protection."

But Jenkins said death is never an acceptable solution to violence, adding, "The death penalty victimizes innocents at all levels of the process—the jury, the witnesses, the family of the victim and the family of the murderer."

Reconciliation is the only path to peace, he said. "Almost always when I talk to victims' love ones who support the death penalty, I detect fear, resentment and anger that they continue to hold onto."

The Rev. Knight admitted that he was once among those who sought vengeance.

"I spend my days trying to make as many good things come out of this as possible."

—Bill Jenkins



## Unheralded Humanists Sought Justice, Never the Spotlight

Their 57-year marriage was like a finely choreographed dance that kept perfect time with the interests closest to their hearts: civil rights, technology, and the world of ideas and art. Together, Bob and Phyllis Scott enlivened the Carroll County community with their activism and enlight-

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—Ira Zepp '52, professor of religious studies emeritus

ened philanthropy. Their bequest to WMC totaling \$799,000 will be used to further their lifelong causes by supporting cultural events and scholarships.

Robert Scott, a 1935 Westminster High School graduate and 1939 graduate of Johns Hopkins University, was a brilliant engineer and an early computer whiz whose expertise was put to use during World War II on anti-aircraft defenses in England. He marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and spoke proudly of being in Washington to hear the "I Have a Dream" speech.

A longtime president of Beacon Steel Products Co., the

family-owned poultry equipment company in Westminster, Bob sold the business when he retired in 1984, but remained a director of Union National Bank for several years and often was called upon by business associates and friends to fix their computer glitches. He was 80 when he died in 1999 at home, an innovative "glass house" in the woods which he helped design four decades earlier.

Phyllis, a Wellesley graduate and former social worker, was a vocal critic of poverty and injustice and an ardent champion of the arts. She was a model volunteer in many organizations, including the Carroll County Arts Council—which she and her husband helped found—the American Association of University Women and the Carroll County League of Women Voters, which met regularly in the couple's living room. She died in 2000 at the age of 84.

"They were always concerned about the poor and the oppressed. They felt that wealthy people and the wealth of our country should make life better for everyone," recalls Bob's nephew, local attorney Jeff Scott, whose daughter Lauren is currently a sophomore majoring in social work.

The Scotts were well known locally for their involvement in politics. Both were dogged Democrats whose enthusiasm for the party never waned, even when many of the local candidates they championed were defeated. They were among the founding members of the Human Relations Committee, created in the 1960s, which pushed for desegregation in the county.



**Bob and Phyllis Scott, who left \$799,000 to the College, enlivened the community with their activism and enlightened philanthropy.**

Ira Zepp, professor of religious studies emeritus, first met the Scotts at a committee meeting in 1963. Plans were being made to complete the integration of Westminster's public accommodations, especially the restaurants.

"There was no more vocal proponent of human rights, peace, and social justice than Phyllis and no more unflagging supporter of Phyllis than Bob," recalls Zepp, whose work for voting rights in Selma, Ala. in 1965 was partially funded by the Scotts. "From the March on Washington in 1963, through the entire Civil Rights era, to anti-war protests in the '60s, to advocacy for the homeless, Bob and Phyllis were dedicated to making this community a more humane place."

As outspoken as they were, the Scotts were hushed about their generosity. Before they died, they donated \$672,000 to Carroll Community College but avoided fanfare. In their

estate, they also provided generously for their alma maters, the worldwide humanitarian organization CARE and the ACLU Foundation.

Though the Scotts were not alumni of the College, they were involved members of the campus community. (Bob's sister, Lalia Scott Riley, is a member of the Class of 1940 and her three daughters earned graduate degrees here.) At provocative campus lectures, concerts or cultural events, Bob and Phyllis were almost certain to be in the audience. And they were rarely passive listeners: more than one speaker's mettle was tested by Phyllis' probing questions.

In 1982, Phyllis served on the planning committee for Elderlice Peace Week, a campus-community effort that focused on Ethical Considerations for Peace in a Nuclear World. It grew out of a memorial presentation made to WMC in 1980 to honor, in

**Between July 1, 2001 and January 31, 2002, the College received \$3.38 million in bequests. Find out how you can include the College in your estate planning and reap potential tax benefits by calling Gail Shaivitz, director of gift planning, at 410/857-2249. Or, visit the Guide to Planned Giving on the Alumni homepage at the College Web site ([www.wmcd.edu](http://www.wmcd.edu)).**

perpetuity, alumna Dorothy Elderidge, Class of 1911, a respected proponent of peace and civil rights. Phyllis invited friends Howard Ehrlich and Bess Keller, members of Baltimore radio WBJC's Great Atlantic Radio Conspiracy, an internationally syndicated program, to be speakers during that week.

Zepp says he often marveled that Bob and Phyllis, as relatively privileged as they were, could so quickly take the side of the poor, the underprivileged, and those discriminated against. "In spite of this, Bob and Phyllis deeply and vicariously felt their struggle," he says. "Would that all of us could have such empathy which finds expression in a healthier society." •

## Gift Highlights:

### DEBORAH DALE SEIDEL '84 AND ETHAN SEIDEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

John and Irene Dale found themselves in the enviable position of having an asset that, over the years, had greatly appreciated. Now, they wanted to share their good fortune in a meaningful way with two colleges that had profoundly affected their lives.

In 2000, they created a Charitable Lead Unitrust (CLUT) that would provide funds for Western Maryland College—where their daughter Deborah Dale Seidel is a member of the Class of '84 and where their son-in-law is vice president for administration and finance. They also did the same for John Dale's alma mater, Juniata College.

Recognizing the unique challenges that liberal arts colleges face, the Dales designated that, for the next 15 years, the use of the income from the CLUT should be unrestricted, meaning that it can be used for the College's greatest need. Western Maryland determined that its greatest need was to provide scholarship support for deserving students. In 2001, the first award from the trust provided \$43,339 in scholarship funds for students in honor of Deborah Dale Seidel and Ethan Seidel. For the next 14 years, the Dales' gift will enhance the futures of many more students.

### NORMAN M. GROSS \$190,000

Made through a bequest to establish and endow the Norman M. and Eleanor H. Gross Scholarship Fund. This fund will be used to provide annual scholarships to students in high scholastic standing.

### M. VIRGINIA STONER \$110,885

Made through an estate bequest to be added to the College's endowment. Miss Stoner, who attended the College in the 1930s, was the head nurse at the College infirmary for 22 years.

### HENRY P. HORNUM, JR. \$101,997

Made to augment the Henry P. and Gretchen Stein Hornung, Jr. Scholarship Fund in honor of his wife. This endowed scholarship fund will assist WMC students who demonstrate financial need.

### JOY C. REINMUTH '27 \$78,687

Made from the estate of Miss Joy C. Reinmuth, class of 1927, as an unrestricted gift to the College she loved. Miss Reinmuth was a Washington, D.C. native and a longtime resident of Parkville, Md. She taught English, Latin, and drama at both Parkville junior and senior high schools •

## Badiee Scholarship to Fund Study Abroad

The first study abroad scholarship established in honor of Art History Professor Julie Badiee, who died last spring of cancer, will offer opportunities for needy students to develop a global perspective while living within a foreign culture.

Badiee, an inveterate traveler who spoke German, Persian and French, often described how studying in Germany as a high school student had changed her life. She had long dreamed of creating such a scholarship, since the College's financial aid packages don't transfer to an overseas program. Her daughter, Andaleeb Banta, got the ball rolling with the first gift, which was followed by contributions from faculty, students and staff.

So far, the College has received 44 gifts totaling \$12,693 in support of the Julie Badiee Memorial Fund. More than half of the total, an anonymous gift of \$7,000 in Microsoft stock, arrived after an article about the effort appeared in *The Sun*.

"The fact that there are many small contributions is important because it shows that Julie touched a lot of peo-



## Ready to Become a Household Name?

The \$5 million residential village, set to start construction this summer, is destined to become the most sought-after address on campus. And your name could be on one of the buildings. Naming opportunities begin at \$250,000 and go up to \$500,000.

Contact Associate Vice President of Development Steve Krahling-Haddad at 410/857-2256 for information about how to contribute a gift—and your name—to this worthy project. •

ple who will give whatever they can," said Steve Krahling-Haddad, associate vice president of development.

A minimum amount of \$25,000 is required to endow the fund before students can begin receiving aid. Currently 15 endowed scholarship funds honor faculty and staff totaling \$2,396,222. There are also 12 award funds that honor faculty and staff totaling \$146,349. •

To make a contribution to the Julie Badiee Memorial Fund contact Steve Krahling-Haddad at 410/857-2256.

# News from ALUMNI

## Trustees Honor Ambitious Alumni

This year, Trustee Alumni Awards go to a retired WMC mathematics professor, an intellectual property attorney and the artist who created the Hoover Library mural depicting Western Maryland College's history.

Professor of Mathematics Emeritus **Jim Lightner '59** demonstrates his dedication to his alma mater through word and deed. He is writing a book on the second part of the College's history and continues to volunteer his time for countless campus activities and causes.

Lightner's close association with the College spans 47 years, beginning with his arrival as a student in 1955. Lightner's commitment to teaching and to the campus community was recognized when he was given the Distinguished

Teaching Award in 1966 and the Meritorious Service Award from the Alumni Association in 1984. He was also named outstanding Mathematics Educator of the Year by the Maryland Council of Teachers of Mathematics in 1986.

Lightner has always been an active member of the College community. He provided leadership as chairman of the committee that oversaw the inauguration of President Joan Develin Coley and served as member of numerous campus committees. He has sung in the College choir most of his years as a faculty member, as well as during his student days.

He was the director of the first and experimental January Program in 1969, and served as director of the program until 1983. He has helped organize the commencement ceremony as College marshal from 1971 until last year. Beginning in

## Let's Get Together

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 Relations: (410) 857-2296 or email: [alumni@wmdc.edu](mailto:alumni@wmdc.edu).

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| June 8     | Reunion Weekend 2003 Kick-off Meeting.   |
| July 27    | Frederick Keys Alumni Event. Pregame 5:30 p.m.; Game 7:05 p.m.                   |
| June 29    | Orioles Bird Bash, 6:05 p.m. pre-game; 7:35 p.m. game time Orioles vs. Phillies. |
| October 19 | Homecoming.  |

1975, he led a Jan Term study tour to England and Scotland 13 times with English Professor Ray Stevens.

He is the secretary and treasurer of the Delta of Maryland Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, which he helped found in 1980, and is currently a consultant to the society's national office.

In the field of scientific intellectual properties dominated by males, **Barbara G. Ernst '77** has made her mark. She is a partner with Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck specializing in intellectual property law involving the chemical, pharmaceutical, health care and biotechnology industries. She prepares patent applications and handles all aspects of prosecution through appeal. Her technical areas of experience include organic chemistry, biochemistry, recombinant DNA technology, human and veterinary pharmaceuticals, medical devices, implants and food sciences.

After graduating from WMC with majors in chemistry and political science, she obtained her J.D. degree from the University of Maryland Law School and joined the Maryland Bar, the Ohio Bar, and the D.C. Bar. Her clients have included such giants as DuPont, Merck and the Smithsonian Institution. Beyond pro-

fessional achievements, Ernst has demonstrated a spirit of volunteerism, having worked one night a week for the past four years with the Montgomery County Literacy Council teaching disadvantaged adults to read.

In her profession as a watercolorist and mural painter for 35 years, **Ellen Elmes '69**, an art instructor at Southwest Virginia Community College, has given visual voice to her love of life and natural beauty. Her watercolors are inspired by family, seasonal and human cycles and political issues of community and global concern.

An award-winning art educator, Elmes served as artist-in-residence at Aberdeen College in Aberdeen, Scotland for one year. She exhibits and sells her watercolor work extensively in the middle Atlantic states and has been commissioned to complete many murals. "Weavings," the one she created for Hoover Library, covers the wall to the right of the entrance.

Elmes has painted eight other acrylic murals in collage-style narratives about the histories of Richlands, Va., Kingsport, Tenn., Gettysburg College, United Methodist churches, coal mining in southwestern Virginia, transportation in Wheeling, W.V., and



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the art and science of western medicine. •

## Affinity Groups to Reunite at Homecoming

BY MICHELLE HAMILTON  
KERSHNER '98

When Jeff Rickett '85 returned to the Hill for a reunion of the Christian Fellowship, he attended services in little Baker Chapel just like he'd done as a student. And even though more than 15 years had passed, his best friend was still sitting in the pew beside him—except now Val Weider Rickett '85 is his wife.

"It was fun going back to where I proposed to her," he says.

The Ricketts cheered as the Green Terror trounced Franklin & Marshall and enjoyed running into classmates, but for them a major thrill of Homecoming was gathering with other former members of the club that meant so much to them. They're not alone in their desire to reunite with alumni who share more than a graduation date.

Affinity reunions, like the one Christian Fellowship hosted at last year's Homecoming, are gaining in popularity, according to Jennifer Neubauer, assistant vice president for alumni relations at Carnegie Mellon University who tracks reunion trends.

"Alumni want the most meaningful experience" when they return for a reunion, says Neubauer. "Affinity reunions

allow them to come back and spend time with the people they were closest to."

Taking a cue from alumni, the Alumni Relations office last year began planning affinity reunions to be held during Homecoming. "We found people were returning to meet with their sorority, fraternity, sports team, or residence hall floor during and after the game. Often, alumni wouldn't return to their class reunion because they wanted to catch up with other friends," explained Robin Adams Brenton '86, director of Alumni Relations. "This was a major factor in why reunions were moved to the spring, and affinity reunions are being planned in the fall."

Nancy Turner Parlette '82, organizer of the Christian Fellowship reunion, says that pairing the reunion with Homecoming weekend provided the "perfect double celebration. People could see the game and come back and celebrate."

The Alumni Relations office hopes to sponsor more affinity reunions at this year's Homecoming. But first, it needs volunteers to come forward with ideas. "I could pick five groups to plan an affinity reunion, but it doesn't matter if it really isn't what alumni want," Brenton says. "This year, before planning your tailgate menu for Homecoming, think about who else can join you."

Potential volunteers should not be daunted by the idea of helping to plan a reunion, Parlette says. "It was a piece of

Affinity reunions bring together alumni who share more than a graduation date. Contact the Alumni Relations office to organize a reunion of your favorite club at Homecoming Oct. 19.

cake. It was so easy for me...the Alumni office was a tremendous support. They mailed the contact letters and invitations, organized our luncheon, and were there that day to make sure everything ran smoothly."

Memories like the Ricketts' are why people return for affinity reunions, says Brenton. "It's within those groups that people formed some of their closest friendships."

That's true for Gillian Davies Springer '82, who says she was dishing out personal details and sharing funny stories about her family life within just a few moments of meeting up with her Christian Fellowship girlfriends.

It didn't matter that Springer hasn't seen some of these women in years, she says, they reconnected immediately. "Most of them were my closest friends during my college years. These are the people you shared your college experiences with." •

If you're interested in planning an affinity reunion, contact the Alumni Relations office at 410-876-2055 or email at [alumni@wmdc.edu](mailto:alumni@wmdc.edu).

## Green Terror Greats Get Their Due

The 24th class of athletes inducted into the College's Hall of Fame includes a 1956 alumna who was a three-sport starter all four years, the baseball team's double play combination from the class of '69 and backcourt teammates from a 1980s-era women's basketball team.

Joanne Siehler Durst '56 started in field hockey, tennis

and basketball all four years. She won the award as outstanding female athlete in her senior year and was elected homecoming queen in 1955.

Earl Dietrich '69 was a football and baseball star. On the gridiron he was a defensive back and a fullback who earned an honorable mention Associated Press Little All-American three times. He was also a three-time honorable mention all-Conference player for the baseball team. As second baseman, he turned many a double play with shortstop and center fielder Larry Suder '69.

Suder was a guard for the basketball team all four years and played for Fern Hitchcock's baseball squad all four years, as well. In b-ball, he scored 1,399 points, which puts him among the top five scorers of all time.



## Do You Know an Unsung Hero?

The Alumni Association awards program honors individuals who personify the College's tradition of excellence. Each year, the program presents awards in the areas of athletics, community service, professional accomplishment and service to the College. Through outstanding achievements and contributions, these alumni bring honor to themselves and to their alma mater.

If you know an alum who deserves to be recognized, please contact the Alumni Office at 410-857-2296 or by e-mail at [alumni@wvmd.edu](mailto:alumni@wvmd.edu) for a nomination form.

He excelled on the diamond, too, setting records that are still in the top 10 in runs scored, triples, home runs and stolen bases.

**Nancy Hutchinson Carter '86** was a four-year member of the field hockey, basketball and lacrosse teams. She was a field hockey captain and named to the All-MAC conference team. Also, she was a basketball captain who scored 600 points in her career. She finished her lacrosse career as the all-time leader in goals and assists.

**Lisa Sullivan Harford '88** played on the first women's soccer team in 1987. She was a four-year star in basketball and softball, winning the Women's Alumnae Athletic Award in 1988. She was also an all-County and all-Metro field hockey player in high school, but elected to pass up a fall sport at college until the soccer team has its first season in her senior year. •

## In Memoriam

- Mrs. Mary Myers Richardson '24**, of Westminster, Md., on October 4, 2001.
- Mrs. Maybelle Rinehart Baker '28**, of Union Bridge, Md., on October 10, 2001.
- Mrs. Charlotte Williams Davis '34**, of Surfside Beach, S.C., on April 3, 2001.
- Mr. Anthony Diksa '34**, of Nanticoke, Pa., on August 2, 2001.
- Mr. Frank E. Clarke '35**, of Sykesville, Md., on December 20, 2001.
- Mrs. Mary Hunt Petty '35**, of Annapolis, Md., on December 29, 2001.
- Mrs. Virginia Calloway Hand '38**, of Bettendorf, Iowa, on November 15, 2001.
- Lt. Col. Clarence L. Sleysman '38**, of Hampton, Va., on May 4, 2000.
- Miss Grace R. MacVean '39**, of Frederick, Md., on December 4, 2001.
- Mr. Clarence L. Marsh Jr. '42**, of Stevensville, Md., on November 13, 2001.
- Mrs. Margaret Rudy Niles '42**, of Annapolis, Md., on October 12, 2001.
- Mrs. Jane Fraley Robinson '42**, of Alexandria, Va., on October 27, 2001.
- Mrs. Virginia Voorhees Ward '46**, of Danbury, Conn., on January 5, 2002.
- Mr. Fred G. Holloway '47**, of North Canton, Ohio, on September 26, 2001.
- Mr. Richard A. Houck '49**, of Hunt Valley, Md., on October 10, 2001.
- Mr. Richard G. Renz '50**, of Cherry Hill, N.J., on July 25, 2001.
- Mr. Edward duBois Early '52**, of Sarasota, Fla., on November 29, 2001.
- Mr. Edward E. Foote '52**, of Columbia, Md., on August 1, 2001.
- Mrs. Marie Kramer Chytlo '54**, of Brookeville, Md., on December 26, 2001.
- Mrs. Barbara Summers Hamilton '54**, of Sun City, Ariz., on August 5, 2001.
- Mr. Richard H. Zile '56**, of Union Bridge, Md., on October 28, 2001.
- Rev. Walter R. Bartlett '58**, of Westminster, Md., on November 12, 2001.
- Mr. Myron Winer '59**, of Hixson, Tenn., on February 26, 2001.
- Mrs. Donna Grewell Cornwall '62**, of Rockville, Md., on December 1, 2000.
- Mr. Kenneth T. Confer Jr. '64**, of Howard, Pa., on September 28, 2001.
- Dr. Martha Sadler Rupert, MEd '64**, of Sandy, Va., on September 1, 2000.
- Mrs. Stephanie Castle Catlett MEd '75**, of Williamsport, Md., on February 19, 2001.
- Mrs. Theresa Vasutaro Malta '74**, of Westminster, Md., on October 5, 2001.
- Mrs. Susan Richards Bair MEd '79**, of Ocean City, Md., on October 24, 2001.
- Mr. George DiPasquale '89**, of Staten Island, N.Y., on September 11, 2001.

**Dr. Douglas R. Chandler**, honorary doctor of divinity 1962, of Gaithersburg, Md., on December 26, 2000.

**Mr. Allen Quille**, honorary doctor of public service, of Baltimore, Md., on January 3, 2002.

**Dr. George B. Young Jr.**, honorary doctor of humane letters 1987, of New York, N.Y., on December 8, 2001.

## Marriages

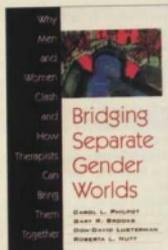
- Eric DeGross '80** to Kim Rice on May 11, 2001. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.
- Gail Waterman '82** to Richard Rogers on October 6, 2001. They reside in Spring, Texas.
- Scott Kohr '83** to Lynn Stone '88 on July 14, 2001. They reside in Westminster, Md.
- Beth Erb '86** to Peter Follett on November 24, 2001. They reside in Portland, Ore.
- Susan Malkus '86** to Philip Brown on September 1, 2001. They reside in Fairfax, Va.
- Debbie Reynolds '89** to Matthew Williams on October 13, 2001. They reside in Baltimore, Md.
- Christopher Lee '96** to Rebecca Earley '98 on October 27, 2001. They reside in Germantown, Md.
- Richard Metz '96** to Jessica Rigger on June 22, 2001. They reside in Finksburg, Md.
- Jennifer Belbot '98** to Christopher Cox on October 6, 2001. They reside in Elkridge, Md.
- Laurie Cicero '98** to Christiaan Abildso '98 on April 21, 2001. They reside in Boston, Mass.
- Michelle Hamilton '98** to Zachary Kershner on August 18, 2001. They reside in Germantown, Md.
- Julie Johnson '98** to Timothy Alexander in October 2001. They reside in Westminster, Md.
- Kimberly McNally '98** to Ron Rummel on September 22, 2001. They reside in Frederick, Md.
- Chrissy Moyer '98** to Justin Litz on June 1, 2000. They reside in Charleston, S.C.
- Jonny Spahr '99** to Robert Boyarski on October 6, 2001. They reside in Camp Hill, Pa.
- Erin Von Tobel '99** to Brian Gessner on July 28, 2001. They reside in Alexandria, Va.
- Jessica Watts '99** to John Dickinson on October 13, 2001. They reside in Woolwich Township, N.J.
- April Fellows '99** to Gregory Genrich on July 28, 2001. They reside in Rochester, N.Y.
- Silvia Lady '01** to Ryan Reid '01 on August 26, 2001. They reside in Keymar, Md.

## Births

- Jacob Andrew Thomas**, on December 14, 2000, to Bill '74 and Linda McHale '75 Thomas.
- Benjamin Smith Barnes**, on October 13, 2000, to Troy '84 and Susan Barnes.
- Wilson Barrick Funk**, on November 28, 2000, to Doug and Nettie Barrick '86 Funk.
- Benjamin Garrett Morrison**, on August 14, 2001, to Don and Linda Strandberg '86 Morrison.
- Hailey Russo**, in November 2001, to Brian '86 and Cindy Ebert '86 Russo.
- Mahala Rose Sawyers**, on April 20, 2001, to Shelby '01 and Julie High '86 Sawyers.
- Briana Leah Bush** on August 8, 2001, to Larry Bush and Susan Scharf '86.
- Colin Toner**, on December 19, 2001, to Mike '86 and Kristen Toner.
- Sioane Caroline Grodnick**, on October 26, 2001, to David '87 and Lori Grodnick.
- Anna Elise Wheatley**, on June 17, 2001, to Robert '87 and Martha Wheatley.
- Carl William Behm**, on June 19, 2001, to Justin and Julie Young '88 Behm.
- Jack Fitzgerald Buckley**, on April 19, 2001, to Mark '88 and Rose Buckley.
- Evan Brian John Wladkowski**, on December 10, 2001, to Brian '88 and Beverly Templeton '91 Wladkowski.
- Courtney Margaret Butz**, on November 19, 2001, to Bill '89 and Kimberly Weir '89 Butz.
- Hope Patricia Follo**, on December 27, 2001, to Richard and Tracy Snyder '91 Follo.
- Benjamin Stewart Appar**, on June 20, 2001, to Andy and Amy Barrett '92 Appar.
- Jack Thomas Braun**, on August 29, 2001, to Joseph and Alicia Albrecht '92 Braun.
- Nolan Samuel Busch**, on August 2, 2001, to Matt and Beth Basler '92 Busch.
- Colleen Grace Camburn**, on September 10, 2000, to Steven and Kristine Meislohn '92 Camburn.
- Evan James Lamarca**, on July 31, 2001, to Mike and Danna Reid '92 Lamarca.
- Jack Timmins**, on October 9, 2001, to John and Jeannine Laurence '92 Timmins.
- Emma Marie Warner**, on March 12, 2001, to Mark and Sarah Biggs '92 Warner.
- Chase Michael Burk**, on September 7, 2001, to Albert '93 and Heather Burk.
- Madison Ann Pearson**, on April 20, 2000, to Morris and Cindy Bair '93 Pearson.
- Hailey Devan Snider**, on September 13, 2001, to Mike and Robin Lang '93 Snider.

# CREATIVE BUZZ

## BOOKS



### **Bridging Separate Gender Worlds: Why Men and Women Clash and How Therapists Can Bring Them Together**

Carol L. Philpot '62, Gary R. Brooks, Don-David Lusterman, and Robert L. Nutt  
*American Psychological Association Books, 1997.*

Consider this the intellectual's version of John Gray's popular self-help book, *Men Are From Mars, Women are From Venus*. Geared to psychotherapists, but potentially of interest to many liberally educated couples, this text offers gender-sensitive techniques and interventions professionals can use to help clients understand the challenges of today's confused gender expectations. Competing theories of gender socialization and how the women's movement and the more recent men's movement

have complicated society's expectations for each gender are explored.

"It's very complex," says Carol Philpot, a wife and mother who was a high school teacher for many years before returning to graduate school to earn her doctorate in psychology at the Florida Institute of Technology. She recently retired as dean of the institute's School of Psychology. "We're throwing away the old roles, which I've got no problem with, but everybody's confused because we don't know how to be a woman or a man."

Philpot and her co-authors assert that gender roles are a combination of nature and nurture—"A lot of them are learned and they can be unlearned," Philpot says—and they support their theories with research. They offer practical solutions and techniques that can help therapists transform angry confrontations and helpless confusion into nonblaming empathy and change. Ultimately, says Philpot, the guide seeks to help men and women live in harmony in loving relationships. Originally published in 1997 by the American Psychological Association (APA Books), the guide was translated into Chinese and Italian this year. Philpot is also co-editor of *A Casebook for Integrating Family Therapy*, also published by APA Books.

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### **Northwest Baltimore and its Neighborhoods, 1870-1970: Before 'Smart Growth'**

Rod Ryon '60  
*University of Baltimore Educational Foundation, 2000*

The third in a series of neighborhood studies designed to provide historical and demographic data on Baltimore's official geographic subdivisions, this book—complete with archival photos—focuses on the built environment of homes, meaning land and streetscape, rather than on people or social institutions. The evolution of neighborhoods around Druid Hill Park, Greater Walkbrook, Lower Park Heights and Greater Forest Park, among others, is described. Rod Ryon, a history professor at Towson University, explains that much of the of the suburban development inside Baltimore between 1879 and 1950 can be a model for twenty-first century developments aimed at facilitating community.

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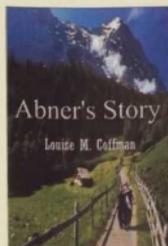
### **Abner's Story**

Louise M. Coffman M.Ed. '66  
*IstBooks Library, 2001*

This novel focuses on the life, times and adventures of Abner, a mid-eighteenth century Dutchman. As a young boy, Abner and his friend Schotzy hear William Penn's land agent describe the opportunities available for homesteaders in America. The boys

are enthralled and ask Abner's grandfather to prepare them for life on the frontier. The story balances humor with morality, tragedy with success, while providing an in-depth look at the culture and religion of the immigrants who would become Pennsylvania Dutch. Louise Coffman, taught elementary school and lives in York, Pa.

Available at [Istbooks.com](http://Istbooks.com)



### **Pediatric Dramatherapy: They Couldn't Run, So They Learned to Fly**

Carol Bouzoukis '81  
*Jessica Kingsley Publishers of London, 2001*

Focusing specifically on the individual treatment of chronically ill children using dramatherapy, the text sheds light on the process through analysis and commentary based on actual case studies. Carol Bouzoukis holds a doctorate from New York University in Dramatherapy and has been a nationally registered dramatherapist since 1987.

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### **A Chronicle of War of 1812, Soldiers, Seamen, and Marines: 1993 Edition with Year 2000 Supplement**

Dennis F. Blizzard '45 and Thomas L. Hollozrak  
*Clearfield Company, 2001*

Originally issued by the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, this updated volume furnishes thumbnail

sketches of the more than 500 veterans of that war from whom a member of the Maryland State Society War of 1812 could claim direct or collateral descent. Each entry consists of the veteran's date and place of birth, marriage, and death, the name of his spouse and the nature of his service during the War of 1812.

Available from Clearfield Company, 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202, or at [www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)

### Talking it Over: Understanding Sexual Diversity

Kay Mehl Miller '56, Ph.D.  
Word & Quill

The mother of a gay son and activist, Kay Miller uses herself as a model of someone who has been infected with homophobia as a result of growing up in a society reluctant to accept sexual diversity. Miller describes her inability to cope when she first learned her son is gay and shares her development and growth while she struggled to overcome her fears and misconceptions. Utilizing her training and practice as a therapist-scholar, she looks at issues with a sharp analytical eye. The narrative is complemented by numerous newspaper columns and articles published over the past decade.

**TALKING IT OVER**  
Understanding Sexual Diversity



KAY MEHLMILLER

# CLASSNOTES

70TH REUNION  
MAY 3-5, 2002

## 1932



I am sorry to report that I received few responses to my notes to former classmates. Perhaps they are vacationing for the Christmas season. Let's hope so.

**Henry Caple** writes that he is still here because of his very "special" wife, Frieda. Their great joy is seeing the grandchildren. They keep them young and alert. Henry is looking forward to our 70th reunion. Their son, **Hank '79**, will take them.

**Fidelia Gilbert** has made many changes in her life. For years she was in Bangladesh where she was a nurse. Now she has moved into a cottage at Fahrney-Keedy Retirement Center. She is happy to have no more snow shoveling or grass mowing to do. When Fidelia celebrated her 90th birthday, she sold her car. In the fall she enjoyed a day with **Thelma Snader Replogle** and **Joanna McKinstry Henson**, high school and college classmates.

**Mary Humphreys** is looking forward to viewing the movie "Luck Everlasting." Loads of sand and movie magic transformed Berlin's downtown. Main Street became unpaved. The lawn of the Atlantic Hotel covered with sand became a town square for a watering trough and a gallows. When you are traveling in the vicinity of Salisbury and Berlin, you will see Mary in her new blue Buick.

**Muriel "Bish" Bishop Livingston** writes, "The present age of terrorism makes our college days during the Great Depression look like a walk in the park." One of Bish's daughters is completing in February. Bish will move in with her. She sends her best to all of the '32ers.

**Melva Martin Willis** writes that she is a widow who is living alone. She does enjoy many activities. Keep it up, Melva!

**Thelma Snader Replogle** is in good health at the Bridgewater Retirement Community in Virginia. She is close to her children and grandchildren. In February she is expecting to welcome her first great-grandchild.

**Margaret Lee Nelson Tawes** is involved in various activities - DAR, Retired Teachers' Association, bridge club and is director of her church choir. The article in the last issue of *The Hill* was great. I know that all of

you read it. Congratulations, Margaret Lee!

**Ella Weir Queen** writes that "no news is good news." She has moved from Florida to Maryland.

The highlight of my summer was in July when **Margaret Lee Nelson Tawes** flew from Crisfield to Fallston for my 90th birthday. It was great having Margaret Lee here to help share in my "big day." I am fine - take part in several clubs, mulch leaves on my tractor and enjoy my four grandsons and two great-grandsons, Nicholas, 4, and Benjamin, 2. My daughter, Susan, is a nurse in our new hospital, Upper Chesapeake. She works in the department that was originated by her - presurgical testing. My son, John, is the author of several books. His most recent is "Old Ocean City." All of you Eastern Shore people will enjoy that book.

Hopefully I'll hear from more of my '32 classmates for our next report in *The Hill*.

Sara Robinson Sullivan  
P.O. Box 35  
Fallston, MD 21047

## 1938

How good it is to hear from classmates. As our number diminishes so closer is our bond.

I requested you tell me how you are, where you were September 11 when the terrorists struck, and how this event touched you.

**LTC Samuel Baxter**, of Timonium, Md., says, "I'm pretty good for the shape I'm in." He and wife Helen moved to Mercy Ridge center in Baltimore County where they enjoy a new way of life. On Sept. 11, they were having a late breakfast when they heard the very disturbing news. They have a grandson serving in the Marine Corps and a grandson-in-law in the Army Reserve. They wonder how they will be affected. "We attempt to lead as normal a life as possible."

**E. Worthington Belt**, of Morristown, N.J., writes that the Sept. 11 terrorist attack is another "day that will live in infamy." On Sept. 14, there was a lovely memorial service for his brother **Eugene "Gene" Belt '42**. He had a nice visit with **Henry Reckord** who attended the service. On Sept. 22, daughter Betsy's wedding; first time at age 50. It was a beautiful ceremony and reception. He says, "Life goes on; sometimes bitter, sometimes sweet."

**Elizabeth "Betty" Erb Budell**, of Warwich Port, Maine, says kind words to

me on **Ray's '36** passes and adds, "So many of our classmates are going. But in spite of these losses and Sept. 11, we survivors hang in there and discover more goodness than we thought possible."

**Allie May Moxley Buxton**, of Damascus, Md., comments that she is learning to walk a new path. Her husband, Roscoe, died the first part of November, suddenly just as he had desired. She misses him sorely but is happy he is in heaven and has no need of wheelchair or hearing aids. As for Sept. 11, a relative called to tell them to turn on the TV. "So we did and sat there most of the day dumbfounded and glued to the set. Helen, aren't we glad our husbands are no longer burdened with this troubled world?"

**Virginia Smith Colburn**, of Havre de Grace, Md., says, "I was standing in the living room when I heard Pearl Harbor was bombed as I listened to the radio. I was standing in the den talking to painters when a friend called to tell me to turn on the news. I felt violated and I have mourned. Yet I am so proud of so many. I truly hope this brings our nation to a spiritual awakening."

**Caroline Smith Dudley**, of Hanover, Pa., in spite of worrisome knees still is active. Veterans Day in the retirement center was colorfully celebrated. Eight men in their 80s and early 90s sang lustily Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps hymns. Caroline accompanied with gusto on the grand piano. Then everyone sang more patriotic songs with the presenting of the color guard. Veterans alone stood; there were 50. She and **Allen '36** exercise regularly and enjoy bridge. Allen continues to assist people with their taxes.

**The Rev. Dr. Charles R. Ehrhardt**, of Sun City West, Ariz., stated that while on a visit to WMC campus last June several younger members of the college staff were amazed that a member of the Class of '38 was there in person! Yes he can get around but not as quickly as when as a student he strode between McDaniel, Hering, Ward, or McKinstry and various classrooms and meeting places on campus; downtown to Margaret and Earl's, the State or Opera House, church or the barber shop for a 35-cent haircut. Days to treasure! May 15, 2001 marked the 60th anniversary of his ordination to ministry in the Presbyterian church. May 2001 he and Mitzi cruised from Osaka, Japan to Vancouver B.C. with port stops in Pusan, Hiroshima, Vladivostok, Hokkaido, Dutch Harbor, Sevastok, and Ketchikan. A trip to celebrate and cherish.

**Herbert Kirk Fallin**, and wife Helen moved last June to a retirement community, Manchester Manor, in Manchester, Md. Packing and moving was difficult, especially disposing of treasures collected over a lifetime. His thoughts turn happy with the announcement he now has 14 great-grandchildren.

It was so concerned about **Dr. Alfred Goldberg** as I knew he worked at the

Pentagon. He soon reassured me, "I was not at the Pentagon on Sept. 11 as I had moved my office out of the building because it was in the front wedge being renovated. When the building was struck in that area I was on my way to a conference at Tyson's Corner. I am busy now getting information on the attack for future study. It is satisfying and stimulating to be able to function as effectively as a decade ago. I have been fortunate and hope to continue."

**Temple Morris Madjeski**, of Saint Innes, Md., says she is feeling great. "The Lord is really with me health-wise. However we lost Steve, 41, my youngest in August 2000. The Charter Boat fishing on the bay is great. Greg got a 55-pound rockfish. I got word on the phone about the tragic hit. I was on my way to a Retired Teacher's luncheon; went anyway. We were all upset over the terrible happening. Have done a lot of praying."

One of our football heroes is **Edward D. McPherson**, of Surprise, Ariz. I yelled, "fight team fight" until I was hoarse at the 1936 WMC-Bucknell game, our first that season at the Baltimore stadium. I have a photo from the *Baltimore Sun* describing Ed as a "crack running guard and Jim Brennan a first-rate backfield man." Ed says, "The members of our football teams during 1934-38 are very scarce." He then adds, "I will celebrate July 18 Helen and I" this coming

Also I was nonplused when I saw the New York City strikes on TV. As to the effects on us we have concern and sympathy for the casualties, their next of kin and for our administration and military forces conducting the reprisals. We live in Falcon's Landing, an Air Force retirement lifetime facility with a very carefree country club type of existence.

**Dolly Taylor Moore**, of Denton, Md., writes, "Sept. 11 was a horrible day. I was in bed watching 'The Today Show.'" We still cannot believe this has happened. I worry about our country and our four grandsons. I pray God will take care of us and I feel sure He will. **Charlie '35** and I are enjoying our family and friends."

**Paul A. Nelson**, of Dallas, Texas, says, "Have had the same address and area code for 25 years, have not remarried, travel frequently to Georgia and Florida, still work part time. On Sept. 11, I was eating breakfast and reading the paper. I heard the news first on the radio then turned on the TV and saw the second plane crash into the World Trade Center. My son, who was on a flight to Hartford, was grounded in Newark. A friend en route to DFW was grounded in Indianapolis. I have not changed travel plans. I flew America shortly after."

**Henry B. Reckord**, of Towson, Md., says, "Must be old age. I responded to you on the card you sent but now I cannot find it, so here is a second copy. Had successful triple by-pass surgery September 2000. Am exercising at YMCA an hour every other day. On Sept. 11, I was home reading the paper. My son, Brad, called at 4 a.m. from Vancouver, Wash. I turned on the TV. I pray future generations will not have such disasters. Hard to believe anyone can be so terrible."

**Anne Brinsfield Simmons**, of Morgantown, W. Va., writes, "Although I am still devastated by the loss of my husband I persevere with maintaining my home and independence. Also I keep abreast on the academics and activities of my two grandsons in different universities pursuing engineering degrees. On Sept. 11, I was looking at TV and could not believe what I was seeing. My thoughts were how could such evil be perpetrated with our planes, our fuel, our people, our buildings; we've lost our freedom forever."

**Ellen Hess Sklar**, of Salisbury, Md., sent Christmas greetings while her daughter Mary Carol writes, "Mother is getting frailier but she still remembers her friends and relatives. I am able to see her nearly every day. I pack lunch and eat with her; she is only 12 minutes from my office. Her other children stop in often, except for Robert, who lives in Boston. We are so lucky to have had her this long. Mother still remembers 'adventures' at WMC."

**Eleanor Taylor Smith**, of Goldsboro, Md., is still in her home of 60 years. Most of her children live close by.

"Summer weekends are spent in Lewes, Del., with my son fishing in the Delaware Bay. Am gradually giving up my more strenuous activities. I do enjoy rug hooking. Am planning to spend January in Hawaii with my brother. Talked with my former WMC roommate, **Temple Morris Madjeski**, but have few contacts with others. One grandson graduated from WMC in 1999; a second one is a junior this year. Watched TV on Sept. 11 and saw the second plane hit the tower. Have felt different—it can happen here!"

**Betty Seht Sperry**, of Newark, Del., writes that she and husband Charles are well and live in a retirement community near daughter Beth. "We have our own cottage so we still keep house. On Sept. 11, we turned on TV at 10 a.m. and saw all of the horrors. So many killed! We lived through WWII so hopefully we will soon have better days."

As for me, God has blessed me with good health. After recent tests the doctor shook his head and said, "Keep on with whatever it is you are doing." As for Sept. 11, my reactions were the same as yours, numbed with horrors, worried and saddened. I pray that as a people, a nation, we will grow. We need to learn more about the different cultures of the world so all can better understand and work with all people, especially those in the U.S.A.

And now we must say farewell to our classmates who have died since my last writing in November 1999. **Maria Park Crooke**, Sept. 27, 1999; **William J. Rieth Jr.**, Oct. 15, 1999; **Roland E. Watkins**, Nov. 1, 1999; **Ann Dill Hamel**, Dec. 26, 1999; **Mary Edwards Mackley**, Jan. 4, 2000; **George Dixon Steiding**, Jan. 7, 2000; **Alice Johnson Bell**, April 15, 2000; **LTC Clarence L. Slaysman**, May 4, 2000; **Virginia Cluts Heaps**, July 3, 2000; **Donald B. Bond**, July 23, 2000; **Dr. Everett D. Jones**, Oct. 31, 2000; **Jane Long Falk**, Dec. 2, 2000; **Leonard C. Graham**, Dec. 19, 2000; **Martha Wilmer Forthman**, June 13, 2001; **Virginia Calloway Hand**, Nov. 15, 2001.

I cannot close without saying I miss my **Rag 36** so very much. He died April 21, 2000. It is a whole new stage in life but one learns to adjust. After many tears God sends the sunshine. Life is still sweet. Thanks for writing. Helen Leatherwood Simpson  
208 East Church Street  
Mount Airy, MD 21771

1950

It is not possible now to converse or correspond without an expression of sadness for the many horrors perpetrated in our beloved country. Since our age group survived the depression, many recessions, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, small wars and the Cold War, we know we will prevail. We do mourn the loss of our security and the well-being of our countrymen.

Another sad chore is telling you of

the loss of classmates: **Rev. Jack G. Buckingham** on Aug. 15, 2000; **Betty L. Day**, Jan. 16, 2001; **James R. Handler**, April 23, 2001; **Richard G. Renz**, July 25, 2001; **Thomas H. Sands**, Feb. 5, 2001 and my personal love, **Harry V. Adams**, Sept. 5, 2001.

Now in the order received—**Homer and Dottie Kinnelifer '51 Earl** are doing well and redesigning their home for easier living. He regrets being a soccer watcher instead of a player. They enjoyed their travel recently with **Jim Lightner '59** and are busy keeping up with four kids and seven grandkids. He continues to do some part-time work for a trade association.

**Jane Graf Hale** is heading to Ormond Beach, Fla. for the chilly months. A retirement complex in Hanover, Pa. is being considered for the future.

**Mary Frances Jones Macon** retired 10 years ago as a guidance counselor and recently enjoyed traveling to Arizona and Ireland. She is active in civic and church activities, and enjoys time with her only grandchild, Jonathan.

**Charlie Hamner** writes that he enjoyed seeing everyone at our 50th. He recently had dinner with **Roland Fleischer '52**, and sends greetings to all.

**Dottie Mae McClayton Krimski** and Gene had great weather for a land and sea cruise in Alaska the summer of 2001. In September they returned to Baltimore for a visit with the "Big Kids" and "Little Kids." In October, a granddaughter vacationed with them in Naples and in November a grandson visited to play a golf member-guest tournament with his granddad. They continue to enjoy the great shows and restaurants of Naples and their volunteer work.

**Flo Rice** and **Dick Dunlop** continue their careers. Dick recently had surgery for Barretts Esophagus and is recovering nicely. In September, Flo and her sister enjoyed a "Roots" trip to Ireland.

**David Poole Jr.** is a happy retiree with **Janice Zaiser '52**. Their daughter, **Diane Poole '78**, presented them with a granddaughter, while son Bruce provided a grandson. They enjoy winters in Florida on Sanibel Island.

**Al 'Moon' Paul** had a great reunion with the '46-'50 football team members at Homecoming 2001. The class of 1950 attending included **Harry Bush**, **Donald Denny**, **Charles 'Chuck' Kobosko** and of course, Moon. Al is still delighted to be back in Baltimore after 45 years in New York.

**Dave Myers** writes, "no gnus are good gnus." Thanks for the gnus, Dave.

**Russ Mettee** also sends a short one. "Nothing new to report."

**Ginny Armacost Kirchner** and her husband have had many exciting adventures traveling around the world since 1980. Even with the current world problems, they will be making a missionary trip to Singapore, India, and Taiwan.

## Bill Dvorine is still working full time as a dermatologist and tolerating arthritis.

60th wedding anniversary. As for my thoughts on Sept. 11, I think people who would die to kill—I say get all of them." Ed is 87 years old yet his closing thought was remembering **Marie 'Scottie' LaForge Burns '37** and **Julia 'Judy' Ward Walker '37** at the coffee shop!

**Brip. Gen. Alvan N. Moore**, of Sterling, Va., enjoys reasonably good health. He and **Veronica 'Ronnie' Kompanek Moore '40** still walk the golf course two or three times per week; he carrying his bag and she using a pull-cart. When they don't play golf he walks three miles daily before breakfast while she swims in the indoor pool. "On Sept. 11, I was on our Army-Navy golf course and witnessed the American Airlines aircraft that crashed the Pentagon. It came in very low at full throttle over our course, which is only a mile from the Pentagon. My first thought was, that pilot is going to catch Holy Hell for buzzing this area that low! Then I heard a loud explosion and was not surprised when I reached the pro-shop to learn he had hit the Pentagon.

**Bob Hershberger** is enjoying "pretty good health" and is busy with two grandchildren and his home. He will be trying to return to WMC for a football game.

**Ed Ransford** and Dolores were surprised by a 50th anniversary party given by their four children for 77 people including **Sid Albrittain '51** and **Don Phillips '52**. All of the guests presented with a gift of a cruise to many of the Caribbean Islands, the Panama Canal and Mexico. Congratulations.

**Harry Walker** and his wife are now living in a life care community in western North Carolina. He says it is a carefree lifestyle that has allowed them to travel to Costa Del Sol, Spain and enjoy a boat trip from Amsterdam to Vienna. Harry has been in touch with Grace Murray, music appreciation teacher.

**Bill Divorine** is still working full time as a dermatologist and tolerating arthritis.

A "phantom classmate" sent back a completely blank card. Intriguing! I'm tempted to create a personality and history.

**George Winfrey** still camps in Florida during the winter and meets with **Kelley '49** and **Eileen Weeks '49**. **Rice and Homer 'Somp'** and **Ester Grace '54 Campbell**. Son Frank is the assistant director at Southside Mission in Peoria, Ill., while daughter Gloria lives in Greensboro. George said time does fly as the oldest grandson enters college next year.

**Peppy Stacy Jones** has praise for WMC's outstanding new president. She recently went to the campus to take some things to the archivist and was delighted to find everyone friendly, helpful, and the atmosphere of the college has not changed.

**Homar 'Somp' Campbell** has retired from Commercial Real Estate and wife **Ester Grace '54** has retired from teaching. They still love Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and have lived in the same house for 36 years. Their children and four grandchildren live in the Naples, Fla., and Atlanta, Ga., areas so travel is frequent. They usually return to Maryland once a year. Church work and an antique car club are main interests.

**Thomas Shaw** has discovered Disney World for Adults in The Villages, Fla. with 13 golf courses, four country club recreation centers, swimming pools, tennis courts, Broadway shows, etc., etc. Sounds like heaven and they don't have to wear Mickey Ears.

**Bill Dolany** and **Win Spencer '53** had the joy of the marriage of their daughter **Anne MLA'93** in their lovely home in July. They have seven grandchildren. The past nine years, there has been extensive travel for them to Europe, Russia, Turkey, South America, Mexico, etc. Bill is on the campus of WMC frequently and continues his full-time law practice into the 49th year.

**Diga Bruning** states that she is back to her roots, playing bridge and swimming.

**Wendell Young** left Kaycee in 2003 for Iowa. Daughter Kaycee is now 13 years old and an A student. He is retired but still working and plans to work and live until he is 100 years old. Go for it!

**Miriam Simmons** keeps in touch with **Nancy Buckner Marston** and **Ruth Marsden Ickerd**. She continues to work part time at the library in Hanover, Va. Much time is devoted to volunteer and club activities.

**John Gruber** and **Ruth** have retired to a gated community in the Tucson Mountains, west of Tucson. They are active in bowling and the many clubs and interest groups in the community. Each summer they motorhome to Montana, Washington, and Idaho. Loving the desert and wildlife, they have converted from Easterner to Westerner.

**Philip Maynard's** book, "To Slake a Thirst: The Matt Talbot Way to Sobriety" was introduced in the Fall-Winter edition of *The Hill*.

**Helen Ray Sommers** and **Bob** were in Scotland on Sept. 11th. A time of prayer was declared and the country went silent. They were deeply impressed with the compassion shown by the Scottish people.

**Sue Hall Coons** and I met for lunch in Pocomoke to visit and exchange Christmas gifts. Sue and Earl are fine and still tree farming, etc. Son Hall, a world traveler, was expected home from a train journey across the U.S. It is time to close. I continue to love living in Ocean Pines and continue to teach my water aerobics class three-four times a week. A trip to California and the Rose Bowl parade was canceled but a Caribbean Cruise in March is still on. Visits with son Craig, daughter **Robin Seiland Trenner '79** and son-in-law **Scott Troner '79** and two grandsons are a joy. All of you take care and God Bless.

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**1956** Wow, what a great 45th reunion our class had! While some classmates attended events on

Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning, the real camaraderie started with the lovely cocktail party given by **Phil '55** and **Jean Wyatt Lawyer** at their home across from the Hill. All of us who attended certainly want to thank them for their hospitality. Also, many thanks to the people who brought delicious goodies for us to nibble on. Several hours later, most people attended the dinner given for our class in the President's Dining Room. **Bill Tribby** with his usual wit did a fine job as MC, but there was also a serious moment as he read a memory list of our classmates who are no longer able to be with us. **Stanley Bice** gave a lovely and meaningful grace before dinner. It was a wonderful weekend where we could get together and catch up and talk about "remember when." Many people want

indicated that they can't wait until our 50th.

In November it was nice to return again to the college to see **Joanne Siehler Durst** inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame. Jo is the first member of our class to have this honor, so we are very proud of her. Before the dinner we had a chance to visit with **Jo and Dick '55**, their family and friends at another cocktail party hosted by **Phil '55** and **Jean Wyatt Lawyer**. The banquet and ceremony were great and we all enjoyed the speech given by Jo. Before Jo gave her speech, which was perfect for the occasion, she was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers sent by their son Steven, who has been called back into the service and is stationed at Ft. Bragg. Members of our class who attended were **John and Mary Jane Davison Anderson**, **Ron and Nancy Pennypacker Howard**, **Jim and Kaye Phillips Jones**, **Phil '55** and **Jean Wyatt Lawyer**, **Charlie Luttrell**, **Marilee Hodson Quesada** and **Gus '55** and I. We were happy to be there as their guests for this memorable event. Mrs. Florence Earg along with **Joanne's** son **Brad '83** and his wife Robin, childhood and other friends from home were special guests. It is an evening that all who attended will remember.

Besides giving parties, which **Jean Wyatt Lawyer** loves to do, she and **Phil '55** are busy with their six grandchildren. Son Kevin and wife have 2-year-old twins along with Josh and Mayson. Daughter **Michelle Lawyer Grubben '87** teaches math at WMC and she and her husband Scott have two children. All live nearby so they do many things together.

**Suzanne Dorsey '55** and **John Batista** are enjoying their new patio home in Centerville, Ohio. They are enjoying retirement, doing anything they want to do when they want to do it. They do a lot of traveling, visiting their friends and children. They had a great time at the reunion with those who attended but missed some who were close by. They always look forward to their annual family vacation at Bethany Beach. **Gus '55** and I had an enjoyable lunch with them and hope to do it again next summer. They do a lot of traveling on I-70 to Columbus, Ohio, to see their daughter Elizabeth and family and on to Sykesville, Md., to see son Mike and family. Son Jay and family live in Mason, Ohio, only 40 minutes away and they are enjoying visiting them regularly. John and Sue celebrated their 45th anniversary this year. I am not sure how many of you knew that John is quite an artist. I recently received a note from him with a beautiful pen-and-ink drawing of Windsor Bridge, Eton, England. It looked just like I remembered it.

Heritage Harbour, Annapolis, Md., is where **Churalene** and **Stan Bice** are living as they downsized for retirement years. Stan has been officiating at baptisms, weddings and funerals and runs into WMC grads now and then. They went to New York City to see the "Lion King" and he has

hosted two trips to Lancaster, Pa., for Slight and Susan.

**Frank** and **Helen Prentner Hickam** have been "on the road" a lot and had just returned from Colorado after visiting with Paige and family for Thanksgiving. Alexander, 8, had a cello recital while they were there. They were there for Sarah's recital last spring so they had to be there for his. Zach, 19, is a sophomore at the University of Delaware and very much involved with roller hockey. Helen and Frank spent part of last July with their families at Disney World. They have purchased a doublewide mobile home at the senior resort area in Florida where they have been going. They love being there and decided to have more living space for the months they are there. Early in May Frank will have a ship's reunion in Towson and they are in charge of hospitality.

**Ron and Nancy Pennypacker Howard** also enjoyed Disney World with their children and grandchildren who came from St. Louis to spend two weeks with them last July.

**Barbara** and **Howard Hunt** spend their summers at their lake home in Vienne, Maine, entertaining their son and three daughters, plus 14 grandchildren. They also try to do one or two Elderhostels a year. Howard still shares time with NSU. They are grateful that life is good.

Key West is where **Fred and Nancy Kemmerer Leary** sneak off to as often as possible as they recently purchased a home there. Fred is on the Town Council and Nancy still directs the Garrett Choral Society, which she founded 24 years ago. This year they gave a "Stained Glass Christmas" concert with still-life people singing a huge stained glass window before appropriate music to the story and the scene. Nancy had rotator cuff surgery in July and was having both knees replaced Dec. 28th in Oakland. Nancy says piece by piece she is getting rebuilt!

This was the first reunion that **Chris** and **Carol Marker Lockard** had attended. When cleaning out her parent's house, she found her first-semester bill dated Sept. 18, 1952, which she shared with us. Room was \$85, Board \$ 177.50, Tuition \$225, Activities \$25, and Health Fee \$5. In case you haven't added it up by now, the grand total was \$517. Carol has had shoulder and back surgery this year and because they come from Cumberland to Baltimore for doctors this gives us a chance to meet for lunch. They travel often to see their daughter's family in Denver.

"Not much news from this old retired geezer," says **Charlie Luttrell**. He made quite a few visits to Delaware beaches last summer and spent two weeks in Italy last March. He is still tutoring a few students in math. Most important he thanks all '56ers that gave to the WMC annual fund. We should thank Charlie for all the years he has put time and effort into being our class chairman.

**Jack Morton** really enjoyed the

reunion and seeing everyone. He really appreciated that things were so well organized. All of this we can attribute to the hard work of our reunion committee members, **Nancy Pennyacker Howard, Jean Wanz Lawyer, Charlie Luttrell and Bill Tribby.** Jack had just gotten back from their home in Florida and wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

From Baden, Pa., **Nancy Walton Singleton** writes, "What a fantastic reunion. My husband and I look forward to the 50th." They have been traveling quite a bit, including two trips to England, and they left for Australia on Nov. 30. They had no plans yet for 2002 except a trip to Florida.

**Don '53 and Barbara Hoot Stanton** sent greetings from Lake Junaluska, N.C., where they found their second full year of retirement busy and fulfilling. When they are not home they can be found visiting or vacationing with children and grandchildren. They also made some interesting trips with friends this year. They enjoyed the reunion and the WMC Founder's Society dinner in Baltimore at the site of Edgar Allen Poe's grave. As the terrorists were attacking on Sept. 11, their son Dale was flying into the airport in Boston and it was quite a while before they could reach him. Barbie and Don said their anxiety was so minor in comparison to the experiences of others, but they had a sense of identification with those who were so profoundly affected by the events of the day.

All of the above attended our 45th reunion along with **Mary Jane Davidson Anderson, David Balcom, Frank Benson, Mary Bond, Marie Uppercro Douglas, Dottie Rach Fresh, Joan Hutter Gialdini Weigle, Gene and Claire Gates Hedcock, Caroline Baker Morgan, Marilee Hodson Quesada, Jean Warfield and Janet Reck Wunderlich.** Many brought their spouses. I apologize if I have left anyone out, but this is the list the reunion office gave me. A special thank you goes to **Robin Adams Brenton '86,** Director of Alumni Relations, and her committee who worked so hard to make the weekend a happy and successful one for so many people.

**Nancy Reter-Stockdale Metrick** is still a Maryland State Delegate representing Carroll County in Annapolis. She will be running for her third term next year. Nancy now has nine grandchildren.

There was bad news from **Raymond "Skip" Merkle,** who had a stroke in August. Skip spent five weeks at Kern Hospital and is doing "OK" now. He has been appointed to a second three-year term on the Board of Governors of the Shrine Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. He goes up there once a month. We wish him well and hope that his health will continue to improve.

Two grandsons born a day apart in February 2000 added to the 7-year-old granddaughter of **Walt Sanders.**

His daughters are doing fine and their boys are growing like weeds. His son, who is 31, is a Baltimore City paramedic and constantly on call. The farm is leased to a great manager who will pasture about 90 head along with a new barn. Walt has hopes that back surgery in November will relieve the persistent pain in the right leg. He finds it hard to believe that **Peg Artigiani Sanders** has been gone six years. At our dinner we remembered her in the memory list and how we wished that Peg and others could have been with us on that special occasion.

The biggest addition to **Marilyn MacLennan Baumeister's** family is Marguerite's yearling Frederick. He is to be trained for dressage. Her boys will be in school, but Marilyn says still what a job!

**Shirley Gootee McWilliams** couldn't make the reunion due to a year of illnesses—three surgeries and one heart catheterization. Her daughter got married in October and she said that while some of you are celebrating grandchildren she is celebrating her daughter's first marriage. They're living in Richmond, Va., so that is not too far away from Cambridge, Md.

Sun City, Calif., is where **Catherine Moon Mathews** has moved to a retirement community. She is still working at home as a business analyst and enjoying her two grandchildren who live close by. Her daughter and family who live in Chicago were visiting her during the Sept. 11 attack and had to fly back on the following Monday—traumatic.

**Brad Jones** has gone from retirement to semi-retirement, helping daughter Pam with the business. Brad and Sandy are playing a lot of golf. They spend summers in Surf City, Long Beach Island and winters in Naples, Fla.

It is with sadness that I report the death of **Eugene "Gene" Paul** on Aug. 12, 2001. Gene's postcard was too late to send in last year, but I would still like to share it with you. "Justine and I go to Florida yearly and in the summer took a cruise to Nova Scotia and had a great time. Our oldest daughter Dennis has two children, Marty and Kyra, who we visit monthly in New York. Dianna, our middle daughter, was married on Dec. 30, 1999, which ended the year with excitement. She is also a graduate from Temple Dental School. The youngest daughter Elaine is a BSN at U. of Penn Hospital and was working on her nurse practitioner. Proud parents we are." Gene is one of our classmates who we will always remember for his kindness, understanding, gentleness and caring ways.

The college has also informed me that Peggy Huffines reported that her husband the **Rev. J. Richard Huffines** passed away on Sept. 8, 2000. A copy of an obituary from the *Carroll County Times* sent to me by the college states that **Richard "Dick" Zile** passed away Oct. 28, 2001 after an extended illness. His wife Ruth and daughter



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Cindy Pivar survive him. Our sympathy goes to these families.

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**Lyman "Ly" Seamans** is beginning his third year of retirement and he and his wife traveled 11,000 miles within the U.S. last year. Sept. 11 was his birthday and he said that it turned out to be a shocking one, to say the least. They are moving on but life sure has changed. "Shades of World War II that we all remember."

On Sept. 11 and afterwards, **Mary "Molly" Hargett Williams** and her friends kept thinking that they would wake up and it would all be over. She has a cousin in New York City and it took a while to get her on the phone, but she was OK. Molly took a domestic flight on the 17th after she debated the flight on the 17th after she debated it. She also went on to take an international flight in November to Spain, Portugal and Morocco and that went well too.

Kathryn "Kay" Mehl Miller was scheduled to do a book signing at Barnes and Noble, Kahala Mall, Honolulu, on Jan. 19. Her book *Talking It Over: Understanding Sexual Diversity* is a combination of her personal history and published columns. She wrote the book because she wanted to educate good people who don't know how much they discriminate and she also wanted to give credit and encouragement to gay and lesbian people who have struggled so much in their lives. Kay has gotten good feedback from those who have read it. She has also been on local TV and radio in California, promoting the book. WMC has a copy, and for those who may want a copy it can be ordered through a local bookstore or people can contact her or her publisher. She is sad about what has happened, not only on Sept. 11, but since "It's hard to know what the consequences will be of all the changes in our country. Let's hope for the best."

California is the home of **Howard Shores**, where he is still working three jobs with no plans for retirement. He has a tax business, provides investments for teacher retirement and owns and operates a pool and cleaning service. Howard had to slow down some since May when he had prostate cancer surgery, but so far no indications of continuing problem. He vacationed in Hawaii for a week and found it good to get away. He was on his way to northern California for New Year's. If all goes well he plans to attend our 50th reunion.

Mary and **Richard "Dick" Betters** became great-grandparents last March with the arrival of Dante Anthony Williams. They both are retired from regular jobs but his wife is very active in Montgomery County civic affairs. They were WMC alumni **Dick Titlow '54** and **John Becker '53** who live in the area. Grandson Charles is a freshman at University of Maryland-College Park and grandson Rick is a waiter at a steak house in Gaithersburg. From time to time they get to enjoy their Ocean Pines retreat. Dick's interest in the Civil War continues and they attended the Gettysburg Address reenactment.

Lyn and **Robert "Bob" Green** were sorry that they missed the reunion. They were in Europe, where they spent six days in Germany at the Armed Forces Recreation Centers in Garmisch and at Lake Como, Italy, and three days at Lake Como, Italy, and two weeks in Provence, France where they shared a converted farm house with three other couples from Hilton Head. In early November, Lyn's tennis team represented Hilton Head in the South Carolina Tennis Tournament at Seabrook Island. The team made it to the finals and will compete in February in the Southeastern Nine State Tennis Championship at Columbus, Ga. Sept. 11 has made Bob more proud than ever to be an American and see the country come together, grieving with those who lost family and loved ones, but with a grim

determination to defeat those who brought destruction to our nation. **Jay "Gus" LaMar '55** and I hadn't planned any overseas travel last year, but did enjoy a 10-day trip through New England in the fall. It was lovely as the leaves were just beginning to turn and the weather was perfect. We made several trips to Williamsburg and spent more time than usual at our place in Ocean City. We enjoy getting together with friends there whom we don't get the opportunity to see during the year.

It was great to see so many of you at the reunion. This is my 20th year writing our column and I want to thank all of you for being so cooperative and making it easy for me. I also want to thank Linda Eyer of the Alumni Office, who has been so helpful and patient with me all this time. Nothing has ever been too much trouble for her. Remember that each of the column will be published every other year now. We have had to change our ISP and our new e-mail address is [jjlamar@worldnet.att.org](mailto:jjlamar@worldnet.att.org) so please don't hesitate to keep in touch. As we enter 2002 we know that our lives have changed but hopefully in more positive than negative ways. I hope you have a happy, comfortable, and safe New Year.

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## 40TH REUNION MAY 3-5, 2002

It's been great to hear from so many of you. As we approach our 40th reunion, most of us are retired and enjoying grandchildren. Some of us have embarked on new careers and

have made a move to new homes. All of us, I'm sure, count our blessings as we reflect on the past year and its tragedies. And now the news...

**Ray Albert** writes that he has finally realized his life-long dream of owning a home on Maryland's Eastern Shore. He and Linda have bought a home on Tighman Island and says that a book is in the works. Ray continues in the real estate business putting together locations for retail centers and new housing projects.

**Harry Bacas** reports that his two teenage age children keep him and Donna busy. Harry has retired from the army and is working as a tax consultant.

Another classmate with a new home is **Jack Baile** who, with wife **Carole Richardson Baile '63**, is enjoying their new home on the Indian River. Jack is working with the reunion committee and encourages all of us to return to the Hill for our 40th. Jack and Carole will be leading the WMC trip to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji in February and have several WMC grads and spouses making the trip with them.

**Nelson and Nancy Turner Berigold** are enjoying two grandsons born to daughter Margaret. Their daughter Amy lives in Wisconsin where she is the director of Beloit College's Teaching English as a Second Language program. Nelson is the program director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland and Nancy is a caseworker at Harford County Department of Social Services. Nancy writes that Nelson has no plans to retire, but she hopes to retire ASAP!

**Diane Gardner Biddinger** and husband Bob will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this spring. Their son Dane is married with two daughters. Their daughter **Julie '90** is the associate director of admissions at WMC. Diane and Bob enjoy hiking and traveling.

On the move is **Peggy McIntyre Bowman** who moved to Greenwood, S.C. in September. She reports that being on the 14th green of the Stony Point Golf Course on Lake Greenwood is the perfect retirement place. They fly to Atlanta in their Piper Archer to visit grandchildren.

I visit often with **Suzanne Fossett Browning** and **Bob '61**. They stay busy with volunteer activities and visiting their grandchildren here and in California.

**Bob and Peggy (Hoey '63) Warfield** are grandparents of Madeline McVicker, who arrived in May of 2001. Bob continues to sell real estate in Ocean City, Bethany, Fenwick Island, and Ocean Pines. His firm, Moore, Warfield and Glick Real Estate, is building an oceanfront building that is 43 stories high. Bob continues to golf and he and Peggy winter in Naples, Fla. They invite their "snowbirds" to give them a call.

**Fay Carmichael** writes that she is in her fourth year of teaching fourth- and fifth-grade band and jazz ensemble with the Troy, N.Y. school system. Fay has had a number of interesting jobs including teaching in Baltimore City, starting her own brass quintet and jazz ensembles, and playing trombone full time. Fay returned to New York to care for her aging parents. She writes that she is only 10 feet from the Mohawk River just before it joins the Hudson. Fay also designs the Web site for her church and coordinates the annual service each August, raising funds to keep the historic chapel in good repair.

**Judy King Cole** continues teaching composition in Montgomery County Schools and also spends a good deal of time with grandchildren. Daughter Diane and son Brad are in the area, while daughter Amy is in New York.

**Ed Corbin** is fully retired and is an active Harry Rider with trips to Daytona, Myrtle Beach, and Sturgis. Ed is developing a habitat preserve for a nature conservatory and preparing a book of poems for publication. Look for *Lonec Beach Sand* and other *Journeys* in the bookstores.

**Barbara Wolozin Craig** and husband are now summer people in Chesterton and winter snowbirds in Bart-

low, Fla. She and husband John have had a difficult year caring for John's mother and losing a niece on American Flight 11, the first plane hit by the World Trade Center. Barbara is working on a novel and writes short stories. She coordinates the Chesterton Art League's Children's Summer Art Program.

**Helen Buehm Crumpacker** has retired from teaching while husband Harry is still working. Helen and Harry's daughter, Julie, has graduated from UT Austin. Son David is a physician and lives in Dallas with his wife Anne. Son John is with the National Geographical Association in D.C. Helen's 93-year-old mother is well and lives with her and Harry.

**Louise Loffler Dean** is busy with traveling and volunteer work now that she is retired. Her daughter **Debra Dean Raley '29** is the mother of their grandsons. Louise continues, getting together with Nancy Gardner Gaston, Manetta Willett Pusey, and Louise Stych Rainis. The Lofflers are planning a cruise to Canada and looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in May.

Another retired teacher! **Nancy David Deibert** retired after 29 years of teaching. She and her husband built a new home, a task Nancy said was time consuming. Both of Nancy and Bill's daughters are married, Julie in Wheeling, W. Va. and Jennifer in Arlington, Va. Husband Bill continues to work as the Director of Liberal Arts and Transfer Studies at the local community college.

**Ann Meding Gillespie** writes that her son Scott and his wife are parents of Emily, 2. They live in Florida. Son Kevin has undergone knee surgery for the eighth time.

**Jerry Gore** reports that he retired from the Office of Naval Research in 1997. Since that time he has founded a one-man company to do development of small advanced ship concepts for the Navy. Jerry's wife **Gloria "Lori" Jones Gore '58** retired from her job as supervisor of Parks and Streets Department in Poolesville, Md. and has started her own company called Gryphon Landscape Design. Daughter Gretchen lives in North Carolina with a new daughter born this spring. Son Daniel was married at home this year to Judy Noack from Germany.

**Paul Grant** is still serving the Grace United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, Md. in his 13th year. He is also State Chaplain for the Maryland National Guard at the rank of colonel. Paul's youngest child married this past August. Paul and his wife plan to retire in June 2002 and expect to live in a new condo in Bel Air and at home in Ocean Pines, Md.

Another of our pastors, **John Grove**, retired from the Navy six years ago and is now working as a part-time visitation pastor for the United Methodist church. He loves living on the west coast of Florida and enjoys fishing when he's not traveling to New Orleans to visit his grandson.

Daughter Dru teaches in Jacksonville, Fla. and son Darren is in the Navy in New Orleans. John's wife Myra works out of her home for a home health corporation.

**Don Hobart** writes that he is busier than ever with his business. Orvis catalog, Plow and Hearth, and Shake Workshop keep Don working seven days a week. Some retirement! Wife **Janice Mooney Hobart '63** is planning to retire this June. Daughter Kim and husband Mike have adopted Faith Elizabeth from China. Janice and Don want to be busy in China to get her. Daughter Dona is busy in her medical practice and continues to stay healthy.

**Diane Kanak Holter** writes that this has been a busy year for her and **John '61**. Their son Scott and his wife Susan gave Diane and John their first grandchild. They live in Denver so the Holters don't get to see them often enough. Daughter **Tracey Holter Zifus '90** and her husband Mike live in Tampa, Fla. where they have a new

while the parents work. Susan reports that living close to Camp David has provided them with many weekend "air shows."

**Susan Hogan** and **Jim Lomax** have both children married. Sue is still teaching and stays busy singing with the Main Line Opera Guild as well as producing the eighth-grade musical. Jim is retiring after 35 years at Rohm and Haas.

**Kathy Lore** is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

**Sharon Corathers Lubbehusen** dropped a line to say that she has no news. No news is good news, I guess!

**David Martin** is still practicing law and is president of a non-profit organization: Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund. He enjoys golf in his spare time. Wife **Dianne Briggs Martin '65** is a computer science professor at George Washington University. Daughter Jennifer is married and son Chuck works as a network engineer for an internet company.

**Judy Firstone McDade '63** and **Joe** have moved to Rome, Ga., now that Joe has retired from the Centers for Disease Control. He is now teaching part time at Shorter College. Judy is active in the New Romans Club. The McDades say that they don't miss the Atlanta traffic at all.

Mayor Martin O'Malley has appointed **Courtney Jones McKeldin** to the Baltimore Zoning Appeals Board. Courtney is retired from fundraising. Husband Ted is a full-time attorney with the Attorney General's office. The McKeldins' first grandchild was born on Halloween. Courtney, an avid tennis player, medaled in three sports in the Maryland Senior Olympics in October at Towson University. Son Ted is a major in the Marine Corps Reserve.

**John McKenna** writes that he is still trying to sell his business so that he can retire. John is looking forward to grandparenthood and is still an avid sports fan.

Some of us are NOT retired. **Louise Landis Miller** and her husband Roy have gone back to work. Roy has taken a pastorate at a small neighborhood United Methodist church and Louise is working part time at Hancock Fabric and has six piano pupils. Louise writes that she now has a grandaughter of her own as well as three step-grandchildren. The Millers volunteer at church and Roy serves at the Roanoke United Methodist Home where Louise's mother, 93, lives.

**Carleen Ritter Minor** writes that she is enjoying a busy life in Oregon. She teaches music and French and is doing some tutoring. Carleen says that she has fun investing in real estate and now has six rental houses, farm property and a beach home and welcomes WMC alumni and friends for a visit.

**Mary Sue Trotman Mundorf** is enjoying Southern living in Charlotte, N.C. She travels back to Aspen each winter for some real skiing. Mary Sue stays active going on short-term mission trips and traveling with her family.

Saying that retirement looks more

enticing all the time. **Judith Lorry Murphy** is still teaching second grade in Pennsylvania. Her sons Doug and Cliff are doing well in the veterinary and manufacturing management fields.

**Pat Fox Olsson** writes that she and her husband have sold their house and are enjoying the freedom that their rental unit gives them. Their son, Scott, has gotten married and Pat says they love having a "daughter." Pat continues to work at Plymouth Savings Bank as head teller.

**Marlene Zimmerman Ptry** continues to sell Avon. She is number one in her district in sales and increases. Husband Larry is enjoying retirement; sons are doing well. The Zimmermans have two granddaughters that Marlene says, "are the love of our life."

**Carol Lathan Philpot-Jensen** has also joined the ranks of the retired. In April, Carol retired after 20 years as professor and three as Dean at the School of Psychology at Florida Institute of Technology. The university has established a scholarship fund in her name. Also, Carol's book, *Bridging Separate Gender Worlds* was translated into Chinese and Italian. Carol and husband Tom celebrated Carol's retirement by taking a seven-month cruise to the Chesapeake Bay and back to the Intercoastal Waterway. All six children, four children-in-law, and seven grandchildren are doing well.

**Dick Phoebus** writes that he retired in April as president of Home Federal Bank after 40-plus years in banking and now has begun a new career as President/CEO of an Industrial Foundation doing economic development work in Washington County, Md. Dick's son, Rich, is a pilot for American Airlines and daughter Paige just gave Dick and Dale their first grandchild.

I spoke with **Carol Westfield '60** and **Don Rubush** right before they left Christmas day for Palm Springs, Calif. where they spend the winter. They will return to Virginia in May in time for the reunion. Don reports that their sons are fine, three grandchildren are wonderful, their health is marvelous and retirement is great! I had a wonderful visit with Don and Carol and **Hunter** and **Fran Burnett '63** **Kirkman** earlier this year. We had great fun making long distance calls to old friends and reminiscing about good times at WMC.

**Louise Styche Rainis** said retirement for her lasted about one month. She now has three part-time positions. Louise and Al have moved to a new home outside of Charleston, S.C. and are loving it. Al has started a new career with the Physics Department at the College of Charleston. The Rainises continue to see their four children and spouses who are scattered along the East Coast. They also travel to see their nine grandchildren. Louise writes that they have transitioned into the next phase of their lives and are happy that their good health allows them to be so active.

**Judith Meredith Reichard** writes that she is still working in the International Business Unit for the U.S. Postal Service in Rosslyn, Va. Judy actually saw the plane that hit the Pentagon. Thankfully, she has not been under the anthrax threat since she works with international mail and packages. Husband Dale has a small computer home business; Judy commutes three hours each day from her home in Annapolis.

**Betty Beall Rommel** has retired from Baltimore County Public Schools and is currently enjoying her 2-year-old grandchild. Betty also golfs and dabbles in watercolors. Husband John has retired from the building business but still works two days a week with Atlantic Investment Company.

Spirits Educator (now there's a title!), **Harry Rumberger**, reports that he's still walking on top of the earth. Harry teaches consumers, retailers, and his sales teams how to appreciate and sell Baileys, Cuervo, Smirnoff vodka, and Malibu Rum. Wife Janie has a new job as Director of Elder Support Programs with the Senior Citizens Agency of Dallas where the Rumbergers have lived for 26 years. Harry recently visited daughter Janine who lives near me in Fredericksburg. Harry looks forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in May.

**Nancy Anthony Schmidt's** card began with "What an incredible year this has been!" Nancy is loving retirement and is taking classes and traveling. This year she went to Holland, Germany and Austria. Nancy has six grandchildren.

**Sandra Reed Shirey** and husband **Ron '65** still live in Hagerstown, Md. and consider themselves fortunate to have both children nearby. Sandy is Director of Music at a local church where she has three vocal choirs and two handbell choirs. She also directs a 47-voice community choir, St. Patrick's Choral, founded four years ago. The choir recently performed a patriotic composition at a historic Maryland theatre and raised a good deal of money for the Red Cross. Husband Ron is still with a Frederick, Md. bank. He is an elder in the church and treasurer of the present building project. Both Ron and Sandy continue to travel abroad with the tennis cultural exchange program.

I heard from **Maureen Filbey Sitzer** and **Bill '63** last year, but the news was received too late for the last issue of *The Hill*. I will pass on some of the Sitters' news. Maureen performs on the Praise and Worship Dance Team at Eagles Nest Christian Fellowship and is a greeter on the hospitality team for the ladies' Bible study outreach programs. Bill and Maureen have been very active in their church's ministry. Maureen presented the first draft of four sections of a Biblical Finance Course for Married Couples. Bill wrote the chapters of "Biblical Giving, Freedom from Debt" and "Development a Spending Plan." This was presented to 100 people from several nations at a recent Marriage Min-

## Mayor Martin O'Malley has appointed Courtney Jones McKeldin to the Baltimore Zoning Appeals Board.

business. And son Stuart lives in Charleston, S.C. Diane reports that retirement allows them the luxury of traveling to see their children several times a year.

**Mary Lemkau Horn** is still working very actively as a psychologist in private practice. Mary plans to retire in 2003. Son Erick is an ophthalmologist in San Francisco. Daughter Sarah is Deputy District Attorney in Oakland, Calif. Mary has two grandsons that she enjoys.

**Barbara Yingling Jobson** and her husband spend the majority of their time at their home in Ocean Pines outside of Ocean City, Md. Both Barbara and John are retired so they are able to play golf, meet new friends and bring bridge. Barbara is retired from Sheppard Pratt Hospital as an Associate Medical Librarian and Registrar for their professional education programs. Daughter Lisa is a CPA raising three children. Son Douglas is a computer network technician for Micro Systems.

Only temporarily retired is **Hunter Kirkman**. Hunter is expecting to become a re-hired annuitant with Social Security. Wife **Fran Burnett Kirkman '63** is working part time with an accounting firm in Gaithersburg. Between the two of them, Hunter and Fran have 10 grandchildren.

**Susan Morton Lohman** writes that she and Dick were planning to spend Christmas with their grandchildren, 3 and 6, whom the Lohmans care for

istries International Convention in Denver. The Sitters send greetings to all.

**Charlie Snyder** writes from Colorado Springs where he is still running his own income tax preparation business and singing in the "America the Beautiful Barbershop Chorus." Charlie also coaches high school boys in barbershop singing in three local high schools. Daughter Sara is a freshman at the University of Redlands, a college Charlie says reminds him of Western Maryland. She is studying vocal performance.

**Janet Springer** reports that she has been retired from the Food and Drug Administration for six years and is traveling and having a great time. Janet is also involved in volunteer work.

**Franklin "Butch" Stockman** has been retired for three years after 35 years in public education (28 as a counselor). He is a part-time tour guide at Oriole Park and a registrar at the evening high school in Frederick County. Son Michael is a nurse practitioner. He and his wife Teresa have two daughters who are active in sports and school activities. Butch's daughter Kelly and her husband Mark have two sons, one in college and one in high school. According to the Stockmans, "All is well."

**Barbara Meineke Strein** is still working in school construction in Bel Air. She celebrated her 60th birthday in Brussels and Paris, a gift from son Stefan. Barbara writes that she and college roommate **Nancy Singer O'Malley** had a wonderful reunion and staying up well into the night catching up on each other's news.

**Nancy Roelke Sullivan** has been busy working on the fundraising activities for our 40th reunion. She and **Dave '61** occasionally get together with **Helen Buehm Crumpecker** and Harry. Nancy looks forward to seeing everyone in May.

From Colorado **Mildred "Mil" Dickey** Thomas writes that husband **Jim '60** retired from the National center at the end of June. The Thomases drove to Delaware in July and stayed until October. During that time they visited with a number of WMC friends. Mil enjoys her 18-month-old granddaughter. Son Steve and his wife live in Washington state. David, the oldest son, lives in Denver. Daughter Susan was married in November. Mil is still working at the Denver Urban Ministries in the Job Center two days a week and also plays the organ for several churches.

**Carolyn Bowen Thurber** continues walking for fun and fitness and participates in one or two voluntermarches per week. She still does genealogy and family history research. She published one family line in 2000 and is getting another ready for publication. Son Ken received his Ph.D. in physics from MIT in 1999 and is now working as a post doc at the Army Research Lab in Adelphi, Md. Carolyn and Bob did their first Elderhostel in Philadelphia in 2001. Their

daughter Karen lives at home and is unable to work due to medical problems.

**Barbara Walker VanDenburgh** works on stitchery for the ongoing fiber studies for consultation in Sedona, Ariz. Barbara goes there each July. She plans to attend a quilting workshop in Santa Fe this spring. In June, Barbara was awarded the Viewers' Choice Award for one of her quilted pieces in the local guild quilt show. She has shown several pieces at the local community college.

**Robert Vaughn** continues to work for the *Baltimore Sun* where he has been a teacher. His wife Carol is a 30 year at Pilgrim Lutheran School. Son Robert is married and lives in Mississippi. Daughter Tiffany lives in Cockeysville and will be married next June.

Another Delaware resident, **Jim Waddell** and wife Carolyn enjoy their retirement at their lakeside townhouse in Laurel, Del. Jim writes that he makes occasional forays to Carroll County to visit their granddaughter. Jim enjoys rowing his boat, working in his garden and traveling. This year the Waddells went to Portugal, Spain, and Morocco.

**Janet Priour Warman** writes that they now have seven grandchildren. Five of them lost their father, Janet's son-in-law Bruce Prothero, a Baltimore County police officer who was murdered Feb. 7 in a Pikeville jewelry store robbery. Janet says that many of us may have seen the coverage in the newspaper and on TV. The Warmans' daughter Molly has a new baby boy.

**Rachel Wentz** has retired from teaching at Westminster High School after 38 years. Now she is teaching French 1103 at WMC and supervising student teachers. Rachel writes that she hears the alma mater daily as she walks across campus.

In 2002, the **Reverend Warren Watts** will celebrate 40 years in the ministry with 30 years in pastoral counseling. He continues as Director and Supervisor of Tri-County Pastoral Counseling in Martinsburg, W. Va. Warren is also senior police chaplain and state representative for all police chaplains in West Virginia. He is the chief forensic counselor for the Berkeley County Courts dealing with abuse, neglect, and custody issues. Warren also serves on the Sheriff Advisory Board, Special Consultant to Board of Education. He is an adjunct instructor at West Virginia University and Marshall University. In addition, he is the co-author of *Counting and the Law* with the C. Martin and Seibert Law Firm. Warren has given workshops all along the East Coast. He and wife Pat and two cocker spaniels are enjoying grandchildren and a new home in Clear Brook, Va.

**Jon Williams** is still at the University of Florida doing full-time academic Pediatric Radiology and has no plans to retire. Jon and his wife have been married for 29 years and have three children. The youngest is a

junior at the University of Florida and is on the gymnastics team. The two older boys have graduated from college; one has a master's degree in public health and the other has a bachelor's in digital arts.

**Bob Wolf** writes from Olympia, Wash. that not much has changed with his family. Son **Todd '87** and his wife **Anita Butler Wolf '88** are in Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. for his year of staff college. Greg and his family live in Fredericksburg, Va. He talks with **Bill Bergquist** frequently and reports that Bill's wife Barb is recovering from knee replacement. Bob also sees **Manfred Joeres '58** frequently with boating activities. Bob says hello to everyone.

As I write this column, I am recovering from back surgery. All is well and I have managed to get six weeks off from school to recuperate! I am still teaching English and speech at North Stafford High School where I am an English Department Chair. I am also an adjunct faculty member at Germanna Community College where I teach public speaking. Like many of you, I am thrilled with two wonderful grandsons; unfortunately they are in Utah with my daughter Holly and her husband Doug so I don't see them as often as I would like. I had the joy of being with Holly when she gave birth this past July. Daughter Wendy is married and is teaching art in Fredericksburg. She and her husband just recently moved to their new house in Richmond.

It is with great sadness that I write of the deaths of three of our classmates this past year. **Martha Whitehead Duck** died in June with breast cancer. **Ruth Ann Mason Maertens** died in September after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Ruth Ann's husband, Hank, wrote that she fought the cancer with every weapon at her disposal and finally lost the battle, although she never lost her positive attitude. Her sons Tyler and Hank were with her when she died at home, as was her wish. I also received notice right before the column's deadline that **Donna Grewell Cornwell** died Dec. 1. All of these women will be sorely missed.

Thank you to all of you who responded; there were over 60 of us! Try to make the reunion in May; it is sure to be a great time and will give us a chance to reconnect.

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And so, it seems that 34 years have slipped by since our parents paid our \$2,300 yearly tuition and hoped it was worth it. Let's see what we're up to now.

**Tom Fowler** moved to Arnold, Md. from Voorhees, N.J. about five years ago and likes to cruise the Chesapeake with wife Judy in their 34-foot Silverton. He's still with Russell Corrosion Consultants and his favorite CD (not album) is Rust Never Sleeps, by Neil

Young, Jennifer, 28, and Amy, 30, sent mom and dad to New Orleans last year for their 30th wedding anniversary.

In spite of teaching statistics at the Gilman School in Baltimore, **Jerry Wolf** continues to buy Lotto tickets to fund his retirement. He's also stocking up on slide rules and fountain pens. Jerry has recently had Lasik eye surgery and can now see, but remains deaf so far as his wife can tell. And Gilman got lucky against McDonogh this year!

The hair of the dog that bit you award goes to **Sue Ayres Garlitz**, who after retiring from 30 years of teaching with Baltimore County Schools, now teaches at Catholic High School. Amy sees headed for law school after a couple more years at the Catholic University of America. Frank teaches part-time at the Essex campus of CCB.

**Barry '70' Ellenberger**, now eight years out of the Army, is a contractor back to Uncle Sam. Dana's in his second year at University of Maryland and Beth graduates this spring from Bel Air High School.

If you need someone for pinocchio, **Barry**, try **Arnold Wells**. "Bro G" and wife **Linda Aruce Wells** are still raising horses and playing polo. They're grandparents twice, thanks to Trevor, who's a veterinarian in Northern Baltimore County. Alicia has her master's in Ph.D. next year.

Combining his job with Seton Health Care Network and a love of wine, **John Evler** has traveled to France, Florence, Greece and Sonoma. He's living in Austin, Texas. **Will Davis**, who claims to be "the human nisp," routinely scarfs up all the coins in the fountains at the Seattle Mall, with special attention to the quarters.

The voice heard round the world—that's **Linda Sullivan Schulte**. She's Global Communications Director for an association of pharmaceutical companies. Lots of time in airport security lines. Home life is being the servant of two Irish setters, Brogan and O'Grady, and a race horse, Methamphetamine.

**Terry Walters** survived his daughter's wedding with minor psychic damage. He's with ABC's Harrisburg affiliate, working on Internet marketing campaigns for the TV advertisers and learning how to create animated graphics for Web sites. Current projects include Eric Cartman and Mr. Garrison endorsing a line of feminine hygiene products.

After 33 years of state government, **Paula "Polly" Tarbuton** has hung it up and has opened a catering service in Ajijic, Mexico. They will be living near Lake Chapala, where her husband is starting an American-style football league. Adventurousome ideas.

**Sue Mason Kareiva** had a memorable trip to Ireland, then took her fourth vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. She's now working in Townson, as is her son, Stephen. He

## College Ties Bring 'Crab Guys' Together for Monthly Feasts

BY GORDON SHELTON '68

In the early days, we weren't Crab Guys at all, mostly Anything Tasty in Vast Quantities Guys. Somewhere around 1976, Jim Reseau, Rick Boswell and I started going to Westminster once a month for dinner, probably at Maggie's or Bitter's. The emphasis was on beer vs. food, which has lamentably been reversed in recent years.

We slowly got away from going out as we focused more on crabs. The impatient stares of waitresses at 10:30 p.m. on a weekday night as we partied on began to be noticed by some of the more sensitive members of the group. Larry Blumberg '67 took us on a few cruises in his boat. We'd set out from Boston Street in utter darkness, dodging crab lines and lightening to arrive at some restaurant in Severna Park or wherever.

Eventually, as our menu focused more and more on crabs, shrimp and beer, we evolved to carry-out from Mo's Seafood, then Gibby's Seafood, which is the best. We settled on using my house as home base, since: 1) Everyone can find it; 2) Barbie cheerfully endures the mess; 3) We clear up just great afterwards; and 4) Barbie cheerfully endures the mess. Beer choices favor the cold variety, with such labels as Stroh's, Natty Boh, and Yeungling in the forefront. My kids shudder at such tastes.

The Guys are now a core of about eight people—Ralph Wilson '68, Rick Boswell '68, John Haker '69, Hans Vandrey '68, John Olsh '67, Hugh Carew '71, Steve Pound '68, and me, with frequent visits from Walt Michael '68, Jim Resau '68 (driving in from Grand Rapids, Mich.) and Mike Ward '68 (driving in from New Hampshire). There are secret mystery guests every month as we can fit them in, including WMC faculty, alumni, and my hunting buddies.

It's an eclectic group—all four frats are represented, even the Preachers when they're out on parole. There are cum laude grads and flunk-outs, decorated combat veterans of Vietnam and C.O.'s, drinkers and non-drinkers, real students and junior college transfers, bio majors, English majors, history majors, ministers and thieves. No women, although Linda Berry Van Hart '68 was at Walt's once. Steve Pound got us to invite our wives to an evening at Laurel Race Track, but it was snowed out. The



The Crab Guys (from left): Hugh Carew '71, Walt Michael '68, John Haker '68, Hans Vandrey '68 (standing), Steve Pound '68, Business and Economics Professor John Olsh '67, mystery guest Jim Morrison '68 (standing), Ralph Wilson '68, Rick Boswell '68 (standing), Mike Ward '68, Gordon Shelton '68 (standing), Jim Resau '68.

next time he brought it up, it was booted down and never surfaced again. "Better off down the road without that load."

Conversation goes anywhere and nowhere. Lots of great stories about student days. Dr. Whitfield and Steve Pound's misadventures as a 3-semester history major are always brought up—"junior college transfers..." Decorations are not the norm, but Dr. Whitfield's likeness as a placemat can be found, as are cut-outs of Fern Hitchcock, etc., and quotes from Dr. Whitfield. Even a lady dancing in a chipmunk suit on my 50th birthday slipped in one night.

Discussions are often political but never personal—one guy went through a two-year divorce and never once mentioned a word about it. He still hasn't. Hugh has great tales of his 28 years on the D.C. police force, there's always health issues and a load of dirty jokes.

So what's in the future for The Crab Guys? Hopefully a lot more of the same. •

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adopted 3-year-old Noah and Sue adopted 10-year-old Squeek, Stephen's cat.

**Peggy Rhodes Stanley** gets hearing bells. Phillip's getting married this spring. Brett's engaged, and Mike gets phone bells. You might be watching for bills. Last July they took a three-generation Rhodes cruise to Bermuda—18 people, ages 12-83.

**Allan Feigelson** reports that daughter Sherrie recently married a dental student in a wild orthodox ceremony. Joe Anthony won the John Candy look-alike contest while the father of the bride took first place in the limbo competition. Laura's a frosh at the University of Miami, wife Margy raises roses.

**Howard Goldberg's** daughter, Robin Banks, practices law with dad, while Susan is busy with granddaughter Lauren. Richard's an attorney with the

U.S. Department of Justice.

After living in the same house for 24 years, and enduring three floods, **Patty Wahl Phillip and Sam '67** had to move out because FEMA bought the house and let it revert to marsh. She's retired from teaching high school English and Sam has a year to go with First Virginia Bank. They live between Marce, a retired pro baseball player now in law school in Delaware, and Adam, a chemist and grad student at NC State.

**Jan McDougal Schroeder** is feeling the pressure to come in for a dental check-up, now that the rest of her office cares about their dental health. Both boys are in the Towson area—Chris finishing up at the University of Baltimore and Mark at Goucher.

**Steve Pound**, now finished his tour of monuments in the Catoctin Mountains, splits his time between his

antique business in Frederick, substitute high school teaching, eating crabs, and worrying about his cholesterol, triglycerides, and HDL/LDL ratios. He is still awoken screaming after reliving losing 20 points on a fifteen-point question because of penmanship from Dr. Whitfield, after answering the question correctly.

If you're a social worker and looking for a job, call **Sue Faulkner Rea**—80 employees of the Monmouth County Division of Social Services took early retirement and Sue's looking for new people. Her husband will retire from lawyering next year and plans to bike 800 miles through Spain's mountains.

**Mary Barbara Reeves Sykes** claims to be a natural platinum blonde now. A unique point of view! Jessica's a sophomore at Old Dominion University and may attend the University of

Aberdeen Scotland this summer. Jonathan's a junior in high school and runs cross-country. Husband Earl is an elder in their church and works for Stihl. One of Sue's quilts is on exhibit at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.

**Mike Ward** finished the guest bedroom, bath, and John Huarte/Notre Dame shrine in the attached barn. Recent guests include **John "Om" and Sue Mawby '69 Heritage**. **Wife Ann Reed '69** is now raising bees.

**Steve Jones** hopes to join his recently retired wife Susan if Wall Street gives him the green light. After unsuccessfully marketing mounds of joy at their bed and breakfast, **Elinor Hitchner** and Dennis Lingle sold the place. Unwilling to give up on the stuff, she's now with Atkins Nutritionals (the Dr. Atkins diet crew) as manager of product

development. She assures me that a low-carb mound of joy is in the pipeline. You'd have to lose weight trying to eat that crap. Elinor and Dennis celebrated their 10th anniversary with a cruise last November.

**Dan Gottlieb's** seven offspring and third wife Lynn are keeping him moving. The kids span the range of recording artists, Yale grad, art and design, a third-grader and fifth-grader. He's living on 5 acres on Catoctin Ridge near Virginia wine country and loving it.

Since he started with the Philadelphia Probation Department in 1971, **Harvey Brodno** hopes to retire in 2071. Drawing on his religion courses from WMC, he has been the Local Spiritual Coordinator of Groundhogg Day since 1980. Their yearly lunch-dinner (serving chuck roast) on Feb. 2 drew 80 people, a shaved German Shepherd, and a Westminister. Still trying to qualify for that Possum. Still trying to qualify for that Westminister dinosaur catcher job.

**Sherry Redinger Whitt** and Leon still live on a houseboat on Stoney Creek. Along with their two dogs, they're slowly returning to the land via a bus they're converting. It was used to transport fans to Dallas Cowboys games. Current plans are to cover it with flowers and peace symbols once they've gotten the beer stains and barbecue sauce out of the paneling.

Finally getting the recognition that eluded him at WMC, **Jim Resau** went to a baseball fantasy camp last summer, made all three outs in one inning, and was named MVP. Are you reading this, Fern? **Chris Connelly '87** is teaching special ed speech language and volunteers with family court. Not the one on TV. Both kids live in Colorado. Jim frequently drives from Grand Rapids to Maryland for crab night and deer hunting. Always with an ear tuned for the sound of one hand clapping, he's recently been featured in a rug cleaning ad.

We needed more of our class at Homecoming 2001. **Linda Berry Van Hart** was seen pancing on stage after the game with **Pam Zappardino '71** as **Walt Michael** and this author bowed before their moves. **Michael Hunt** and wife Betsy danced with their dog in the audience. Ah—palm trees and fireworks with gins and lemon martinis for the road. Linda joined Zap's husband Charlie with Dr. Bernard Lafayette on the second annual Civil Rights tour in January 2002. She's teaching metal smithing with Common Ground on the Hill in July 2002 and at Common Ground Scotland in August. Call Linda for great jewelry gift ideas at Christmas.

**Charlotte Hanemann Bennett**, when she's not finding words with multiple double consonants, is a supervisor, lending clerk at the Ligo County Library. Jacob's a frosh at the University of Illinois. Andrew got married in an outdoors '60s-style ceremony.

**Mimi Yarrison Heisey's** family has three toy and hobby stores in Northern Virginia—Dunn's in Fair Oaks Mall, Herndon, and Manassas Mall.

To fill the slow times she's with Lockheed Martin, managing a department building cockpit helicopter trainers for the Navy.

The kids followed the parents. **Joan Dowell Winship** does consulting work with several international organizations based in D.C., so she commutes from Iowa. Son Christopher's an international economist with the Treasury Department. Jim's a professor of political science in the Midwest. Daughter Courtney teaches English in Japan. Lots of symmetry.

**Rick Matheny's** rekindled an old interest in photography and has won numerous regional awards after a 30-year layover. They traveled a bunch the last couple of years—weeks in Italy, weeks in Spain, where they met up with his wife's relatives.

Prisons R Us. **Bob Hibbard** is the Senior (I hate the word) Warden of the largest incarcerated substance abuse program in the world in Winstonsboro, Texas. Wife Becky does the employee discipline for the prison system, and daughter Courtney is the Administrative Assistant to the Warden of another prison. The two grandchildren are into sports, thank God. Lots of bass fishing for Bob, plans for a retirement house on the lake, and ideas for an acting career, too. Probably some job on "Hogan's Heroes II."

**G. Harry Durlin's** son Adam is applying to college while Laura's already at Duke.

**Judy Macintire Stup** became a first-time grandmother last year. Lauren, who works as a part-time labor and delivery nurse at Frederick Memorial Hospital, hopped on the delivery table herself and presented mom with a granddaughter. Although her husband has retired, Judy's in her 30th year as a reading specialist. Son Joe's a student in North Carolina.

As President of Minnesota West Community and Technical College, **Ron Wood's** domain covers 20,000 square miles and five campuses. Both daughters are doing well and one's another grandson.

**Trude Omansky Diamond** runs her own consulting service, Diamond Write, Inc. They analyze business software and train systems engineers to clients like Gartner and Verizon. She's been hanging around with **Jo Ann Henklein '66 McCann** and is godmother to her children.

After living in a 3000-plus square foot home, **Don and Kathy Arick Stout** sold it last May, moved to a small townhouse, then moved again. Thanksgiving weekend into a rancher they built. She does not recommend moving twice in five months to anyone. The grass is now growing in their yard.

**Kathy Moore Ritter's** kids were all home for the holidays last year. Meg interned as an athletic trainer with Virginia Tech football and her brother's getting his master's in exercise physiology at the same school. Andy's in Austin, Texas and is a lobbyist for ABC contractors. Husband Bob

is a bookkeeper at Reisterstown Lumber and Kathy's at Franklin Middle School.

The Drennings are an eclectic group. **Peggy Hovsar** is in her second year as ESL Resource Teacher in Frederick County. Alex is director of Youth Activities and Web site Manager for National Reining Horse Association in Oklahoma, and retired husband Dahl is an animal handler at Mt. Vernon.

**Paulette Arnold Kirkpatrick** wants to be an advisor to the *Golding* since she retired as English chair at Perry Hall High School. If that doesn't work out, goofing off with granddaughter Katie will do. Bob is showing oil paintings at a gallery in Easton.

The **Cary Wilson** saga continues, or so he thinks. He closed down his quarterly *Blues from Magazine* after 12 years and is ISO new stuff. The weekly radio show, "Blues from the Red Rooter Lounge," has been nationally broadcast since 1986 and he's hoping for more. Teaching blues at Common Ground on the Hill since 1997 has let him add to his 2,500 miles per year on his bike and get reacquainted with that legendary WMC food. Cary and Nancy celebrated 30 years together this year. All just amazing.

That leaves me. I'm still having fun practicing dentistry and hunting groundhogs, deer, and turkey. **Barbie Payne '76** is Program Director of Early Childhood Leadership at Villa Julie College. Two of the kids live near each other—Wade in West Chester, Pa., where he's with the Brandywine Conservancy, Dianne in Havertown and doing career counseling at St. Joseph's University. Drew's a junior on the five-year plan at Tufts University, dad majoring in English and Engineering. The Crab Guys, **Jim Resau, Steve Pound, Rick Boswell, John Osh '67, Hughs Vandrey '69, Ralph Wilson, Hugh Carew '71, John Haker '69, Walt Michael**, and me, plus honored mystery guests, get together for crustaceans and brew every month at my house—a tradition spanning almost 20 years.

If you sent in a card and there's no article, they arrived too late for the New Year's deadline. Sorry.

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Greetings Classmates. It was wonderful to hear from so many of you. So has been a very difficult few months for all of us. In reading your informative notes, it seems like our classmates are busy and trying their best to move on with their lives after the tragedy of Sept. 11. I hope this column finds each of you and your families well and enjoying life.

**Kathy Rigger Angstadt** is enjoying her higher management position at the Padonia Park Club. She especially enjoys working with the teens in the

summer. Amanda, 15, is a joy and soon to be driving. Brett, 17, is busy completing his eagle project and selecting colleges.

**Nellie Arrington** is still selling real estate in Howard County and the surrounding counties. Her husband, Bob, is still a technical management consultant. Her daughter, Elyse, 16, is a junior at Mt. Hebron High where she is first clarinet in the wind ensemble and actively volunteering there, at church, and at 4-H. Elyse was awarded a scholarship and is college hunting to major in music and youth development. Meredith, 13, is finishing at Patapsco Middle and is also active in 4-H. Since Meredith is on two travel lacrosse teams, Nellie and Bob are hostsight lacrosse fields on the East Coast.

All is well at the **Bates** household. **Ken** is still at Taylor Bank while **Debbie Huffer '76** is still at the Quality Inn Beachfront in Ocean City. Their son, Nathan, 21, is a junior in college. When Ken wrote in October, their other son, Cody, 16, was playing in a High School State Soccer Tournament. Their daughter, Katie, 12, plays basketball, takes piano lessons, and sings in the church choir. The Bateses are planning to build a house in West Ocean City in the spring. They visited with **Jack Med '82** and **Nancy Jewett '76 Golding** this summer and often see **Warner 'Joe' Waters '71**, who is living and working, on the Eastern Shore.

**Paul '51 and Bernice Talbot Beard** continue to travel in their second Holiday Rambler motorhome (a 37-foot diesel pusher). Paul continues with genealogy research while Bernice continues her writing. Her fourth book, *301 Ways to Make RV Travel Safer, Easier, and More Fun*, is in bookstores, on the Internet and at selected RV dealers.

**Larry 'Cheese' Bocchese** is still teaching biology at Vineland High School. Larry and wife Bev are enjoying their time with the boys (Steven is a seventh-grader, Matthew is a fourth-grader). Both boys play soccer and basketball. The Boccheses visited with **Rick Nicklas**, his wife, Debbie, and their daughter, Lauren, this summer. All of them took a ride to WMC and enjoyed telling the kids the "tales" of their times there—but of course, Rick and Cheese censored most of the details!

As **Melinda Jackson Brock** wrote to me in mid-November, she was hoping to have received a retirement package from AT&T. If everything happened like she planned, Melinda would be retired by the end of 2001! Melinda—I hope it worked out! She had 22 years of service with AT&T. Her husband, Wayne, still works for Bell South. Lance is a freshman in college and Katherine is in eighth grade. She runs varsity track and cross country.

**Joe '73 and Mary Conner Carter** are experiencing their first year of empty nest. They plan trips at least once a month. Kate, their oldest, is working for Nationwide Insurance and living

in Owings Mills New Town. Erin is a senior at Susquehanna University majoring in information systems. Meredith is a freshman at Bridgewater, majoring in communications. She is a pitcher and outfielder for their softball team. Joe is still a business professor at WMC and Mary is still a guidance counselor at Francis Scott Key High School.

**Rob Carter** is in his eighth year as pastor of the Fork-Waugh Charge in Fork, Md. His two daughters, **Melissa '04** and **Melanie '05**, are students at WMC. Carolyn, his wife of 26 years, is commuting to Annapolis to direct Anne Arundel Child Care Connections.

**Nancy Fishpugh Cassell** is happy to have an assignment in Denver rather than being on a travel assignment like last year. **Wayne '74** and Nancy are planning a trip to Hawaii in December to celebrate Wayne's 50th birthday!

**Jack Cockerill** is the owner of Wallace and Gale Co., Inc. and Roof Management, Inc. Jack and his wife celebrated 27 years of marriage in 2001. Their daughter, Rebecca was married in June 2001 to Paul Graham. They are living in Ann Arbor, Mich. Their other daughter, Jennifer, graduated from Elizabethtown College in May 2001.

Suzanne and **Bill Corley** are alive and well and living in Atlantic Beach, Fla. The highlights of their year include another beautiful summer at the beach, Bill practicing law and lecturing at Medical Device and Doctor seminars around the country, travel to Europe. Bill's oldest daughter, Lauren, is a sophomore at University of South Florida; Lindsay is a senior in high school; Kristin is in the eighth grade.

Bruce and **Jackie Deakney Cowan** are now "empty nesters" since Jameson is a freshman at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va. with fellow students Kelly Schmidt (**Linda Lock '75** and **Larry '75** Schmidt's daughter) and Katie Higdon (Patti and **Mark Higdon's '75** daughter). Brett graduated cum laude from the University of Delaware in May. As the top student in the Department of Exercise Science and Physiology, he was the graduation speaker and also received the Outstanding Education Major award from the Delaware Association of School Administrators and outstanding student teacher. He's teaching in Perryville, Md. Jameson also received two awards from Westminster High School for character and sportsmanship.

**Mary Catherine deFossa** has given up practicing obstetrics, since the HMO that she worked for went under in January 2000. She now gets to sleep at night! She is in a gynecological practice with another woman. Her husband Paul is well—his youngest is graduating from college in May—and Mary Cat also has a 26-year-old step-daughter! Mary Cat visited with **Lyn McBride Kelman** and hubby, Mark, when they visited their daughter, Alice, who is a senior at Brown.

**Don "Drama" Ehnman** has a new position at the New Jersey State Council on the Arts as a Program Associate for Artist Services. The Council gives out \$20 million in grants and fellowships to New Jersey Arts organizations and professional artists. They also conduct Artist Survival seminars around New Jersey. He says it's great!

**Karen Birkmeier** and **David Ermer** are still working and seeing their children grow up and move out into the world! The five Ermers went backpacking for five days in Glacier National Park in August 2000. It was Karen's first time—and she describes the 48-mile trek in grizzly country as 90-percent spectacular and 10-percent ultimate fatigue. They hope to go again sometime.

**Glenn Fell** is still living in Boca Raton, Fla., where he is the Director of Computer Applications for a four-hospital chain in Ft. Lauderdale. He plays golf every weekend and coaches his kids' teams. Glenn's son, Brian, 15, besides playing basketball for Glenn also plays on his high school JV baseball team. Glenn's daughter, Julie,

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plays for the high school fast-pitch softball team. Glenn plays men's league slow-pitch softball. Glenn's wife, Missy, is a school counselor.

**Bill Geiger** relocated from Philly to Baltimore and found himself living in the home of his youth. He is now licensed to practice psychology in Maryland and in his private practice not far from his home.

**Gary Harner** is still happy working at Towson University in the Office of Admissions. He has been there since 1995. Gary had lived in New York City for four years previous to his return to Maryland. He also continues to teach History of Film in the Department of Electronic Media and Film. He has treated himself to some nice vacations abroad, including Great Britain, Scandinavia, Greece, and Turkey over the past two years. He does see his WMC roommate, **Ray Sweetman '75**, and Ray's wife, Colleen, and daughter, Heather.

Michael and **Susan Fowler Hallowell** have done a lot of mountain and road hiking, including biking Normandy and Brittany for Michael's 50th birthday. St. Croix, and Cycle Across Maryland (CAM tour). They also became dive certified in the Grand Caymans last June. Michael left academia and joined private practice (Philadelphia Radiology Associates)

while Susan is still chief of the Aviation Security Lab's Explosive Weapons Detection & R&D program.

**Ed Humphreys** works for CUBIC developing multi-media training for the Army. His son, Matt, 12, had just won his first wrestling match when Ed wrote—he admits that it is strange watching from the stands and not from mat-side. His son also plays soccer and Futsal. His daughter, Jennifer, a junior in high school, was keeper for her soccer team and won Honorable Mention All League. Daughter, Katie, a sophomore in high school was the JV keeper. Both girls play indoor and spring soccer, too. Wife, Jan, works at the Mid-School library—a job she really enjoys.

**Linda Wooden Hutchinson** wrote all about her kids. Her daughter, Erin, who is a senior at Muhlenberg College, had just accepted an offer to intern at the "Late Show with David Letterman" during the spring semester. Erin will be living in New York and working full time for her. She hopes to graduate with her class in the spring, but will need one summer course to do so. Son, Kyle, is enjoying Salisbury University and especially the lacrosse team. Since the University is at the end of Linda's street, she gets to see a lot of Kyle's games.

Jan and **Liz Barlow Johnston** live in New Brighton, Minn. Liz is a receptionist at a nursing home. Their oldest daughter, Sarah, is in the Philippines where she is a nurse to 38 children and staff. Second daughter, Jenni is a sophomore at UW/Stout—majoring in Interior Design. Their son, James, 16, is a sophomore in high school. As of November, he was 6-foot 2-inches and was wearing size 14 shoes! Liz and Jan were planning a trip to visit Sarah in January 2002 while Jan is on sabbatical.

**Dottie Hitchcock Kenne** enjoyed the 2001 off after the dot.com company that she worked for went under. She secured a management position to automate the sales force at Simplex Grinnell, a manufacturer of fire alarm, security, and sprinkler systems. She says that the job is a challenge and that she learns and grows with every new project. Her daughter, **Julie '04**, is a sophomore science major at WMC. Dottie's son, Charlie, recently got his driver's license, so she has hung up her chauffeur hat. He will be starting to look for colleges soon.

**Carol MacDonald Kelly** is still teaching math in Westminster, while hubby, **Steve '73** continues as Pupil Personnel Director. Joanna, 16, is a junior at Westminster High School. **Ryan '03** is a junior at WMC (PE Major) and is vice president of Gamma Beta Chi!

**Dennis Kirkwood** has been having WMC flashbacks since his daughter, **Heather '05**, became a freshman in WMC's honors program this year. At opening convocation, the first three speakers were former teacher's of Dennis—**Alex Ober '63**, **Sam Case '63**,

and Joan Cooley! Then LeRoy Pankel received an award. Dennis finished his doctorate in education at College Park in May 2000. His family led another tour to Belize in 2001. And he is still an administrator in Harford County.

**Scott Krieger** and wife Becky are empty nesters now. Their daughter, Kelly, is now a senior at Mount Washington College. She spent the summer of 2001 working at Yellowstone, and the Krieger family enjoyed a two-week visit there in August. Scott even wrote an article for the *Baltimore Sun's* Travel section which was published in the Nov. 4, 2001 paper. Their son is a sophomore at Salisbury University. Scott is still at Mercantile while Becky continues at Franklin Square Hospital.

**Cathie Rees Lenhoff** and sister, **Ruthie Rees Bilas**, are double WMC grads. They both received their MS degrees in 2000 in Curriculum and Instruction. They both teach—Cathie, German, and Ruthie, Special Education. Cathie is an ACIS Tour Manager and travels to Germanic countries in the spring and summer. Her son, Peter, 25, is a University of Delaware grad and works at UD. Peter is getting married in June 2002—he's future wife is a professional chef.

**Louise Matthews McCrorie** writes that she and **Gary** still have their jobs and that they are very happy about that considering today's economy. Gary is now a Senior Estimator at Encompass Technologies (Watson at Boughton out). Louise is still at Belk, which is in retail, where she is seeing cutbacks and layoffs. Kristin is in senior high band, which is driving her parents' schedules nuts! Kyle is in middle school and is learning to adapt to new freedom and more responsibility. Louise is very involved in community outreach—prison ministry, men's shelter, and coordinating projects for Hands-On Charlotte (N.C.). She spends every weekend volunteering at nursing homes, senior citizen centers, or the prison.

**Tim Meredith** is still practicing law in Anne Arundel County. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Severna Park with their two children, Ben, 17, and Patrice, 14. Tim is currently Clerk of Sessions at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church. For fun, Tim sings in the chorus for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

**Kathy and Steve Munch** have been in Steamboat Springs, Colo. since 1994. They have their own small liquor store and feel very lucky to be living in one of the most beautiful areas in this country. Even though they stay quite busy with their business, the Munches still find time to ski and snowshoe during the winter and fish, hike, and hunt during the summer. Steve says that after living in the Boulder-Denver metro area since 1978, they are really enjoying the quiet, slow pace of small town mountain living.

**Ann Lehman Nordvett** writes that she has been happily married for 27 years. Chris, 24, lives at home and

works for a rental management company. Tim, 22, has been married for two years. Joe, 18, just graduated from high school and is working full time at a local pub, waiting to go into the mission field. Ann is a family daycare provider and waitress two nights a week at the local pub. They are very involved with their church, Grace Community, and work with the local school group there. The Nordvelts have lived in Dayton, Md. for 21 years. They still raise sheep and have lots of pets. They love to go motorcycle riding in the little bit of free time they have. They ride up to Westminster a lot and eat at Baughers.

**Dwayne Oland** is currently working at the U.S. Army Medical Information Systems and Services Agency. He became eligible for the Army Acquisition Corps this year. He has been extremely busy with all of the world events. Jenny and Dwayne's first son, Brandon, is a sophomore at the University of Maryland's School of Journalism. As a freshman he covered World Cup Swimming, the ACC Spring tournaments in Orlando, and the Women's Lacrosse team, who were National Champions. Over the summer of 2001, Brandon was the sports editor for the *Diamondback*, University of Maryland's newspaper. The Oland's second son, Ian, was inducted into the Frederick High School's art honor society and played on their basketball team.

**Maria Petrucio** has moved to a new office in Columbia, Md. She has joined a developmental pediatrician, massage therapist, child psychiatrist (**Joann Mackinson '78**), acupuncturist, and energy healer. Maria will be doing holistic healing including chiropractic, craniosacral therapy, and other healing adjuncts. She is living near Baltimore, with her husband, Jay Seaborg, who teaches U.S. History to eighth graders, and their daughter, Erin, 7.

Paul and **Cathy Nelson Price** have been in Maine for 10 years. Caroline is a senior at Keene State and Scott is a freshman at University of Connecticut. Cathy is a freelance writer, theater critic and playwright. Paul is now in his third year of environmental risk consulting as an independent.

**Karen Georg Quillin** continues to teach vocal music at Runnymede Elementary in Westminster and work as Director of Music at Trinity Lutheran Church. Her daughter, Kelly, married David Swain in June. Her son, Andy, graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Ocean Engineering.

**Ain Rabinowitz** is currently the Director of Science and Exploration of the Wildlife Conservation Society, based at the Bronx Zoo in New York. He recently published a new book—*Beyond the Last Village* (Island Press, 2001) about his adventures and personal journey in northern Burma.

**Leigh Rogoff** and his wife are busy with their family. They both are active in supporting Israel's settlers in Judea, Samaria and Gaza through the Women For Israel's Tomorrow Ameri-

can organization. Leigh worked in a number of charitable efforts that raised money and collected food and clothing for those in need due to the Sept. 11 attack.

**Chipp Village** is still teaching English at Villa Julie College—and is an associate professor. She has been there 18 years. Her son, Bryan, will be going to Hofstra University in the fall of 2002, as a lacrosse recruit, majoring in athletic training. Chip wrote to me in November, and Bryan already has all of these plans in place.

**Ridgely and Linda Reeser Tinkler Haggerton** is still enjoying life in Hagerstown—especially the sunrises and sunsets, which she says, are really beautiful in the mountains. Linda also commented that "you know you are getting old when most of the fun things happening in your life are being experienced by your children." Linda's daughter, Ruth Tinkler, married Kevin Jonatke this year and are living in Detroit. Her son, Micah Tinkler, is traveling around the world with a firm that is mapping ocean and river bottoms. Micah sends his mom emails from his ports of call—Rome, Cairo, Jordan, Athens.

**Robert Sellers** is still practicing law in Towson. When he wrote he was in the process of teaching his oldest daughter to drive—and claimed that the last few brown hairs that he had were now gray. Robert was honored Spring 2001 by a resolution of the Baltimore County Council recognizing him for dedicated community service working with various groups on land use issues.

**Laura Stephenson** is now part of a large multi-specialty group of physicians, Centre Medical and Surgical Association, for which she continues to practice obstetrics and gynecology. She hopes to phase out of medicine in the next five years, though, to pursue another passion. Joe and Laura bought 17 acres on which they hope to build a B&B and plant nursery. Their kids are growing up—Rachel is now 15 and William is 12.

**Bill and Linda McHale '75 Thomas** are still in Westminster at the same church (New Life). Bill said that God really surprised and blessed them with a healthy baby boy born on December 14, 2000. That makes an even six kids. Their youngest was 11 years old—but they figure that Jacob Andrew came to keep them "forever young." Bill and Linda got to see some Preacher brothers at Homecoming—**Bob Watson '73** and **Mike Hunt '72**—they even heard rumors that **Ron "Tar-Tar" Crispy '72** was in the crowd insisting he really could run a fast break in college! The Thomases have a daughter, **Julie '04**, at WMC.

**Ann Swope Williams** has been in North Carolina for five years now. She says living on Lake Hickory is beautiful and peaceful. She continues to work as a staff agent for Bill Etheridge, State Farm. Dan's company was sold, but he has continued to work as quality manager for a new one. Carole has been accepted at

North Carolina State. As a high school senior, she has been busy with scholarship applications, being drum major for the marching band, president of Beta Club and swim team captain—all while keeping her 4.2 GPA!

As for me, life is blessedly the same! Drew is now in sixth grade at Loyola Blakefield. He tried two new team sports so far this year—water polo and swimming. He has also enjoyed his first full year as a boy scout. I am in my 27th year at Verizon (C&P, Bell Atlantic) and continuing to work in the Distance Learning group. I spend most of my time on the road working with teachers and administrators around the state of Maryland who use Verizon's distance learning equipment. I do love my job and am very grateful for that.

Thank you all of those who responded to my request for "scop." Our column will now be published every other year. Take care until then! Kathy Blazek Wright 823 Stags Head Road Towson, MD 21286

**1980** In a time when connections seem important, it was particularly nice to hear from a couple of classmates who have been out of touch for a decade or so, as well as from a number of regular correspondents.

**Mitchell Alexander** and wife **Mildred Artis '81** are weathering their fifth-grade son Blake's trombone lessons fairly well; Mitch sounds a little more anxious about daughter Paige's preschool "boyfriend." I suspect that there are some fellow alumni who can give him plenty of advice. Mildred, who works for the State Department, recently dealt with an anthrax scare and remains on alert for further such events. Mitch continues as director of college activities at WMC where the students keep things interesting.

**Steve Bainbridge** spent the 2000-2001 academic year as a visiting professor at Harvard Law School. He is now back in Los Angeles, Calif. where he teaches corporate and securities law at UCLA's law school. He and his wife, Helen, live in a bungalow in Hollywood Hills with their golden retriever, Samantha. Steve would love to hear from his WMC friends and encourages people to look him up when they are in L.A.

**Cindy Wolfe Behm** writes that turning 40 was not that eventful as she has the same husband, kids and house. She does not feel a lot older but notes that her kids sure are old! Her son, David, is a high school senior who is quite involved in the college search and application process and will even be applying to WMC; David's brothers, Brian and Gary, are in 10th and eighth grades respectively.

**Lisa Finch Boyd** was among classmates who had some reflections on Sept. 11, writing that she is hopeful that the American spirit will prevail as God sees fit. Lisa continues to work

part time at NIH studying NK cells and their interaction with class IMCH of the immune system. She does some home schooling with daughter Valerie who is now four. Lisa and her husband successfully replaced the roof on their house this summer, although she notes that they are getting too old for this sort of thing.

**Barb Brazis** and her partner **Pat Eberle McE'Dr** are busy raising their three children, Gregory, Jordan and Joseph, and enjoying motherhood and all of the related elementary and preschool activities. Barb is a surgeon with a general surgical practice in Albany, N.Y.

**Lynn Kosove Brinker** continues to work part time as a social work consultant while raising her three sons, ages 11, 8, and 4. Lynn's husband Mark was called to active duty with the U.S. Army for an underextended period following Sept. 11; he went to Texas in early October. Lynn notes that this has been particularly difficult as Mark has his own business.

**Scott Dahne** writes that his mid-life crisis resulted in a red Saab convertible and a scaled-back work schedule. Scott is involved with several businesses and teaches some graduate business and technology courses at the University of Phoenix. He tries to spend plenty of time playing golf and hanging out; hanging out includes volunteering as a Site Steward for Arizona Parks monitoring antiquities and searching for new archeological sites. His wife Lori is a guidance counselor at the local high school where son Mathew is a ninth-grader. Daughter Melanie is in third grade. Scott, who says that he has grown a ponytail which reaches his belt (and compensates for the loss of hair in front) has been living in Arizona for so long that he no longer owns an umbrella. He does leave there occasionally and visited last summer with **Alan Blaker** and his family in Myrtle Beach.

**Mike D'Andrea** was recently promoted to principle scientist at Johnson and Johnson's Pharmaceutical Institute where he has had multiple publications in recent years in the fields of Alzheimer's and cancer research. Mike and his wife Patty have three children, Michelle, 13, Michael, 11, and Stephanie, 5; the older children are following in Dad's footsteps and working on getting black belts in karate. Mike continues to hold his yearly "Camp Canto" a four-day retreat where Phi Delts brothers **Dave P. Grossman**, **Rick F. Fulton**, **Steve S. Evans**, **Jeff W. Wahlbrink**, **Jack W. Maxwell** and **Bill "B.B." lies '82** attempt to remember old times while generating new times with a variety of barroom games!

**Eric DeGross** had a particularly eventful year in 2001; he married Kim Rice on May 11 and bought a new house in Silver Spring. The year 2002 promises to be even more eventful as they are expecting a baby in February. Kim is an attorney who has worked with Westlaw, a publisher of law books. Eric, who left Jiffy Lube

almost a decade ago for work in the human services field, worked for more than seven years as a program assistant manager and manager at a Baltimore juvenile detention facility and is currently with the Big Brothers Big Sisters as a program coordinator.

**Bruce Downs** sent an information-packed e-mail synopsis of his life over the past couple of decades. Bruce has been living in Alabama for the last 16 years after moving to Birmingham in 1985 to share digs with **Wade Anderson** his old Bete roommate. He married Sheila Knight Bradley a year later and also went back to school, passed the CPA exam and worked for a local firm for eight years until Sheila passed away. Subsequently Bruce quit his job, started his own practice, sold his home, remarried and moved to Irondale, a Birmingham suburb where he lives with his wife Sallie Kartus Dattoff Downs. They have three sons: Matt, Bruce's stepson from his first marriage who is attending the Art Institute in Fort Lauderdale; Josh, Sallie's oldest attending Southern Union Junior College in Auburn, and Jake, Sallie's youngest, a high school senior. Bruce writes that life is beautiful. The whole family made a recent road trip north, visiting with Bruce's parents and other family members. Bruce also stays in touch with a number of Bete brothers via the Internet and says that regular contributors to the correspondence are **Chris "Chuang" Parr '79**, **Dale Silliman, Dennis Powell '79**, **Tom "Ducks" Wiederseim '79**, **George "Towie" Kleb '82**, **Jeff Waldron '81**, **Scotty Kallins '81**, **Terry "Gummy" Koenig '78**, **Wade Anderson '81** and **Wade "Hairo, Sweetpea" Heck '81**. (Bruce says that all nicknames unsuitable for publication have been reserved, but we'll see if this makes it past the editors!) You can see a current picture of Bruce in a suit and read what he describes as "more interesting facts" about his practice at [www.hbdpea.com](http://www.hbdpea.com).

**Gail Spunt Garner** has been playing keyboard and conga drums for the past year with the band Imagine. She released her first CD in July 2001. Gail is the sole proprietor of ODC productions, an entertainment booking and production company. During the week, Gail teaches special education at Parkville High in Parkville, Md.; she spends her weekends in her home at the beach in Delaware just north of Ocean City.

**Sue Gilson** phoned me to pass on her news. Sue, who lives in Annapolis and continues to work part time as an industrial hygienist, has a baby girl. Daughter Molly was born May 9, 2001 and Sue reports that motherhood is wonderful.

**Ann Louser Gingras** remarried husband Don Sept. 15, 2000. Ann has a daughter Kelly, 12, and Don has a daughter, Bethany, 8. Ann and Don honeymooned in St. Lucia and vacationed in Victoria and Vancouver British Columbia in 2001. Ann is in her ninth year as the owner of Windows and Walls, a custom drapery and

wallpaper store in Orlando.

**John Hackbarth** says that his mid-life crisis happened early, lasted through his 20s and 30s and is over! Jon was married Oct. 6, 2001 and in addition to becoming husband to his wonderful wife, John became instant father to a terrific 8-year-old daughter. Jon continues to work at Villa Maria as the Associate Administrator; Villa Maria provides mental health and special education services. Jon and his family live in Timonium but are searching for a bigger house in northern Baltimore County. Jon recently traveled to the Bahamas and to New Orleans and he continues to enjoy hiking, golf and basketball.

**Bob Holcombe** is living in Stafford, Va., with his wife Laurie and daughters Janis and Amy. Bob works in D.C. at the Department of Justice while Laurie started a job at the Quantico Marine Corps base shortly before Sept. 11. Janis toured Europe last summer with a national marching band. Bob says the closest he has come to a mid-life crisis was buying a red Camaro a couple of years ago; he has since sold it. He continues to run and bike and has taken a couple of cruises in recent years. Bob says he enjoyed an alumni event in D.C. in November, particularly seeing **John Leitzel**, **Steve Sturiale '83** and **Sam Case '83**. Bob also stays in touch with **John Kebler '81** and **Doug Renner**.

**Nancy Bowers and Dennis Hoy** and their children Colleen, 15, and James, 10, are living in Martinsville, Va. Dennis continues at Bassett Furniture; he oversees all of the Bassett Furniture Direct stores in Virginia and North Carolina and is looking to expand. Nancy continues to teach Spanish. The summer of 2001 was busy for the Hoy's. Nancy and Colleen participated in a two-week immersion program in Santa Ana, Costa Rica; they lived with families, studied, toured the beautiful country and even improved their Spanish. Dennis and James took an adventure vacation complete with white water rafting, camping and roller coasters! Nancy says they have a trip to Europe scheduled for 2002, which they are hopeful they will be able to take.

**Phyllis Landry-Lugo** says that being in her 40s means that life revolves around her children, ages 12 and 14, with all of their sporting events, school projects and social activities. However she reports that she decided to be actively involved and not just a spectator. During the summer of 2001, Phyllis and her family hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back; she says the first words out of her mouth after completing the ascent were "I'm 43 and I did it!" She has also taken up mountain bike racing with her 14-year-old son, a sport in which she is already the oldest woman.

**Kate Shires Luette** and her husband **Steve '78** moved back to Maryland from Sioux City, Iowa in the summer of 1997. While in Iowa, they both earned master's degrees. Steve is athletic administration and Kate in

agency counseling. Steve is now teaching biology at South Carroll High School in Carroll County; he is also the offensive coordinator on the football team and a first-year head coach for women's basketball. Katie spent 10 years working with at-risk kids (as either a counselor or working with staff) including a few years during which **Dave Dolch '77** was a colleague; currently she is a full-time sub at a high school in Carroll County and her boss is **Kim Nichols Dolch '78**. Katie and Steve's daughter **Stephanie** is a sophomore at Bloomsburg University where she plays rugby and is majoring in elementary education and theater arts. Son Christopher is a sophomore at South Carroll. He plays football, basketball and hockey. Katie says she gets to see **Susan Fairchild Sager** and **Tom '77** frequently as well as **Gayle Annis-Forder**, who is Katie's pastor, and she attended **Dave Seibert's '78** wedding last summer.

**For Linda Piccirelli Maher** being in her 40s means keeping busy with two wonderful children, although she says the aches and pains of 25 years of playing tennis are catching up with her. Daughter Nicola has horse lessons and soccer and is taking martial arts with brother Christopher. Linda's husband is also studying martial arts, so Linda is thinking she may take this up for her mid-life crisis if she can fit it in between tennis, the saxophone and a newly acquired interest in golf. She continues to work as a health physicist for an environmental company.

**Tom Myers** lives in Westminster and reports that he has been working on getting his pilot's license.

**Jennifer Uehly Ray** continues in the Cincinnati Public School system, but is working as a teacher evaluator this year instead of being in the classroom. She is also enjoying a sport she has wanted to try for years; she races a 16-foot MC. Score sailboat every Sunday from April through October. She also has a 21-foot fin keel sailboat called a Luders 21 and a 13-foot Laser. During the summer she helps coach the children at a junior sailing camp.

**Jim Slack** is an ophthalmologist with Kaiser Permanente in Washington, D.C. Children Sam, 3, and Madeleine, 4, keep Jim and his wife Gemma busy and amused.

**Sue Robinson Tandy** says that life around her house continues to be hectic. Her 16-year-old son is to be a hec permit and Sue has many more gray hairs; her 14-year-old is playing JV basketball and the Tandy's may never have a family dinner again. Sue continues to teach first grade and acts as the Lead Teacher for her building (an assistant principal job by another name). Sue keeps her hand in music by playing in three community bands, singing in her church choir and other community choir events.

**Susie Tucker Taylor** continues to work at the Maryland State Public Health Lab in virology. She notes that public health is becoming a more respected domain lately; a few years

ago her director was fighting to keep the lab open, but in light of recent bio-terrorism concerns we're all glad they are there. Susie's mother passed away last year and this has been a sad time for her. Things go well with her children. Susie's daughter Emily, 16, is driving this year and son Zachary, 12, is into soccer.

You can still find **Susan Thornton** at the Way-Off-Broadway Dinner Theater and Children's Theater in Frederick. She also freelance directs and acts at other theaters and does stints on a local cable channel. Far from having a midlife crisis, Sue is still deciding what she wants to be when she grows up.

**Dave Wahrhaftig** expressed a dichotomy of feelings familiar to many of us. He writes that on the one hand things are terrific with his family; he and his wife can barely keep up with their three active boys (a 5-year-old and 3-year-old twins). Dave is pleased to be starting his 15th year with Kelso and Company, a private equity buyout firm. However, Dave works in mid-town Manhattan at 50th and Park and says that Sept. 11 remains surreal. His town, Larchmont N.Y., lost five people and it seems that everyone knows someone who was in the World Trade Center. It is impossible, Dave says, to describe the feeling of being in New York that day. I'm sure we all share his hope that there are better days ahead for us as a nation.

**Judy Walker** writes that there have been some very good days in her household recently. She and her husband Dennis Gold will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary this year and are residing in Austin, Texas where she has lived since shortly after graduation from WMC. Judy graduated from University of Texas Law School in 1988 and worked as an attorney for eight years, two in private practice and six with the Texas legislature. In 1996 she left law (perhaps an early midlife crisis) returned to graduate school, received an M.S.S.W., began a new career and discovered that she and Dennis were expecting twins (after 17 years of marriage). Judy celebrated her 40th birthday by being "hugely pregnant" and says she highly recommends the distraction of a multiple pregnancy as an antidote to brooding about the big 4-0. Daughter Bailey and son Graham were born on Thanksgiving Day 1999 and after two-and-a-half years are a miracle and a challenge and a blessing. Judy says that for her money her 40s are the best decade yet and that spending the day chasing two feisty toddlers around is sure prevention for a midlife crisis. She is looking forward to the time when her children are old enough to travel to Maryland so that she can visit with old friends.

**Charles Wheatsley** sent one of my favorite responses in which he reports that he parlayed the stock market downturn into millions by playing the futures and options market and is now retired and writing a book about it.

Meanwhile he says **Kim Reeves's '82** decorating and entertainment business should go public soon and is expected to go head-to-head with Martha Stewart and their daughters, ages 5 and 8, are soon to start at Johns Hopkins University. Then Charles explains that this is just the fantasy version. He and Kim are still living in Catonsville and he works for Northrop Grumman as a radar software engineer. He and Kim are troop leaders for daughter Caitlin's brownie troop and Caitlin, 8, and her sister Emma, 5, are enjoying school and keeping busy with soccer, ballet and piano. He is a little philosophical about his 40s pondering whether mid-life means that the glass is half empty or half full.

My husband **Mike Cantrell** and I are finding our lives to be very full at the moment. Mike continues as a partner in a Baltimore law firm specializing in mortgage lending and creditor rights and I remain at the University of Maryland Medical System where I work with people with chronic mental illness in a psychiatric outreach program. Mike sees his 40s as the time to do things he wanted always to but hadn't quite gotten around to. So depending on the weekend you may find him white water rafting, hang gliding or taking very long bike rides. While our daughters Caitlin, 11, and Molly, 7, and I sometimes accompany him on the bike rides, my approach to life is generally a bit more sedate.

The kids are very much involved in dance and this Christmas the entire family performed in a local production of the "Nutcracker" (I had the only non-dancing part).

One thing that was evident from a number of responses is that a lot of people are getting in touch with WMC classmates. Maybe this is because, in our 40s, it is nice to have contact with people we have known for more than half a lifetime. Maybe it is because with the uncertainties of life, so clear to us all after Sept. 11, old friends are somehow more important. Or maybe we've always done a pretty good job of maintaining the relationships that started at WMC. I love being at my computer (especially my work computer), and getting an e-mail from a WMC classmate; somehow I am always reminded of passing notes in Dr. Palmer's literature class. You might consider leaving this copy of *The Hill* beside your computer and dropping a note to someone you haven't talked with in a while, even a decade or two!

I hope everyone is having a safe and healthy 2002. Please take good care of yourselves. And stay in touch!

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I just love my new job of being our class reporter! It has put me back in touch with so many

great people. I thoroughly enjoyed trading e-mails with many of you. For everyone who didn't respond this time, please keep my e-mail address (MoWMC86@aol.com) and feel free to write with an update anytime. I've got to say that we should all be so proud of our classmates' accomplishments. Representing the WMC class of '86 are a deputy district attorney, a DEA agent, a chef, engineers, consultants, teachers, and many stay-at-home moms. Our WMC liberal arts education trained us well for all of these jobs!

Here is the news from the class of '86:

**Lauren Pearl Anagnos** writes from Ellicott City that she is in her second year as a stay-at-home mom (and not missing the classroom at all!) to Dylan, who is 16-months-old. She and her husband, Dan, are slowly introducing the world of travel to their son, and say they are aiming to get out of the U.S. on their next trip. Lauren, who is a fitness instructor with the Howard County YMCA and tutors on a regular basis, says "Hi!" to all her ANW suite-mates!

"I am a very busy mother of two beautiful girls," writes **Maureen Reenie-Kilroy Bagwell**, speaking about Chloe, 5, and Cammi, 3. Reenie, who is working part-time as an accountant/office manager at a small software company, and her husband moved to the Timonium area two years ago after being "townies" for a few years.

The chef I mentioned above is none other than **Mark Batorff**, who is the corporate executive chef for Rainforest Café. Mark writes that his company was purchased a year ago by Landry's Seafood, making it part of the second-largest seafood restaurant company in the U.S. Mark made the BIG move to Orlando, Fla., in June, but was able to make it back for Homecoming to see a lot of old friends.

**Valerie Willey Berg** is celebrating her 15th year with Mercantile Safe Deposit and Trust Co. She is working there part time as an assistant vice president in the cash management/corporate services department. Val and husband Kevin keep busy with all the extracurricular activities of children Drew, 8, and Lindsay, 5. Val reports that she was the coach for the first time of the clinic softball team, and since she had so much fun, she volunteered to do it again next year. Val also had surgery on her back to repair a herniated disk in October, and is happy to report that the operation was successful.

"I've landed my dream job as WMC's alumni director and I'm loving every minute of it (okay, so there's a little stress) now and then, but I still love it!" writes **Robin Adams Brenton**. Robin and husband **George '85** live in their totally renovated home in Hanover, Pa., with their two dogs, Annie and Fritz. With Robin's parents living next door and George's mom living in town, Robin adds that there



**Mike Hardesty** recently visited the People's Republic of China as a member of an American Association on Mental Retardation Delegation. Delegates visited various institutions, hospitals, and community programs in three cities where they gathered and shared information with their peers half a world away. **Hardesty '82, MS '88**, is president and CEO of **Flying Colors of Success, Inc.**, a Westminster nonprofit organization that provides community-based housing and support services to people with developmental disabilities.

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is never a dull moment for the Brentons. Robin and George celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary with a trip to Disney World, their first vacation ALONE since their honeymoon. Robin also reports that she and George, along with family members, recently purchased a condo in Ocean City, Md., which they affectionately dubbed the "money pit" because it required many hours of labor to get it fixed up for rental season. If anyone is looking for a vacation spot, let Robin know.

Our first class of 1986 couple, the Carters of Glenelg—**Mark and Nancy Hutchison Carter**—e-mailed to report that they are very busy keeping up with their three boys, ages 10, 7, and 5, and all their social and athletic activities. Mark enjoys coaching the boys in their various sports and he even teamed up with **Ronnie Gavin '87**, to coach a boys' lacrosse team. Nancy wrote that she didn't know who got more excited when a goal was scored—Mark and Ronnie or the child who scored the goal. Mark still plays lacrosse on a summer league team in Howard County. A teammate of his is **Tom Brown '82**, who plays on the current WMC men's lacrosse team. Nancy enjoys volunteering at the boys' schools and has taken up tennis, playing on a USTA team for

the past two years.

**Jerry Donald** is still teaching at Linganore High School. He and wife Beverly have three daughters, Blair, 7, Molly, 4, and Brooke, 1. Beverly teaches part time at Hood College. The Donalds get together with the Reiths—**Dave '87** and **Sharon Pierce '88** and their three kids—a few times a year.

**Karen Butting Donegan** writes that it has been a busy year for her family. Her youngest child, Brian, had to have cataract surgery last year and has had a long, but successful, recovery. After an extensive search, Karen and husband Peter found their dream house in Ellicott City, Md., last May, sold their old house in one day, and moved in June. All the Donegans, including Sean, 10, Katie, 7, and Brian, 3, had a wonderful week in Kiawah, S.C., in August. Karen keeps up with **Abbie Hume Stump** and **Kathy Boyer Rockefeller** via e-mail.

I received **Beth Erb's** card on her wedding day! Yep, Beth married her "prince charming," Peter James Follett, on Nov. 24 on the beautiful Caribbean island of St. Lucia. **Sheri Bialczak Miller-Leonetti** served as her maid of honor. Beth writes that she is still with IBM, but recently moved from Dallas to Portland, Ore., to accept a promotion, and is now cover-

ing Oregon and Idaho. Beth and Peter welcome everyone to their newly built home, adding that they are 1½ hours to the mountains and 1½ hours to the ocean.

**Sharon Eimer Nolley** has had a busy year, welcoming twins Sydney Virginia and Ryan Wilson on Jan. 20, 2001 (six weeks early). Sharon writes that her law practice is keeping her just as busy, but she still enjoys trying cases and training new attorneys. If anyone knows the whereabouts of **Molly Muir**, Sharon would love to get in touch with her (you can e-mail the information to Maureen Carroll Martin at the e-mail address above).

Received a blank postcard from **Dave Fowler**. Not sure what he was trying to say!

**Nettie Barrick Funk** writes from Hampstead, Md., that she and husband Doug, son Weston, 3, and stepson Chad, 19, welcomed William Barrick Funk on Nov. 28, 2000. Nettie works part-time for the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn.

**Jane Manlove Garrett** is working for Chesapeake Health Education as a bookkeeper and "absolutely loves it!"

**Wilma Spartin Rowe** writes that she just returned from cooking school in Tuscany, Italy, where she accompanied her mother and other female family members.

When she is not working, Jane has been traveling all over the country, or trying to get in a few rounds of golf with her husband (Jane admits she is not very good, but she does have fun). "I am still working for the DEA," writes **Bryan Geer** from Silver Spring, Md. Bryan, who has moved within the agency to the special testing and research laboratory, hates the commute but loves the job. He analyzes cocaine, heroine, and methamphetamine samples to determine where they are coming from and how they are being made. Very interesting, Bryan.

"All is well here in New Jersey," says **Nora Kane Graham**. Nora and family—Brian, 5, Michael, 3, and Colleen, 1—moved over the summer and are finally settled in. Nora writes that she had to give up her job after Colleen was born, but has gotten used to her new full-time job (work was easier, she says). Nora recently visited with **Ami Writ Carrier** and her new baby, Greta, and speaks monthly with **Eve Al-Arnasi Angers**, who, Nora says, is still in England with her two kids, Ben and Beth.

**Kevin Greiner** and wife **Karen Scheidt '87** are still in Annapolis with kids

Samuel, 5, Ella, 4, Jackson, 2, and Anna, 1. Kevin adds that he just completed the first year of operation of his organization, Advanced Patient Advocacy, which helps uninsured individuals and families find coverage for health care.

"Things here are the same as always," e-mailed **Joan Lemeshow Horton**. Daughter Sarah started fourth grade this year, and son Jack is in first grade. "I am totally feeling the empty nest syndrome," she adds. Joan stays busy volunteering in Sarah's school, an all-girls school, and continuing with tennis lessons. As Joan lives near New York City, she writes that they had many, many friends who either had friends or relatives who were involved in the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center. Joan's husband, Mike, was in New York City that day and witnessed the second plane hitting from a 10th floor conference room he was in. After six hours of boats, trains, and buses, Mike made it home safely. Then, as if that wasn't enough, it was Joan's post office that was closed due to the anthrax situation. They didn't receive mail for 1½ weeks. Joan is relieved to say that everyone is doing well and is healthy and happy—and that is really what it is all about.

**Jeanene Owens Johnston** says in her e-mail that not a whole lot has changed for her and **Stewart**. Stewart is still at MBNA and Jeanene is still doing HR consulting. Daughter **Taylor**, 8, is active in figure skating, recently competing at the ISI World Championships in Ohio and winning a gold medal in her age group. Son **Griffin**, 2, and is, well . . . 2, says Jeanene. He loves to bug his sister and follow her around wherever she goes. Jeanene says she and Stewart think about WMC a lot and hope everyone is well and safe.

**Sarah Jahries Kenyon** is working at Northfield Mt. Hermon School as a college counselor. She gave birth to Charles Stanwood Kenyon Sept. 8, 2000. In September 2001 she attended **Charlie Cave's** wedding in Vermont. "It was a ball," she writes. Also in attendance were **Scott Funk and Phil '85** and **Sarah Burton Boling**.

**Laura King King** writes that she is still living in Baton Rouge, La., while husband Mark finishes his Ph.D. program at Louisiana State University. Laura continues to freelance as a medical editor for a number of companies and got to take a business trip to London. Daughter **Katie** is 3½ and is starting to talk with a Southern drawl. Laura adds. Laura recently visited with **Jill-Anne Elliot Sikora '87**, who just gave birth to beautiful twin boys.

**Debbie Cooke Klainsorgen** enjoys being home with daughters Allyson, 4, and Jackie, 2. Her husband, Eric, has been traveling a lot lately, but luckily, he has been driving and avoiding the airlines, Debbie writes. Last June, Debbie and family enjoyed a long weekend with **Julie White Smith** and her husband **Mark** and children

**Jonathan**, 5, and **Jaime**, 4, at Hershby Park, Pa.

**Steve Knott** writes that he is still working for the EPA Risk Assessment Forum, a job, he says, that is related to developing guidance for assessing environmental health risks. Steve, who lives with his wife, Melody, in their new home in LaPlata, Md., completed his master's program at the University of Maryland University College in December 2000.

"I can't believe it has been 15 years and I am still working at Verizon as a software engineer," writes **Liz Lambert**. Aside from work, Liz manages to spend just about every free weekend she can in Bethany Beach, Del. Liz also says that every year she plans a winter trip to some warm beach area in search of a place to retire. So far, Liz has been to Cancun, Playa del Carmen, Puerto Vallarta, Punta Cana, St. Thomas, and Aruba. Anyone have any good suggestions?

**Sheri Bajczak Miller-Leonetti** writes that she is just at the WMC-Wyckins football game and had a blast! She took her sons, who attend Friends School, to see the campus. Sheri, who works for an interior design firm in Pikesville, was on her way to St. Lucia for **Beth Erb's** wedding. Aside from visiting Beth, Sheri had a visit from **Joan Kelly-Regan '83** over the summer, and sees **Heather Rembert Fahmy '85** often. **Wendy Bartko-Libert** just finished her first year at the International Monetary Fund, which, she says, is always an adventure with protesters and anthrax scares. Being a single mom to daughter Brittany keeps her busy, but she still finds time to compete at her shows during the summer months.

**Susan Malkus** got married last Labor Day weekend to **Phil Brown**, "a wonderful guy from Kentucky," she writes, whom she met playing softball. Sue is working at a computer-based training company as director of business development. She is also raising money for the WMC Scholarship Fund in her father's name (**Fred Malkus '34**).

**Mike McInerney** was just back from spending three months in war-torn Bosnia. While there, he was able to travel to Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia, and Austria. Mike, who writes that although he has been rather busy since the attacks on Sept. 11, he is heading to British Columbia over the winter for a weeklong ski trip. He admits that he is still the consummate bachelor, with no one special yet in his life. Mike tries to keep in touch with **Andrew Stump**.

**Cindy Rasberry Minnich** and family recently moved to Mechanicsburg, Pa., from Toms River, N.J. Her husband, Scott, assumed the associate pastor position at Country and Town Baptist Church. Daughters Sara, 6, and Rachael, 3, are an "incredible blast and a challenge," she writes. Cindy is homeschooling Sara for kindergarten this year, so that, coupled with being a pastor's wife, keeps her life full. Cindy keeps in touch

with **Nairy Ohanian** and **Liz Henry Bennett '87**, both of whom are overseas at this moment. Cindy says, "Thank you, God, for e-mail!"

**Joe Monteleone** says all is well, and sons Dante, 3, and Domenic, 1½, are amazing! Joe saw former Gen. Dennis **Mike Martinovich '91**, **Bill Dengler '88**, **Joe Bakewell '90**, **Jamie O'Neill '89**, **Scott Timmer '91**, and **Lee Meyers '84** at Coach Sam Case's '63 induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Joe hopes all is well on the Hill and vows with his wife to get there someday soon.

**Linda Strandberg Morrison** welcomed son Benjamin Garrett on Aug. 14, 2001. She writes that she had to miss a visit from **Missy Arhos Katsoulas** because she was in labor during her visit (sorry, Missy!). Linda and husband Don are active in their church as well as with daughter Mary, 4. Linda still enjoys being a stay-at-home mom.

**Meg Packard-Motter** had a great time getting together with **Karen Snyder** and her family and **Brian and Cindy Ebert Russo** and their family this past summer. Meg continues to be busy with work (part time), home schooling, and the activities of her 8-year-old son and 6-year-old and 3-year-old daughters.

I received **Nairy Ohanian's** message in an e-mail from . . . Turkey! Nairy, who moved to Izmir, Turkey, in August 2001, has started her 12th year working with the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship. She is currently both a student of the Turkish language and a teacher of English. Nairy writes, "It is exciting to live in a land so full of historical, biblical, and cultural treasures." She misses the "big 5" gang—love to **Cindy Rasberry Minnich**, **Liz Henry Bennett '87**, **Mark Johnson**, and **Ronnie Gavin '87**.

**Lisa Monro Passarello** says that having four kids under the age of 5 keeps her very busy! Lisa is a stay-at-home mom, having left teaching when her first child was born. Lisa's newest family member is **Timmy**, 6 months, who was born the day after the Passarellos moved into their new home. Timmy joins twins Nicholas and Patrick, 19 months, and big sister Allie, 4. Allie is enjoying preschool, gymnastics, and being the boss. Lisa still hangs out with "Aunt Kendra" **Heyde**, **Estelle Almogola Stefanelli**, **Sue Maywalt Williams**, '87, and **Carol O'Brien Sauter**.

**George Peck** writes that things have been going well for the Peck family. George's move last year to Westminster Union Bank was a great move for him, he adds. George's wife **Lee Ann Ware Peck '85** is getting prepared to open (as a teacher) Writers Mill High School next September, and their kids, Lauren and Kevin, are doing well in school and having fun with their MANY activities.

**Tim and Linda Bancroft Pyle** write that Tim is still working for ABC School Supply, and while he travels to see his customers, Linda holds down the fort. Twins Will and Jerry are in

the first grade and growing fast, they say. The Pyles had a fun visit at the Gardiner Farm in Pennsylvania this past summer. Tim was reunited with all of his apartment-mates and their families—**Omar and Diane Hauser Cabrales '87, Don Gardiner '87, and Chris Ginter '87**. Linda also had a nice summer reunion with **Missy Arhos Katsoulos, Lorie Schanze Quinn, Lisa Ricci Wresinski '87**, and all their children.

Another class of 1986 couple, **Rick and Kathy Boyer Rockefeller**, write that they have three daughters, Rachel, 10, Sadie, 7, and Grace, 1. Rick sold a portion of his business this fall and is now consulting for his and four other NAPA stores in the Washington, D.C. area. Kathy is working part time as co-director of Christian Education at St. John's Episcopal.

**Wilma Spartin Rowe** and husband **Todd '84** are doing well in Baltimore. Wilma is still at Mercy Medical Center where she is the residency program director for internal medicine, a hospitalist, and medical director of the chemical dependency unit (detox). She also spends time working in the ER at the VA Hospital in Baltimore. Todd is still doing well at MBNA, now managing an area that has operations in Delaware and Texas, which means more traveling and dividing time between the two cities. Their four boys—Anthony, 11, Nicholas, 10, Peter, 6, and Kenneth, 3—are doing great and are busy with school and sports. Wilma adds that she is a soccer mom during indoor soccer season! The Rows are in the process of having an addition put on their house and some major interior renovations done at the same time. Wilma was hoping for it all to be done by February.

Wilma writes that she just returned from cooking school in Tuscany, Italy, where she accompanied her mother and other female family members.

Another 1986 couple, **Brian and Cindy Ebert Russo**, are busy with their three children—Payton, 6, Alex, 3, and Haley, born in November 2001. Brian continues to work in finance for Constellation Energy Group and Cindy works part time at a pediatric hospital.

**Julie Jurd-Sadler** welcomed baby number 3, Brooke Elise, in October 2000. She also opened a new podiatry office in Mt. Airy to try to be closer to home and commute less. Julie saw **Renée Diets-Schiffhauer, Meg McCollum Vickers, Kathy Orzolek-Kronner, Kristin Lanthrey-Ritchie '85**, and their children at a get-together at Renee's house over the summer.

**Julie High Savers** writes that husband **Shelby '01** just graduated from WMC in May. He now plans to teach biology. Julie and Shelby welcomed Mahala Rose on April 20, 2001. Big brother Dakota is very proud of his beautiful sister.

**Dr. Susan Scharf** is proud to announce that she received her doctorate in clinical psychology in August 2000. However, she writes, this past August brought bigger and more chal-

lenging events as she and her husband, Larry Bush, welcomed daughter **Briana Leah** on August 8, 2001. Susan writes that a new job and new house are in the plans for 2002.

**Wendy Zerwic Schenker** says that not a lot is new with her. She and husband **Gary** still live in Owings Mills. Son **Robbie** is now 9, so any free time they have is spent driving to soccer and baseball games. Wendy is still practicing law, mostly family law and criminal law, with her dad in Dundalk.

"I am a loan processor at Guaranty Northeast Mortgage," writes **Leslie Shipp**, whose children are **Juliette, 5**, and **George, 7**. Leslie stays busy taking George to wrestling and Cub Scouts and Juliette to cheerleading. Leslie adds that they just returned from Disney World and had lots of fun.

**Amy Farrell Stern** writes that "all is well in Vienna, VA." Her sons, **David** and **Drew**, are 3/2 and leave her and her husband **Steve** with no care—but they are happier than ever. Amy is a part-time health care consultant and **Steve** is vice president at an advertising firm.

And yet another class of 1986 couple, **Andrew and Abbie Hume Stump**, report that life is good and that they are busy with their kids' school and sports activities. Their son, **Drew, 9**, was on QVC (the home shopping channel) selling snow cone machines (if you weren't up at 6 am, you missed him!). Daughter **Holly, 7**, tries to keep up with **Drew**. The Stumps had a chance to have dinner with **Rick and Kathy Boyer Rockefeller**, and **Karen Butling Donegan** and husband **Peter** last February and had a blast. Abbie is still working part time and **Andrew** is still at Malvern Federal.

**Joe Thomas** writes that he is still teaching and coaching at Long Reach High School in Columbia, Md. He and his wife, **Leslie**, live in Mt. Airy and spend most of their time with their two children, **Joey, 4**, and **Amanda, 2**. Leslie and Joe coached a girls' track team together and the team won their fourth consecutive state championship! Joe reports that his summer jerk stand is still booming, selling the best authentic Jamaican jerk chicken and pork in Prince George's County.

It was great to hear from **Mike Toner**, who says that he is living in Hockessin, Del., with his wife, **Kristin**, **Rachel, 3**, and son **Colin**, born on Dec. 19, 2001. Mike left **Merrill Lynch** in January 1999 after 10 years and is now a senior vice president with First Union Securities. He stays in touch with some old frat brothers (from the Bates) and also follows WMC football closely. "Life is going well for me and I hope for the rest of our class," he adds.

**Lisa Abbey Wilking** writes that she was at Homecoming this past October and was disappointed to not see any one from our class. Lisa and her husband, **Kevin**, are still enjoying their new home near Ellicott City, Md., and writes that it is truly their "dream

home" situated on 1/2 acres and backing up to a state park. Plus, they just added a hot tub to their back deck. "A few beers, some tunes, and the hot tub help relieve the stress of work," she writes. Lisa and **Kevin**, who are proud parents of poodles **Molly** and **Madison**, have spent a fair amount of time traveling for pleasure to **Aruba, Charleston, the Florida Keys, Ireland, and Scotland**.

The deputy district attorney I mentioned earlier is our own **Dwain Woodley**! **Dwain** is a deputy district attorney in San Diego. In addition, he has spent the last two years raising children **Justin, 4**, and **Jordan, 2**. **Dwain** writes that he made a trip back to WMC in September and says "WOW, a lot has changed!" If you're ever in California, give **Dwain** a call.

Received late word from **John Rosenquist** that he was able to combine work with pleasure and celebrate his 10th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. **Congrats, John!** John wants to share the news that **Chris Brown '85** has finally surfaced and "Sting/Chubby" is doing great. John also reports that, "A good time was had by all at our 15-year reunion. Hope to see more of you at the 20th!" **John** and **Colin McCollough** had the pleasure of descending upon Westminster to celebrate 30 years of Phi Delta Theta at WMC and the strong tradition they share. "The campus, although it looks very different physically, brought back floods of good memories," he shares. "The smell and the feel of the campus was like coming home, and for a mere second I wished to be 18 again. No, I think it is going to have to wait until the next generation," he adds.

**Cathy Orzolek-Kronner** writes that she had an exciting October. The "party squad" convened in Key West for **Dee Kemmer's** wedding. **Cathy** says, "I took her 13 years to finally tie the knot, but boy did she tie it in style!" **Dee** was married at sunset on a sailboat, and everyone there—**Cathy, Renée Diets-Schiffhauer, Meg McCollum Vickers, Kristin Lathrey-Ritchie '85, Sharon Rowley Gomes '85, and Laurie Seibold**—helped hoist the sail. After sailing, **Cathy** says they boarded a trolley and took a tour of all the bars **Dee** had patronized since she started visiting Key West. Needless to say, reports **Cathy**, the trolley almost ran out of gas! After the tour, they were let out at a beach for a spectacular reception. **Cathy** adds that it was super to see everyone, but especially super to see **Dee** say "I do!" "She was so loud and clear. I guess she finally put her major in communication to some use!"

Thank you all for your updates. I was overwhelmed by the huge response. As for me, **Maureen Carroll Martin**, not much has changed either. I continue to work part time in the marketing department at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md. My daughter **Molly, 5**, is in preschool and getting ready for kindergarten in September. My other daughter, **Anne**, will soon be 3 and ready for preschool as

well. My husband, **John**, and I continue the tag-team approach to childcare, choosing to take care of our children ourselves. Thank God for understanding, family-friendly employers! He is still working for MIX 107.3 radio in Washington, D.C. I have stayed in contact with many WMC'ers and even more now that I am on our class reporter (a job I won't give back to Robin if she ever wanted it back!). I frequently see **Michele Fetsko '87, Courtney Quinn Jones '84** and her four kids, my old roommate, **Robin Williams Pollock Dugan** and her four kids, and **Ed Shropshire '84** and his family. I visited with **Eric Cubberley** and his family in New Jersey this summer and was joined by **John Douglass '85** and his family (it was an all-girls picnic!). It was a blast to reminisce!

I hope that 2002 brings peace to the world as well as your lives. Take care,

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Enjoying her leave of absence from teaching in New York with her new baby, Benjamin Stewart Apper, is **Amy Barrett Apper**. Benjamin was born on June 20, 2001 to Amy and husband,

**Andy**.

Writing from eastern Washington State is **Beth Basler Busch**, who resides in Prosser with her husband, **Matt**, and children, **Ayla, 3**, and **Nolan Samuel**, born on Aug. 2, 2001. He looks like he will be tall like his parents! The family has an A-frame on the Yakima River where they see an occasional bald eagle and where a beaver chewed down one of their trees and carried it away. While there are no stop lights in Prosser, there are 8 wineries in their little town and many in the surrounding valley. Beth is mostly a full-time mom, but she does teach a parent education course once a week at Columbia Basin College, where she has met a lot of great people and learned a lot about parenting! She'd love to pursue teaching parenting skills full time.

**Rick Callan** and his wife, **Amy**, are enjoying life in Eldersburg, Md., with their two children, **Megan, 3**, and **Will, 2**. He is working as an account representative for Corporate Insurance Management in Baltimore and is happy to report that all of his student loans will be paid off in six months! He says hello to all of the Sig Eps and sends a special congratulations to **Walt Eife '92** on his electoral victory as town commissioner in Haddon Township, N.J.

**Leslie Lowser Carbaugh** writes that she and her husband have a daughter **Linden Reid Carbaugh, 1**. Leslie is

working part time at Cranberry Station Elementary, in Westminster, working with students in the Advancing Early Learning Program.

**Deb "DJ" Housley Cooper** was married on Nov. 18, 2000 to Joe Cooper. They moved to Philadelphia over the summer and Deb works as the Youth and Family Director of the Lansdowne YMCA. She enjoys seeing her sister-in-law, **Loni Wieder Housley '90**, and her brother more often.

**Mary Beth Craig** is working part time as a family physician in Jarrettsville, Md. and full time as a wife and a mother to Gavin, who is almost 2. They recently built a new house in Bel Air to fit all of the toys! She says hello to Rhonda, Laura, Deanna, J.J., John, Todd, Brian, Charlotte, Andrea, Rob, John, and Todd.

**Cheryl Dishon** is busy working at the Enoch Pratt Library, going to school at College Park to earn her M.L.S. **Tracy Egan** sends her best wishes to everyone for the May 2002 Reunion. She won't be able to join us because she will be on her honeymoon.

Congratulations to **Walt Eife** on being elected to town commissioner for Haddon Township, N.J., where he has responsibility for budget and finance. He is currently working for Tekeda Pharmaceuticals marketing a drug to treat Type II Diabetes. He stays in touch with the local Sig Eps in South Jersey. Walt was married to Ann Marie in May 2000. **Constantine "Dino" Frangos** was married to Adriana in June. The happy couple resides in Federal Hill, Baltimore and plans on attending the reunion in May.

**Heather Kirk Glass** works as an account supervisor for an ad agency in New York City, where she manages a joint military recruiting account for the Department of Defense. She visits the Pentagon regularly. She is also the adviser for a Phi Sigma Sigma chapter at a university in New Jersey and is active in local politics. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in May.

**Melissa Donney Haack** and husband, Jeremy, have lived in Parkville, Md. since June 1999. She has worked for a non-profit educational organization called the Success for All Foundation since February 2000. No kids yet but they keep busy with their dog and cat! Melissa keeps in touch with **Tina Fleming Warren '91, Jen Ashbrook '91, Sue Thomas Bell '91, Amy Krug Marts '94, and Jane Miskelly Hartlove '90**, and was recently a bridesmaid in **Valerie Shearer Overton's** wedding. She says hi to all the Omegas!

**Stephen Harlan** and fiancée, Michelle Smith, live in the Riverdale section of the Bronx. They spent the summer learning to sail and look forward to advanced boating and navigation next summer. Stephen still works as a Sales Associate for Equities Trading for Salomon Smith Barney in Manhattan and as a Captain in the Army Reserves at Fort Dix. He doesn't think his unit will be activated to

go overseas or serve in Homeland Defense. Stephen ran into **James Martin '93** in Virginia during a training event in April, and **Mark and Debbie Flynn** at the annual "Hunt" horse race in October in Far Hills, N.J. He hopes to make it down to the reunion in May.

**Philip Heaver** and wife, **Marielle Ainsworth '94** reside in Roswell, N.M., where he works as a pediatrician and is a partner at BCA Medical Associates. Marielle is now working in the English Department at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell. The couple enjoyed their trip to Andalusia last spring and hope that Dr. Deveny could read their postcard!

**Michelle Dayot Hillier** is planning on attending the reunion in May.

**Jennifer Leith Jozwiak** and husband, **Mark '90**, moved to Indiana for a new coaching position at Walsh College where the team finished 8-2. She says to look for them in the play-offs next year. She is still working as a P.T.

**Mike Kubacki** is working as a Decision Review Officer with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Albuquerque, N.M. He and wife Emily have a daughter, Kathryn, 2, who keeps them busy.

Congratulations to **Danna Reid Lamarca** and husband, Mike, on the birth of their second child, Evan James, on July 31, 2001. Big sister, Maddie, helps to take care of him!

**Tom Quirk** and wife Siri Svaeren live with their 15-month old son, Teddy, born Sept. 2, 2000, in Cockeysville, Md. They plan to move to Catonsville in January. Tom works as a financial consultant for Salomon Smith Barney in Lutherville, Md. and specializes in retirement planning and investment management and consulting. He keeps in close contact with John Willis, who was a former professor at WMC and is now Secretary of State for Maryland. Tom says that John Willis has had an immeasurable impact on his life, along with former State Senator **Gerald Winegrad '66**, who recommended that Tom attend WMC. He also occasionally touches base with Dr. Herb Smith and Dr. Nichols-Leahy. Tom and Siri are actively working to elect Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend as our next Governor of Maryland. "It's about time we put a woman in the Governor's mansion!" writes Tom. Tom keeps in touch with **Niccolo Amodio** and **Brett Cohen** and looks forward to the 10-year reunion.

**Lynn Thomas Ramsey** writes from Taneytown, Md., where husband Jack and daughters, Brianna, 4, and Alyssa, 3, live in the house they built in April 2000. Lynn is currently a staff accountant for a small firm in Westminster. She recently became a grandmother when her stepson and his wife had a little girl, Alebsa. She sees a lot of **Jim Kays '91** as he works for the same company as Jack and lives a few blocks away. She also keeps in touch with **Art '91** and **Gianni Anderson '91** since their sister lives nearby and her children are the same age as Lynn's.

Their daughter, Helena Rose, born in August 2000, is keeping **Maja Strenger-Ruggiero** and husband very, very busy, but they love every minute of it! Maja left her job at J.P. Morgan to be a full-time mom.

**Kim Bergen Sullivan** and husband **John '91** are having fun restoring their 1880 Victorian home in Holliston, Maine. She is currently working in public relations for 3Com Corporation.

Congratulations to **Jeanine Lawrence Timmins** and husband John who welcomed their son, Jack, on Oct. 9, 2001. He is their first child and they are thrilled to have him in their lives! Jeanine is now a stay-at-home mom.

Celebrating their ninth anniversary this year are **Charlotte Strickland Uter** and husband, Gary. The couple is happily residing in Stewartstown, Pa., where Gary will complete his second year as a Stewartstown police officer. He plans to celebrate this by resigning to join the police force of Springettsbury Township in York, Charlotte is in her first year as a counselor at West York Area Middle School, after spending six years as a high school counselor in Baltimore County. They would both love to hear from old WMC friends.

**Sandra Vogel** and husband, Richard Padilla, moved from Reisterstown to Carney, with their all-white cat, Hannah, and all-black cat, Mina, to be closer to her new job as principal of the Arrow Center for Education in Harford County. She says it's the most challenging thing she's ever done both professionally and personally. ACE is a nonpublic middle/high school for emotionally disturbed students. She looks forward to being a bridesmaid in **Ann Holmes's** wedding in May 2002. Ann is currently working as a lawyer in Atlanta. Sandra will most likely return to WMC to complete her certificate in administration. In August 2001, they added a new addition to their family - a black-and-white cat named Casey.

**Susan Parker Weaver** and husband **Dave '91** moved into a new house in Elkridge, Md. with their children Hannah, 5, and Sam, 2, who keep them laughing and on the run. Susan recently made partner at Bond Beebe, P.C. in Bethesda. She sends her special thanks to Mrs. Susan Milstein for arranging the interview nine years ago!

"All is well," writes **Meehan A. Ziolkowski**. She is starting a new house building business with her partner, Mike, he is having fun canoeing, and looking forward to snow. She spends Wednesday nights watching *Star Trek* with **Eric Newman**, her oldest continuous friend!

Congratulations to **Sarah Biggs Warren** and husband Mark on the birth of their daughter, Emma Marie, on March 12, 2001! Sarah is working Elementary in Carroll County, which is across the street from Piney Ridge Elementary, where **Jessica Barlow**

works as a reading specialist. Jessica decided to take up running in 1999 and ran in the Army Ten Miller in October 2000. They get together often to work on their Creative Memories scrapbooks with **Wendy Gaylor Pardo '93**, who has an 18-month old son, Maxwell Genia Pardo.

It was wonderful to hear from so many of you. Please email or write anytime and we will save your news for future publications. We both hope to see you at our 10-year reunion on May 4!

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**1998** **Laurie Cicero Abildso** and **Christina Abildso** were married in April '01 at Big Baker Chapel. Since then, they have moved to Boston, Mass., where Christina is studying sports psychology at Boston University. Laurie is working in human resources for a Defense agency. They've enjoyed hobnobbing with fellow Bostonians and WMC alumnae like **Heather Huffer** and **Ann Holmes '91**. **Eric Lawrence '97** has been known to visit when they attend Orioles' games at Fenway Park, which is only a few blocks away from their apartment.

**Jolie Johnson Alexander** married Tim Alexander in October. She is working in Hunt Valley as a State Farm Insurance agent and resides in Westminster where they have just bought a new home.

**Sara South Andrews** has a 4-month-old daughter, Molly Grace. She has recently returned to work as a fourth-grade teacher at Carrolltown Elementary. She is working towards her master's degree in reading.

**Jason Barr** has been working for Electronic Data Systems for three-and-a-half years as an information analyst and works with a health care firm, Humana, Inc. He recently has signed up for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and meets regularly with a 10-year-old boy. He and five friends enjoyed this New Year's in Dublin, Ireland. He keeps in touch mostly with **Ira "Will" Marshall**.

**Nicole Belanger** is engaged to marry Craig Horton. They have two children, Cody, 7, and Logan, 9 months. She is a reporter with *The Gazette* in Frederick, Md.

**Blake Benedek** has recently started work in the People's Republic of China in Guangzhou, near Hong Kong, as an English language consultant. He welcomes anyone for a visit.

**Jessica Widomski Bertozzi** was married in December '00 to Scott Bertozzi. This past December, she graduated from law school and resides in Canton in Baltimore, Md.

**Michelle Patton Bledzki** married in 1999 to husband Maciej Bledzki and lives in Laurel, Md. She has recently received her master's degree in social work from University of Maryland at Baltimore.

**Fred Butler** is engaged to his high school sweetheart, Melanie Hancock. They plan to marry next October in Little Baker Chapel. He just completed his master's degree and is working towards his Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania. His fiancée is also working towards the same degree at Temple.

**Mike Diehl** is living in Westminster, Md. and is the golf pro for WMC. He is the head coach for the women's golf team and the assistant coach for the men's golf team, while working on his PGA certification.

**Denise Dil** passed the CPA exam after graduation and is a financial supervisor for a retail company with six store locations. She lives three minutes from the Delaware beach and loves it.

**Katie Haley** is a real estate appraiser residing in Westminster, Md. She is starting the BEST program at WMC this January to receive her master's in education. She also plays in the Carroll County women's basketball league on a team with **Karen Miller**, **Erin Murphy '97**, **Julie Bockel Boden** and **Lynnae Stoehr Kerr**.

**Daniel Herlocker** is living in Vermont. His favorite pastime is hanging out in the woods with friends, not missing the chaos of the city.

**Jennifer Hess** is working on her Ph.D. in human genetics at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Her goal is to graduate by June 2003.

**Andrews "Andy" Kalisperis** lives and works in Washington, D.C. He is currently serving as the legislative director for the Small Business Legislative Council. Andy has started organizing happy hours for WMC alumni in the D.C. metro area. If you are interested in coming to a happy hour, please contact him at ask59@yahoo.com.

**Michelle Hamilton Kershner** was married this past August to Virginia Tech graduate Zachary Kershner by **Ira Zapp '52**. Her bridesmaids were **Elizabeth Valut Bushnell** and **Kate Hampson '02**. The newlyweds currently reside in Germantown, Md. and she has just accepted a position as WMC's associate director of Alumni Relations.

**Jacqueline Smith-Kivimaki** is halfway through her second year of media engineering studies at the Espoo-Vantaa Institute of Technology. She and her husband, Veli-Pekka, spent the fall semester in Austin, Texas for his internship at the University of Texas. This January, they will live, to continue their studies. She expects to graduate with a bachelor of engineering degree in May '04.

**Chris Kulp** resides in Williamsburg, Va., where last December he earned a master's of science in physics at the College of William and Mary. Now, he is on his way to his Ph.D. in

physics. This spring, he will be returning to the Hill to teach astronomy in the physics department. His wife, Gail, is teaching fifth grade at an elementary school out west of Richmond.

**Rebecca Earley-Lee** went to physician assistant school in Buffalo, N.Y. Last May, she graduated and began working at Frederick Primary Care Associates, a family practice in Frederick, Md. In October '01, she married **Christopher Lee '96** at Big Baker Chapel. Her bridesmaids were **Allison Conway**, **Jocelyn Orkin** and **Tracie Browning '99**.

After graduation, **Daniel Long**, began graduate school at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md. He is pursuing a degree in elementary education and his Teaching Certification in kindergarten through eighth grades. He is currently working as a mortgage loan processor at Preferred Processing in Westminster, Md.

**Stephen Manger** reports that his is a logo manager for The Networks. He works for another WMC alum, **Pat Hipsley '75** and enjoys keeping in touch with **Dan Ebrahimi '97** and **Jeff Soltz**.

**Stan Mansky** is now in his second year with UBS PaineWebber working as a portfolio manager. He took his GMAT test in December 2001 and is in the process of applying to business school.

In the spring of 2001, **Nathan Michael** received his M.A. in forensic psychology from Castleton State College in Vermont. He is currently serving as clinical director at the Cornell Abraxas Leadership Development Program, a residential treatment facility for juvenile offenders in South Mountain, Pa. He reports that his job is both incredibly challenging and rewarding.

**Kimberly Suski Potry** is happy to report that she is living in Westminster, Md. where she is doing freelance Web page design.

Since graduation, **Stephanie Price** has been attending optometry school. She is currently in her last year and will graduate with a doctorate of optometry in May 2002.

**Josh Schechter** received his M.A. in special education from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in 1999. He teaches children with severe and profound impairments at Tanglewood School in Clinton, Md. Josh is currently living in Washington, D.C. and will be pursuing his doctorate in special education in 2002.

**Jonathan Shacat** returned from his two-year service as a Peace Corps volunteer in December 2000. He served as a fish culture extension agent in Gabon, Africa. In April 2001, he settled in Luray, Va. where he now works as a reporter for a weekly newspaper called *The Page News and Courier*.

**Daniel Shattuck** is still working with Barbara Marx Brocato & Associates learning the government relations business from the inside. He is living in Annapolis, Md. and is happy to

report that he is pursuing his M.A. at St. John's College and is half way through the program.

**Mary Cannon Steiner** recently graduated from New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, N.Y. where she proudly served as the valedictorian of her class. She and husband **Matt Steiner** recently moved back to Maryland and are living in Timonium. There, Matt is working as a mechanical designer for TAI, an engineering firm in Owings Mills, Md.

After graduation, **Maddalena Tilli** began graduate school at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in human genetics and is in the fourth year of the program. Her thesis project involves modeling human cancer by using transgenic mice. Maddalena recently moved with her thesis adviser and transgenic mice to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.; however, she will still receive her degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

**Marlene Wagner** continues to teach physical education at Sylesville Middle School in Carroll County in Maryland. She is also the assistant coach for the YMCAs swim team in Westminster, Md. On top of all of that, she is busy taking graduate classes back at Western Maryland College.

**Matthew Wood** is happy to report that he finished law school in May 2001 and has been working in Baltimore for an automated legal documents company. He took the Maryland State bar exam in February 2002. Matt is living in Baltimore, Md. where he enjoys seeing **Bill Meagher '99** and **Dave Alexander '99**, who lives right up the street.

Wedding bells rang for several of our classmates. **Jenny Spahr Boyarski** married Robert Boyarski on Oct. 6, 2001. **Kare Fisher Waddington '99** was a bridesmaid in their wedding. Their honeymoon was an exciting cruise to Bermuda where they were visited by tropical storm Karen. The couple bought a house in Camp Hill, Pa. where they are happily living with their three dogs: a great dane, a golden retriever, and a dalmation. Jenny also reports that she graduated from York College of Pennsylvania in December 2000 with a B.S. in nursing. She is currently working at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill as the night charge nurse on a medical/surgery telemetry floor.

**Chrissa Moyer** married Justin Litz in June 2000. **Erin Kelly Serrano**, **Sarah Rasinsky**, and **Erin Von Tobel Gessner** were bridesmaids in their wedding. The couple moved to Charleston, S.C. in January 2002 where Chrissa enjoys seeing her friend and sorority sister, **Susan McDowell**, who is also living in South Carolina. Chrissa is in the process of writing her master's thesis and will be finishing her M.A. in art history from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

**Kimberly McNally Rummel** married Ron Rummel Sept. 22, 2001 and moved to a new house in Frederick, Md. Kim received her M.A. in May 2001 and is currently working as an office manager for the Woodings Corporation in Rockville, Md.

On October 13, 2001, **Jessica Watts** married John Dickinson of southern New Jersey. The two moved into a house in Woolwich Township, New Jersey. Jessica sends her best wishes to everyone.

**Erin Von Tobel** married Brian Gessner on Dec. 28, 2001. **Niki Grandino**, **Christine Kalobius Duncan**, **Chrissa Moyer Litz**, and **Sarah Rasinsky Drawbaugh**, were all bridesmaids in her wedding. The couple now resides in Alexandria, Va. where Erin works as a meeting and conference planner for the KPMG accounting firm.

**I (Niki Grandino)** am working in Washington, D.C. at the State Department in the Office of Counterterrorism. I am one of two executive assistants to the Coordinator for Counterterrorism and my main portfolios are homeland security, counterterrorism operations, and managing the efforts of the worldwide coalition against terrorism. At night, I attend law school at the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. where I just completed my second year.

This year has certainly been interesting for me (**Karen Miller**). I'm living in Westminster, Md. and have recently become a business owner. I was working for a marketing/advertising/graphic design firm for two years and now I co-own the same type agency in downtown Westminster. It's fun, chaotic, stressful and a great opportunity. We opened our doors May 1, 2001, as Mind Over Marketing, Ltd. We do everything from business cards to billboards—TV/radio commercials to pocket folders. We're new, so please help out your fellow alum and send some business! When I get a chance, I spend my free time in Ocean City, Md. renovating the condo my boyfriend purchased last year. He and I take swing dance lessons, which are extremely fun, and hope to enter a competition this spring. I try to do some local, community theater when I get a chance. I also play in a lot of county sports leagues and vacation with alumni like **Erin Murphy '97**, **Katie Haley '99**, **Lynnae Stoehr Kerr**, **Julie Bockel Boden**, **Janna Malhorn '99** and **Mike Diehl**.

We hope 2002 is a wonderful year for everyone. Please keep in touch with all your new advancements! Keep the cards and emails coming.

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# Green Hair and Dirty Socks: Must be Game Day

Swimmer Melanie Pulley qualified for several events at the Nationals this year—the 1650 freestyle, the 500 freestyle and the 400 individual medley, to name a few. The sophomore from Pasadena, Md. attributes her success to years of training and, she adds cryptically, “my toe socks.”

Before each swim meet, from morning through pre-swim stretches, Pulley puts on one of four wacky patterned pairs of toe socks for good luck.

Quirky? Yes. Unusual? Not quite.

For years I've watched WMC athletes file into English class with strange hairstyles, clothes, and paraphernalia only to hear explanations like, “Big game today” and “It's for good luck.”

I've heard about team chants, good luck pants, even good luck panties (green and gold, of course). Each time, I fight the increasing urge to dust off my textbooks and class notes from Indiana University where I earned a master's degree in folklore.

Folklorists study rituals and superstitions like these (and a host of other folklore genres) and explore questions like: Why do such seemingly irrational practices persist in our rational world? How and why do these folk traditions vary from generation to generation, or region to region? And ultimately, “What does this folklore mean; what does it say about a specific culture or folk group?”

For every team, there are traditions and rituals that bring teammates together, inspire them, and help them conquer their fears. For each individual player, there are often additional layers of traditions and rituals that can sometimes be traced back to pre-college successes.

The inevitable anxiety or fear surrounding competitions is evident in the behavior of student-athletes like centerfielder Jeremy Merrell '02, who believes he can increase the baseball team's odds for winning by making sure none of the extra baseball bats lying around during a game is crossed.

Good luck charms like the stuffed stegosaurus swimmer Kalli Patentas '03



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brings to each of her meets represent athletes' attempts to control the uncontrollable.

Texas folklorist Patrick Mullen's study of superstitions suggests that when the stakes are higher (or the dangers greater), superstitions are more prevalent. It's no fluke that I see more strange hairstyles, clothing and unique patterns of behavior as the sports seasons progress and conference championships are within reach.

Days before he takes the mound to pitch a baseball game, for example, Eddie Smith '03 picks up every “face-up” penny he can find. He's not only following advice from his grandmother who heard that face-up pennies bring good luck, but it's also advice that has been tested. “I know it sounds weird, but in the past, I've pitched better on days that I find more pennies,” Smith said.

At some point in time, athletes make associations between “cause” and “effect.” It seems that a particular object is somehow connected to, or responsible for, a desired end result. If this happens repeatedly, the association gets stronger and it is more likely to be believed. Some athletes wear the same shorts, jersey or pair of socks—unwashed—until a winning streak is broken.

Superstitions often originate with practicality. Like the cautionary fables of Aesop, these superstitions provide athletes with important do's and don'ts.

Wear swim goggles that fit comfortably and won't slide on your face is the lesson lurking behind Green Terror swimmer Aimie Smith's '04 tradition of wearing the same pair of goggles ever since her high school days.

“They are Swedish metallic ones that are comfortable every time I put them on,” she said. “I check my bag a million times before a meet to be sure I have those goggles. If I didn't have them, I would probably flip. I doubt that I would swim well.”

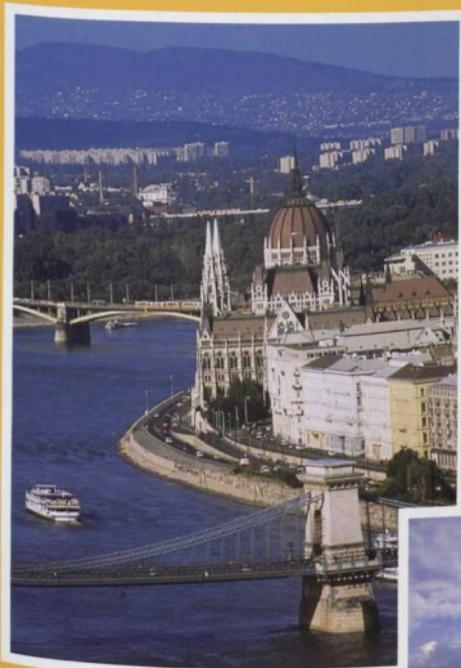
During Jan Term, I taught a Family Folklore course that introduced students to the history of folklore as an academic discipline and to basic fieldwork techniques like conducting interviews, transcribing tapes and preparing photo logs and preserving collections.

At the end of the month, these budding folklorists shared the results of their own mini-fieldwork experiences. They talked about family nicknames, secret recipes, and handmade quilts. They shared courtship stories, holiday traditions, and tall tales, and they admitted that there was no turning back; they would hear jokes or stories around campus and think, “folklore.”

From now on, when they watch swimmer Jon Soucy '02 scratching his right forearm before the official says, “Take your mark,” they'll realize that the scratching is his personal good luck gesture. When they see other athletes with shaved hair, distinct clothing, and defined pre-game patterns of behavior, they might even feel the itch to collect, classify and analyze these traditions and rituals.

As long as there are no guarantees for who will win or who will lose in swimming pools, on courts, tracks and mats, there will always be athletes who find inspiration in their toe socks or one green spiked stegosaurus. •

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Top: Budapest's Garvin Parliament  
 Bottom: A view of the city from  
 Gellert Hill

#### FROM BUDAPEST TO WESTMINSTER: BRIDGING THE CULTURAL DIVIDE

A one-credit course in conversational Magyar, the Hungarian language, was offered for the first time this spring. The course is taught by juniors Marton Varga and Adrienn Szirmai. Among the dozen students are College Provost Sam Case, who makes a bi-annual trip to the College's Budapest campus, and Biology Professor Louise Paquin, who will spend the fall semester there. Of course, all of the Eastern Europeans in the program speak English, but it doesn't hurt to know how to say "Köszönöm!" (thank you) to the locals.

#### A few vocabulary words:

Yes: igen  
 Good morning: Jó reggelt (kivának)  
 Hi (for one person): Szia  
 Hi (for more than one person): Sziasztok



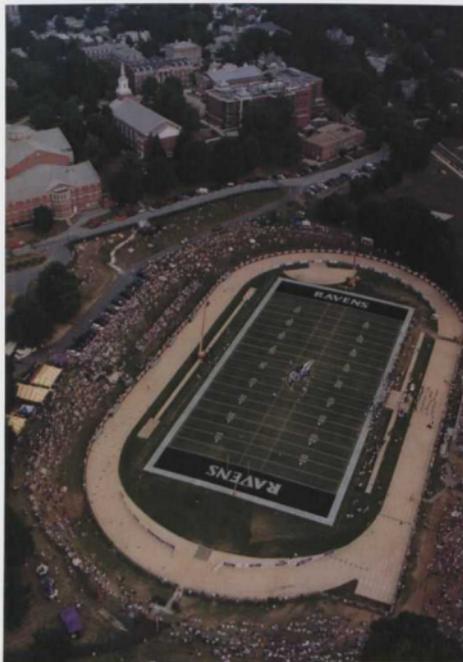
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