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AS THE WORLD TURNS

We've come a long way, baby. Or have we? As the 20th century winds down, Associate Professor of History Paul Miller shows us how much things have changed—and how much they've stayed the same—with a taste of the hot topics of 1899 and 1999.

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From The Hill

Learn How to End It All

With the millennium just a few calendar pages away, we've been bombarded with warnings that the Y2K bug could plummet us into an economic and social crisis that would make the Great Depression seem like an episode of "Leave It to Beaver."

But is this really the end? Have no fear because your old alma mater will be offering some classes to make the transition a little bit easier, no matter what happens at the stroke of midnight.

Ironically, even most doomsday writers don't think the world will end, says Robert Kachur, assistant professor of English who will teach "Apocalypse 2000: Envisioning the End" in January. The gloom-and-doom wordsmiths invoke Armageddon simply to get their way on a political or social issue.

"The writers almost always call for not the end of the world, but for the end of the world as we know it," he says. And that, of course, is open to interpretation.

Every major invention, such as electricity, inspires apocalyptic literature, says Kachur. And yes, the proliferation of computing technology has brought the end-of-the-world gang out of the woodwork again.

Now that the warning has been sounded, we better examine ourselves. "If the year 2000 inspires anyone to look more closely at the choices they're making, then that's a very good thing. However, it's always a good time to take stock of your life," says Mark

FACTS THAT WON'T FIT

In 1899: There were 30 members of WMC's graduating class, most from Maryland (three from North Carolina, one from Delaware, one from Virginia, one from West Virginia). • Students traveled to school by horse and buggy or train. • Female valedictorian and the youngest member of the class, 16-year-old Iona Jewell Simpson of Westminster was a strong advocate for women's rights. • One of the first non-traditional students, male valedictorian Claude "Colonel" Cicero Douglas of Montrose, W. Va., was 33 years old. • The first magnetic recording of sound was made. • Public confidence in the "young" college on the Hill had been earned, as proven by the Maryland legislature who awarded 26 additional free scholarships to enrolling students. • Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Ernest" hit the stage. • A steam laundry was added, as well as four acres to the campus.

Hadley, assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies. He will examine ideas of the "right" way to live throughout history in "The Good Life" this fall.

Why not close out the millennium following the all-pleasure-seeking Epicureans or the ultra-reasonable Stoics. Or maybe you should just max out the plastic. After all, the credit card companies won't be sending out late notices.

No matter how we live our final days, we should be prepared in case we are among the survivors. There have to be survivors, right? All the great end-of-the-world movies have them, like Charlton Heston in "The Omega Man," Linda Hamilton in "The Terminator" and Mel Gibson in "Road Warrior."

Learn to make rope from plants, Creek- and Seminole-style moccasins and blowguns with thistle darts in the "Primitive Skills Workshop" offered during this summer's Common Ground on the Hill program (see p. 4). Friction fire-making will also be quite handy after you run out of matches.

"Beltin', Bobbin' and Blue" will not only chronicle the history of women in blues music, but the singing lessons will uplift your spirits if you have those end-of-the-world blues. "The Big Song Swap" of easy group songs could be a nice ice-breaker for your survivor group. And surely "Transformational Breathing" will help make the transition all the easier.

Of course, few of us believe the world will end at the dawn of the 21st century, but at least we can say we'll be prepared.

—DS •



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The doors will open to the new science center October 16, followed by a semester-long focus on the sciences.

Eureka! New Science Center Emerges from Construction

The drama is building. Literally. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 16 when this hilltop campus celebrates the formal opening of its most ambitious academic building project ever. Ceremonial ribbons will be cut and the doors of the new science center will swing open to reveal computer-equipped laboratories and classrooms primed for hands-on scientific discovery.

A program of fall lectures featuring science scholars will launch the dedication activities, ending with Saturday's convocation at 2 p.m. in Baker Memorial Chapel and featuring keynote speaker Dr. Paul Janssen of Belgium.

Known as the "father of modern medicinal drug development," Janssen is the founder of Janssen Pharmaceutica, a multi-billion dollar corporation with no fewer than 34 foreign affiliates employing over 11,000 people worldwide. In 1961 his company became an independent subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson. He is also the current chairman of Janssen Research Foundation,

which has branches in the U.S., U.K., Germany, France and Spain.

Janssen's lifelong quest has been to expand his understanding of the link between chemical structure and pharmacological activity of medicinal drugs. Within the past 40 years nearly 100,000 original research compounds have been synthesized at Janssen and more than 70 drugs have since gained a prominent position in various branches of medicine.

According to Janssen, the foundation of pharmaceutical research is based on four cornerstones: teamwork, basic research, dialogue with medical practice and the fourth, "that is the freedom to think, to dream, to play and to dare."

He is the recipient of more than 32 scientific awards, including being named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine in London, and holds over 16 honorary degrees. He will receive his first in the U.S., from Western Maryland, at the dedication ceremony.

The new science center, home of the biology and chemistry departments, is the centerpiece of the \$40 million Defining Moment Campaign, which began in 1996 and concludes at midnight on Dec. 31, 1999. ●



Drug researcher Janssen to speak.



MARK SWINER

in Davidson, N.C., with a B.A. degree in political science. He received a M.S.C. degree in economics from the London School of Economics in 1968. Faw's father, Robert Sr., Class of '41, served as a college trustee from 1966 to 1989.

President of the Maryland State Board of Education, Walter Sondheim has been a leader in Maryland education and development for more than 50 years. As president of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners in the 1950s,

Newsmakers and Shapers Given Degrees

This year's graduating seniors met with a send-off from two respected names in journalism and community development. Television journalist Bob Faw and Baltimore community leader Walter Sondheim were given honorary degrees at Commencement May 22.

Bob Faw, an NBC News national correspondent based in Washington, D.C., has received numerous awards for his work, including a 1984 Emmy for his coverage of the Jesse Jackson campaign, a 1986 Emmy for a series on racism and a 1988 Emmy for his report which aired on the newsmagazine "48 Hours." He was also awarded the 1982 Overseas Press Club Award for his coverage of the invasion of Lebanon by Israel. He also co-authored "Thunder in America: the Impossible Campaign of the Rev. Jesse Jackson" with Los Angeles Times reporter Nancy Skeleton. Originally from Salisbury, Md., Faw is a graduate of Davidson College



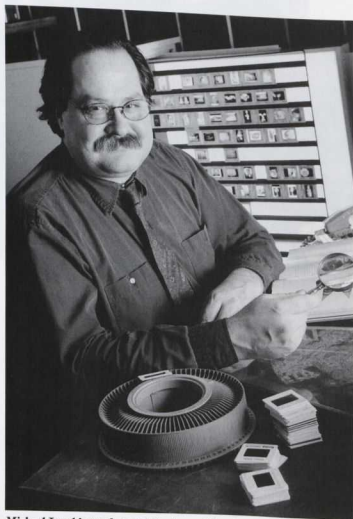
Walter Sondheim and Bob Faw

he led the charge to make Baltimore the first school district below the Mason-Dixon line to respond to the Supreme Court ruling outlawing separate but equal education. He later chaired the Governor's Commission on School Performance in 1989, which produced "the Sondheim report," a blueprint for school reform that included more comprehensive assessment systems. An adviser to governors and mayors over the years, Sondheim has also been cultivating the growth of business in the region as senior adviser to the

Greater Baltimore Committee since 1987. He has made an impact on the revitalization of downtown Baltimore through leadership roles with Charles Street Management Corp., Market Center Development Corp. and Charles Center-Inner Harbor Management. Sondheim earned his B.S. from Haverford College in 1929 and worked more than four decades at Hochschild, Kohn & Company, retiring as senior vice president and treasurer in 1970. He still lives in Baltimore, his native city. •

Seeking Common Ground

Escape the Y2K madness and take comfort in some tried-and-true musical and art traditions at Common Ground on the Hill. The five-day series of workshops will give participants a chance to learn with master musicians, artists and craftspeople while exploring cultural diversity and our "common ground." From uilleann pipes to bluegrass banjo to African dance, immerse yourself in soul-invigorating creativity to shrug off the end-of-the-century doldrums. The workshop series runs from July 4 to 9. For more information call 410/857-2771 or e-mail cground@qis.net. For a complete course listing and online registration, check out www.common-groundonthehill.com.



Michael Losch's eye for art helped earn him the Distinguished Teaching Award.

Artful Expression in the Classroom

Awarded the 1999 Distinguished Teaching Award at Convocation, Michael Losch, associate professor of art history, was recognized for initiating students into the marvels of Western art, as well as giving them a taste of the history of photography, Picasso and American art.

During the past two summers he has traveled to the northwest coast, British Columbia and New Mexico to meet with Native American artists, including spending a day with Navajo and Hopi families. He also visited ruins, canyons and sacred sites, incorporating his discoveries into a course on traditional Native American arts.

His scholarly pursuits have also led him to examine the relationship between art and literature and have resulted in several published articles and papers delivered at conferences at Harvard and Emory universities.

Losch received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in art history from Michigan State University, and a Ph.D. in art history in 1990 from The Pennsylvania State University. He also taught introductory and survey courses in art history at Penn State prior to joining the faculty in 1990. •

Professorship Creates Poetic Opportunity

English professor and poet-in-residence Kathy Mangan was named to the newly created Ralph and Dorothy John Professorship in the Humanities, the college's first endowed undergraduate professorship. Former WMC football coach and Jiffy Lube International, Inc. founder Jim Hindman and his wife Dixie, of Westminster, Md., chose to honor former College President Ralph John and his wife Dot in its naming. (See p. 29 for more on the Hindmans' gift.)

"This singular honor allows the college to recognize and more fully support some of our most talented scholars," said Provost Joan Develin Coley. "Professor Mangan represents the ideals of scholarship and teaching that we esteem so highly here on the Hill. In addition, her poetry strikes a responsive chord and provides a fresh look at life in all its complexity."

A member of the faculty since 1977, Mangan teaches creative writing and literature. In 1984, she earned the Distinguished Teaching Award and has amassed several faculty book awards, the creativity award and faculty development grants. Her most recent book, "Above the Tree Line," was published by Carnegie Mellon University in 1994. It is currently in its second printing. Her poems have appeared in many of the nation's premier anthologies and pre-eminent poetry journals including *The*

MARK WINTER



MACT STANGLER

A TASTE OF JUDAISM. Students danced the *hora* and other Yiddish dances at "A Taste of Judaism," a program sponsored by the Jewish Student Union in March. The evening included a sampling of Jewish foods and the sounds of the Charm City Klezmer Band.

Georgia Review, *The Gettysburg Review*, *The Pushcart Prize*, *Shenandoah* and *The Southern Review*.

Names of tenured faculty in the humanities were reviewed by the five-member Faculty Affairs Committee, and three were selected for consideration. Their names and curriculum

vitaes were submitted to Ralph and Dot John for final selection. Mangan will receive an annual supplemental stipend to pursue scholarly research and travel. •

English Professor Kathy Mangan hugs Jim Hindman after being awarded the college's first endowed undergraduate professorship.



C. KURT TIGLER

Long-Time Faculty Greet Retirement

After 30 years or so, sometimes it's just time to try something new. So it goes for three long-time faculty members who are bidding farewell to their tenure on "the Hill".

A Mind for Psychology

Steve Colyer, associate professor and chair of psychology, changed the face of psychology on campus by organizing and developing WMC's first experimental laboratory, directing student research in the studies of comparative animal behavior and human learning. The lab has closed, and Colyer leaves "the Hill" as psychology shifts from using living analogs to computers to understand human behavior.

"I don't understand how a machine built by humans can be an analog of human thinking," Colyer says of the shift. "My analog is a thinking, feeling creature with an evolutionary history. It's closer than a computer."

He joined the faculty in 1970 as the sole behavior analyst—"My colleagues have been very tolerant of me," he says—and taught comparative, developmental and experimental psychology, as well as behavior modification. He took the department chair in 1983. Four years later he was recognized by students for his teaching prowess with the Distinguished Teaching Award.

"From the time I was very young, I was always interested in why animals—that includes

human beings—behave the way they behave," Colyer says. "[Studying psychology] is an opportunity to discover how they work."

He received a B.A. in political science from Gettysburg College in 1957. After working as a newspaper reporter and a junior publishing executive, he earned a master's and doctorate in psychology from his hometown Temple University in 1967 and 1971.

He has since devoted many hours to scholarly activities, which have led to his development of training programs for teachers in the Westminster-based Target Community and Educational Services, Inc., which aids the developmentally disabled in raising self-esteem, finding jobs and living independently. He teaches the staff how to analyze behavior, understand what causes it and design and implement a treatment plan. "The object is to make the lives of the clients better by facilitating their integration into the community with acceptable behavior so they can function as useful citizens," he says. He merited the first award for Outstanding



PETER HOWARD

Steve Colyer



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Don Jones

Professional Contribution to the organization in 1989 after being a consultant for five years, helping both clients and staff succeed through behavioral techniques.

Colyer has also arranged and directed student participation in training programs and research projects with profoundly retarded children and served as a consultant to local and state agencies and school systems, including the Maryland School for the Deaf in Columbia, Md., the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School in Washington, D.C., the Carroll County Health Department and the Maryland Vocational Rehabilitation Department.

An avid runner who is never content to be still, he has sought to continually enhance his professional development and passed the state and national license exam in October 1991, becoming a licensed psychologist. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Psychological Association, American Association of Mental Deficiency, American Association for the Advancement of Science and Association for Behavior Analysis.

Colyer lives in Westminster with wife Kristen. He has three daughters, ranging in from age 3 to 28. He plans to work as a consultant full time in retire-

ment, as well as continue teaching in the Target, Inc. program.

The Right Chemistry

A leader in chemistry education, Professor **Don Jones** has been lending his know-how to the National Science Foundation for the past seven years. In addition to annually managing \$15 million in grants for the professional development of teachers around the nation, he is responsible for putting together peer review panels, planning the meetings and making recommendations about which proposals should be funded.

"When I came here in the fall of 1992 I fully expected to return to teaching by the fall of 1994, but I found the work so interesting that the pain of not having direct contact with students on a day-to-day basis was overcome," he said.

After earning an A.B. in chemistry from Manchester College in 1957 and a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Purdue University in 1963, Jones joined the faculty as an assistant professor. He rose to the rank of professor in 1976 and served as chair of the chemistry department from 1977 to 1983, earning the Outstanding Educator award and recognition in "Who's Who in Maryland American Men of Science."

As a professor, he founded and served as the first president of the Middle Atlantic Association of Liberal Arts Chemistry Teachers in 1967, designed to provide a forum for educators in the smaller liberal arts colleges who share the same struggle of balancing research, scholarship, commu-

nity service and heavy teaching loads while maintaining adequate resources for their students.

They also share the pleasure of teaching a unique breed of students. "Liberal arts chemistry students may not have as much science overall, but they are broader in an overall perspective," Jones says. "Due to the smallness of classes, there is greater proportion of students who want to make science their lifelong career."

He continues to be involved in the way chemistry is taught as the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Examinations Institute, which is responsible for developing standardized examinations in chemistry. He has been a consultant in chemistry education to colleges around the country, including work with the College Chemistry Consultants Service that reviews and advises chemistry departments about their program. He is also the chair of the American Chemical Society's Committee on Education, which provides policy and serves as an oversight body for textbooks whose project-based approaches have broken the mold in chemistry education.

Active in various divisions of the American Chemical Society, a professional member organization that seeks to promote chemistry to the general public and provide networking for its own members, since 1963, Jones has been serving as a Councilor from the Maryland Section for nearly 25 years. He was elected chair of the Committee on Committees, appointed chair of the Society Committee on Education and served as director of the Education Division during

the summer of 1991. He was also elected chair of the Division of Chemical Education, Inc. and served on the Society Committee on Budget and Finance.

Jones lives in Washington, D.C., and will continue a version of his NSF work in retirement. "I hope to consult with folks who are interested in submitting grant proposals to the Foundation and continue to provide consultation services to small chemistry departments."

Hitting the Mark

Joan Weyers, assistant professor of exercise science and physical education, has been a long-time women's tennis and field hockey coach, as well as a proponent of adapted physical education, teaching students how people with handicaps can be active and athletic.

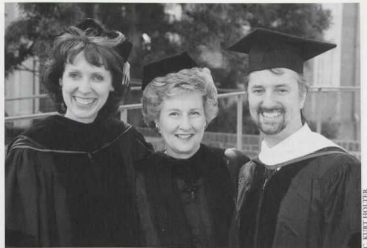
She earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education from the University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse in 1961 and went on to receive a master's degree in physical educa-



PETER HOWARD

Joan Weyers

Ramona Kerby (library science) and **Robert Kachur** (English), with **Provost Joan Devlin Cooley** (center), received teaching grants at Convocation.



C. KURT FORSTER

tion from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1963. She came to Western Maryland as an instructor in physical education the same year and rose to the rank of assistant professor of physical education in 1965. She later earned a Certificate of Advanced Study from the Johns Hopkins University in 1973.

In her 36 years, Weyers has seen the physical education department evolve from single sex classes to coed. In athletics, the changes for women have been more dramatic. "As women athletes were given opportunities they raised their level of skill and competitiveness to new heights," Weyers said. "Our female athletes compete as tenaciously as their male counterparts."

Weyers coached the college's first women's soccer team from 1987 to 1990, a team that earned the best winning percentage in team history its debut year. She led the women's tennis team from 1963 to 1990 and field hockey from 1966 to 1986. She also coached basketball and soccer at WMC, as well as tennis, badminton and squash in Baltimore at the Friend's School, Roland Park Country School and St. Paul's School for Girls.

A volunteer with the Special Olympics since 1984, Weyers and her adapted physical education classes have also helped conduct the Tournament of Champions, an annual sports event for children with physical disabilities that has been held on campus for the past 12 years. "There's no other place these children can compete athletically," Weyers said. She has also brought wheelchair

basketball games to campus for the past 15 years, in which her students join disabled athletes in sport wheelchairs for a game of hoops.

A member of the United States Tennis Association, Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Maryland State Squash Racquets Association and United States Tennis Association, Weyers has had articles published in physical education journals and magazines on subjects ranging from physically challenged children to badminton and poetry.

Busy testing her athletic skills in state competitions when she is not teaching or coaching, she was previously ranked third in Maryland women's tennis and second in women's badminton. She was the gold medal winner in "40 and Over Ladies Singles" tennis in the 1991 Maryland games. She was also "Maryland Doubles" squash champion three years running, beginning in 1990, and represented Baltimore on the Howe Cup squash teams from 1984 to 1991.

Weyers, who lives in Lutherville, Md., plans to "do something worthwhile in retirement," as well as continue with tennis, squash and golf. "It's been a good run," she said. "The highlight has been seeing students enjoy learning a game they couldn't play before. When they come back later, it always makes me feel good that they're still playing something." ●

FACULTY NEWS

Cell biologist **Randy Morrison**, assistant professor of biology, will co-chair a symposium on the developmental biology of pigment cells at a meeting of the International Federation of Pigment Cell Societies in Nagoya, Japan, in October. He has been studying the cells in zebrafish and why they change coloring as the fish grows from embryo to adulthood. His research is the first step in understanding the progression and potential treatment of skin cancer. Morrison will also co-chair a day-long satellite session on cellular and molecular control of pigment cell development after the symposium, during which he will broadcast some his research to scientists around the world.

After years of researching apocalyptic imagery in everything from the New Testament to last year's blockbuster film "Armageddon," **Robert Kachur**, assistant professor of English, has been named to the Millennium Speakers Bureau, sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council and the Maryland Commission for Celebration 2000. He will speak to community groups statewide in the new year. His presentation, "Apocalypse 2000: Envisioning the End," highlights the manipulative power of end-of-the-world imagery. In addition, he received an Ira G. Zepp Teaching Enhancement Grant to

continue writing and developing a textbook entitled "Argument: Learning How to Converse with Others' Ideas in Writing." He will be organizing several seminars and discussions about the teaching of argumentative writing for the faculty.

Ramona Kerby, assistant professor of library science, was also awarded a teaching enhancement grant to aid her in the development of an online course for the School Library Media graduate program. Since there is a shortage of librarians in Maryland and Pennsylvania, she's hoping the Internet will make it easier for some students to earn degrees.

English Professor **Pam Regis** will take 21 students to Budapest this fall. She will be teaching a course on American popular culture as viewed through film and literature, including discussions of "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" and "Apocalypse Now." She will also introduce her students to travel writing, beginning with great writers of the 18th century, as well as give them a chance to work on their own guidebook piece. The writing competency guru, Regis hopes the advanced composition will bolster the writing skills of the international students before they transfer to the Westminster campus for their junior and senior years. ●

MVP Takes the Trade

BY ELLIOT TANNENBAUM

Now that he's stepped down as athletic director at Western Maryland, now that the long-hidden affair can no longer destroy his career, now at last the truth can come out.

Rick Carpenter once threw a game. "No! You can't print that!" cries Sam Case, professor of exercise science and physical education, a friend and colleague for 30 years, an accessory to the cover-up.

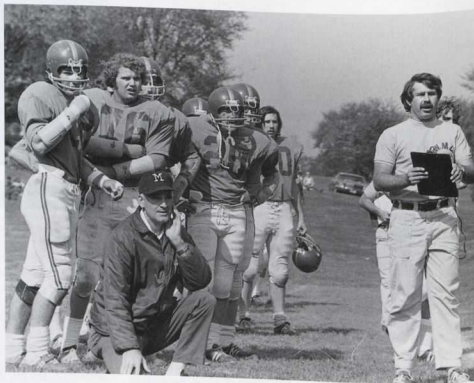
We can and we will. Enquiring minds want to know.

It happened about 20 years ago in Montreal, during the annual meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine. One night Carpenter and Case toured some of the city's grander churches, and then, giving in to Carpenter's uncontrollable competition addiction, they ducked into a pool hall in a seedy part of town.

Who'd have suspected that Rick Carpenter—all-American baseball player, all-league football player, avid golfer and outdoorsman, motorcycle fiend, coach of football, track, cross country and swimming—might be handy with a pool cue. Soon his pockets were bulging with dozens of portraits of Queen Elizabeth acquired from the local Quebecois.

"I noticed there were more and more people gathering around the table, pressing closer and closer around me," he remembers, coming clean at last. "They didn't seem very happy. I thought to myself, *'You're losing this next game.'*"

In a far more important game, Carpenter bounced back to win the next two decades. He became athletic director in 1984, at the tender age of 38, and slowly transformed Western Maryland from a frequent doormat into a viable competitor with schools boasting 10 times the endowment. In the early 1990s, he helped usher the college out of the rough-and-tumble, Wild West atmosphere of the Middle



Rick Carpenter, who has coached many teams during his 30 years on "the Hill," steps down from his 15-year athletic director post as the world of college sports moves toward specialization.

Atlantic Conference and into a small-college Ivy League called the Centennial Conference.

"Rick's aim has been to give every coach and every sport what they need to be successful," says associate athletic director Carol Fritz, another 30-year colleague. Ten years ago we were competitive in only one or two sports. Now we're competitive in just about every one."

At 53, Carpenter is still too young to usher in retirement. Come fall, he'll begin his 31st year on the faculty, turning his full attention to his other role as professor of exercise science and physical education. He'll also run the department's graduate program.

"There's been an evolution in college athletics over the past several years," he says. "The days of the professor-coach and the coach-athletic director are over."

Carpenter began his career in a low-key

era when collegiate sports were about, of all things, having fun. He ran smack into a new age of Title IX lawsuits, non-stop recruiting, win-or-else pressure and NCAA rule books the size of metropolitan phone directories.

Remarkably, he succeeded with an athletic budget that often consisted of dimes and quarters found in the cushions of Ensor Lounge. Even more remarkably, he managed to keep a smile on his face and a gleam in his eye.

As track coach for 21 years, Carpenter would break up the practice routine with offbeat events like the discus roll or the hit-the-Coke-can javelin throw. Back when the eighth tee adjoined the football field, he'd grab a club and challenge the kids to drive one through the goalposts.

"We used to have the Western Maryland Relay Carnival every year," he recalls. "Big meet, bunch of schools coming in. In 1990 it fell on April 1, and I just couldn't let that alone."

"Messiah had one of the best women's relay teams in the nation that year. They were just blowing people away. We took one of our men, Mike Kunzer '90, and dressed him up as a woman—wig, makeup, the whole thing—and we snuck him in to run the anchor leg of the 4 x 400.

Women's Basketball (17-8): Finished second in the Centennial Conference's West Division and made the four-team league playoffs for the second straight year ... Won 10 straight games, tying a 73-year-old school record ... Won nine in a row at home, breaking a Gill Center mark ... Senior forward Kathi Snyder made first-team all-league; junior forward Jill Ithex made second-team ... Senior guard Kristin Miller led the league in three-point shooting ... Junior guard Patty Russo was fifth nationally in Division III in free-throw shooting.

Men's Basketball (4-20): Junior forward Brian Billman made second-team all-league and earned a coveted berth on a Division III all-star team that will play four games in Denmark in August.

Wrestling (8-5): Sophomore 165-pounder Andrey Brenner finished fourth at the NCAA Division III championships, becoming the first all-American wrestler in school history ... Brenner, Charlie Conaway (184 pounds) and Scott Taylor (197) won Centennial Conference titles as the team won its second straight league dual-meet crown with a 6-0 league mark.

Women's Indoor Track (fourth at league championships): Sophomore Jamie Falcone won the 55- and 200-meter dashes at the Centennial Conference championships ... Junior Kerry Wilson won the 55 high hurdles for the third straight year ... Falcone, Wilson, freshman Thea Bayly and sophomore Aleya Horn won the 4 x 200 relay ... Freshman Jill Krebs broke school records in the mile and 3,000 meters ... Freshman Jayne Karolow broke a school mark in the 1,000.

Men's Indoor Track (fifth at league championships): Freshman Brian Vetter won the pole vault at the league championships ... Junior Jarrod Gillam set a school record in the 1,000 meters.

Men's Swimming (1-9), Women's Swimming (1-10): Sophomore Chris Clemmens broke the school record in the men's 100-yard backstroke ... Clemmens, sophomore Luke Page and seniors Aaron Corbett and Scot Hoover broke the school mark in the 200 medley relay.

"Well, Messiah's leading us by 30 yards when he gets the baton, and he just takes off like a rocket. We end up losing by only maybe five yards, and people cannot believe what they're seeing.

"Everybody's going, 'Who is that girl!?' And then the PA announcer says: 'Ladies and gentlemen, the anchor leg for Western Maryland was run by Michelle (Michael) Kunzer. April Fool.'"

He might just be the perfect man-child: the ebullience of a schoolboy, the steadiness of an adult, in just the right proportion.

"The thing you have to remember about Rick is, he's a fan," says a colleague. "First and foremost, a fan."

Sure, he looks professorial, with his pipe and his crew-neck sweater, standing behind the backdrop at a Western Maryland baseball game. But a moment later he's shaking his head and moaning, "Oh, no-o-o-o-o-o! How can you *stand* there? Ya *gotta* take the extra base!" You half expect him to clamber over the cage and grab a bat.

"I call Rick the voice of wisdom in the Centennial Conference," says Tom Calder, the athletic director at Johns Hopkins. "I respect his experience and his intelligence. Whenever I had to make a tough decision, I would always call him, and he'd always give me the right advice. And he usually has a story to go along with it."

The stories begin, literally, with the first college track meet he ever coached, back in 1970. Western Maryland was about to lose to Washington College with only the pole vault remaining. Neither team had a vaulter entered.

At the last possible moment, Carpenter summoned a prodigiously untalented runner—but one with decent upper-body strength—and thrust a pole into his fumbling hands. As Carpenter held the bar chest high, the unlikely hero heaved his carcass over the "height" and earned enough points to pull out a 73-72 win.

At the 1981 Middle Atlantic Conference championships, Carpenter stunned the officials by entering current women's basketball coach Becky Martin '80, then a grad assistant, in the women's high jump.

"I was wearing denim jeans and sneakers," she recalls. "I had a year of track eli-

gibility left, but I hadn't competed at all that season. All of a sudden, Rick says, 'Let's see what you can do. I'll bet you can beat anybody here.'"

"I cleared five feet and won the gold medal—in jeans. But Rick made me give it back. He decided it wasn't fair to the second-place girl who'd trained all year."

Under Carpenter, the Green Terror won a school-record 26 straight dual meets from 1971 to 1974.

OK, fine, great. But as hard-bitten journalists, what we're really looking for is dirt on this guy. Like we said before, enquiring minds want to know. Rumor has it, he once talked one of his top athletes into leaving Western Maryland.

In 1973, a Norwegian named Knut Hjeltnes showed up at WMC and shattered the Penn Relays discus record, winning the hallowed meet's Outstanding Athlete award. He went on to win the NCAA College Division title as a freshman that year. He was the best athlete Carpenter ever coached—until he shoed the big guy away.

"It was probably the most unselfish thing I've ever done in my professional life," he says quietly, pondering the past. "With Knut, we'd have been a threat to win the league title the next three years. But one day I asked him what his goal was, and he said, 'the Olympics.' To have a chance, I knew he'd need the best coaching and the best competition available."

With Carpenter's help, Hjeltnes transferred to Penn State and went on to finish eighth in the discus at the 1976 Olympics and fourth in 1984.

Unlike Hjeltnes, Carpenter never had

the luxury of focusing on a single goal. When he joined the staff—hired straight out of grad-school class by former athletic director Dick Clower '50—he took on a world-class workload. Head track coach. Defensive coordinator in football. Phys. ed. instructor. Head coach of the new varsity swim team.

At the time, his swimming experience consisted of a few dips in the lake. How did he *found* a program in a sport he knew as intimately as, say, dressage?

"I was 23," he recalls. "And that says it all. Besides, I knew a lot about conditioning programs for runners, and I felt very comfortable designing programs for swimmers."

Carpenter wound up coaching swimming for seven years, football and track for nine each before taking a leave of absence in 1978-79 to complete work on a doctorate in sports psychology at West Virginia. After his return, he put in 12 more years as track coach and doubled as cross-country coach for six seasons.

Carpenter, a transplanted West Virginian, captained the football and baseball teams at Silver Spring (Md.) High and married Alice Stokes, his high-school sweetheart. They have three children: David, 27, Scott, 25, and Elizabeth, 20.

The Pittsburgh Pirates and Houston Colt .45s (now Astros) waved contract offers in his face after high school, but he turned them down to attend West Virginia Wesleyan (1964-68), where he earned second-team NAIA all-America honors in baseball and captained the football team.

Carpenter made all-West Virginia intercollegiate Athletic Conference four times

Baseball (18-13-1): Wound up third in the Centennial Conference after entering the final weekend tied for first ... Junior third baseman Tim Smith won the league RBI crown and earned honorable mention all-conference honors with junior pitcher Brent Fuchs and sophomore first baseman Kacy Jenkins ... Junior pitcher-DH Barrett Gugliotta made second-team all-league ... Fuchs finished third in the league in ERA and set a school mark for career saves.

Softball (20-12): Tied for third in the conference after a title fight up to the final day of the season ... Sophomore catcher Courtney Wunderlich won the league home run and RBI crowns ... Junior first baseman Stacy Seward set a league record for doubles in a season ... Six players made the all-league team, including junior rightfielder Jacie Mathias (first team); Wunderlich, senior shortstop January Scott, sophomore third baseman Steph Bell and sophomore DP Julie Develin (second); and Seward (honorable mention).

Women's Tennis (9-2): Juniors Lara Henderson and Alethea Desrosiers made first-team all-league after going 10-1 in both singles and doubles.

Golf (second at league championships): Took second at both the league and District II (Middle Atlantic) tournaments ... Sophomore Seth Aldridge won the Centennial Conference individual crown ... Junior Ryan Reid finished second at the District II championships.

Men's Track (second at league championships): Stunned five-time defending champ Haverford by leading the conference meet after the first day ... Freshman Dave Evans broke an 18-year-old school record in the high jump and set league and school marks in the long jump.

Women's Track (fourth at league championships): Sophomore Jamie Falcone won gold medals in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, breaking the school 200 mark for the fourth time ... Junior Kerry Wilson took gold in the 100 high hurdles, breaking her own league record ... Freshman Jill Krebs shattered the school mark in the 5,000 ... Falcone, Wilson, freshman Thea Bayly and sophomore Aleya Horn topped the school record in the 4 x 200 relay.

Women's Lacrosse (7-5): Junior McEghan Giorno led the league in total points ... Senior Natalie Hannibal made first-team all-league and second-team all-South Atlantic Region and earned the Faith Millard Medal as WMC's top female athlete ... Senior Amy North earned honorable-mention all-league honors.

Men's Lacrosse (5-9): Juniors Rob Witte and Gaelen Cross made second-team all-conference.

Men's Tennis (1-9): Junior Ben Zoltan and senior Kevin Klunk reached the round of 16 at the league championships, the first WMC men in four years to win a match at the event.

For the latest game scores and sports news, call the Green Terror Sports Results Review at 410/857-2766, or visit the Sports Information Web site at www.wmc.edu/HTMLpages/StdSports.

Tiny Tim Rises to New Heights

He steps up to the plate, and here it comes. From his friends: "C'mon, Base! ... Let's go, Base! ... Need a hit, Base!"

From his foes: "Hey, somebody get that helmet off the plate! ... Yo, where's the next batter! Get somebody up there!"

There he is, well on his way to winning the Centennial Conference RBI crown, and all he hears is a running commentary on the one thing he'll never win—the DNA crown.

Tim Smith stands 5 feet, 2 inches small. That's fine if you're in the Little League World Championship playing against Taiwan, but Smith is a junior at playing against 6-foot Marine recruiting posters come to life. If he were a woman, he'd be the shortest player on the Green Terror softball team.

Smith is a third baseman, but that's not why his teammates call him "Base." It's because he's built as low to the ground as one. Because he has to stand on tiptoe to peer over one. Because, to take any kind of a lead, he has to rappel down one.

He is an all-leaguer. Barely. An honorable-mention all-leaguer. Just one more case of his having been, well, overlooked.

Smith, a benchwarmer his first two years, came out of nowhere in 1999 to lead the league with 25 RBIs in 32 games—comparable to 127 ribbies in a major-league season. He finished sixth in the league in hitting (.354), led the team in on-base percentage (.438) and won the club's MVP award.

And yet, when the coaches gathered to anoint the all-conference team, they perpetrated the worst injustice since Decca Records rejected the Beatles and signed the Tremeloes. Some voted for Smith as a second baseman, which he'd been the first half of the season, and some put him on their ballots at third base—a split vote that ruined any hope of major recognition.

Green Terror coach Dave Seibert '78 stalked out of the meeting with steam hiss-

in baseball and twice in football, worked his way onto the dean's list, headed up the Intra-Fraternity Council and earned a spot in Omicron Delta Kappa, the honor society for student leaders. This multi-dimensional background may be the reason WMC still offers 23 sports today.

"He kept our athletic program broad-based in an era when other schools became increasingly specialized," Case says.

"We've had some tough economic times around here in the past. It would have been easy for Rick to say, 'We're not going to do that anymore.' But he didn't."

OK, swell, yada-yada-yada. But we're

out to *expose* this guy. Enquiring minds and all of that.

Carol Fritz, you can tell us. You've known him longer than Proctor's known Gamble. He must have a secret vice or two.

"Well, he likes to drive fast and talk with his hands," says Fritz, associate athletic director and professor of exercise science and physical education. "One day we're on the road, and of course Rick's gesturing, tapping me on the shoulder. [Track and cross-country coach] Doug Renner '80 is following us, and he sees the car slowly head off the road way over onto the shoulder. Then all of a sudden it veers back onto the blacktop."

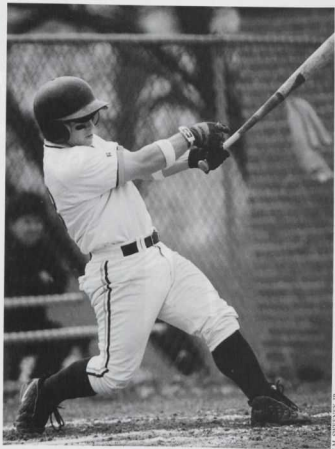
"Next time we stop, Doug rushes up to us and goes, 'What happened back there?' I tell him, 'Rick decided to put his hands back on the wheel.'"

His driving record is virtually spotless—no accidents and one long-ago speeding ticket—yet the road hasn't always been as straight and smooth in his 15 years as athletic director. There's been a pothole here, a detour there. But the tank is full, the chrome shiny and the engine purring as he hands over the wheel. •

Ravens Training Camp

The Baltimore Ravens football team returns to campus to prepare for the pro season. Rookies start practice July 26, and the veterans join them Aug. 1 until camp breaks up Aug. 25. Call 410/261-3267 for details about practice hours, special events and parking.

Long overlooked, 5' 2" senior power hitter Tim Smith earns his spot as team captain.



J.M. WILKINSON, JR.

ing from his ears. "I just don't understand how Timmy didn't make at least second-team," he seethed. "If anybody deserved it, he certainly did. He finally got a chance to play, and he made the best of it."

As a freshman in 1997, Smith had one solitary at-bat all year—and clubbed a three-run pinch-hit homer. It earned him a seat on the bench watching Pat Durant start at second and hit .371.

In 1998 Smith came to bat only 19 times and hit .212 backing up Albert Pero. This spring looked to be more of the same.

But then, just three days before the season-opening Florida trip, a mugger darted out of the shadows and swung a metal pipe into Pero's face like Mark McGwire striding into a hanging curve. Pero, his nose shattered, missed the trip and the first nine games.

You've seen this movie before. Understudy gets big chance, steals show. Smith went 4 for 4 in his second start and never cooled off. His lethal bat helped keep Western Maryland (18-13-1) in the thick of the Centennial Conference race until the final day.

"I finally got a chance to play without worrying about beating somebody out," says Smith, a resident of Riverdale, Md. "I could just relax and play ball. I always knew I could."

With three games left in the season, Western Maryland shared the league lead with Ursinus, its first taste of first place since joining the conference in 1994. Unfortunately the Green Terror lost all three, including a season-ending doubleheader against Ursinus, and settled for third.

Back in early March, as the lineup took shape, the coaching staff was in no mood to settle for Smith. Yes, there was an opening at third base. Yes, he'd been the backup at third as well as second for two years. No, he wasn't going to get the job. Team captain Mike Marino, a career .348 hitter, moved from DH to third.

"Timmy's a blue-collar type who's not afraid to get dirty, but before this season he just never stood out," Coach Seibert remembers. "Most kids, if they're not

starting by the end of their sophomore year, they'll drop out or get cut. But Timmy stuck with the program, and each year he's gotten better."

Washington College found that out the hard way. On April 16 the Shoremen needed one out to wrap up a 12-10 victory when Smith grabbed a bat and showed them he wasn't some refugee from the Lollipop Guild.

Smith launched a towering triple to deep left-center, driving in two runs, and scored the game-winner on a hit by freshman Kevin Culbertson. It proved to be the year's pivotal moment. Western Maryland reveled in its third straight win and went on to take six of the next seven games, turning a 6-7-1 record into a shiny 15-8-1 mark.

As Washington discovered, Smith may be a shrimp, but he's a jumbo shrimp. The guy's a concrete pylon in cleats, with bed-post-thick arms and legs and a Monica-like back seat. Think Barney Rubble with long-ball power.

"During the winter I knew there were spots to win, so I followed the lifting program more seriously than before," he recalls. "I felt a lot stronger."

Ignorance is bliss, as they say. Smith toiled through endless reps, unable to read the coach's mind and learn the bad news leaping off the front page: MARINO GETS NOD AT THIRD; SMITH PASSED OVER AGAIN.

It was an all-too-familiar story. At St. John Vallotti High, Smith made first-team all-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference and second-team all-Prince George's County in 1996. Yet only Western Maryland and St. Mary's gave him a second look.

As a freshman, Smith played behind a third baseman nicknamed Horse. So he became Pony, only they never let him out of the barn. And he never complained.

"I was always penciled in as the next guy, always right there to play," he remembers. "They used me some for defense, and I got into 15 games my sophomore year. And even if I wasn't playing, I had fun being on the team. I never got down on things."

His status as a dugout-bound backup did carry with it one key benefit. Opponents and fans never bother to heckle the guy at the end of the bench. When he finally emerged as a regular this year, the barbs flew at him like 90-mph fastballs.

"A guy at Swarthmore, he calls out, 'Is this kid old enough to play?'" Smith remembers. "Up at Muhlenberg, some girls from a sorority were sitting along the first base line, and they were asking me where my big brother was. You laugh with them, just roll with it."

"At [Johns] Hopkins some guy was all over me, and then I get on base just about every time up. After a while he goes, 'You're always on base, man. I'm gonna stop making fun of you.'"

And Coach Seibert is going to stop making plans that don't include Tim Smith. On May 14, two months to the day after he named him a starter and braced for the worst, Seibert named him a team captain for 2000.

Is this kid old enough to play? You bet. And plenty big enough. —ET ●

How to Survive the New

Millen

Okay. We know you've already been so browbeaten by the media to prepare for the new millennium that you're thinking of unplugging the television before the power grids even get a chance to flicker. So here's another perspective that involves less Hollywood doom-and-gloom forecasts and more old-fashioned Boy Scout (and Girl Scout) preparedness. Let's bring this hullabaloo down to earth. Enter our team of alumni forecasters who are prepared to strip the sensation off your anxieties and lead the way to a more enlightened understanding of the days to come. Consider it a chance to add some mental tools to your Y2K survival kit.

*"Fine worries, like fine wines,
are at their best only after they
have been properly mellowed."*

—Dan Greenburg with Marcia Jacobs, "How to Make Yourself Miserable" (1986)

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Are you worried about your stock investments going *poof* at the stroke of midnight? Financial consultant **Ken Schaefer '84** throws some water on the fire and leads the way to some market gems of truth.

Fred DiBlasio '75, a pioneer in the use of forgiveness therapy, will explain how forgiveness will save us from ourselves. On the cutting edge of global climate change research, **Alice Cialella '85** has tips for keeping the water line below your front step. **Robert and Connie Bowman '81**, riding the crest of success of their Jiffy Lube franchises, eye the future of storefront businesses. **Deb Tasky '77**, head of programming for the Census Bureau's economic surveys, fights the ultimate battle against information overload. And **Coe Sherrard '71**, master of entertainment, reveals the secret to keeping the anxiety avalanche at arm's length. Yes, you, too, can survive—and prevail—in the new millennium. —*The Editors*

Counting Your Losses—and Gains

"Fear is irrational," says financial analyst Ken Schaefer '84, in response to another sensationalistic inquiry about the impending chaos to be sparked by the Y2K bug. "Last year it was Russia, 18 months ago it was Brazil. There will always be a Y2K-like concern to get out of the market." Unflappable by the hoopla, Schaefer is holding strong to a rational approach to the market, eyeing it like a predictable beast who always returns to the watering hole eventually, rather than a monster ready to gobble up everyone's money. If anything, a Y2K market crash, or a "dip" in Schaefer's vocabulary, "will be a wonderful buying opportunity."

"The focus should be what are your goals and what can we do to reach those goals while minimizing your risk," says Schaefer, who has been directing the financial portfolios of high net worth individuals in New York



"How much pain have cost us the evils which have never happened."

—Thomas Jefferson, letter to Thomas Jefferson Smith, Feb. 21, 1825



City since 1997, a niche he settled into after eight years in the international banking industry working on problem loans for the Japanese Kyowa Bank and Australia New Zealand Bank. "Yes, the market will go up, and yes, the market will go down. Don't worry about it," he says.

Oh, but we do worry. Bombarded by financial television networks, glossy investing magazines and real-time ticker tapes of

the stock market flashing on our computer screens, we worry quite a bit. And thanks to developments in online market resources in the past couple of years, we can be our own savvy investor, researching companies and trading ourselves, working the stock market for a few bucks a trade.

But beware, says Schaefer, of overzealous trading. "Studies are being done right now that show the average rate of return for those who trade actively online is less than those who buy and hold," he says. Time in the market, not timing the market, is key to investing, he adds.

Important words for the thousands of people who have begun to manage their finances by themselves. Mutual funds, popularized in office 401(k) plans, have changed the industry in the last 15 to 20 years, Schaefer says.

"They've allowed small investors to get more active managing their own retirement money. Now they have more interest in managing other money."

Especially those baby boomers, whose influence is guaranteed to keep the market buzzing. "This is a period of time when baby boomers are in their savings

mode," Schaefer says. "The growth potential for the market and economy is phenomenal."

The market is also shifting. The business of the Internet and its impact on the market—both the stock market and the commercial market—is the big issue these days. E-commerce, buying and selling securities online and buying merchandise in cyberspace, will significantly change the face of many aspects of industry in the coming years. "The Internet is to commerce today as the railroads were to commerce 100 years ago," Schaefer notes.

So much for the doomsayers who'd have us think our nation's on the way to financial ruin, our investments vaporizing at the stroke of midnight. "The millennium is meaningless to the market," Schaefer says. "The bug is a non-issue. Everyone's money will be there." —AP

Sunny with a Chance of Flooding

Will global warming turn the windy hilltop campus of Western Maryland into an island resort? Not likely, says Alice Cialella '85, a programmer analyst and geographer for the Brookhaven National Laboratory. But chances are it will make some changes.

"The potential worst case scenario is that there might be some Third World countries underwater, or maybe the barrier islands in North Carolina," she says. "There will be more precipitation here and less there, changing how countries do economically if they are growing food. It could cause a lot of havoc, especially in the Third World countries that cannot afford losing a crop."

Ever since Cialella got fed up with her beltway bandit job as a contract worker for the Department of Defense ("I just didn't believe in what I was doing," she says) and earned a master's in geography with environmental applications at the University of Maryland, she has been on the earth track, creating computer models of the nitrogen effects on forests and mapping information about soil, land and water use.

"The millennium is meaningless to the market," says financial analyst Ken Schaefer '84.



DAVID MORRIS



Alice Cialella '85 eyes the skies for signs of trouble.

"When I was growing up in the 1970s I remember a TV commercial of a Native American standing by a river looking down at the water with all the trash floating by and one single tear flowing out of his eye," Cialella says. "Ever since then I thought I wanted to have as little impact on the earth as I could so I would not be part of the problem."



Now she's doing her part to gather the evidence needed to make decisions about global warming. Since 1995 she has been working for the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Program of the Department of Energy's Global Climate Change Program that is studying the role that clouds play in the earth's climate. She obtains detailed satellite images of the earth's surface and other information from outposts around the world, converting them into data that scientists can use to make their predictions.

"Clouds are an integral part of the global warming issue," she says. "Their effects are difficult to discern because it isn't always clear to what degree different clouds absorb, reflect, scatter or even pro-

duce heat." Unlocking the secrets of the clouds could help scientists make predictions about climate and weather changes in the future.

"There is definite evidence that the earth is warming, but it's tricky to make a determination of what that really means," Cialella says. "It could be a blip on the climate radar. But it might make sense to expect the worse and try to take care of it."

How does one tackle such a task? "You have to do your part," she says. It can be something as simple as choosing a "nice paper cup that be broken down" over a plastic one, getting involved in community recycling, buying products with minimal packaging, and voting for people in Congress who support environmental research and changes.

"Think about what you do personally on a day-to-day basis," she says. And maybe you won't have to turn your beach house into a house boat. —AP

Just Say, "I'm Sorry"

Alexander Pope said, "To err is human, but to forgive is divine." Fred DiBlasio '75, professor of social work and noted author and therapist in forgiveness work, wants to see the divine come out of the clouds and become an everyday part of human relationships here on earth. For centuries, forgiveness has driven the world of religious healing, but he demands that it has just as much merit in secular therapy—especially as our increasingly violent world society hurtles toward the millennium.

"Many people take forgiveness for granted," DiBlasio says. "They think it's a process and you know it when it happens." But three years ago DiBlasio started making waves with another way to look at forgiveness, including an appearance on a 20/20 television special on how forgiveness can actually cure. "When people are able to forgive one another, they are able to work out the rest of their problems through goodwill," he says.

Forgiveness, of course, can be a tough pill to swallow after years of hurt and resentment. Rather than waiting for old wounds to heal, DiBlasio focuses on forgiveness as an "act of the will," a conscious decision that empowers people to take control and not be a victim to resentment. "People can choose to forgive," he insists.

As part of his general therapy work with couples facing a rocky marriage or adult children harboring hurt from an emotionally distant parent, DiBlasio offers his clients an opportunity to fast forward through that natural and unpredictable healing process to ask for forgiveness the very first day they meet.

"It frees you up for accountability. You will confess the things your mate wants you to confess and not be defensive about it," he says. "People come to therapy ready to defend themselves. This gives them an opportunity to be culpable for their own offenses. It set a different tone."

He has found that beginning sessions this way can reduce the number of sessions necessary for healing from 25 to five, and can not only set clients straight with their

■ Accept people, and accept them as imperfect. Lower your expectations for someone to be what you want them to be.

■ Be able to appreciate that each weakness in a person has a concomitant strength that encourages the other person to become better.

■ Don't wait until you're offended. Make the determination that you're going to be more accepting and forgiving.

■ Focus on servanthood. Work more toward peace, not always claiming your rights.

■ Don't pass our narcissistic culture on to your children. Give them a better and less violent heritage of love and acceptance.

■ Focus on the Divine.

—Fred DiBlasio '75



spouse or family, but can facilitate a reconciliation with God if forgiveness is integral to their religious life.

Even though one of the first phrases a child learns to say is "I'm sorry," DiBlasio fears that emotionally liberating ideas of forgiveness are squashed by our increasingly complex and violent society. "Forgiveness is key to our society today precisely because of the kind of people we have become," he says. "We live out resentment and bitterness in our everyday lives. It can hamper our relationships with other people and with God."

Take for example the gratuitous violence in television and movies, our inclination to turn to violence or war to settle disputes, our passion for suing people for every wrongdoing. "We operate out of demands for justice, righteousness, having a right to always express our anger," DiBlasio says.

"You can become a very ugly person seeking your own justice."

Even international conflicts are the result of an uncompromising pursuit of justice. Political negotiations and treaties rarely end with the words, "I forgive you." That spells trouble, DiBlasio says. "To survive in this next millennium we have to come to terms with the fact that we can no longer be involved in wars with one another because we all have the potential for mass destruction," he says. In the best of all worlds, DiBlasio would like to see world leaders sit down for a therapeutic session that would include a healthy dose of forgiveness, a step he sees as an integral one if we are to maintain peace in the world.

Closer to home, DiBlasio sees this inability to forgive tearing up the social fabric of our nation as families fall apart, driving the divorce rate to 60 percent in the last 40 years alone. "Throughout civilization, marriage has been the basic institution. Forgiveness is what makes that unit stay together," he says. "If the nuclear family breaks down, it will be the breakdown of society."

Not to mention racial tension around the world, including Kosovo, South Africa, the Middle East, and in our own backyard, that continues to tear nations and communities apart. "We still have a lot of work to do," DiBlasio says. "Forgiveness will have a part of that." —AP



MARK BISHNER

The key to happiness, says therapist Fred DiBlasio '75, is forgiveness.

At Your Service

If Barbie and Ken are as American as apple pie, then it's no surprise that college sweethearts Robert and Connie Thompson Bowman '81, the blue-eyed football player and the cute-as-a-button pom girl, grew up to pursue the greatest of homegrown dreams—starting and succeeding in their own business.

They begged and borrowed enough money to buy a franchise of the fledgling Jiffy Lube empire just a few years out of college in 1985. The chain's founder, four-year WMC football coach Jim Hindman, brought many of his players, including Rob, along for the ride after he opened the first store in 1979.

Twenty-five years old with a franchise on their backs, Rob worked the bays of the ten-minute oil change shop, managing the team of technicians and toiling under the hood. Connie, with a self-designed major in public relations and publicity, worked as the cashier, balanced the books and piloted the advertising. They lived, breathed and dreamed the business for three long, sparse, macaroni-and-cheese-filled years.

"People thought we were nuts," Rob said. "They told us, 'You can't make money changing oil.'" They were wrong. Energy costs had fueled transition from full-serve stations to self-serve, leaving motorists with high-cost dealership service for routine car maintenance. People started to take better care of their cars themselves.

Blood, sweat and oil were the recipe for success for Rob '81 and Connie Thompson '81 Bowman.

Rob and Connie, married a year out of college, were living in Massachusetts where Rob had just left a stint as captain with the U.S. Army Special Forces. His father, a faithful devotee to the Terror football team, had already gone into business with Hindman, and his brother-in-law, Pete Clark, another former WMC football coach, had just opened a store in Massachusetts, as well.

The path already beaten for them, Rob and Connie, young and fearless, jumped at the opportunity to try something new. "We really didn't know much about it," says Rob, who went to college to play football. "I didn't know anything about cars," he adds. "But hard work makes up a lack of knowledge. It took more courage for us to do it than we realized back then."

They didn't have to wait long for the cars to roll through their shop ready for their chassis to be lubed, their windshield washer topped off and their tires inflated. "People were ready to try something new," says Rob.

A year later they opened another store. Then another two years later. Jiffy Lube had taken a foothold. So had the Bowmans.

"Jiffy Lube carved a niche for itself," Connie says. "Years ago people went to get their oil changed, now they go to get it Jiffy Lubed." The oil change empire now extends to 1,000 centers around the country and is the largest franchiser in the quick lube industry.

The Bowmans had built their own personal franchise kingdom to six stores and over 100 employees until just recently when they sold their original three Massachusetts monymakers, which had appreciated considerably over the years, to a business partner.

Now Rob spends his time worrying over the time it takes his workers to change the oil and how many cars crawl through the bays of their three stores, soon to be four, in central Maryland, as well as pep talking his employees on the value of good service. "He's a natural coach," Connie says of Rob, who played a number of sports in addition to football in college, and now coaches their son's and daughter's tyke teams.



He has reason to worry. These days competition is fierce. The key to success in an increasingly competitive market—in which rival lube shops pop up next door and advertise that they use Jiffy-Lube-trained employees and dealerships are revamping service to include quick oil changes—is customer service, the hallmark of every Main Street mom and pop shop.

The world has gone high speed and high tech, stacked high with megamalls and superstores, but ironically, the only way to survive in this superponic business world is by being old-fashioned nice to people. Call it the war of the smiley faces. "You have to take care of the customer," Bowman says. "We don't want a coupon war, we want the experience to be better."

Of course, technology helps here, as well. There are computers that spit out the name of the owner of the car after typing in the license plate number, allowing the technicians to address you like you like the preacher at church on Sunday. Synthetic sunshine? Connie says people are craving any kind of contact these days.

"More and more people are searching for interaction," she says. "They want to feel like they're part of a community again." Storefront businesses like Jiffy Lube need to maintain the feel of the corner grocery store if they want to keep from losing their customers to cheaper oil changes by competing companies, she says.

Never fear, though. The only thing Rob is really concerned about is electric cars, and he doesn't see them making any kind of impact for 15 or 20 years down the road. —AP

STAKING YOUR CLAIM IN AMERICA

- Borrow plenty of working capital. (Tip: Parents charge the lowest interest rates.)
- Don't expect to make money for the first three years.
- Live, eat and sleep the business. ("My father told me, 'Wear Jiffy Lube on your underwear,'" Connie says.)
- Respect your employees.
- Be willing to change your game plan.
- Save your money—even after you earn it.

—Rob and Connie Bowman '81

Data Deliverance

In today's fast-paced, fact-filled Information Age where computers can spit out numbers as quickly as you can flip the "on" switch, Deborah Tasky '77 is a diva of data. A programming and processing manager for the U.S. Census Bureau's economic directorate, she spends her days being bombarded by facts from more than 100 annual surveys the bureau administers to businesses around the nation to gauge the country's economic health.

"You name it, we collect data on it," Tasky says. There are industry surveys of the nation's top retailers. There are surveys of glove and mitten makers. There are surveys that document manufacturers' capacity for war production. There are surveys that record energy consumption.

In addition, each month the Census Bureau releases figures on the gross



Despite piles of papers, Deb Tasky '77 has unlocked the secret to managing data overload.

domestic product and other important economic indicators that government analysts use to direct policy decisions that affect everything from the stock market to the price of milk. Not to mention the minutely-detailed five-year economic census of every business in the nation down to the Kwik-E-Mart on the corner.

That's a lot of numbers to be processed. More than ever before in our nation's economic history, Tasky points out, especially now that Census computers can even keep track of details as minute as the amount of time it takes a company accountant to respond to the survey. "Whether we have more surveys or not, today we have more information," Tasky says.

With all these facts swirling around, her position is not necessarily an enviable one. As late 1990s self-help manuals urge the stressed to simplify their lives for the next century by turning off the TV or chucking today's paper in the recycling bin, Tasky's very job demands that she stand on the front line of the information attack.

Fortunately, she has never been number phobic. In college, she needed 30 hours of mathematics for a degree; she took twice that many. "I always said I was a double math major," she jokes. Recently, she even created, and named, "Math Fun Night" at her son's elementary school.

Perhaps this is why the number cruncher is more ready for our data-gorged future than most. Three years ago Tasky was put in charge of a task force to streamline the way the Census Bureau processed data for its more than 100 economic surveys. She

faced a gargantuan system in which there were at least 16 ways to enter and store results in its computer system. The paperwork generated from just one of the surveys could fill a desktop.

It was an information overload, Tasky says of the deluge. Every time the bureau introduced a new survey, it also introduced a new way to process the results. Her own department mirrored one of the biggest concerns facing the American businesses they survey—staying afloat in the sea of facts, generated in part by an increase in technological advances, including computerized business accounting and the Internet.

Tasky's task force not only stayed afloat, but dammed the flood of information with Standard Economic Processing System (SEPS), a single method by which all the bureau's economic surveys can be processed. It won Bronze Medal, the Census Bureau's top prize for an innovation, and in June 2000, Tasky will make a presentation on it at an international conference on economics. Already, census takers in Canada have taken note of the system.

Undoubtedly in the next millennium, these information pipelines will become even more integral, not only to the number crunchers, but to the way we live our own lives. Streamlining the data overload will allow more business to be done on the computer, and more employees will be able get away from their mutating inbox and telecommute from home. Tasky hopes it means fewer towering stacks of paper

on her own desk and more time at home with her children, Tiffany and David, and her husband Jim, a systems programmer.

She may use fewer math formulas now than when she joined the Census Bureau 20 years ago, back when workers wrote out their programs in long hand and entered them in one computer room where everyone shared the terminals. However, the organizational skills she has gleaned pouring over reams of data not only make balancing her checkbook a fun diversion, but have helped her plan everything from vacations to birthday parties like a pro. And her trusty computer, she says, peeking out on her desk somewhere between the piles of survey results, has now become as invaluable to her everyday life as a pencil. —JGM

The Great Escape

Click ... Click ... Click. It's nearly the top of the hill. The view is great, but the anticipation of the first drop is better. You plunge. You drop. You fly. You turn. For two minutes there is no outside world. Then the station approaches. Reality resumes. What a rush! You just have to do it again!

—Worlds of Coasters Web site

Just for the thrill of it. Not since the Roaring '20s have we seen such swarming toward the entrance gates of America's amusement parks. More than 425 coasters from Saco, Maine to Santa Cruz, Calif.—60 new ones—speed along tracks this summer. Inverted, wooden, top-riding, stand-up. Enough to break the most daring thrill-seeker into a cold sweat on the hottest day of July.

For park executives like Coe Sherrard '71, the fascination isn't only winging straight down the first drop where the G-force is strongest, but this economics graduate keeps a level head and keen eye on the company's balance sheet to ensure the return on new multi-million-dollar attractions. And the future couldn't look brighter.

Speaking from Dollywood, a regional theme park in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., 35 miles southeast of Knoxville, Sherrard is a general in the arms race of megacoasters



"Without anxiety life would have very little savor."

—May Sarton, *"The House by the Sea: A Journal"* (1977)

and media hype that can elevate critical gate receipts during the high-volume period for attendance from Memorial Day to Labor Day. "It's a constant battle between the creators and the analysts," he says. "It's a business like anything else."

Last season, more than 300 million visits were made to theme parks around the globe. That attendance figure compares favorably, and is more than the combined attendance of all professional sports, including baseball, basketball, football and hockey, according to a recent article in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. In fact, the theme park industry is expected to grow 10 percent as the last coaster train whips around the tail end of the century.

Dollywood is one of the few privately-owned parks, a partnership between Silver Dollar City, Inc. of Branson, Mo., and popular music star and entertainer Dolly Parton. When it opened for its 14th season this April, coaster enthusiasts found an irresistible treat: the world's first "spiro-loop" coaster named the Tennessee Tornado. It gives riders views of the Smokies from above, on a 163-foot climb, then hurtles them down a dark tunnel straight through the mountain and blasts them upside down around double 360 degrees loops called "Dolly's Iron Butterfly."

Sherrard joined Silver Dollar City, Inc. in 1992 as corporate development manager and assumed primary responsibilities for development of the \$13 million White River Landing/Showboat Branson Belle project. The football field-sized showboat is the largest Coast Guard certified vessel ever built for a land-locked lake. It carries up to 1,000 passengers on two-hour cruises featuring meal service and theater-style entertainment. He got the job because of his experience as a senior vice president of Spirit Cruises/Cruise International, Inc., known for its 12 dinner cruise vessels in nine metropolitan markets.

But the sheer size of this boat presented Sherrard with the biggest challenge of his career. First, he had to build a shipyard on the side of the lake and hire a shipbuilder. Even his service in the Navy hadn't prepared him for this assignment. "My biggest moment was when the boat went into water," he says. Its launch in 1995 drew national attention as the Showboat's rails were greased with bananas rather than oil to protect the natural environment. During its first four months it drew 150,000 visitors. Such success earned Sherrard a promotion to general manager during the attraction's inaugural season and to his appointment as vice president and general manager of Dollywood.

Such attractions as the Showboat and Tennessee Tornado give theme parks like Dollywood their own identity. Amusement maven Sherrard defines Silver Dollar City, Inc. as a "storyteller." Dollywood, he says, celebrates the culture and music of the Great Smoky Mountains. "Our parks offer a lot more than just rides, and that's why when the motor coaches pull onto the lots there are just as many senior citizens as there are youngsters," he reports.

Both Silver Dollar City properties, Branson and Dollywood, offer more live entertainment than most theme parks. "We're the big entertainment frog in this particular pond," he says. The park features three indoor 1,000-plus seat theaters and three outdoor theaters. This spring Dollywood opened the Southern Gospel Hall of Fame and Museum, tracing gospel music from the 19th century to today.

Sherrard's responsibilities have soared to new heights, including a new title—Vice President for Business Development—and a mountain larger than Rushmore to scale. His company recently won the contract to operate and manage Georgia's largest recreational getaway, the 3,200-acre Stone Mountain Park, located outside of Atlanta. It's Sherrard's project to help create the plan and partnerships that will make the property a principal tourist destination.

It may appear that my career was carefully planned, but that's simply not the case," says Sherrard. "I got lucky. I've been fortunate to have had some unique opportunities ... all of it has been fun."

—JM •



Millions are flocking to theme parks, like those Coe Sherrard '71 manages, to escape millennial anxiety.



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Computer Guru Rick Dillman
Predicts the Internet Will Set Us Free

The Medium is the ... Ticket

BY KIM ASCH



At the end of the last Ice Age, retreating glaciers cut a gorge more than one mile deep and seven miles long in the Allegheny Plateau, creating a topographic marvel that later became a tourist attraction known as "Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon." It is a regular refuge for Rick Dillman, a native of the area, who avoids summer crowds by following a little-known half-mile trail through dense, northern pine forest to a granite overlook offering a spectacular and—best of all—private vista.

"There is so little sound that the smallest noises surprise you: a tree branch breaking and falling; a bird calling; a deer running through the underbrush. These happen so suddenly and are so separated from any other sound that you can't help but focus on each one and give it a unique meaning," says Dillman, describing the spot's appeal. "The ground is firm, but a bit spongy from the pine needles, and although the path is easy to follow, you have the feeling that you could wander on and on without finding civilization ever again."

He can't, of course. Because, here on the cusp of the 21st century, civilization is everywhere. Thanks to computers—specifically the Internet—no place is beyond the reach of anyone. And that has great implications for living and learning in the new millennium, according to Dillman, who chairs the Communication department and is one of WMC's pioneers in synthesizing new technology into the curriculum.

The Future Rocks

In 1970, Alvin Toffler coined the phrase "Future Shock" to describe "the shattering stress and disorientation that we induce in individuals by subjecting them to too much change in too short a time." Those who

have yet to make their debut online might relate to the feeling.

Far from daunted, Dillman is energized—even giddy—about the boundless possibility for progress technology brings. It is the Information Superhighway, he says, that will eventually allow him to return to Wellsboro, population 3,430, the village nestled in the mountains of central Pennsylvania where he grew up.

If "the medium is the message," as social scientist Marshall McLuhan asserted in 1964 in his visionary book, "Understanding Media," then the Internet communicates "freedom," according to Dillman.

With e-mail, we can choose when we want to receive a message, how it will look and the number of times we want to access it. Geography is no longer pertinent; regardless of our physical location, we can always be reached at the same Internet address.

The Internet, telephone, television and computer are converging, Dillman says, and in the next 20 years or so workers will be able to perform most of their tasks on the computer—including videoconferencing that allows several colleagues see and talk to each other at the same time. Inevitably, we will begin to ask, why go into the office?

Jobs won't dictate where we live, Dillman predicts. Instead, we'll pick our home based on the kind of environment we like and the people we want to be physically close to, then maintain our membership in several online work, learning and special-interest communities.

If he had his druthers, "I would choose to live with good friends in a good climate surrounded by natural beauty with at least one good French restaurant—and the restaurant's negotiable," he says.

Rick Dillman believes that the super-speed communication of the Internet will allow people to slow down their lives.

Wellsboro is looking better all the time. At 50, he's formed a plan to move back to the place of his childhood when he eventually retires from teaching. He recently bought a house, right next to one of his best friends from high school, to use over holidays and summer breaks. Thanks to the Internet, he'll be able to launch a second career there and still keep in touch with his campus colleagues and former students.

This is the cool part: at the same time technology speeds up communication, it makes it possible for people to slow down their lives—if they choose.

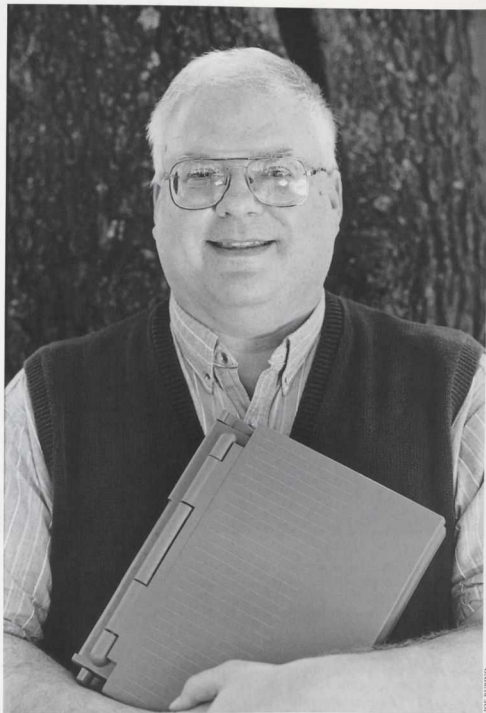
City life appealed to Dillman when he left home to study engineering science at Johns Hopkins University in 1966, partly because he was young and looking to expand his horizons and partly because high-tech career opportunities were scant in his hometown.

Unfortunately, he graduated at the same time NASA began laying off loads of engineers, who in turn snatched up computer programming jobs in the area. After searching in vain for work, Dillman returned half-heartedly to fill an emergency vacancy on the science faculty at the local high school. The principal, who had known Dillman as a teenager, told him he could have the job if he agreed to take some education courses.

A couple of years and a master's in education degree from Elmyra College later, Dillman had discovered two things: he loved teaching and learning, and he wanted to do more of both. So, he took off again. This time for University of Maryland where he completed all but the dissertation of a Ph.D. in computer-assisted education.

By that time the job market had opened up, and he landed a position as a senior analyst at American Planning Corporation in northern Virginia. He also taught computer science at Montgomery College and, in 1980, was brought onto the full-time faculty to coordinate the program.

Living in the suburbs of the nation's capital was a kick for a while. There were cultural opportunities in abundance, a cornucopia of ethnic restaurants, a vibrant



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night life. But the pace began to wear on him, as did the hordes of people and the clutter of houses and businesses sprouting everywhere to accommodate them. There was nothing "super" about the highways orbiting D.C. Washington is the country's most congested city, next to Los Angeles, and he had to leave for work at 4 a.m. to evade gridlock.

So when an offer came from Western Maryland in 1981, he jumped at the chance to live in a rural setting among a close-knit community of neighbors and colleagues.

Instruction Follows Function

McLuhan also said, "We shape our tools, and thereafter our tools shape us."

Technology can transform and improve teaching and learning, even at a small, selective liberal arts college like Western Maryland where there is plenty of face-to-face contact. Dillman finds the potential of the Internet as inspirational as the glories of nature.

"In the same sense that the forest is hard to describe, there is no adequate way to explain the feeling of magic and power that comes with the intimate understanding of cyberspace," he says. "You can stand at the edge of the Internet and see for



Computer technology can actually help us get closer to nature, Dillman says.

what seems like thousands of miles. And all the territory, clear to the horizon, is free and within reach. And a chunk of it can be yours if you get out there and stake a claim and make it work."

Dillman has made a point of doing just that.

In 1986, he and Communication Professor Bob Sapora founded the Institute for Educational Media to provide expertise to faculty who needed film, video or computer support for their proposals. Now the IEM manages a number of Internet mailing lists, including one for each of Dillman's classes, one open to any member of the WMC community that offers a forum for the discussion of computers and technology in education and one that's available to the WMC community and alumni that he treats as a newsletter to distribute information about Web site design.

"He's always been kind of an innovator," observes Jeff Smith '86, a computer software developer who receives Dillman's online newsletter and occasionally e-mails him with queries. "He teaches the same skills as other professors, but finds other than traditional ways to do it."

Over the last couple of years, he converted the textbook he wrote and used in class into a Web site, called Happy Fun Communication Land, to serve as an online study guide and research tool. It can be accessed at www.rdillman.com/HFCL/index.html. Two obvious advantages: it's free to students, who can access it via campus computers, and it can be updated or expanded as needed (unlike a printed publication, which is costly to revise).

Also, much of the material he used to present during lectures is now posted on the site, leaving more time for class discussion. Though he frequently gives short talks in response to student questions, he rarely lectures for an entire class period anymore.

"This gives me more time to explore ideas that might have been omitted were I standing up front talking all the time," he says.

Senior Sarah Gruber, a theatre and communication double major, says "it's really cool" the way Dillman makes such good use of the Internet as a "teaching aid." She has often used Happy Fun Communication Land to look up glossary terms and regu-

larly referred to Dillman's updated syllabi, where he reinforces ideas presented from each day's lecture.

She was especially happy when Dillman did away with blue books, allowing students to complete essay tests on the computer and turn them in via e-mail. "It was much more convenient. We could edit and cut and paste" instead of having to circle portions and use arrows to reorganize paragraphs written in longhand.

Dillman has begun publishing his students on the World Wide Web, as well. Each of the seniors in his seminar course is required to complete an individual research project and to write a formal paper, then they must translate their corrected work into Internet format to be published on the communication Web site.

"This is the first time that we've done this as a department, but we hope to continue to build the collection," Dillman says. "Having the papers online will help future communication majors learn how to write their own reports, and the site will give prospective students an idea of the level of intellectual work that we require of our majors."

E-mail has improved communication with students "dramatically," he says. Even though classes are small when compared to those at a large university, it's difficult to establish an in-class relationship with 75 people each semester. "By using e-mail, however, I can keep any number of conversations going at once," he says.

During the recent end-of-semester frenzy, Dillman "spoke" via e-mail to one student who needed to know if a certain course she was planning to take at a college in her home town this summer would transfer and count toward her communication major. One of his advisees wanted to know if he had satisfied a certain requirement for the major or if he still needed to complete it. Someone else asked if he could hand in his paper a day late. Another passed along the address of the Web page she created as her final project in his Web design course so he could review and grade it.

You can stand at the edge of the Internet and see for what seems like thousands of miles.'

—Rick Dillman, assistant professor of communication

"E-mail makes it easier for students and advisers of Dillman to get in touch with him at any time, whether the weekend or night time," says senior Elena Bozylinski. "He is always available and is one of the most reliable and easily accessible professors because he regularly checks his e-mail and makes sure the students know he does so."

"E-mail is also good for philosophical discourse," Dillman says. During an ongoing campus-wide debate on the Honor Code, he engaged in a number of long, back-and-forth discussions with faculty and students about the meaning of the term "honor" and about whether that required students to turn other students in. "E-mail gives you time to think, and it also gives you time to reread your thoughts and edit them if necessary."

By next fall, he hopes to have bulletin board software installed at his Web site, which will facilitate group Internet discussions with students. This will go one step beyond e-mail by letting class members interact with one another while he monitors the conversation.

"A number of my colleagues now regularly teach students how to create Web pages, and e-mail interaction with students is common. WMC's network doesn't support bulletin boards yet, but some faculty are creating interactive sessions with software on off-campus servers," he says. "The college was a little slow getting started with these technologies, but over the last five years we've been moving very fast. Next year's technology budget is the largest yet, so we should see another significant jump in capabilities."

Too much time spent thinking about hyperlink texts, budgets and memory upgrades reminds Dillman it's time for a trip to Pennsylvania, to his favorite retreat at Barbour's Rock.

The stream that flows through the canyon is too far below to hear, but you can see it glittering in the sun at times. An occasional hawk drifts by. And on a rainy day, he can watch storm clouds meander down the valley below. There, he is able to

No Fear: Learn to Surf at 70

Thomas Sands '50 isn't the kind of guy to sit back and watch the world pass him by. All the "w-w" and "dot-com" talk has him intrigued enough to buy a laptop and see what all this Internet fuss is about.

He may be 73, but don't call him obsolete.

"Ignorance is not a sin, but to remain ignorant in the presence of knowledge is stupid," says Sands, a retired microbiologist for Eli Lilly.

In the waning days of the second millennium, it would be understandable if the oldest among us began to feel outmoded and a bit overwhelmed by all the rapid changes technology has wrought. An entire cultural movement, dubbed "fin de siècle" by the French, formed in the 1890s to describe the widespread malaise afflicting many in the U.S. and Europe at the end of the 19th century.

"Fin de siècle societies tend to doubt that they will be able to cross the divide" and keep up with all the rapid changes in technology, lifestyles and values, says Hilhel Schwartz, a cultural historian who works with the Center for Millennial Studies at Boston University.

No such fears plague Sands and his wife Mary, nor the other alumni who attended WMC computer guru Rick Dillman's two-part introductory workshop on the Internet. During the first session, students learned the basics of sending and

receiving e-mail. The second meeting focused on World Wide Web research.

Carolyn Daniel McGolierick '71, one of the original "non-traditional" students, is planning to venture into cyberspace at 74, "because most everybody else is." She's eager to use the computer for her genealogical research and to keep in better touch with some of her old college pals.

"I just don't like to give up," she explains. "I had a mother who lived to 100."

Most of the class was "totally clueless" about the Internet at first, Dillman says. "But I think a little knowledge goes a long way in overcoming the fear of obsolescence."

Before long, the novices had figured out how to do things that most interested them: they found AARP's home page and online travel agencies and sent cyberhugs to their grandchildren.

"It was the neatest thing," Dillman says.

Sands was sold on the technology, and believes it may come in handy for shopping and taking care of other business when he's not quite so spry. He predicts more advances in the next century.

"I think life is better from one decade to the next, there's a constant improvement in the quality of life and everything else," says Sands. "I think as time goes on, barring any major wars, we're going to see a lot of progress made." —KA ●

"turn off the rational side" of his brain and let himself feel the beauty of the physical world.

After all, he is a professor at a liberal arts college.

"While I gain a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction from working with the insides of computers, I also feel a certain danger in long exposures to that point of

view," he explains. "I need to remind myself, every now and then, that the real leaves on the real trees are the real world, and that the computer leaves on the computer trees are just something that I made up and then built with my machines." ●

Seniors Jump Start Their Job Search

Brave New World

BY AMY PELSINSKY

If you listen closely after the celebratory graduation yelps, the murmur begins. That sudden realization (yes, it often doesn't hit until then) that school won't begin again in the fall. The awful reality that it's time to find a job.

"Who's going to want me?" says Erin Pettebone, a political science major from Bel Air, Md., who has been hitting job fairs and career seminars and devouring books on how to interview, how to get your foot in the door and how to succeed.

"Here's my resume. I've done internships. I have all these academic awards. I'm a hard worker. How do I get it across that

I can do more than just political science?"

Thanks to the hard-wired world of modern technology, that's actually an easy question. And with the unemployment rate dropping every day—the national average is four percent—the future looks bright.

But before hitting the pavement, be aware that this is not your parents' job search. Or even your older brother's at the rate technology has changed the way we look for employment.

"Most companies don't advertise their job openings in the local paper," says Lisa LaVina Klein '91, the Baltimore area market manager for Olsten Financial Staffing, a service that provides consultation, recruitment and financial staffing services to a wide range of companies and financial institutions. She says today's employers rely instead on Internet job search sites, like monster.com and careerpath.com, to post their job openings. The sites store thousands of jobs online, as easy to find as typing in a location and a job category. Companies also list jobs on their own Web sites or use recruiting services to find the

perfect match in the most cost-effective way.

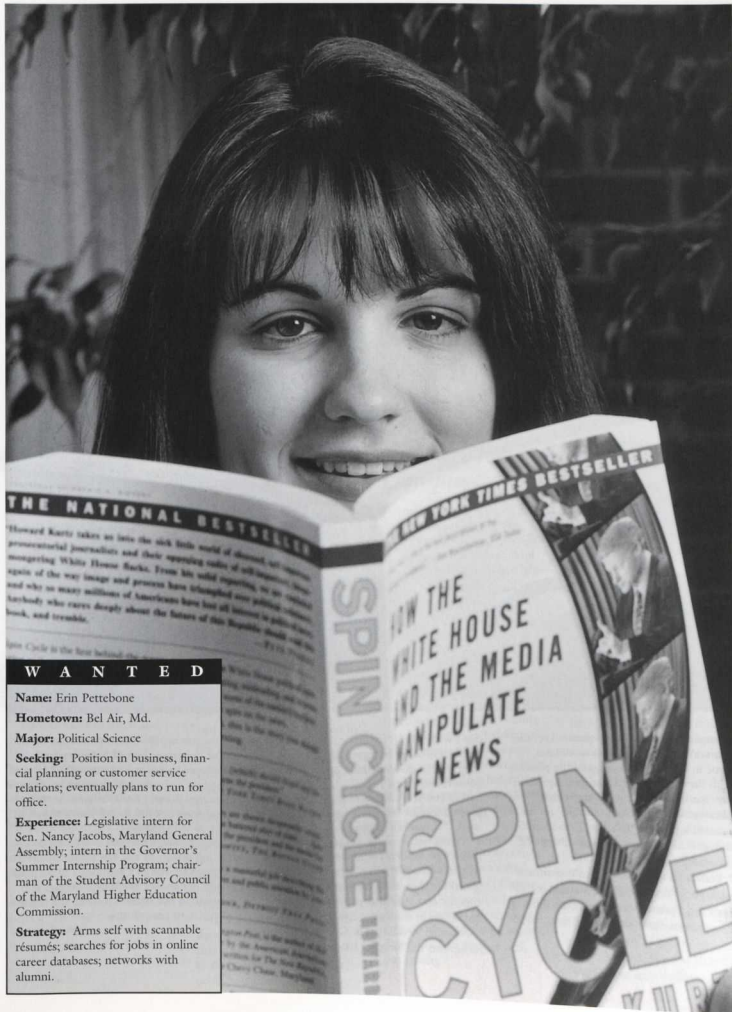
"I can't conceive of how my parents did it," says communication major Kevin Culley of combing through the want ads for a job. He prefers the detailed job listings online to the 15-word classified ads in the newspaper. Not to mention the ability to thoroughly research companies online before contacting them about positions.

In fact, he's been searching for a sports marketing job in his home state of Connecticut from the campus computer lab. "Ten years ago, you would have only known about jobs in the area through the classifieds in the paper," he says. "The Internet has made the world smaller. There may be a great job open in Australia."

Australia? Not so far-fetched considering video conferencing technology allows candidates to interview with companies on the other side of the country via fiber optic cable. The University of Maryland already offers the service, as well as some local business copying services. Although the technology is not yet available on campus, Career Services Director Karen Arnie says, "Small colleges like Western Maryland are really going to be the ones to take advantage of it. Companies can't afford to send recruiters out here for two people."

Résumés, however, are still indispensable, although there are now several obligatory versions. Pettebone pulls out a pile of bond paper. There's the standard resume with a little typographical flair, her name in red type in case the person interviewing her knows her father. Western Maryland is near the top in case the human resources personnel is a graduate, she says.

Then there's the scannable résumé, a simple outline of experience that could be easily scanned into a computer database.



W A N T E D

Name: Erin Pettebone

Hometown: Bel Air, Md.

Major: Political Science

Seeking: Position in business, financial planning or customer service relations; eventually plans to run for office.

Experience: Legislative intern for Sen. Nancy Jacobs, Maryland General Assembly; intern in the Governor's Summer Internship Program; chairman of the Student Advisory Council of the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

Strategy: Arms self with scannable résumés; searches for jobs in online career databases; networks with alumni.

Name: Kevin Culley

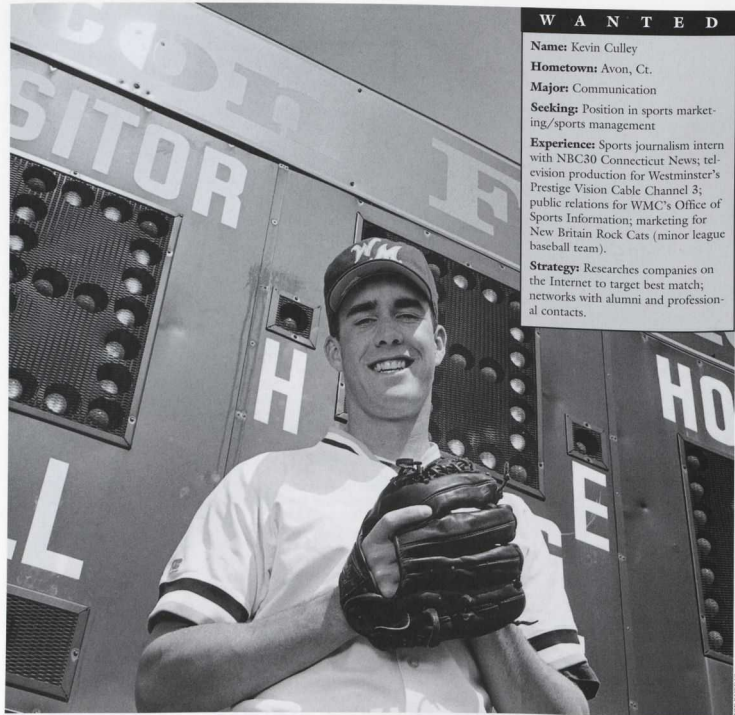
Hometown: Avon, Ct.

Major: Communication

Seeking: Position in sports marketing/sports management

Experience: Sports journalism intern with NBC30 Connecticut News; television production for Westminster's Prestige Vision Cable Channel 3; public relations for WMC's Office of Sports Information; marketing for New Britain Rock Cats (minor league baseball team).

Strategy: Researches companies on the Internet to target best match; networks with alumni and professional contacts.



Companies then use an automated résumé retrieval system to find job candidates. Type in few search words, and the résumés with the right qualifications pop up. Klein says the trick is to nail the key words, phrases like "accounts receivable" for an accounting job or "MS Excel" to identify software competency, to catch the eye of the search engine.

Pettebone's key words are "constituent relations," "drafted" (as in drafting legislation) and "wrote." However, she's looking for a job outside of politics for now. "One

day I want to run for office, but I feel like I need a broader background," she says. "Then I can do something more for my constituents when I run."

A liberal arts education is the ideal preparation for this brave new world of work. "If you can do research, do analysis and work with people, you are better prepared than students who came from a content-oriented specialized program," says Sherri Hughes, associate professor of psychology and industrial psychologist who specializes in workplace issues.

No need to tell that to Culley, who also recognizes the limits of super technology

in the job search. "Communications is the most important part of being a good employee in this millennial world," he says. "Posting a résumé with pictures at college-jobs.com doesn't do it for you. At some point someone has to call you, and you'll have to sell yourself."

Meanwhile, Pettebone is shaking down the job prospects and rereading "Smart Answers to Tough Questions." She's practicing her answer to "Where do you see yourself in five years?" Now all she needs is a chance to answer it. ●

Update

From Development



Former football coach Jim Hindman scores again by endowing a professorship in the humanities.

Self-Made Self-Starter Launches Professorship

Playing to win on the football field and in the board room has resulted in the funding of the college's first-ever endowed undergraduate professorship in the humanities.

Former football coach and Jiffy Lube International, Inc. founder Jim Hindman and his wife Dixie were recognized April 16 at a trustee dinner as the principal donors of the Ralph and Dorothy John Professorship in the Humanities, which honors the former college president and his wife Dot.

A self-made millionaire at age 35, Hindman was hired by John in 1976 to coach the winless football team. Two years later, the Green Terror

had posted a 7-1-1 record and an eighth-place national ranking in the NCAA Division III poll.

At a team meeting just weeks before graduation, one of his players complained that since it was no longer possible to become a millionaire by building a business, he would forfeit his dream and simply apply for government work. "I remember his words to me: 'I bet you can't do it again,'" said Hindman, who decided to prove him wrong.

By 1979, Hindman had created a new industry out of quick auto oil changes and hired many former football players as franchisees of Jiffy Lube International. (See p. 17 for more on one of them.) In fact, Hindman became the largest single corporate employer of members of the WMC community.

He credits the former president for supporting him in that endeavor, as well. "He [John] understood my need to prove something to the

younger generation and encouraged me to pursue that dream," said Hindman, who later recruited John to serve on Jiffy Lube's board as his "brain trust."

"I am very humbled to be a part of this great WMC family, and I cherish my coaching experiences," Hindman added. "Ralph John gave me that opportunity for which I will be forever grateful." •

Grant Brings Minority Scholars to Campus

Diversity is a hot topic on college campuses, yet it's not always easy to mirror America's melting pot in the classroom. Now the college will have help thanks to a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund.

The \$491,144 gift, which will be shared with Goucher College and Washington College, will establish a three-year pilot visiting scholars program based on the Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges' Black Eminent Scholars program, a successful effort which has supported 36 scholars since 1991 and created a strong network of African-American educators.

"It is important to us that Western Maryland reflect the world of which it is a part," said President Robert Chambers. "We have enjoyed success in our efforts to attract minority students, and we are equally determined to do that with our faculty."

The number of minority students has jumped from 7.5 percent in the fall of 1996 to 14 percent last fall. Minority professors comprise six percent of the faculty.

Beginning this fall, each college will host a duPont Visiting Scholar who will spend a year on campus. He or she will teach at least two courses a semester, present public lectures on his or her research and participate in campus and community diversity initiatives. The colleges hope to encourage some of them to stay on as permanent faculty members.

"Diversity strongly enriches the educational experience and is a key component of excellence in the liberal arts," Chambers noted. "This program will strengthen our effort to become a more diversified and inclusive community. It is bound to make a significant impact." •

Campaign Now Enters Critical Phase

To many, life as we know it beyond Dec. 31, 1999, is rife with uncertainties. Yet there is a way to make sure at least one thing goes as planned.

The Defining Moment Campaign, launched three years ago to raise \$40 million, will close at the end of the year. With nearly \$37.5 million already raised, the college is near its goal. However, only the continued support of the alumni and friends in the last few months of the campaign will make sure that things run smoothly for Western Maryland in the new millennium.

Look familiar?



WMC PHOTOGRAPHY

You've seen the photo accompanying information about the WMC Annual Fund Challenge, but do you know who they are? Ride along with our very own Doris Tuckwood '55, Leslie Werner '56, Marilyn Coombe X'56 and the ever-mysterious Green Terror. If you think you know the identity of this ferocious beast, drop us a line at the Office of Public Information, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.

Stay tuned for the Campaign Newsletter this fall for the unveiling of the legendary mascot. ●

WMC Challenge Sparks Renewal in Giving

Double your money. That's all it took to encourage an impressive number of alumni to renew their giving to the college. By mid-May the WMC Challenge, a fund created by trustees and generous alumni who promised to double any new or increased gift to the Annual Fund and contribute \$1,000 for each new member of The Founders Society, had inspired a record number of alumni to chip in.

At press time, 1,007 alumni who did not give to the college last year pledged a total of \$101,228. Of that group, 412 alumni who had not given in the past five years stepped up with \$26,055. Also, 18 alumni and friends joined the ranks of The Founder's Society as new members with gifts of \$1,000 or more.

"First-time and increased gifts to the college help the students receive an outstanding liberal arts education," said Sally Gold, national chair of the 1998-99 Annual Fund. "Those alumni who stepped forward deserve our thanks. They have joined with thousands of others who consistently give and make a difference."

The Challenge will help raise \$1.3 million by June 30. All of the gifts boost the Annual Fund, which provides critical support for student scholarships, library acquisitions, academic and social programming, and faculty research.

The operating fund is already enjoying a successful year with \$191,690 more gifts and pledges than last year at this time. "Every gift has helped make this year a historically successful one for the Annual Fund," Gold said. "But we will still need gifts from many first-time alumni donors in order to reach our goal." ●

Griswold-Zepp Award Promotes Arts Education

Western Maryland's theatrical honor society, Alpha Psi Omega, introduced an audience of school children to the excitement of the stage as part of their Project for Youth program to promote arts education in the Carroll County Public School System.

"The group wanted to do the project because all of us have seen how arts programs get cut back in these schools," said project coordinator Jimmy Reddan '99, a music education major from Waldorf, Md. "It takes away a student's chance to be creative, imaginative and free thinking, which is as important as being able to balance a checkbook or to write your name on a piece of paper."

The 19-member group performed at a Westminster elementary school and offered on-site workshops for local high school students. They also presented "A Day at the Theater" on campus, co-sponsored by a \$200 grant from the Carroll County Arts Council, which allowed high school

"The last \$3 million will be the toughest to raise," said Rich Kief, vice president of Institutional Advancement, who has had 15 years of experience with multi-million dollar fundraising campaigns. "Many of our most generous and loyal alumni and friends have already stepped forward to support the campaign. Now we must ask those who have not yet made commitments to join this vital effort. We will need them to make gifts much larger than they have ever considered. Their leadership and generosity through Dec. 31 will help create a bright and

promising future for the college in the 21st century."

Campaign Chair Martin K.P. Hill, President Robert Chambers and Board of Trustees Chair James Melhorn are encouraging Western Maryland family and friends to remember the Defining Moment Campaign as it reaches the critical Dec. 31 deadline. The gifts needed will provide additional scholarships, improved facilities and expanded academic programs for future generations of students.

"It's not over, until it's over," Kief said. ●

Jim and Dixie Hindman, English Professor Kathy Mangan, and Dot and Ralph John (right) celebrate the creation of the Ralph and Dorothy John Professorship in the Humanities, donated by former football coach and master entrepreneur Jim Hindman.



students to experience collegiate-level theater through workshops in auditioning, costuming, improvisation and stage work.

The project was made possible by the Griswold-Zepp Award, a stipend of \$1,250, given annually to a student or group who submits the most innovative proposal to support volunteer experiences. Established in 1990, the award honors professors Earl Griswold and Ira Zepp, who in the 1960s helped form the Student Opportunities Service, which traveled overseas and around the country to build libraries and communities, and Operation Hinge, which provided tutoring for minority children in the Westminster area.

The 1999-2000 award was given to the Sounds of Silence,

a 20-member group that hopes to bridge the gap between the hearing and the deaf on campus, where close to 50 deaf students are enrolled. •

A Hallmark Evening

It was more perfect than many family reunions. Everyone was smiling, hugging and on a first-name basis. Unrelated except through college ties were the trustees and invited guests who gathered at the spring board dinner to congratulate and welcome back former President Ralph John and his wife Dot. There was much to celebrate about this dynamic duo, most especially the naming in their honor of



the college's first endowed professorship.

Funded by friends of the college Jim and Dixie Hindman, the Ralph and Dorothy John Professorship in the Humanities will recognize outstanding faculty achievement and provide an annual stipend to support research and professional activities. The professorship will rotate every five years to faculty in the disciplines representing the humanities. Professor of English and poet-in-residence Kathy Mangan has been awarded the first professorship.

Speaking on behalf of the couple, John thanked the Hindmans for this tribute saying, "We are moved by your graciousness, and feel we are the luckiest people in the world. I always thought of WMC as an educational Eden. The creation of this professorship renews my sense of the

college and its commitment to liberal learning."

Under John's tenure as president from 1972-84, the college nearly doubled its enrollment, earned acclaim for its graduate program in deafness, launched the graduate degree program in liberal arts, adopted long-range planning and its "First Principles" mission statement and was approved for a prestigious Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

For more information about funding professorships, endowed academic chairs and programs or other naming gift opportunities, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 410/857-2250. •

Tributes from the Podium

Former Board Chair Woody Preston on Ralph John:

"I was totally inexperienced as chairman of the board and looked to him for advice on most occasions. He was the man we needed ... his courage and leadership inspired progress and his legacy has been carried on magnificently by today's trustees in partnership with President Chambers."

Trustee Dolores Snyder on Dot John: "Her shoulders were always broad enough to support anyone's problem. She represented [to me] parenting with dignity."

Maryland's private higher education advocate Beth Garraway on Ralph John: "His sustaining friendship has pointed me to a soulful path. He taught me tenacity and persistence are crucial to the achievement of success."

Grandson Zachary John (age 13): "I am proud to be your grandson."

Former WMC coach and benefactor Jim Hindman on Ralph John: "He gave me a chance to be a coach without my having any credentials ... this opportunity was cherished. WMC was the main experience of my life." •

News

From Alumni

Star Alumni Earn Awards

Reputed to be the Indiana Jones of zoologists, **Alan Rabinowitz '74**, director for science at the Wildlife Conservation Society, has risked life and limb to study endangered bats in the caves of Kentucky and Tennessee, black bears in the Smoky Mountains, the elusive clouded leopard in the jungles of northern Borneo and jaguars in the rain forests of Belize. But this May 2 was the first time he ever stood before the crowd at the Senior Honors and Investiture Con-

ferred species conservation worldwide. Using his research on jaguars, he was instrumental in establishing the Cockscorn Basin Jaguar Preserve in Belize, the world's first sanctuary protected specifically for jaguars and their prey. His wildlife surveys and research led to the establishment of Tawu Mountain Nature Reserve, Taiwan's largest protected area; Lampi Island National Park, Myanmar's first marine park; and Hkakaborazi National Park, Myanmar's largest national park and one of the largest protected areas in the Himalayas. He conducted the first status survey on the

Barbara Hetrick '67 is helping develop a college of arts and sciences and a general education curriculum for two new women's universities in the United Arab Emirates.

Vietnam. As the first wildlife biologist to conduct surveys on the border of Myanmar and Tibet in 1996 he documented four new mammal species for Myanmar and discovered the "leaf deer," a new deer species to science.

From his office at the Bronx Zoo, Rabinowitz has managed research and conservation projects throughout Asia and Latin America and developed wildlife research training programs in Sabah, Sarawak, Taiwan, China and Myanmar. He is also responsible for creating and implementing the "Save the Tiger" campaign and the "Global Carnivore Program" for the society. In addition to more than 60 articles in both scientific journals and popular

wildlife publications, he has published two books chronicling his wildlife adventures and a training manual available in seven languages.

Rabinowitz, who graduated with a major in biology and chemistry, went on to earn a M.A. and Ph.D. in wildlife ecology from the University of

Tennessee in 1978 and 1981. His wife Salisa is a geneticist at the society. They reside in Mahopac, New York.

Barbara Hetrick '67, vice president for Academic Affairs at the College of Wooster in Ohio, has been a driving force in higher education. After holding teaching positions at the University of Maryland and The George Washington University, she joined the faculty of Hood College in Frederick, Md., in 1973 where she chaired the department of sociology and social work until 1986 and held the Andrew G. Truxal Endowed Chair in Sociology until 1995. She won the Hood College Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award and was an American Council on Education Fellow. She also served as vice president and dean of academic affairs from 1985 to 1995.

Under Hetrick's leadership, Hood introduced a four-year core curriculum, recognized as a model of excellence and innovation by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and embarked on a plan to enrich the college's quality and diversity, leading the establishment of an African-American Studies program and a four-year honors program. She chaired the American Conference of Academic



Trustee Alumni Award recipients Alan Rabinowitz '74, Barbara Hetrick '67 and Grayson Winterling '66 are joined by Trustee Chair James Melhorn (left) and President Robert Chambers (right).

vocation to receive a Trustee Alumni Award for his outstanding professional achievements. He was joined in the honor by higher education proponent Barbara Hetrick '67 and Washington insider Grayson Winterling, '66.

After more than two decades in the field, Rabinowitz has made an impact on endan-

Sumatran rhinoceros in north Borneo and the first field research on Asiatic leopards and Indochinese tigers in Thailand. In the 1990s he was one of the first western biologists since 1974 allowed into the remote Annamite Mountains on the border of Laos and

Deans, the Council of Fellows of the American Council on Education and the Associated New American Colleges. She also worked with the National Institute of Education's study group on the conditions of excellence in American higher education, which produced the landmark report "Involvement in Learning" and sparked a national movement in the assessment of student learning.

An active community volunteer, she was also involved with Advocates for the Homeless and the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence. She left Hood to serve as vice president of the Maryland Independent College and University Association from 1995 to 1997, where she was involved in issues of public policy affecting higher education, student financial aid and the use of technology in the classroom. She has authored three books and numerous articles in her academic field, as well as higher education. She is currently helping develop a college of arts and sciences and a general education curriculum for two new women's universities in the United Arab Emirates.

Hetrick majored in French and sociology and earned certification to teach French and Spanish in secondary schools. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in sociology from the University of Maryland in 1971 and 1979. She and her husband Douglas Peterson, an associate professor of mathematics and computer science, live in Wooster, Ohio.

Recognized in the nation's capital and beyond for his legislative expertise, **Grayson Winterling '66** has used his consensus building skills in vari-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL ECKARD

Be-Boppin' Back

The Reunion 2000 weekend, slated for April 28-30, will kick off with an all-class dinner Friday night, sweetened by the sounds of the WMC Jazz Band. Led by music lecturer and professional musician Bo Eckard, the lineup will be studded with some respectable ringers for an evening of stellar music.

"This is a chance for us to put our best foot forward," said Walt Michael '68, co-chair of the Reunion 2000 programming subcommittee. "The jazz program is strong and we want alumni to see what these students can do. This is the time to celebrate what it means to be a WMC graduate."



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ous Senate leadership positions to develop successful policy strategies. The past four years he has been the staff director of the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, responsible for the Rules of the Senate, adjudication of disputed senatorial elections and budget approval for 18 standing committees. The panel also holds budget authority for such Washington landmarks as the Smithsonian Institute and the Kennedy Center. He directed the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the 1997 Presidential Inauguration and, as the committee's staff director, spearheaded the passage of legislation to bring the Women's Suffrage Portrait Statue out of the basement of the Capitol to a position of prominence in the Rotunda.

Winterling served as staff director and national security adviser for the office of Virginia

Senator John Warner from 1988 to 1995, coordinating press relations, recommending positions on pending bills and drafting critical national security and foreign policy legislation. As Chief of Special Actions for the U.S. Army Office of Legislative Affairs from 1982 to 1988, he planned and managed legislative strategies that secured Congressional approval for military programs, as well as developed plans to advance the Army's image and visibility. He retired from the Army in 1988 after 22 years of distinguished service with command and staff assignments in Vietnam, Korea, Germany and the continental U.S.

He has also been very active in community and charitable affairs. Most notably, he has chaired the annual golf and tennis tournament on behalf of the Lupus Foundation of Greater Washington for the past eight years.

Winterling earned a B.A. in political science and a master's in education and taught military science at the college from 1973 to 1975. A distinguished graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College, he also completed the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Senior Management Program and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management Executive Series on Finance.

After 33 years of government service, he accepted a leadership position this April with Rooney Group International, a consulting firm in Arlington, Va., where he will apply his government expertise in the private sector. Winterling lives in Alexandria, Va., with his wife Sylvia. They have two children, Stephen and Jocelyne. ●

In Memoriam

Mrs. Anne Lauder Logsdon '27, of Wheaton, Ill., on November 29, 1998.
Mrs. Laura Hutchins Jubb '28, of Leonardtown, Md., on December 5, 1998.

Mrs. Sara Freeman Long '29, of Salisbury, Md., on March 31, 1999.
Dr. George E. "Ned" Shriver '29, of Wayne, N.J., on February 6, 1999.
Mrs. Catherine Read Hall '30, of Chestertown, Md., on February 8, 1999.

Mrs. Amanda Bell Phillips '30, of Williamsport, Md., on October 23, 1998.

Mrs. Grace Armstrong Sherwood '30, of Dorset, England, on December 26, 1998.

Mr. Harry Otto Smith '30, of Walkersville, Md., on March 19, 1999.

Mrs. Ruth Hobbs Chapin '31, of Westminster, Md., on September 1, 1998.

Mr. Alfred A. Sadusky '34, of Columbia, Md., on March 27, 1999.

Mr. Roy F. Snyder '34, of Woodsboro, Md., on March 1, 1999.

Mr. Harry E. Zimmerman '34, of Frederick, Md., on September 17, 1998.

Dr. George K. Harrison '35, of Sherwood, Md., on November 12, 1998.

Dr. John M. Culler '37, of Frederick, Md., on January 22, 1999.

Dr. L. Eugene Cronin '38, of Annapolis, Md., on December 18, 1998.

Mr. C. Richard Main '38, of Chambersburg, Pa., on December 11, 1998.

Mrs. Nancy Getty Haifley '39, of Catonsville, Md., on March 7, 1999.

Mrs. Mary Oleair Stark '39, of Lorain, Ohio, on November 21, 1998.

Mrs. Edith Leidy Marshall '41, of Westminster, Md., on October 28, 1998.

Rev. Edwin G. Reter '41, of Gaithersburg, Md., on April 10, 1998.

Judge Edward O. Weant '41, of Westminster, Md., on February 10, 1999.

Mr. Frederick H. Bohn Jr. '43, of Haddonfield, N.J., on December 4, 1998.

Mrs. Margaret Reeves Saunders '43, of Elizabeth City, N.C., on March 30, 1999.

Rev. Paul W. Henry '44, of Silverton, Ore., on September 15, 1998.

Mr. Harold M. Lewis '46, of Carlisle, Pa., on February 12, 1999.

Mrs. Fonda Boyer Randall '47, of Kennett Square, Pa., on January 14, 1999.

Dr. Herman G. Hirschberg '49, of Scottsdale, Ariz., on March 4, 1997.

Mr. Ronald L. Keith '49, of Severna Park, Md., on December 30, 1998.

Mr. Ernest E. Melhorn MEd '50, of York, Pa., on December 13, 1998.

Dr. Daniel I. Welliver '50, of Westminster, Md., on December 13, 1998.

Mrs. Joan Williamson Fowler '51, of Westminster, Md., on December 13, 1998.

Mr. William D. Scheder '51, of New York, N.Y., on March 10, 1999.

Mrs. Katharine Loose Falconer '52, of Westminster, Md., on January 17, 1999.

Mr. Arthur Pletsch '52, of Glenco, Ill., on May 25, 1997.

Mr. Arthur W. Shearer '52, of Bonita Springs, Fla., on July 3, 1998.

Col. Dennis M. Boyle '53, of El Cajon, Calif., on November 28, 1998.

Mrs. Mary Lou Purdum Dumas '53, of Largo, Fla., on April 1, 1997.

Mrs. Sally G. Harrison '54, of Front Royal, Va., date unknown.

Dr. Mary Warren Pinschmidt '56, of Frederickburg, Va., on November 25, 1998.

Mr. Curvin C. Senft MEd '59, of York, Pa., on March 17, 1999.

Mr. Charles Lee Bloodsworth, Jr. '63, of Bishopville, Md., on March 20, 1999.

Dr. Stuart J. Dearing '64, of Fairfax, Va., on December 27, 1998.

Mr. W. Wilson Duncan Sr. MEd '64, of Pocomoke City, Md., on January 26, 1999.

Dr. Alain R. Derasse '67, of Sarasota, Fla., on August 6, 1998.

Mr. Daniel Janczewski '70, of British Columbia, Canada, on November 22, 1998.

Mrs. Jean Barnes Bwalya '76, of Columbia, Md., on December 20, 1998.

Mrs. Kathy Lingenfelter Gullett '77, of Lumberton, N.C., on January 2, 1999.

Ms. Lois L. Lee MEd '78, of Austin, Texas, date unknown.

Mrs. Ilene Lieberman Youngs MEd '79, of Ontario, Canada, on July 9, 1997.

Mr. Dane F. Buschmeyer '81, of Washington, D.C., on December 7, 1997.

Mrs. Sherri McKinnon West '84, of Columbia, Md., on January 27, 1999.

Justice Harry A. Blackmun, honorary doctor of law 1995, of Washington, D.C., on March 4, 1999.

Mrs. Barbara Meredith Traugott '82, of Michael W. Selby on June 27, 1998.

Deborah Hands '88, of Charles Lusco on October 11, 1998. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Carolyn Bentz '90, to James Boggs Jr. on March 13, 1999. They reside in Finksburg, Md.

John Sullivan '91, to Kim Bergen '92 on September 12, 1998. They reside in West Newton, Mass.

Amy Barrett '92, to Andy Appar on July 4, 1998. They reside in Montpelier, Vt.

Dina Comuzzi '92, to Gordon Geesey on April 27, 1996. They reside in Frederick, Md.

Jennifer Sheeder '92, to David Hurley '91 on October 4, 1997. They reside in Tolland, Conn.

Douglas Rettberg '92, to Regina MacCubbin on November 7, 1998. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Kerry Elizabeth Meyers '93, to Joseph P. Furnari '92 on August 8, 1998. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Lisa Wieder '94, to Mark Liddington in April 19, 1997. They reside in Bethlehem, Pa.

Amy Krug '94, to Troy Marts on May 3, 1998. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Claudy Bollinger '94, to Aristidis Koutsouridis on May 26, 1997. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Alison Winters '97, to Todd Welch on July 11, 1998. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Andrea Kolezar '96, to Matthew Fuhrman '95 on April 18, 1998. They reside in Gettysburg, Pa.

Sarah Elizabeth South '98, to Robert Andrews on October 10, 1998. They reside in Eldersburg, Md.

Births

Jaclyn Luisa Marrero, on June 10, 1998, to George Marrero and Cheryl Clark '76.

Caroline Jean "Cara" McWilliams, on February 24, 1998, to Brent "Bo" '79 and Carol Keith McWilliams.

Shannon Meredith Hendricks, on October 31, 1998, to Scott and Karen Dulle '82 Hendricks.

Hope Elizabeth DiVello, in January 1998, to Doug '82 and Cathy Basti '82 DiVello.

Juliana Butzer, in June 1998, to Randy '82 and Wendy Lucas '85 Butzer.

Joshua Dickey, in August 1998, to Jonathan '82 and Alison Dickey.

Emma Kathryn Pascal, on July 2, 1998, to Ken and Cynthia Wilcox '84 Pascal.

Zoe Erin Ciella Robinson, on May 8, 1988, to John Robinson '86 and Alice Ciella '85.

Jacob Chung, in December 1998, to Jim '87 and Elinor Chung.

Courtney Virginia Nattans, on October 19, 1998, to Joe '87 and Laura Nattans.

Jack Rossi, on August 21, 1998, to Christopher and Suzanne Brazis '87 Rossi.

Sean Stroud, on November 13, 1998, to Dave '87 and Lesley Stroud.

Seth Jacob Anderson, on September 24, 1998, to Timothy and Dawn Deffenbaugh '88 Anderson.

Craig Sterner Dailey, on September 25, 1998, to David and Robyn Catano '88 Dailey.

Jennifer Nicole Hess, on January 24, 1998, to James '88 and Cynthia Robey '87 Hess.

Molly Rose O'Neil, on December 11, 1998, to Brian and Carol Boore '88 O'Neil.

Sara Elisabeth Hegna, in May 1998, to Steven '89 and Mette Hegna.

Jack Robert Mathis, on December 1, 1998, to John R. and Lynne Enoch '89 Mathis.

Joseph Christopher Raley, on January 20, 1999, to Randy and Debra Dean '89 Raley.

Zachary Christopher Schaber, on November 4, 1998, to Chris '89 and Cathleen Frantzen '90 Schaber.

Matthew Richard Ryan, on December 9, 1998, to Rich and Trish Koch '90 Ryan.

Ayla Grace Busch, on August 31, 1998, to Matt and Beth Basler '92 Busch.

Megan Rose Callan, on June 20, 1998, to Rick '92 and Amy Callan.

Nicholas James Embrey, on May 5, 1998, to Joe '92 and Stephanie Hunter '90 Embrey.

Madison Pearl Lamarca, on September 10, 1998, to Mike and Danna Reid '92 Lamarca.

Quinn Burkner, on November 9, 1998, to Albert "Burr" '93 and Heather Burkner.

Madilyn Dawn Stanton, on August 27, 1998, to Troy and Rose Varela MS'93 Stanton.

Christopher Brannon, in July 1998, to Shawn and Jennifer Bowles '94 Brannon.

Mason Hunter Fitzgates, on February 11, 1999, to Sean and Amy Bridgeman '94 Fitzgates.

Jaxon Stone Sellers, on May 18, 1998, to Trevor '94 and Tamitha Moore '94 Sellers.

Michael Thomas Whidden, on November 23, 1998, to Steven and Beth Burick MS'95 Whidden.

Ryan Rhea Remington, on June 29, 1998, to Daniel and Theresa Barrett MS'98 Remington.

Master's News

The Board of Trustees of Virginia Union University elected **Dr. Bernard W. Franklin MEd '78** as the university's 10th president, effective July 1. Franklin has served as president of Saint Augustine's College—a private, historically-black institution of 1,600 students, founded in 1867—since March of 1995. From 1989 to 1995, he was president of Livingstone College and Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, N.C. He is credited with record-setting fundraising and unprecedented campus development at both institutions. He successfully led Livingstone College through reaccreditation for the seminary's graduate programs and spearheaded a campus-wide technology initiative for student and faculty e-mail and Pentium-level computer access at Saint Augustine's College.

Marianne Hazel MS'98 has been accepted to Immaculate College's Doctor of Education program. She is an elementary assistant principal and reading supervisor for the Conewago Valley School District. She taught for six years in the Carroll County Public School System.

Class Notes

27 Since there are only eight of us, when we sent out the cards we thought it would be interesting to include some tidbits from our gardens of memory.

Velma Richmond Albright had a stroke but is now able to get about to a limited degree. She remembers when she met **Al Albright '28** and asked Dean **Minnie Robinson** if it would be okay to date him. Minnie said, "It's okay. Mr. Albright works in my garden, so he's a fine young man." They were married shortly after graduation and lived happily until he passed away several years ago.

Through the years **George Sullivan** has been one of the most faithful '27ers. He did not come to our 70th reunion and did not send a card, which was most unusual as he was always one of the first to reply. It turns out he and Alma were traveling. He wished us all well.

I called **Fran Bratt** and left a message on her machine asking her to call me.

Ginna Wilson Shockley remembers dorm life in Old Main: "As a freshman in the fall of 1923 I had a room in Smith Hall with a window over the porch roof. Since we were confined to our rooms for study hours 7 to 9 p.m. with Mrs. Stover checking, we dared not be seen in the hall. **Blanche Ford Bowlsbey** was two doors down, so I would go out the window and walk down the roof to her window for a visit. It was a quick exit when the knock came for room check, and I was forced to scamper back to my room before Mrs. Stover reached number 56."

Ginna did not add that the roof had a dangerous pitch. When we returned to "the Hill" years later we shuddered to think that with one false step we could have ended as a pile of mush on the road.

Catherine Parker Lippy Moriarty was at home when I called, and we had a nice chat.

Joy Reinmuth has had several small strokes, reports friend **Ginny Stoner '32**. She is able to get around with help but does not remember well.

Catherine Sponseller Thomas has had some illness but is improved. Some of my most interesting experiences while on "the Hill":

Sanctioned dating in the college parlors from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and Sunday walks after dinner until 3 p.m. The favorite pursuit was to walk around the track in front of the grandstand. In order to make sure there were no variations to the activity, Mrs. Fanny Stover, the assistant dean, sat on a stone bench on top of the hill facing the track. If the walkers slowed down too much, stopped or moved toward the grandstand, a "carrier pigeon" appeared to tell them to "keep walking!" They did after one glance up the hill.

One of the most dedicated professors was retired Methodist minister **Dr. Herbert Stevens**. Everyone will remember "Mourner's Bench" beside Lewis Hall. The boys loved to sit and heckle passers by. Often we would be in class listening to the lecture when a booming voice would rise from mourner's bench—"Poor Dr. Stevens, respond again." He never let on he heard it if he did, but the class almost choked!

The night of my graduation recital in piano at Alumni Hall, I had been fighting the flu for several days and begged my piano teacher, Miss Maude Gesner, to postpone the concert. She told me I knew the music perfectly and that it would come back to me when I started. An hour before the concert I could not remember one note. Having no choice, I went out on the stage. My opening number began with four tremendously loud chords. I was uneasy and about to leave the stage until I struck the first chord and one of my buddies in the balcony shouted, "She's off!" The ice was broken. I felt a grin come on, and I finished the program flawlessly. I never knew who my benefactor was, but to this day I am grateful.

Blanche Ford Bowlsbey
1600 Green Mill Road
Finksburg, MD 21048

32 Sixty-seven. Yes, that is how many years ago that we left College Hill. With every issue of *The Hill* the number of our classmates becomes less. There were seven who returned to our 65th reunion. **Virtue Shockey Clobber** was there. Two months later she had a fatal heart attack. **Alveta Dillon** had a massive stroke a year ago, and last November she died in a nursing home in Meyersdale, Pa.

Dr. Fidelia Gilbert spent an enjoyable afternoon luncheon with two of her classmates, **Thelma Snader Replogle** and **Joanna McKinstry Hesson**. Considering their age, they were in good health.

Mannie Kress lives in Ridgely House, a senior retirement center in Manchester, Md. She is a leader in a Bible class.

Muriel Bishop Livingston sent a note: "Do you fellow octogenarians find it difficult to stay on the 'cutting edge' of this electronic age? Dolly, my bouncy Pomeranian, and I are wintering well in the not-so-sunny South. She is not concerned about said cut-

ting edge. 1999 will be a memorable year for us '32ers, won't it?"

Lt. Col. **Henry Caple** and Frieda are doing fine in Denton, Md. Even though he is a native of Westminster, Henry liked his teaching assignment in Snow Hill so much that when he retired from the Army he returned to the Shore. They are enjoying their four grandchildren.

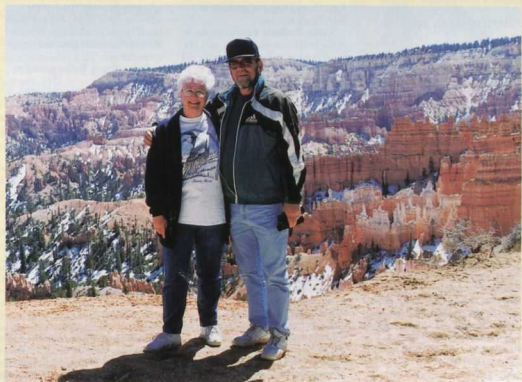
Virginia Stoner is busy and happy at Carroll Lutheran Village. She is active in DAR, church activities and working at the greeter's desk in the Lutheran Village. She has her car and takes her friends on trips. Ginny sees **Catherine "Cappy" Baumgartner**, who sold her lovely home in Westminster and also lives at the Village.

Evelyn Kauffman Wall talked to Ginny at Christmas time. She lives in Santa Barbara, Calif.

After living in Florida for 10 years, **Ella Weir Queen** returned to Baltimore to be near her family. Her husband died in August.

Katherine Leidy Unger spends the cold winter months in Hanover, N.H., reading good books. She is waiting for the first blue bird—then she will be busy with her garden.

Postcards from the Edge



GONE A WANDERIN'. Pat Werner Callender '57 and her husband George, far from their home base in Bel Air, Md., stopped at Bryce Canyon, Utah, on their 10-month cross-country motorhome adventure through 25 states and 15,072 miles, including one stretch through a herd of buffalo.

Have you been somewhere exciting sporting your WMC spirit? Send a photo of yourself and your college buddies bearing the mark of the Terror, and we'll print the best one each issue. Mail snapshots and details (including names of those pictured and how to contact you) to: Postcards from the Edge, Office of Public Information, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.

During the Thanksgiving holiday **Allice Evans Walters** spent time in Annapolis, Md. She enjoyed the old home sites and the state government buildings. In her note she enclosed a picture of her lovely home on the Pocomoke River that is on the National Register of Historic Properties.

Melva Martin Willis is enjoying life in sunny Florida.

Margaret Lee Nelson Tawes says that to carry on her regular routine is an achievement. However, she directs her church choir and is active in DAR, bridge club and retired teachers.

Dr. Mary E. Humphreys says October was a very exciting month in Berlin, Md. It was Broadway on Baker Street as the filming of *Runaway Bride* with Richard Gere and Julia Roberts was taking place. Mary's home was in the middle of the action. Cables were on her lawn, floodlights in the attic, bedroom and porch. The movie will be released this summer. We'll be watching for you, Mary.

I stay busy working in several clubs and caring for my three-acre "farm." I raise pea fowls and bantam chickens. I have Jack, a black Lab, and Kit, my orange-colored cat. This summer I had a bout with Lyme Disease. Deer are frequent visitors to my property. I

When Hollywood came to Berlin, Md., to film Runaway Bride MARY E. HUMPHREY'S '32 house was in the middle of the action—there were cables on her lawn and floodlights in the attic, bedroom and porch.

have four grandsons who are all grown up and busy. There is one great-grandson, Nicholas, 14 months old. I am so fortunate to have them live not so far from me.

Our class roster continues to grow smaller, but let us keep sending messages for The Hill.

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37 Thanks for a wonderful response from so many of you.

Madalyn Blades
Angel feels blessed that she and husband Ralph are able to travel. In October and November they visited Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. In Budapest they were aware of the advantage of students studying at WMC-Budapest.

Louise Nickell Horn still lives in Garrett Park, '52. She's 52 years in same house, 24 years as a widow. Her daughter and son-in-law live close by in Kensington. Son Ron, his wife and two sons live in Palo Alto, Calif., where she visited over Christmas. One grandson teaches at Kennedy Kreiger. One granddaughter is a sonographer/mammographer in Olney, and the other is a lighting designer in Kansas. Louise keeps busy with church, bridge, family and friends. Back problems have slowed her down a bit.

Dr. Charles H. Williams had a three-week visit with his son and four children in sunny California and a wonderful trip to Alaska. His granddaughter, an RN, returned from India with the Peace Corps and is now working on her master's degree. He enjoys activities at Charleston, a retirement community.

Sarabelle Blackwell Steele and husband Tom celebrated their 60th anniversary. They have five children who are all well and busy. They moved to a care center between Mary and losing his eyesight. They are very content—she doesn't have to cook, clean, do laundry or worry about their health.

Bob McKenzie traveled to Scotland and Ireland to find family roots, which he found mainly in Belfast. He was also interested in finding Hadrian's Wall, now almost non-existent. He thinks he previously reported traveling to the Caribbean, Alaska and Asia. He still hopes to get back to WMC for a reunion.

Nellie Hoffman Lantz says she is in fair health considering her age. She enjoyed a trip to Egypt last spring and hopes to go back some day. She always looks forward to going to Ocean City every year.

Dot Hull Brown says that there is no more overseas travel in her plans, but she enjoys short trips and a lot of bridge. She has six grandchildren: four in college, one married with three children and one with prospects. In 1995 she attended Homecoming with two daughters, spent the night at the Westminster Inn (her old high school) and attended a reunion of alumni sorority sisters (Phi Sigma Sigma).

Being 82 years old is not a drawback to **Rowland Armatrack**. He still plays and enjoys golf, takes care of home and garden and entertains the families of his son and daughter and three grandchildren.

Louise Shipley Fillion sends greetings from Riverton, Wyo. There is a community college in the town and also a public television station where her son-in-law is chief engineer. Her daughter Ann is the librarian at Ft. Washlake School. One grandchild lives in Pennsylvania and the other in Colorado. Good health enables Louise to volunteer at four libraries and enjoy activities in church and DAR. Travel has included trips to Maryland, Florida and Alaska.

Marie "Scottie" LaForge Burns reports that her "life has been turned upside down the last few years." Her husband Gregg and her daughter Kathryn died six days apart in 1996.

Our sincere sympathy to you, Scottie. Her son and his wife live in Arkansas and daughter Betty Gibson lives in New Jersey. Grandson Brendon Christopher is in the Navy. Scottie has moved to a retirement community, Crestwood Village, in Frederick and is content. Continuing her interest in history, she is doing research in the area.

Margaret Harman Fleming is contentedly living in Springdale Retirement Village in New Windsor, midway between a farm where her family once lived and the old New Windsor High School building where she once taught. Many of her former students offer companionship and transportation when needed. She has one great-granddaughter.

Frederick Tyrell is enjoying retirement and good health. Activities include Kiwanis and classes for people teaching ESL classes. He plans to spend a month touring California and participating in two Elderhostels. Family includes children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Julia Ward Walker visited the Spring Tulip Gardens in Holland, Mich., and then went on to Mackinac Island for several days. She also attended the Azalea Festival in Norfolk. Garden Club, Sororist Club and reading. She has no health problems—just a littler slower.

Lillian Moore Bradshaw sends greetings from the "land of the sun—no snow, no ice and not much news, except political opportunities abound." She feels great and enjoys every day.

Peggy Young Bailey moved to Blakehurst in October 1997. She finds it nice but misses her house. They hoped to go to Israel for 16 days in March and to France with the Alumni Association in May. She has 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ethel Lauterbach Sellman's granddaughter Carrie LaBar has joined the family involvement in education as a special education teacher. Ethel and her daughter Ethel '63 are retired. She stays active with Delta Kappa Gamma Society and Lionism, both as Lioness and a Lion.

The **Lumans** have both retired to the Virginia Beach area. **Harry** retired in 1965 from the military and worked as a civilian for the Army as a recreation director. Then after 10 years he worked in the same capacity in Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina. In 1989 he retired and went to Norfolk, where his daughter Patricia worked and brother **Ralph** lived. He went back to WMC in 1965 to get his B.A., and he turned 85 on Jan. 7.

Ralph reports having his family together for Christmas, including daughter **Caroleen Luman Magaha '68**. He had heart surgery in May, which he says was not major but caused him to slow down. He is still able to enjoy his hobby of making and repairing furniture for family, friends and the church. He likes the Virginia Beach area, especially the mild winters.

Annie O. Sansbury Warman reports that she is alone on the farm, but daughter Irene lives just four miles away. Son **John '63** lives in Rockville, and son **Oden** is a district superintendent in the Methodist Church in western Pennsylvania. Annie O. is well and reads two newspapers a day.

Virginia Gill Griggs still lives in Cumberland. She has bad eyesight, and her health is not good. Her husband Harry suffered a massive stroke several years ago and is in a nursing home (Devlin) near Cumberland. Their two daughters, Ellen and Carol, do not live close by but manage to see their parents at least once a month.

We have made the same move as some other classmates. In January 1998 we moved from our home of 46 years to a two-bedroom cottage at William Hill Manor, a retirement community in Easton. It is quite a challenge to cope with the downsizing, but the advantages make it worthwhile. I am fine, but Marvin has to use a cane or walker. We keep active. He still sits on the various levels of court when a substitute is needed. Our children are **Melissa Smith Barnes '72** in Littleton, Pa., son **Hugh** (a Salisbury State graduate), 15 miles from here and Sally Pettigrew (also Salisbury State) in Jacksonville, Fla.

I enjoyed your replies and hope for more news next time.

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42 It was great to hear from about one third of our class—sad news and happy news—but it is always good to keep in touch.

Dottie Attix Meyer lost Duffy to cancer in July. Before that they had a fantastic 21-day trip to China in May 1997. They used the old Hong Kong airport a week before the Brits gave Hong Kong back to China. Dottie was to spend Christmas in the Caribbean with her son Dwight and his family.

Esther Roop Hough's husband Clay died on Thanksgiving day. She was thankful for 55 good years together.

Allice Millender Quinn's sister **Marion Mae Millender Malone '38** died in March 1998. She had been a social worker for many years. Allice's husband George has a 17-piece band called Hunt Valley Jazz.

Jane Fleagle Frissell's husband Bill died from pancreatic cancer almost two years ago. Her son Bob is launching a ceramic sculpture vocation. "Fascinating to observe," she says. Her other son Bill is a jazz musician who has many CDs and plays all over the states and the world. Bob and she were to spend Christmas in Seattle with Bill and granddaughter Monica, 13. They will also see Jane's brother, who has lived there since 1945. Jane doesn't get back to Maryland. She has a wonderful dog that she adopted from the shelter.

It was a shock to **Frank Tarbutton** when **Carol Stoffregen '43** died so suddenly. He reported, "The past year

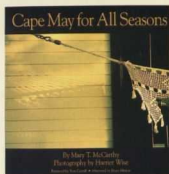
BOOKS

Cape May for All Seasons

Mary T. McCarthy '91
Preservation Media, 1999

This softcover gift book features over 100 color photographs of the charming Victorian seaside resort of Cape May, N.J. With words by McCarthy and photographs by award-winning architectural photographer Harriet Wise, the collection is published by McCarthy's own company based in Frederick, Md., a writing and public relations firm specializing in historic preservation.

Available at amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com and regional book stores.

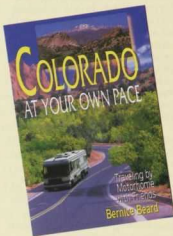


was terrible. Everyone has been so kind with letters, visits, meals, etc., but after 57 years... Frank had planned to take the WMC tour with his older grandson, but his daughter **Lynn Tartabutt Cummings '72** and family talked him into going with them in a mobile home (all five of them).

We extend our sincere sympathy to each of them.

Jane Mellor Richl moved to New Hampshire and condo living. Two of her children are in the same town. She plays bridge with people all over the world and runs a flea shop on the Internet. They stay healthy and happy.

Don Griffin did not go overseas this year but had friends visit from



Colorado at Your Own Pace: Traveling by Motorhome with Friends
Bernie Beard '74, MLA '81
Arbor House Publishing, 1999

Hailed as the RV queen, Beard is a veteran motorhomer whose trips with her husband Paul include a 44-day caravan through Alaska and a five-week excursion from Maryland to Arizona. In her latest adventure she chronicles a 25-day caravan to Colorado with friends, sharing her motorhomining savvy along the way. The book includes lists of campground and truck center directories, National Park System sites in Colorado, presidential libraries and museums, and campgrounds on the itinerary, as well as a travel checklist.

Available at book stores, on-line book retailers and Arbor House Publishing, 800/966-4146.

Tokyo, Japan, Dover, England, and Beijing last summer.

Last year was the **Kindleys'** year for reunions: **Lee's** 60th high school in Frederick, Md., and Mary's 50th college in Washington, D.C. In between reunions they went on cruises to the Caribbean and around the Hawaiian islands.

Ike Rehert retired from *The Sun* in 1998 and for three years has been teaching memoir-writing in an inner city senior center. "A couple of years ago the class compiled samples of the students' writings, which were published as a book by the City of Baltimore's Commission on Aging. For the past two years I've been also teaching

MUSIC

The Fire Within (The Heart)

Eric Byrd '93
Foxhaven Records, 1999

WMC Music Lecturer and Gospel Choir Director Byrd announces his first solo release after a series of CDs tickling the ivories for the Howard Burns Quartet. His album features jazz standards, including "Love for Sale" and "My Funny Valentine," and three smooth originals.

Available at Maryland Record and Tape Traders, Coffey Music in Westminster, the campus book store and www.ericbyrd.com.

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DAVID HOBBS

a course called "Understanding Poetry" at the Renaissance Institute—an upscale senior center which is part of Notre Dame."

George Marshall and his wife's main task these days is grandparenting. They live near their daughter and son-in-law with their four children. The eldest girl is 5, next is a boy, 4, and another boy, 2. "Last but not least is a girl just over three months. All of this after we reached 74. My other volunteer effort and pleasure is helping to raise World Service funds for the Salvation Army."

Gene Belt says, "Still playing at Brown Memorial with occasional recitals. Like everyone else I have

done a good bit of traveling: Philippines, China, Cuba. The last pretty well destroyed my impressions received from the American media. Doing some Meals on Wheels and tutoring through church programs."

All is fine with **Gloria Salerno Adams**. Her toy poodle Tia keeps her on the move. She sees her sister **Ginny Salerno Olsen '44** and her husband frequently. Glo's son Doug and his family from Iowa were expected to come East to spend Christmas with her son Randy and his wife in New Hampshire.

Bill Vincent and his wife celebrated their 50th anniversary with relatives and many friends. Their boating has

slowly down, but they still receive the Chesapeake with the Rotary Yacht Squadron.

The biggest event of the year for **Ethel Erb Wilhide and Earle '40** was the wedding of their eldest grand-daughter, who now lives and teaches in Nashville, Tenn. Arthritis is their main complaint. They were planning to leave for Florida in January.

Wee Sheffield and Louise Grow '43 bought a condo/villa in Nokomis, Fla. Both of them still teach senior classes—"Women on Women" for Louise and "Creative Writing" for Wee—play tennis and smell the roses.

Caroline Rudisill Mather is "really blessed." She volunteers at the hospital auxiliary and the Waterfowl Festival. Her travels are extensive: China and Tibet in 1996, Ireland and Scotland in 1997, and Portugal in 1998. This year should be a "biggee" with the month of February in Japan. "I have a good friend to travel with and fortunately my health." She has three great children, 20 wonderful grandchildren and three great-grand boys.

Most of **Elmer Evans'** leisure time since retiring in 1991 has been spent fishing the ocean off South Jersey, visiting Atlantic City casinos and raising vegetables in his garden. "My wife and I are not travelers, so we amuse ourselves locally most of the winter. If I visited the WMC campus today, I would probably get lost ... it has been some 50 years since I've seen it."

James "Pete" Townsend stays active with golf and tennis. "Still participating as a volunteer in Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity. Active in church administrative council. Travel somewhat limited but still in good health, and hope I can stay that way."

Jane Frasley Robinson is "just a newswoman wonder." It was good to hear that all is well on the home front.

Ed and Louise Young Thomas attended Elderhostel programs in Canada in September: one in Cowhead, Newfoundland, and the other on Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick. "We learned a lot of the history of the area and of the fishing industry. Ed especially enjoyed the latter."

Libbie Tyson Koether and George were given a 50th wedding anniversary celebration by their two sons. All of their grandchildren were able to attend, as well as **Ethel Hale Talbert**, **Kathryn 'Tip' Tipton Kerr** and **Clara Arther Huffington**. Lib was my roommate for all four years at WMC.

Shortly afterwards **Ethel Hale Talbert** had a long weekend with her WMC roommate **Jan Ayres Cardwell** in San Diego, Calif.

Gladya Crowson Crabbs was a great grandmother as of July 1997. After visiting that family, she stayed with her daughter and her children in California until mid-August. At 104, Glady's mother-in-law is in remarkably good health, except for deafness. A special party for her was being planned for January. Glady still volunteers in the church office and altar guild, visits

classrooms to tell stories and continues to tape stories on the college television station. She spent Thanksgiving with her son, his wife, seven dogs, three cats and one bird. Dogs ranged in size from 60 pounds to 160 pounds—all house dogs.

All is well in **Emily Linton Carnochan's** family. They were looking forward to a big family gathering at Christmas. They are finally "on-line" and enjoying lots of applications on the computer. Their six children and five grandchildren are well.

Grace "Bee" Morris Gibson and **Charles** enjoyed a trip to Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton and Nova Scotia in the fall. Last summer they visited **Betty Elwein Baker** in Yorktown, Va. Their six grandchildren keep them young.

Pat White Wroten and her husband left Cambridge, Md., and purchased a cottage at the William Hill Manor. They took their 15-year-old dog with them. Pat keeps busy making "crazy quilts," and it looks as though she may be showing some of the church ladies how to make them.

Mary Crosswhite Ringwald started an exciting year by having the bishop of her choice elected. Another great-grandchild arrived making six. A great-nephew and his bride, who were married at Baltimore's Inner Harbor, are in Thailand for a year. In July, Mary and her sister took an Alaskan cruise.

Mike Petrucci is a proud father and grandfather. He gave me the run-down on his children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Among the young ones are teachers, realtors, an engineer, a dietitian, a drummer, a hair stylist, an administrative assistant in human resources and a couple of grandchildren in college. He had put away his golf clubs for the winter.

It was good to hear from **Eloise Wright Morrison**. She, **Dottie Attis Meyer** and I would like to hear from **Ruth MacVean Hauser** and **Herman**.

Jeann Lamoreaux Baker and Dick traveled to Chicago to celebrate their 56th anniversary and their daughter's 50th birthday. They took a cruise from Anchorage to Vancouver, a ferry to Victoria and a high-speed catamaran ride from Victoria to Seattle in August. In September they evacuated their home in Naples, Fla., to ride out Hurricane Georges in Orlando. Fortunately they had no damage to their home.

Mary Louise "Weezie" Long Horner keeps in touch with **Jayne McKenney Meredith**, her roommate and **Jan Stover Owens**. Weezie's main enjoyment is following her daughter's thoroughbred racing stable and, of course, grandchildren Julie, 6, and Robbie, 9.

From **David Osborn**: "I'm alive and well. I have three sons—two in business and one spinal orthopedist—and five grandchildren—two boys and three girls. No plans that would titillate your readers. Expect U.S. economic and foreign policy blunders to take center stage shortly."

Jan Yentsch Ellenburg and **Bob** had a joint art exhibition at the B'ham Jewish Community Center Fine Arts Gallery—Bob's handmade paper and Jan's watercolors. Jan was in England for two weeks last summer to study its national and regional acceptances and became a signature member of the Georgia and Alabama watercolor societies. "My roomie **Ruth Calderick Frank** and **Janko** visited us twice this year. Bob's health doesn't permit traveling."

Kathryn "Tip" Tipton Kerr has filled four file cabinets with material for the archives of North Harford High School—1950 to the present. "It's worth it as I work with former students planning their reunions," she says. She took trips to Cape Cod and Alaska in August. She does the church newsletter and sings in the choir.

Mickey Reynolds Adolph and Bill '41 are looking well. Right after the hurricane they met **Don '41** and **Marty Hodgson '43** Homenan at Point Clear, Ala. "The damage was a sight!" They were planning a week in Cancun in February.

Zach and Agnes Ebaugh moved into a beautiful home overlooking Lake Erie last March. In November they visited Puerto Valera, Mexico, and in April they were booked on a cruise to Hong Kong, China, Japan and South Korea. "We are in reasonably good health," Zach says.

Jane Ayres Cardwell says, "Late as usual. Life seems to have sped up since Christmas. Sometimes I wish for a good, old-time debilitating blizzard." She visits friends in Florida every spring and spends time in Maryland. She moved to San Diego to be close to her daughter **Alison**, grandsons **Brian** and **Travis** and great-grandson **Jake**. **Alison** and she spent two weeks in Scotland, the Orkney Islands and the Shetland Islands last summer. "Reading is still my favorite pastime, but new friends and gardening are interesting too."

Jack and I had a busy summer with visits from daughter **Pam Huffington Aucker '82**, her husband **Brian** and our three grandchildren. **Brian** caught up on the month-long visit in the middle since he stayed behind to do some work on his dissertation at New College in Edinburgh, Scotland. Our daughter **Laura** took her vacation at the same time and stayed with us.

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47 Greetings to all. It does not seem possible that our wonderful 50th reunion was two years ago. Time does fly.

The past year was not good for **Betty Blades Neves**. She got sick, as did her computer, car and TV set. Fortunately she got better, but the rest died. She is on a waiting list to get into a retirement home in Norris-town, Pa.

Ira "Ike" Alfede says all is well with him and his family. He is proud of his seven grandchildren: a third-year medical student, a photojournalist, a first-year law student, a television producer, two in college and one in high school.

August 1998 was **Holmes and Emajane Hahn Baker's** 50th anniversary. They celebrated with friends and family. She said, "A happy day to celebrate a happy marriage."

Enjoying retirement are **Louise Brown Barnes** and her husband **Everett**. Their grandson graduated from high school with honors and is a freshman at Stetson University. Their granddaughter is a high school band; she plays sax in the all-county band. **Louise** stays busy cross stitching, reading and keeping house when they are not on the road in their RV.

Asbury Solomons Continuing Care Retirement Community has two wonderful volunteers in **Jan McDowell Barrett** and her husband **Ralph**. He was a clown at their Christmas party. He not only chairs two committees, but he served on three others. **Jan** is a "friendly visitor" in the assisted living and nursing areas. Their dream for 1999 is to get back to "the summer theatre season."

Betty Burgee Bishop has literally gone to the dogs with three retired boxer champions and two puppies. She stays busy as president of an all-breed kennel club.

There must be someone from WMC cruising the world's seas every day. **Fred Brown** took a Christmas Caribbean cruise and was planning one to the Mediterranean in April. He was hoping there would not be another Middle East bombing excursion then.

My first roomie **Eloise Horsey Cannoles** is in Arlington, Texas, remodeling her home. One of her granddaughters was the high school Homecoming queen. Her daughter is a nurse and captain in the Air Force, and a grandson is in the Air Force in England.

Jan Murray Clarke and Donald '50 now have 10 grandchildren. In December they went to England to visit the eldest two and their parents, enjoying a three-week "trip of a lifetime." They keep busy with home, church and community duties. Despite a broken wrist in the fall, **Jan** has been busy practicing the score of "South Pacific" on the piano. **Thomas David**, a Philadelphia music teacher, was going to direct it in May.

Mary Davies Carson was visited by **Betty Joy Morris DeHoff** and her husband in January and **Kay Koester Kirks** and **Evelyn Clark Burdette** in October. She had not seen them in 30 and 52 years respectively. They were all freshmen in McDaniel Hall. She is still working in the VA in Augusta, Ga., and says she has to be the oldest employee. As soon as Christmas is over, **Augusta** starts getting ready for the Masters. They even rent out a couple of bedrooms.

Harold and Betty Joy Morris DeHoff spent Christmas with their

Hawkins Scores for Team WMC

BY MATT TAYLOR, CATONSVILLE TIMES

For 30 years, Bill Hawkins '48 has been a constant in Catonsville's recreation program, both coaching and officiating girls' basketball and softball. In February, members of that program took a brief time-out before the girls' basketball all-star night to recognize the 72-year-old's efforts throughout the years.

Hawkins started coaching in 1968 as a way of getting his 7-year-old daughter Eleanor into a new basketball league in Catonsville, Md. The league, for children ages 8 and up, found itself in need of volunteers and agreed to let Eleanor play if her dad would coach a team.

More than just coaching, he has dedicated time and money to help youngsters obtain financial aid to college. He holds an annual meeting for parents whose children want to attend Western Maryland and takes a trip to the school each year with members of his youth basketball team.

In addition to a basketball signed by the Green Terror women's basketball squad, Hawkins received recognition from the White House, Gov. Parris Glendening, the Maryland House of Delegates, Baltimore County Executive Dutch Ruppersberg and the County Council.

"He is just a wonderful man who's given so much to the community down through the years," said State Del. Tom Dewberry, whose daughter Katie once played for Hawkins "It's amazing how well-organized these leagues are, and that's a credit to Bill. I don't think a lot of people recognize the time and effort that it takes."

"It's been a pleasure through the years," Hawkins said. "Every time I see these youngsters out there I get filled up."

He jokingly thanked his wife for letting him "play with the girls all these years," and recognized the mothers in attendance whose daughters now play for him. "When I see all the doctors,



K.M. SWENSON, JR.

lawyers, engineers and just plain great moms that came out of this league, it's just a wonderful thing for me to see."

And when the brief ceremony concluded, Hawkins, dressed in a blue and gold Catonsville basketball shirt, went back to what he does best, taking his hands off his hips only when it came time to give a high five to one of his players.

two sons in Albuquerque, N.M. They came home by way of many national wildlife refuges and stopped in Augusta. They planned to go to Hawaii in February.

Can you believe that 72-year-old **Herbert Doggett** has been riding his cruiser bike from Cumberland to Georgetown—184 miles each way? He has done it over three times, plus riding on the C&O Canal towpath. He says it keeps his heart pumping and arteries less clogged, hopefully. He has seen deer, turkeys, ospreys, turtles, horses, people and even llamas.

My card caught **Nan Austin Doggett** and husband **Carroll '45** in St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., for their two-month vacation. She needs it after gardening spring, summer and fall. She cans or freezes all the produce. She still chairs the Frederick School of Religion, runs Great Decisions groups and plans trips for senior citizens.

From California comes word from **Si Ehrlich** that he is still a consultant in the lighting industry. His wife Phyllis teaches part time at USC and is acting. She appeared in episodes of

"Home Improvement" and "ER" last year.

My card caught up to **Mary "Jackie" Jackson '43** and husband **Bill Hall** in Cocoa Beach, Fla. They hope to come see us before they head north again.

Big events in 1998 for **Fern Hitchcock** were a bird carving class during January and February in Florida. He carved and painted a ruffed grouse. In June he was trout fishing in Maine. He caught and released 43 brook trout in one day. What a fall he had attending all 10 football games at WMC!

Fred Holloway is still director of a school in Canton, Ohio, and a Methodist choir. He and his wife celebrated their 50th anniversary with their families. They flew to Athens and cruised the Aegean Islands, ending up in Istanbul. "I'm still broke," he says. On March 3 he hit the big 75. To quote him, "I'm probably slowing down just a tad, but that pre-diabetic martini seems to be helping."

Frank Jaumot says, "Nothing of interest, doing lots of traveling but

nothing exciting." Then he told me he became a James West Fellow of the Boy Scouts of America.

I have to quote **Violet Carr King's** card: "Kudos to the committee who planned our 50th reunion, to all the individuals from the college who treated us so royally that weekend, and to those individuals who spent their time and talents acquiring/making the mementos (the lucky stone, the feathers pin and the logo pins), which we all cherish. Thank you!"

Betty Miller Lichter also said what a wonderful job my committee did on our "Big One." "We had a great time and wonderful memories." Last year she spent six weeks in Longboat Key, Fla., with neighbors and will again this year. Her yearly two-week trip to Nags Head, N.C., with **Natalie Pumphrey Thumel, Violet Carr King** and her husband took place last fall, and they hope **Ann Fullerton** and **Betty Blades Neves** will join them next September.

Helen Frantz Loper says all is well in Hagerstown. "I have the Internet, satellite TV, grandchildren next door,

country acreage with deer, a stream, a garden, a pool, a studio full of arts and crafts supplies, my husband and a cat. It's heaven."

Elderhostels are a big part of the lives of **Anne Klein May** and **Stan**. They visited Bear Mountain, N.Y., in October and **Ginny Voorhees '46** and **Joe Ward '48** on their way home. Stan has a P.O.W. reunion in Orlando and then an Elderhostel in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Carlton Mendell was on "the Hill" for the football team reunion in England. He ran the Marine Corps Marathon for the 20th time. He has run everywhere from Ottawa, Canada, to Toledo, Ohio, and all over New England.

Good news! **Betty Powell Norman** and **George** have moved to Westminster from two acres of his brother **Bart's** farm.

Thank you **Lillian Gillis Mowbray** for sending in your card even if there was no news.

Harriet and Alleck Resnick celebrated their 50th anniversary with a three-week trip through Europe. He is

now busy with some WMC develop-
ing.

There was lots of snow in Westmin-
ster, according to **Jane Collier**
Shauk. She said she took out the
50th reunion pictures and enjoyed it
all over again. She and Ed decided to
stay home this winter so they could
enjoy the change of seasons and their
family.

Bob Snyder is enjoying retirement
in Pennsylvania, Florida and Nova
Scotia in the summer.

The theatre still has a hold on **Anna**
Lee Butler. Anna and her daughter,
as well. Anne even goes to London
twice a year for concerts and theatre.

After many years I finally heard
from **Nan Bowers Tresselt**. She and I
were counselors together in '43. She
enjoys her son Rob and her grandchil-
dren Allen, Sara and Ken. They have a
cottage on an island near Ocean City,
Md., where she loves to go visiting,
boating and fishing.

Janice Divers Twitchell and hus-
band Bob exercise, volunteer, travel
and enjoy their eight grandchildren.
They had a week of sailing out of Bar-
bados last winter and skiing in New
Hampshire. The Greek islands are
their goal for September.

According to **Janet Breeding Yost**,
she is a happy camper. They go to the
islands or California in the winter and
Florida for a month in the fall to
extend the swimming season. In
between they play tournament bridge.
Ed wants to get his Life Master.

What a year we had in 1998. I had
a hip replacement on January 29. I
got along fine, but my golf game is
slow to come back. I have not
returned to the tennis court yet. **Bob**
'49 and I celebrated our 50th anniver-
sary by taking our two daughters, two
son-in-laws and four grandsons on a
cruise to Bermuda. We had a fabulous
time! We now know how a king and
queen feel for we had the Royal Suite,
one of two on the ship. What a way to
go! We recommend it to one and all.
Another exciting thing in our lives is
that Bob is sponsoring a young man
on his way to the PGA tour.

Thank you to those who sent me
their cards. I would like to hear from
everyone of you.

Sad news—we lost five classmates
since our reunion. **Thelma Evans**
Taylor on June 29, 1997. She wrote in
my reunion directory, "Hope to see
you at the 60th." **Flo Raum**, on July
7, 1997. **Janice Chreitzberg Henne**
on November 3, 1997, in a scuba div-
ing accident in Florida. She wrote at
reunion, "What fun to reminisce!"
Martha Libis Hitchens on April 10,
1998. **Fonda Boyer Randall** on April
14, 1999. She was at our reunion
also. May God bless we who remain,
and may each of us make every day
have left count.

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52 And what a great experi-
ence! At Christmas time,
too. Thanks for being so
prompt. It was like a
double Christmas for us to hear from
each of you. How upbeat everyone is!

Chuck Hammaker reports an
eventful year: they now have their first
grandson after six granddaughters;
their son was made a partner in his
Houston law firm; they celebrated their
43rd wedding anniversary; his
daughter was married; and he
attended his 50th high school reunion
in Cumberland, Md., along with
Anna Lee Park Makovitch, who he
says is "as pretty as ever." Chuck
retired from Blue Cross and Blue
Shield at the end of the year and was
to begin security consulting and teach-
ing as an adjunct professor at Webster
University in Jacksonville. He planned
to spend a month in Japan this spring.
He enjoyed dinner with President
Chambers when he visited Florida last
spring. Chuck ended his message with
"Life is good." How true!

Vic and Anna Lee Park
Makovitch welcomed their sixth
grandchild last year. If you see them at
home, it is just between trips, or they
are baby-sitting the grandchildren.
Their last trip was on the Holland
American cruise line to Scandinavia,
Russia and Germany.

Susie Reinhart Elgin went on a
17-day safari to Africa in August. She
visited three game reserves in Kenya,
Capetown, Victoria Falls and Nairobi
(just hours before the bombing). She
spends her retirement at home and
with her daughters and six grandchil-
dren in Baltimore, Hagerstown and
Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Andrey Myers Buffington also
attended her 50th New Windsor High
School reunion. She spent much of
the summer entertaining friends from
the mid-Atlantic area, which she loves
to do in her cozy home on the water
in Maine. As a result of a presentation
she made to the local school board, a
Citizens for Educational Excellence
group was formed with Andrey as its
chair. She has always been more inter-
ested in instruction and curriculum
than budget and new construction.
Our local bookstore displays copies of
"You Are My Mommy/You Are My
Daddy." Andrey's parenting skills in
print. She, too, is busier in retirement
than when she was working.

After several career changes
Corinne Schofield LesCallette
has returned to her history major. She
is the research assistant at the Edward H.
Nabb Research Center for Delmarva
History and Culture at Salisbury State
University. She enjoys her children and
grandchildren, who are all nearby now
that Jenny and her family moved to
New Market, Md., from Florida.

Joan Montague Schane and her
husband continue to travel in retire-
ment. They spent three weeks in
Turkey exploring the Greek and
Roman ruins. They were to spend a
month in southeast Asia this winter
trekking in Nepal and visiting the
archeological highlights of Thailand.

Marianna "Mickey" Rensberg
'51 and **Carl Shea** are enjoying retire-
ment with eight grandchildren and
traveling. The latest trip was the inau-
gural cruise on the Grand Princess to
the Mediterranean. They visit Arizona
and Bermuda each year. The Panama
Canal is next on the list.

For those of you who love the
water, **Arthur Hayes** has the right
idea. After a summer on a boat in
Europe, he sold it and ordered a 57-
foot, designed to be built specifically
for their needs, for July delivery in
England. He, wife Patricia and son
John moved from a townhouse
to a single family home in Gaithers-
burg, Md.

Janet Preston May is anticipating a
cruise from Sydney to Auckland, New
Zealand. They enjoy gardening, sail-
ing, genealogy and traveling to Florida
more relatives move to that area.

The Pi Alpha Alpha 75th anniver-
sary gave **John Q. Isaac, Roland**

GORDON RAVER '52

*recently retired from the
aerospace industry where
he was responsible for
instrumentation design
on the Apollo and
Shuttle programs for
34 years.*

Fleischer, Roger Ault and Harold
McTeer '53 the opportunity for a
mini reunion. John served on the
board of Bethany Christian Services
and as an elder in the Broadneck
Evangelical Presbyterian Church. He is
now on the building committee plan-
ning a church.

Roger loves living in lower, slower
Delaware. He attended the alumni
luncheon in Berlin, Md., in September
and visited **Ernie Zepp** at Homecoming.
Only Roger would have surgery on
Friday the 13th, but he recovered
nicely and spent the summer going to
the beach. He was taking three aéro-
bics classes and rehearsing with a local
theater group in "You Can't Take It
With You" for performances in late
January. He was to play Grandpa
(what else). He is also in a readers
group that puts on "radio shows" at
local senior centers.

Roland edited a book dedicated to
Dr. W. Allen MacDonald and two of
his former professors at Hopkins, pub-
lished just three months before Profes-
sor MacDonald passed away. He and
Alice visited **Corinne Schofield**
LesCallette in Seabury, then spent
five days on Smith Island in the
Chesapeake where the wife was visited by
Roger, Harold and the wife Janie.
Roland attended the reunion of the
Class of '53, with whom he entered

WMC as a transfer student. "It was
wonderful to see those young kids
again!" he said. He and Alice hosted a
Penn State alumni tour to Athens, the
Greek Islands and the Aegean Sea, and
Istanbul. After the tour they stayed an
additional week in Turkey, "a research
trip in which, with scholarly accompaniment,
I examined the relative merits of the
Greek and Turkish belly dancers!
Somebody had to do it!" They spent
January alone in their house on Big
Pine Key in Florida, Roland fishing
and working on another book when
he couldn't fish. "Sort of the 'poor
man's Ernest Hemingway'."

With the addition of two grandchil-
dren for a total of nine, **Mike Chiri-
gus** says he has to keep in good physi-
cal shape to keep up with them.
However college football, wrestling
and crawling with the grandchildren
have taken their toll—knee replace-
ments are needed soon. He is still
publishing a scientific journal and
keeping active with NIH alumni activi-
ties. They spend summers in South
Bethany, Del., and have traveled
through Turkey, Portugal and the
Panama Canal.

Gordon and Deb Wilbraham '53
Raver are proud of the accomplish-
ments of their three children, who are
all successful professionals: an architect
married to an attorney, an interior
space allocation designer and an archi-
tect who is acting as the project archi-
tect on a six-story administrative facil-
ity for Cal State University in Long
Beach and a major expansion for a
10,000-member church. Deb teaches
quilting classes in several towns and
sells her appliqué design patterns. **Gor-
don** is retired from the aerospace
industry where he was responsible for
instrumentation design on the Apollo
and Shuttle programs for 34 years. He
is now active in the church and builds
furniture. Last year they built a new
home over two acres that they love
planting and landscaping. It includes
an orange grove and a beautiful view
for miles. Though their trips back East
are few, they love to keep up with
WMC through *The Hill*.

The Westminster High School 50th
reunion made possible a mini reunion
for **Charles Albert, Donald**
Makosky, Dorothy Shoemaker
Smith and Paul Welliver. Paul pre-
pared a videotape about the Class of
'48 which was shown during the cere-
monies. Charles continues his book
about the voting and political history
of Carroll County.

Walter and Pat Fethco '54 Hart
retired to "a paradise in South Car-
olina called Wachasee Plantation." Their
daughter Cindy lives in Chicago
with her husband and two sons. She
completed studies for her Ph.D. at the
University of Chicago.

Peggy Samples Sullivan is fortune-
ate to have her five children and
grandchildren in Richmond; she sees
them often. Peggy still plays tennis. In
fact, she won the regional in Seniors
USTA and went to Arizona. They've
had recent trips to Ireland and Eng-
land, as well as many places in the
states.

Hillard "Huck" and Peg Siler Haylett report that Huck retired after 45 years of dentistry. Peg also retired as his office manager. They look forward to fun times and much travel. They enjoyed their 50th high school reunion.

Jan Ports and Betsy Patterson Hughes helped organize the 50th reunion at Towson High School. Betsy had rotator cuff surgery in September and is exercising it, but progress is slow. She still does volunteer work at the Surprise Shop and Bible study, as well as grandparenting. Jan sends his blessings to all as he enjoys life with a "wonderful wife, four healthy children, eight scamping grandchildren, one active teen stepson, 17 inspiring nuns at the Carmelite Monastery in Towson, Md., and therapy clients to minister to."

Katharine Wiley and Tom '53 Pearce enjoy life on Roanoke Island, N.C. They keep busy volunteering and doing church and club work, besides traveling. A trip to the Southwest is planned. Kat thanks all who called after Hurricane Bonnie passed them by last summer, and she invites all if they are in the Outer Banks area.

Helen Wiley Millar reports a new granddaughter. Life is good there also. **Jack and Gay Lambert** moved to Westminster "in pursuit of a more civil lifestyle and to be closer to family." His youngest is in eighth grade, and the other four include a college junior, a newly married man on the nuclear attack submarine Philadelphia, one with a year left at Georgetown Law School and one teaching at the Unsel School in Baltimore.

While **Mary Lou Mumford Manning** takes part in community organizations, senior chorus, ceramics and needlework, she looks forward to more quality grandparenting time with her granddaughter, 4. Her son is still a Navy medic, and her daughter is a computer manager in South Carolina.

Lionel Lee announced a second grandson, born to daughter Christine, last November.

Lida Birdsall Hale still lives at the Jersey Shore and enjoys every minute of it. She has 10 grandchildren—the oldest graduating from William and Mary this May and the youngest grandson arriving last June.

Betty Lou Brandenburg and Ward Glasby are still working in the family business, Glasby Maintenance Supply Co., and are active in their "Bible believing" church. Ward "mentors" a college-age group through Ephesians and a 14-year-old group through Proverbs. Ward says, "I don't want them to make the mistakes that I made." They invite anyone to "come in to get the low-down on cleaning, plus a huge discount (no airfare credits allowed)." Betty is busy with the "sports activities of the three grandkids, and Ward is playing golf again after a total hip replacement.

Joe and Peggy Eline attended three Elderhostels, visited their out-of-state children several times and spent eight days in Scotland. They planned to

accompany the WMC alumni on a tour of France in May.

Phyllis Scott Pugh traveled to Spain, Portugal, Israel and a mission trip to Bosnia where her husband fell in a bombed-out basement. He had excellent care by the German Army Hospital. One granddaughter was married in the fall and another presented them with their first great-grandson. She still spends a lot of time volunteering at the local hospital.

Though activities close to home and square dancing keep **Ed and Kay Foote** busy most of the time, they manage a trip a year. In 1997 they went to Iceland, and in 1998 they cruised to the Baltic Sea ports of Scandinavia and St. Petersburg.

Jim and Joan Brengle Marsh have lived in southern Maryland for the past 30 years and have been active in organizations dealing with the natural environment united to St. Mary's County. Both work part time, take classes, play golf and bridge and take advantage of the exhibits, lectures and visitors in nearby Washington, D.C. They have seven grandchildren and find being grandparents one of the best parts of life. They are planning a trip to the Southwest this year.

Jack Roll has been retired for four years. He still trades in the stock market, and JoAnn sells real estate. They have six grandchildren and like to travel around the United States.

Char Reed and Ray '50 Cushing planned to enjoy spring in Ohio after mid-winter trip to Spain and Morocco. They attended three Elderhostels last year—Old Salem, N.C., St. Simon's Island and Alaska's inland waterway—and three weeks on Capiva Island, Fla., in November.

Ken Shook spent two weeks sailing up and down the Nile with daughter Jennifer. His son Bill coaches the Mars Hill College of Asheville, N.C., volleyball team. They won the South Atlantic Conference with a perfect 14-0 conference record. His wife Carol has an art museum tour in Spain, France, Africa and Malta last year.

Roberta "Bobbie" Lang spent December in eastern and central China. She climbed the Great Wall to take advantage of the breathtaking view. She was busy preparing an exhibit of painting inspired by her trip for her art gallery in Annapolis.

For a small college, Western Maryland is well represented nationwide. On her annual grandmother visit,

Betty Simpson Seidler was in California waiting for a plane to Seattle and began talking to a man "who said he went to college near where I live." It was **Ed Hammersla '49** and his wife on their way to Alaska. They flew up the coast together, and Betty gave them a fly-over tour of the California, Oregon and Washington mountains. Betty enjoyed her visit with her children and granddaughters and is now substituting teaching in the area.

Barbara Faye Webster Collins supervises student teachers for Salisbury State University but has time to enjoy four grandchildren who live near her.

Mary Hawkins Hackman still teaches in WMC's graduate program. She has finished the second edition of her book for school library media specialists. She and **Jim '50** keep busy with three granddaughters, traveling and friends.

June Beck Rhoads still enjoys "retirement from home" by working at the Hallmark Card and Gift Shop at Hunt Valley Mall, as she has for 18 years. **Bill '51** is a semi-retired physical therapist and sees patients one or two days a week. They spend as much time as possible at their campground near Chincoteague in the summer and, of course, find time for their six grandchildren.

Semi-retirement is great for **Dottie Keeseker Walters** as she is busy promoting Ernie's novel, "The Beast Within," assisting at their Fallston Mall gallery and substituting at the local middle school (Doesn't sound "semi" to me!). They spent three weeks with friends in Paris and Oslo, concluding with a beautiful cruise along the fjords to Copenhagen. Daughter Mary moved to winter-chilled Louisville from sunny Miami. Dottie says, "Not the best timing."

Sally Ray Santmyer still runs her diving center in Laguna Beach. Her granddaughter Lexi is nearby, and new granddaughter Alyssa Jenna is in Boca Raton, Fla. Sally was to visit friends in New Zealand in March, the Bahamas in June and "somewhere" in between. You can tell she loves to travel, "especially when I can dive or fish when I get there," she says.

Velma Joan "V.J." Hall Willett took a trip through the Panama Canal with stops at Hualto, Mexico, Costa Rica, Cartagena, Aruba, St. Thomas and San Juan. In addition to travel, she keeps things together for her horse trainer daughter Julie.

Teko Kamiyama sends regards and is expecting to return to "the Hill" for our 50th.

Bill and I keep in close touch with WMC since he is president of the Carroll County Alumni Chapter. He is still secretary of the local Kiwanis Club and, for his dedication, was named a Hixon Fellow by his club. As president of the Western District of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, I have contact with **Betty Lou Kellner** and **Nancy Walker Molesworth**. We spent three weeks in England and Wales last summer visiting students we'd hosted and their families, as well as tracing a few ancestors, with Luck I might add. They spent the Jan Term in Hawaii with Professor Bloom's psychology class of 32 WMC students. If this cross-section of young men and women is an example of what our alma mater is attracting, have no fear. They were wonderful company and will make Western Maryland proud. I cannot praise them enough! As everyone else, we spend time visiting our children and grandchildren, who fortunately are not so far away that we can't see them when they are not "on the go."

With sadness I report the death of several of our classmates since our last

publication. Our sympathy to the family and friends of each.

Arthur Pisetzner in May 1997. Our yearbook says, "Bronx's gift to Western Maryland College..." "Clown Prince of the varsity basketball team"..."liked by all for his friendly grin."

Maynard Fones in October 1997. "Lovable and laughable"..."lover of jazz, horses, and Poe"..."will long be remembered by all as Fabulous Fones."

Arthur Shearer in July 1998. "Ots"..."vital cog in the football machine for three years"..."Jean is the one and only."

Imogene Weybright Yaste in June 1998. "Hails from Detour but accepts none toward her goals"..."admitted for ability to make good grades"..."what's a winter without red earmuffs."

Jeanne Dougherty Jones in October 1998. "White at ping-pong"..."Grand Prix gal"..."Percentiles and IQs."

Katharine Louise Falconer in January 1999. "Cassie"..."petite blonde with plenty of energy"..."should get a patent on that laugh."

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57 It is exciting to be in contact with all our wonderful classmates via the alumni news column. We are grateful to Joan, who was faithful for so many years, and we will miss her newsy columns. Thanks to all who responded to my postcards. It adds a lot more interest to my daily mail gathering to read the "whereabouts" and "whatabouts" of the '57ers! If there isn't much news, just say "hi" and keep us up-to-date with your address and/or e-mail address. We are a class of movers, shakers and grandchild worshippers. What fun!

Abbott Wright moved back to town after eight years. He still does consulting work for a higher education association in D.C. and enjoys it. The first grandchild, a boy, entered the family on November 24. He wants to know if any other classmates waited so long for one.

Pat Richter Amass and Skip were elected to finally have their first grandchild, Jordan Scott Amass, on November 23.

Ginnie Tull Phipps and Charlie '55 report lots of travel and baby-sitting with grandson Jack, 3, who lives close by. The two Montana grandsons spent one month with them last summer, and the whole crowd gathered at Bethany Beach for the 15th year.

Mary Ellen Weber Mehring and husband Jim enjoy a home on the Chesapeake Bay just north of Solomons Island, and we are all invited for crabs. They moved into a retirement villa at Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, Md. Their daughter Susie and son-in-law were married a year ago and live in Crofton, Md., while son David works for the Justice Department and does lots of

traveling. Mary Ellen sings, rings hand bells, drives the church bus and generally keeps busy.

Audrey Pierce Maberry's husband Barry retired from a Lutheran church pastorate after 40 years. Audrey retired last year so she could get a head start on him. They started with a Caribbean cruise and plan to snowbird in Florida and spend time with their son in Alpharetta, Ga. Their daughter lives in D.C. There are five grandchildren all together—three in Georgia and two in Mr. Airy, Md.

Helen Boardman Radcliffe and **Bob** spent Thanksgiving with family in Winston-Salem, N.C.—all 14 of them. The youngest son Keith is in Raleigh, Scott just opened a restaurant in downtown Burlington and Jennifer and Vicky both live in Winston-Salem. There are four grandchildren. She reports having to put their house back together after Hurricane Bonnie.

A scene from Runaway Bride, starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere, was filmed at MARION GOETTEE's '57 church in New Windsor, Md. She played an "extra," so look for her in the lavender dress.

Janet Perkins Zimmerman and **Howard** survived Hurricane Georges on the Gulf Coast. Youngest son Tom was married last March and their "baby Z" will make grandchild number five. Howard is busy golfing, and Jan is still "bridging," reading and working part time in a book store.

Mary Lease Nagle is well and busy in Scotland, looking forward to a visit to Scotland in July. Three grandchildren adorn their lives.

Family, including nine grandchildren, church and camping keep **Nancy Caples Sloan** and her husband Denny busy. She says, "That's the order of busy ones."

Betty Nicklas Pearce ran into **Mary-West Pitts Ensor** in a grocery store in Cary, N.C., about a year ago. Coincidentally, both were merely visiting in the area.

Reporting from Richmond, Ind., **John Kauffman** plans to work at IU East for two more years. He and Janet visited Ocean City last summer, then returned again in September for Janet's 45th high school reunion.

They visited daughter **Jane** in New Jersey in October and spent time in New York City. John remains active in church work, sports and fitness. They, too, enjoy the grandchildren—three in New Jersey and two in Indianapolis.

Another move came last year when **Dr. Rowland Baughman** and his wife Kathleen retired from Connecticut's winter to a canal lot near the Intracoastal Waterway in south Florida. He is busy teaching doctoral students on the Internet for Walden University, consulting with several south Florida colleges and making furniture. Kathleen is executive director of the Wellness Community of Boca Raton, a cancer support non-profit agency. They regret not having moved to Florida sooner. Life is great. The invitation is open for all of us to visit.

Two more Florida residents enjoying retirement are **Del and Barbara Morean '60 Kohl**.

Byron Hollinger is city manager of Olmos Park, a suburb of San Antonio. His wife Mary died in 1996 and in 1998 he married another Westminister lady, **Charlotte Lee Heagy Bright '50**. Life is good, and we have another invitation to visit.

Bill Muehlenfeld also resides in San Antonio. His reply to e-mail address was "Are you kidding?" His family, including three grandsons, is in good health.

We have yet another San Antonio resident in **Barbara Zepp Bieberbach**. I wonder if they ever cross paths? She bowls, stays involved with church and outreach, and travels extensively. There are several trips a year to visit her 93-year-old mother, her daughters and their husbands in Colorado and Utah, and in-laws in Philadelphia. At home, Barb reports catching up with redesigning, landscaping and practicing "more-than-I-ever-wanted-to-know home maintenance." "When the 'need-tos,' 'have-tos' and 'ought-tos' get too piled, I introduce them to *mañana*, stuff them in a closet and go take an interesting course." Great philosophy, Barb!

Quincy Polk is still in Asheville, N.C. She retired from her job as a state social work consultant for long term care facilities. She did extensive traveling to Greece, Italy, Turkey and the Grand Canyon, then came home and did a lot of volunteer time. One job turned into a part-time paid position this fall as a reading assistant in a small grade school. Two sons are married, and one is still on the fence.

Reporting from Raleigh, N.C., are **Earle and Sara Price Finley**. Sara had a second heart surgery, and they relocated back to Raleigh after their three-year "sabbatical" in the mountains. They love being near their family, which now includes 12 grandchildren—four born last year.

Another Southerner is **Jean Cline** in Alabama. She says her life is comfortable and stress-free, bowling in four leagues a week and catering to her seven cats. She was diagnosed with MS 21 years ago but has not had any problems for the past 15 years. She attributes its disappearance or remission to lack of stress, a positive attitude and faith.

Carol Bingham Prendergast relocated to Panama City, Fla., from Tampa. She retired and moved closer

to her family, including Lauren, Allison and the grandchildren. Janice is still in New York City. Carol volunteers in the challenging and gratifying Guardian AD Litem program and is still a pinch-hit volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

Brant Vitek hasn't slowed down. He and his wife went houseboating with their daughter and grandson on Lake Powell last summer and visited **Kay Pabette Beckett '58** and husband **Tom '58** on their boat in the Potomac River. He was preparing to leave for Patagonia to meet old friends from Army days. The Delta Pi Alpha "golf club" of Vitek (**Don Tankersley**, **Bob Butler** and **Mike Savarese**) meets regularly and has a great time. Brant's son Brant passed his orthopedic boards and now practices with his dad.

Bob Butler visited **Ralph "Dusty" Martelli** in California last February. They watched a film of the 1955 football game with F&M, which they actually were still Triple Threats—run, trip and fall. Dusty says they were really slow, but his motto remains the same: "We'll romp 'em next week." He took Bob to an Indian casino and reports that Bob helped the economy by losing. Dusty has had three or four heart attacks, two angioplasties and open heart surgery, but he counts his blessings and reminds us all that many more people have many more problems.

In the Midwest, **Ron Strauss** is in Michigan City, Ind. He retired from Bethlehem Steel in April 1998 after 41 years. His wife is still awaiting retirement. He has three sons are a school teacher, a human resources person and a senior consultant.

Dave Meredith reports from Kent, Ohio, that he is a "militant curmudgeon" with no e-mail and no Internet. He did make a side trip to Westminster last summer returning home from the Eastern Shore. It was his first visit to WMC since 1960, and he was amazed at the changes. Dave is retired from teaching at Kent State and content living in Kent.

Ruth Ridinger Varner attended our 40th reunion in May 1997 and enjoyed the day. Sadly, her husband Bob passed away that June, and she has had a period of adjustment. On a happy note, Ruth took a trip to Germany last September to attend the MI Hummel Club European Third International Convention. They visited Munich, Lindau, Sulgau, Rothenberg, Coberg and Lauscha, with a highlight visit to the Hummel factory.

In October **Karin Schade James** enjoyed a four-week trip to Europe, two of which were spent visiting relatives. Her daughter Debbie teaches children with cerebral palsy. Son Andrew works at the Schuyllkill Center for Environmental Education and received a film credit for managing several scenes filmed there for Oprah Winfrey's movie "Beloved."

Dave Bailey resides in New Jersey, having opened a group home for 10 girls in Williamstown. He is now building a wilderness camp at the

Alloway Campus for an inner city youth summer program to open July 2000. There are 68 boys there. Dave is proud of new grandson Michael David.

Marge Pott Ensinger also lives in New Jersey. She is proud of her Christian family. Her son Bill does computer work for Silver Bay, the YMCA conference center on Lake George, N.Y. Her daughter Doris was married in 1996, having received her engagement ring at a spot overlooking the Sea of Galilee on a two-week trip to Israel with her fiancé's family. Her son-in-law makes custom-designed exotic bass guitars.

Rev. **Dick Buterbaugh** says he turned 80 in December and had a sixth great-grandchild in August. He has done a lot of traveling. He flew to Sacramento in March, went to the Getty Museum in Los Angeles and took the Amtrak to Lacey, Wash., viewing the Cascades, Mt. Rainier and Mt. St. Helens. He also went to the East Coast to visit relatives. He is looking forward to our 45th reunion.

A big old white house in Towson, Md., has been home to **Felicity Fletcher Haile** and **LeRoy** for 42 years. LeRoy was hospitalized for eight weeks with a bad heart and leg problems. When he returned home they had installed a chair glide, which Felicity and the four grandchildren had to try. She sends her best to her WMC friends and would appreciate prayers for her family.

Lynda Skinner Kratoch still works for the Methodist Board of Child Care community-based programs. She does a lot of travel around Maryland and Delaware. Her oldest daughter is with the U.N. in Sri Lanka, her middle daughter has a law practice in Prince George's County, Md., and her son is an assistant state's attorney for Queen Anne's County. Lynda also enjoys her grandchildren.

In Mt. Airy, Md., **Mary Jane Thorney Wilson** keeps on the move with volkswatching in the area and attending Elderhostel programs. Her latest was a two-week hiking trip in Switzerland in September. She was hoping for a little snow this winter to keep the cross country skies from gathering dust and was looking forward to a spring getaway at her house in Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Fred Rausch finally realized his dream of purchasing a 40-foot motor yacht, outfitting it for long-distance cruising. They headed south in October 1997 and spent eight months cruising and sightseeing. They were getting their Magothy River home in Maryland ready to sell. They planned to purchase a small home on the Eastern Shore and start cruising again.

Herb Sell is in his 29th year as director of the Carroll County Church Society and his 44th year as a church organist and choir director, presently at Redeemer's United Church of Christ in Littlestown, Pa. On the side, Herb plays jazz piano for parties. We remember Herb sharing his talents at our class reunion.

Betty Ely May and Tom continue to enjoy retirement, their grandchildren at their vacation home on Chincoteague Island, Va. Betty is in her 43rd year as choir director at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Sykesville.

Peg Whorton Everly says retirement is getting closer since she spent four weeks in the hospital with a perforated ulcer. She is on the mend, however, and still works at Biowhitaker.

A big hello comes from **Janet Thompson Manuel** in Gaithersburg, Md., and from **Anna Gettings DeCoursey** in Jarrettsville, Md.

JoEllen Outerbridge DeMarco is another retiree, having spent 25 years as a librarian in a local school district. However, she was soon asked to return part time for half a year to complete a project. Her travels include Bermuda to house-sit for her sister, a visit to Egypt with the Biblical Archeology Society, a trip to Florida (buying a condo at Pelican Cove), a week in California and two weeks in Italy. She also does Elderhostels and has taken up golf.

The Elderhostel programs are a real attraction for many of our classmates. **Anna Jarrell** takes advantage of these and had one planned for March with **Mary Jane Frequent Wilson**.

Sounds like thorough file miles are being gathered by **Jean Goode Stahl** and husband Bob. Jean retired in October 1996 after 25 years with the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee of the Maryland General Assembly. She has done part-time work with the District 22 C Lions Club Eye and Tissue Bank, but travel has been extensive, including Minneapolis/St. Paul, Martha's Vineyard and Hawaii. Son Bob is vice-president for operations for the University College of the University of Maryland. Daughter Lori completed a residency in veterinary cardiology at the University of Missouri. Jean is enjoying three grandchildren.

Mike Savarese still works for VALIC providing retirement planning, 401(k)s, 403(b)s and other financial investments. His wife Peggy completed 30 years with the Baltimore County Public Schools, spending the last two years as a special education resource teacher. Son Michael is a district manager with Astra Pharmaceuticals in Dallas; daughter Debbie is in Dallas as an attorney; and daughter Denise is a second-year kindergarten teacher in Howard County, Md. Mike plays lots of golf and had a lucky summer—first hole-in-one and senior match play champion. Mike also mentioned the golf club with **Don Tankersley**, **Brant Vitek** and **Bob Butler**.

Pat Werner Callender sent me a Christmas letter and called 1998 the year of the motor home. She and George traveled 15,072 miles and visited 25 states in 10 months. They got home in time for their son's wedding in April and left their motorhome long enough to fly to Hawaii in October for a 12-day cruise.

Joan Durno Bradfield also experienced Elderhostel trips to Florida and Canterbury, England. A cruise with a friend to the Scandinavian capitals, Russia, Estonia and Poland was great fun. Joan continues to do a little work in food consulting and a lot more work acting. She has a home in the woods in West Virginia (She was elected secretary of the homeowner's association board.), as well as her home in Rockville, Md.

Paul and Mary-We Pitts Ensor moved to Glenwood in Howard County, Md. In preparation for retirement they are installing a Robert Morton theater pipe organ in their home. They look forward to having more time to travel and to spend quality time with their three grandchildren.

Bob Butler, one of our football threats, was inducted into the WMC Sports Hall of Fame last fall.

Jack and I continue our busy life with the dental practice, church and community activities, and enjoying the five grandchildren. Our three children planned a wonderful day of surprises for us last July for our 40th wedding anniversary. We continue our model train hobby and made a trip to Kansas City, Mo., last summer for a national convention. The dental practice restricts our travel ability, but we try to get to New Mexico at least once a year to visit our son, daughter-in-law and youngest grandson. They come East more frequently. The other grands are close to us and enjoy Grandpa's trains. I still play piano and organ on a volunteer basis, particularly for special music and cantatas, and I also accompany the community choir. I had a unique experience in December, when part of a film starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere was filmed at our church in New Windsor. I was one of the "extras" in the congregation, so look for that lavender dress when *Runaway Bride* is released this summer.

I hope to hear from all of you again. Keep in mind the "new" reunion program will take effect in 2000, impacting our 45th reunion in 2002. I have been serving on the planning committee, and it will be an excellent program offering a wider variety of activities for us "reunioners." Look for details in the alumni literature.

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62 Thanks for all of the great responses. I know the holidays are hectic times to try to write letters. It sounds as if our gang continues to retire and travel, and many of us have joined the ranks of grandparents. Can you believe it? And now for the news.

Real estate and private investing keep **Jay Albert** and Linda busy, and Linda continues her nursing career. They are still dreaming of a retirement home on the Chesapeake Bay. Their

daughter **Kristin Albert Jones '89** is building a new home, and son Edward is climbing the business ladder in Dallas.

Trish Read Barnhart retired from 30 years of teaching. She stays busy with volunteer work and reports that life approaching 60 is enjoyable. Husband **Ken '63** enjoys golfing. One of his buddies is **Ed Shilling '63**.

Nelson and Nancy Turner Berig-told are happy to report the birth of their first grandchild in January, the son of daughter Margaret and her husband Mike. Daughter Amy teaches English in the Slovak Republic and was home for Christmas.

James Timothy Bowling and wife Karen celebrated 30 years of marriage in July. James works for Bank of America as a data communications network engineer. He is active in the United Methodist church as a certified lay speaker, choir member and president of United Methodist Men, Baltimore North Cluster.

Colorado resident

MARY SUE TROTMAN

MUNDORF '62 skis to

work each day. She is a

cook on Aspen Mountain.

Another class member involved in church activities is **Suzanne Fossett Browning** and husband **Bob '61**. They traveled to Costa Rica where Bob helped build churches and Suzanne worked with children in Bible classes. The Brownings enjoy Elderhostel classes when they're not babysitting and spoiling their three grandchildren.

Charles "Skip" Brown has also retired and moved to Darlington, S.C. He and Nita are renovating a house that backs up to a wildlife preserve. They play a lot of golf and spend time in their condo in Myrtle Beach. When it gets too cold there, they head south to Orlando.

Paul Coleman is still a CPA, and wife Juanita is an auditor with the Maryland Office of Legislative Audit. Their daughter Jennifer is a senior at Bates College in Lewistown, Maine. Paul says life has been good. What a joy that so many of us can say that!

Barbara Wolozin Craig and husband John have also joined the retired clan. Barbara now enjoys picking fresh grapefruit and oranges from the trees in their front yard in Bartow, Fla. Can't imagine why the Craigs are not missing the snow in Chicago where their daughter Beth is an account executive.

Bill Deamer reports that he and Suzie were late starters, so they have Jason at home as he completes his senior year in high school. Jason plans to attend one of the Ivy League schools. Older brother Scott is a junior

at Boston University where he is first in his class. Bill is the vice president for marketing for Chase and MD S&S partners and manages \$12 billion of cash and short duration fixed-income portfolios. Sounds like Bill might need some of that cash for college tuition!

Nancy Davis Deibert plans to retire in June of 2000 and until that time will job share at her local high school. She loves the flexibility. Husband Bill is in administration at West Virginia Northern Community College. Their daughter Julie was married on July 4 and daughter Jennifer is planning an October wedding. Julie works at Easter Seals in early intervention, and Jennifer works at the national Red Cross in Falls Church, Va.

Connie Kay Johnson DeMott is in her 36th year of teaching English, presently at Wisconsin Middle School. Older son Rusty is a senior system consultant for Sectrum. He's married to a teacher and lives in Richmond, Va. Younger son Gary is enrolled in Rochester Institute of Technology's master's program to be a computer artist. Connie Kay has been all over the world. Her long two trips were to China and Hong Kong, and Australia and New Zealand. She is planning a trip to Africa in 2000.

Fran Layton Gardiner retired from teaching home economics and now puts her skills to practical use. She **Dick '58** and **Don '87** keep busy with their apple and peach orchard. During the season Fran travels to farmer's markets in Corning and Elmira, N.Y., to sell their produce and to teach how to best care for it. Off season the Gardiners travel and spend time at their places in New Jersey and Maine.

John Grove thoroughly enjoys retired life in Florida and makes frequent trips to New Orleans to spend time with grandson Jacob Tyler Grove, 15 months old.

Mary Lemkau Horn also comments on how good life is. She and husband Charles are still working but took time out of their hectic pace to visit both children and their 15-month-old grandchild in San Francisco for the holidays.

Susan Morton Lohman retired from the state of Maryland but continues to do custody evaluations in the region. She also cares for her grandson, 3, while the parents work. Dick and Susan are involved grandparents since their children are close by.

Jim and Sue Hogan Lomax have a great deal to celebrate with upcoming marriages in the family. When not making wedding plans, Sue teaches at Radnor Middle School and sings with the Main Line Opera Guild. Jim is still at Rohm and Haas.

Katherine Lore sends greetings from the Jackson House Bed and Breakfast in Railroad, Pa., next to the Northern Central Railroad dinner train. Kathy says she's having fun and meeting wonderful people, and invites us to come and see her.

Joe and Judy Firestone '64
McDade announce the birth of their



MAKING THE GRADE. The college's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa inducted Pamela "Zap" Zappardino '71 as an honorary member in May, inviting her back to speak to student inductees and soon-to-be graduates. Zappardino, now director of Leadership Rhode Island and a psychology instructor at the University of Rhode Island, has been a community leader since she fought against the 10:15 p.m. curfew for female students in the late 1960s. She has since worked with welfare mothers, run a shelter for battered women and their children, fought against unfair standardized testing and developed a plan to overhaul the way health, education and human services are delivered in Rhode Island.

first grandchild, Benjamin, to daughter Karen and husband Douglas in July. In September, Joe and Judy's son Michael married Renee Elkie.

Katherine Schwabland McDonald sounds like a good candidate to be our class reporter. She is the education reporter and arts and entertainment editor for her local newspaper, *The Lampac Record*. Husband Tom works for a non-profit corporation, Spaceweek, which promotes community interest in space.

Pat Fox Olsson celebrates 12 years at Plymouth Savings Bank. The Olssons' son Scott married in November. Pat and her husband sold their house in September, moving to a new area one mile away.

Avon calling! **Marlene Zimmerman Petry** is doing well as an Avon representative. Husband Larry retired from the state of Maryland as assistant chief auditor of the Department of Juvenile Justice and works part time as a bank teller. Son Trevor is a diesel mechanic, and he and his wife have a daughter, Teri. Son Tray works for Legg Mason. Son Trent works for a fencing company. Marlene reports that all is well at the Petry's.

Carol Latham Philpot-Jensen, as usual, is one of our busiest alums. She and George are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. When not

traveling, teaching or cashing royalty checks from her book, "Bridging Separate Gender Worlds" (one of the three top sellers from APA this year), Carol golfs. This year she and George had two golf trips to the Doral and Amelia Island. They traveled to St. Lucia last year and highly recommend the lush island setting. Carol began 1998 as acting dean and became dean in August. She reports that her new job is full of challenges and opportunities, as well as headaches.

Not to be outdone in the travel department, **Louise Styche Rains** and husband Al had a 14-day sail in the British Virgin Islands, as well as trips to London, Paris and two weeks in Disneyland with their blended family. They are winding down their full-time careers in the D.C. area (Al at the Pentagon and Louise at Northern Virginia Community College). They plan to relocate to Charleston, S.C.

Betty Beall Rommel is on an extended leave of absence from her counseling duties in Baltimore County and said she would probably retire in the spring. Husband John is still building, and both children have graduated from college and work for John at RB Homes, Inc. The Rommels are looking forward to more time for golf and traveling.

Don Rabush and Carol Westerville '60 divide their time between Lake of the Woods near Fredericksburg, Va., and Palm Springs, Calif. Don retired from his part-time job with the Maryland Office of Disabilities. In 1997 he became the development officer for the American Society for Deaf Children, a volunteer organization of parents of deaf or hard-of-hearing children who reach out to parents of newly diagnosed kids. Don says he will probably work with them for several years. Carol retired from American College Testing, and now she and Don golf and spend time with their son Keith, his wife Helen and two grandchildren. Son Mark recently started a business.

Interested in some good rum? See **Harry Rumberger**. He has finished his tour of teaching people how to appreciate scotch and bourbon and is now marketing Malibu, a rum (What else would "Rummy" be marketing?) with natural coconut flavor. He says it's great in juices, cola and coladas. Harry and Janie are still in Dallas. Janie continues her social work, managing corporate accounts mental health programs. Daughter Janine is also a licensed social worker in Fredericksburg, Va., and son Brian is in sales, service and computers in Portland.

Nancy Anthony Schmidt reports that she's still surviving despite the ramifications of living in the nation's capital. She gets to spend time with her four daughters and six grandchildren. Nancy enjoys the perks of being a travel agent and had a fabulous three-week trip to Australia and New Zealand last fall.

Stan Shorley still works at Towson Catholic High Schools as a library media specialist. He enjoys skating on his pond when it freezes and goes

back to WMC for all of the Theatre on the Hill productions. **Carolyn Emmel '63** is retired and caring for her mother. Daughter Melina is a sophomore in high school, and Stan's two sons are on their own living in Hagerstown and Cockeysville.

Maureen Filbey Sitter is happy to report that **Bill '63** was blessed with a quick recovery from seven heart bypasses and an arterial cleanse. The Sitters continue to work in their business and are active in their church. It's wonderful to read Maureen's cheerful account of their Christian family and the many blessings they enjoy. They are still in Texas and now have Maureen's mother living in a retirement home nearby.

I hear from **Carole Gordon Smith** periodically since our daughter Holly and son-in-law Doug live in Salt Lake City. Carole and Ken moved to Sandy, Utah, and stay busy with their children and grandchildren.

Charlie Snyder still runs his own income tax preparation business and sings in the Remembering Time barbershop quartet. Last March, Charlie, wife Linda and daughter Sara spent a week with **John Grove** in Florida. They had a great time visiting and recalling the "good old days" at WMC.

Colorado residents **Mary Sue Trotman Mundorf** and Amy celebrated their 10th anniversary on a two-week Windjammer cruise, and **Leah Hackett Hartman** joined them. Mary Sue still cooks on Aspen Mountain, skiing each day to get to work. In the summers they garden and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Mary Sue also serves with the Mercy ships for two months as support staff in Lindale, Texas.

Judith Lorry Murphy writes from Pennsylvania that she still teaches second grade in a private school. Her sons are both working and living at home. Judy spent time with **Marge Engel '65** during her vacation and said that they still act like college roommates. Our sympathy to Judy on the loss of her mother last August.

Fred Nicoll reports that all is well with him and **Jo Ann Carscaden '64**. He's still doing real estate but has sold the motels. They see their granddaughter Caroline quite often. Fred says, "grandparenting is much more fun than parenting." The Nicolls enjoy golfing in Arizona when the winter is too cold in Ocean City.

Marie Dick Sasse is still helping her elderly aunts and doing some volunteer work for the Living Flag Program at Fort McHenry each May. She and **Nancy Gardner Gaston** and **Linda Limpert Wiley** get together about once a month.

I was happy to hear that **Nancy Roelke Sullivan** is also enjoying retirement. She and **Dave '61** sold their home in California and moved to Arizona where they are golfing in the wonderful weather. Nancy would love to hear from **WMCers**.

Last year **Bill Dickey Thomas** and **Jim '60** went to the Jazz Festival in New Orleans and then to eastern

Europe. Mil's pop choir group did a concert tour for 10 days. They also visited Hong Kong, Singapore, Bangkok and mainland China. Jim presented a paper at a conference in Shanghai, and Mil went along for the sights. Mil also travels to Washington, D.C., South Carolina and Georgia, so she hardly has time for her job as administrative assistant at the Denver Urban Ministries job center, which deals with the homeless and low-income families.

Carolyn Bowen Thurber took an eight-week tour to the West Coast and concentrated on the national parks and state capitals. She did 46 volkmarches in 1998, including 16 on vacation. She still does genealogical and family history research. Husband Bob continues to work at NIST, where he's been for over 35 years. Daughter Karen works as a tutor for high school college students, and son Ken is working on a Ph.D. in physics at MIT.

Barbara Walker VanDenburgh spends November and December on the Outer Banks. She and her husband enjoy fishing, and Barb continues to teach quilting, machine embroidery and doll making at several shops in Maryland. She had a spectacular trip to Arizona in 1997.

Bob Vaughan is still with the *Baltimore Sun* as a senior account executive. His wife Carol teaches in Baltimore. Son Geoff, who graduated from Marymount University in Virginia, got married and now lives in Mississippi working as a software engineer. Daughter Tiffany graduated from Villa Julie. She lives in Columbia, Md., and teaches in Howard County.

Jim Waddell has also been traveling. He and **Carolyn deGraw '64** visited Mexico, Canada, Florida and the Dominican Republic. Jim has retired and spends part of his time watching his granddaughter Katie grow "into an amazing kid." Jim visits Westminster frequently and enjoys Green Terror football games, Harry's Lunch hot dogs and Baugher's apple cider. He's full of nostalgia for his old days on "the Hill." The Waddells also enjoy their get-away home in Laurel, Del.

Sandy Shepard Wadsworth visited Scotland for two weeks last summer. Husband Ray sells real estate, and Sandy continues as a strategic account executive for the United Health Care's national accounts unit. They have three grandchildren. Son Kevin is a company commander with an Army Ranger unit in Fort Benning, Ga., and son Brian is a Special Forces Captain serving in Bosnia.

Bob Warfield's children Claire, 24, and Rob, 19, are freshmen at Furman University, are grown. He and **Peggy Hoey '63** are thinking of retirement. They've started with a "mini session" in Naples, Fla., for the month of February. The rest of the year they are in Ocean City and invite us to come and see them.

According to an article in the *West Virginia Journal*, **Warren Watts** was honored by the West Virginia Counseling Association for outstanding ser-

vive to counseling. He was described as "a man, counselor and minister who has proven through the years to be a faithful, trusted and ethical person in both personal and professional life." For 26 years Warren has been director and clinical supervisor of the Tri-County Pastoral Counseling Service at Calvary UMC in Martinsburg. Specializing in individual, marriage and family counseling, he has helped more than 26,000 people and given expert testimony in judicial hearings in four states and Washington, D.C. He has also taught at Shepherd College, and Marshall and West Virginia universities. Warren was appointed by the superintendent of the West Virginia State Police to be senior chaplain for the department and to supervise counseling for State Troopers, their families and civilian personnel.

Rachael Wentz sends greetings from Westminster where she can hear the WMC chiming from her porch. She recently traveled with 22 students and adults to France and Switzerland. She also spent several weeks out West visiting Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas.

No retirement just yet for Dr. **Jonathan Williams**. He is director of pediatric radiology at the University of Florida and plans to work for five more years.

Bob Wolf still teaches Asian studies and U.S. history at Capital High School in Olympia, Wash., and plans to retire in June of 2001 when Sandy retires from her civil service job. They spent the holidays in Seoul, Korea, with son **Todd '87**, **Anita Butler '88** and grandchildren Marshall and Owen. Bob and Sandy are planning an extended cruise (three to five years) starting in June of 2001.

Manetta Willett Pusey and Jim are far from retirement, having no grandchildren and having done no traveling to speak of. They do not even have an empty nest yet, and Manetta reports that they don't have e-mail either. Daughter Rebecca, a graduate of Towson University, was married last June; she and her husband are teachers in Baltimore. Daughter Allison lives at home and works at a local TV station. Daughter Leslie is a high-school freshman. Jim is well and seems to be surviving all the females!

I talk to **Judy King Cole** occasionally and enjoy hearing about her two lovely grandchildren. **Judy and Jim '59** are still working and look forward to retirement.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the deaths of several of our classmates. Since our last column I have learned that **Constance Barnes Lloyd** died in July 1997 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Patricia Pink was also killed in an auto accident in October 1997. **Lillian Zahradka** died in November 1997, and **Carl Strein** died in October 1998 of a heart attack at his Bel Air home. Our sympathies to the families of these classmates.

Thanks to all who responded. I look forward to hearing from the rest of you next time.

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67 The last year of the century is upon us. The new year was minimal, but I'm sure that's because all of you are readying yourselves and your computers for the Y2K event. So here's the last scoop of the century.

Roberta "Bobbie" Vonderheide Eierman is still teaching at Aberdeen Middle School. Fred is in his 34th year teaching and is talking retirement. The next is somewhat empty since **Elaine '97** moved to Fayetteville, N.C., to teach first grade, and Laura went to Salisbury State to be an environmental marine biology teacher. Nonetheless, a few changes—two dogs, one cat and a hamster—are left.

Jim Gibson, Nancy and Kitties Sarah and Sebastian are enjoying retirement in south Florida. Traveling is on the top of their list, having just returned from Vail, Colo. They were planning to spend 10 days in Austria in mid-January and have trips scheduled to Cancun and Mazatlan, Mexico, later in the year. Jim saw **Jay Sybert** in October when he passed through Naples on the way to Fantasy Fest in Key West. He also still hooks up with **Bill Chase** twice a year at the NASCAR races in Daytona.

Bill Chase confirms Jay and Bill sightings. He says he and Judy are alive and well, living and loving living for the past two years in a place 45 miles north of Atlanta called Lake Lanier. After 27 years with the Can Company, Bill has survived four downsizings. He is looking forward to our 35th when we'll all have to catch "up" on the "downs."

Gordon Digory screams, "Got milk! Got tickers? Go Yankees! Go Terror!" and also asks, "Who, Where is the Green Terror, Shadow, Chuck Thompson (?) Spiderman, Furby (?)?" OK, I get it. We're supposed to figure out the riddle, right? If you do, contact me for his e-mail address.

Donna Hann Fogle is still music director for her church. Her daughter Megan, 19, is seeking a music education degree and has been on the dean's list for three semesters. Donna earned her master's degree from FSU in 1996 and works as a media specialist for an elementary school. Her husband of 32 years passed away in November 1998. To her and her family we extend our deepest sympathies.

Completing his assignment as president of Mead Packaging Asia Pacific based in Tokyo, **Bert Horton** and his wife Micko have returned after living in Japan for seven years. One of his contributions to globalization is that now beer and some Coca-Cola is available in Japan and Asia in take-home six-packs. He now works for ITW HI-Cone as an executive in charge of worldwide marketing and business development. They live in a high-rise

overlooking Lake Michigan on one side and Chicago on the other. His new job requires a lot of travel, however, and he seems to have a permanent case of jet lag. But life is good!

Miles Cole and his wife enjoyed two weeks in Hawaii last summer. His twins are trying to decide which college to attend.

After writing a summer "tech-nothriller" last summer, **Larry Blumberg** decided to return to work on a full-duty basis and started a new practice in Florida in the fall. He and his wife Sharon were looking forward to moving into a new condo. His son **Michael '01** is a sophomore at WMC, while brother Eric is a SCUBA diving instructor in Ft. Lauderdale. Stepdaughter Rebecca is a decorator in Baltimore.

Last summer everyone moved, and **Susan Filbert Fagan** was the mover. She transferred to Hammond High School in the fall to work in crisis intervention; she enjoys the new school and position. Her son Shawn finished his apprenticeship at Actors Theatre of Louisville in June and moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., where he is trying to start his own theatre company called Stage Door. His auditions and temporary work with the SITI Theatre Company landed him a role in a Eugene O'Neill play with the Delaware Theatre Company. It opened in January in Wilmington.

Two weddings within six months did me in during the fall of 1997 and spring of 1998. I've spent some time with my daughter Kalah and her husband Bob, who live in Clearwater, Fla. They bought a lovely house with a swimming pool. I'm trying to make time for regular visits. The next time I get down South, I'll try to get in touch with some of you Floridians. Seems there are quite a few. Until next time in the new millennium, be cool!

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74 Hello Classmates! Believe it or not, it's time for us to have another reunion. And it's not just any reunion—it's our 25th! I hope you are all looking forward to seeing everyone as much as I am.

Homecoming is October 23, so put that date on your calendar. If you would like to be a part of our reunion committee, contact the Reunion Programs Office at 410/857-2254. Please fill out and return the information cards the Alumni Office sent you for

our class column in the September *Alum/New* issue.

I hope you all have a wonderful 1999. I look forward to seeing you on October 23.

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77 Greetings to each of you. I hope you are all well and enjoy the news that follows. I also hope those of you I haven't heard from in a while will write to me with updates soon.

After leaving WMC, **Ellen Moran Adams** spent her junior year at the University of Valencia, Spain, graduating from UNH in 1978 with a major in Spanish and sociology. She went on to work in insurance, spending one year in real estate, until last September when she returned to school to study computers. Ellen married in 1983, and she and her husband lived in Vermont from 1989 to 1993, adopting their first son during that time. They moved to New Jersey in 1993 and adopted their second son the next year. Zach, 8, and Eli, 5, are both athletic and adventurous. She spends her "free" time working on their 70-year-old home, refinishing furniture and helping her brother work on his post-war Victory house.

Robert and Elizabeth Eline Andrews took the family (Brian, 16, and Kevin, 12) on a cruise to Bermuda in August 1997. Both boys keep busy with basketball, and Rob was coach last year. Brian played on an AAU team that went to national tournaments in Orlando and Tennessee, and Kevin played All Stars in Little League for three years. Rob is president of Milford Youth Baseball and is a reinsurance underwriting manager for Liberty Mutual. Betsy is still a claims representative at Social Security. They enjoyed seeing everyone at our 20th reunion.

Rolanda "Lonnii" Myers Bechen and her husband still raise and train Arabian horses in central Florida. Scott is the captain on a Coastal Oil Company tug boat out of Ft. Myers. Lonnii keeps busy with teaching eighth grade English and all the riding and horse shows on the road. They bought a 28-foot horse trailer with a living compartment in front. For their 10th anniversary they went to Belize and Guatemala where they went diving, climbed Mayan temples and took a horse pack trip through the rain forest.

Tom Buddenbrough in Texas started a new business as a manufacturer's representative, Budd Sales Co. The first year went well. His two sons, 23 and 13, are busy in school and sports (baseball and basketball). His wife Becky volunteers at church, school and Meals on Wheels. Tom says the life is generally very good.

Wayne and Barbara Kelley Coblenz moved from Manhattan, Kan., to Goshen, Ariz. Wayne is on the faculty of the Animal Science department at the University of Arkansas. Barb was a children's librari-

ian at the Manhattan Public Library but is thinking about employment in Arkansas. Their son David, 18, is a freshman at Kansas State University. Betsy, 15, Laura, 12, and Katie, 6, are still at home.

Carla Criss is a sixth grade science teacher. She resides in Westminster and enjoys reading, music, bird watching, family and friends.

After spending 20 years in the family garden center business and living all his life in Easton, **Lee Dawkins** moved his family (Sue, Annie, 8, and James, 6) to Doylestown, Pa. He is now the national product manager for Aquarium Pharmaceuticals, which makes aquarium and pond care products.

Andrew "Jack" Eckles is president of a small rapidly growing high technology company that specializes in chemical preparations. He is married with two children, 2 and 4, and is still a "fitness nut."

Nancy Schwarkopf Gaffney works as a financial analyst at a credit union. Son Timmy is in fourth grade and is almost as tall as Nancy. Daughter Megan is in first grade. **Beth Heckert Tevis** and her family visited last summer, and they had a great time at Dorney Park.

Nancy was **Nan Hollinger Ganger** had a successful girls' soccer team last year, and **Terry Holland** bought a townhouse in Alexandria and continues to be a world traveler.

Mike Gossell still lives in Harford County, Md., with his wife Belinda and enjoys doing things with his son Denmy, 11. They have a one-year-old golden retriever that keeps them busy. Mike works at Belton Dickinson Microbiology Systems.

Schuyler and Margaret Voelkel Grant still live in San Diego. Schuyler works for SAIC. Their daughters are 17, 15 and 12. Their last daughter's bat mitzvah will be in August 2000. Last September, Schuyler and Margie went to Malaysia on vacation. Borneo was awesome, they say. They visited family in Baltimore and D.C. over the winter break. Now they are planning a trip to Tasmania (including cruising the Great Barrier Reef and stopping off in Fiji for a few days) next February.

Nancy Shepherd Green's husband Dave retired from the Navy three years ago, and they moved to Cary, N.C., to raise their children Peter, 5, and Jill, 4. She says that having two active children 16 months apart has been a challenge, but she sees "light at the end of the tunnel." She is an at-home mom, and Dave works for Interactive Magic, a CD-Rom software company. She says life has been good to them.

In December **Scott Hancock** began his fourth year as executive director of the Maryland Municipal League, the association of the state's cities and towns. He and his wife Ellen moved to Davidsonville, Md., from Arnold with their two children Alex, 7, and Carrie, 6. Scott regularly sees **Bob Platky '76** and **Steve Ports '83** through work. Scott's new interest is

small plane aviation, and he is working toward his private pilot's certification.

Besides investment management, **Carlton Harris** spends 75 percent of his time doing consulting work in the mergers and acquisitions field. His children Mac, 10, Maeve, 8, and Grace, 6, attend St. Mary's Magdalen Elementary School, where his wife Sue volunteers. Carlton volunteers by fixing computers that "go haywire."

Cathryn Clayton Heinbaugh and **Jeff '76** live in Burtonville with their two children and two retired greyhounds. Allison, 11, is in middle school and enjoys doing therapy work with her dog. Daniel, 8, loves any sport he can play. Cathy calls herself a professional volunteer, helping two schools, church and the therapy and assistance dog program. Jeff commutes to GE Information Services in Rockville. The Heinbaughs have enjoyed vacationing with **Dave '76** and **Theresa Mowry** over the last several summers.

Gary and Mary Frank Honeman had their 20th wedding anniversary in July. They continue to live in Westminster. Mary is program director at Change, Inc., and Gary is clinical director at Carroll County Youth Services. Their son Justin, 15, is in 10th grade at Westminster High School, and Chris, 13, is in seventh grade at East Middle School. The family enjoys soccer and traveling.

Steven Jaskulsky lives in Pikesville. Between he and his wife Andrea, they have four boys, 14 to 16 years old. Steve has been practicing urology for the past 12 years. He is still active in music. His kids are musical, too, and now they can play with him.

Having contracted to various companies (from 1987 to 1998) in Georgia, New York, Minnesota, Indiana, New Jersey and Texas, **Loring Hooley** finally went direct employment with Lucent Technologies as a hardware designer.

Bill Johnson bought an insurance agency in Springfield, Ohio. He and his wife Mary keep busy with Victoria, 5, and Will, 3. Bill's interests include classical music, golf, stamp and coin collecting, computers and horses.

Cynthia Longleykehr graduated from Hood College in January 1998 with a master's degree in computer science. She took a new job at SAIC in Columbia, Md., as a software engineer doing graphical user interface development for a WindowsNT security application. Cynthia and Alan just celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary. Daughter Emily, 19, is living on her own, working as an office manager and veterinary nurse for VetSmart. Lianne is a junior in high school. Lianne and Cynthia enjoy going to WMC's Homecoming and hope to see more classmates from 1977 there next year.

Cathy Dannenfeldt and Jerry Landsman relocated to Northfield, Minn. Jerry's insurance company, USF&G, was bought out by the St. Paul Companies, and he accepted the position of premium fraud manager in St. Paul. Danny, 16, runs cross-country,

wrestles and plays baseball. Andrew, 13, is in eighth grade and also runs cross-country in the high school. He enjoys baseball and playing trumpet in the band. Amy, 9, is in fourth grade and is an avid soccer player and a Junior Golf Scout. Cathy keeps busy juggling schedules and trying to keep things running smoothly.

Harry Malone still works in legislative affairs for Joeling. He plays lots of golf and has traveled to some exciting places, such as Kwailein, one of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific. He has spent lots of time lately being a soccer dad. Greg and Brian both played soccer in the spring and fall seasons and both were chosen for the All Star team. Deb is still the operations officer for CAS3 Battalion at Ft. Belvoir. The latest addition to their family is a golden retriever puppy named Goldie.

The Gicker family went through some changes last year. Becky, our oldest, moved to Maine. Jacob joined the Air Force in February 1998. After training in Texas, he is stationed at Langley AFB, not so very far from here. We get to see lots more of him than we expected. Polly has her own apartment nearby. Anna, 12, is my big helper and is quite the young lady. Katie, 10, would love to have a horse and sings in our church children's choir. Bethany, 3, is delightful, and Joel, almost 2, is all boy! I keep busy doing computer work for Life Line, a pregnancy care center in Leesburg. I put out their newsletter, keep their database and do various graphic-type things for them. I have started doing wedding cakes this past year. It could develop into quite a business. I also do bulk mailings for a local missionary group. They're never an idle moment around here.

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82 Hello! It was great to see everyone at the reunion in October 1997 and to hear from so many of you since then.

Doug and Cathy Basti DiVello welcomed their second daughter, Hope Elizabeth, last January.

Baby Julianna joined the **Butzer** family last year. Randy left his job at Harland and is working for Entertainment Publications with **Scott Lohmann '83**. They are waiting for **Bill Myers** to join next.

Judy Mitnick Gorb is enjoying her favorite job of full-time mom with her two children. She also enjoys gardening, making functional and sculptural clay pieces and traveling.

Nancy Held recently visited a friend in Russia. She still works for a small ad agency while working at her own home business. She hikes and bikes as much as possible.

Ann Royston Davis stays busy driving her three children to dance and piano. She and husband Michael coach each child in their different sports.

Ann is on the Baltimore County Board of Recreation and Parks and a committee that produces a drug and alcohol handbook distributed in independent schools. She can't wait for the annual get-together with Noot, Sherri, Diane and Sydney.

Elizabeth "Noot" Mathias Cahill keeps busy working part time and running kids from parties to rec council games. She says it was great seeing so many old friends at our reunion and can't believe we've been out 16-plus years already.

Risa Bush Halpren is in her 16th year teaching, currently first grade at Worthington Elementary in Ellicott City. Her two boys also keep her busy. Her husband works for an advertising agency during the week and is a cameraman for the Ravens and the Orioles on weekends. Risa wants to hear from her "Babes" and "Techs" friends.

Kathy Campagnoli was happy to be promoted to assistant principal in Frederick County at Linganore High but misses teaching Shakespeare. She traveled to Italy and Bermuda.

Carolyn Berry Dillard and husband Michael moved from Ohio to Spotsylvania to be closer to family. Carolyn is a home general contractor and a computer analyst for the local county government.

Melissa Putter Cockerill and family have settled into life in Virginia Beach. Daniel, 7, plays baseball and hit his first home run. Steven and David, 4, live to play outside. **Mark '83** is busy as an interventional radiologist, and Melissa enjoys scrapbooking, Bible study, tutoring and running after those three boys.

Lisa Moritz Jennings also lives in Virginia Beach with her husband and new baby Robert Austin.

Another Virginia Beach area resident, **Jane Burch Friddell**, is busy with her boys, who swim year round, play soccer, basketball, baseball and violin. Jane again competed in several triathlons last summer. Her family does four-wheel trips in the Virginia mountains with their Jeep Wrangler, and they love living near the beach.

Karen Dulle Hendricks added baby Shannon Meredyth to her family in October. Brother Cole is 4 and in preschool. Karen works part time at Fleet Feet and runs besides.

Terry Com-Sears and husband David became grandparents this year to their new niece. Over Thanks-giving they were charmed by Sydney, Australia, where they enjoyed hiking in the bush. In December they traveled to Paris for a week. In between vacations, they "worked 'til they dropped!"

Kathy Malkus Hoeck continues to work part time as a physical therapist in an out-patient orthopedic setting. She and her husband enjoy spending time with their sons, 6 and 3. They love sunny San Diego and would love some visitors.

From another sunny state, **Jenny Henningsen** writes that she has been happily employed at the Florida School for the Deaf for 15 years and is still teaching sixth and seventh grade

science, which she loves. In her classroom she has two South American red-footed tortoises, five eggs incubating and a new hedgehog named Spike. On the home front, she and Dan have added their second "child" to their farm—Rufus, a year-old Newfoundland.

Suzanne Cohen-Coale is doing well working for Genesis Health Ventures. After living all over Florida, she and her husband bought a house in Ormond Beach near Daytona and love it.

Jonathan Dickey and his wife had little Joshua in August. Jonathan is a financial advisor with Prudential Securities in Columbia, Md., and loves it.

And finally, from Scotland, **Brian** and **Pam Huffington Aucker** are enjoying their adventure in Edinburgh. Brian continues his doctoral studies in Old Testament and Hebrew, and Pam works full time for Standard Life Assurance Company in their management information team. Their children (Erin, 14, Nathan, 11, and Rachael, 7) are involved in various sports and all take piano lessons.

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87 Greetings, Class of '87! I've been compiling your news for over 10 years now and wanted to thank all of you who support this column by sharing your triumphs and losses. You help us all feel closer to those WMC memories we all cherish.

I am sad to report that our class suffered a loss in 1998. **Jennifer Walsh Hawes** died on July 30 in Boston, Mass. I know you all join me in sending our condolences to her family.

Congratulations to **Cheryl Giamanico**, who was awarded her Ph.D. in social psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University.

It was a banner year for **Bev Kreiter**. Along with her divorce being finalized last May, she bought a townhouse, settled into a brand new job and built a network of new friends through her church where she is serving as a deacon, singing in the choir and playing hand bells. Bev lives in West Chester, Pa., and works at the PMA Insurance Group as a worker's compensation account claim representative.

While enrolled in the human resources development program at Towson University, **Theresa LaMotte** is starting a personal fitness/wellness consultant company for corporations. She lives in Catonsville, Md., with her husband Steve Perdue and daughter Taylor, 2.

Eric and Kim O'Dea Landgraf live in Haddonfield, N.J., with their three children Ashley, 8, Brandon, 6, and Page, 2. Kim has a part-time child-care business. She was an assistant coach for Ashley's cheerleading squad last fall, a fun but demanding job. She is also the Campbell's Soup Box Tops for Education Coordinator for her children's school, helping earn cash for improvements and equipment.

Since the Landgraf Insurance Agency affiliated with Laurel, Coe & Associates in Stratford, N.J., Eric is marketing manager, focusing on sales responsibilities for his office. He completed a one-year term as county president of the Independent Insurance Agents of New Jersey Association and in 1998 received awards for Local Board President and Young Agent of the Year. After work, Eric coaches teams for Ashley and Brandon and was putting together the First Annual Western Maryland College Alumni Golf Outing for New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware.

Luc Levenson is thankful to Philip, 18 months, and spends a lot of time working on his family's old house, where they've lived for 10 years. He is the information technology manager at GBH Macomber Construction in Boston.

Janelle Crosby Longhta's daughter Sarah, 5, will start kindergarten in the fall. Hannah, 4, also keeps her busy. She and husband Tom have spent the last three years updating their 95-year-old Chagrin Falls, Ohio, home.

Steve Lutche and wife **Lucy Purcell '86** built a home in Fallston, Md., which they are enjoying with daughter Brigitte, 2. Some recent big events for

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Steve include his sister **Laurie Lutche's** '92 wedding to **Chris Scanell '89**, **Mike Murphy's** wedding and **Rich Wheatley's** annual Crab Feast.

Gilbert M. Mack Jr. is senior pastor at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Winchester, Va., and plans to start his Ph.D. studies in the fall. He and wife Angela, a full-time pediatrician, have a daughter, Jasmine, 4.

Julie Bugg Maher still loves being at home in New Market, Md., with Morgan, 4, although she keeps busy with Morgan's preschool, tag and ballet lessons, and play group. Julie is also in a Bunco (a social dice game) group with **Feyen DeMore Bolesita**, **Kris Twiford Guyton '88** and **Kathy Eskut Krach '90**. Her husband Ed is a senior engineer at Fannie Mae and splits his time between his offices at home and in Herndon, Va. The Mahers are also active in their

neighborhood church, Daybreak Community.

A lot has happened in **Ginger Mahle's** life since she last sent in an update. In 1997 her father was diagnosed with cancer. He later passed away from the cancer and heart problems. Ginger bought his townhouse in Columbia, where she lives with a roommate. She still enjoys flying, which she does frequently. Since earning her instrument rating, she can fly in fog and clouds, which allows her to fly farther without getting stranded! Although she hasn't done much skydiving lately, she did get a chance last summer with one of the Golden Knights (the Army parachute demonstration team). She is now in her 12th year of teaching fourth grade at Northfield Elementary School in Elliott City.

Not only has **Beth Riffey Matsui** been teaching skydiving in the Monterey, Calif., area for the last nine years, but she is also the mother of an 18-month-old son. She stays in close contact with her WMC friends. (She says you know who you are!) Her dream is to compete against **Sarah Kimmel Lemon** in one of her many marathons.

Vera Strothman McMurrin enjoys her new job as an area manager for Wal-Mart at the distribution center in southern Utah. She had a great trip back East in 1997 for the Class of '87's 10th reunion and Homecoming. **Todd Mitchell** and his wife Judy live in Hampstead with Matt, 5, and Kelsey, 2. He is a financial advisor at Legg Mason and frequently sees **Larry Hammond '84**, who, according to Todd, smiles every time he sees someone.

Joe Nattans and his wife Laura are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Courtney Virginia on October 19, 1998. The Nattans, who live in Tampa, Fla., spent the holidays visiting family and friends in Baltimore.

Dawn Holman Pfaff has been at BT Alex Brown for seven years. She and husband Rob have a daughter, Maddie, who is 3 (going on 10, according to Dawn) and a new son, Alexander Holman, born March 8, 1998. Dawn and her family plan to vacation in Duck, N.C., this summer with **Steve '88** and **Carole Schnitt** and their children.

Between church activities, spending time with wife Kate and keeping up with two terrific sons, Jacob, 7, and Eli, 5, **Dan Parker-Burgard** is busy as a freelance copy editing religious books. Working at home doing something he enjoys seems at times too good to be true. Dan sends his congratulations to Elinore and **Jim Chung** on the birth of their son Jacob in December.

An excited **Amy Ratcliffe** wrote in from the Gulf Coast of Florida, where she moved to Venice with her fiancé, Glenn. They are running their own company and enjoying freedom from the stress of the Washington, D.C., area. They are five minutes from the beach and loving life.

Linda Mariotti Renner still loves teaching fifth grade at a private Christian school in Westminster. Her son Colin, 6, is in kindergarten there, so she gets to see him from time to time during the day. Linda's husband **Doug '80** is busy recruiting and coaching cross-country, indoor track, and outdoor track and field at WMC.

Kim Roberts, who completed her MBA degree from Frostburg State University in 1997, is now the supervisor of Clonetics Cell Production Laboratory at BioWhittaker.

Suzanne Brazis Ross is now mom to three children: Nick, 5, in kindergarten, Megan, 3, and Jack, born August 21, 1998. She is a busy stay-at-home mom who loves her job, which includes transporting the kids to and from sports. Nick plays soccer, basketball and baseball (and lacrosse soon), and Megan is in gymnastics. Suzanne has also started her own business in admissions consulting for kids looking for private high schools.

Kate Sampsel is a Ph.D. candidate in American history at Georgetown University where she won a full scholarship (and stipend). Her thesis area is 20th century women photographers. Kate thanks everyone in the WMC history department for their support.

Patrick Shank writes from New York City where he left the guaranteed salary of controller for a magazine publisher to consult in business services/accounting for small businesses. He has picked up several clients since he began in January 1998 and has been busy. Pat finally made it to Homecoming (after six years) and had a great time seeing everyone and hanging with **George '85** and **Robin Adams '86** Brenton. He also attended two NYC alumni functions last fall. The invitation stands for anyone visiting to look him up. He can always be convinced to share a cocktail (or three!).

Pamela Hamm Sherwood and husband Tim live in Russellville, Ark. Pam stays at home with their three children: Vaughn, 7, Owen, 6, and Isabel, 2.

Julie-Ann Elliott Skarsou found time to write while rehearsing for "Holiday Memories" at Olney Theatre Center in Olney, Md. She has been doing commercials, including five for Comcast @Home Internet Service. (Those of you who live in New Jersey with me, look for Julie-Ann on our cable stations!) She also did one of the "scandal ads" for the Republican National Committee that caused all of the uproar before the last election. That job was a challenge, she says, since she's a Democrat! Julie-Ann and her husband are still renovating their home in Silver Spring. In 1998 they visited **Laura King King**, her husband and their baby girl in Chicago. In between acting jobs, Julie-Ann still works at American Management Systems, Inc.

"The Great Northwest" is now home to **Beth James Simmons**, who just bought a house in Renton, Wash., with her husband Scott. They are hoping to fill their new home with kids

eventually. In the meantime, they love camping in the area. On a personal note: Yes Beth, my hair is still curly.

All is well with south Jersey for **Larry Smith** and his family: Linda, Tyler, Dustin, Brenna and Bazooka Joe. They're looking forward to summer and vacationing on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Last year they enjoyed seeing all the Bachelors at the Wee-T Family Campground where a good time was had by all.

Dave Stroud in Alexandria, Va., has a new son, Sean, born November 13, 1998. He also has a new job working for the National Security Service Architect. He was promoted to Major this year and has enjoyed seeing friends on this tour.

Nicole Gaines Thompson closed her family day care business after four years and returned to the classroom as a math and language arts support teacher. She also teaches math to third- and fourth-graders at Benchmark, a private school that specializes in handling reading difficulties. An avid walker, Nicole teaches kick boxing at night and a children's music program on Saturdays. She and her husband Tony moved into a new house (still in Media, Pa.) in which Tony built a music studio. He is busy working with people to get record deals. Nicole's son Jerry, 9, and daughter Nicalia, 7, are third-year dance students specializing in tap. Nicalia competes in group and solo dance competitions.

Life in Easton, Md., is great for **Richie Wheatley**. He's spending a lot of time with his family and enjoying country living in their new home. According to Richie, life is also inter-

year at Hilton Head (Tracy KENNARD Imm, Mary Beth Angus Taylor, Karen Scheidt Groner and Karri Gustafsen Makar '86). They hope to make this a regular pilgrimage.

Todd Wolf and family (Anita Butler '88, Marshall, 5, and Owen, 2) are enjoying their second year of an overseas tour in Seoul, Korea. He continues to serve as a transportation officer for the Eighth U.S. Army. His past holiday season they had visits from their parents for several weeks. The tour is being extended for two more years. They will move south to Pusan, Korea, this summer, and Todd will take a position as an operations officer for an Army port battalion.

I'm working full time as a marketing manager for AT&T Internet Services. I produce marketing tools and printed brochures for use by our sales force and have also done some work designing content and layout for Web sites. My son Christopher will be 3 in July and loves the activities and fun shared with friends at his day care center. My husband Ron and I enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas, Nev., last fall for five days. While I spent part of the time working an AT&T trade show, Ron had a blast exploring the casinos!

Thanks again to everyone for writing in and helping me keep our class in touch.

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92 Amy Barrett Appar lives in Vermont and teaches Spanish to first through fifth graders. She married Andy Appar on July 4, 1998, and is working on her master's degree in special education and reading.

Congratulations to **Beth Basler Busch** and husband Matt on the birth of their first child Ayla Grace on August 31, 1998. Beth is loving every minute of being a full-time mom. She lives in "Wine and Apple Country," the Yakima Valley of Washington State, in an A-frame house on the Yakima River.

Rick Callan and wife Amy were blessed with the birth of their daughter Megan Rose on June 20, 1998, at Carroll County Hospital.

Leslie Clowser Carbaugh enjoys the beautiful scenery at her home in the mountains of Pennsylvania. She teaches second grade in Carroll County.

John Conrad is working as a technical consultant for Chem Service in West Chester, Pa.

Crisis Cina Dahl and husband Brian live in Carroll County. She enjoys working as a senior systems consultant and is an adviser to the Omega.

Cheryl Dishon writes from Jarrettsville, Md. She is working in Timonium at an insurance agency, Gorges and Co., and has just become a Pampered Chef consultant.

Christy Saksa Dohmen started a new career in the career office at Towson State University. She is a program

coordinator for the College of Business and Economics, helping juniors and seniors secure internships.

Adelene Dorn relocated back to Baltimore from Boston in November.

Jon Embrey and his wife **Stephanie Hunter '90** welcomed their second son Nicholas James into the world on May 5, 1998. They are still teaching school. Congratulations to Joe, who was Teacher of the Year for his school in 1997. Their older son Zachary is doing well and growing fast.

Constantine Frangos bought a house in Baltimore's Federal Hill and is still working at JHU/APL as a software engineer.

Dina Comuzzi Geesey married Gordon Geesey in April 1996. After working in the Frederick County Sheriff's Office for the past five years, she was transferred from the patrol division to the criminal investigation section as a detective.

Norris B. Garrison IV has a new position with Education America, Inc. as the MIS director.

Stephanie Grau works for Harbor Duval Graphics in Baltimore. She purchased a house in Canton two blocks from **Jackie Potts**.

Melyssa Denney Haack married Jeremy Haack (who received his teacher's certification at WMC) on July 11, 1998. They live in White Marsh but are looking to buy a home in Harford County this summer.

Stephen Harlan spends his time between working for Citibank Investments in Queens and the Army National Guard. He works for the operational unit trying to make a smooth transition for the merger with Salomon-Smith Barney. Stephen keeps in touch with **Mark Flynn**, who works near his apartment. He attended an alumni event in the Soho area of Manhattan and was surprised to see some people who had moved to the area. He's looking forward to more get-togethers.

Kim Howard Harner obtained her MSW in July 1996 and has since earned her LGSW. She has worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital since April 1998. Kim returned to her first love, hospital social work, after working in the long term care arena and as a social work director at the Manor Care Facility in Towson.

Philip Heavner planned to finish his residency in pediatrics at UNM on June 30 and start work as a general pediatrician with B.C.A Medical Associates in Roswell, N.M., on August 1. His wife **Maricelle Ainsworth '94** planned on completing her master's in English literature at UNM in May. They love living in New Mexico.

Steve Helleman works from Boulder, Colo., where he bought a house near a national park. He was busy last summer running two triathlons, along bike races. He still works with **Jeremy Verne** at Indry's Net.

Deborah "DJ" Housley lives in Portland, Maine, where she teaches

ninth grade language arts, reading and social studies in Yarmouth. She spends a lot of her summer kayaking. She is also a coordinator for the soup kitchen in Portland.

Jennifer Sheeder Hurley married **David Hurley '91** on October 4, 1997. She works as an account executive for Lucent Technologies.

Jonelle Leith Jozwiak and husband **Mark '90** are doing well in the north country of New York where they weathered the "Ice Storm of '98." They were without power and heat for nine days, so they got out the games and oil lamps and played a chess game to a draw. Jonelle is pursuing an M.S. in basic science at Clarkson University while working as a physical therapist.

Michelle Kloos is writing her dissertation in art history at the University of Maryland. She teaches at UMBC and with the College Park Scholars in the arts program.

Congratulations to **Danna Reid Larama** and husband Mike on the birth of their daughter Madison Pearl on September 10, 1998.

Kellie Marsh Holoski has returned to Maryland after spending two years earning her master's in medical illustration at the University of Michigan. She received an award from the Association of Medical Illustrators for being the most promising student in the nation. After graduating last May, she and her husband **Dan '94** took a three-week romp across Europe to see Italy, France, Monaco and Switzerland. They returned to buy a house with a gurgling fish pond in the backyard in Finksburg, Md. Kellie now works at Johns Hopkins University as a medical illustrator and graphic artist. Dan is enjoying a new job as a computer network consultant at Aslin Data Systems in Columbia.

Kellie reports that **Tessa Dominick** has been living in Anchorage, Alaska, the past five years working with developmentally disabled adults. She lives with her dog near a glacier and has had many adventures, including a confrontation with a moose in which she dislocated her elbow.

Lynn Thomas Ramsey and husband Jack completed their master's degrees in management from National University last August. Jack retired at the end of August, and they moved back to his home state of Louisville, Ky., where Jack's kids Michelle, 16, and Jack III, 15, were staying with his parents and going to school. Daughter Brianna Kathryn was born on July 27, 1997.

According to the October 1997 issue of *Underground*, from WMC's theatre department, **Steven Zumbur** works in the Baltimore area as a freelance music director.

Your class reporters are doing well and we thank you for the news.

Sarah Biggs Warner and husband Mark bought a house in Westminster, Md., last summer. Sarah teaches first grade in Baltimore County.

Jessica Barlow transferred to Runnymede Elementary in Westminster, Md., where she teaches fourth grade.

BETH RIFFEY MATSUI

'87 teaches skydiving in Monterey, Calif.

esting and fun with three kids: Claire, 5, Kyra, 3, and Jack, 1. He and his wife Martha enjoyed having alumni down last summer for their annual Crab Fest and tell everyone to mark their calendar for August 14.

After graduating from the University of Richmond Law School in 1990, **Kathy Mancini Williams** did a judicial clerkship in Virginia, then practiced corporate law in Baltimore until 1997. She took a one-year "vacation" in 1992-3 to work on the Navajo Indian reservation for ten months and then resorted to a biking tour of Europe with her husband Steve. In 1997 she opted to stay at home full time with son Steven, 4, and Emily, 1. Last year they moved to Utica, N.Y., to set up Steve's practice as a vitreoretinal surgeon. Kathy plans to teach one or two contract law classes at a local college but intends on dedicating most of the next few years to being mommy. She got together with some Phi Alpha "fossils" for a spring fling weekend last

She plans to graduate from WMC in May with her master's in reading. She keeps busy as a Mary Kay beauty consultant and a tutor for children on the side.

Just a reminder: We cannot print marriages and births until they occur. Congratulations to those of you on your upcoming exciting events!

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97 Hello fellow graduates. It was good to hear from you over the holidays. I hope everyone has a memorable year as we draw close to 2000. As for me, I am still at T. Rowe Price, now working in our retirement division. I moved to Owings Mills from Fallston, Md., in July. My roommates are **Marcela Delahoz '96** and **Yanette Wright '95**. Here's what our classmates had to say:

Laura Veise is a second-year graduate student at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, living in Belcher town, Mass. She is studying mathematics and plans to have her master's degree at the end of the 1999 school year.

Living in Ellittott City, Md., **Amy Rice** teaches fourth grade in Howard County and rooms with **Stacey Glacken**.

Michael Sanford is attending Hood College, focusing his master's program in biomedical science. He works as a lab technician at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Md., while living in Westminster.

Residing in Orono, Maine, **Christine Pardew** is attending graduate school at the University of Maine. She is pursuing her master's degree in communication and teaching undergraduate classes, including introduction to interpersonal communication. She says, "Maine is a beautiful country with Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor right in our back yard."

While in Ocean Isle, N.C., **Charles Pfahler** is working as a veterinary technician at Seaside Animal Care. He says he has been there for almost a year and thoroughly enjoys all aspects of the job. In his free time he surfs.

Karen Neff is in her second year of medical school at Penn State University College of Medicine in Hershey, Pa.

Antonia Randle lives in Baltimore but is looking forward to moving soon. She works at Channel 13 as a writer and associate producer and is doing some freelance TV spots.

Melissa Schaller rooms with **Michelle Menaker** and **Becky Dux** '96 in Baltimore's Little Italy.

Joshua Wilson lives in Hagerstown, Md. He is an intern on the staff of Washington County Young Life and is director of Youth and Fam-

ily Ministry at Christ Lutheran Church in Hagerstown.

Residing in Westminster, Md., **Scott Morsberger** is a full-time student in a physician assistant program. He married Jill Yanke on May 23, 1998.

Lori Mowen Block works at the Sylvan Learning Center as a mathematics specialist. She lives in Lynchburg, Va., with her husband William Patrick Block Jr.

Brandy Mulhern stays in touch with WMC through the Young Alumni Affairs Committee and the Reunion Committee. She lives in Rockville, Md., with **Samantha Dwoisnik**. She is a production assistant for the Jack Morton Company in D.C. **Meredith Bowen '98** and **Michelle Hamilton '98** are fellow co-workers. In her spare time, Brandy is the special events coordinator for Monocacy Valley Church.

Living in Westminster, Md., **Kristen Olsh** is a manager with Paul Harris, Inc. while pursuing a job in public relations.

Cathy Pech graduated from the University of Maryland School of Nursing in December and hopes to work in an area hospital on a pediatric or intensive care unit. She lives in Owings Mills, Md.

In the last year of her master's program at the University of Massachusetts College of Psychology, **Tiffany Urbansky** recently took a teaching position at a preschool and says she is enjoying it.

Mark Newman is in the process of joining the Internersity Christian Fellowship/USA as a full-time campus minister. He hopes to be working with students at WMC and UMBC within the next six months. Mark lives in Columbia, Md.

An admissions counselor at WMC, **Heidi Snyder** is living with **Amy Dreibeis**. She is a class agent with **Brandy Mulhern**, as well. Heidi says she was excited about her sister **Kathy Snyder** '99 last year on the court for the Green Terror women's basketball team.

Melissa Summers works at the Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore and loves what she does. She lives in Hunt Valley, Md.

While living in Westminster, **Nicole LeDoux** finished her second half of student teaching at Liberty High School. She is waiting at a local restaurant and plans to attend graduate school in the fall.

Melissa Meehan is a graduate student at the University of Virginia studying mathematics. She resides in Charlottesville, Va.

Sonia Stey is looking forward to getting her master's in industrial organizational psychology in August. She is a human resources representative for Office Depot, based in Baltimore. However, she finds herself traveling quite a bit from her home in Pasadena.

Heather O'Brien is a full-time gymnastics coach at a private gymnas-

tics club. Living in Fair Haven, N.J., she works six to seven days a week, so she does not have a lot of time to herself.

Alison Winters Welch is teaching fourth grade at Westminster Elementary School and living in Westminster. She married Todd Welch on July 11, 1998.

Kerri Reyelt lives in Barrington, R.I., and works at New England Printing and Graphics.

Chester Stacy sends greetings to the Class of '97. He is hunting for that perfect graphic design position in the metro area while living in Columbia, Md.

Sara Simantal works at Ain't That A Frame in Westminster and lives in Owings Mills, Md. She is planning a trip to Greece this fall.

Calvin Lineberger works from Baltimore. He works at Zurich Personal Insurance in their customer service department.

John Manard is pursuing a master's degree in journalism with plans to attend the University of North Texas. He works for Capital One Financial Corporation in the fraud detection department and lives in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Cameron Speir is a graduate student and research associate at Virginia Tech in the department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. He lives in Blacksburg, Va.

Cindy van der Nat spent the holidays in Norway. She will be living in Amsterdam and traveling throughout Europe for the next year.

Julie Sanders lives in Germantown, Md., and works for IGAN in a research lab. **Carolyn Buzanoski** works there as well.

Kamali Welch is a special education instructional assistant at Kensington-Parkwood Elementary in Kensington, Md. She is also attending Johns Hopkins University, working on her master's in special education. Kamali says, "I hope that everyone has been successful in whatever path they have chosen."

Eric Laurence moved to Rockville, Md., and is working at USA TODAY in advertising sales at the headquarters in Rosslyn, Va.

Taking a break from politics, **Randy Rytter** started this past August at WMC as the assistant director of Alumni Affairs. In his spare time (when he is not booking young alumni on Letterman), he is also pursuing a master's in the new human resource development graduate program at WMC.

For all of those who haven't gotten in touch with me, drop me a line. I'd love to hear from you. I have some of our classmates' e-mail addresses, so if you would like to get in touch with someone, let me know. Take care.

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98 Just two days after graduation, **Christian Abildso** left to tour Europe for five weeks.

He spent the first week in London with **Costas Hadjipalitis** and **Ryan Bowles '00**, the next two in Scandinavia with his brother and the final two weeks visiting Germany, Switzerland and Italy, where he spent a week-end with **Sander Zwack** and his family. Upon his return, he began working at Onsite Companies, a division of Aerotek, in the accounts receivable department. He lives in Baltimore's Little Italy with **Pambos Charalambous '97** and a friend from home.

Laurina Hendricks Anderson was accepted in advance standing to the MSW Program. She completed five classes, received straight A's and was the recipient of the 1998 Student of the Year Award from the NASW's Maryland chapter. She then moved to Rockford, Ill., to begin graduate work at Aurora University.

Following a rigorous 10-week training program in three computer languages, **Jason Barr** became a systems engineer for Ross Perot's old company, Electronic Data Systems. He now lives on the outskirts of Harrisburg, Pa., and is doing well.

After graduating in January 1998, **Sophie Charalambous** headed up to New York where she began a master's program at the New York Institute of Technology, majoring in corporate communications. She is having fun working in the public relations/corporate relations department of Starned, the largest Internet provider in Latin America, which is based in New York City. Sophie lives in New York with **Fabrizio Ferronato '97**.

Second Lieutenant **Dudley Cobb** graduated from the U.S. Army's Intelligence Officers Basic Course in January. Following his graduation, he began work in El Paso, Texas, with aerial reconnaissance planes in counter drug operations in Central America.

Michelle Crow had the time of her life traveling through Europe for three weeks after graduation. Upon her return, she began working for Aerotek in the Onsite Companies Division.

Since graduation, **Jason Dare** has moved to Smithville, N.J. He is working as an exercise therapist at the Injury Institute in Northfield, N.J., where he is getting hands-on experience with physical therapy and cardiac rehabilitation. He is also proud to report that he is playing semi-pro football for the South Jersey Knights of Atlantic City.

Finally, after graduation **Denise Dill** began working at Kim & Gregory Associates, LLC, an accounting firm in Ocean City, Md. She is doing well and is living in Selbyville, Del.

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Back to the Future

BY GREGORY D. ALLES

I remember watching a television show back in the 1960s called "The Twenty-First Century." It was hosted by Walter Cronkite, and it talked about how inventions were going to improve our lives. At the time, I could not actually conceive of living in the 21st century. The problem wasn't that the images the show presented were unrealistic. It was that I would turn 46 in the year 2000. How could I ever be that old?

Apparently the inconceivable is about to happen, so now I ponder other questions. For example, why does the 21st century, and more specifically the year 2000, attract so much attention?

We could easily use different numbers to count the years. For Jews it is now the year 5759, for Muslims 1420 A.H., for Hindus V.S. 2056. The Maya Long Count, which began in 3114 B.C.E., will end on December 23, 2012. How many North Americans will even notice?

Besides, everyone is getting excited about the wrong year. A millennium is 1000 years. The first millennium ran from 1 to 1000, the second from 1001 to 2000, the third starts in 2001. Didn't anyone understand the title of Arthur C. Clarke's novel and Stanley Kubrik's film?

The information age has given us one reason to worry about the year 2000: the Y2K problem. I suspect, however, that something more lies behind the millennial excitement. Consider the stories religious people tell about time—about origins, the course of time and the end.

Some of these stories look back in time. They seek models for life in past events, sometimes in the events of creation:



"Observe the Sabbath ... for the Lord ... rested on the seventh day." Moreover, their assessment of the present is often pessimistic. Hesiod's iron age, the Hindu *Kaliyuga* and Japanese Buddhist *mappe* are present ages, degenerate all.

We, too, have some stories that glorify the mythical and legendary past: television shows like "Xena" and "Young Hercules" and novels by J. R. R. Tolkien. But aside from adolescent fantasy, North Americans generally cede the imagining of the past to scientists and historians, occasionally even "creation scientists." We prefer to project our most powerful dreams and aspirations onto what is still undetermined—the future.

Some of us imagine the future in Christian, Islamic or, more rarely, Jewish modes: Armageddon, the last judgment, the Mashiach. But for many, the scientific imagination has replaced angels and evil spirits with alien life forms. A compassionate celestial being who descends to Earth, dies, comes back to life and ascends to the heavens is not a son of God but E.T., the extra-terrestrial. The apocalypse has become a catastrophic asteroid strike.

Hope has taken on the form of an incredibly better life created through technology, or perhaps now through the electronic manipulation and exchange of information. Enter the millennial hoopla and the Y2K apocalypse.

I have not the slightest idea what the next millennium will bring, so I venture no predictions here, aside from predicting that, like others, I will enthusiastically ring in the New Year at midnight.

But perhaps I will also recall this past January 1. I was in India, and at 10:30 a.m. Indian Standard Time, the stroke of

midnight Eastern Standard Time, my family telephoned. Toward the end of the conversation, my wife asked, "Do you have anything special planned for today?"

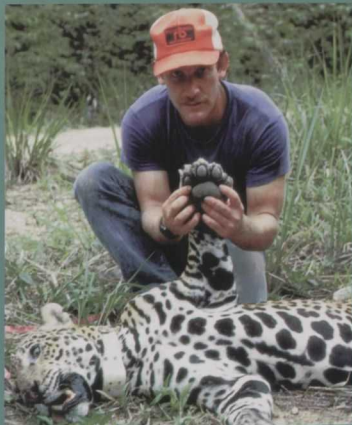
"Well," I said, "First I have to go to the bank."

"The bank? Won't it be closed?"

"No. January 1 is not a holiday here."

In this conversation we encounter neither the past nor the future but a present that European Americans like me have just begun to grapple with: the insight that what we have taken for universal truths are often simply local customs. That is, however, no reason to cancel the champagne.

Greg Alles, who has been teaching religious studies at the college for 12 years, is a member of the executive council of the North American Association for the Study of Religion and the editorial boards of Religion and Method and Theory in the Study of Religion. He plans to ring in the New Year at home in front of the fire with his wife and four children and a celebratory Canadian brew named "La Fin du Monde."



MEOOW

Alan Rabinowitz '74, director for science at the Wildlife Conservation Society, spent years deep in the jungle of Belize studying jaguars and establishing the world's first sanctuary for these big cats and their prey. His research

continues to take him all over the world, including back to the wild and windy "Hill" where he received a Trustee Alumni Award this spring. Read more about Rabinowitz and the other honorees on p. 30.

ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR

All alumni and their guests are invited to alumni events. Those living outside the sponsoring chapter's zip code may make reservations by calling the Office of Alumni Affairs at 410/857-2296.

Tues., July 6
Day Students' Reunion,
Harrison House.

Mon., July 26
Baltimore Alumni Lunch.
Ravens rookies begin practice.

Sun., Aug. 1
Ravens veterans arrive on campus.

Fri., Aug. 6
Ravens intersquad scrimmage.

August 9-23
Alumni National Parks tour.

Wed., Aug. 25
Ravens camp breaks up.

Mon., Aug. 30
Baltimore Alumni Lunch.

Thurs., Sept. 16
Lower Shore Alumni Luncheon,
Nassawango Country Club.
Coordinators: Betty Robbins
Seiland '50 and Klein Leister '43.

Mon., Sept. 27
Baltimore Alumni Lunch.

Sat., Oct. 2
Wilmington Alumni Luncheon,
Christiana Hilton. Program:
President Robert Chambers.
Coordinator: Nan Bell Flyzik '45.

Sun., Oct. 3
Mid-Shore Alumni Dinner, Queen
Anne's County. Coordinator: Nell
Hughes Ogden '53.

Sun., Oct. 10
Southern Maryland Alumni Dinner
and Alumni Masters' Degree
Reception, Solomon's Island Holiday
Inn. Program: President Robert
Chambers. Coordinator: Robin
Bowyer, PLS-Coordinator Southern
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Program.

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 15-16
Board of Trustees

Sat., Oct. 16
Dedication of the science center.

Sat., Oct. 23
Homecoming. Reunions for Class of
'64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89 and '94.
100-Day Reunion for Class of '99.
Alumni tours of new science center.

Mon., Oct. 25
Alumni Council meeting, 7 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 13
Sports Hall of Fame Banquet and
Induction Ceremonies.

Sun., Dec. 5
Alumni Holiday Buffet (Mid-Atlantic
chapters), on campus.

1999 WMC FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site
Sept. 4	at Bridgewater	Bridgewater, Va.
Sept. 11	Randolph-Macon	Home
Sept. 18	at Gettysburg*	Gettysburg, Pa.
Sept. 25	Ursinus*	Home
Oct. 2	at Muhlenberg*	Allentown, Pa.
Oct. 23	F&M*	Homecoming
Oct. 30	Widener	Home
Nov. 6	at Swarthmore*	Swarthmore, Pa.
Nov. 13	Johns Hopkins	Home

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August 1*

No Way to Treat a Lady (a musical comedy thriller)

July 30, 31;
August 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14

Rumplestiltskin (a children's classic)

June 26*, July 3*, 10* 17*; August 7*, 14*

*All shows begin at 8 p.m. unless noted * for a 2 p.m. matinee.*

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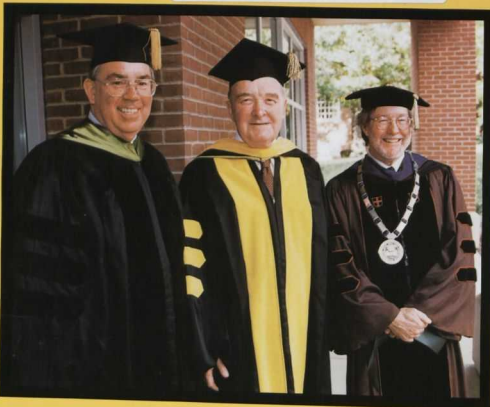
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MATT SPANGLER

DEDICATION TO SCIENCE

Belgium-born pharmaceutical pioneer Paul Janssen (center) helped the college dedicate the new biology and chemistry laboratory building Oct. 16. He was given an honorary doctor of science degree, his first from an American institution, by Trustee Chair James Melhorn and President Robert Chambers. Read more about dedication day on page 10 and President Chambers' 15th year presiding over the growth of the college on page 27.

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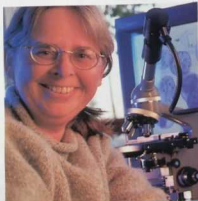
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NEWS

from the Hill

World Report

Journalists don't come much more worldly than *USA Today's* chief foreign correspondent Jack Kelley. He has dodged bullets and bombs in war-torn Kosovo, interviewed 36 heads of state, including Cuba's Fidel Castro and the PLO's Yasser Arafat, and reported international tragedies and triumphs from 86 countries. He brought his world of tales—and his own bulletproof vest clearly marked with his name and blood type—to campus in September to prove it.

"It was a very powerful lecture," said biology major Danielle Drankiewicz, a sophomore from Bel Air, Md. "He could really make me feel like I was there alongside him, and he didn't hold anything back."

Since showing off shell casings and mines he collected in Serbia, modeling an Iraqi Republican Guard helmet on a student and sharing the diaries and drawings of civilians trying to survive in combat zones, Kelley has received an avalanche of e-mails and many students eagerly completed extra credit reaction papers on his talk.

"I never dreamed this one journalist could have such a profound effect on so many students," said lecture organizer Terry Dalton, associate professor of English, who teaches journalism. Months later, he said, students are still talking about it.

A four-time Pulitzer Prize nominee, Kelley joined *USA Today* after graduating from the University of Maryland and just before the paper's launch in 1982. Based in Washington, D.C., he spends up to 10 months overseas, mostly in

FACTS THAT WON'T FIT

The new Science Center contains 7,837 tons of concrete • 198,000 bricks • 579 pieces of glass • 235 stools and 18 chairs • 3 student research labs • 13 miles of electrical conduit • 56 fume hoods • 275 fire alarm and security devices • 50 miles of electrical wire • 800 light fixtures • 10 miles of telephone data cabling. • The tallest building on campus, it measures 67' 2" to the top of the parapet. • On a clear day, you can see Sugar Loaf Mountain, west of Frederick. • The building won regional awards for the craftsmanship of the mechanical pipe installation and system design. • It took 613 calendar days to complete.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JACK KELLEY

Moscow or the Middle East.

His hard-hitting work has earned him jail time in South Korea and Russia, as well as death threats from the Russian mafia. He has been tossed out of Kuwait and denied visas into Iraq. But nothing, not even bullets whizzing within inches of his head during a recent assignment in Kosovo, has ever slowed him from filing a story and doing what he feels is his duty.

"I'm committed to telling the truth in an objective way," Kelley told the wall-to-wall crowd. "But I do put a lot of myself in each piece. If I'm angry, then I'll write it so you get angry. If I'm crying, then I'll try to make you cry, too. It's my therapy to try to get over what I've seen."

He's seen more than enough to convince the audience that being a foreign correspondent is anything but a glitzy, high-profile job. He has earned numerous journalism awards, but he has had to face the aftermath of the brutal Rwandan massacres and look into the eyes of famine-stricken children in Somalia.

"He hasn't lost focus and become hardened. That's what I found so appealing," Drankiewicz added. "He told me it really affects him to see all of the destruction. It makes his writing that much better because above all else, even before he's a reporter, he's a human being."

Kelley swears that the day he becomes cynical and immune to the pain he will take up a new beat at the newspaper.

"He feels that he was put on Earth to do this job and make us more aware of what is going on around us," said Donna Hurd, a freshman from Port

Deposit, Md., who is enrolled in Dalton's Media Ethics class.

Mission accomplished. If students didn't read his stories before, there are many young fans who now can't wait to see where in the world is Jack Kelley now. • —DS

College Honors New Trustees

Three new trustees joined the college family this fall.

Dennis G. Sisco '68 is a partner at Behrman Capital, a private equity/venture capital firm with offices in New York and San Francisco. He worked with Dun & Bradstreet Corporation from 1989 to 1997 as senior vice president, executive vice president and president of D&B Enterprises. Previously, he provided operational and financial leadership to The Stepstone Corporation, Oak Investment Partners, Data Switch Corporation, National CSS and Turnkey Systems, Inc. He holds membership on the boards of TSI International, Gartner Group, Inc., Aspect Development Inc., Oasis Healthcare Systems, Inc., and Paragren Technologies, Inc. After receiving his bachelor's degree in economics at Western Maryland (with honors), he served in the U.S. Army until 1970 at the rank of Lieutenant. Sisco, his wife, Alexine Lesko, and their two daughters reside in Newtown, Ct.

Leslie A. Wiley, director of the Department of State's Office of International Visitors, joined the U.S. Information Agency in October 1993. She began her USIA career as senior adviser to the associate director of Education and Culture Affairs, then served a simi-



PAMELA HOBBS

To Be or Not to Be

Can't figure out how to punctuate your thesis statement? Need some clarification on the nature of a dangling participle? Introducing WMC's first grammar telephone hotline.

"We're the smallest school that has one and the only school in Maryland, except the University of Maryland," says coordinator and grammar guru Mark Honeycutt, administrator of the Writing Center.

College grammar hotlines around the country average 3,000 to 4,000 calls a year, says Honeycutt, who kicked-started a similar venture at East Carolina University as a master's student in rhetoric and composition. The most common questions included queries about commas, subject-verb agreement, the use of affect or effect and spelling dilemmas.

After things get up and running here, he hopes to expand the service to e-mail requests and questions from the community. He already carries a beeper for emergency calls from students.



Dennis Sisco '68



Leslie Wiley



Constance Unsel

lar role in the agency's Bureau of Information. She has nearly a decade of experience as a management consultant, having worked as supervising consultant with Coopers & Lybrand, manager of technical assistance for the University of Maryland's Center for Quality and Productivity and as independent consultant. Her area of expertise includes dealing with organizational change issues, quality and productivity

improvement. Wiley holds a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering from Northwestern University and a master of business administration from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. She is married to Larry Irving and resides in Washington, D.C.

Constance M. Unsel, educational director for the Unsel's School and the Unsel's Developmental Center for

GREEN TERROR?

WMC earned steady footing in the list of the top 25 weirdest college names and mascots, according to a U.S. News and World Report poll. The Green Terror came in 13th behind such gems as the Wonder Boys of Arkansas Tech, the Banana Slugs of the University of California at Santa Cruz and Earlham College's Hustlin' Quakers.



E.M. JAWORSKI '99

Children, Inc. since 1979, previously worked at the *Washington Post* and as a feature writer for *NBA Today*, as well as a teacher in the Baltimore City Public Schools. In addition to chairing the boards affiliated with the Unsel's School Association and Children's Center, Unsel also serves as president for the Children's Development Committee for the House of Ruth and the Foundation Board at Coppin State College. She served the University of Maryland System Board of Regents for a decade following her gubernatorial appointment. She and her husband, Wes Unsel, have been married for 29 years, have two children and reside in Baltimore and Westminster. •



PAMELA HOBBS

A Winning Combination

The Hill magazine has received national recognition and earned a Bronze Medal in the 1999 Council for Advancement and Support of Education Circle of Excellence Awards Program.

This is the seventh medal earned by the magazine—since its inception in 1985—in this highly competitive awards category. Other Bronze Medals for excellence in magazine publishing were awarded to Colby College, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Smith College, Stanford University and Tulane University.

WMC on Tour

Western Maryland joined the "Colleges That Change Lives" tour earlier this fall for the second year in a row, hitting the road with the author of the book of the same name to spread the word about the value of small liberal arts colleges.

Admissions officials from institutions featured in "Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools You Should Know About Even If You Are Not a Straight-A Student" met with



MARK SWISHER

WHISTLE A HAPPY TUNE. Music lecturer Don Horneff and his Brass Ensemble will have more elbow room to blow their horns this fall when the \$1.6 million addition to Levine Hall is completed. The new building will include a large multipurpose classroom and practice room, smaller practice rooms, offices, instrument storage and an elevator in a glass tower that connects the buildings, making both the addition and its older self accessible.



MATT BRANGLER

Heart and Sole

The back-to-school checklist included a pair of beat-up old running shoes for track and field hopefuls in Kenya, world-renowned for their distance running prowess. Students piled up some 240 pairs of rubber and laces to be donated to the Kenya Shoe Expedition, a three-year-old program that collects, cleans, resizes and ships sneakers to southern Africa to help young runners who can't find or afford shoes.

The drive was part of a new program called WMC Spirit, an effort to educate undergrads about the importance of giving and the role of alumni by involving them in philanthropic and volunteer activities.

prospective students and their families in urban areas from Boston to San Francisco.

"We are collectively delivering a message about all of these special schools and saying that any one of the 40 will offer a wonderful liberal arts experience," said Marty O'Connell, dean of admissions.

The book's author, Loren Pope, former education editor of *The New York Times* and founder of the College Placement Bureau, has written two other higher education guides. He looks for colleges that "develop people who can land on their feet whether they are strong, intellectual students or those needing tender loving care." •

BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME

A Safeway grocery store opened in the new College Square shopping center just west of the college. Located next to the Comfort Inn, the center was built on land leased by the WMC Development Corp., the college's for-profit enterprise. New businesses include several restaurants, a used bookstore, a dry cleaner and a major video rental store.



MARK SWISHER

New Athletic Director Smith Dives In

BY ELLIOT TANNENBAUM

He made the all-America lacrosse team at Cornell a few months before and came through the Division I wars with his facial features intact. So what if he didn't know a surfboard from a law board. He was going to rule the waves.

"I went out to this beautiful, deserted beach in South Australia with a bunch of Australian friends," recalls new Athletic Director Jamie Smith. "Put on a wet suit. I was looking pretty good. I didn't realize the biggest challenge was just getting out to where the waves were breaking.

"Half an hour later, there I was, out of breath and near exhaustion. I'd never stopped to think what I'd do when I got there. I thought, 'I don't know how to surf! What am I doing here?'

"They told me there might be some sharks. I saw a fin in the water and my heart jumped. It turned out to be a dolphin. I stayed on my belly and rode the board back in. That part was easy."

Since that day over a decade ago, Smith has stayed out of danger, riding a friendly wave from an entry-level job to associate athletic director in 13 years at Baltimore's Loyola College. But in September he ventured back into the pound-and-pound surf when he became athletic director at Western Maryland a month before his 36th birthday.

The post used to be a reward for a former successful coach. First you got your athletic



SM. SWEENEY, JR.

Jamie Smith takes on the athletic director post as college competition heats up.

directorship, then 10 or so years later your gold watch. It was a nice sinecure, sort of like an ambassadorship to Liechtenstein.

No more. Even at the Division III level, athletic directors make their way through shark-infested waters, prey to hundreds of razor-toothed egos, their every move scrutinized, analyzed, criticized. An offhand remark, a meaningless gesture, can send a coach, alum, parent or trustee on a vendetta.

Let's just say that Smith's lacrosse background—especially his rough-and-tumble pro career with the Baltimore Thunder—could come in handy.

Smith, who doubles as executive director of the U.S.

Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association, succeeded Rick Carpenter, who stepped down after 15 years to devote full time to his faculty post as professor of exercise science and physical education.

"Rick and the coaching staff have done a great job," said Smith, a Long Island native. "The challenge now is to position ourselves to contend for the conference title every year in every sport."

Smith helped Cornell win Ivy League titles in 1982 and 1983 and reach the NCAA semifinals in 1982. He served as team captain in 1985 and made first-team all-Ivy League and honorable-mention all-America as a midfielder.

He went on to play one lacrosse season (1985) for Brighton, an Australian club team based in Adelaide, and three (1988-90) for the Thunder in the Major Indoor Lacrosse League.

Meanwhile he joined the Loyola staff as coordinator of athletic and student affairs, responsible for tutoring and counseling services. He moved up to assistant athletic director in 1989 and associate athletic director seven years later, running the department as interim director for seven months. As associate athletic director, he oversaw the athletic budget, media relations, academic support, rules compliance and cor-

Jamie Smith:

"The challenge now is to position ourselves to contend for the conference title every year in every sport."

porate sponsorships.

As head of the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association since 1996, Smith has run the weekly poll, all-America selection and team selection for the annual Senior All-Star Game. Last year he co-chaired the committee that chose Team USA for the quadrennial World Games.

Smith earned a B.S. in human development and family studies at Cornell and later added an M.Ed. in guidance and counseling from Loyola.

He and his wife, Gayle, live just outside of Baltimore and have been married since 1987. They have two sons (Devin, 9, and Shane, 6) and a daughter (Kerrin, 8). •

Changes Allow Coaches to Focus Attention

Mindy Manolovich, who grew up in the shadow of "the Hill" but made her name guiding Oberlin College to two league titles, has come home to become the Green Terror's new head coach of field hockey and women's lacrosse.

A 1989 Westminster High graduate who earned a master's degree in education at Virginia Tech, Manolovich took up full-time duties in July after four years at Oberlin. She led the lacrosse team to North Coast Athletic Conference titles in 1997 and 1998 and earned the league's Coach of the Year award in 1997. She coached two all-Americans and 11 all-region picks and in 1997 guided the Midwest team in the U.S. Women's Lacrosse Association national tournament.

She replaces lacrosse coach **Kim Easterday**, who went 161-

PEOPLE

Hi!

102-5 in 23 years, and field hockey coach **Tracey Folio**, who had a 31-32 mark in four seasons. In 1998-99 Western Maryland finished 7-5 in lacrosse and 6-12 in hockey. Easterday, who will remain swimming coach and aquatics manager, led the lacrosse team to its eighth straight winning season this year.

The coaching change is one of several moves designed to bring Western Maryland into parity with rival schools by allowing coaches to give undivided attention to their sports.

Doug Renner '80, the men's and women's track coach since 1985 and cross-country coach since 1989, was named to the full-time staff. He had been

teaching at Westminster High while coaching six teams (including indoor track) at WMC. **George Dix**, who led the softball team to four league titles in the past seven years, assumed additional duties in the Admissions Office after taking early retirement as a State of Maryland employee. **Carole Templing Molloy** '85, head volleyball coach since 1994, will no longer double as assistant softball coach. **Dave Seibert** '79, head baseball coach since 1981, will no longer serve as quarterback coach on the football staff. And **Keith Reitenbach**, head coach of men's lacrosse since 1993, will no longer run the intramural program as well. •



THE FEMININE TOUCH

Golf, women and WMC have all been around since 1867, but it took 132 years to combine the three into an intercollegiate team. The first official women's golf squad teed off Sept. 22 at the Dickinson Invitational. The good news: A third-place finish behind Gettysburg and Dickinson. The bad news: A three-team field. The women concluded their brief fall season by taking fourth among six schools at the inaugural WMC Invitational. (A busier spring schedule is in the works.) Plans call for full-fledged varsity status in the fall of 2001.

New Faculty Stretch Young Minds

Assistant Professor **Volker Franke** joins the political science department to teach international relations. He specializes in peacekeeping, political identity formation and post-Cold War military socialization, particularly the attitudes of U.S.



Volker Franke

military personnel toward new missions, which he says has remained unchanged despite evolutions in world politics. Franke has taught at George Washington and Colgate universities and served as assistant director of National Security Studies at Syracuse University. He earned his Magister Artium at Johannes Gutenberg University, his M.P.A. at North Carolina State University and his Ph.D. at Syracuse University.

Apollo Mian, assistant professor of physics, specializes in nonlinear optical properties, studying how laser beams interact with matter and what new properties the matter exhibits as a result. His research focuses on lasers and their biomedical, holographic data storage and communications capabilities. He joins the faculty from the Applied Optics Center of Delaware, Inc. Mian earned his bachelor's at Berea



Apollo Mian

College and his Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University.

Lynn Owens, instructor of exercise science and physical education, has been trained in pedagogy, the study of teaching. She will guide future exercise science and physical education teachers through their preparation, including graduate students in the B.E.S.T. program who are



Lynn Owens

beginning new careers as teachers. Owens earned her bachelor's and master's from the University of Maryland.

Jean Shin, instructor of sociology, has been studying the relationship between social change and technology, especially how occupations are



Jean Shin

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viewed in today's increasingly service-oriented, high-tech society and the effects of technology on social ties in the workplace. Shin earned his bachelor's at the University of Virginia and his master's at Indiana University, where he is completing his Ph.D.

Brad Smith, assistant professor of sociology, brings his



Brad Smith

interest in social networks to the classroom. He has been studying the importance of people around us for understanding behavior and attitudes, especially how encounters with fellow church-goers affect views on political and social issues. Smith earned his bachelor's at Michigan State and his master's and Ph.D. at Indiana University.

Erin Smith, assistant professor of English, joins the faculty from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she directed its Composition Technology



Erin Smith

program. In addition to teaching courses in technology and communication, she will help the faculty consider issues related to instructional technology and how to use it effectively in their courses. Smith earned her bachelor's at the University of Minnesota and her master's and Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Assistant Librarian **Julie**

Wang joins the Hoover Library staff in technical services, where she is in charge of book and periodical acquisitions and will teach students how to use the library for research. Wang joins WMC from the cataloging department at Pennsylvania State University and the research libraries of MIT and Yale. She earned her bachelor's



Julie Wang

at Beijing Normal University and her master's at Southern Connecticut State University. •

Grants Help Faculty Break New Ground

"Philosophy is not all about abstract thoughts, but rather how to take those ideas and use them to make us better human beings. If these ideas can't make us better people, then what good are they?" So says **Vera Jakoby**, assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies, whose research has led her to examine the forgotten population she calls "marginalized minorities."

She is introducing her students to such a population, a group of migrant workers in



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MARIE SWANBERG

Pennsylvania, this fall. "Most people don't even bother to give them a space in our society, and I find that a very scary thing," said Jakoby, who has worked several years with some of the more than 5,000 workers who labor annually in the peach and apple orchards just north of Gettysburg. "I want to make our students aware that this population exists and is close by."

Her new first-year seminar course, *Philosophy Around the World*, not only teaches students about migrant workers but puts them on a first-name basis. "We will be doing research, but I want the students to understand they are on the same level," she said. "This is an exchange."

Students will pick apples with the workers and take a field trip to Washington, D.C., to create a mural with them for exhibition in the migrant worker school at the Center for Human Services in Gettysburg, one of five schools for migrant workers in the region.

A recent faculty grant enabled her to present her paper "Hidden Populations: A Critical Thinking Curriculum for Marginalized Minorities" at the International Conference on Critical Thinking and Educational Reform in San Francisco.

Jakoby also joined Associate

Professor of Philosophy and Religion **Greg Alles** and Assistant Professor **Mark Hadley** to present papers at the Critique of Religion, Philosophical, Theological and Sociological Aspects conference at the University of Vienna. Papers included Alles' "Marx, Weber and an Economic Critique of Religions," Hadley's "Darwinism and the Moral Criticism of Religion" and Jakoby's "Wittgenstein Between the Critique and Rescue of Religion."

In search of the role traditional music plays in the culture and lives of contemporary Native Americans, Assistant Professor of Music **Robin Armstrong** attended powwows and festivals in the Eastern and Mid-Atlantic region to prepare for a spring course on Native American music.

Ralene Mitscher, assistant professor of biology, has been building on her research efforts with organisms related to those that cause malaria by studying the molecular biology of minute parasites called *gallineries* (see page 18 for more).

And Associate Professor of French **Martine Motard-Noar** presented her paper "Globalization, Literature and the New Europe" at the international conference *New Europe at the Crossroads* in Berlin, Germany. •

Earning Accolades

Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening reappointed **Sam Case** '63, professor of exercise science and physical education, chair of the Governor's Committee on Fitness. The avid runner and Alaskan Iditarod



Sam Case

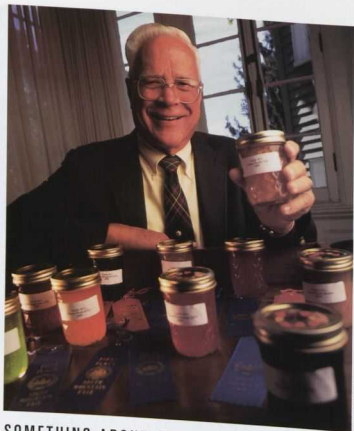
veteran provides leadership for the group responsible for enhancing the opportunities of Marylanders to become

more physically fit.

Assistant Professor of Education **Rick Dillman's** Happy Fun Communication Land Internet site (www.rdillman.com/HFCL/index.html) earned a spot in the *Scout Report of Social Sciences*, a premier weekly guide to new Internet resources chosen by librarians and content specialists. It was also accepted for distribution by CRTNET, the communication professional organization's theory and research news listserve.

The National Council for Mathematics named Professor of Education **Skip Fennell** editor of a new textbook edition that focuses on the numbers needs of special education students. He will also co-chair a statewide panel for the Maryland State Department of Education to examine the state's mathematics programs and suggest possible revisions to better prepare students in the subject.

Mona Kerby, assistant professor of library science, created a Web site (www.carr.org/mae/) about authors who have won Margaret A. Edwards Lifetime



MARK SWISHER

SOMETHING ABOUT JELLY

Professor of Economics **Al Law** may be the campus authority on supply and demand, but not because of years thumbing through Adam Smith's writings. It's all about jelly.

Supplied by a backyard of fruit trees and vines, Law has been making jars of succulent jelly for 15 years, including more than 600 jars this past summer. The supply includes spreads in shades of strawberry, red raspberry, black raspberry (his

favorite), peach (yellow and white) and plum (three different kinds), as well as apple, peach and spicy butter.

The demand? After entering 12 different kinds of his crystal heaven in the South Mountain Fair in Pennsylvania, seven of his jellied nectars earned blue ribbons, two won second place, and one snagged third. It doesn't take an economic genius to figure out who's in charge of this burgeoning market.

Achievement Awards for their popular teenager books. Kerby instructs her library science students how to use the site as a teaching tool and reading resource with their teenage classes. She also produced a video about the top 10 Newberry Award-winning books, according to a survey of kids, teachers and librarians, funded by the International Reading Association. The video and teaching guide features interviews with children's authors and comments from the children themselves.

Brian Lockard, associate professor of education and former superintendent of Carroll

County schools, won the Golden Apple Award from the Maryland PTA for outstanding service, as well as the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from Frostburg State University.

Apollo Mian, assistant professor of physics, secured a donation of optical equipment worth \$81,000 for his laser research lab and optics class (see page 6 for more on Mian). The gift comes from Melles Griot, manufacturer of optics and optical equipment, who donated \$1.6 million of equipment to 47 academic institutions and research labs around the nation.

Assistant Professor of Biology **Randy Morrison**, winner of the Pan American Society Pigment Cell Research Young Investigator Award, was awarded an additional \$10,000 by the National Science Foundation, bringing his research total to more than \$55,000 for his zebra fish pigment cell studies. The research, which he shares with his students, could be the first step in understanding the progression and potential treatment of skin cancer. •



Randy Morrison

"I thought science and technology books would be old, but I didn't know they'd be this bad," said **Mona Kerby**, assistant professor of library science, who is evaluating such books in Maryland elementary schools and devising a way for librarians to do it themselves. "It's not appropriate in elementary school, when you are trying to learn current facts, to have a book like 'One Day We Will Go to the Moon.'"



PETER HONARD

Sabbatical Sightings

Glenn Caldwell, associate professor of music and resident music theorist, is developing a close relationship with his French-English dictionary this fall as he translates 18th-century music theorist Alexandre Morel's "Principe Acoustique: Nouveau et Universel de la Théorie Musical Expliquée." A virtually unknown theorist in America, Morel insisted that the issue of tonality can be



Glenn Caldwell

attributed to the intensity and duration of notes, rather than the more widely accepted theory that tonality focuses on the arrangement of the notes amid the gravitation toward a resting place in the music. Caldwell thinks the answer lies somewhere in between.

Professor of Economics and Business **Susan Milstein**, founder and director of the eight-year-old Volunteer



Susan Milstein

Income Tax Assistance program (a free service run by accounting students for local low-income taxpayers and those in need), plans to train Carroll County high school students to help their own classmates with easy tax forms. Last year, her college students (about 40) completed more than 200 federal and state

returns. She hopes to write a manual for setting up programs similar to the college's, which has become a model for the IRS' community program.

Wasyli Palijczuk, professor of art and art history, is indulging in a semester of creativity, coaxing 12 Carrara marble pieces at his workshop to reveal their form to him. He will also take a brush to canvas to create some watercolor and oil paintings. •

Faculty Awarded for Scholarship

Educators who have been raising the bar in their field were honored at this fall's opening Convocation ceremonies.

Professor of Education **Joel Macht's** book, "Special Education's Failed System: A Question of Eligibility," earned the Faculty Book Award. He strives to answer some of the most fundamental yet difficult questions facing educators today, such as how to determine if and when a child should receive special education services.

Professor of Foreign Languages **Tom Devony** earned the Faculty Scholarly Publication Award for his articles on Spanish cinema, ranging in subject from humor in contemporary Spanish film to film adaptations of Spanish literary texts. His work has appeared in *Post Script, Scripta Humanistica, Anuario de cine y literatura en español* and in the proceedings of the First International Conference on Hispanic Humor. He recently published a book, "Contemporary Spanish Film from Fiction," which analyzes screen adaptations of post-Spanish civil war novels. Also, the University of Nebraska

published his translation of Adelaida García Morales' "The South/Bene" in their European Women Writers series.

Robert Kachur, assistant professor of English, also won a Scholarly Publication Award for his writings on English literature, especially 19th-century works, and the challenges facing the English teacher in the classroom. His articles have been published in *Victorian Poetry*, the "Literature and Society in Victorian Britain" series and the "Interdisciplinary Nineteenth Century Studies" series.

An award-winning author of young adult literature, Assistant Professor of Library Science **Mona Kerby** has also distinguished herself with a number of articles, many of which deal with the Newbery and Caldecott award-winning books, in *School Library Media Activities Monthly*, *Reading Research and Instruction* and *The Journal of Youth Services in Libraries*.

Marilyn Kroeger Smith, chemical hygiene officer and lecturer in chemistry, has continued her research in the computer-based design of anti-AIDS drugs, specifically of the non-nucleoside class. Her articles have appeared in the *Journal of Medicinal*



Marilyn K. Smith

Chemistry, Chemical Research and Toxicology, Protein Science and Protein Engineering.

Music lecturer **Garth Baxter** earned the Faculty Creativity Award. "Edgefield," his composition for two guitars, was

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Several faculty members will be altering the name plaques on their office doors.

Ira Domser was promoted to professor of theatre arts...

Susan Milstein is now professor of economics and business... and **Mohamed Esa**, who earned tenure in August, rises to associate professor of German.



Mohamed Esa

accepted for publication, and his song cycle "Three from Sara," for voice and guitar was performed for the first time. "What Death Can Touch," also



Garth Baxter

for voice and guitar, received its world premiere, and "Four Views of Love," written for piano and voice, is scheduled to be performed in Munich. In April, Baxter was a featured composer and performer as Visiting Scholar to Western Carolina University.

Elizabeth van den Berg, assistant professor in theatre arts, also won a Faculty Creativity Award. Active in WMC's theatre, she has also continued professional work in the region as a vocal coach and a vocal consultant, receiving excellent reviews from sources as diverse as the *Washington Post*, America Online's *Digital City* and the *Carroll County Times*. She acted in a Warner Brothers pilot for a fall program titled "D.C." and has received critical accolades for her work on the stage. •

Science Center

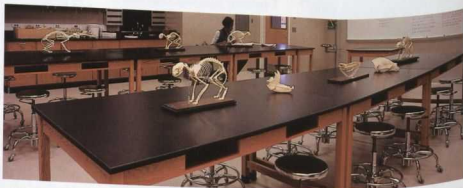
Opens its Doors

BY AMY PELSINSKY

Eureka

"Science, by itself, provides us with knowledge of the natural world. Science within the liberal arts context gives us the breadth of perspective necessary to gain the wisdom to rightly decide upon the use of that knowledge for the good, and not the ill, of humankind."

Rick Smith, professor of chemistry

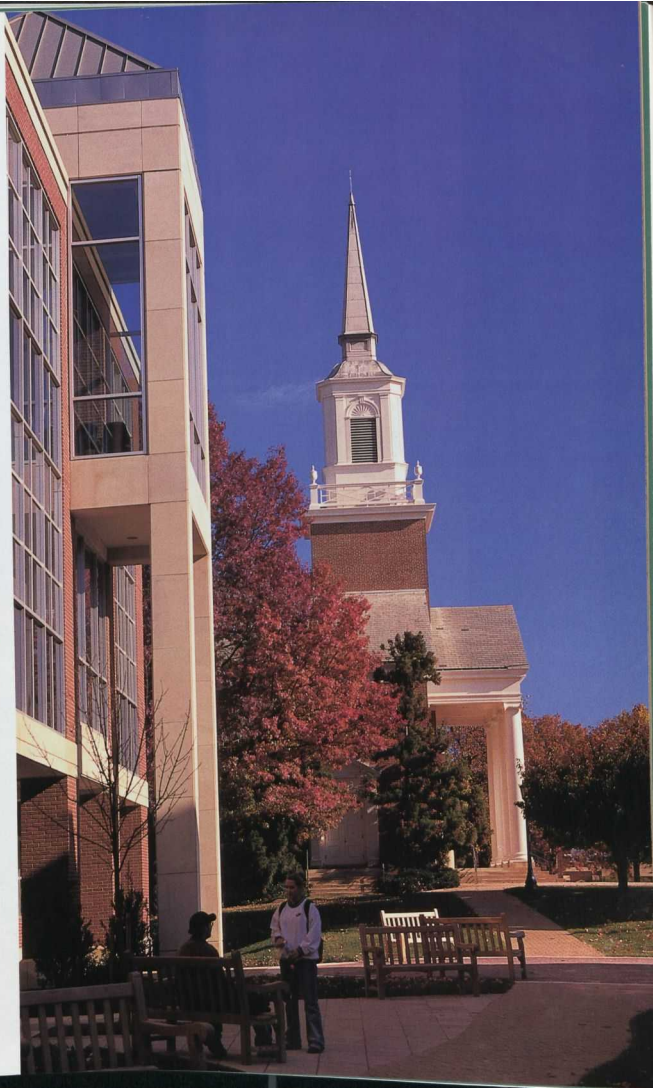


With a snip of the ribbon Oct. 16, President Robert Chambers ushered a crowd of dedication enthusiasts into the new Science Center, the newest, biggest and most expensive campus building to date.

The visible lifeline of the college's science buildings, each linked to the other, now stretches from the beginning to the end of the century. Old Lewis Recitation Hall, built in 1914, received an update in 1966 with Lewis Hall of Science. Now, a soaring glass tower connects the two Lewis buildings to the newest and most advanced child, the \$13.4 million biology and chemistry laboratory building.

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The \$13.4 million biology and chemistry laboratory building opened in time for fall classes.



IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE

The new Science Center, connected to the Lewis Hall of Science by a three-story glass corridor, houses state-of-the-art biology and chemistry laboratories, faculty offices and three research labs just for students



"The new building will permit our faculty to not only accommodate but to contribute to the changing world of science."

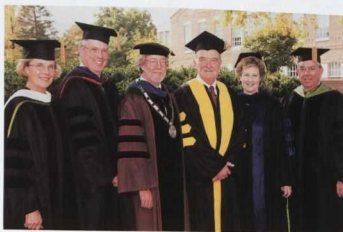
Faculty gather for the procession to the dedication ceremony.



MATT SPANGLER



Trustee Dolores Snyder, Secretary of State John Willis, President Robert Chambers, honorary degree recipient Paul Janssen, Provost Joan Davelin Coley and Trustee Chair James Melhorn presided over the formal dedication ceremonies.



Science experts and ceremony speakers Louise Paquin, professor of biology; George Thomas '59; Diane Grove '00; Phil Meredith '56 and Rick Smith, professor of chemistry; shared words of wisdom with the crowd.



MATT SPANGLER (2)

Designed by the Baltimore architecture firm of Grieves Worrall Wright & O'Hatnick Inc. and built by Henry H. Lewis Contractors, Inc., of Owings Mills, Md., the new four-story technological marvel will allow faculty and future scientists to take their science to a new level.

Nearly 500 people joined in the dedication celebration, alumni who have made science their lives and eager students anxious to see what their future holds, as well as proud faculty and donors who built the building brick by brick with their generous gifts.

Secretary of State John Willis lauded the dedication of the building for the State of Maryland, which gave a \$3.4 million grant towards its construction, the largest single gift the college has ever received from the state.

Provost Joan Coley accepted the symbolic key to the building during the ceremony and said a few words on behalf of the elder Lewis Recitation Hall—Old Lewis. "It is likely that every living alumnus and alumna of WMC has taken at least one class in the building," she noted, as the community entered a new era in the sciences on "the Hill."

Representatives of alumni from the biology and chemistry departments, the chairs of the respective departments and a young

Moving on Up

The Science Center is a sigh of relief for faculty and students who have been working on 21st-century science in 20th-century buildings. High-tech equipment had found homes in cramped closets, refrigerators filled with chilled biological samples blocked the hallways, faculty shared their cramped research labs with student researchers—sometimes entire classes—and scarce fume hoods did a minimal job of clearing the air during experiments.

"In the past we have done a remarkable job, despite an archaic structure, in teaching the basis of science and providing our students with the foundation on which to build prestigious careers in science," Biology Professor and Department Chair Louise Paquin told the audience at the Science Center's dedication ceremony.

The award-winning mechanical engineering of the building—miles of vents and wires in the walls and an immense underground control room filled with innovative energy-saving machinery and air filtration systems—continuously brings fresh air into the classrooms, funnels out the dangerous gases from experiments, connects lab stations to the Internet and monitors the air flow in the building.

"Things we haven't been able to do because of safety—chemicals you should not inhale—we can now do in the new building," said Paquin.

Randy Morrison, assistant professor of biology (see p. 8 for his latest kudos), can now teach a cell biology lab without shuffling students and equipment from room to room, compromising samples and making for inefficient experiments. It's the first time the college has been able to offer a lab with the course, which is basic to understanding the building blocks of life.

Thanks to three new research labs devoted entirely to use by students working on faculty-led projects, previously non-existent space, such independent studies are now required for graduation with a science major, something that could never have been done with the limited resources in the older Lewises (see p. 39 to see what's in store for the buildings).

"While book learning is a necessity, going out on one's own to work on a problem teaches more than a book ever could," affirmed biochemistry major Diane Grove '00 in her speech at the dedication ceremony.

For years Chemistry Professor and Department Chair Rick Smith's students had been working out of a broom closet where one piece of integral equipment lived, "with precious little ventilation," he said, for his anti-cancer drug research. The new building will make using that closet-dwelling equipment a bit easier.

"It's always been a part of WMC that students get hands-on training on all the equipment we have," Smith says. Faculty-student research collaboration is an important part of the program, he adds, noting some students graduate with a résumé listing four or more articles published in the world's most prestigious science journals, more than most second-year graduate-level students.

"The new building gives us a way of teaching some existing classes in different ways," says Smith. "People want to think that it will enable us to do x, y, and z that we could not do before, but it's not true. It will be easier, better, more efficient, more safe. It's better more than different.

"It's like going from a pup tent to a real house. You can live in a pup tent," he says, "But it's much more comfortable living in a home."

—AP



biochemistry major addressed the audience seated in Baker Memorial Chapel, reflecting on the meaning of the shiny glass and brick building seen through the turning leaves of fall next door.

"The new building will permit our faculty to not only accommodate but to contribute to the changing world of science," George Thomas '59, professor of pediatrics at The Johns Hopkins University and director of the clinical genetics lab at Kennedy-Krieger Institute, told the assembly. "It will prepare our students to not only work in a rapidly changing world but to deal with change itself."

In attendance was honorary guest Paul Janssen, founder of Janssen Pharmaceutical and a forerunner in pharmaceutical research in the world. President Robert Chambers and Trustee Chair James Melhorn honored him with an honorary doctor of science degree (see page 31 for more), the first American degree for the Belgian-born scientist.

Once inside the 50,000-square foot center, officially open to students in late August for the first day of fall semester classes, students treated visitors to demonstrations and shared senior projects, such as designing new anti-AIDS drugs using a



"Future alumni may remember something significant about this physical space, but what they'll really remember is what happens here."



Senior biochemistry major Diane Grove shares how the new facilities will inspire students to better science.



MARC SWISHER



MATT SPANGLER '80

The heart of the building lies in the basement within a labyrinth of pipes and tanks that control even the air pressure in the classrooms.



Above, Pharmaceutical pioneer Paul Janssen with friend and colleague Michael Chirigos '52

Left, Wilber "Woody" Preston '44 and his son, Bruce '75, visit the new chemistry lab.



Biology majors Courtney Krasnowski '01 and Maureen "Mo" Brooks '00 introduce some of the creatures that share the new building.



Trustee Chair James Melhorn and Trustee Dolores Snyder head to the ribbon cutting after the ceremony in Baker Memorial Chapel.

computer, and faculty showed off their spacious, sparkling labs.

The building itself has already won two awards: the 1999 Craftsmanship Award for mechanical pipe installation from the Building Congress and Exchange of Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc. and the Regional Technology Award for System Design from the Baltimore Metropolitan Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers. It has been entered for several more.

But despite the oohs and aahs over the glass and steel, a new look for the 132-year-old hilltop campus, speaker Phil Meredith '66, director of biochemical sciences and engineering in the research and development division of Dupont Company, cautioned the crowd to look beyond the sparkle.

"I am glad that students will enjoy this magnificent new Science Center. But 35 years from now, when this building is considered obsolete and a new Science Center is being dedicated, future alumni may remember something significant about this physical space," he said. "But what they'll really remember is what happens here. What they learned from today's teachers, that's where the real significance lies." •

Running High Tech

BY AMY PELSINSKY

If there's one thing Biology Professor Esther Iglich hates, it's looking at a classroom of students furiously taking notes during her lecture. "They become stenographers, not students," she says with a mild Brooklyn accent. "I want discussion."

She posts upcoming class notes on her Web site so students can go over them before class, print them out and simply annotate them during the discussion. "They are not pressured to write notes, so they can listen and participate," she says.

Posting notes is just one way computer technology has been changing Iglich's traditionally green classroom. In her Botany class, built-in video cameras on microscopes (seen at right) are hooked up to computer monitors that allow her to give the whole class a personal tour of a plant cell at once. Otherwise they'd fight unfamiliar slides at their own microscope on a mission of so-called self-discovery, often missing what they're supposed to see, she says.

She also snaps digital pictures of those slides with the same apparatus, downloading the images to her Web site—something her students also learn to do as part of their classroom projects—so the class can study them. Practical exams, characterized by students frantically peering into a number of microscope stations to identify slides, have also turned into an online adventure identifying those cell images captured through the microscope. "It has taken the monotony out of looking at slides, and it gives them practical experience," Iglich says.

In Ecology, where the emphasis is on the hands-on study of nature without the microscopes, students use digital video technology to create their own nature movies. Equipped with a video camera, they may choose a species like a squirrel, then head out into the field to monitor and record how the critter acts in its natural environment. The final productions warrant critical acclaim with surprising findings, soundtracks and voice overlays.

"They are TV-, movie- and computer-oriented students. Put them in a lecture room, and they fall asleep," says Iglich, who spent

years stomping through forests analyzing the growth cycles of trees before joining the faculty 20 years ago. "Like it or not, we have to become more and more visual. Through the computer, I can do that more than I did in the past. It's a more inclusive experience, and, through their own productions using computer technology, they learn techniques they can use in the future."

Rather than read about how an ecosystem works in a textbook, Iglich's Ecology students gather their own raw data from research journals and scientific Web resources, then use simulation software to see how a particular ecosystem would function using their own data. They can change variables, such as increasing the amount of sunlight in a day, to see instantaneously how the workings of the ecosystem will change.

They can even use high-tech data acquisition hardware to take environmental observation to a whole new level. By placing sensors on a plant in Botany class, students can actually read the amount of carbon dioxide the plant takes in like a physician holding a stethoscope to a patient's heart. They can then conduct their own experiments, altering the temperature or humidity to see how the living plant responds.

"It's not someone else telling you," Iglich

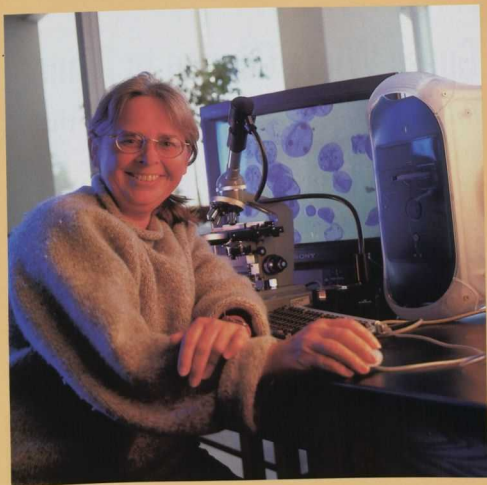
says, "It's not someone else telling," says Biology Professor Esther Iglich. "It's right before your eyes."

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Iglich is so devoted to using technology in the classroom that she gave up her own research lab several years ago to make room for computers made available to the department through its first Howard Hughes grant. She even leads a specially selected and trained group of undergraduates who assist other faculty in learning computer-related technology skills.

In the future, she hopes her students will be able to bring their own laptop computers to class, plug them into existing outlets at each work station and instantaneously upload or download data from the Web during class to supplement the lecture or their experiments instead of taking abrupt field trips to a separate computer lab.

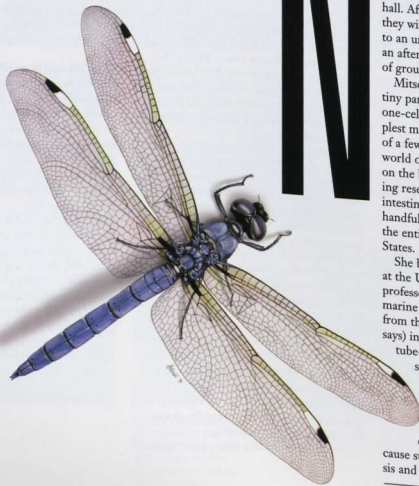
"We've moved quickly in the last five years," she says. And the next five should move even faster. •



MARK SWISHER

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Buzz. Whoosh. Buzz. Perched on the edge of a Carroll County pond amongst the reeds and the weeds, Ralene Mitschler, assistant professor of biology, holds still. Then, in an eye blink, she swings a green mesh net on a wooden pole, scooping up a sparkling blue dragonfly with whirring wings and bulbous eyes.



Nearby, her summer research students are doing the same, catching the prehistoric insect creatures with a whoosh and depositing them in old hole-punched plastic mayonnaise containers recycled from the dining hall. After a few hours in the morning mist, they will take their specimens back to the lab to an unsavory end for the dragonflies, but an afternoon of discovery and the promise of ground-breaking science for the students.

Mitschler, a parasitologist who studies tiny parasites called gregarines, microscopic one-celled creatures that are the oldest, simplest member of the biological family, is one of a few researchers focusing on this minute world of codependence. From her post-doc on the bugs that cause malaria to her ongoing research on the critters that live in the intestines of dragonflies, she is one of a handful of scientists doing such research in the entire world—one of three in the United States.

She began her work as a graduate student at the University of Nebraska, inspired by a professor who tempted her away from marine biology ("What else would a girl from the Midwest want to do?" Mitschler says) into the field of parasitology with a test tube-full of gregarines so large she could see them without a microscope (a rarity in the world of mini-parasites).

The college now benefits from her about-face with a new lab-based course for undergrads who examine the workings of bugs that cause such villainous diseases as toxoplasmosis and malaria. Few medical schools even

Dragonfly hunters (and student researchers)
Raj Jubal and Mike Blundin.



Mitschler uses big, noncontagious parasites like those found in dragonflies and beetles to introduce her students to the life cycle of such organisms.



KELLIE MARSH HOLCOMB '92

require entire courses devoted to the subject in this confident era of vaccinations and modern medical treatment.

Mitschler uses big, noncontagious parasites like those found in dragonflies and beetles to introduce her students to the life cycle of such organisms, a hands-on introduction to an oft-unseen biological building block. "For undergraduates, the parasites we study only infect the insects, so students can learn safely about the parasite without becoming infected themselves," she says.

They can also do some safe field research to make a few discoveries of their own.

Senior biology majors Mike Blundin and Raj Jubal found more than stuffing in the dragonflies and damselflies they caught at area ponds during a summer research session guided by Mitschler.

"We might've found a new species," says Blundin. "It doesn't look like anything we've ever seen."

After opening up the guts of countless bright blue dragonflies, *Libellula cyanea* in scientific circles, looking for the tiny white parasite dots, then moving them to a microscope slide where they were stained to reveal the nucleus in shifting shades of purple and red, Blundin and Jubal found

Local damselfly *Argia fumipennis* may be host to a new species of parasite.

that the buggers don't match any previous literature on similar parasites.

The team has been busy combing journal articles for similar finds and even called in an entomologist from the USDA who specializes in dragonfly research to verify their identifications of the insects. "It's a new gregarine or a new host," says Blundin, who is pursuing medical school. "Either way, it's a discovery."

The catch is they are missing an example of the gregarine's entire life cycle, the stuff

of scientific proof, by failing to capture one stage of the parasite's evolution on a permanent slide. They've tried to find it. They've fed the flashy captive bug bits of liver with forceps, watching its minute jaw drop to eat, buying time for the parasite to develop inside the stomach of the mini-beast. Nothing yet.

"We don't have a full life cycle," Blundin says. "We want a whole one to publish."

Meanwhile, Jubal has been working with damselfly *Argia fumipennis*, an insect that resembles the dragonfly but is much smaller and a little tougher to catch. After a bit of practice, it becomes easy to spot in the tall grass with its shimmering purple body, web-like wings and black spot near the tail.

Jubal spent her summer watching the damselfly's unusually large intestine dwellers (about the size of the period at the end of this sentence) creeping across her microscope slide. "I never expected them to be so big," she says. "I actually saw them glide."

The jumbo gregarines also could be a new species, a species in an existing genus or an already described species in a new host or living in a new place, Mitschler explains. The hang up (there is always a challenge in scientific discovery) is that however different the parasite appears, it is too large to stain to see the nucleus or the integral parts that would conclusively differentiate it from other species. Science is in the details, after all.

"It's a long process. You have to be really patient," says Jubal after spending the summer adding information to the parasitologist's catalog. "I can see how scientists can work on a cure for something for years and years." Jubal plans to pursue bioinformatics after graduation, developing computer software to help biologists in their research.

Nevertheless, true to taxonomic rules, the summer dragonfly and damselfly team carefully catalogued their finds, from how many insects were caught in which pond to preserving the gregarines on slides or in vials to go to one of world's largest collections, the U.S. National Parasite Collection at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in Maryland, and an impressive regional collection at the Harold W. Manter Laboratory at the University of Nebraska State

Museum, where Mitschler used to work as assistant curator.

Blundin and Jubal will also be some of the few undergraduates in the nation presenting poster sessions, their senior project as biology majors, on gregarine research to the college community.

Meanwhile, on dewy summer mornings, dragonflies will still buzz, the nets will still whoosh, and researchers like Mitschler will continue to pursue the secret lives of parasites. •

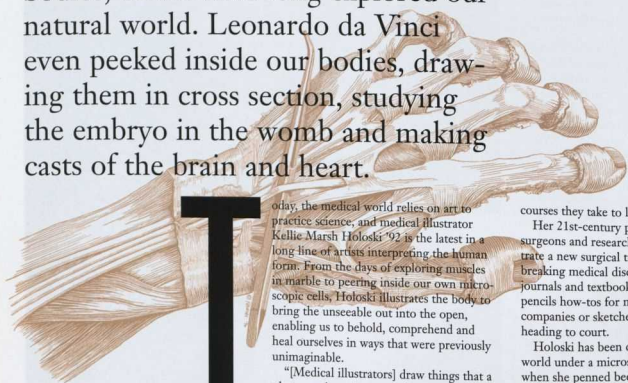


From her post-doc on the bugs that cause malaria to her ongoing research with dragonflies, **Ralene Mitschler**, associate professor of biology, introduces students to the secret world of parasites.

MARK SWISHER

Operational Outlines

From earth-toned bison running along the dusty rock surfaces of caves to the Greeks' ability to transform slabs of marble into flawless, sinewy bodies, artists have long explored our natural world. Leonardo da Vinci even peeked inside our bodies, drawing them in cross section, studying the embryo in the womb and making casts of the brain and heart.



Today, the medical world relies on art to practice science, and medical illustrator Kellie Marsh Holoski '92 is the latest in a long line of artists interpreting the human form. From the days of exploring muscles in marble to peering inside our own microscopic cells, Holoski illustrates the body to bring the unseeable out into the open, enabling us to behold, comprehend and heal ourselves in ways that were previously unimaginable.

"[Medical illustrators] draw things that a photograph can't capture," says Holoski. "We draw things at a certain angle that can only be visualized (such as an organ enclosed in the body's internal darkness) or abstract concepts and procedures that have never been seen before."

She relies on many of the same techniques that da Vinci pioneered, illuminating the workings of the body with line drawings and rich paintings, but she takes the evolution of medical illustration a step further by peering into cells with a microscope to capture the very essence of a cancerous stomach lining. She then uses computer graphic arts programs to achieve an even more precise and clear rendering of her subjects in half the time.

At the Pathology Photography department at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Holoski draws intricate diagrams of organs and their functions, shows a doctor where to make an incision with her illustrations and brings diseases, infections and the

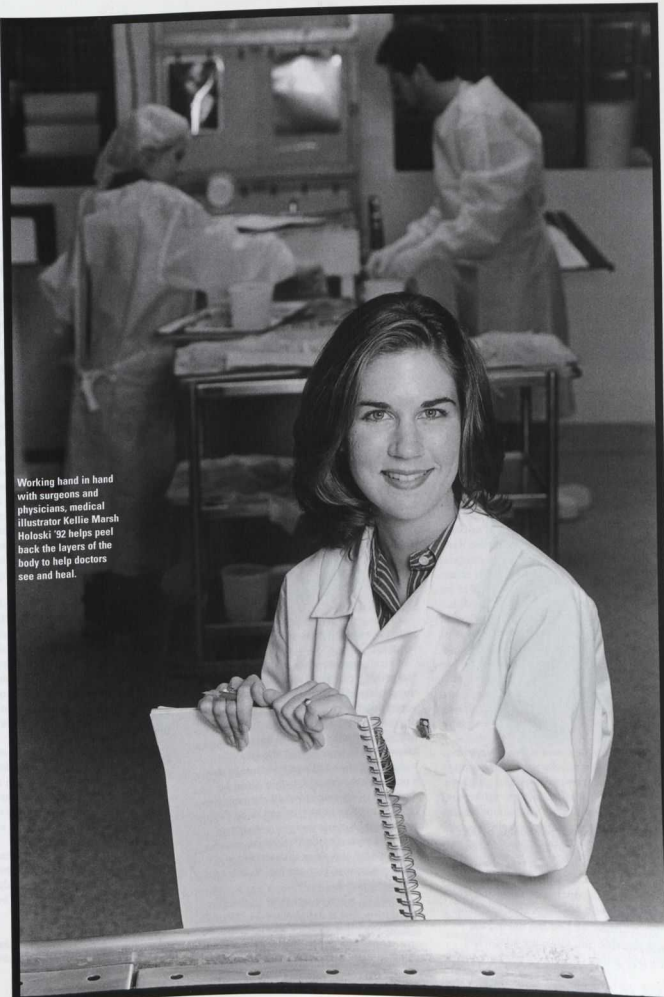
courses they take to life on paper.

Her 21st-century patrons are physicians, surgeons and researchers who want to illustrate a new surgical technique or a groundbreaking medical discovery for scientific journals and textbooks. Occasionally she pencils how-tos for medical equipment companies or sketches injuries for attorneys heading to court.

Holoski has been drawing the natural world under a microscope since high school when she penned beetles and bees during summer breaks for the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History. Her father, an entomologist, always brought creatures home from work, sparking an early fascination with science and nature. In the labs among the scientific illustrators beyond the museum's bustling exhibition area, she found an outlet for her seemingly disparate interests in science and the arts.

After pursuing a self-designed art and biology major from Western Maryland, she and husband Dan Holoski '94, a computer networking consultant, headed to Ann Arbor so she could pursue a degree in medical illustration from the University of Michigan's program. She graduated at the top of her class in 1998.

A testament to the close relationship illustrators share with surgeons, Holoski took many of the same classes as the medical students at the university. She now sits in the front row during surgeries to make quick sketches of techniques, instruments



Working hand in hand
with surgeons and
physicians, medical
illustrator Kellie Marsh
Holoski '92 helps peel
back the layers of the
body to help doctors
see and heal.

"It all comes down to trying to portray the beauty and awesome complexity of the body in a way that can be easily understood."



From Hercules beetles to live kidney transplants, Holoski has the opportunity to see and translate the natural world from the front row.



organ is when it's fresh or how spongy the lungs are."

She allows that while dissection is "something that you have to get used to," the process of peeling the skin away and separating the muscles to get to the body's organs is "like a treasure hunt." "It shows in your illustration that you have this base knowledge in your mind," she says.

An illustration's primary advantage over a photograph, she says, is that it can be designed to de-emphasize all the unimportant, distracting aspects of a subject. "With a photograph, what you see is what you get," she says. An illustration can remove blood, tissue and other distractions, and microscopic cross-sections can be enlarged and highlighted.

However, when it comes to a scientific illustration, less is definitely more. "People assume the most detailed, beautiful, intricate painting would be the best teaching tool," Holoski says, "But a few eloquent, simple, clear lines with pen and ink—even

a diagram—can be better."

The most important thing, she says, is that the viewer is able to access and understand the image so that tumors can be located, tissues can be treated and accurate incisions can be made.

For an illustrator who is fairly new to the field, Holoski has already racked up a number of accolades and accomplishments. Last year she was awarded the Inez Demonet Scholarship, an honor given by the Association of Medical Illustrators annually to the most promising medical illustration student to graduate from an accredited program.

She was also given a research grant by the Vesalius Trust for her work on her student thesis, a study she and a colleague conducted to determine which of three similar illustrations—rendered in different media—was the most effective teaching tool. (The drawing with moderate detail won out over the simpler line diagram and the more complex full-color version.)

Most recently, she took over for a Johns Hopkins professor at her professional association's annual conference, conducting a technology workshop featuring his innovative approach to rendering pen and ink illustrations on the computer. It was a thrill, she says, to have had the opportunity to introduce veteran illustrators to new things.

"It's exciting to play a role in conveying knowledge and ideas to the medical community and the public," Holoski says. "It all comes down to trying to portray the beauty and awesome complexity of the body in a way that can be easily understood."

So with the touch of the pen in the name of science, Holoski attempts to bring our understanding of the human body one step further through purposeful, yet beautiful works of art. •

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and the all-important positioning of the surgeon's hands. Studying anatomy gave her the ability to recall and realistically portray those details later.

"You learn the essence of tissue and anatomy in gross lab," says Holoski. "And in the necropsy lab you feel the fat, the warm muscles. You move the joints. You get a feel of how slippery or bright red an

Riding to the Rescue

Simeon Schlossberg has fond memories of his days as a counselor for inner city teens in north and south Philadelphia, but one of his favorites involves a trip to the countryside and a bullfrog.

There he was with his cherubic face and crooked smile, crouched in the wilderness on a camping trip with some seriously tough kids from south Philly. "These 16- and 17-year-old gang bangers were staring for the longest time at this bullfrog," says Schlossberg, assistant professor of education. "I told one of the toughest guys, 'You can touch it.' He did. It jumped, and all those tough guys jumped higher. We all cracked up laughing. That one little unplanned, funny moment brought them together."

Involved in counseling troubled teens since his graduate work at Beaver College, Schlossberg strives to make a connection with such youths and break down walls built up by years of defense, the first step on the road to rehabilitation. "It sounds cliché, but I feel there is a little bit of good in everybody, and it is my job to help these kids find it in themselves," he says.

Laughter is key, according to Schlossberg, who often leans on humor to reach his students and clients. As the only child of parents with different cultures and different religious backgrounds, he quickly realized that humor had a unique way of bringing people together. "My father is a funny guy; he's Jewish and from New Jersey. My mother is a Southern Baptist from Mississippi. They both have different ideas about what is funny. Trust me, humor had a big place in our house," he jokes.

"Laughter joins us as human beings," he adds. "It helps us step away from the problems and our differences and see them for what they really are." More often than not, he finds that in a humorous context, problems aren't so bad for most people. Likewise, with a little levity in the classroom, lessons don't seem as complex or intimidating.

"After a joke, students listen and they understand a little more," he says. "Humor makes you a human being, and to be respected and understood you have to be seen as a human being."

As an undergraduate and a graduate student at Beaver College and the University of Connecticut respectively, Schlossberg realized that he loved academics as long as it connected him to people. He not only needed to connect with his professors, but also with his community.

When he joined the faculty last fall to teach counseling education in the graduate program, he had already worked as a substance abuse counselor and clinical supervisor at the University of Connecticut Substance Abuse Program and counseled inner city teens in Philadelphia. He quickly found his link to the Carroll County community counseling paroled teens, referred to him by the Juvenile Justice Department, who are waiting on trials for crimes like burglary or assault. He occasionally leads group counseling sessions for first-time offenders in neighboring Frederick County.

Schlossberg also helps coordinate the community mental health aspect of the graduate counselor education program, arranging similar experiences to his own internships in psychiatric hospitals and residential community mental health systems. He takes his graduate students to visit similar sites and introduces students who are working toward teacher certification to the different atmospheres of rural, urban and suburban schools.

Volunteering to counsel borderline kids helps Schlossberg develop a greater understanding of conduct disorder, psychologists' label for children who have had more than just a brush with the law. Ranging from lying, setting fires and destroying property



to cruelty to animals, starting fights and truancy, these kids have crossed the line beyond teen-age mischief to extreme behavior that eventually comes to the attention of the authorities.

Schlossberg is the man in the white hat who rides in to nudge teens in another direction before they fall too deep in the clutches of their criminal activity. Rather than being written off as no-good trouble-makers, he says these lost youth just need an adult to show them how to cope when they feel like no one cares about them.

Four times a week he greets teens in his Thompson Hall office, accented with plastic superhero action figures and matchbox cars, to talk things out. He tries to give them a sense of control by letting them set the agenda for the session and vent their anger about teachers, parents or peers who bother them. Occasionally he just breaks out a checker board. Sometimes he brings in the family to talk about what's going wrong and what can be better, he says.

"Hopefully it's a way to prevent them from going to jail. Most of the kids I see are on that edge," he says. "Breaking the law was the issue that got them here, but

behind the action there might've been a breakdown of the family or drugs in the family. We need to make their lives more interesting so that drugs and crime are not considered the only outlets."

Despite his rural clientele, he finds that the same issues that haunted the juvenile offenders in Philadelphia's inner city haunt the teens he counsels in Carroll County. "The Philly kids were exposed to more violence in their communities than domestic violence here, but otherwise the experiences and feelings they share are the same: boredom, anger, not feeling loved or connected to the community," he says. "Sure, they have a hard time distinguishing between right and wrong, but equally damning is that there is not a parent or neighbor around to care about what time they come home."

As he gains a better understanding of these teens, Schlossberg has concluded that society shouldn't treat children like criminals, locking them away somewhere to scare them straight. "When you scare kids, you might see positive results temporarily because they want to avoid what is scaring them," he explains. "But what ultimately

Good guys can finish first with a little wrangling from Simeon Schlossberg, assistant professor of education.

happens is they run away, or their minds shut off."

"Punishment is critical, but we have to ask ourselves what we want this teen to learn from it and not just make his or her life miserable," he says. "We need to teach consequences—show them the results of their actions." Putting a teen in an adult prison, introducing them to a criminal subculture, only contributes to their criminality, he adds.

"As a society, we have a responsibility toward children. Rehabilitation is important," says Schlossberg, who has seen it make a difference. "I work with kids who are involved in criminal activity because I have a great sense of hope for their future." •

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Hail to the Chief

{ "CALL ME BOB" }

It's Thursday night on "the Hill," and the President's home is buzzing with activity. All the lights are on, and faculty cue up on the front porch as the door swings wide and guests are invited in. They squeeze down the long hallway toward the large living room where professors meet up with their students while v.p.s. hustle in from the last of late afternoon meetings hoping for a glass of wine before dinner begins.

On this particular evening, a city editor and local reporters have joined the party to welcome the guest speaker, a foreign war correspondent who has just flown

"The 15th century was not the middle or the end of the Renaissance. It was the beginning. And so is my 15th year."

in to arrive at this congenial setting far from the front lines of conflict and headline news. President Chambers signals the crowd to silence with the ringing of an antique cable car bell and announces this evening's guest with gusto. Of course, he also mentions that every person in the room is a star, recognizing those who are trustees, civic leaders, event coordinators, on and on, and asks that tonight's speaker please begin the line for the sumptuous buffet.

By the time the photographer arrives to take a few candids of our much-celebrated guest speaker, you can genuinely *feel* that you always have belonged here as a member of the campus community. The sophisticated world-traveled journalist is grinning ear to ear and comments to a nearby guest, "I can't believe he's the college president. He's great!" He hands over his personal camera to the photographer's assistant insisting that she take a picture of him with Dr. Chambers so he can have a memento of his newest best friend.

"Call me Bob," is how Dr. Chambers, the college's president for 15 years, has greeted hundreds of guests to WMC: week in, week out, year after year. His warmth, boundless energy and engaging intellect have won the respect and admiration of many. "By serving as the college's ambassador—locally, statewide, nationally and even internationally through the WMC-Budapest program—he has opened us up to the broader world around us," enthuses Board of Trustees Chair James Melhorn. "We all grow because of Bob's passion for the world."

As for Bob, he would call himself lucky to have found his niche in academia. Indeed, during such celebrations and crises alike, he unabashedly says, "I have the best job in the world!"

BUSINESS GUY FINDS RELIGION

Like most freshmen, Bob Chambers went off to college not knowing quite what to expect—either of himself or the experience. He entered Duke University, and when it came time to choose a major he opted for business, following his parents' words of guidance, "You'll always be able to get a job." "I found the less technical the courses became, the more I liked them," said Bob.

As a sophomore he experimented a bit, enrolling in courses outside of his major, including a philosophy of religion course that changed his path, indeed, his life. The best part,

Chambers remembers, was that his philosophy professor invited him and his classmates to his home on Sunday evening, and there over light snacks they would continue to talk, to discuss, to express likes and dislikes. Sitting around and discussing the sexy Danish philosopher Kierkegaard was simply great, he thought.

It's why when his own students from last semester's Religion and Literature course sought him out before the class ended and asked if they could continue to meet—just for the fun of it—Professor Chambers was immediately hooked to find a way. He proposed that they meet throughout the rest of the year and together view all the films directed by Stanley Kubrick, beginning with "The Paths of Glory," starring Kirk Douglas.

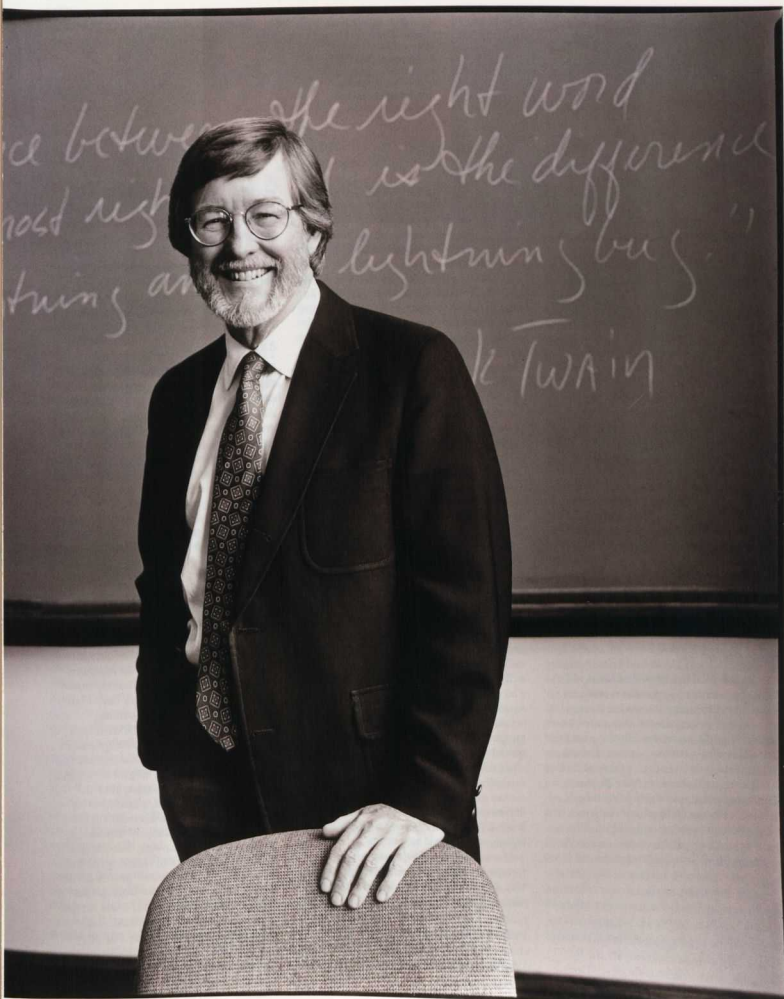
Students today have much in common with their predecessors. "When I was a freshman in college, I didn't know what the college experience was all about; I was nervous, afraid. I spent two years mastering the system, then drifted into some sort of academic niche. By my senior year, I tried to figure out what I was going to do with myself.

"That's exactly the experience my own children had in college, and it's still true today. The fundamental experience today is not that different from what it probably was even 100 years ago."

In fact, after his fourth decade in education as student, professor, dean and president, Chambers struggles to improve everything at the college to make the undergraduate experience more rewarding. His vision for a residential college modeled after the Oxford-Cambridge system is one that he continues to study and advocate its merits. But more on that later.

In his final year at Duke, Bob sized up his future, took the GRE, LSAT and sent off his résumé to the Big Apple, seeking to land a position in banking. He flew to New York where he was wooed for a job in international banking. Simultaneously he applied and was accepted into the MBA program at the University of Chicago. "I don't want to do this," he thought to himself when two of his professors called him in and counseled him to apply for a special program recruiting non-religion majors for Divinity School. A first-year scholarship was sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The application involved a series of "big thought" questions, and the deadline was near. "I sat in my room at home in North Carolina





DAVE SINGLAR



MATT BRANGLER

Chambers loves every opportunity to parade his pride for WMC, seen here at Westminster's Fallfest. In November, the WMC community surprised Bob with a 15th anniversary party complete with an appearance by Elvis.

noon hour once each month (and scheduled on the first Thursday when possible), faculty, staff and students come to a central

campus location for a light buffet lunch to share news, celebrate an athletic victory or, in December, usher in the holidays with an all-ecumenical festival of lights. The program is growing in its popularity, and any member of the campus family, parent, alumnus, trustee or local citizen is welcome to drop in.

"A sense of community is vital for a campus. We need to work at creating that feel ... it needs to be nurtured among the staff as well as the faculty.

"The experience [at Yale] was as strong for students who came after me as it was for me. It's a powerful thing. The only time I ever in my life had a sense of the undergraduate experience as being truly powerful; it certainly wasn't at Duke and hasn't been true since.

"I mean the Yalies struggled with it [their education and Yale]. Hated and loved it. Fought about it intellectually and psychologically. And I have not seen that happen before or since. What does it mean to be a Yale? To one, they didn't think that they deserved to be there. I felt that I was there by luck. We all did."

He stays in touch with the classmates as well as students from Davenport College who came through that same experience. As an associate fellow of Davenport, Bob occasionally returns to the New Haven campus to dine with other fellows and hear special presentations. The associate fellows also include George Bush and his two sons. According to Bob, if George W. Bush is elected as our next president that means that two of the last three presidents of the United States came from Davenport College, not just Yale.

Moreover, Bob found it was his good fortune to be at Yale during the tumultuous '60s. These were exciting times despite his being tear gassed during the student riots protesting the Bobby Seale trials and the temporary closing of the university. It comes as no surprise that at the end of his Yale Divinity School years he chose not the ministry, but found his way toward the

emerging field of American studies where he could tailor-fit his diverse interests in American history, literature and religion. He could even stay in New England, an area of the country he had grown to love much more than his native South. A great university just a few hundred miles away had the program he was looking for—and it was there that he would receive his true calling—a call to teach.

CALL ME PROFESSOR

Upon arrival at Brown, Bob soon learned that he was the only person who had a degree in divinity; the 12 to 15 graduate students were from wildly different backgrounds. The chair of the American studies program invited the new Ph.D. candidate to teach an undergraduate senior seminar, which became an ongoing experience for three years. "It was a gift from the gods," Bob remembers.

Only four years older than the students in his seminar, Bob knew he had work ahead of him. "I worked harder than I ever have since, and this was the best single experience of my academic life."

With great detail he can describe his first classroom where he taught—Robinson Hall, Room 304—and he has a miniature blackboard with an engraved plaque, a keepsake on his desk in Decker Center, of those glory days on the Brown campus.

"I ran scared all the time, but my inner voice kept saying, 'You can do this.' [I still] run scared all the time," he admits.

By 1968, his graduate work was nearly done and the work began to compile some 100 letters of application to various colleges with faculty openings. Things were perking along, and a few nibbles came after the MLA convention. Then, a fortuitous phone call for Bob came from his cousin at Yale who told him that the school was seeking a dean. Bob applied knowing that Yale generally promoted within, choosing the best from among their advanced graduate students. After five interviews with various college masters, Bob headed home on the train back to Providence. The next day was April Fool's. "It was Saturday. My phone rang and the associate dean of Davenport College wanted to talk to me. Thirty minutes later I had the job, [continued on page 32]

during the holidays and worried over these questions," said Bob. After spending the entire Sunday afternoon scribbling his responses in longhand, the finished application was dropped in the mail. Less than a month later, Bob was interviewed by the Yale Divinity School Dean, and two weeks later he had earned the scholarship. That year 50 Rockefeller scholarships were awarded; 15 went to Yale. "I felt I was saved."

THE LIFE OF YALE

"I went off to Yale, and it changed my life." Bob confesses his love for the rarefied air of this Ivy League university and its commitment to undergraduate educational excellence. Much of his vision has grown out of his three years as a student and subsequent years there as dean of the celebrated Davenport College. At Yale, Bob met famous scholars: theologian Julian Hartt, historian Jaroslav Pelikan, ethicist James Gustafson. In his eyes, each of his professors was brilliant, and he found their styles as compelling as the knowledge they imparted.

At 10 each morning there was a common hour where coffee and donuts were served and students and faculty gathered for discussion. This forging together of students' academic lives with social activity led Bob to birth his newest brainchild, First Thursdays, at Western Maryland. During the

Chambers the Orator

As his first official act following installation as president in 1984, Chambers conferred three honorary degrees to then State's Attorney for Baltimore City Kurt Schmoke, Nobel Prize winner and economist James Tobin and *Doonesbury* creator Garry Trudeau. His introductions of these distinguished guests and his inaugural address set a new standard for speechmaking on "the Hill."

As an undergraduate student at Duke University, Chambers admits that he was far less than an aggressive student who led classroom discussions. In fact, it was not until he entered Yale Divinity School that he confronted—and conquered—his fear of public speaking. There it was required that all students take a course in preaching. Chambers learned to construct a sermon and present it. "The first time I got up in front of people it terrified me."

Then for three of four years as a graduate student at Brown University, Chambers was teaching and up in front of someone every week. All his practice paid off, so following his appointment as dean of Davenport College at Yale, he seized upon the opportunity to make the introductory speech at the welcoming dinner each year for incoming freshmen.

"I would read the applications of the entering Davenport class of 130 and make up a speech about them," Chambers recalls. Beginning with the number of high school valedictorians, numbers of private versus public schools, etc. "My first year I remember a kid who had been a Chicago White Sox bat boy, and I was impressed with that guy."

This introduction would be followed by another invited Yale Fellow who would give a more formal address to the entering class. One year the speaker was William Sloane Coffin.

"After hearing the speech by Bill Coffin I remember thinking, 'My God, he talks like an angel.'" Chambers made a mental note of a device that Coffin used. "He spoke for a long time, without notes. Then Coffin had chosen a quote by George Washington, and at the appropriate time he turned away from the audience, picked up a text and read the quote carefully. It was then that I began to study how people such as Coffin, arguably one of the greatest speakers in America, made their presentations."

While academic dean of the Bucknell's College of Arts and Sciences, Chambers was a member of the honorary degree committee and volunteered to write the citations for candidates receiving degrees. It wasn't long before then-Bucknell president Dennis O'Brien named Chambers the University Orator.

Here are samples from Chambers' now-legendary citations honoring everyone from faithful trustees to beloved retiring faculty, but most especially, honorary degree recipients:

On political cartoonist Garry Trudeau:

"You are the first cartoonist to have tossed a Frisbee on the Great Wall of China. But it is not for this alone that we recognize you today. ... we honor you today because in your marvelously zany characters we see ourselves for the sometimes ridiculous, often comic and always totally human beings we are. Though your satiric needle frequently hurts, we just as frequently deserve the comeuppance you give us—and give the officials we elect to guide our daily lives ... as a political prognosticator, you stand alone."

On stock analyst Louis Rukeyser:

"As America's foremost economic commentator, you have somehow accomplished the previously unthinkable by, at once, demystifying the dismal science, demythologizing the money market and deflating countless pompous pun-dits of fiscal finagling. ... whereas formerly we were obliged to dwell in a fog of financial uncertainty, one fed by incomprehensible statements and figures that were as daunting and dumbfounding as they were dull ... [you] have beautifully blown away those befuddling clouds and in the process made multitudes of us your grateful watchers and devoted fans."

On neurosurgeon Benjamin S. Carson:

"Your astonishing career verifies the continuing vitality of the American Dream. ... From the outset in your position as the youngest chief of pediatric neurosurgery in the nation, you have consistently tackled only the toughest and most mind-bendingly complex cases, from congenital dwarfism to seemingly inoperable brain tumors, from intractable epilepsy to unremitting facial pain. Wielding your scalpel with "gifted hands" ... you restore twisted and tortured bodies to some semblance of normalcy."



On mystery novelist Sue Grafton:

"You are the reigning queen of the mystery novel, a prodigiously prolific creator of fabulous fictions that stamp you as the legitimate heir of your great precursors in the genre: Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett and Ross Macdonald. ... Your latest production, "N is for Noose," which has recently appeared in a one-million copy first printing ... is now launching you into a new higher orbit of fictional fortune and fame, a stratospheric realm reached by only a handful of writers in any era."

On world-class scientist Paul Janssen:

"You are a healer without equal, as shown by the impact your work has had in treating troubling fungus infestations, every imaginable medical malady, cardiovascular diseases of all stripes, allergies and intestinal disorders that disable us all and, more recently, the modern plague of AIDS. If a cure is soon to be found for the terrible latter scourge, you are likely to find it. ... So singular has been your career that you have received extraordinary scientific awards from more than 25 countries, ranging from Australia and Argentina to Spain and the United States. Beyond this, you hold honorary professorships from Beijing to Stanford and board memberships from Bogota to Oxford. Your mind-boggling 850 scientific publications, as well as your more than 500 lectures delivered around the world in five different languages, have so far brought you 19 honorary degrees from 12 different nations. ... And yet we note that your uniquely impressive résumé still appears to lack one essential credential, your first honorary degree from an American institution of higher education. Today it is our great privilege to remedy this small problem by making you a part of our own remarkable community. We do so not only because we, too, like all the world, recognize and celebrate your obvious scientific genius, but because, above all, we also see in that genius a humanity we would wish to emulate. ... While you are to us surely an intellectual titan, you are also one entirely without pretensions or pomposity. The fact that you ride a bicycle to work each day somehow links you with all of us, for you, too, it seems, are at bottom simply a human being striving to make your mark."



CHAMBERS AS CAMPUS ARCHITECT

One way in which college presidents are conventionally remembered is by listing the physical changes to the campus. Literally, the college campus has been transformed. Scarcely a month goes by when students don't complain of being awakened at dawn by the obnoxious "beep, beep, beep" of construction equipment backing up somewhere on campus. It is still the loveliest campus in this part of the country. "Nay... in the world," says President Chambers without blushing. Just consider the following major projects completed since 1984:

- Gill Center (with the rebuilt Old Gill Gym)
- Hoover Library and Memorial Plaza
- Peterson Hall (Art history, Lewis Graphics Lab and Rice Gallery)
- Little Baker Chapel (renovated)
- The Art Studio (Studio Art classes)
- Hill Hall (formerly Memorial Hall)
- Blumberg Fitness Center in Gill Center
- Englar Dining Hall (renovated)
- Comfort Inn and Conference Center just west of campus on Rte. 140 (formation of profit subsidiary WMC Development Corp.)
- College Square Shopping Center
- Biology and Chemistry Laboratory Building
- Levine Hall addition (music rehearsal hall)

complete with a third-floor apartment, the most elegant apartment I have ever lived in. I was going back to Yale."

HIGHER IN THE IVORY TOWER

"When I first heard about the opportunity to become dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Bucknell University, I knew nothing about the school. Bucknell was not on my screen at all, and friends at Yale warned me against applying saying, 'Once you go out to the farm, you'll never get back.'"

But he soon decided to see what this position might offer him. As he crossed the Susquehanna and was escorted to Lewisburg, he wondered how he could possibly survive in this godforsaken village. He found himself being squired around town in a pickup truck by the Bucknell Provost, and before he realized it, he found that he really liked the people he met and the whole experience "grew on me."

A few weeks passed before a telegram

arrived in England where Bob was staying with his family at Cambridge for a three-month study project. It read, "You are our unanimous choice ... Please call immediately." Sir Eric Asby of Clare College offered good advice: "You better take this."

The appointment at Bucknell was for Bob a step in a different direction; here he could test his leadership skills in new way and in a less uptight and tense environment. His move south would bring him closer to a better, more perfect fit yet to come.

A PERFECT FIT

WMC Board Chair James Melhorn and Bob Chambers share a lot in common. Both turned 60 this year; Bob's birthday was in October, and at their scheduled monthly meetings both have discussed retirement. They agree that neither has any intentions to retire in the near future. Why? Because "we both love our work," says Bob. "It defines who you are. You become what you do, and I have grown immensely by doing it."

Speaking on behalf of trustees at this year's Founders Dinner, Melhorn enumerated the successes of the college and credited Bob for his visionary leadership. "Bob has truly built an *esprit de corps*. His enthusiasm for the college community lifts us up emotionally and makes us feel like a team, whether it's the President's Council, the faculty, the students, the alumni, the Board of Trustees or friends of the college. Everyone who meets Bob senses his energy and joy of living."

Primarily, Bob's position as dean at Bucknell was working and supporting the faculty where he served for nine years. The next logical step for him was a presidency. "I yearned to make my own decisions," he says, "Although I have since learned that no one person calls all the shots."

Bob wanted to be in a place that was less isolated, finding that he spent too much time driving out of Lewisburg to get anywhere. Here at Western Maryland he enjoys that the campus community is part of a 10 million-person-and-growing suburb stretching into the Baltimore-Washington corridor.

He first learned about WMC from his mentor Wendell Smith at Bucknell who had chaired the Middle States evaluation team here in the early 1980s and was one of several whom the college notified when the search commenced to find a successor to Ralph John. Smith penned a quick note at the top of the letter announcing the presidential search and sent it down to Bob: "Bob, interested?"

"This sat on my desk for days, but I didn't throw it away," said Bob. "I wrote back: 'Wendell, should I be?' He sent it back again, 'Yes, I think so.'"

Several conversations later Smith nominated then-Dean Chambers for the job. And so the die was struck, and Bob Chambers joined the WMC family as its seventh president.

BECOMING PRESIDENT

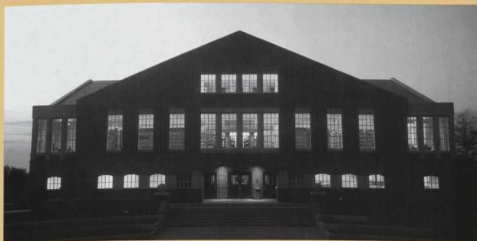
"I don't think anyone is really prepared to be president of an institution, particularly one you don't know very well... where you don't know the people," says Bob, recalling his first days on the job. "On July 1, 1984, my first day, I walked [continued on page 34]"

Defining Moments in the Nineties

"We are building upon traditions that we have enjoyed at this institution for many decades. Now is the time for us to move to a higher level of quality, reputation and recognition. And that's something we are determined to do."

Robert H. Chambers, president (1984-current)

From top: 1991 New grand plaza and expanded Hoover Library redefine one of the most beautiful college campuses in the nation; 1995 (left) WMC-Budapest's (est. 1993 in Hungary) first students arrive to seize learning opportunities on "the Hill," 1995 (right) NFL's Baltimore Ravens select WMC for its summer training camp; 1996 (left) Honorary degree recipient Bob Keeshan, a.k.a. TV's Captain Kangaroo, is featured speaker at day-long celebration of education and technology; 1996 (right) WMC launches \$40 million Defining Moment fundraising campaign that will chart its course into the 21st century; 1997 Mathematics educator Skip Fennell is named top professor in Maryland with congrats from Governor Glen-dening; 1998 WMC Development Corp. breaks ground for College Square Shopping Center; 1999 Outstanding biology/chemistry departments move into new high-tech laboratory building.



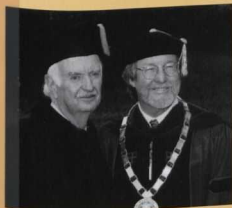
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Chambers Takes Sabbatical

In November, College President Robert Chambers reached two important plateaus in his life—the anniversary of his 15th year as president and his 60th birthday. At the Founders Dinner in September, the trustees honored him for his bold and ambitious leadership with the establishment of The Robert H. Chambers Presidential Fund. Gifts and commitments to the fund have reached \$300,000, announced Board Chair James Melhorn.

"This fund, endowed by trustees, alumni and friends of the college," he stated, "is a precious resource to be used by you and future presidents to continually improve and advance Western Maryland College."

"I am deeply touched by this gracious show of support for my work here," Chambers responded. "I am truly the lucky one to be able to work with, and be a part of, such a fine community of people for so many years. It didn't take me long to realize why I am only the seventh president and why no one has served fewer than 12 years."

Of course, Chambers also realizes he may not surpass the years served by two of the previous presidents. Second president Thomas Hamilton Lewis was chief executive for 34 years, and fifth president Lowell Ensor served for 25 years.

Chambers is currently one of the longest sitting presidents of all private four-year colleges in Maryland. He came to Western Maryland in 1984 after serving nearly nine years as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of English at Bucknell University. He also taught at Davenport College at Yale University.

His semester-long sabbatical began at the close of the fall semester and will end on July 1, 2000. During that time, Joan Develin Coley, college provost, will serve as acting president and CEO. Chambers

plans to visit other campuses, in the States and abroad, and return fully renewed and reinvigorated to "lead this institution and its great people into the new century and millennium."

During his tenure as president, the WMC campus has grown locally, regionally and abroad. In Westminster, he has overseen the renovation of every major academic building and the addition of several others, such as Hoover Library, the biology and chemistry laboratory building, which opened this semester, and an addition to Levine Hall. Chambers spearheaded the effort to open the first American college in Budapest, Hungary, now in its sixth year

with more than 170 students representing over 20 countries. He has also led the college in its largest ever comprehensive fundraising effort. The \$40 million Defining Moment Campaign concludes at midnight on Dec. 31, 1999.

But Chambers' accomplishments are more than buildings and fundraising, said Melhorn at the Founders Dinner, held this year in Harbor Court in Baltimore. He also teaches each semester, for he knows that teaching is what a liberal arts institution is all about.

"It is the rare college president that carves out the time to continue to teach today's students," he said. "Bob Chambers values the role of professor as much as he does any other role. He has helped students to know a liberal arts professor and to truly know a college president."

All the dramatic changes at the college are not "so much the result of our efforts as they are the result of the ongoing growth of a very vital institution," said Chambers. "We are justifiably proud of recent accomplishments... but more so of the unique feel and spirit of the place."

sors, Nancy Godwin and staff assistants Mary Ann Friday and Susan Cullison, as key players on "his" team, as well as great friends. "These colleagues have had as much influence on me as any other single person.

"I enjoy not just the beauty of the place, but the beauty of the people. This is by far the best bunch of people I've ever worked with. My theory of management: hire great people and then get out of their way. Everyone here works hard because they love what they're doing for the college."

Everything is interesting to Bob, and it is the reason he brings such energy to his role as president. "The best thing about a college is it's related to everything. We have sports, the arts, politicians, the academic life, building projects. I love all of that."

The job fits my array of interests perfectly. Because it's a small college, there's a sense that everybody does everything to some degree. We've all been building the Science Center, the entire campus, for the last 15 years. I get total pleasure the way I start each morning, walking around and seeing what's new.

"I never tire of looking out the windows of my office. No matter the weather. It's always gorgeous, and now even more so."

In his speech at this year's Founders Dinner where trustees truly surprised the president with the establishment of an endowed fund in honor of his 15th anniversary (see sidebar), Bob Chambers ended as follows:

"So I now have been president of WMC for 15 years. Computed chronologically, that means that I have been president for about six and a half minutes of WMC's hour of institutional life. In my predecessors I have been singularly blessed—particularly where Ralph and Dot John, my great friends, are concerned—for the early history of the college is replete with graphic accounts of the struggles these earlier giants had to help make Western Maryland what it had become when I first set foot on "the Hill." With the help of many—especially those of you in this room—WMC is both the same institution I found 15 years ago and a far, far better place than it was then. I would, however, like to remind you of one of the 15s I mentioned at the top of my remarks. The 15th century was not the middle or the end of the Renaissance. It was the beginning. And so is my 15th year." •



President Chambers and Board Chair Melhorn team up for WMC's future.

MATT SPANGLER

into the office and sat down and waited for something to happen. That's what I've been doing ever since," he jokes.

"Nobody told me what to do. Bernice Beard was a great help." Bob credits his executive assistant Beard and her succes-

President Emeritus Ralph Candler John Passes On

President Emeritus Ralph Candler John, H.D.L. '97, died at The Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, 1999. Dr. John was 80 years old.

President Ralph C. John served Western Maryland College from 1972-84, during which time the college nearly doubled its enrollment, earned international acclaim for its graduate program in deaf education, launched its graduate program in the liberal arts, began sophisticated long-range planning, produced its "First Principles" mission statement and was granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the premier honor society recognizing the liberal arts.

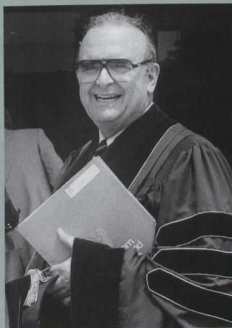
When Dr. John retired from WMC in 1984 he completed a distinguished 35-year career in higher education. He had previously served as president of Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa (1963-72) and as Dean of Students and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at American University in Washington, D.C. He was a longtime member of several educational boards, including the Maryland Independent College and University Association, for which he served as president from 1973-75.

The son of a Methodist minister, the Prince Frederick native spent his early years in Maryland and Virginia and attended Randolph-Macon Academy. After receiving his undergraduate degree in philosophy from Berea College (Kentucky), he earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in systematic theology from Boston University.

He served four years as associate pastor at Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., before entering American University to earn a Ph.D. in public administration (1950). He served as chairman of American University's philosophy and religion department from 1949-51, then entered the U.S. Army as chaplain. His two-year military duty included 16 months in Korea.

Dr. John earned Distinguished Alumnus Awards from American University (1969) and Boston University (1970), and honorary degrees from Iowa Wesleyan College (1969) and Simpson College (1972). He was named president emeritus at Western Maryland upon his retirement and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 1997. Upon conferring the degree to his predecessor, President Chambers extolled Dr. John as achieving "... truly remarkable accomplishments as a scholar, teacher, administrator, trailblazer, democratizer of entire campuses, visionary and friend."

Ralph John loved beekeeping, fishing



and hunting and had lived at his home in Ocean Pines near the Chesapeake Bay since retirement. He frequently visited the campus and returned last spring for a celebratory dinner held in his honor to announce the establishment of the Ralph and Dorothy John Professorship in the Humanities. Made possible by his good friend and former WMC football coach Jim Hindman and his wife, Dixie, this endowed professorship recognizes outstanding faculty achievement and supports research and professional activities. English professor and poet Kathy Mangan was named the first holder of the John Professorship.

Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to all those whose lives Ralph touched, especially his wife of 56 years, Dorothy Prince John, and their sons, Douglass, Byron Wilson and Alan Randall John '82, and three grandsons. A memorial service for Dr. John is being planned to be held on the WMC campus. A date will be soon announced. ●

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Memories of a Gentle Giant

At a memorial service for President Emeritus Ralph C. John held November 27 at the Atlantic United Methodist Church in Ocean City, Md., Professor Emeritus Ira Zepp said, "Ralph John's Judeo-Christian roots ran deep and were altogether foundational for his life. They supported his many courageous stands and fueled his instinctive sense of justice."

"I remember his defense of women faculty in the mid-'70s when institutional sexism was the norm and often laughed at. I remember his affirmation of racial integration among faculty, staff and the student body and how he turned over the Union Street property to HUD. I remember other controversial stands Ralph took and for which he was severely criticized ... In

fact, his greatest legacy to us may be his integrity, honesty, his deeply held convictions and principles which informed his conversation with us and his leadership of the college.

"Ralph was a real person. Jesus calls us, among other things, to perhaps the highest vocation, to be real, authentic persons, and Ralph was that kind of person."

President Chambers on his great friend and mentor Ralph John:

"I think my favorite shared moment with Ralph was on our first development call together. In my initial semester at the college I was trying to complete fund raising for our new field house, a great facility that is at the heart of the John legacy. Still to be approached was the France-Merrick Foundation of Baltimore, presided over by a formidable and legendary figure, Robert Merrick, who was then in his 90s. Realizing that I was relatively new at such things, Ralph volunteered to join me in calling on Mr. Merrick and making the ask. I gratefully accepted.

"We drove up to the sumptuous Merrick estate at the appointed time and were ushered into the living room. There the old man was reclining on a couch with his back to us ... while a far younger gentleman was silently sitting in a nearby arm chair ... this was alien territory for me! But not for Ralph! With his subtle guidance we soon steered the conversation around to our request—a substantial gift for the WMC field house.

"Old Bob Merrick agreed at once, ordered the silent fellow to set the gift up, and then asked me if I liked to sing! When I stammered out something incoherent, the old fellow asked what songs I knew ... finally we lit upon "Working on the Railroad," for Mr. Merrick somehow was aware that WMC had a railroad as its namesake. The 90-year-old then rose from the couch and led us all in several hearty verses of "I've Been Working on the Railroad ... All the Live Long Day!" It was unforgettable, even thrilling ... as we drove away, Ralph told me that no France-Merrick grant was ever made final until some such song had been sung.

"This may be my fondest WMC memory ... and the event would never have occurred had it not been for Ralph John. Here, as everywhere, Ralph had known what to do, and had done the right thing—and he was the reason we got the gift.

"Doing the right thing, Ralph touched countless people, shaping their own lives forever. Because he has left us all indelible memories, he will not soon be forgotten. Ralph has taught us what beauty is and how truly wonderful life can be. We are all his heirs and his beneficiaries. We'll not see his life again."

News from ALUMNI

Trustee Emeritus Austin Penn Passes On

Trustee Emeritus Austin Emerson Penn passed away August 10 at the age of 94. Born on a farm in Mount Airy, he graduated from the Baltimore College of Commerce in 1928 and the University of Maryland Law School in 1934. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar the same year.

Beginning work at the age of 15 as an office boy for the old Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co.—now the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company—he rose through the ranks, being elected president in 1961 and named chairman of the board and chief executive officer in 1963. During his tenure, BGE built its Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant in southern Maryland.

Following his retirement from the utility in 1969, then-Gov. Marvin Mandel appointed him the first chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Penn was active in civic organizations and headed the United Way of Central Maryland and the YMCA.

He also served on the board of directors of Black and Decker, Monumental Life, Eutaw Savings, Union Trust Company and the United Fund of Central Maryland. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees for the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church and Pension Fund, the Wesley Home in Mount Washington, Goucher College and the Baltimore College of Commerce.



Austin Penn

Penn was elected to the Western Maryland College Board in 1961, named vice chair in 1971 and granted emeritus status in 1976. The college awarded him an honorary degree in 1974 for his contributions to higher education and his civic service in central Maryland, noting his unpretentious spirit and genuine integrity.

Gerald Cole Leaves Musical Legacy

Gerald E. Cole believed that the study of music formed an essential part of a liberal arts education. He wrote: "Through sharp attention aural awareness is possible for any student. All can come to know a musical structure by ear. The style of a composition is a historical fact, bringing into focus all of the sociological, economic and ethnic influences of its time and its relation to other great works."

Appreciated by his students, he taught them to be competent and self-assured. He was an expert in music theory and an excellent organist and teacher of the pipe organ. He was also a composer.

Mr. Cole came to Western Maryland as chairman of the Music department in 1955 after



Gerald Cole

teaching music at Farhio College in Missouri, Phillips University in Enid, Okla., and the University of Western Ontario in Canada.

He was born in Topeka, Kans., and received a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Kansas, a master's degree from Oberlin Conservatory of Music and pursued additional studies at the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music.

He was a member of the American Association of University Professors, Phi Alpha Mu, Phi Kappa Lambda, the Maryland Music Teachers' Association and MENC.

Mr. Cole died of cancer on June 29. He and his wife Mildred, who died in 1996, were a quiet couple with many close friends. Both regularly attended musical and other events on campus even after his retirement in 1984. He was a frequent swimmer in Harlow Pool.

He will be remembered by many former students as he unfailingly remembered them even after their graduation. Though his demanding style of teaching seemed stern, he was sympathetic with a keen sense of humor.

There was never any doubt who was in charge of the department, but colleagues respected and regarded him more as a friend than as a "boss."

*Julia Hitchcock,
Assistant Professor of Music
Emerita*



Kitty Eaton with President Chambers

Honorary Trustee Kitty Eaton Remembered

Catherine "Kitty" Welker Eaton exuded a joyful, upstanding and optimistic presence. She had élan, the dash that expresses enthusiasm and spirit, which she usually punctuated with a wide smile. She loved the color purple, yellow roses, fine jewelry, baked apples, shopping and cruising with WMC alumni.

Friendship was her forte; once you were her friend, you had her loyalty. The addresses of a lifetime of garnering friends ranged from Maryland to California to Canada. "It's wonderful to have so many friends. I am very grateful," she wrote to me. An early-to-bed, early-to-rise person, she wrote notes in the fresh hours of morning, always in her own handwriting with its distinctive backhand style. She never failed to send a thank-you note.

She loved to entertain at home, at the Tidewater Inn and at the Talbot County Country Club. Kitty could do whatever she set her mind to—with "class." When the Club burned down the morning of their 60th wedding anniversary party, she transferred the large event to the Tidewater Inn, personally stood in the Club's driveway to direct guests there and then magically appeared at the Inn graciously greeting everyone.

After Tommy's retirement as an industrial engineer, they set-

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Alumni parents and grandparents handed down their college ties at student orientation this summer.

Row 1: Michelle Deitrich '03, Kelly Patton '03, Melinda Hollingshead '03, Arie Hawkins '03, Kim Schlipper '03, Alana Stubbs '03 and Jeff Wiley '03. **Row 2:** Colleen Ricker Deitrich '97, Paul Wooden '37, grandfather of Kelly Patton; Lou Winkelman MEd '86, grandfather of Melinda Hollingshead; Louise Sapp '49 and Bill '48 Hawkins, grandparents of Arie Hawkins; Mary Sue Kurtz Schlipper MEd '83; Dan Stubbs '74; David Wiley '72 and Phyllis Wiley. **Row 3:** Carol MacDonald Kelly '74; Ryan Kelly '03; Steve Kelly '73; Carl Hildebrand; Kyle Hildebrand '03; Janet Leese MLA '76 and Earl MEd '66 Hersh, grandparents of Kyle Hildebrand.

Match the youngsters to their tried-and-true Terrors below:

Jedediah Duquette '03	Son of David '74 and Deborah Diltz '76 Duquette	Matthew Schwanning '03	Grandson of Eleanor Taylor Smith '38
Scott Anderson '03	Grandson of Neil Eckenrode '41	Meagan Tracey '03	Daughter of Dianne Stebbings Tracey MEd '70
Amber Lovelock '03	Granddaughter of James Hicks '63	David Trader '03	Son of John '70 and Margaret Cushen '70 Trader and grandson of Jean Scott Trader '40
Alana Stubbs '03	Daughter of Mary Beth Salem Jenkins '75	Sarah Ellen Warner '03	Daughter of Katherine Welsh Warner MEd '77
Amy Leonard '03	Daughter of Robert Leonard MEd '81	Christopher Wineke '03	Grandson of Margaret Carter Welkos '45
Jennifer Bruce '03	Stepdaughter of Richard Loper '75	Tace Wiederseim '03	Daughter of Thomas '79 and Cathleen O'Toole '79 Wiederseim
Michael Wiles '03	Son of Daniel '71 and Tina Mantos '72 Wiles		
Robert Mulcahy '03	Son of Elizabeth Nicodemus Mulcahy MS '96		
Michael Pitsikoulis '03	Grandson of Arthur Press '52		

ted in a beautiful country estate called Three Chimneys in Royal Oak, Md. From that happy home, she joined Tommy, a Class of '27 alumnus and trustee, in attending his class reunions, trustee weekends and other college events. Thus began her ever-deepening love for WMC. She whole-heartedly supported Tom in his devotion and generosity to the college and became an honorary trustee herself in 1991.

She and Tommy donated more than 190 acres known as the Delmarva Bays to The Nature Conservancy, and she gave generously to her local Royal Oak United Methodist Community Church.

Kitty also was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Easton's Women's Club, the St. Michael's Women's Club and the Izaak Walton League.

WMC is blessed to have had Kitty as a friend. A great lady, she shines as a bright star in WMC's firmament.

Bernice Beard '74, MLA '81, Executive Assistant to the President Emerita



Margaret Denman-West

A Tribute to Margaret Denman-West

Margaret Denman-West joined the faculty in 1977 as coordinator of the graduate program in Media/Library Science. Born in Oklahoma City, she received her B.A. degree with a double major in English and Spanish from the University of Oklahoma.

By the time Maggie finished her master's degree at Central Missouri State University, she was the mother of three boys. She continued her education in Library Science, obtaining her

Ph.D. at Texas Woman's University. At a stage in life when her peers were beginning to take it easy, she embarked on a challenging career. She left the familiarity of the Midwest and came to Western Maryland College, where she knew not one soul.

Her ready smile, gentle laugh and disarmingly genuine concern for others meant she wasn't a stranger for long. She quickly became respected for her ability to get the job done. She served on a dizzying array of commit-

tees and projects. Typically, she went above and beyond the call of duty and served as co-director of the Hoover Library in 1984. Eventually she returned full time to her real love, the graduate program. It was there that she continued to impact scores of professionals across the state.

Maggie was active in the state media association and the larger region as well. A longtime supporter and president of the Maryland Educational Media Organization, she was frequently sought after by colleges and school districts to speak. She served for a five-year term on the Governor's Advisory Council on Libraries and on the influential Professional Standards and Teacher Education Advisory Board.

In June of 1982, Maggie married Robert West. Aside from her children and grandchildren, nothing in life gave her more pleasure than sharing this relationship in her mature years. Naturally, Bob's death was a severe blow to this almost per-

petual optimist, but she managed to overcome this adversity as she had many others.

Upon assuming her emerita status in 1991, Maggie moved back to the Midwest to be near her family, but her retirement did not mean sitting on a porch swing. She wrote "Children's Literature: A Guide to Information Sources" in 1998 and was honored with a Faculty Book Award. Even for those who never knew her, she is still a presence on campus via the Maggie Computer Lab, dedicated in honor of her contributions to the college.

Those of us fortunate enough to count Maggie among our friends have lost an energetic, caring and compassionate soul mate who understood the meaning of the words "commitment" and "loyalty" to family, friends and professional colleagues. She will be sorely missed

*Joan Devin Cole,
Provost and Dean of the Faculty,
Professor of Education*



Generosity Builds Science Center

After three years of hard work and generous gifts from alumni and friends, the new Science Center formally opened its doors at a dedication celebration Oct. 16. The \$13.4 million building, the college's most ambitious project to date, has been the centerpiece of the Defining Moment Campaign, launched in 1996 to raise \$40 million by midnight of Dec. 31.

"It was incredibly satisfying to finally see the concrete result of everyone's hard work," said Larry Blumberg, chair of the Science Center campaign, which led the drive to raise funds for the building.

In the lobby, a plaque recognizes all donors who gave \$10,000 and more, including the State of Maryland's gift of \$3.4 million, the largest gift the college has ever received from the state, and a \$600,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation, one of the nation's leading philanthropic organizations, after alumni and friends met the group's challenge to raise \$1.9 million dollars for the building. Gifts \$1,500 and above to the Defining Moment Campaign designated to the sciences are recorded in an honor roll book that will be kept in the WMC Archives.

Gifts to round out construction costs are still welcome. Contact Doug Myers, associate vice president of development, at 410/857-2259 to make a contribution.

The photos to the right are just some of the enthusiastic donors who named labs and offices with their gifts. •



Photos at left:

1. Trustee Charlie Moore '71 and his wife Carol '70 joined her father, C. Edward Hoerichs (pictured center with his sister Helen), in funding the soaring lobby and main entrance area of the Science Center.

2. Trustee Carolyn Seaman Scott '67, MLA '76 and her husband Bob '66 dedicated the office of Mary Lee Younger '55 Schmall (right), lab assistant and biology lecturer, to "departmental faculty who have taught us."

3. Don and Jean Andrews '45 Richards honored Professor Samuel Schofield '19 with a gift for the general chemistry lab. They also named the organic chemistry lab.

4. Past Vice-President of Institutional Advancement Dick Seaman and his wife, Sue, named a faculty office in honor of Biology Professor Louise Paquin.

5. Elizabeth Downer Hastings, pictured with her husband Charles, named Biology Lecturer Anne Davis' office in honor of her father, Samuel Whitney Downer '29.

6. Trustee Larry Blumberg '67 and his wife Sharon named the microbiology lab possible.

7. Phil Meredith '66 and fiancée Lois Chilcoat Meszaros '64 named Chemistry Professor Carol Rouzer '76's office.

8. Bob '43 and Edna "Perk" Haller '46 begun funded Rouzer's research lab.

9. Trustee Chris Royer '48 named Chemistry Professor Rick Smith's office.

10. Leigh Portland Cement Plant Manager Dave Roush, father of Carolyn Roush Wraase '95, represented his company's sponsorship of Chemistry Professor Dave Herlocker's office.

11. Trustee Nancy Caskey Voss '54 and her husband Jim '53 directed their gift to one of three student research labs.

12. President Robert Chambers and Jennie Mingolletti named the third floor lounge area that connects Lewis Hall of Science to the laboratory building in honor of their respective parents.

Myers Joins Fund-Raising Team, Muller Promoted

Doug Myers joined the Institutional Advancement staff this summer as associate vice president for development. With 12 years of successful fund-raising



Doug Myers

\$40 million Defining Moment effort, scheduled to conclude Dec. 31.

A graduate in management from Gettysburg College, Myers served on the fund-raising team at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Md., since 1990. As director of development he managed operations for the hospital's foundation and development staff. He played a key role in securing major, planned and annual gifts totaling more than \$30 million, as well as creating and organizing the hospital's annual golf and tennis tournament, which raised a record-high \$147,500 in 1998.

He also completed training as a group facilitator in continuous quality improvement and served on special quality teams to improve patient care in various areas of the hospital. Myers is a member of the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy and the Planned Giving Study Group of Greater Washington, D.C.

Joyce Muller, director of Public Information since 1979, has been promoted to associate vice president for communications

experience, he will direct daily operations of the staff and serve as chief operating officer of fund-raising campaigns, including the

and marketing. While she continues to head the college's public information efforts and serve as its chief spokesperson, her expanded responsibilities include the development and implementation of marketing studies to increase support for the college's programs, as well as to enhance its reputation and public visibility.

Under Muller's direction, the college has received more than 25 national awards for its print communications from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, including seven for the college magazine, *The Hill*, which she conceived and created in 1985. She led the planning of the dedication of the new Science Center and co-directed the memorable launch of the Defining Moment campaign in 1996, which included a dramatic laser show for the community.

She is frequently invited as a presenter for CASE at both the national and regional levels and as a jury chair and judge for annual CASE recognition programs. •

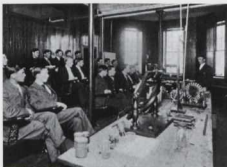
Updating a Classic

The grand opening of the Science Center isn't the end of construction on the Lewis side of campus. The 85-year-old Lewis Recitation Hall and 33-year-old Lewis Hall of Science addition are getting a makeover inside, slated to be completed next fall.

"We're going to build upon the classic look while making the buildings functional for today's classroom," said Doug Myers, associate vice president for development.

While most of the chemistry and biology departments have

This turn-of-the-century Lewis Recitation Hall classroom, which still exists virtually unchanged today, will be spruced up as part of a renovation of the Lewis buildings.



headed to newer digs, new-and-improved Lewis will soon be home to economics, business, communication, mathematics, computer science and physics, a melding of the disciplines true to the liberal arts vision.

The \$6.8 million renovation, of which \$3 million will be raised from alumni and friends of the college, includes an investment in electrical and mechanical systems, the construction of an elevator compliant with the American Disabilities Act and a revving up of the ventilation, air conditioning and heating systems. The physics department will benefit from modernized labs, and four computer labs will be constructed.

Steps will be taken to retain the classic corridor walls and tin ceilings in Lewis Recitation Hall, said Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance. Any window replacements will maintain the historic look of the building, and the "front" entrance closest to Big Baker Chapel will be restored to its original face.

Even the museum-like third-floor classroom, whose riser-style bench seating is supported by arabesques of wrought iron believed to have come from Yingling Hall of Science, which stood on the site prior to Lewis Recitation Hall, will be retained. Most of the benches will be reused along with the iron hardware, although new larger writing tablets will be spaced further apart to accommodate today's student body size, Seidel said.

Those interested in supporting the renovations of the Lewises should contact Doug Myers, associate vice president for development, at 410/857-2250. •

In Memoriam

Mrs. Katherine Richards Tillman '25, of Towson, Md., on August 9, 1999.

Mrs. Virginia Wilson Shockley '27, of Salisbury, Md., on June 22, 1999.

Mrs. Dorothy Hooper Carpenter '28, of Elkton, Md., on May 1, 1999.

Mrs. Evelyn Segalowsky Ensor '28, of Medina, Ohio, on August 27, 1999.

Mr. Clarence M. Knox '31, of Hagerstown, Md., on June 21, 1999.

Mrs. Ethel Birely Zimmerman '31, of Catonsville, Md., on May 31, 1999.

Mrs. John Cooling Kopp '33, of Narragansett, R.I., on July 24, 1999.

Dr. J. Richard Myers '34, of Westminster, Md., on August 5, 1999.

Mrs. Ada Beall Poole '34, of Libertytown, Md., on August 29, 1999.

Dr. W. Carter Stone '35, of Randallstown, Md., on March 13, 1999.

Mrs. Idamee Riley Garrett '36 and honorary doctor of laws 1976, of Silver Spring, Md., on June 13, 1999.

Mr. John W. Manspeaker '36, of St. Michaels, Md., on August 24, 1999.

Mrs. Jean Harlow Bare '37, of Westminster, Md., on June 19, 1999.

Mrs. Dorothy Nordwall Bregle '38, of Seaford, Del., on May 9, 1999.

Col. W. Frank Malone '38, of Salisbury, Md., on August 28, 1999.

Mrs. Kathleen Brehany Sullivan '39, of Vero Beach, Fla., on February 10, 1999.

Rev. Charles I. Wallace Sr. '39, of Westminster, Md., on July 9, 1999.

Miss Goldie M. Blickestaff '41, of Boonsboro, Md., on June 29, 1999.

Rev. Paul K. Cummings '41, of Bowie, Md., on July 29, 1999.

Dr. Mary B. Gibbs '41, of York, Pa., on August 10, 1998.

Mr. Mack B. McPike '41, of Miami Beach, Ohio, on June 27, 1999.

Mrs. Edna Gebhardt Reck '41, of Manchester, Md., on April 25, 1999.

Mrs. Alice Rohrer Downey '43, of Williamsport, Md., on May 5, 1999.

Mrs. Elsie Gray Shank '43, of Linwood, Md., on December 29, 1998.

Miss Pauline C. Whitmore '43, of Chevy Chase, Md., on August 31, 1999.

Mr. Warren L. Earll '44, of Sparks, Md., on July 8, 1999.

Rev. A. Neumann Barringer '45, of Skysville, Md., on August 30, 1999.

Mr. George W. Wilson '47, of Albrightsville, Pa., on April 28, 1999.

Mr. Daniel W. Bradley '49, of Coronado, Calif., on March 12, 1999.

Mr. K. Joseph Damuth '49, of Cranston, R.I., on December 16, 1998.

Dr. J. Shermer Garrison III '49, of Newport News, Va., on June 11, 1999.

Mr. Daniel E. Pinholster '49, of Phoenix, Ariz., on May 24, 1999.

Mr. Kenneth W. Beaverson Med'50, of Manchester, Pa., on July 8, 1999.

Mr. H. Lester Lynch '50, of Chattanooga, Tenn., on June 29, 1999.

Dr. Ronald M. Uhl '50, of Annapolis, Md., on April 26, 1999.

Mr. John A. Spencer '51, of Swedesboro, N.J., on May 8, 1999.

Mr. Clement E. Bubb Med'54, of York, Pa., on December 7, 1998.

Dr. Donald H. Horowitz '54, of Baltimore, Md., on April 15, 1999.

Rev. Robert L. Leather '55, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on April 18, 1999.

Miss Mary S. Stuart '55, of Lititz, Pa., on April 8, 1999.

Mrs. Patricia Lunak Gurany '59, of Hanover, Md., on April 10, 1997.

Mr. Gordon D. Horschburg '59, of Gulf Breeze, Fla., on May 17, 1999.

Mr. Robert F. Vaughn '61, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., on March 21, 1999.

Mrs. Nancy Thomas Schmeek '63, of Richmond, Va., on June 12, 1999.

Mrs. Barbara Earhart Sheehan '63, of Towson, Md., on June 13, 1999.

Mrs. Catherine Egan Reese Med'65, of Hanover, Pa., on January 17, 1999.

Mr. Samuel E. Pruett Med'70, of Williamsport, Md., on May 19, 1999.

Mr. Kenneth F. Sholler Med'74, of Hampstead, Md., on March 16, 1999.

Mr. Lawrence J. Walker '74, of Brentwood, Tenn., on March 30, 1999.

Mr. Michael McCloskey '76, of Ellicott City, Md., on December 5, 1998.

Mr. David H. Shaw Jr. '90, of Westport, Md., on April 24, 1999.

Mr. Gerald E. Cole, professor of music emeritus, of Westminster, Md., on June 29, 1999.

Mrs. Catherine Welton Eaker, honorary master of humane letters 1990, of Easton, Md., on July 12, 1999.

Mr. Austin E. Penn, honorary doctor of law 1974 and trustee emeritus, of Catonsville, Md., on August 10, 1999.

Mrs. Mary Rohrer Shoemaker, past staff, of Westminster, Md., on July 22, 1999.

Miss B. Irene Young, past staff, of Westminster, Md., on May 13, 1999.

Marriages

Leslie Miller '86 to Jeff Filmore on January 3, 1999. They reside in Beverly, Md.

Linda Robbins '86 to William L. Wilder on April 17, 1999. They reside in Alexandria, Va.

Lisa Abbey '86 to Kevin Wilking on August 21, 1999. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

David Cadigan '89 to Jennifer Duncan on May 22, 1999. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

Brian Pantetiere '89 to Nanine Sans on November 25, 1998. They reside in Northfield, Minn.

Shari Barnes '90 to Paul Serafin on May 8, 1999. They reside in Princeton, N.J.

Arthur Anderson '91 to Wendy Gebhart on June 12, 1999. They reside in Stuarts Draft, Va.

Christopher Cook '91 to Amy Bussey on July 30, 1999. They reside in Forest Hill, Md.

Erica Guenther '93 to Mark Steele '95 on July 24, 1999. They reside in Westminster, Md.

John Doeller '95 to Amy Boteler on May 1, 1999. They reside in Pusan, South Korea.

Carrie Schuster '95 to Michael Odds on May 15, 1999. They reside in Odenton, Md.

Amy Lynn Johnson '96 to John Mullinix Jr. on May 22, 1999. They reside in Woodbine, Md.

Kathleen Gaston '96 to Jonathan Bihari on July 30, 1999. They reside in

Durham, N.C.

Michelle Crespo '96 to Aaron Ahlborn '97 on May 29, 1999. They reside in Frederick, Md.

Anne Larson '96 to Robert Brakeman on July 17, 1999. They reside in Darian, Conn.

Joshua Foster '96 to Jodie Miller '99 on July 3, 1999. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Matthew Marchese '96 to Anna Jakubiec '94 on August 14, 1999. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

Thomas Marshall '97 to Theresa Wise on April 10, 1999. They reside in Reisterstown, Md.

Laura Giorno '98 to William Mace on June 26, 1999. They reside in Forest Hill, Md.

Lynnae Stoehr '98 to Michael Kerr on May 29, 1999. They reside in Germantown, Md.

Births

Katrina Lee Stubbs on June 17, 1999, to Daniel '74 and Krista Lee Stubbs.

Benjamin Thomas Ragan on April 6, 1999, to Doug '79 and Allison Ragan.

Alex David Jivan Todd on February 8, 1998, to Rick and Elaine Denny '79 Todd.

Christopher Lee and Steven James Wahrhaftig on February 23, 1999, to Dave '80 and Sue Wahrhaftig.

Connor Joseph Dick on January 12, 1999, to Dave '84 and Susan Garman '86 Dick.

Kendall Jones in January, 1999, to Greg and Courtney Quinn '84 Jones.

Brayden Christian Weyer on September 12, 1998, to Jeff '85 and Sandra Weyer.

Logan Robert Bolesla on February 19, 1999, to Bob and Ferren DeMoro '87 Bolesla.

Jennifer Elizabeth Douglas on December 9, 1998, to Dave '87 and Marie Fishbe '89 Douglas.

William Peter Belling on January 22, 1999, to Robert '88 and Theresa Bernhardt '89 Belling.

Andrew Ian Schmitt on June 21, 1998, to Steven '88 and Carole Schmitt.

Justin Hopkins on June 27, 1998, to Jim and Heather Murtagh '88 Hopkins.

Katherine Margaret Battaglia on January 15, 1999, to David and Theresa Gutierrez '88 Battaglia.

Thomas Connor and Kelly Anne Howes on April 9, 1999, to Tom and Elizabeth Burkitt '89 Howes.

Lynnae Swanson on August 19, 1999, to Scott and Jennifer Flynn '89 Swanson.

Colton Betyon Gonzalez on August 16, 1999, to Benjamin '90 and Denise Betyon '90 Gonzalez.

Bernadette Cecilia Jacobs on July 2, 1998, to William '80 and Monica Jacobs.

Alison Nicole and Daniel Scott Johnston on June 9, 1999, to Jamie '91 and Kim Mitchell '92 Johnston.

Ryan Michael Sherlock on January 22, 1999, to Michael '91 and Kim Sherlock.

Annalise Michaelson on May 18, 1999, to Rob and Katie Ruppenthal '91, MLA'94 Michaelson.

Kylie Michelle Harris in August 1998, to Steve and Wendy Skidmore '91 Harris.

Alyssa Lynn Ramsey on November 4, 1998, to Jack and Lynn Thomas '92 Ramsey.

Hallie Lynn Bubczyk on August 10, 1999, to Jeff and Jen Hill '93 Bubczyk.

Sarah Nicole Sexton on May 20, 1999, to Andrew '92 and April Ornert '93 Sexton.

Luke Joseph Rensberg on February 28, 1999, to Brian and Julie Virunum MS'94 Rensberg.

Alison Marie Gross on March 29, 1999, to Mark MS'95 and Kelly Gross.

Benjamin Berger on May 22, 1999, to Jeff and Vanessa Collins MS'97 Berger.

Faith Christine Barton on May 3, 1998, to Charles and Dawn Cleverger MS'98 Barton.

Master's News

Bruce J. Neighbors Med'85, Big Spring School District assistant superintendent, received the 1999 William E. Caldwell Award for Excellence in Administration and Supervision. The Pennsylvania School Study Council of Penn State University presents the award annually to an administrator in the state's public schools.

Jay Heisch Held MS'91 was promoted from the position of school support teacher at Thurmont Middle to assistant principal at Brunswick Middle. He has been with Frederick County (Md.) Public Schools for 30 years, teaching at Thurmont Middle, Gov. Thomas Johnson Middle and Emmitsburg schools.

Tracy Handy Hillard MS'97 has been a first grade teacher at Carroll Manor Elementary for nine years. She was promoted to assistant principal at Orchard Grove Elementary in Frederick County, Md.

Kelly Burke Benvenuti MS'96, a first-grade teacher at Orchard Grove Elementary, was promoted to a newly created assistant principal position at Kempton Elementary. She has been a teacher in Frederick County, Md., since 1988.

CLASSNOTES

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Hello there, again! It has been great to hear from so many of you. (And you can believe me when I say that your cards bring you to mind just as you looked in the '30s— young and gorgeous.) Best of all, you show the enthusiasms and varied interests that have grown all these years, and how our lives have become richer with the introduction of new family members, trips across the continent and over the oceans or appreciation more than ever of our home turf.

Before reporting the good news, I must tell you that we lost **Idamae Riley Garrett** this past June. Idamae served Maryland for many years in various capacities. In 1976 she was given the honorary degree of doctor of laws by Western Maryland College.

Rosalie Silberstein Sauber, who attended memorial services for Idamae, reports that the *Washington Post*, as well as various individuals there, expressed great respect for Idamae's many contributions to the people of Montgomery County, Md., both public and private. Rosalie, I thank you for all that you wrote about Idamae, although I regretted that no room was left on the card to tell us of your activities. I know they would be of interest to all of us, and I am looking forward to hearing from you next year.

Henrietta Twigg Murray reports that her biggest news is a move to Collingswood Manor in New Jersey. She speaks of plenty of "pleasant company as we all grow older together."

Rosalie Gilbert Valentine is to be congratulated on her first great-grandchild, a new addition to the population of Salt Lake City. Rosalie's son, Jaroslav Folda, an art history professor at the University of North Carolina, was awarded the title "Top Historian in the United States" for a book he wrote, "The Art of the Crusaders in the Holy Land, 1098-1187." He's now working on a second volume.

Klee and Dottie Twigg '37 Grumbine celebrated their 60th anniversary in June. The Grumbines stayed home this year and tended their rose garden. They are close to the western shore of Lake Michigan. Some talented grandchildren also keep Klee and Dottie busy attending games. The children's athletic and academic successes seem to attest to the value of such grandparental support.

Lois Thompson Hammer reports on a wonderful Nova Scotia trip among other excursions.

Joshua Cockey's card seemed to come from a man at peace with the world. There is a young great-grandson and various other members of the family to visit. Josh and his wife enjoyed a recent get-together with old friends from Western Maryland, the Simpsons and the Dudleys.

Speaking of Col. **Vernon R. Simpson**, our old friend Ray reports that his non-slower pace of life allows him and **Helen Leatherwood Simpson '38** more time to "smell the roses" and to attend concerts.

Allen and Caroline Smith '38 Dudley met with Ray, Helen and the Cockeys to celebrate some important wedding anniversaries. All three couples had been married 60 years in 1999. Allen reports that life at Homewood Retirement Center continues to be good.

Anna Baker, writing from her home in Connecticut, wishes God's blessing for all in our class. She says that while "went overboard" with all her travels but is happy to have had them. (And she still travels to Minnesota for Thanksgiving!)

Marvel Jackson Simpson speaks of something called "an advancing case of old age." Hmm, I wonder what that could be? (Just kidding, Marvel, we're all there with you.) Now that you've left 70 acres in the country for 1,100 square feet in a city apartment, we're all wishing you much joy in your new home, tho' we can only smile sympathetically at your query: "Where do you shake a mop or dry a wet towel?" Life still has its challenges for us, doesn't it?

Thomas Eveland speaks of sky-rocketing slowed to a crawl with skyrocketing handicaps and of Westminster seeming farther away each year. Tom unveiled the donors' plaque in the Physical Education Learning Center, and I am sure he and Bernice will meet us at our 65th Reunion.

Kay Wynn Mackley said, "One of the best things about WVMC is its Common Ground program. Besides the popular summer session, it also reaches into the public schools each spring through sessions for middle and high school groups. It even occasionally trickles down to Carroll Lutheran Village (on the outskirts of Westminster), where Mac and I still live quite happily."

Zaida McKenzie McDonald says she is still "coasting the continent" from the Pacific to the Atlantic and back again. With several great-grandchildren, Zaida has good reasons for all that

traveling. I'll bet they are all proud of her activity.

Lee Irwin Cronin continues to appreciate her good fortune in having all four of her daughters still residing in the same county. However, she would love to hear from anyone else in our class.

Mary Alice Patterson Shipley is feeling pretty well after a heart attack which led to a triple bypass. They are still able to spend winters in Florida and summers in Maryland, so Pat deserves congratulations on doing so very well.

Jane Leigh Hartig and Franz keep in touch with his 1927 class at Johns Hopkins, as well as the Hopkins lacrosse team. They've also seen many games at Vail amidst that wonderful scenery. Last Christmas they took a trip to the Caribbean and then on to the Amazon.

Helen Ewing Harding keeps busy with two days of volunteer work each week, a good number of trips and family visits and—how great this sounds—courses at the University of Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning. This all seems to be a very admirable use of time.

Catherine Kephart Amos reports on trips to Savannah for one of those family reunions we all love, another to Florida and, surely one of the most interesting, to an X-Agents FBI convention in Hawaii.

Although never having smoked, **Paul Shipley** was diagnosed as having lung cancer, but he feels he has beaten the odds so far. He proved this point with a two-week motor home trip to the Finger Lakes in late 1998. Soon thereafter he and his wife took a cruise to the Windward Islands in the Caribbean. They also spent three weeks on an Elderhostel barge in Burgundy where they visited castles, monasteries and vineyards. They met their son and new grandson in Paris and went on to visit their other son in Frankfurt, Germany. What a success story!

Josephine Dawson Clark is still bowling and traveling. The latest trip took her through the Panama Canal and into several western Mexico towns. Yes, Jo, we should meet in the next millennium, but it's more likely to be on the WMC campus than in Lady Lake, Fla. Thank you for the invitation, tho!

Ethel Gorsuch Schneider always has a lot of interesting news: the marriage of a granddaughter in Illinois, a grandson in Ohio who flies for U.S. Airways and a little granddaughter who just finished attending kindergarten at the Smithsonian.

James Richards reports spending many happy hours working in his large garden. Indoors, the family computer is kept busy with Jim's new book, "Garden of Memory," as well as his wife's autobiography, "Fragments of Our Life." I really hope to see these books in a Westminster bookstore.

Charles "Brod" Daneke's note spoke kindly of the memories a column like this evokes. Thank you so much, "Brod," but we all wish you had

included some news of Brod Daneke!

Being laid up with foot injuries for over five months, plus eye problems, has not made **Mary Louise Raver Lauler** sorry for herself. Her beautiful family—three daughters, seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren—keeps her happy. We all wish her health and happiness.

As for your reporter, I have settled in nicely back in Westminster. A few trips abroad and a few more across the country have all been wonderful, but now visits from my family and trips to their homes or to vacation spots with them all seem sufficient. The grandchildren are the travelers now, and they drop in from all across the country. Enough excitement!

Love and good wishes to each one of you dear classmates—and to those who sent cards, many thanks! Have a good year.

Doris Smedes Stonebraker
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Thanks to all mentioned here for sharing their plans and pleasures.

All our perennial travelers are on their way again. In 1997 the destination was Uzbekistan for **Leigh and Peggy Moss '43 Venzke**. In 1998 they were in Italy. In Siena they attended lectures at the university to learn about the history and culture of the Etruscans. For a great view they both climbed a 103-foot tower on the piazza. In February Antarctica beckoned. That meant Buenos Aires by air, a Norwegian vessel through 16-foot seas and five landings complete with penguins, seals and icebergs. Their next trip is planned for Turkey.

Lilyan Bennett Mulvaney has arranged a 51st anniversary riverboat cruise on the Danube, Main and Rhine Rivers. She hopes to see her great-grandfather's birthplace in Bamberg. Lilyan is head of the library at her Coral Oaks retirement home.

Kathleen "Kakie" Coo Walters made a spring trip to Charlotte to see her daughter. A first-time visit to Charleston was included. Plans for celebrating her 80th birthday with family and friends had been arranged.

Jeannette Brannock Pomeroy stays busy in Cambridge near grandchildren. Last year she traveled in Canada with her daughter's family.

Frances "Frankie" Royer Copeland spent three weeks in Arizona at an Elderhostel in Sedona with people

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from 15 states.

Jeanette Wigley Thomas made a sentimental journey back East visiting family. She especially enjoyed her old hometown, Millersville, where she lunched with **Anita Twigg Slama** and looked for old haunts.

Isabelle Zimmerman Martin's latest vacation was to Eastern Europe to Prague, Warsaw, Budapest and the country between.

Don and Mary Hodgson '43 Honeman, their children and grandchildren also left for three weeks in Europe. They planned to revisit the area where they lived for four years by Eurail and Glacier Express.

Doris Benson Lanford enjoyed a land and cruise tour of Alaska. She looks forward to a reunion with four children, 12 grandchildren and four greats.

Leigh '41 and Peggy Moss '43 Venzke traveled to Antarctica—Buenos Aires by air, a Norwegian vessel through 16-foot seas and five landings complete with penguins, seals and icebergs.

Eleanor Prescott Vergis' big adventure was to board the Concorde for London to see her grandfather's homeland, travel to Paris by catamaran and home on the QEII. "Scotty" feels fortunate to be in good health and the grandmother of three.

After a hospital stay, **Elizabeth Rankin Corbin** found pleasure riding through the Eastern Shore and Pennsylvania with a long-time friend. She became a great-grandmother this year.

A granddaughter's wedding in New Hampshire was high on the agenda for **Lester "Bo" and Norma "Nicky" Nicodemus '40 Knepp**. Tanya is "Bo" Jc's '65 daughter. Living in Augusta, they follow the Masters, although "Bo" no longer plays golf.

Lindsay and Ann Chase make only short trips but welcome grandchildren to visit them. Their youngest son, 42, recently married.

Al and **Hazel Beard Guyer** are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. Hazel has been so faithful sending Christmas letters. Last year they traveled to D.C. and Maryland in May, to Nova Scotia in July and to a conference at Lake Junaluska, N.C., in September. Their latest news is a move to a cottage at Quincy Village Retirement Home near Waynesboro, Pa.

My one-time roommate **Rachael Green Marney** called to report that her granddaughter, **Megan Milesky '00**,

graduates from WMC next May. Rachael still calls Catonsville home while spending summers in Ocean City. Daughter Suelen continues to breed Arabian horses, which are in great demand in some parts of the world. Rachael's family includes a seventh adopted grandchild.

Ted Bowen tells of a family reunion in Dallas. All four daughters, all nine grandchildren and all five greats were present. It was a very special occasion complete with Texas barbecue, pool and great weather. A grandson had just graduated from Baylor. Ted also has an adopted grandson from an orphanage in Russia.

Elaine Jameson Deakney and her husband were honored at a 50th anniversary party by daughters **Jacqueline Deakney Cowan '74** and Sue Snyder. All relatives joined in the festivity, including **Louise Jameson Higby '39**.

Mary Hastings Phillips is fortunate to have her caring family nearby to help her feel independent and still active.

Bill Adolph retired after 50 years as a practicing chiropractor. He and **Margaret "Mickey" Reynolds '42** plan to move to a condo, leaving their home of 47 years.

Fran Dillaway Tompkins and friends have formed a WMC group at Oak Crest Village, including **Doris Lubking Backel**. The local Maryland alumni met with them in June. Fran compares life at the home to a college campus. She appreciates the attention to her comfort and is happy with freedom from household chores.

Annette Hutchins Wilfong praises Asbury-Solomons as a desirable retirement home on the water. She is still addicted to visiting historical sites.

It was good to hear from **Tane Takahashi Matsumura** from Japan. She fondly remembers Dr. Makosky's English class. She and **Isabelle Zimmerman Martin** have corresponded for 60 years. Isabelle recommended a movie, "Life is Beautiful." It came to Tokyo, and Tane got to see it and appreciate its message. Tane is a hospital volunteer and does private teaching.

Ellen Giles Carey met a recent WMC grad, **Dierdre Dierks Crowl '99**, on a ferry boat in San Francisco. Ellen had come from a party for Dr. Chambers and Dierdre was on vacation.

Carl Thomas relies on his pacemaker for good health. He continues to work for Comfort Inn in Frederick.

Charles Earl and Marina take one day at a time and hope to go to Rome again. They often visit **Harry '40 and Marie Crawford '43 Lowery** in the Asbury Home complex.

Jeanne Shank Kelley writes from Oak Ridge, Tenn. They are not traveling while her husband recovers from a hip injury. Jeanne walks several miles a day for diabetes control. They have three adult children: a son who is an executive director of marketing, a son who is news editor of the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and a daughter who is assistant to the president of Belmont University in Nashville.

Bill Robinson keeps me advised when he hears any news of our class. He

stays active with golf and the Alexandria Rotary Club. He and **Neil Eckenrode** planned to attend the '40s luncheon in Ocean City. Neil and Eileen spend summers there and hope to attend the Lower Shore luncheon as well. In winter they live in Baltimore where he plays bridge with **Bill Wiley** occasionally. Neil has a grandson at WMC this fall.

Margaret Rich Brown still lives in the same house and travels briefly, but sadly without Jesse, who died two years ago. **Marguerite Hatch Little** also reports her husband's death in April.

Bill Banks developed some heart problems while vacationing in the East. After tests and treatments, he is back in California with a pacemaker. Their motor home is still in use but for shorter trips.

Joe Rouse and Helen planned one more cruise in September. She has been afflicted with lung cancer. Our prayers are needed for them both. Joe is in his 59th year working for the Army.

Bill Dennis and family returned to Palmyra, Pa. They loved the Eastern Shore, but felt that health facilities were better in their former location.

Virginia Bortner Shull is now at home in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

John and Violet Younger Cook are happy in their retirement home despite medical problems. They rely on their daughter and husband who are doctors for good advice and counsel. Their family contacts nearby give them much pleasure, especially a 2-year-old great-grandson.

In addition to all others already listed in *The Hill*, I'm sorry to tell of the death of **Edna Gebhardt Reck** (sister of **Mildred Gebhardt Rainen**). She was a teacher, librarian and principal in the Carroll County schools. **Mack McKike** died in June from pneumonia in Ohio. He was a brother-in-law of **Don Honeman**. The card sent to **Gouldie Blickenstaff** was returned stating that she died in June 1996.

I am indebted to **Virginia Bortner Shull** for this news story of **Betty Gibbs**. After WMC she entered the medical corps of the Army as a technician. She studied at the medical school at Johns Hopkins, earned a master's degree and became head of that hospital's lab. Later she earned a doctorate at the University of Maryland while working at Walter Reed. Betty was head of their Institute of Research for 20 years in the immunochemistry lab. She published many articles in scientific journals and was instrumental in the development of a method to freeze human blood for transport so that it could be used again. After retirement from Walter Reed, she returned to York, Pa., to breed champion English springer spaniels. Betty died in August 1998.

I hope to see you all at our next reunion in 2001.

Elaine Culligan Skelton
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After 51 years together, you responded enthusiastically to my invitation to keep our '48 network intact—my sincere gratitude.

First of all, your positive accolades for the 50th Reunion Committee are appreciated. This weekend reunites with "marvelous memories" and classmates have already inquired about dates for our 55th.

Your comments are priceless: "Trying to grow old gracefully" and remaining "young at heart" wrote **Peg Buhman** and **Jack Smith** of Frederick, Md. "Keeping busy with community activities, family members and vacation travel to Yellowstone keeps life interesting and enjoyable," wrote **Charlote "Wally" Haile** and **Don Smyth**, now at Broadmead, north of Towson, with children nearby.

Congratulations to dozens of you celebrating your 50th wedding anniversaries. **Josh '43** and I still marvel at the coincidence of our "Golden" occurring on the Sunday of our reunion. (We married graduation day, so we held a "renewal" at Little Baker and McDaniel Lounge surrounded by alumni and family members.)

Jeann Radtke's new knee took her to South Dakota and Deadwood Casino (won 45¢) and on a tour of the National Parks from Montana to Arizona.

Welcome to **Lionel Burgess**, now officially a member of the Class of '48. He and **Ruth Anderson Burgess** celebrated their 50 years on a Caribbean cruise. Like so many of us, a grandchild is getting married—their granddaughter **Lisa Chesno Farley '98** was a summer bride. Rush, **Betty Arwinger Maas** and **Martha Witter Hawkins** meet for "non-stop talk" lunches.

Betty Arwinger Maas and her husband **Low** linked up with **Josh Enzor '43** and me, and **Mary "Taddy" Todd Griffiths** and **Billy** in Melbourne, Fla., last winter. Betty also visited **Dotie Cathell Carstens**. The Maas family divide their year between Maine and Florida.

"**Marty Witter Hawkins** is happy in Heritage Harbor, Annapolis, where she's back to golf and attends church with **Betty Arwinger Maas** and **Low**. She traveled to Australia and New Zealand.

A new record in the 400-meter race in the S.E. Masters Championship was won by **Helen Walker Schley**. She'll compete in the National Senior Olympics. With 11 grandchildren, she stays fit and busy in Myersville, Md.

Mary "Taddy" Todd Griffiths and **Billy** maintain a home in Pennsylvania and a condo in Vero Beach, Fla. Billy's Welsh roots called them to an annual reunion, which was held in Minnesota this year. The Griffiths sailed up the Mississippi from St. Louis on the *Queen*.

Rove Moore still prefers working. He moved to a new home on six acres near Salinas, Calif., and looks forward to being on the Hill in 2004.

Back to work on a part-time basis at the National Defense University is **Ed Cushner** of Chevy Chase, Md.

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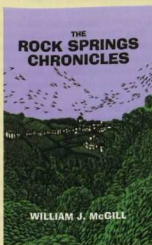
BOOKS

The Rock Springs Chronicles

William J. McGill
Fithian Press, 1999

Veteran professor Bill McGill, who taught history at the college from 1960 to 1962, spins an amusing and sharp-witted tale about academic life on a fictional college campus. Set in a small town in the Midwest, the collection of stories with a common cast of characters offers biting satire on everything from campus politics and departmental management to baseball, sex and philosophy.

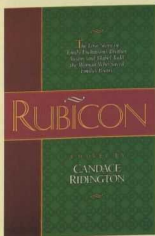
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Candace Ridington MEA '76
Arlington Press, 1999

Ridington explores the 14-year love affair between Emily Dickinson's brother Austin and Mabel Loomis Todd, the



woman who saved Emily's poetry. The "novel captures the extraordinary personalities and astonishing incidents of an absorbing literary scandal, all the while demonstrating enormous respect for the historical record," says Polly Longworth, author of "Austin and Mabel." Candace is the daughter of William and Edith Ridington, who both taught at Western Maryland and in whose honor the Ridington Lecture series invites writers and poets to campus. Ridington spoke about her book this fall.

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Emilie Shantz '91 (second from right) and her soulful crooning lead *The Kaktus Band*.

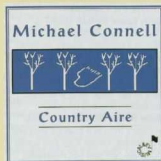
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With a nod to President Chambers' Japanese Fiction class, Susan Sommer '94 conquered her fear of flying to visit Beth Webster '94, who has been teaching high school English in Hayamigun for more than two years with the Japanese Exchange Teaching Program. They toured Hiroshima and Kyoto, complete with a wild ferry ride and a visit to the Golden Pagoda.

We could travel to the ends of the earth to show our WMC spirit, but we know you're already doing the job. Send a photo of yourself in some identifiable part of the world (hanging on to your WMC cap for a wild Frisco streetcar ride, scaling the Eiffel Tower in a Terror t-shirt, waving a pennant in the Mardi Gras parade), and we'll make you a star. Be creative! Send your snapshot (including names of those pictured and how to contact you) to: Postcards from the Edge, Office of Public Information, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.

Another new home owner is **Jim Grosse**. It is "on the golf course with a spectacular view of the lake and swans" in Sun City, Ariz.

Speaking of water views, **Mae Langrall Mealy** and her husband enjoy their life on the river near Ocean City. She's busy with golf, gardening and attending WMC events on the Lower Shore.

Elderhostels are enticing many classmates, including **Kitty Brown Ross** and **Don**, who also delight in an annual jazz cruise. Their time is divided between Moody, Maine, and Venice, Fla., where Kitty is a deacon in her church. They plan to move into a Quaker Retirement community near Venice.

Lucile Olson Soper of Frederick, Md., attended an Elderhostel in New Mexico. She is active in the Frederick County Retired Teachers Association. They win first prize with 19 grandchildren!

Madeline Franklin Strader of Woodbine, Md., treks to Miami to keep in touch with their son's family and is glad her daughter and family are close by in Baltimore.

From **Ann Murphy** and **Joe Wilson** of St. Augustine, Fla.: "Joe still drowns a lot of bait" when he fishes and enjoys his trains that only special people are allowed to run, like their 4-year-old grandson. They missed our reunion

because Anne had a stroke on May 18. The summer was spent in the hospital, but she wrote a delightful note and is still singing. They were within one block of the 1998 Florida fires, so they stayed ready to evacuate for eight weeks. They saw **Mary Ruth Woodfield Tereshinski** and **Tom** '44 last March. The Wilsons celebrated their 53rd anniversary at Christmas.

Betty Sauter Garlock visited in Dallas. She diligently pursues her hobby as a qualified master gardener. Back to the soil is **Clarabelle Blancy Price**, who left Charleston and her neighbor **Mary Alice Hersfield** to return to her Ohio farm where she picks and prunes and loves it.

Doty Wilder Williams and "Reds" share their lives in a triangle between Silver Spring, Ocean City and family in Virginia. She and her roommate **Mary Frances Keiser Bradley** met in Virginia Beach where "M.F." spent last summer caring for her new grandson, Mitchell Francis, following **Dan Bradley's** '49 death in March. She maintains her home in Coronado, Calif.

Gilbert Wharton communicated from his home in Wilmington, Del. From Forest Hill, Md., **Jean "Job" Brant** wrote of their 50th anniversary. **Bill Hawkins** and **Louise "Sunny" Sapp** '49 also share the Golden Years. Their oldest granddaughter, a high

school valedictorian, is entering WMC. We were proud to read in *The Hill* of Bill's accomplishments on behalf of our alma mater.

Attending the Ecumenical Institute at St. Mary's Seminary is **Catherine Bishop**, who retired from the Johns Hopkins University Library but remains active in the Library Association.

Betty Jean Ferris Morgan is enjoying her retirement at her Bethesda, Md., home near her grandchildren.

Retired from nursing, **Jean Silcox Cahill** of Red Bank, N.J., is now on the Board of Riverview Hospital. She has 13 grandchildren. Four of her children are teachers and her son coaches a high school team that won their divisional title. Another son is on Wall Street.

Congratulations to **Luther Sies**, whose fifth book is to be published and will be preserved in the New York Library of Performing Arts. It's entitled "Encyclopedia of American Radio: 1920-1960" and is the result of 30 years of collecting information about broadcasting, performers and programs.

While **Jim Doherty** is sailing on the Bay, **George Pivais** is hoping to win first place in a Michigan fishing tournament. From the "cool, breezy shores of Lake Huron," George shared the sad news of the passing of his room-

mate **Stan Kilkuskee's** wife, Doris. When the Dohertys aren't sailing locally, they will cruise through the Panama Canal, celebrating their 50th in style.

Travel notes: "Around the World" for **Claramay Garlock MacNamee** and her husband before a little 900-mile jaunt through nine states. She has a welcome sign in front of her home in Novato, Calif. We were glad to see her back on campus.

We were excited to spot **Helen Wymer Youmans** on top of "the Hill." It was a great surprise as a result of "Onions" phone call to join us.

Did anyone see **Pat Brown Zello** and her hubby strolling along the Wall of China during their month-long experience? She says it was outstanding and fascinating. They've already seen the rest of the world.

I'm still amazed that you all don't find each other on the streets of Anchorage, since **Ruth Horan '46** and **Bob Youngblood** of Martinsburg, W.Va., RV up there every summer. He has retired for the fourth time. They are into their 52nd year and enjoy Europe every spring.

Naomi Harper Morgan of Glen Burnie, Md., had an outstanding Alaskan journey, awed by glaciers, as well as the friendliness of the Alaskan people. Hear this, classmates—she went white water rafting while on that junket.

Eleanor "Bobby" Lee Kunkel of Bel Air, Md., and her 1949 groom cruised to Alaska to celebrate. A granddaughter married a WMC '97 grad last year.

David '50 and **Christine Kintz Myers** returned from Alaska to their Mississippi home and then ventured to Westminster for their family reunion.

Mary "Butch" Don Brown and **Robert** had their 50th affair in Hawaii and soon will be in Holland, Belgium and Switzerland. She finds time to volunteer at a local kindergarten—with energy to spare.

After the Panama Canal trip, **Annabel Gloeckler Liebelt** has scheduled England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, plus the "Heart of Europe." That's her R&R after serving as president of the Gaithersburg, Md., chapter of NARFE with 1,125 members, many of whom are her neighbors in Asbury Methodist Village.

Just back and "digesting our memories" is **Jan Kellogg Sagan** after three weeks in France and a week in England visiting friends. She and **Eleanor "Carrots" Schilke Wroten** still find one another either in Baltimore or Dallas.

Betty Little Morey jaunts to Europe whenever Earl '45 is called to conduct a seminar. Recently it was Romania after a session in Switzerland. They had a fabulous week in Paris for their 50th party. That reminds me, "Do you know where your grandparents are tonight?" Sometimes the Moreys are at home playing golf in Pinchurst, N.C.

Bette Mason Fissel of Gettysburg, Pa., for the 14th year had a most successful Hospice Golf Tournament, raising \$20,000. She's an avid golfer and proud grandmother. Her children,

who have lived in Hawaii for the past 15 years, have just returned to Gettysburg with their daughters, 14 and 16, which should help Bette as she once again returned to a widow's lifestyle. There are many more in that phase as they adjust to a single life.

Nancy Haskin and **Walter Zabel** of Evanston, Ill., attended our reunion last May. They then celebrated their own 50th, but Rev. Walter's "Heavenly Father called him home to a new appointment" on April 1, 1999. Memorial services were held in Maryland and Illinois with his ashes scattered at the Strawbridge Shrine in New Windsor, Md. Nancy is active in the National Woman's Temperance Union.

We heard **Mary Ruth O'Kelly Alumi** as the president of the Baltimore County chapter of the WMC Alumni Association, responsible for the growing number of attendees at the monthly affairs, including a big turnout at Oakcrest. Meetings are interesting, informative and fun. Mary Ruth resides on a beautiful hill near Parkton. Pass through her hall doorway and you're in an imposing home occupied by her daughter and family, including two handsome grandsons. **Charlie '47** and his son-in-law designed this dual house plan a few years before Charlie's death in 1996. A perfect lifestyle!

Louise "Scotty" Scott Widdup and John spend each winter in Sarasota, Fla., and have a new residence in Heron Point Retirement Community in Chestertown, Md. When not traveling to Vermont or Colorado, she is busy with golf, tennis and bridge. She was my roommate on campus and my maid of honor, so it was appropriate that she return to be the soloist at our 50th in Little Rock, Ark.

Audrey Clendening Foster and her husband are also retired and happily settled in a retirement complex in Pennsylvania. Their children live nearby, to which Audrey says, "Praise the Lord."

Fred Eckhardt and Nancy bask in their country living outside New Windsor, Md., where they so graciously hosted our earlier reunions. Fred continues to minister while serving as the state chaplain for the American Legion. Someday soon, we will all be neighbors.

Bob Mathias and his bride of '49 cherished their memories in Hawaii. Bob serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Carroll Lutheran Village, a retirement oasis in suburban Westminster. Josh and I have plans to live there, beginning in the new millennium. Back to our "college ties"...

A request from **Doug Beakes**: "After having written eight books, I have started one dealing exclusively with Western Maryland College." Doug needs 1942-1948 photographs of buildings of that era, and ones of classmates taken back then and any other pertinent pictures. Take time to dig through boxes, drawers and albums to assist him. They travel overseas often to visit their daughter. He really enjoyed our 50th reunion weekend, especially renewing old acquaintances.

Charles Fleming of Richmond, Va.,

Luther Sies '48's fifth book, "Encyclopedia of American Radio: 1920-1960," will be preserved in the New York Library of Performing Arts.

went on a cruise to the Norwegian fjords.

An Ensor update includes the marriage of our oldest grandchild, **Richard Meikiejohn '98**, a Marine officer slated for flight school in Pensacola, Fla. He will be united in marriage with a '99 WMC graduate in Baker Chapel, "a family tradition." The other nine are in three different colleges, one high school, one middle school, three elementary schools and little Paige Marie is in kindergarten. Supposedly, this keeps us young. Something is working because we both feel great. We will soon divide our seasons between Florida and Maryland.

For a class of 70-year-olds, glancing at this article with our challenging lifestyles, joys and sorrows, we accept each day as a gift and count our many blessings.

Note: The Class of 1948 Baker Chapel Fund had a balance of \$2,385.81 as of June 30, 1999. Pat Patterson Ensor Cape Shores Drive, Apt. 5G Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

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Thanks to each one of you who sent a word for this column. As we move closer to our 50th Class Reunion, I

earnestly ask that all of us who are able send a note (next mailing) for the year 2000. With that, plan to be on "the Hill" in spring 2001 if at all possible.

Martha Buchman Branning, along with so many of us, has marked the date for this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. "Marty" and her family continue to "work the soil" in Finksburg, Md. With them there are four children and spouses, and 11 grandchildren living on the Bransfords Farms.

Rachel Holmes Ebert Cruzan moved from Alabama to Bel Air, Md. We were sorry to learn that her husband Bill died in January and her youngest daughter Julia, who had breast cancer, died in August.

At last writing **Dolly Dalgleish Darigo** and Carl were on their way from Missouri to Montana to celebrate with kindred spirits the anniversary of the Battle of Little Big Horn. Earlier, they were in Maryland and visited with **Betty Martin '80**, Carol and **Ken Shook '82** and **Jackie Brown Hering** in Westminster, **Janet Hering Twigg** in Thurmont and **Jane Birch Willock** in Hagerstown.

Tom and **Ann Van Order DeLong** attended the Zane Gray national con-

vention in Grants Pass, Ore. At home in Pennsylvania, they keep busy with their Christmas tree farm and enjoy their two daughters and their families. Tom is active again after a two-year bout with cancer.

Pat McLaren DiMee wrote of the grand time she and Vic had at the cocktail reception for College President Bob Chambers in LaJolla, Calif. It seemed a prelude to the exciting interaction we anticipate for 2001. Another peak moment for Pat was being part of a Chekhov workshop at S.D.S.U. conducted by Russian director Aleksandr Zaporozhets from Valadevostok's Maxim Gorky theater. With involvement in theater, teaching and a busy family, Pat lives out her ideal that "happiness is having something to look forward to."

After serving in the USAF for four years, pursuing chemical engineering at University of Maryland for three years and working for the Bureau of Mines Metallurgy Research Center for 31 years, **Beverly "Bud" Dunning** retired. He and his wife Ann live close to their daughters and families in Maryland. Diane is a computer engineer, and Leslie teaches fifth grade. Bud busies himself with fishing, crabbing, gardening, golf and tennis. "We travel south in the winter."

Amid travel, community service and family, **Dorothy Klinefelter Earl** and **Homer '50** keep busy and "in good shape." Their recent travels took them to Wales, Scotland, Bermuda and Sapphire Valley, N.C. They plan a barge trip from Budapest to Cologne. At home there is Rotary, the community association and the coaching and transportation for sports events of seven grandchildren.

Stanley Fieldman received the Life Achievement Award trophy from the Baltimore Touchdown Club. He is proud of daughter Nancy, who is a senior OT in Tri City Hospital of Oceanside, Calif.

Dr. Robert Fraser and his wife have retired and plan to stay in Anchorage, Alaska. They look forward to the wedding of their son William to a Thai lady in Bangkok. Some of their WMC friends will join them. Bob anticipates being East for our next reunion.

For the past 31 years **Doris Joiner Hancock** has lived in Arizona, most recently in Sedona, the heart of the red rock country. "Most of our time is spent traveling, and this year we enjoyed visiting Turkey, Greece and Israel." Summer is camping time for Doris and Bill '54 with their favorite areas being in Arizona and Colorado.

Using Kearney, Neb., as their base, **Linc Justice** and his wife Rachel are searching for that perfect place to build a retirement home. Their last two children graduated from college this year. Lincoln has retired from active Methodist ministry.

"We still live in Towson," writes **Dr. Ed and Louise Klor**. During the summer they were at Attean Lake in Maine with their children and families.

From there they proceeded to North Cascades Park for some hiking. Then, linking up with **Dale and Millie**

MacKubin '85 Townsend, they worked the remainder of the summer at Yellowstone National Park.

Bob and Doris Kettells of Norristown, Pa., are celebrating 50 years of marriage. Son **Steve '73** is in Wisconsin, Ann is in New York, and Bob is in Florida. Of the five grandchildren, two have graduated from college and three are pursuing their degrees. "We are well, healthy and happy. God is good!"

Raymond Layton continues his "conventional retirement with lots of bridge, reading, volunteer work and grandchildren time." He enjoyed a recent visit from **Bob Fraser** from Alaska.

After 40 years as public relations manager at Westvac in Luke, Md., **Harry Lefew** retired April 1. Harry was the senior class vice president and, following the untimely death of President **Leo Pietrofiro**, has graciously given leadership to our class through the years.

In his semi-retired status, **Dr. Richard Leighton** decided to undertake new activities: a Stephen Minister in the Skidaway Church and a member of the Chatham County Division Board of Directors of the AHA. As a clinical professor of medicine at Mercer University, Dick continues to teach medical students and residents at Memorial Health University Medical Center.

"We are well and still enjoying retirement," writes **Larry Loper** of Randallstown, Md. They are busy with gardening, woodwork, church, reading, travel and especially their 14 grandchildren. Granddaughter Jen entered WMC this year on scholarship, and grandson Neal entered Taylor University.

Charlotte Janney Mellott is preparing for our 50th in a unique way. This year she visited with the Class of '49. Next year she plans to see the sophomores of our college days. Renewing many friendships and acquaintances in casual conversation at dinner and on the tennis court has provoked great enthusiasm in this classmate from Baltimore.

Mary Ellen Hess Meyn lost her mother, who enjoyed a full life of 98 years. At home in Indian Head, Pa., Mary Ellen follows her love of painting. Happily, she sold two copies of Van Gogh oil paintings. She traveled to Santa Fe and Washington state to visit her children and grandchildren. Other traveling moments were to the New Jersey shore with **Dick '50** and **Flo Rice '50 Dunlop**, and to Hawaii and New Orleans with **Bob** and **Shirley Fraser**. Her hope is "to be at the 2001 Reunion!"

Lloyd Owens and **Luvie** of Winnetka, Ill., are spending more time with their grandchildren. Nonetheless, Lloyd is deeply involved in managing investments for clients at Paine Webber, serving on a transit system board, Pathfinder Systems Inc., and monitoring local town issues. Of course, there is always time for tennis and their world travel agenda, which takes them this year to Egypt and Jordan.

"Our handicapped daughter is a Special Olympian," writes **Betty**

Shepter Papirio. "She has been selected to represent Team USA in the International Special Olympics." Susan will roller skate to a program of "God Bless America." Betty's son Jack is a first-time dad, which makes Betty a new grandmother. They live in Rover Vale, N.J.

Doug and Jan Benson Pauson. both retired, "are basking in the glow of all the blessings that come with a durable marriage (48 years), three great children and five wonderful grandchildren." Doug is active in the Salisbury Senior Men's Association, the stock market and the church, which is the familial source of faith, strength and spiritual growth. Jan became a volunteer administrator for central Virginia's Free-Net, leading to a number of exciting ventures and employment. After a second retirement, as a voluntary service, she is the Webmaster of the UR-CV at Net Global Village and her quartier français du village planétaire.

Jerry Phipps '51 will play golf in the National Senior Olympics in Orlando, Fla.

Since his official retirement, **Jerry Phipps** has always had "job-ettes." Presently he coaches high school basketball in Bel Air, Md., where he lives. He's the first tee starter at the famous Bull Rock Golf Course in Havre de Grace. This fall, for the third time, Jerry will play in the National Senior Olympics (golf) at Orlando, Fla.

Phil Sack has happily retired in West Palm Beach where there's "lots of golf." During the summer he visits children and grandchildren all over the country. "It's a great life." Phil was a banker in New York.

Still managing his own pharmacy in Los Angeles, **Dr. George Shyn** plans to make our 50th. The Shyns enjoy a cruise tour visiting Barcelona, Monaco, Rome, Istanbul and Athens. George wrote that it brought back refreshing memories of history and Greek mythology courses at WMC.

From Bloomington, Ind., **Dr. Norm Slamka** wrote of an absence of news; however, he and Janice are "harboring our resources for the mighty 50th."

Joan Denison Smart has continued to reside and be active in Clarksville, Va., since her husband died in 1997. She is president of the United Methodist Women, works for H&R Block during tax season and thoroughly enjoys gardening and the activities of the garden club. She drives to the D.C.-Maryland area to visit with her children and grandchildren. And, as many of us, she loves to travel. Last year she went to Colorado and New Mexico; this year it is Nova Scotia.

Dividing her time between Maine and Pennsylvania, **Dorothy Frizzell Todd**

tries to retire only to become busier. The winter sees her ice dancing and the summer fusing glass. Dottie built a studio near the Canadian border and does glass wall hangings and dinnerware in "very exciting and brilliant colors." She looks forward to the reunion and revisiting "the Hill."

Dr. Marian Benton Tonies teaches part time at UNM and enjoys the company of her 98-year-old mother and a wee cat terrier. She hopes to be at our 50th as she hasn't been back to WMC since 1952. Keep up your tennis game and dancing, Marian. It should be a great reunion!

Though **Gus Tostoles** still lives in Timonium, Md., near his children and grandchildren, he plans to move to Venice, La. Mary works for Bell Atlantic. Thus far, they have purchased a house in Venice, and Gus keeps his Cessna 172 there during the winter.

Nancy Winkelman, Doty Phillips, Larry Bailey and others from WMC enjoyed a trip to France. Nancy writes, "In April 2000 I am looking forward to a trip which includes transit of the Suez Canal, and I very much intend to be at our 50th reunion."

Jo Kohner Zukav shares her greatest moment of the year: becoming a great-grandmother. She is in good health, living in Rockville, Md., and exhibits a sparkling confidence of being at the 50th.

We deeply regret the passing of three of our classmates: **Joan Williamson Fowler**, of Westminster, **William "Bill" Scheder**, of New York, and **John A. Spencer**, of New Jersey.

Peg and I still play in the world-at-work symphony, but the tempo is a bit slower. Service clubs, city agencies and church councils claim attention. Family and friends are a special love.

Various school reunions are being planned for, not the least of which is our WMC 50th. Our excitement for this mid-century reunion grew noticeably after we visited "the Hill" this year. I trust that many of us have dreams and plans for our celebration. Above all, may it be a time just to be together, share, enjoy and renew acquaintances and friendships.

Along with former class news reporters, I have served a while and am ready to turn over this role to another. Anyone who would have a moment and enjoy this task, please call me or the Alumni Office. God bless, keep you and gently turn your thoughts to "the Hill."

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Many thanks to all of you who responded to the postcards, which keep our class connected. Most of us entered the era of Medicare this year but are keeping busy with many activities.

Nancy Kemmerer Leary writes from Mountain Lake Park that she directs a choral group of 64 that does everything from cantatas to musical come-

dies. Last year they did "1776" in their historic courthouse building, and this year "Nunsense II." She and husband Fred visited Costa Rica and Portugal, Spain, France and Italy. Nancy remains active in her church and is on the board of directors of the Mountain Lake Arts Festival. She has six grandchildren and says her house is always open to visitors. "Please come."

Jean Wyatt Lawyer reports that she and **Marilee Hodson Quesada** attended the Phi Alpha reunion in April. Later, she and **Nancy Pennypacker Howard** were treated to lunch on their birthdays by **Mary Bond**. To mark the millennium eve, she and **Phil '55** will host a party. Jean says they plan to have plenty of firewood and candles on hand but hope they won't be needed. Daughter **Michele Lawyer Gribben '87** enjoys teaching math at WMC.

Marilee Hodson Quesada still works at the National Institutes of Health and went to a meeting in Seville, Spain, in May. **Marilee and Charlie Luttrell** have been sailing in his boat on lakes nearby. Charlie says he is still playing lots of tennis in the mid-Atlantic region. Even though he is competing in the 65s, he still sees the same old faces. Charlie is pleased that his oldest grandson won his school math competition. As class agent, Charlie thinks everyone who gave to the 1998-99 Annual Fund. His goal was to increase the number of class members contributing.

Nancy Reter Metrick was elected to a second term in the Maryland House of Delegates last November. She made trips to Hawaii and Costa Rica last spring.

Ellie Lawson Ellington and husband Bill enjoy spending six months each year in Pennsylvania and six months in Florida. In the summer of 1998 they did a tour through the gorgeous Canadian Rockies with two other couples. Last winter they had a great time at Epco with lunch in France and Morocco and dinner in Japan. This spring they went to Hot Springs, Ariz., to visit friends. They were looking forward to a trip in September to London and Paris with four days on their own in each city to do as they please.

Howard Hunt and wife Barbara have downsized their home but still live in the Mullica Hill, N.J., area. They spend summers and early fall in Vienne, Maine. Visiting with 13 grandchildren and continuing to teach at NSU keeps him busy.

Kay Melli Miller's book "Talking It Over: Understanding Sexual Diversity" has been judged an "important and worthy work" by editors, but her agent hasn't yet found the right publisher. The book is a collection of Kay's columns published over the years, framed by her experience as mother of a gay son.

Lyman Seamans retired for the first time on June 15, and he and wife Norma left for Paris the following day to spend three weeks in France and Spain. Upon their return they plan white water rafting, biking, restoring antique autos, motor-homing and just plain enjoying the good life. Any

'56ers are invited to stop by their 1750 house in New Hope, Pa., to visit whenever they are in the area. Lyman went to "the Hill" last year for the Black and Whites' 75th anniversary reunion.

The family of **Nancy Walton Singleton** is well and busy, including her 96-year-old mother. Nancy and husband Allan planned a business/pleasure four-week trip to France and South Africa in June. An August trip to Wisconsin was planned for a Tiffany family—Allan's mother's family—reunion.

It is with sadness that I report that **Mary Warren Pinschmidt**, professor of biology at Mary Washington College, died unexpectedly on Nov. 25, 1998. This year Mary Washington announced a new teaching award in her name. Mary had been on the faculty since 1961 and attained the rank of professor in 1981. She received the college's highest teaching award, the Grellet C. Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. In 1996 she received the National Faculty Award from the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Program for her work in the master of arts in liberal studies. Mary received her master's degree in zoology from Duke and a Ph.D. in physiology from the Medical College of Virginia. She specialized in the topics of aging in modern America, bioethics, evolution and the history of biology and science education. She had written numerous articles and was the subject of interviews on adult education, the importance of science literacy and aging. She had traveled widely to study, including Australia, the Galapagos Islands and Siberia. I am happy that **Janet Ruck Wunderlich** and I had the opportunity to visit and talk with Mary and her husband Bill at the Trumpeters reunion in the fall of 1998. Our sympathy goes out to Bill, her two daughters, Mary Lynn Marquette, **Carol Ann Pinschmidt Hagen '66** and her two grandsons.

Jack Morton writes from Mechanicsburg, Pa., that he enjoys being fully retired and now has time to read, play tennis and putter in the yard. Winters are spent in St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., biking, rollerblading, canoeing and walking the beach.

It is also sad to report that **Bill Clem** lost his wife of 42 years, **Dolores "Dee" Miller Clem '58**, in February in Jackson, Miss. Dee was a Baltimore native and an honor graduate of Southern High. She initially attended WMC but put her education on hold to be a full-time mother. She received her degree in sociology from the University of Florida in 1978, the only member of her graduating class with five children. Dee had a long and varied career in social work and rose to become executive director of the Good Samaritan Center headquartered in Jackson.

John Batista retired at the end of last year but has been busy traveling. **Joe Dorsey '55** lost her dad at age 95. They made several trips to Maryland in April. In May, John and Sue spent over two weeks in Portugal visiting John's relative. He had not been there since

1949. They had their family reunion at Bethany Beach in July and hope to see more friends in Maryland after son Michael returns to Baltimore to work this year.

Jack Randel also is on the road following retirement. He lives near Lake Wallenpaupack in the Poconos in a house that he designed himself. He made a trip to Quebec and this summer was off to Scotland and Iceland.

Ruth Allen Higbee and husband Sam spent a week in January in Innsbruck, Austria, with their family—16 of them. Ruth says the highlight of the trip was a sleigh ride in the mountains. Ruth retired from her job in June.

Brad Jones and wife Sandy spent March in Naples, Fla., where they played a lot of golf. Brad got to play three times at Pine Valley, the number one course in the country. Daughter Pam and her husband had a baby boy last December. Daughter **Amy Jones Bickhart '82** teaches at Wilmington Friends School. Granddaughter Erica had a great year with the Delaware swim team.

Kay Holt retired from the biology department at Mount Holyoke College after 39 years of teaching. She planned to stay on this school year as pre-health advisor. Jack is looking forward to more time for choral singing, golf and travel. She says she got a head start on the travel last January with a trip to Australia.

Bruce Marti is retired and enjoying life doing volunteer work, taking in some minor league baseball and serving as secretary of his local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. Wife **Pat Ellis** still paints a little and is in her 10th year of researching—and is now beginning to write—a nonfiction drama. They've been invited by friends to see in the new millennium on a Caribbean cruise, but Pat says they really enjoyed last New Year's Eve at a party given by **Dot Clarke '51** and her mother that featured British New Year's traditions. Their daughter Suzanne continues in the mental health field, and their son Chris is doing well in sports.

Bob and Lynn Hazelip '59 Green are enjoying the Hilton Head, S.C., life now that their new house is completed and they are settled in. They took a Caribbean cruise and later stopped in Tampa, Fla., to visit **Jack and Judy Morton**, who were wintering there.

Sue Burkins Halley writes from Towson that after 15 years with the Baltimore County Board of Education, retirement is great. Sue and husband Tom can now spend as much time as they want at their cabin near Solomon's Island fishing, crabbing and relaxing with their four black Labs. Sue and Tom have four grandchildren.

Barbara Hoyt Stanton got to retire also on June 1 when husband **Don '53** became president emeritus of Oglethorpe University, Atlanta. They moved to their mountain home at Lake Junaluska, N.C., near Asheville. Barbie would love that they would love to hear from WMC friends.

Mollie Hargett Williams is enjoying retirement and doing lots of traveling.

Last April she was in Beijing and planned to go to South Dakota in the fall, leaving only two states Mollie hasn't visited.

Earl Seipp reports that he is still in Westminster and enjoying good health. He lost his wife to breast cancer in 1987. Earl is active in local Republican party activities and was appointed to the Carroll County Property Tax Appeal Board in 1997.

Walt Sanders says he's getting long in the tooth and short on memory space. He commutes between his place in West Virginia, in sight of **Jack Turner's** home, and his townhouse in Otterbein, near Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Walt says he enjoys staying in touch with **John Batista** via e-mail.

In November 1998, **Andy Tafari** was elected to district court judge in Sussex County, N.Y., a six-year term that will lead to his retirement. He practiced law for 37 years and says being a judge is like a breath of fresh air. His third son Eric, a CPA living in Virginia, is engaged. Andy and wife Dolores are grandparents of five.

From her home in Kermoroc, France, **Kathy Chamberlin Flamanc** writes that she was on a trip to Venice for a few days when my postcard arrived. She said it was a delight in April to return to Istanbul, central Turkey and many Christian sites. In May she met the WMC alumni travel group in Paris and Arlen Heggegeier, her former piano professor, who was traveling with them. In July she planned to go to Glasgow for the International Music Workshop. Last year she sang with the Berkshire in Canterbury. Recently she had a phone call from **Tom Ward '60**, who was visiting from **Stan Ward** and Tom had gone to high school together.

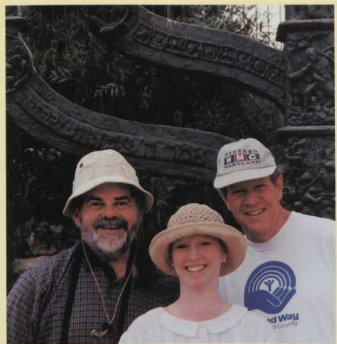
Carol Marker Lockard and I have corresponded through Christmas cards for over 45 years. With our husbands, we finally managed to meet for lunch twice this year in Baltimore. It gave us a chance to really catch up on everything, and it was fun to be together again. They enjoyed a trip to Disney World with their daughter Christa and her family over spring vacation.

In the fall of 1998, **Gus '55** and I traveled over 1,800 miles with friends through Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Austria. It was amazing how the former Communist countries are recovering economically. We found the people pleasant and helpful and the history, culture and scenery fascinating. A night at the opera in Vienna was the highlight for us. In June we enjoyed a trip to London and the English Lake District. Wordsworth's Dove Cottage and the Brontë parsonage appealed to my English major spouse. I finally got to the Tate Gallery and Madame Tussaud's.

Approaching the millennium, my wishes for all of us are good health and happiness, and may we always be surrounded by the ones we love.

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POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE



Stan Sunderland '84, Beth Ward (daughter of Terp '61 and Kay McKay '62 Ward) and David Selikowitz '63

toured Israel and Jordan with a photo stop across from the Knesset, Israel's seat of government.

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In the course of receiving information for this year's column, I learned from **Fred Dilkes** that he sent a reply several years ago but never saw it. That reply probably still is lost somewhere between Vancouver and Tampa. If you wrote and your news was never printed, please try again.

Since I mentioned Fred, I'll start with him. Did you see the article about Fred in the Winter 1999 issue of *The Hill*? He was inducted into the Western Maryland College Sports Hall of Fame on Nov. 14, 1998. After the ceremony, **Don and Judy Ellis '60 Rembert** hosted a luncheon which was very special to him. It provided a mini reunion and the chance to see many old friends, including **Ken and Joanne Moffat '62 Gill, Al and Nancy Smith Stewart, Walt Mahan, Harry Bacus '62, John McKenna '62, and Tony and Rhea Ireland Wiles**. Fred earned his MBA at Wharton School of Business and taught at West Point. Upon retirement from the military, he founded Dilkes, Cooper and Rembert (now Rembert and Associates), a leading financial firm. After receiving his doctorate in finance at University of Kentucky, he taught at Monterey and Umpqua Colleges. Now retired from full-time teaching, Fred lives in Vancouver, British Columbia (during the nice weather) and spends the winters in Palm Springs, Calif., Phoenix, Ariz., and/or Mexico. He teaches a class or two at University of British Columbia. He has been married to Sharon Coates for 15 years. They often see son Fred

and his wife Kris and three grandsons, who live in Coral Springs, Fla. Their daughter Rebecca visits frequently from her home in San Francisco. As a result of the aforementioned article, **Don Linzey** contacted him and visited while touring Canada during the summer. Fred added that should any other WMC grads wish to see one of the most beautiful cities in the world, he and Sharon would be happy to share Vancouver with them.

As noted above, in **July Don Linzey** and his wife took a trans-Canada train trip on the *Canadian* from Toronto to Vancouver with stops in Jasper, Lake Louise and Banff. Don's book "Mammals of Virginia" was published in November 1998. It was the first book in 54 years in Virginia to include range maps, color photos of each species and original skill drawings. His textbook "Vertebrate Biology" will be published in June 2000 by McGraw-Hill. Don is still professor of biology at Wytheville Community College in Virginia.

Frederick residents **Jane Williams and Eldridge '60 Ward** are both retired and busier than ever. Eldridge is assistant chaplain at Frederick Detention Center. Jane is active in directing drama at their church. They both take turns helping their daughter with her 2-year-old triplets. Son Shawn married in October 1998.

Beth Butler Sansbury retired Feb. 1 after 37 years with the agency. Her two-year rotational in the Inspector General's office was over, and she decided it would be hard to find a job to top it. In October 1998 she took a three-week trip for the IG's office to



In a place far, far away, Phil Heavner '92 and Marielle Ainsworth '94 hobnobbed with extraterrestrials at The Alien Zone's "Area 51" attraction on the main drag of

their new home in Roswell, New Mexico. Phil has begun work as a pediatrician, and Marielle is teaching English part time at Eastern New Mexico University.

Lithuania, Poland, Hungary and Romania. As an economist, she said it was interesting to see how these countries are making the transition to capitalism with various shades of success. She spent Halloween night in a castle in Transylvania, Romania, "a fitting tribute to the memory of Dracula." She still works two or three days a week as a contractor. She bought a mountain bike and volunteers as a docent at the Smithsonian's Sackler Gallery. Dave is back in school for a year to launch a new career at the agency as a statistical methodologist.

Joanne Lamb Hayes '61 wrote a cookbook on the WWII home front kitchen.

He will then spend his last years before retirement in a unit that provides consulting services on the latest analytical techniques. In April, Beth and Dave spent a week in Paris walking their legs off and visiting Versailles and Chartres. They stayed in a carriage house within walking distance of the Champs Elysées with chestnuts in blossom right outside their window. Daughter Kerry spent a year in Japan teaching English to intermediate school students. She lived in the city of Furano on the island of Hokkaido. Beth visited in February for three weeks. Daughter Lori is a junior at St. Mary's College of Maryland as a dual anthropology-econ-

nomics major, along with other activities such as tour guide, coxswain for crew, co-captain of the cheerleaders and SGA committee member.

From their condo in Reston, Va., Walt and Reba Mahan wrote that son Jay is in Cincinnati and Mark is in Richmond. Their grandchildren (two boys and a girl) are the children of Mark and his wife. Walt is still a computer consultant, and the Mahans are active in their church.

Bobbi Hastings Jung continues in public accounting where they are now three accountants in the firm. She still finds the work challenging, and the people are great. Paul is considering retirement but has not set a date. He keeps busy with genealogy research and bird watching. They continue to enjoy every other weekend, except in winter, at their cabin in West Virginia. Son Scott was inducted into the National Honor Society for two-year colleges and continues to work on his bachelor's. His sons are Morgan, 2, and Connor, 5. Daughter Dana was downsized in August 1998 from Citibank but was snapped up quickly by Riggs Bank. She continues to work on her house.

Pat Pine Long's son Doug was married on a beautiful May day in Asheville, N.C., and now lives in Charlotte. He is employed with Anderson Consulting and is completing his master's degree at University of North Carolina. His wife Aubrey works for Price, Waterhouse, Coopers. Daughter Melissa completed her master's degree this past summer from St. Joseph's, Philadelphia. Husband Nelson, in addition to having a busi-

ness, is running for comptroller of Berks County, Pa. The Longs were having fun attending dinners and shaking lots of hands.

Baine Yates heard from several classmates and friends as a result of our class column in 1998. To update, he tried a pancreas transplant in July 1998, but after a bacterial infection, five operations, four weeks in ICU and nine weeks in the hospital, it did not work. By June Baine reported his recuperation over and new life adjustments taking place. Visits from Sidney, who lives in Japan, and Sherwood from Texas provided long overdue time with four of his grandchildren. Daughter Cassy lives near Baltimore and allows the "full grandpa spoil routine" for her two children. At the end of June his WMC roommate Bob Browning and Suzanne Fossett '62 visited while in the Snow Hill area with Habitat for Humanity.

Bea Ackerman Sherrill is in semi-retirement since her boss lost the election in November 1998. She is doing temporary secretarial assignments so she can choose when and where to work. With travel, projects at home and time spent with granddaughter Megan, there is not much time for employment. "What fun?" The Sherrills live in Forest Hill, Md.

Mike and Ursula Bird plan a move to Sun Lakes, Ariz. (near Phoenix), early in 2000 to a home across from a resort center with 14 tennis courts, four swimming pools, a golf course and clubhouse—"sort of a childhood fantasy for me." Though taking early retirement, Mike will continue to teach economics part time at Colorado College,

mostly in the summer if he can manage it to escape the Arizona heat.

Jack '58 and Malinda Burgess Fossett enjoyed another summer at their beach condo and took a trip to Cabo San Lucas with their son John and his wife. Two grandchildren keep them busy, and they stay in touch with several WMC friends in the area. Jack now works only two or three days a week, so they spend more time together. Their home is in Potomac, Md.

In addition to all their activities, Ted and Sue Wheeler Goldsborough completed the job of interior house painting and other fixing up projects this year. In December they will fly in the face of Y2K fears and visit daughter Jenny and her husband in Yokohama, Japan, until early January. They have not been to Japan since 1995, but Jenny and her husband visit them in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., each August when their teaching vacation occurs. Ted stays active with a local historical society, and Sue is chapter president of ADK, a teachers' sorority that raises money for scholarships.

In Skyville, Md., Chris Reichenbecker Boser and Goswin are still working, he as a bus driver and she as an instructional assistant. They are looking forward to summer 2000 when they will travel again to Europe with one of the highlights being the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Their three sons are still enjoying the bachelor scene.

Lorena Stone reports that everything they say about grandchildren is true and more. She now has four: Michaela, 3; Carson, 3; Zachary, 18 months and Clairissa, 1. She is in her 13th year at Wesley College and says every year is more exciting. They opened a charter school with 300 students in first through eighth grades on the campus. Master's degree programs are growing stronger each year, and they expect the largest class ever of incoming education majors. She lives in Bethany Beach, Del., but does not run into many WMCers.

Susan Singer Graham is a kindergarten teacher and director of Good Shepherd PS&K in Waldorf, Md. This fall she began her 32nd year of teaching. Bruce is still with United Airlines. They plan to retire in two years to travel and enjoy their seven grandchildren. The Grahams live in Pomfret.

Rick '91 and Teresa Rippeon presented Bob and Mae Retha Rippeon with their first grandchild, Ryan, who is a delight. Bob plans to take him hunting, fishing and golfing. Daughter Kathy built a home in Frederick; it is nice to have her nearby. Bob is now assistant rep for MISGA at Glade Valley Golf Club. They travel south to avoid winters in Walkersville, Md. Mae Retha got her first hole-in-one at Calabash.

Chuck Bernstein is still enjoying good health and a busy law practice in Baltimore. He cycles as time permits.

After 38 years in the Montgomery County public schools, Doris Simmons Sandoval has retired. She spent the last seven years at Montgomery Blair Math, Science, Computer Science Magnet School, which has won several

awards. This past year there were 11 semi-finalists and six finalists in the Intel Science Talent Search (formerly Westinghouse), including number two in the nation, a "really neat" kid whom she sponsored. Pepe is due to retire Oct. 31 from the Howard County school system. During the summer he trained new administrators, working four-day weeks to spend more time at the beach. Doris and their three cats spent the summer at their place in Bethany Beach, Del., in a golf club community. Doris works part time for Ferris, Baker Watts, Inc. stockbrokers and continues to run her investment club. They plan to do volunteer work for the church. In June, Pepe was training for the Marine Corp Marathon, which Doris ran with him last time but opted out this year because of the training time involved.

From Las Vegas, **Peg Herring** **Goldring** wrote that they are thinking about going to **Jim's** '60 40th class reunion next year. They keep busier than ever with jobs—Jim with HCJB World Radio and Peg as secretary to the senior pastor of their church—three grandchildren and three children. Youngest son David recently climbed Mt. McKinley with two other climbers. The Goldrings send regards to everyone.

Bill and **Shelbia Bixler Markley** are both retired and enjoying the leisure lifestyle. They spend winters at their home in Kings Point, Sun City Center, Fla., and summers in Westminister. They get great pleasure from visits from their three grandchildren '60

Myers had a glorious time on a 18-day trip to Eastern Europe visiting Warsaw, Krakow and Zakopane in Poland, Budapest, Prague, Vienna and Salzburg. They stay busy with their ski shop in Vail, family business investments and seven volunteer boards. Jon also mentors a 14-year-old Russian boy. In August 1998, middle son Michael and family returned to Baltimore and lived with Bev and Jon for eight months until moving into their house. Jeff, the oldest, is getting his Ph.D. at Tufts and is teaching in the undergraduate program. David is starting his long-awaited Brew Pub in Boulder, Colo.

In January, **Joanne Lamb Hayes** took early retirement from Hearst. She had hoped for a vacation, but she started her own business, JLIH Communications, and has been so busy that as of her vacation in June, she had not yet taken a reply. She recently sold a cookbook on the WWII home front kitchen, the subject of her Ph.D. dissertation, which should be out in the fall of 2000.

Early this summer, **George and Judy Varga** moved into their new home on Marco Island, Fla., and immediately worked to get it ready for a visit from his two brothers and two sisters from Budapest.

Jackie Cook and Ron Sanders have a new address in Timonium, Md. **Joyce Turner Kerns** reports that daughter Suzanne has become a Connecticut Yankee, living in the

Hartford area. They visit as often as possible. Joyce and Forrest live in Charlottesville, Va., near **Jack** '63 and **Betty Jacobus** '63 Blackburn, whom they see regularly in church.

Semi-retired for the past 10 years, **Mary Stein** facilitates an academy for teachers K-12 in math and science at Towson University. She works February to August and travels in the off months. Mary expects to spend a month in Florida early in 2000.

Al Stewart has retired again. **Nancy Smith**, who was already retired, increased her volunteer hours substantially "in order to avoid too much of a good thing." Three things keep them active: 1) grandchildren—two in Arizona, two in Virginia; 2) travel—Arizona and Utah in April and May, Barbados in July and Colorado in September; and 3) preparation for a move—by summer 2000 they expect to be living in Lake James, N.C.

A two-week cruise of the Hawaiian Islands was a highlight for **Jim and Lou Matousek's** month-long stay there. In June, they visited their oldest son and his family in Memphis, Tenn. In September, Jim and the boys went on a guided moose hunt in northwest Canada. The Matouseks are deciding among several locations for year 2000 travel. At home in Herkimer, N.Y., they are active in their church with Bible studies, consistency and teaching.

Judie Boettger Tufaro still works with children and teens in a psychiatric hospital. As a licensed children, family and marriage counselor, she also has a small private practice. She often sees her three grandchildren, who are her real joy.

Gary and Marcia Wilson Tyeeray completed their two-year assignment with Brethren Colleges Abroad in Japan. Gary taught classes to as many as 210 Japanese students in one term and gave sermons at various locations. He led groups of students on two-week trips to Honshu (the main island of Japan), Kyoto, Tokyo and Hiroshima, varying each trip a little because of particular interests of the students. During the main school break of January to March 1998, he visited India and Nepal; during the 1999 break, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia. Marcia taught a class in oral English last fall. She spent the 1999 school break in the States where, among other things, she joined about 100 guests to celebrate her mother's 95th birthday. Gary and Marcia visited Hawaii for six days in the summer of 1998, and Munich, Austria and Switzerland in 1999. Their experience in Japan was an interesting one: "At times I have felt like mother, counselor and definitely chocolate chip cookie baker to the American students."

Marcia cooked two Thanksgiving dinners using a microwave, a two-burner cooktop and a 12-inch by 12-inch oven. July 4 fare was Mexican food (the most missed food) with watermelon and fireworks to keep students in touch with events at home. After orienting the new BSA Sapporo director, they were happy to return in August to home and family.

In Honolulu, **Jerry Bluehead** still runs around Diamond Head every week day and takes a swim at Waikiki afterwards. On weekends he goes hiking into the mountains, plays golf or scuba dives. He boasts of one of the best shell collections in Hawaii. In the spring he will travel to Egypt, Turkey and Greece followed later by his annual pilgrimage to Las Vegas. He would welcome hearing from classmates or seeing them if they get to Hawaii. "It is truly a paradise!"

Jim and Linda Brown are enjoying retired life in Englewood, Fla., immensely. Linda is involved with crafts, and Jim still sings "barbershop." They are taking lessons on and enjoying their new toys: a computer and an organ. They are on the board of the Englewood Performing Arts Society, responsible for obtaining talent for performances. Summer visits were to Wilmington, Del., to visit Jim's 89-year-old mother, Ohio to visit his two sons and two granddaughters (ages 1 and 2) and Canada.

In June, **Nancy Cunningham Hansen's** college roommate **Annabel Wright Kaufman** visited her at her Rehoboth Beach, Del., beach house. They had a great time riding bikes, eating out and catching up on our lives. "One night they drove to Ocean City and rode the train on the boardwalk reminiscing about the WMC summers they worked there and noting the many changes since then."

Ozzie Stewart's second grandchild, **Jeremy Shuster**, was a New Year's baby, born Jan. 1, 1999. Summer and fall travel included a wonderful trip to Eastern Europe in June, an August visit with **Jon and Bev Schott** '60 Myers in Vail, Colo., and an October trip to Italy.

Mernette Houk and Chuck LeFev report that all is well on the home front.

Carolyn Powell Walkling's computer spent a month this summer in the hospital with a virus. She missed her computer and e-mailing **Anne Pherigo Musselman** and **Sue Wheeler Goldsborough**. Carolyn and Doug are happy to be in retirement together—gardening, biking and attending classes at the Smithsonian. In July they rented a pickup truck for a vacation in the Santa Fe area. In September they hoped to helicopter into the mountains around Lake Louise. "Life is wonderfully free."

At the end of July, **Judy Kerr** and **Billy Sizer** were back in Moorhead, Minn., after a month of traveling: 10 days in Ireland with friends from North Dakota; two days in London with friends Wally met while working with his Ph.D. at London University; two days each in Brussels and Amsterdam; and 10 days with their goddaughter and her family in Germany. Judy's volunteer work with the United Methodist Church's National Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-Religious Concerns is challenging and fun.

Barbara Horst Fringer announced grandchild number four, **Kelsey Marie**, born on March 22 to Craig and Susan

Fringer of Towson. Daughter **Julie Fringer** '84 and **Ed Palekas** and their family are back in the Virginia area for a two-to-three-year assignment. Ed uses the "slugline" transportation system for his commute from Springfield to the Pentagon and back. **Grandson Brandon**, 12, spent two weeks with **Jack** '60 and **Barbara** at their home in Lusby, Md., to attend a junior sailing camp on Mill Creek. Jack officially retired from the World Bank on May 1. He still consults and occasionally travels for the bank with a trip planned to Lebanon late in August. He still teaches for FIT (driving the D.C. route) and is a crabber on the Chesapeake Bay. Barbara plans to teach for two more years.

Beth Butler Sansburg '61 spent Halloween last year in Transylvania on a trip with the Inspector General's Office.

Martha Woodward Davis also announced grandchild number four, **Julia Mae**, born Feb. 12 to their youngest son Steve and his wife of Atlanta, Ga. Mae is after Martha's mother, whom they visited in Virginia in June to celebrate her 93rd birthday. All three of their children were also there for a visit. Dick retired April 15 and keeps busy playing bridge and golf. Martha plans to teach for another five years. Martha and Dick, who live in Tampa, and Roland and I had lunch together in July.

Ann Welton Norvell still teaches at Sykesville Middle School and still enjoys it. Son Bill returned in March from three months in Kuwait with the Air National Guard. Daughter Susan moved into a new house and still works at ARC. Their grandchildren are Sara, 11, Michael, 11, and Matthew, 9, plus twins James and Julianna Norvell born Aug. 15. The twins are the first children of son Jim and his wife Cheryl. Ann enjoys holding babies again.

On a sad note, **Robert Vaughn** died on March 21 in his hometown of Myrtle Beach, S.C. Condolences go out to his wife **Millie Beutel** '59.

Some of the requests for information and many replies were by e-mail this year. I hope more can be accomplished that way in the future, especially since I now have so many e-mail addresses. Just remember that with a few exceptions, I communicate once a year. If your e-mail address changes, please put me on your list of people to be advised.

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Ron Sher wrote, "I'm as normal as anyone can be with 11-year-old triplet daughters and a 16-year-old daughter. I'm down to two days a week in a mental hospital—trying to get a group rate!"

Mike J. Baker just finished 30 years of teaching in Anne Arundel County, Md. With Jessica a junior at Salisbury State, he's not ready to retire. He is the physical education/health/departments head at North County High. His wife, **Janet Elin** '70, teaches math at rival Glen Burnie High. Their twins, Amanda and Alison, graduated from University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in 1996. Alison entered her senior year at the University of Maryland Dental School, and Amanda resigned her job doing AIDS research for Dr. Gallo's group at University of Maryland to join her sister as a freshman in dental school.

In Seaford, Del., **Cindy Trohner** and **Jerry Borja** are focused on the 3Gs: grandparenting, gardening and golfing. Adrienne and David added grandson Jared Christopher to the family. Son Devon graduated from Elon College and is in North Carolina for management training with BB&T.

A year ago, **Les Caplan** retired from the Army Reserves after 29 years. He will miss all those exotic places like Kuwait, Bosnia and the Sinai. With one son in the Navy and the other in the Marines, there's still a Caplan presence in the military. The youngest son just celebrated his Bar Mitzvah.

Nancy Shirk Campbell had a mid-life crisis. On April 16 she retired from Cecil County public schools where she had been a teacher and then a guidance counselor for 30 years. On April 19, she began a new career as the college-wide School-to-Work program coordinator for Delaware Technical and Community College. This requires a great deal of travel, so their townhouse in Rehoboth Beach, Del., makes life easier when she's down state. Son Robert Paul started eighth grade. Husband Bob took a new job with Delaware DOT.

Carol Armacost Carter has been working with other alumni trustees, including **Larry Blumberg** '67 and **Mike Weinblatt** '71, toward the realization of a new science building, dedicated a week before our 30th reunion. She and husband Bob vacationed in Paris, the Cote d'Azur, Tuscany and Rome. Carol is vice chancellor for institutional advancement at University of Pittsburgh.

Hugh Dawkins and wife Kathy live in Easton, Md., with Kelley, 13, Katie, 10, and Will, 5. The girls are active in softball and even play in the All Stars with Hugh as a manager and Kathy as league vice president. Will started kindergarten. Hugh is president of a medical consulting and billing firm and the Waterfowl Festival. He is past president of the Hospice Foundation in Easton.

Summers at Cape May help relax **Bill Dudley** and wife Lois. For 23 years he's practiced dentistry from the same

office in Vineland, N.J. After 28 years, he retired from the N.J. Air National Guard and the Air Force reserves. Lois teaches adult education English. Scott, their eldest, graduated from Middlebury College with a BA in biology. Besides being a pre-med major (he has been accepted at University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine), he played varsity football and baseball. Robyn, 20, began her junior year also as a bio major at Bucknell University. Keith, a senior at Vineland High, made first team all-conference in soccer and baseball. Bill was sorry to miss his roommate **Walt Michael** '68 and his band because they played the weekend of Scott's graduation.

Don Elliott remains economics chair and graduate program director at Southern Illinois University. Just a few weeks ago, just outside of St. Louis. His son Scott is a prosthesis in Colorado Springs and daughter Sarah just graduated from William and Mary. Their youngest, Zachary, is a sophomore at University of Illinois. Don and Mary live in Florissant, Mo., only 10 minutes from St. Louis International Airport.

Instead of buying on eBay's online auction, **Carol Jesatko Feritta** sells items from their companies Almost Metal Spinning and Almost Anything Antiques. Business has been good for both companies, which doesn't leave much time for anything but family get-togethers and quick trips to Ocean City, Md.

Pat and Lisa Renshaw Fleeharty are empty nesters again. Lisa is an Anne Arundel County librarian, while Pat works for Prince George's County's adolescents in foster care and independent living division. They are active in a Unitarian Universalist church, where Lisa sings in the choir and Pat coordinated the church's sponsorship of a Habitat for Humanity home construction for a family in Severn, Md. Son Dave and his family spent a year in North Carolina and now live in West Virginia. Dave is certified in white water rafting, skiing and hang gliding. Their other son lives in Virginia Beach.

Ira Klemons and wife Janet treat patients from around the world for severe headaches and facial pain. Their daughter Stephanie, 16, a professional dancer, was admitted to Harvard between her junior and senior years in high school. She will be studying philosophy and astronomy. Adam, 8, stars on his soccer, basketball and baseball teams and wants to be a volcanologist.

In Annapolis, **Katherine James Klemstein** devotes her time to seminary studies. She's looking forward to her approaching ordination.

Never dreaming of living in Carroll County, **Jacque C. Laughlin** just moved into her new home in New Windsor. She's working as a physician assistant in the emergency room at Carroll County General and "fell in love with the area." Though she doesn't feel old enough to have a 30th reunion, she has children ages 21 to 29 and a grandson who is almost 7.

An old friend **Bob S. Merritts** ready to reserve two seats for our reunion. He fully expects to make it since he will be in the area, and if needed he's "glad to volunteer for duty" to make the reunion run smoother.

Although **Ann Schwartzman Rader** has worked for the federal government for 24 years, she just completed the last of two courses needed for teacher recertification in Maryland. While she's pursuing all her options, Ann continues to take ballet lessons and perform with a local ballet company in Howard County. She gets together with **Jane "Woody" Fieseler** '67 every few months. They even catch a few performances of Theatre on the Hill. Son Matt starts at Virginia Tech.

On April 17 in Little Rock Chapel **Linda "Robbie" Robbins** married William L. Wilder of Reston, Va. They're building a townhome on the edge of Olde Towne, Alexandria. She wants to introduce Bill to everyone at the reunion.

Howard I. Russcock and wife Chris are dealing with karate, swimming lessons and Pokemon because of son Victor, 7, while most of us "are dealing with college tuition and weddings." Last summer they went to Vermont, and they got away to St. Croix this year. Howard became biology chair at Western Connecticut State University, "an honor I couldn't avoid any longer." He's still doing research on bald eagles and chidchid fish. He is also in charge of preparing for campus visits by Jane Goodall once or twice a year.

After 38 years of government service, **Dale W. Seburn** has retired. He and his wife retired on the same day! Last summer they went to China, and this summer they were in Germany with their two children and spouses. A trip is planned for Peru and Bolivia this winter.

After selling her house painting business, earning an MBA and moving to Florida, **Robin Silver Snyder** is interviewing for college teaching positions around Clearwater.

Gail Perrie Stovall has responded for the second time! She taught sixth grade for two years, earned her master's in education and then decided she didn't want to teach. After staying home with her children, she began working as a librarian. Now she's "in the library at University of Pacific in Stockton, Calif." It's a small school of around 4,500. She's the circulation supervisor in charge of the main branch and the health sciences and chemistry branch. She still plays bridge, which she learned the first week at WMC thanks to **Pat Shamberger Baisden** '67. Husband John is an attorney and partner in a local firm. Their eldest John III attends University of the Pacific and wants to be a lawyer and politician. Richard, 20, enlisted in the Navy out of high school. He's stationed in San Diego and is engaged. While on a six-month deployment, he's being trained in computer electronics, and the family will not see him until he returns a few days before Christmas. Geoffrey is a senior in high school. All three sons are heav-

ily into play game playing with their friends. Gail got the travel bug. She went to New York City for a week, saw five plays, learned the subway system and met only "gracious and helpful" New Yorkers. Her first cruise is planned for the inland passage to Anchorage.

Fred Wagner thought people gave up reunions after the 25th. He's been with Quality Systems as a computer systems engineer for over a decade. Wife Carol is a vice president at Marriott headquarters. Son Alex starts the first grade. Fred believes they might complete decorating the "home in Vienna, Va., if Carol keeps watching HGTV!"

Serving a United Methodist church in southern Arizona where 600 people actually come is **F. David Weber**. When the reverend does not in church, he's in the waters off San Diego on his sailboat. Wife Rosemary is a nurse in a Tucson hospital. David Jr. is a dean's list senior at Grand Canyon

University. Joshua, who took his SATs in the seventh grade, is at University of Arizona. He went running with the bulls in Spain. Rachel skipped her senior year in high school and is also at Grand Canyon. Sarah is a National Honor Society student in high school.

When **Jobst Vandrey** turned 50, he stopped all work-related activities, bought a small sailboat, did the Chesapeake Bay, spent a summer on the Mississippi River and finished off in the Florida Keys. He's back at work until December "to collect the coins to buy a larger sailboat and start my second annual selective retirement." He and **Joan Wettren** '68 are heading to the South Pacific for the millennium.

Bill and I just celebrated our 31st anniversary. Our oldest attends University of Maryland and the youngest is at Towson University. Last winter I was in Chicago with students attending a national convention for future teachers. Spring saw Bill and me in Paris and later in New Orleans. In May I visited my sister in Montreal, and then we all went north in July to celebrate my nephew's Bar Mitzvah during Montreal's fireworks and jazz festivals. Before fall, Bill and I plan to go white water rafting in West Virginia and visit St. Augustine, Fla. Since I bought my little red sports car, Bill became one of many who have bought a car over the Internet. He flew down to Ft. Lauderdale, completed the transaction and drove the little black sports car home the next day.

Bye for now, Brenda Chayer Morstein 11986 Route 144 Ellicott City, MD 21042-1044 E-mail: calmore@erols.com

1971 I've finally figured it out. Our class has an incredibly huge representation in the Federal Witness Protection Program. Or perhaps a massive alien abduction has decimated our ranks. What else could explain the silence of so many folks? Where else could you hide that many people? Why else would I have only 30 e-mail

addresses on my list? I know more than 30 of us must be hanging out in cyberspace. Hmm. It's a possibility!

I think **Glenn Hopkins** might buy my theory. He's doing well out in California and sends his love to all. But he is wondering where all the Gamma Betas are. He's trying to stay in touch and says he needs to hear from you guys. Come out of hiding and give him a call (not to mention drop me a line).

At least one Gamma Beta was moved by my angst-ridden plea for news. **Phil Enstice** warned me that his update wasn't exactly "top the presses" material, but my desperation prompted him to e-mail me anyway. Phil is in his 22nd year in the corporate banking department at Mercantile Bank in Baltimore, but it's just not as much fun as it used to be. Too much money is chasing too few qualified borrowers these days. (Maybe, I should talk to Phil about that ... whoops, sorry ... got myself off on a venture capital tangent there!) **Gail Chance '73** is volunteering for the PTA and other school-related groups and getting her aerobic workout on the tennis court. Tyler is a junior at Centennial High School, and Drew is a sophomore at Virginia Tech, where he is living in an off-campus township with three other guys. One of them is **Coe Sherrard's** son, **Coe Speaking** of which, I trust you all caught that great photo of Coe at Dollywood (where he is general manager) in a recent edition of *The Hill*. Guess he isn't off somewhere living incognito! Sounded like things are going well for him, **Jeannie Castle** and the kids. I could use an update!

Another claim of "unexciting news" comes from **Candy Cooper Fairbanks** in Pinehurst, N.C., site of this year's U.S. Open Golf Tournament. An avid golfer, Candy battled the traffic that hot week in June and spent several days "with the pros." Other weeks, she has been getting up at the crack of dawn to get out on the links before the

from **Donna March Zeller**. Wonder if the Men in Black have been spotted in Donna's neck of the woods?

Meanwhile, **Leon Crocker** jumped on the "not significant or earth shattering" bandwagon when he checked in over the Web. (You don't suppose that people are lying low just because they think nothing "exciting enough" is happening to them, do you? I mean, we're 50-ish years old! How exciting is it going to get? Leon and Betty "Crocker" are still "HAPPY TOGETHER" after 27 years. This spring Betty visited Germany for her aunt and uncle's 65th anniversary.

Leon seemed a bit startled that you really could be together for that long, but it looks like he and Betty are trying for it. Leon is assistant CEO at the Hunterdon Development Center in New Jersey, a facility for people with multiple handicaps, and Betty is office manager for a Physician's Health Center. When retirement comes along "in about four or five years," I think I know where we might find Leon. He has just returned from "another" fishing adventure in Alaska where he landed a 60-plus pound king salmon, caught silver and sockeye salmon, and brought in a 75-pound halibut. (That's one mess of fish—and pretty exciting stuff!) Leon closed by saying he and Betty look forward to reading about us "older folks" (ouch!) in *The Hill*.

In the "joys of getting old" department, first prize goes to **Charlie Moore** who asks, "Isn't turning 50 the pits?" Seems the week he hit the half-century mark in early May, Chasmo developed a major ruptured disc in his neck and ended up in emergency surgery. Surviving what sounds like a ghastly, "X-Files" type procedure, he now has a bone from his hip fused between said affected vertebrae, and he claims to be fully recovered and "feeling better than ever." He must be, as he's off and running on a second career. After leaving Bell Atlantic in January 1998, Charlie took a three-month interim assignment with ARINC (No, I don't know what that is!) and then joined an executive recruiting firm in the fall. He is also a key partner in two startup companies. Doesn't quite sound like the "early retirement" he was talking about last year! Or maybe Chas' idea of retirement is just different from mine.

Daughter Julie, 26, is happily married and living in Chesterton, Md., and Andy, 23, is living on his own and working in Chevy Chase. **Carol Hoericks** '70 continues to be "my real inspiration and the source of strength for our entire extended family."

Charlie says, "I knew there was a reason I married her!" Charlie also hoped I would hear from **Pat Linton**, but Pat is clearly among the alien abductees. Luckily, Chas sent word that when not on the mother ship, Pat is president of FCNB in Frederick. He has recently been elected president of the Maryland Bankers Association.

If you're looking for some herbal concoctions to help stave off the aging process, you might call **Marshall Adams**. Herbal brews are just one of the specialties at Bigelow Tea. There



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WMC ARCHIVES

must be something pretty good in those bags—Marshall has been there for 26 years and doesn't seem to be looking to move! **Leslie Hohn '73** has returned to teaching full time, working with special needs kids. Summer is a sophomore at Tufts and just loves Boston, while Tiffany is in her first year of high school. They all set out from home in Fairfield, Conn., for a vacation to Spain this year so the kids could practice a little Spanish (Uh-huh, sounds good to me!).

Nancy Decker Wagner reported on the WMC "news (and olds)." There's that word again! Amber graduated from high school in May as valedictorian. She is now at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Some other WMC alumni have kids there—**Tom '72** and **Sandy Gocher Brown '72** and **Jon '72** and **Lionie Hammett Frank '73**. Nancy says she knows Sandy mentioned some other names, but she can't seem to remember them (I can relate to that. Maybe Marshall can send us both some tea with gingko biloba). **Dora** is loving life these days, spending as much time as he can fishing and gardening. As for Nancy, she made it onto the evening news this summer. She ran a program called Camp Lemonade Stand for the children of Caroline Academy, which received a grant from Maryland's Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend. When the stand was in operation, the *Sam* papers and the TV cameras all showed up. It was nerve-wracking for Nancy, but the kids loved

it! Nancy also took a group of 30 inner city middle schoolers, who rarely travel out of east Baltimore, for a week camping in western North Carolina at Kanuga Conference Center. Dora and Nancy spent some time this year with **Kevin Montgomery '72** and his wife Siobhan, who were visiting from their home in Ireland. The Montgomerys have three kids, the oldest of whom is 14. Kevin is another crazed golfer and reports that the town of Letterkenny has been "graced" with a McDonald's.

It is good to know that age appears to be no barrier to romance. **Dave Clark** and his fiancée Colleen Mastrangelo are busy with wedding plans. He says, "This answers Cher's latest musical quip: 'Is there love after love?' Yes there really is." Dave is also fulfilling another life long dream—flying! He has soloed and is working with his instructor on cross-country flying now. When not flying high on love or passion, Dave manages a Command Support Center at Lockheed Martin in Gaithersburg, Md.

Dave isn't the only one who is dashing around the skies. Our resident poetriast (23 years now!) **Darrell Burns** flies a Grumman Tiger Airplane when he is not "living in golf world." Single and happy, Darrell has raised two wolverines over the past ten years. Monterey, Calif., seems a strange place for wolverines, but what do I know?

Corinne Klein was the "most news you can fit in a short e-mail" award. Dave Clark also has nothing on her in

Darryl Burns '71 has raised two wolverines over the past 10 years.

heated had hitting it in the water seem like a fun thing to do. Candy and John were visited this summer by son Eric and family, who live in West Virginia. Together they headed to Myrtle Beach 30 granddaughter (ACK!) Alyssa, 5, could splash in the ocean for the first time. This fall, Candy will be taking some time off from the pharmacy department at Wal-Mart so the Fairbanks can head to the Northeast for more family visiting. Candy also provides some support for my working hypothesis. She is trying to stay in touch with her WMC roommates.

Mary Lou O'Neill Hoopes checks in often and "seems to be doing fine," but she doesn't get quite as much news

the romance department. So hang on, we're going for a wild ride through Corinne's life! Jury completed his first year at Frostburg State in the Gold Program, a leadership preparation curriculum. Corinne knew he was away 'cause there was no loud rock music and no clumping feet! Monthly visits provided reality checks and tested her ability to abstain from fainting at the sight of buzzed heads and earrings. Marissa graduated as the top senior from the Art Magnet of Montgomery County Public Schools and attends Maryland Institute College of Art with a Presidential Scholarship, Advanced Placement and another scholarship for achievement and dedication. She is also listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students for Art Achievement*. Foster daughter Rachel is 27 and on her own now, working for Best Buy in Virginia on their SWAT team, going from store to store handling what needs to be handled! So much for the kids. In June, Corinne married Ron Vinopol. They had a small wedding in the middle of 100 degree heat at which her three kids "gladly" gave her away, and her white German shepherd (Corinne's constant companion) was the flower dog. After a cruise on the Potomac River for the reception, everyone returned to the house for champagne and cake. The dog, in a fit of pique at not being invited on the boat, left a small "present" in front of the cake, which Corinne hopes is not an omen! She and Ron are stuck with each other 'cause if they ever tried to split, Corinne thinks the family would keep him and ditch her. They mini-honeymooned in Wilmington and New York and plan on Greece and Turkey once the "kids are firmly ensconced back in their dorm rooms." Work necessitates a lot of travel for Corinne, and this year the kids helped out in the office with videotape editing and graphic art and have come along to help at trade shows. Her company, the Institute for Disabilities Research and Training, Inc., has developed several new products this year—mainly CD-ROMs for deaf people—so being a "booth babe" has become a way of life, although Corinne thinks that once you turn 50 you transition to "booth buddy!"

Jack Harshorn's job involves a lot of travel, too, only not for him! He's been busy inspecting fruits from Mexico, Spain and Chile. New Jersey sure has exotic tastes! He's still having a good time working on his cars, playing softball and taking care of his church's landscape (wonder where those plants are from?). He also helped build a 30-foot float for the Medford Lakes Annual Canoe Carnival. The float's theme was "Crocodile Rock." Sounds like enough to send you screaming from the river!

Water sports figure prominently in family life for **Jeff 70** and **Sue Campbell Davis**. Sons Eli, 18, a freshman at West Virginia University, and Zachary, 16, kayak every chance they get. Eli also works as a kayak guide. The whole crew still lives in Garrett County where Susan works part time as a staff writer

for the media relations department at Frostburg State, and Chelsea, 12, enjoys just about everything. (Sue is also our class agent for the WMC Annual Fund. Thanks Sue!) Jeff spends his time in the ER at Sacred Heart Hospital (he's not accident prone, he's a doctor!), and last year he took a 35-day trek in Nepal. Guess Garrett County isn't the wilderness it used to be! Vermont isn't quite the wilderness it used to be either, but it is a far place from WMC. **Susan Schill Anderson** and **Roger 72** relocated there and are enjoying the beauty and recreational possibilities in northern New England. Sue went back to school and became a physician's assistant while daughter Kristy, who graduated in May from Gettysburg College, is at University of Maryland Medical School this year. Bill, a senior in high school, is thinking about following his sister to Gettysburg, and Josh, 12, will be coming along soon.

Susan Drake Elder moved to a small town in Frederick County about four years ago. She isn't sure if she told us that she got married back then (and neither am I—more ginkgo biloba, please). Susan and Gerry enjoy the more laid back lifestyle and the view of the mountains, pastures, farms, cows and creek from their deck. The sunsets are so beautiful that you leave work early just to be home in time to see them. "Not content with just Maryland scenery, Susan and Gerry traveled this year through Denmark, Sweden and Norway by train and ferry, meeting delightful people and gazing over those incredible fjords.

Johnson Bowie isn't moving. He's still in Philadelphia and still director of men's athletics at Drexel University. He did, however, come to the conclusion that he needs to get away from it all from time to time and bought a place on the beach in Delaware.

Chuck Horn is relocating, but he doesn't know where. He just completed five years of full-time ministry at a church in Johnstown, Pa., and is now doing part-time service at a nearby church. He hopes to soon be serving another congregation, but right now he and his wife "have no idea where the Lord will lead us. They did make it back to WMC in July, though!

Moving must be in the air—**Mark Allen** did it, too. He bought a condo in D.C. near the zoo, and while he was at it, changed jobs. After 22 years with "Recording for the Blind," he is now with the U.S. Senate working with volunteers at the U.S. Capitol. Our very own connection inside the beltway!

Mark's card answered **John Skinner's** question, "Is anyone else in the D.C. area?" John and Pat are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. Twins Jason and Melissa are on schedule (every parent's dream!) to graduate from Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia in May. Mark's work at the FAA preparing for the year 2000 is going well. He says, "Yes, it is safe to fly—domestically." He and the FAA have no control over flight systems in other countries and many are behind

in their repairs. All I know is John has entered the Marine Corp Marathon—sounds like he plans on using his feet for a lot of traveling!

Sue Shermer Seavers and her husband Eric are also with the feds—working for the Department of Defense at Fort Meade, Md. (Now this does sound like an X-files scenario!) Sue runs a career development program while Eric is a computer programmer. Daughter Laura married longtime boyfriend Andy at the National Presbyterian Church in D.C. with bagpipe music everywhere. What else are you going to do when the groom's parents both play? It must have been beautiful. Laura and Andy both graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland and are working at Century Computing in Laurel where Andy won a contest to design the State of Maryland Web page. Sue's youngest daughter is a senior at York College of Pennsylvania. She's a graphic design major and is looking for internships next summer in the Laurel area. Now that the kids are pretty much grown, Sue and Eric are looking down the road. In just five more years (sounds like more retirement talk!) they will spend all their time square dancing rather than just a couple of nights a week and a few weekends a year. (That's one heck of a lot of dancing, folks!) When she's not dancing, Sue sells Longaberger baskets, joins in the church and helps with promotional ideas for the church library. In her free time, Sue creates photo scrapbook albums and does needlework. I think I'm exhausted.

Unlike Mark, John and Sue, **Harold Brown** "took an early out" from the federal government in February (no witness protection program for Harold!) and is now doing a combination of consulting for Northrop/Logicon, SAIC (I don't know what that is either!) and teaches at James Madison University. He says he's just getting over the culture shock of working in private industry. Harold is also looking forward to reading about "all the others from our great class!" Hope the aliens bring them back soon!

Dave Brown is neither in the Witness Protection Program nor has he been abducted by aliens. He says, "For years, I've been receiving the cards for news of the Class of '71, and for years I've carried them around with me never quite getting around to actually writing anything on them. Don't take it personally (easy for him to say!)—I'm no better with writing anyone else either." Apparently I said the magic words—E-mail. So on, as he says, "to the autobiography." For seven years, Dave has been with the Veteran's Administration, the last four with the National Center for Health Promotion where he is a project analyst. He started out doing some real different stuff when he moved to Durham, N.C., (where he is today) in 1971 to go to graduate school at Duke. He got a master's degree in history and spent five years working in the University Library, mostly in the manuscript

department. Then he went back to grad school at North Carolina State, this time in architectural history and historic preservation. By the early '80s he was doing research for the National Register of Historic Places in North Carolina. After teaching for three years, Dave got involved in operating small businesses before joining the VA. "It's been an interesting trip from history to statistics and computers, but the research method remains the same, and computers can be a lot of fun!" On a very sad note, Dave lost Judy, his wife of 18 years, last year to complications of post-polio syndrome. His stepson George is now 30 and lives in Minnesota. Dave says that "sometimes it seems that work is just what I do when I'm not at church." He is still a member of the Lutheran church he joined in 1972, where he has a role in planning and leading worship. He's honed his guitar skills and even had a chance to play the sax (for those of you who remember being in the band—he's still at it!) on some Diehard gospel. Finally, Dave relates the agony (Duke football) and the ecstasy (Duke basketball) of local athletics, but he follows the Green Terrors over the Web. His folks are still in Finksburg, so he makes it up to the WMC area from time to time. He may, he says, even make it to "another reunion."

Barb Shipley Guthrie doesn't have far to travel to be in the WMC area—she and Steve live in Westminster and supervise together. Barb is the supervisor of Guidance for Carroll County Public Schools, and Steve is supervisor of Human Resources. Daughter Jessica just got married in Little Baker Chapel, and Laura, inspired no doubt by mom, just got her master's in guidance and counseling. At the other end of the gender and age spectrum, Sam, age 2, is learning to hit a ball. Barb concludes, "As you can guess, we've been very busy!"

Barb is not the only one trying to keep up with little ones. (Where do they get the energy?) **Don Schenk** checked in from Michigan where he's been living for eight years. Still in the military, Don's a Colonel these days and an Army Project Manager. He didn't tell me what projects he manages, so use your imagination or cyber-jump over to www.pmcms.org. Sounds like he more than has his hands full at home with Joshua, who is having a great time in the third grade, and Zachary—5 going on 15—who is, and I quote, "a real hellion!" No details here either, so hot tell that imagination again. Everyone who has survived kids is probably shuddering at the very thought. Don's wife Janet volunteers at Gilda's Club, Reading for the Blind and as vice president of their congregation. They all love Troy, Mich., and make forays out to explore the rest of the world while they have the chance. A second career (at something!) looms as Don contemplates retiring from the Army in the near future.

Projects must figure prominently in **Bob Gagnon's** life, too. He didn't tell me about any of them either! He runs

an engineering consulting firm while teaching engineering at the University of Maryland. It's been a busy year as he has served as president of three engineering organizations simultaneously. Meanwhile his two text books are selling well, and he was listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*.

Steve Kaplan came in for some recognition as well during a rather "awarding" year. He won the Sam Walton Business Leader Award from the Chamber of Commerce in Norman, Okla., and Wal-Mart. The Subway Franchise Owner's Advisory Committee selected Steve from among 13,892 (Yep, that's the right number!) franchisees for their annual Humanitarian Award. The best award, though, came when Steve's youngest headed off to college with a full scholarship this year. Hello, empty nest!

Jan Sharper Alquist was honored with the top service award "for her dedication to personal service and attention to the needs of her clients and customers" by the Pike Creek office of Weichert Realtors. A long-time resident of Newark, Del., Jan has held a number of positions in state and local government, including CEO and town manager for Elsmere, Del. A math and biology major at WMC, she got an MBA from Southern Illinois University (what a combo!), and the rest is history.

"I would have written less if I had more time." So said Wordsworth, or Emerson, or somebody, a long time ago.

Ellen Cook Nibali said it most recently. At first I thought maybe she had just returned from an extraterrestrial visit, but given all the news, I think she was a bit too busy for galaxy hopping. Everything started about two years ago with a Western grand tour with **Ken '69** and their son Vince, 14. They began in Portland, Ore., and by the time they made it to Phoenix, Ariz., they had progressed from rainforest to desert! Then Jennifer, 28, and her husband Chuck moved in while waiting for their own house to be built.

Aside from Ken managing to pile all Jenn and Chuck's stuff on Ellen's side of the garage, they all had great "fun." Ellen said it was fun and fascinating watching your own daughter "grow larger with child." Ellen and Ken's older son Ben is a mechanical engineer in Maryville, Tenn. He works for Denso, a Japanese automotive manufacturer, and the entire plant does stretching exercises in the morning. When not stretching, Ben married Emily, a teacher and Maryville native. On the way back from the wedding, the Nibali's paid a visit to Hungry Mother State Park. (No need to discuss that one further!) Last September Ken received the Commissioner's Leadership Award from the Social Security Administration. As Ellen and Ken were getting ready to go to the ceremony, they became grandparents (Ack, again!). They managed to make it to the hospital to meet Chase (Charles Theodore May V) and still get to the awards ceremony. In what

must be her spare time (and I didn't even get into the Lyme disease fiasco), Ellen is a horticultural consultant, answering questions at the University of Maryland extension service's information center (she says, "Think: Plant and Pest Jeopardy").

I had a chance to catch up with **Richard Anderson** at Common Ground on the Hill at WMC this summer. He is galivanting all over the world riding his bike and shooting pictures for advertising, annual reports, theatre and heaven knows what else. At Common Ground he led a workshop on "fast bicycle riding," so small felt in the 118-degree heat index we had that week! **Gary Wolfson '68** survived the workshop—but barely.

Charlie and I spent a marvelous couple of days this summer with **Pat Callbeck Harper** and her family at her folks place on the Magogy River outside Annapolis. Pat still runs her consulting firm in Helena, Mont., although she flies all over the country working with businesses, school systems and other organizations. This summer the National Coalition for Sex Equity in Education surprised Pat (and that isn't easy to do!) with their most prestigious award for her contributions to equity in education and employment. Now she says she "just has to live up to it in her next 50 years of work!" By day, Pat's husband Rusty works for the State of Montana. But just check him out after hours. His political performing group, the Montana Logging and Ballet Company, has become NPR's "resident satirists" with monthly appearances on "Sunday Edition." Robin is a sophomore at Ithaca college majoring in bioremed. She spent her summer having a grand time splining genes on an NSF-funded research project. (The things kids do for fun these days!)

Molly is a junior in high school and has a voice that is beyond belief. We all spent a few hours on a field trip to WMC so Molly could see it up close and personal, and Pat and I could point out our old room on second floor McDaniel.

As you've surmised by now, Charlie and I made it from Providence back to Common Ground this year, and we brought along a friend, Ahmoog Angeconex, a Canadian First Nations artist. It was interesting to see a WMC experience through his eyes. There was quite a "Western Maryland Mafia" (as we were dubbed by *Ira Zepp '52*) from our era in attendance this year: **Gary '69** and **Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro '70**, **Norm Sartorius '69**, **Don '69** and **Ellen Van Dusen Elmes '68**, **Linda Berry Van Hart '68**, **Julie Kline '72**, **Walt Michael '68**, of course, and, as mentioned, Richard, Cary and me. The array of courses we took could never have been predicted from our days on "the Hill" way back when. This year, in addition to "dulcinating," playing the blues harp, and singing gospel 'til I was hoarse, I started learning the banjo. What a hoot! Charlie stuck with the guitar and Ahmoog's art class. (You should have seen us together with

COMING OF AGE

To the Editor:

In the recent issue of *AlumNEWS* there was an article about *Ira Zepp '52* in which he refers to "the forward-thinking encouragement of the college." [Zepp, professor of religious studies emeritus, credited the open-minded administration in making it possible for him to create such ground-breaking course classics as Liberation Movements and Human Freedom.] It made me smile.

He was bringing speakers to the campus who were, to say the least, upsetting to some people. (I remember objecting to one myself.) At the time, our weekly



Students staged a silent, candlelight march through Westminster to protest the U.S. bombing of Cambodia.

chapel services were broadcast on the local radio station. I still remember a professional meeting I attended about then. When someone asked, "What's happening on your campus?" I answered, "Well, our chapel services have just been put off the air." (One of the speakers was a bit too much for some local sensibilities.) Of course, a little later that was a mild event to report. Ira was leading the way even then, but no one stopped his program—on campus anyway.

Bill Tribby (former professor of dramatic art) was doing his thing on the stage of Alumni Hall. He was preparing to do, I think, Megan Terry's "Viet Rock." Not one of your more "quiet" plays. The trustees were coming to campus, and there was speculation that they would object to the subject matter. The president, Lowell Ensor, told Bill to go ahead with the production.

At about the same time, the Student Government Association started inviting its own set of controversial speakers to campus. One of them was George Lincoln Rockwell, the Nazi sympathizer. The uproar on this one reached into Baltimore City, and it was loudly disapproving. There were some very real security worries.

The president called me in and said, "The students will have their speaker, but I will listen to that speech." It was a trying day with all sorts of problems, but through it all he stood on his lawn across from Alumni Hall visibly backing up the students.

It was either he or interim president Allan Mund who on the occasion of a critical flashpoint said to the students, "You can stay out of class if you feel you must, but classes will go on. You have no right to keep other students from class." And they didn't. [Mund served for seven months during Ensor's illness.]

It was Mund who was in the cafeteria at the crack of dawn when Cambodia got bombed, and it was he who sat and talked all morning with students and then backed them at a meeting with the sheriff. They wanted to do a candlelight march through Westminster. The sheriff was afraid it would lead to fights with townspeople. The students told him they would march with no sound, no talking, no singing—just candles. They added that if he could take care of the townspeople, they would take care of themselves. And they did. It was one of the more moving events of that difficult period.

I was thinking about all of this after a letter came the other day from one of those students. Then *AlumNEWS* arrived and Ira's comment put it all together.

I am proud of and enthusiastic about what the college is accomplishing these days, but the fact that it rests on the foundation of "forward-looking encouragement" gives me even greater pleasure. Your publications also give me a great deal of pleasure. Keep up the good work, please.

Nancy L. Winkelman '51

Nancy L. Winkelman served as WMC's director of publications and publicity from 1957 to 1973.

Linda Van Hart at Class Night when we performed as "Ahmo and the Anishnawbe Singers!" Not to mention my "air banjo" performance. Hey, as long as you smile, they don't know you're fakin' it! It's a very heady experience, especially being in a class with Ira Zepp as a fellow student. That man is more amazing than ever! Aside from Common Ground, Charlie and I are both very involved with the Center on Nonviolence and Peace Studies, which he co-founded at the University of Rhode Island, and working with civil rights leader Bernard LaFayette, who is a scholar-in-residence at the University. We do trainings in nonviolence philosophy and strategies for businesses, schools and organizations, as well as work with folks around the U.S. and in other countries to do the same. I spent 10 days in South Africa this fall with a team headed by Dr. LaFayette working with local groups to organize an international nonviolence conference in Durban for next summer. What an incredible experience. Charlie is still chair of the psychology department at URI. He will be at WMC on sabbatical for the spring semester this year, working with the provost's office and writing a book on nonviolence with Ira. So we'll be around WMC a lot. I can feel the flashbacks (are they hot flashes?) already! I continue to be weird (I have a reputation to uphold) and have a blast as program director for Leadership RI where every year I get to help 55 fascinating people learn about our state and develop their leadership skills. Teaching and PlanWorks Consulting (my own firm) round out my schedule. The kids, who claim they can never find us (!), are doing great, living and working in Massachusetts. Siana is an account executive for a publishing company in Boston, and David is a staff person for a group home program in Amherst. They are trying to train our four cats and one dog to keep tabs on us and report.

Finally, I'm sure by now many of you know about the fire that destroyed the Clarysville Inn out in Cumberland (M.D.) this year. **Tom 70 and Melissa Marten Pecora**, for whom the Inn was both business and home, have their hands full, but knowing them, they'll come through just fine. I'm sure they would love to hear from old friends, so rally 'round!

That about does it for this chapter of our story. I think I've concluded from all this that despite the fact that AARP keeps sending us those little membership cards, we're not quite ready to give up the excitement. So keep on keeping on! And, unless the aliens, or the FBI, have got you stashed away somewhere incommunicado, let me know what's happening. Anytime, anyhow. And if you have just returned from an alien abduction, for heaven's sake give me an exclusive! We could go places with this. We're talking big time!

Keep smiling, y'all! 'Til next time, I remain your somewhat strange class secretary.

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(Send me e-mail and get a class e-mail list. How can you resist?)

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It was wonderful to hear from so many classmates! Let's get right to the news.

Mildred Artis

Alexander is still with the passport office of the State Department and enjoying her two children, Paige, 1, and Blake, who is in the third grade. **Mitch '80, MD '86** continues to provide fitness advice to students.

Kathy Franklin Baldwin works part time as a microbiologist in Genomics Research at Pharmacia and Upjohn in Kalamazoo, Mich. She has two children: Libby, 10, and Thomas, 7. She was back in Maryland for her parents' 50th wedding anniversary.

Debbie Wooden and Glen 79 Barlow stay busy with their three children: Sarah, 8, Kevin, 4, and 10-month-old Rachel. Debbie works part time in Glen's dental offices and sells books, CD-ROMS, videos and games from DK Family Learning.

Tracy Ellis '81 commands a training battalion of 1,500 soldiers.

George Boinis lives in Bethesda with his wife Cindy and their son Christopher, 3. His cousin **Bryan Fogelson '02** plays football for WMC.

Barbara J. Bond has had some physical problems and recently lost her mother. Our thoughts and good wishes are with Barbara.

Rob and Connie Thompson Bowman and their two children Caroline, 11, and Bobby, 7, moved into their new home in Glenwood, Md., built by **Jim Selfridge**.

Kristine Milker Brockman is keeping busy with her boys. She writes that they all are happy and healthy in Orange, Va.

Lisa Potocki Brown, recently divorced, is a computer specialist with the Social Security Administration and lives in Catonsville, Md.

Lori Frock Bucacinc has been an elementary school guidance counselor for 12 years. Ian and Sarah keep both her and husband John busy. There was a recent "40th Birthdays Weekend" with me, **Nancy Marlowe Merritt**, **Eileen Flynn Toehy**, **Barbara White Murphy '82**, **Laurie Slasman Long '82** and **Jane Burch Fridell '82**. There were lots of laughs and memories shared since we are all hitting the big "40" this year or next.

Sherry McCurg Bukowski ran off to Jamaica to get married to Al, her "significant other" for six years. They moved to a new home in Damascus,

Md. She continues to work for Morse Diesel International, Inc., where she has been for 16 years. She keeps in touch with **Kim Cooper Remsburg**, who has two girls and a husband, Dennis. She hopes to see **Pam Owen Leone**, who writes she married John Leone. Pam is a pilot for American Airlines and lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

Andy Clarkson was born to Greece and Crete, and was China to adopt their daughter Melissa. They also saw Jimmy Buffett—brings back memories, doesn't it? They are enjoying their new home in Charlotte, N.C.

Nancy Heinebaugh Connors is living in her dream home in Columbia, Md., and working in an advertising firm.

Tom Earl completed five years of study in Rosen Method Bodywork and became a certified teacher of the introduction workshops. He vacationed in San Francisco and now practices psychotherapy, Rosen method and massage in Gaithersburg, Md.

Jeann Elliott switched jobs and is now in university relations at Virginia Tech. She loves the better hours and enjoys white water canoeing.

Tracy and Ann Wallenmeyer Ellis live in Aberdeen Proving Ground in a historic stone house on the Chesapeake Bay. Tracy commands a training battalion of 1,500 soldiers. Ann home schools two of their three children and has her hands full with a new puppy.

Luanne Leatherman Frebretshauer is semi-retired but still doing private social work, as well as working at WMC's health center one day a week. She enjoys "Riving" to Florida during the winter and will move to Pennsylvania in 2000.

Betsy Walsh Geiger attended a Phi Alpha reunion with **Barb Forrey Wahlbrink**, **Helen Wroe Kline** and **Connie Thompson Bowman**. She reports that a great time was had by all. Betsy's oldest entered middle school this fall.

Mary Hoyle Gottlieb lives in Germantown, Md., with husband Noel and daughter Julia, 5. She works with the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Mary Louise Griffin is at home with Tobin, 4, Liam and Fiona, 18 months. They added an addition to their home and plan to visit Israel next winter.

Mia Detlefs Griffin reports that her daughter Meta, 7, is quite the artist. Her art was picked to show in the Delaware Museum. Patrick, 10, is taking after dad **Pat '82** with wrestling and golf.

Della Butler Hager stays busy with new baby Dottie, and she works as a counselor at Salisbury State University. She had a girl's weekend in O.C. with **Mary Morningstar**, **Jane Cavanaugh** and **Bert Killingstad '82**.

Maggie Mules Herman survived another husband and son in Minnesota with her husband and son **Dwight**, 3. She visited **Moureen Noonan** in Arizona. Her sister **Maisy Mules Herbert '84** visited with her family this past spring.

Jennifer Goodson Hill adopted a child, Lydia, from Vietnam. She joins Melody, 3.

JoMarie Guth Henry also had a new baby girl, Halla, to join big brothers Paul, 12, and Andy, 11, whom she

home schools.

Rebecca Weller Holderrad is CFO for Quincy's Restaurants, Inc., Mick's Restaurants, Inc., and The Peasant Restaurants, Inc. She works with her husband at the same company. Her daughter Emma, 4, is doing well.

Kathy Chromy Jankowski lives in Pottsville, Md., with husband **Bernie '80** and their two children, Nick, 9, and Marie, 2. They have been in business together for 10 years providing fundraising research to nonprofits and other databases/editorial consulting services. Bernie's poems have been published in *G.W. Review* and other publications. Kathy enjoys working with children in the Hands on Science Programs and a third grade book discussion group.

Scott Kallins reminds us that most of us are hitting the big "40" this year. He has traveled quite a bit to Eastern Europe and Israel and will visit South America this winter. He has a law partner now and keeps very busy.

John Kehler works for Jacobs Gardner Supply Company/Pennysive Office Products in Bowie, Md. He lives in Bethesda with his wife and two boys, ages 7 and 4.

Robert Kline was appointed to the Board of Directors for the international Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys for creditor rights, bankruptcy and commercial litigation attorneys.

Steven and Wendy Protzman Klehr still live in Connecticut where Steve is a director with Bristol-Myers Squibb in drug discovery and development. Wendy is taking leave from teaching to be home with Alex, 6, and Kirsten, 4.

Karen Bellamy Lamont says she can't wait until our 20th Reunion in 2001.

Dawn Sweeney Lindsay writes that California is great, and she is almost finished her doctorate in organizational leadership at Pepperdine. She is the matriculation coordinator for Saddleback Community College. Her son, 10, is doing well.

Thanks to everyone for writing. **Bernie and I (Nancy Marlowe Merritt)** continue to do well. I am in graduate school at WMC for a master's in counseling to be a guidance counselor. Bernie continues to run his own public affairs company in Alexandria, Va. Our daughters, Caitlin, 11, and Casey, 7, are a source of great joy to us. Thanks for all the notes!

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The countdown has begun—less than two years 'til we get to celebrate our 15th reunion! (Boy, are we getting old.) We'll get an entire weekend to reminisce and renew ties to our class and our alma mater during **REUNION WEEKEND 2001**. So, get ready to pencil in a full weekend packed with activities in the spring of '01. We don't

want to celebrate without YOU!

Now, for our column. What a response! Thanks again to the Class of '86 for a tremendous return on my postcard mailing. This time you get to read about the entire class, so put down that remote or get away from that keyboard and read on.

Lisa Abbey's postcard always makes me tired! This woman can really travel. In the past year she's been to Cancun, Jackson Hole, Wyo., (for some skiing and dog sledding), Key West, Sarasota, Fla., and France. She was laid off from her job at USF&G in March but promptly found a new one (which she loves) as finance manager for Goldwell Cosmetics in Litchfield. The big news is she got married in August to Kevin Wilking. The honey-moons traveled (gains!) to England and Ireland. They live in Owings Mills but hope to move toward Hartford County next year. Lisa enjoyed having **Joan Lemeshow Horton** and **Robin Jones '84** as bridesmaids in her wedding.

"No kids 'n' fun!" says **Laureen Pearl Anagnos**. She and her husband enjoy traveling and returned to their favorite spot in Cancun this summer. Laureen finished her 10th year teaching in Montgomery County and is now a part-time reading teacher while she pursues "yet another" master's in guidance counseling. You go, girl!

Eve Al-Arnasi Angers, her husband David and son Ben, 1, live close to London with their dogs Henry and Susie, whom they adopted from an animal shelter. Before Ben was born, Eve completed a course in environmental science at Bath University.

Timonore is now home to **Maureen Kilroy Bagwell**, husband Greg and their "beautiful girls" Chloe, 4, and Cammi, 1. Maureen works as a part-time accountant so she can be home with the girls.

Doug Barna and son Philip, 7, are trying to hold their own in a house full of people that includes wife **Kathy Eichelberger '85** Barna and daughters Amanda, 10, Grace, 2, and Abigail, 1. A chocolate lab also lives with them, but we don't know which team he/she is on. Doug is still a manager with Exide Battery Corp., while Kathy works at Mt. Zion Christian Preschool. They are busy helping to get a new church going called Pathways.

Golfing, tennis and other sporting activities keep **Scott Bassett** busy when he is not working hard as vice president of Bassett McNab Company, which designs and manufactures decorative fabrics. He and wife Shannon celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary and are the proud parents of Colin, 5, and Brooke, 2. They live in Wayne, Pa.

Mark Batdorf celebrated a promotion last year to corporate executive chief of the Rainforest Cafe. He even helped open the Rainforest Cafe, Paris, at Euro Disney. He keeps in touch with **John Hattery** (who, by the way, doesn't return my postcard request for info!) and his wife Mary. Mark is building a new home in northern Virginia and designing a restaurant-style kitchen for it—much to wife Jodee's delight. Now,

the question is, who gets to do the cooking in that super kitchen?

Randy Blair (my buddy from the old **Norfolk**) got fed up with the hassles of private practice and accepted a position with the FBI as a litigation attorney in the Office of the General Counsel. Commuting from Baltimore to D.C. was not ideal, so he and **Cathy McNeill '87** moved to Ellikott City with their boys Tyler, 7, and Austin, 4. Their sons keep them busy with baseball, ice hockey and swimming, but Randy really enjoys the opportunity to spend time and coach them in their various pursuits.

Northern New Jersey is home to **Bill Boyadjis**, his wife **Amanda Zawacki '91** and their daughter Paige, 1. He enjoys seeing **Mark "Duke" Jantorno**, **Paul "P.J." Johnson '87**, **Pete Farquharson '88**, **Andy and Estelle Almagosa Stefanelli** and **Todd '87** and **Sue McGuire '85** Ewing at **Chris Paolone's '87** wedding in March.

"Enjoying motherhood and life in general," writes **Lisa Winkler Breed**, 4, live in She and daughter Madeleine, 4, live in Annapolis with their cat, Mongoose. Julie is branch head for the Information Systems Research branch of NASA/Goddard.

Susan Schart Bush and husband moved back to Owings Mills, Md., after three years in the Midwest and she was pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology. They are very happy to return to friends and family.

"Our Three Sons" keep **Bob and Karyn Upton Butler** busy. Robert, 8, Bryan, 6, and Zachary, 4, are involved in baseball, soccer and basketball, but between practices and games, there's never a dull moment. Bob keeps things going in the family business, and Karyn teaches kindergarten at their son's school, Rockbridge Academy, a classical Christian academy.

Steve Reber '86 stays active in the Boston music scene playing freelance saxophone.

Ami Wist Carrier loved seeing all the Phi Alphas at their reunion in April and sends her thanks to everyone who made it possible. She and husband Jim enjoy their son Augustus "Cus" Adams who was born in August 1998.

Three different sons—Brendan, 8, Ryan, 5, and Shawn, 3—keep their parents **Mark and Nancy Hutchinson Carter** busy. When they aren't coaching the boys in sports (Mark coached Brendan's coach/pitch team), Nancy coached Ryan's t-ball team. Mark manages to get in a few holes of golf. Nancy has taken up tennis and played doubles in a summer tennis league. Mark also returned to school and earned his MBA.

Liesle Cavill-Burns was on her way

to Germany for three years courtesy of the Army, and she couldn't wait to see the sights. She will be a stay-at-home mom to Margaret Grace, born in October 1998, but plans to work part time in the hospital on post.

"I'm looking forward to our 15th," writes **Lynn Renkewitz Cerosimo** from Rhode Island. She and husband Stephen have their hands full running two businesses—an ice cream store called Tropic Frost (which was booming this summer with the heat wave) and a photo-finishing store called Granite One-Hour Photo—and chasing after their 9-month-old son Scott.

Leslie Shipp DeJesus was getting ready to move into a new home, still in Florida. She and her husband George, who is an executive chef at East Coast Fisheries, were busy selling the old home and fixing up the new one.

Leslie stopped working as a regional manager at Metropolitan Mortgage to stay home with Juliette, 2, and George, 4, their two cats and two dogs.

Ken Denison and his wife Lisa have three children (Andrew, 7, Sarah, 6, and Anna, 6 mos.) and live in Fallston, Md. He's associate creative director/vice president at an advertising agency in Baltimore and has been directed a few TV commercials. He keeps busy coaching the kids' sports and has visited WMC to attend some plays and watch the Ravens practice.

Leslie Stinchcomb Dolan and husband Ed welcomed Sean Michael to their family in March. She enjoyed the summer with Sean and his big sister Elizabeth but was back to teaching this fall.

The transition from stay-at-home mom to working mom is never easy, but **Karen Butting Donegan** survived her first year back teaching after four years. She was glad to return to first grade this fall while selling Kelly's Kids Clothes on the side. Husband Peter is still with California Microwave, where he's been for eight years. They are busy with their family, which includes Sean, 8, Katie, 5, and Brian, 2, who tries to keep up with his big sis and brother. Karen and Peter enjoyed being pampered and lazy for a week on a cruise to celebrate their 10th anniversary this summer.

Nettie Barrick Funk still works for the Social Security Administration and lives in Hampstead, Md., with her husband Doug, stepson Chad, 17, and Weston Douglas Funk, who was born in October 1998.

A new job (that she was very excited about) was in the plans for **Jane Manlove Garrett** this summer. In August, she and her husband headed to Disney World for their annual trek (I'm sooo jealous, Jane), and they are planning a huge family cruise in July 2000. They enjoy traveling (obviously), playing golf and being with friends.

Bryan Geer is still with the DEA in D.C. after almost 12 years and still enjoys it. Did you see the article about his work in the spring issue of *The Hill*? He saw **Brian '87** and **Cassie Schneeberger '87** Felch at a wedding in June.



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Five days home and two at work keeps life balanced and **Nora Kane Graham** sane. She and her husband Rich enjoy their two boys, Brian, 3, and Michael, 8 mos.

Kathy Halstone was looking forward to a trip to England and traveling the U.K. with a friend this summer. She lives with her husband Mark and their spoiled cat in Baltimore City, where Katy teaches third grade in a private school. She returned to school to get her teaching certificate five years ago and says it was the best thing she ever did. She directs the summer camp at the school, which is exhausting. She is also halfway through the master's program at Notre Dame.

"Life just keeps getting busier!" writes **Charlene Ballard Handley**. She is a very part-time sign language teacher at Westminster High but enjoys her other job as mom to Erin, 9, and Kellie, 7. They keep her and husband Brian involved in all kinds of fun stuff. She is the Pioneer Club coordinator at Grace Bible Church in Manchester, Md., (coincidentally, where we go to church) and also volunteers one afternoon a week in each daughter's class.

Kendra Hyde is in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia! Both she and husband John are in international careers, so they have been seeing the world over the last couple of years and landed in Malaysia. She invites any alumni in the area to look them up.

Things are about the same in Princeton, N.J., for **Joan Lemeshow Horton**, husband Mike and kids. Sarah is in second grade, and Jack is in preschool, so Joan is a chauffeur mom but has a lot of fun. She was excited and proud to be in **Lisa Abbey Wilking's** wedding in August. The Hortons

enjoyed many days at the Jersey shore this summer.

Tom and Maureen Witterschein '88
Hulse live in Sherwood Forest, Md., with children Jake, 8, Madeline, 5, and Grace, 2, who keep them busy. Tom works as a controller for Lear Slegler Services in Annapolis.

Another 10th anniversary celebration ('89) must have been a good year! for **Jim Hursay** and wife Terri. They have three wonderful children: Meghan, 4, Ryan, 3, and Devin, 1. Jim still pushes paper at GBMC hospital and built a new home in Finksburg. They hope to buy some furniture for it before retirement.

Mark Johnson is alive and well in Lanham, Md. He still works with Young Life in Prince George's County. His family welcomed a new addition, Rebekah Grace, in May. She joined brothers Zachary, 3, and Danny, 2. **Julie Jurd-Sadler** and family moved from Towson to Mt. Airy, Md. She has gone into private practice and has two offices in Silver Spring and Kensington that are doing well.

Laura King experienced a bout of culture shock with a move to Baton Rouge from Chicago. They are in Louisiana so her husband can finish his Ph.D. at LSU. Laura keeps busy as a freelance editor and entertaining Katie, 1.

Disney World, Cape Cod and Hawaii are the recent vacation spots for **Debbie Cooke Kleinsorgen**, husband Eric and daughter Allison. Allison actually only traveled to Disney and Cape Cod and then enjoyed a visit with cousins so Mom and Dad could get some R&R in Maui. They spend their free time working on their house and enjoying the local pool.

In November 1998 **Steve Knitt** married Melody Marie Stine. They live in Indian Head, Md. and Steve still works for the EPA Risk Assessment Forum while pursuing a master's degree at the University of Maryland.

Lucy Porcell Luchte enjoyed seeing many old friends at the Phi Alpha reunion in April, and **Sarah Jahries Kenyon** stayed with her to attend. Lucy works part time, and she and **Steve '87** love living in Fallston, Md., with their daughter Brigitte, 3, who is a "complete joy!"

All is well in Adamstown, Md., with **Lori Gladhill Mark**, husband Scott, Emily, 6, and Sarah, 2. The kids keep her busy, as does her job as vice president at FCNB Bank in Frederick, where she's responsible for product development and bringing acquired banks into FCNB.

Maureen Carroll Martin reminisces about the great times she had at WMC and hopes her girls, Molly Catherine, 3, and Anne Elizabeth, born in June, will follow in her footsteps—the Classes of '15 and '17 respectively. Maureen returned to work on a part-time basis as the writer/publications specialist at Holy Cross Hospital. She is excited to spend more time with her girls. She sees **Courtney Quinn Jones '84** and her three daughters and had a nice visit from **Eric Cubberley**, his wife Julie and their daughter Alexis this summer.

Colin McCollough has two sons, Dylan and Christopher, and his landscaping business (specializing in patios and walkways) was growing steadily in spite of the summer drought. They had their annual "floatdown party" with **John Rosenquist** and **Jonathan Rose** joining them from D.C.

"Hello to all Bachelors and their families. See everyone at the 15th reunion," writes **Mike McInerney** from Springfield, Va. He is still working for the federal government and enjoying the single life. (Is anyone surprised?) He also enjoys riding his Harley, sailing in Annapolis and traveling.

Tim McLaughlin is a lawyer with Herwig and Humphreys, LLP in Baltimore. He and wife Mary Ellen are the proud parents of Tim, Jr., 5, and Tom, 1.

John Herr Michael runs a company employing software engineer consultants, which she started with her brother out of her home. She is 40.

Warren '84 celebrates their 15th wedding anniversary, and they are the proud parents of Joshua, 11, and Jenny, 9. The kids keep them running with lacrosse, soccer and basketball. Warren was just appointed athletic director at Centennial High, where he also teaches computer science.

Ann Kessler Miller still works for the State of Maryland and her kids are getting so big—her "baby" started kindergarten this fall. Their travel included Disney World this year. Ann spends most of her time running between t-ball, soccer, Cub Scouts, Brownies and dancing. She has even brave enough to dance a mother-daughter routine in her daughter's recital. "It is amazing what we do for our kids," writes Ann.

Remarried, but staying in Baltimore, **Sheri Bialczak Miller** works for an interior design firm. Her two sons, Douglas and Chris, are doing great. She traveled to Dallas, Texas, to see **Ben Erb**.

Cindy Rasberry Minnich and husband Scott are proud parents of two children. Rachel Hope was born in December 1998, joining big sis Sara, 4, in time for Christmas. Scott still pursues Ocean Community Fellowship in Tom's River, N.J., where Cindy is his reliable sidekick.

"Living the life of the typical mom," writes **Allyce Harden Montanye**. She spends a lot of time driving IB, 7, Maggie, 5, and Libby, 3, to soccer, baseball and ballet, and helping out at their schools. She finds time to teach aerobics twice a week and run 5K and 10K races with husband **John '84** for fun.

I was so psyched to get a call from **Joe Monteleone**! He has been happily married for four years to wife Danielle, and they are the very proud parents of Dante Michael, 1, who has daddy wrapped around his finger. Joe has been in education for 12 years and just recently made the move from elementary to high school guidance counselor. They live near Ocean City, N.J. He wants to know where all the Bachelors are. He stays in touch with **Sam Case '83**, **MD '86** and hopes to make it down to WMC with some prospective high school students to see all the great

changes that have been happening on "the Hill."

Jennifer Provost Moulder and husband Ed are enjoying their hectic life, spending as much time as possible with daughters Claire, 5, and Emma, 2. They moved to a new home this summer in Downingtown, Pa., selling their townhome just four days before settlement. Jenny has worked at WB Saunders Co. for 11 years. She was also kind enough to send a newspaper ad featuring our own **Andrew Stump**. He is posing with a business owner, having helped her get financing from his bank. What a trip!

The past two years have been busy for class president **Sharon Elmer Nolley** and husband G.W. She became public defender for the city of Lynchburg and was immediately appointed to defend a capital murder case (just her luck!). G.W. was also appointed to a different capital murder case, so it was no fun in their house. Both cases turned out well, and they took a much-needed vacation to Key West to get away from it all. They love the peace and quiet of their new home in the country and look forward to some normalcy in their lives.

Cathy Orzolek-Kronner has had quite a year. It all started in January when she got married. Lots of the "WMC gang" were there to help them celebrate, including **Dee Kemmer**, Julie "Vein" Jurd-Sadler, Renee "Frenchie" Dietrich Schiffrauer, Kristin "Lolly" Laethrum Ritchey '85, Sharon "Sharon" Rowley Gomes '85, Maggie Schiffrauer Giardina '85, Lisa Grason Becker '85, Linda Rennie Tankersley '85, Meg McCollom Vickers, Nancy "Hutch" Hutchinson Carter and WMC's own Dan Rees, Cathy's all-time favorite professor. Speaking of Dan, she is going to be seeing quite a lot of him as she is now a full-time adjunct faculty member in the social work department.

I can't believe I haven't bumped into **Meg Packard-Motter** since we both live in Hanover, Pa. She is enjoying the challenge of three kids—Jordan, 6, Jennah, 4, and Julianne Grace, who was born in March.

Lisa Monroe Passarello has been married to Tim for nine years, and they have a wonderful daughter, Alexandra, 2. Lisa is now a stay-at-home mom after teaching elementary school in Carroll County.

A new home in Taneytown, Md., and a new position as vice president/commercial banking officer for Susquehanna Bank filled **George Peck's** year. He and **Lee Ann Ware '85** try to keep up with Lauren, 7, and Kevin, 4. Although the Orioles had a tough year, he and Lee Ann were able to see one win from Peter Angelos' skybox when he honored all the Maryland Teacher of the Year award winners, of which Lee Ann is one. They also enjoyed keeping cool this summer in their new pool.

Nicki Pesik writes to us from Atlanta where she loves teaching emergency medicine to residents at Emory. She is anxiously waiting to begin work as a research professor at the Centers for

Disease Control. What free time she has is spent playing golf and hanging out with friends. She wishes everyone well.

"His old roommates will be glad to hear that between work and family there is now no time for his guitar," writes **Linda Bancroft Pyle**. Of course, she is referring to her hubby **Tim**. Linda keeps busy at home with twins Will and Jerry, 4, and is an active member of both the Mom's Club of Catonsville and the P.E.O.

Lorie Schanzle Quinn still teaches sixth grade math at Rocky Hill Middle School in Clarksville, Md., but has added eighth grade communications. Patrick, 10, plays baseball. His team won the state championship, so the family traveled the Mid-Atlantic area to let Kelsey, 8, loves soccer, and mom and daughter ran a 5K race in June—their first of many. Husband Joe remains busy in real estate. Lorie can't wait to visit **Missy Arhos Katsoulas** in England.

Still "giggling and recording," **Steve Reber** stays active in the Boston music scene playing freestyle saxophone. During the daytime, he is a scientist doing medical research in a lab with a biotech company in Cambridge. Discovered anything interesting, Steve?

John Robinson is an assistant professor of biopsychology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He and wife **Alice Cialella '85** celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary, as well as their daughter Zoe's first birthday.

Rock's Auto Parts, Rick Rockefeller's NAPA store, celebrates its 10th anniversary this year and continues to grow. **Kathy Boyer** is a stay-at-home mom, actively parenting Rachel, 8, and Sadie, 5, between sports, Scouts and church activities, they stay very busy.

Jonathan "Jonny" Rose is extremely busy working as a senior assistant in labor and employment law with Morgan, Lewis and Bockins in D.C. Payton, 4, and Alex, born in December 1998, keep **Brian and Cindy Ebert Russo** busy and are a lot of fun to be around. Brian still works for BGE, and Cindy is now part time with a pediatric hospital.

Wendy Zerwitz Schenker is "still playing lawyer" through the day and mom at night to Robbie, who started second grade this fall. She and husband Gary spend their free (?) time driving him and to tennis lessons and soccer practice.

From sunny California comes a "hello" to everyone from **Laurel Doller Seiwald**. She completed the Avenue of the Giants marathon and qualified for the Boston 2000.

After working for Bell Atlantic for 11 years and becoming "worn out with corporate America," **Nancy Sekira** decided to do something more life-giving and completed an 18-month program to become a massage therapist. She loves the work and hopes to open a practice soon. She plans to head to Rome in December and again in August 2000 as part of a World Youth Day team for the Archdiocese of

Baltimore. She looks forward to many new adventures in 2000.

Nita Shank has been a teaching assistant at Creek Rock School for six years and is heavily involved in the Frederick County Special Olympics program. She is the training coordinator for the school-age athletes, as well as the coach for three different sports. She is also active in recreational sports. She is in the process of building a house with her friend and has two dogs, four cats and a hamster.

Jonathan Shipley has big news since his last update—the birth of daughter, Margo in November 1997. He still teaches English at the Frankfurt International School in Germany and intends to stay there awhile longer. He had the opportunity to accompany students on trips to Austria and Switzerland and was able to spend two weeks in Westminster this summer visiting friends and friends. During his visit he took time to see the new music and science facilities at WMC, “a plus for our alma mater,” he writes.

Nags Head, N.C., was the scene of the sixth annual summer vacation for **Andy '87** and **Estelle Almogela Stefanelli**, **Andy '85** and **Sue Maywalk '87 Williams**, **Tom and Liz Stern '85 Flaherty** and **Pete Wilson '87**. Estelle and Andy keep busy with Carly, 7, Drew, 6, and Perry, 4. Estelle is a tax manager for Steuart Investment Company in Chevy Chase, Md.

Andrew and Abbie Hume Stump are doing great in West Chester, Pa. He is head of the commercial loan division for Malvern Federal Savings Bank in Paoli, Pa., (hence the aforementioned newspaper ad from **Jennifer Provost Moulder**). Abbie quit her job to spend more time with their kids Drew, 7, and Holly, 5. They hoped to get to a few Green Terror home football games this fall.

“Living in Maine for five years can make a person less critical of weather anywhere else,” writes **Judy Knott Sullivan** about their move to Michigan. She works for Tecumseh Public Schools as a Help One Student to Succeed coordinator. They bring in volunteers from the community to tutor second and third graders who are having trouble reading. Judy also keeps busy designing sets, lights and props for productions by the Tecumseh Players. Her daughters Casey, 13, and Cheley, 10, are maturing into fine young ladies and keep themselves busy with dance, oboe, trumpet and theater. Judy and a friend have started a theatre program after school for fourth and fifth graders at the Tecumseh Civic Auditorium, where her husband Paul is executive director. She hopes to see **Laura King King** and any other “theatre addicts” of the late '80s at the 2001 reunion.

Joe Thomas and wife **Leslie** just returned from their sixth visit to Jamaica. “It was not a track recruiting trip as some may suspect,” he defends. They recently celebrated the birth of son Joseph Jay. Joe teaches at Long Reach High School in Columbia and also coaches track. His girls won the

state championship for the second year in a row.

A “little slizzer” named Jenna Irene joined the **Gary Tolin** household in March. “Even though big sister Julia, 12, loves to sumo wrestle her, little sister Jenna is holding her own,” he writes. He and wife Cindy live in Trumbull, Conn.

Listen very closely to the radio the next time it snows. The voice you hear may be our very own **Fran Ward**. She is now a media rep/special events planner at Maryland's State Highway Administration. She is finishing her final year as the president of the Women in Transportation Seminar and beginning a term as a director on the WMC Alumni Council. She saw **Dee Kennedy '85**, **Sandra Michener Lazar '85** and **Lisa Peltan '85** at **Helen Potter Curry's '85** wedding. Fran has mastered a single salchow in skating. Her recent travels have taken her to San Diego, Chicago, the Jersey shore and Virginia Beach.

The **Webers** are enjoying life in wonderful Middletown, Va. **Tod** is still with Overnite Transportation, “making the wheels turn” for the truckload division of the company. **Joey Colliflower** is still freelancing, primarily with the Virginia Council for Private Education. She also teaches cardio kickboxing and is training for a Y2K black belt exam in taekwon do. (I've seen this woman at work breaking a board in half. She's gooooooed.) **Joey** keeps her schedule flexible so she and the girls—Mandi, who is in second grade, and Sami, who is in kindergarten—can have fun together.

Dwain Woodley and his wife are busy with their children Justin and Christina in sunny San Diego, Calif., where Dwain is a senior staff attorney for the San Diego public defender's office.

How would you like to have your mom work at your school? **Susan Richardson Yurcinis** is the nurse at her kids' school and loves having the summer and holidays off with Erika, 8, and Kyle, 6. **Hoshand Glen '94** continues to work with his brothers **Joe '80** and **David '83** in the Kirby vacuum business. They also occasionally see sister **Pam Yurcinis Donahower '85**, who is working as a drug representative. The Yurcinis vacationed with **Joe '85** and **Ronna Lolli '85** Czubioz and their two kids, Alyssa, 9, and Joey, 5.

Linda Strandberg Morrison and husband Dan welcomed Mary Elizabeth to their family in January 1998. Linda enjoys staying home full time, and they are active in their church. They enjoyed vacations to Rehoboth Beach this fall.

Mr. Microsoft, Kevin Wueste, still loves his work at One Microsoft off but plans to retire this year (Please tell me you're kidding, Kevin!). I barely have a retirement plan going! “Miss those days when the world was so much more simple,” he writes. Have you seen Bill's humble abode yet, Kevin?

Yet another busy year for the **Brentons**. **George '85** and I are happy to report that our home is finally finished. The second floor was added this spring, and it's fabulous. No more ren-

ovating for a while. George works hard running our lighting business from home, and I am his trusty sidekick. I also put in some part-time hours at good ole WMC as a reunion consultant in the Reunion Programs office. I'm helping promote and plan the new Reunion Weekend concept coming our way next spring. It is very exciting and I can't wait for every alum to experience it—it will definitely be a winner! We keep busy with lots of WMC alumni and our families and are still active at the college on the Alumni Council. We are also active at our church, Grace Bible, in Manchester, Md., and are the treasurers for the preschool/kindergarten there.

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

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1991

As always, it was great to hear from everyone. Just a reminder, we can't print births or marriages until they actually happen. The Class of '91 sure has been busy.

Stacy Hermann Austensen writes from Me. Airy, Md., that life is awesome. She and husband **Blake '88** are busy 24/7 with twins Zachary and Jacob. Stacy reports that she has given up her job to be a stay-at-home mom and has no regrets.

Another busy mommy, **Lori Perugini DeMatto** still finds time to travel often from New Jersey to Maryland and to go sailing with husband **Dennis '87** on the *Sassafas*. Their daughter **Kelsey** was born in April 1998.

Matt Cancelloni is in the West Chester, Pa., area working for Genetech Biotech Inc. selling genetically engineered pharmaceuticals. Calling all wayward Sig Eps! **Paul Bornysek** hopes to see you at Homecoming this year. He writes from Baltimore that he is self-employed as a real estate appraiser.

When not out running, horseback riding, climbing or traveling, **Deanna Daley** works as an oracle DBA contracting to Bell Atlantic.

Melanie Tull Conley was preparing to face a new challenge, teaching first graders after seven years of teaching second graders. She spent the summer hanging out with daughter Emily, 3. **Drista Henry Bowser** and husband **Steve '89** are busy with their girls, Lyla, 3, and Hayley, 6 months. Steve is an information systems specialist for Carroll County Public Schools, while Drista teaches seventh grade math at New Windsor Middle School.

A big “hi” to everyone from **Kate Covell**. She is a certified public accountant at Reznick, Fedder and Silverman in Bethesda, Md.

Jim Kaufman is a health finance policy analyst for John Hopkins Medicine, representing Hopkins before the Maryland General Assembly, Baltimore City Council and relevant government agencies. Jim and his wife Jennifer live in Bel Air, Md., with their son Alex, 2.

Kim Hildebrand attended a reception

in San Francisco in June for College President Bob Chambers and met grads from many years. She is a midwife/nurse practitioner and has organized a group of volunteers to open a free women's health clinic. She enjoys mountain biking and working with clay.

Hard at work at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in Annapolis, **Renee Raborg Karrh** helps coordinate monitoring and analyzing data related to Maryland's efforts to understand *pfiesteria* outbreaks. (It's an organism that kills fish in the lower Eastern Shore.) She and husband **Lee** celebrated their fifth anniversary in October 1998.

Julie Baile Brown still loves her job managing the Biblot store in Pikesville, Md. She and **Bob '90** adopted three cats.

Fairbanks, Alaska, is now home to **Kris Loveland Hartlaub** and family: **John '90**, Alicia, 10, Heather, 8, and Brandon, 4. John is stationed at Ft. Wainwright, and Kris tutors and works part time at a preschool. They often see moose, arctic hare, arctic fox, ptarmigan and tons of mosquitoes, but have not seen a bear yet. Kris' latest hobby is quilting.

Patricia Krueger Cornell's son **Matthew** celebrated his first birthday. She and her husband **Michael** continue to reside in northern New Jersey where she is a manager of national programs for Chubb Computer Services.

Renee Raborg Karrh '91 has been helping the Maryland Department of Natural Resources understand *pfiesteria* outbreaks that have killed fish on the lower Eastern Shore.

Ijamsville, Md., is now home to **Allison 'Lamb' Coffey** and husband Greg. They also have a new child, Mitchell, born in January 1998. Lamb works part time as a software specialist for restaurant computers. She attended **Amy Fowler's** wedding last summer to **Rick Granato '90** with **Jen Carroll** and **Amy Kautz**.

Sylvia Hadermann Konkel still works for a print and mailing production company and is working on a master's degree. She lives in a 1850s log cabin that she and husband **Chris** have been restoring. In addition to two children (Nicole, 3, and John, 2), they have two horses, two dogs and 10 cats. Look for them eating ice cream at Hoffman's on Sunday evenings.

Philly Phipps Curroto has an MBA with a concentration in management and works for a training and consulting business in Maryland.

Jill Carter Brookhart in Elliptic City, Md., is busy staying at home with three children: Samantha, 4, Shane, 2, and Bryce, 1. She still teaches aerobics on the side.

Any regular readers of *The New Yorker* may have noticed **Chris Covelli's** name in the November 30 Talk of the Town section. The article focused in part on Chris' appearance at the Marshalls Women in Comedy Festival in New York. She has performed with Gilbert Gottfried, Anthony Clark and Darrell Hammond of "Saturday Night Live." Chris resides in Chicago where she sees **Sue Lange '89**.

Tina Fleming is a marketing director for Estimation, Inc., a computer software company. She took a two-week vacation to Europe where she visited Amsterdam, Paris, Cannes, Venice and Zurich. Her boyfriend not only surprised her with the trip, but he proposed to her in Paris.

Josette Selover Goodroe retired from driving a UPS truck and now applies the drinking knowledge she learned at WMC to the bar/restaurant she and husband Jim purchased last March.

Nona Green is approaching her fifth year of employment at Villa Maria School as a psychotherapist for emotionally handicapped children and adolescents. In January she had the pleasure of seeing **Melanie Tull Conley** and her beautiful daughter Emily, **Mel D'Amore** and Carolyn at Christiana Mall. In Nona's free time she goes swing and ballroom dancing.

Wendy Skidmore Harris is a commodity manager for Intel Corporation, working part time. In August 1998, she and husband Steve gave birth to a beautiful little girl, Kylie Michelle. Kylie is amazing and the light of their lives. Wendy boasts that life is wonderful in sunny Arizona.

Carolyn 'Cubbie' Dahl Ingraham's daughter Alli turned 2 on May 1. Cubbie is still a health and physical education teacher at a private school in Norfolk, Va. In her spare time she coaches girls' basketball and is an athletic trainer. She and husband Duke were having a new home built in Virginia Beach that was due to be completed in September. Duke is out of the Navy and working for NALCO Chemical Corp.

Elizabeth Parker Klees was married Oct. 4, 1997 to Donald P. Klees. **Dave Britt** and **Michela Patterson** attended the wedding. Beth and her husband then moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., where they were assistant buyers for Borders, Inc. However, they decided to leave the cold and return home to Maryland. They now live in Silver Spring.

Bonnie Grouch moved from a junior varsity coach to the varsity girls' soccer coach at Francis Scott Key.

I, **Melanie D'Amore**, am still teaching high school English at the Katzenbach School for the Deaf in New Jersey. I enjoy trips on occasion to Christiana, Del., to catch up in person and to reminisce with **Carolyn Moller**,

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1996

Greetings to everyone, and thanks to all who responded to my postcards. It's been a busy year for the Class of '96, especially in the marriage arena. Many of you informed me about wedding plans for the upcoming year; please write back after the honeymoon. I can publish the happy news then!

Kathy Gaston Bihari married Haverford College graduate Jonathan Bihari on June 20. The ceremony and reception were held at Overhills Mansion in Catonsville, Md. The two met at the University of Virginia as math graduate students. Kathy is now working on her Ph.D. in applied math at North Carolina State University; and Jonathan is at Duke University also working on a math Ph.D. They are enjoying life as newweds with their two kittens, Spot and Spanky.

Michelle Crespo Althurn purchased a townhouse in Frederick, Md., last year with new husband **Aaron Althurn '97** and their crazy dog Aristotle. They were married on May 29 in Little Baker Chapel by Dr. Ira Zopp '92. They enjoy (ha!) making their daily commute to Bethesda, Md., where Aaron works as a senior research analyst for a real estate market research company, and Michelle is a project coordinator and researcher for a government contractor.

Elizabeth Oliver was promoted to account executive in December by IMRE & Associates, a Baltimore-based public relations firm. She has worked for them since 1997.

Westminster resident **Julie Cox**, a biology teacher at Francis Scott Key High School, was the Carroll County recipient of the Sallie Mae First-Year Teacher Award for the 1998-99 school year. Julie also coached outdoor track and field, and she will be adding indoor track to her duties.

Fellow teacher and coach **Sarah Ensor** handles chemistry at Westminster High School and leads the cross-country and indoor/outdoor track teams. She bought a house in Carroll County and plans to complete her master's in education at WMC in the fall of 2000.

Cara Dito is the senior counselor at SARC, a private non-profit domestic violence and sexual assault center in Bel Air, Md. She lives in Lutherville with friends and was planning a trip to Cornwall and London, England, in October.

Jennifer Evans planned to work full time this fall as a special education teacher at Liberty High School in Maryland. She was looking forward to the new experience and says it will be great to be able to bike to work.

Since graduation, the Army has taken **Aune Fuller** to countless places, including a year in Korea and two trips to Bosnia. She gained her EMT certification and will apply to physician's assistant school this winter. Aune is stationed at Ft. Meade, Md., and hopes to remain in the States.

Deanne Lyon moved to northern Virginia last November and has been teaching in Fairfax County for almost two years. She works in alternative education with juvenile offenders and teenage boys on probation.

Joe Crossney works for Bell Atlantic as a project manager in Silver Spring, Md. He joined the Cattail Creek Country Club and has been playing plenty of golf there. Also an avid golfer, **Christopher Lee** has been working for Borsky and Graham, an accounting firm in Bethesda, Md. He lives in Germantown and says that all is well.

Baltimore resident **Bobbi Boney** works at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in the neurobehavioral unit. She is a clinical specialist and provides therapy for a child with severe behavior disorders. The position offers a great opportunity to work with case managers who specialize in the field of applied behavior analysis.

Karen Beamer graduated from law school and took the Pennsylvania bar exam in July. September marked the start of her new job as an attorney practicing tax consulting with Ernst & Young, LLP. She resides in New Cumberland, Pa.

Darcel Harris '96

launched her own tutoring and mentoring business.

After receiving her master's in reading in May, **Darcel Harris** launched her own business in Westminster. We Can Help will provide tutoring and mentor program resources.

Emily Fleming teaches fifth grade at Mt. Airy Elementary. She lives in Owings Mills, Md., with roommate **Karen Alexander**. Karen is working at a physical therapy office and studying massage therapy.

Andy Dziengieski moved to California after graduation. He is a regional sales manager for an engineering and manufacturing company named CUROCO. Living in San Luis Obispo, a small town about 10 minutes from the ocean, Andy loves the surfing and the proximity to over 200 local wineries. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in the Army National Guard in 1998 and was on flood relief duty for a week last February when Monterey County felt the brunt of "El Niño."

Natalie Groff accepted a position in January with a furniture importer. She lives in North Carolina and has been keeping very busy.

In August of last year **Chiera Berlingo** earned her master's in library science from Simmons College in Boston. She is the technical services librarian at Rowland Institute for Science in Cambridge, Mass.

Larissa Blevins is living and teaching in Indiana after moving there this summer. She keeps in touch with **Susan Foreman**, who is a special education teacher at Johnnycake Elementary in Baltimore County. She is a new resident of Elliptic City, Md., and would love to hear from anyone nearby.

Barry Blauvelt has been living in his hometown of Wallington, N.J. He just completed his first year as head coach of the varsity girls' lacrosse team at Immaculate Heart Academy. In September he was to start as a physical education teacher at Lodi High School in New Jersey.

North Carroll High School selected **Amy Eggers** as the new women's lacrosse coach this summer.

Mary Elizabeth Walsh received her master's degree in international development from American University in 1998. She is working in Washington for Chemonics International, an international development consulting firm.

Anne Larson Brakeman married Robert Brakeman on July 17 in Connecticut. Among the guests were **Denise Sarver**, **Amy Luebschman**, **Emily Firor**, **Callie Thompson**, **Kristine Crocker** and **Jason DeVito**. Anne teaches first grade in Fairfield, Conn.

Wedding bells also rang for **Joshua Foster** and **Jodie Miller Foster '98**. The couple was married on July 3 in Lake Placid, N.Y. Several alumni were in attendance, including groomsmen **Mark Newman '97** and **Josh Wilson '97** and bridesmaids **Michelle Quigley '99**, **Lisa Chesno Farley '99** and **Julie Brown '99**. **Nate Smith '97** provided music on guitar. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Maine and Nova Scotia.

This fall Josh is working at WMC with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Jodie hopes to attend a graduate program for clinical psychology next year.

John Patrick Brayer became a Maryland state trooper in 1998 and now resides in Howard County, Md.

I bought a townhouse in Herndon, Va., where I continue to work for MedSurf Industries as a senior data analyst.

Thanks again for those of you who wrote back, and I hope to hear from many others in the upcoming months. Feel free to write whenever you have news that you wish to share and encourage anyone you stay in touch with to contact me as well. Enjoy the rest of 1999!

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Homecoming 1999

Homecoming, Oct. 23, meant brisk winds, hot chocolate and revving up the team spirit just to stay warm. Clockwise, senior quarterback Ron Sermarini drives the defeat of Franklin & Marshall, 19-0; President Robert Chambers honors freshmen Tara Webb and Jamin Bartolomeo of the Homecoming Court; senior Richard Tillman shows his true colors; Alumnus of the Year Ira Zepp '52 and Alumni Association President Kathy Rittler '68; women's field hockey wins 2-1 in a shootout against Hopkins.



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Coming Out of the Closet

Of all the folks who could have had the final word in the final *Hill* of the 1900s, who would have thought that Editor Joyce Muller would pick me? I suppose I have Ralph John to thank for it.

Ralph was WMC's president when I arrived on "the Hill" in August of 1973. He shook my hand and said words to the effect, "Welcome to Western Maryland. You'll have a new building in five years."

Neither of us was aware that the only new building in my immediate future would be the 100-year-old house that my wife Chris and I bought in Frizzellburg, near the old Mencken place.

It's fitting that our house was near a Mencken house, with H.L.'s history as a commentator on the Scopes trial and with my own future as professor of evolution. Isabel Royer was department chair at the time. It was Isabel who installed me that August in my first office, a closet in the old Lewis Recitation Hall.

H.P. Sturdivant had hired me to replace him upon his retirement. I joined Isabel, Jean Kerschner, Mike Brown, Sam Alspach and Mary Lee Schmall. H.P. gave me a present when I arrived—E.B. Wilson's collecting kit. Wilson was a turn-of-the-century biologist whose book "The Cell in Development and Inheritance" established a new field for the 20th century. Wilson is frequently known as the "Father of Cell Biology." I still have the kit, and I later became WMC's first professor of cell biology.

My research lab was the closet across the hall from the office/closet. A rickety old table with a striking pink Formica top served as the lab bench. The thing should have been somebody's breakfast table back in the 1950s—it probably was. The first paper to come out of that closet was one I co-authored with one of my students, Nancy Asmusen '77. She's now Nancy Speck, a distinguished professor at the Dartmouth Medical School. Dartmouth gave me my Ph.D., then sent me here to teach Nancy, whom I then sent back to teach their students. What goes around comes around.



Oh, the students! They were my pupils, my colleagues and my friends. They've been a constant source of support for me and for this lovely institution. There were John Reynolds '74, himself a professor; Sherri Wensel '78 (now Bowers), a master teacher; Glenn Wasserman '77, a gentle, selfless scholar; Bob Dean '94, a tireless wonder; and a host of others. Day and night, they were the genuine inhabitants of Lewis Recitation Hall.

Speaking of Lewis, you can see a constriction in the hallway when you look out from that old closet. A locked door once closed it, I'm told, to separate the men from the women. Men had classes on one side, women on the other. The door, but not the constriction, was long gone by the time Ralph and I shook hands. "New Lewis," the Lewis Hall of Science, has no such constriction. I moved there when Jean and Isabel retired. We hired Louise Paquin and Esther Iglich then, but I had seniority over both, so I got to pick a new office.

That's where I was when former students began to feed back on me. First, Dave Kline '79 enticed me into a multimillion-dollar effort devising methods to use com-

puters for teaching science. Also, we invented ways for training teachers to prepare their own teaching software, and we provided them with necessary equipment and support. Much of today's commercial teaching software has an eerie familiarity to it—we were the first.

Then Nancy Speck steered me into a project using insertional mutagenesis and stem cell technology to probe the genome of zebra fish. This was in collaboration with a group at MIT. We made the first germ line chimeras, genetically engineered fish with multiple parents (not just two) who could pass on engineered traits to their offspring.

The Biology department's reputation grew over the years, bringing us to the point where we needed to expand, both with new building construction and in staff. We hired two more faculty members, Ralene Mitschler and Randy Morrison. Randy now teaches cell biology, allowing me to return after a lapse of 20 years to teaching freshmen.

I teach a freshman seminar class now. Each freshman must take one of these. They show up several days early for the fall semester, and the first class meeting happens the week before most of our classes begin. So, I had the honor to teach the first class offered in our magnificent new science center.

Which brings me back to Ralph, and to Joyce. Joyce probably chose me because of that first class. I couldn't have taught it had a new building been constructed when Ralph originally intended. Thanks, Ralph.

Professor of Biology Bill Long has contributed untold knowledge to the field of fish embryology and has been a forerunner in using computer modeling technology in the classroom. He is currently enjoying his new office and spacious lab in the new Science Center, complete with aquariums full of baby seaborers.



WE'VE GOT SPIRIT. YES, WE DO.

The WMC Pom Dance Squad and SGA President Matt Gribbin '00 rode their Westminster Fall Fest float straight to third prize in this October's parade.

HILL HAPPENINGS

FEBRUARY

13 *Chamber Music on the Hill* presents "Going for Baroque," McDaniel Lounge, 3 p.m.

22 *Chopin's Birthday Concert*, Levine Hall, 7 p.m.

25, 26, 27; March 2, 3, 4

Theatre: Gabriel Garcia Lorca's "The House of Bernarda Alba," Alumni Hall, 8 p.m.

MARCH

4 *Monday Night Music* presents "Stuff Like That There," McDaniel Lounge, 7 p.m.

25 *Monday Night Music on Saturday* presents "A Ragtime Concert," Alumni Hall, 7 p.m.

26 *Chamber Music on the Hill* presents "French Musical Cuisine for Every Taste," Great Hall of Carroll Community College, 7 p.m.

27 *Senior Recital* by Chris Bunn, Levine Hall, 7 p.m.

APRIL

2 *College Choir Concert*, Washington Cathedral, 10:30 a.m.

4 *The Evelyn MacKenzie Performance Series* presents a concert by Coral Cantigas, McDaniel Lounge, 7 p.m.

7 *Anne Arundel County Alumni Chapter meeting*

13-23

Alumni Tour of Holland and Belgium

14-15 *Board of Trustees Meeting*

15 *Spring Fling*

16 *Spring Awards Ceremony*, McDaniel Lounge, 4 p.m.

17 *Monday Night Music* presents "More Stuff Like That There," McDaniel Lounge, 7 p.m.

18 *The Yale Gordon Residency Program* presents pianist Inna Faliks, McDaniel Lounge, 7 p.m.

21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29

Theatre: Peter Weiss's "Marat/Sade," Alumni Hall, 8 p.m.

22 *Alumni Council Meeting*

24 *Brass Music Ensembles*, Baker Chapel, 7 p.m.

25 *An Evening of Madrigals*, Baker Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

26 *Gospel Choir Concert*, Baker Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

27 *WMC Show Choir*, Baker Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

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Reunion 2000 Weekend. Class reunions for 1915, '20, '25, '30, '35, '40, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90 and '95.

30 *Senior Investiture and Honors Convocation*, Baker Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m.

Music Theatre/Opera Workshop, Alumni Hall Studio Theatre, 8 p.m.

For more information on art, music and theatre events, call 410/857-2599.

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FIRST-PLACE FINISH

The women's cross country team vaulted from eighth place a year ago to capture the first league title in school history, male or female, at the seventh annual Centennial Conference championships Oct. 30 at Gettysburg College.

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FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Football (10-0)

For the third straight year, WMC won the Centennial Conference title, went unbeaten in the regular season and earned an NCAA playoff berth. The sixth-ranked Terror beat no. 10 Catholic in the first round, 20-16, and lost by the same score to no. 2 Trinity in the second round. The team was ranked in the top 10 all year.

Cross Country

(women first, men 9th)

Sophomore Jill Krebs won the silver medal as the WMC women jumped from eighth place in 1998 to win their first Centennial Conference title in a stunning, one-point upset over defending champ Dickinson. Krebs went on to take sixth place at the NCAA Mid-east Regionals and became the school's first cross country All-American by finishing 35th at the NCAA Division III Championships.

Volleyball (21-10)

The Green Terror shocked nationally ranked Franklin & Marshall to grab a share of the Centennial Conference title, its first since 1994, in a three-way tie with F&M and Gettysburg.

Women's Soccer (11-5)

Senior Beth Blasi, the conference Player of the Year, led WMC to a school-record 10 straight wins before it fell to Gettysburg in a season-ending title showdown.

Men's Soccer (9-8)

WMC won the Wesley Invitational title on the way to its first winning season since 1992.

Field Hockey (5-11)

A last-place team in 1998, they climbed out of the league cellar with dramatic late-season upsets over Johns Hopkins (in overtime) and F&M (in a shootout).

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LOREN POPE

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WELL-KEPT SECRET

In "Colleges That Change Lives," writer and college counselor Loren Pope named Western Maryland one of 40 schools that outdo the Ivies in producing winning students. Read more about his philosophy on what it takes to make the grade on p. 20.

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Cover

Latent print expert Michael Jones '77 has been fingering suspects for the Baltimore City Police Department for nearly 21 years. Read more about his part in fighting crime in this issue's cover story on p. 8.

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From The Hill

Campaign Near Defining Moment

Total gifts in the Defining Moment Campaign have surpassed the \$36.4 million mark on the way to meeting the \$40 million goal, announced National Chair Martin K.P. Hill. He credited the leadership efforts of the members of the Campaign Cabinet, the Annual Fund Committee and the Founders Committee for this benchmark.

The effects of the Campaign have already been seen on campus with the ongoing construction of the science building, scheduled for dedication in October, and the renovation of Hill Hall (formerly Memorial Hall) early in the Campaign, providing new classrooms, lecture halls and faculty offices for the WMC community.

Generosity has also been seen in the dramatic growth of the Annual Fund, which set a record in 1997-98 of \$1.272 million, and a number of new scholarships to help worthy students.

Campaign leadership was also successful in encouraging gifts to the Kresge Challenge for the science center (see p. 24). "The college earned the \$600,000 Kresge Challenge grant due to the extraordinary generosity of hundreds of alumni who value the college and the critical role science will

FACTS THAT WON'T FIT

We asked our cover story crime solvers, "Who is your favorite detective?" Here's what they said: • Latent print expert Michael Jones '77: "I don't have a favorite detective, but my favorite show is 'Law and Order' because you get to see the two sides of it." • FBI agent Mary Beth Kepner '88: "Columbo. I like his manner in dealing with people and his ability to act dumb and be really smart. He had a way to get information." • Forensic chemist Bryan Geer '86: "Quincy Jones, M.D., is most like me. He was a medical examiner, but he would take the scientific evidence and solve crimes." • FBI agent John Kintzing '70: "Eliot Ness and 'The Untouchables.' I grew up with that. He was a treasury agent, but people think he was FBI. He put away Al Capone."

play in the next century," Hill said. "Our students will be prepared to lead the way in scientific exploration with the new laboratory facilities and excellent faculty."

Acknowledging the leadership roles of College President Robert H. Chambers and

Board of Trustees Chair James I. Melhorn in the current success of the Campaign, Hill stressed the importance of the upcoming regional campaign efforts in Florida and California, and the continuation of the New York City focus in the next six months.

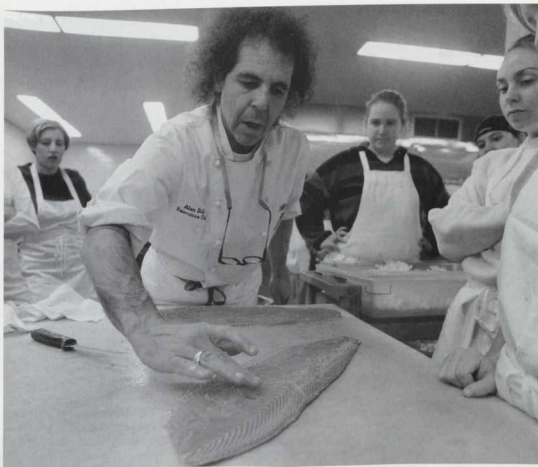
"While we have made great progress, we still have over \$4 million to raise in order to meet our ambitious goal," Hill said. "These funds include a significant amount for the state-of-the-art science building. We also have to work hard to reach a new Annual Fund record of \$1.3 million by June 30, 1999. Since Western Maryland's endowment is significantly smaller compared to our sister colleges, the Annual Fund must provide the support for ongoing operations each year."

The Campaign is an opportunity to create a "Defining Moment" in the history of the college, Hill said. "Everyone will be asked to support this historic Campaign. I hope that our loyal and generous alumni and friends will step forward when asked so Western Maryland can meet the educational needs of our students well into the 21st century." •

An October dedication is set for the new science center taking shape on "the Hill."



G. ADRI FOLEY



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Students got in the kitchen with Alan Dolid, director of dining services, for a Jan Term cooking class. He and his staff have been spicing up the dining experience with some new culinary programs.

A Taste of Home

It certainly wasn't mom's kitchen, but sophomore Matt Wilson still enjoyed his favorite dessert in the Western Maryland College dining hall. Just a few days after arriving on campus, the transfer student from Hagerstown sliced into a piece of yellow cake topped with his mom's luscious pistachio pudding icing. So did hundreds of his fellow students.

Later in the fall semester they also tried and gave overwhelming culinary approval to a spaghetti casserole from freshman Michael Yestramski's mother.

"I work at an elementary school, and they love it, too," said Yestramski's mom, Loreta. "I don't know what the secret is. It has hamburger, onion, green peppers and cheese simmered together. It's always a big hit."

Both dishes were part of "A Taste of Home," just one of

several menu changes instituted by Director of Dining Services Alan Dolid to make meal time more palatable for students.

A mail campaign invited parents to submit favorite home recipes, and Dolid and the Englar Dining Hall staff whipped them up to serve en masse. A sign on the buffet line highlights the dish and who's mom deserves the credit. After dinner, the sign is mailed home along with a thank-you note.

"It's a real popular feature with the students," Dolid said. "We've been able to put out a lot of wonderful dishes." Several recipes, like the casserole from Yestramski, were such a hit that they have become part of the regular menu.

Along with sampling mom's down-home best, students can make reservations for the monthly "Adventures in Dining" program, which takes them out of the cafeteria for fare reserved for posh, five-star restaurants.

The fancy meal—complete with formal place settings,

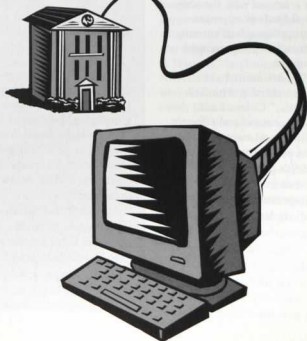
glassware and folded napkins—is not only a chance for Dolid, a trained executive chef, and his talented staff to show off their culinary skills, but to expose students to fine dining they might encounter during a post-college job interview.

"We don't want them to sit down and be at a loss because there's no pizza on the menu," Dolid said.

An average of 50 students each month

Making the Connection

Western Maryland College received a grant from Bell Atlantic-Maryland, Inc. to help bolster writing skills for first-year students. The three-year \$75,000 grant will help connect freshmen residence halls to the computer-based Writing Center, giving students 24-hour access to the center



Hill People

From new books to new sculpture, WMC faculty are making news.

and a greater opportunity to take advantage of its on-line resources.

"First-year students don't always have time to use the Writing Center during its daytime hours of operation," said Academic Dean and Provost Joan Develin Coley. "With this network, we are giving them the chance to use it at their convenience for as long as they want."

Students are required to pass a writing competence exam before graduating. The Writing Center, developed in 1984 to supplement classroom and individual instruction in writing, is the most heavily used of the college's seven computer labs. However, due to limitations of the residence hall telephone lines and modems, its resources are only available on-site and are limited to its 19 computers.

The grant will cover one-third of the cost of installing connections for each student in Rouzer and Whiteford halls, the first-year male and female residences, as well as costs of routers and other network hardware. WMC will match the grant and raise the additional funds from private sources through its current \$40 million comprehensive campaign.

"We are excited about our partnership with Bell Atlantic," Coley added. "Clear, correct and effective writing is an essential component of our total curriculum, and this proposal will greatly assist us in our commitment to improving the writing skills of all students." •

Gregory Alles, associate professor of philosophy and religion, is the associate editor of "The Encyclopedia of World Religions," a Facts on File, Inc. book published by Book Builders Incorporated to help middle school students learn more about the world's religions.

Ronald Hamowy joins WMC as its new College Fellow. He has taught at University of Alberta, Brooklyn College, Stanford University and Simon Fraser University, and has written extensively on U.S. contemporary public policy. He will continue his research on political and economic theory in 18th-century England.



Joel Macht

Joel Macht, professor of education, authored "Special Education's Failed System: A Question of Eligibility," a new book by Greenwood Press that details four years of research on how to make special education more effective and student-friendly.

As part of their 50th anniversary celebration, Baltimore City Community College installed a sculpture by



Wasył Palijczuk

Wasył Palijczuk, professor of art and art history, this fall. The bronze sundial mounted on 1.5 tons of jet black African granite took more than six months to complete and pays tribute to each of the four names the junior college has used since its founding in 1947.

Professor of Chemistry **Rick Smith** will receive a Distinguished Alumni Award from Washington College at their commencement, sharing the podium with James Watson (of Watson and Crick DNA fame), who will be given an honorary degree this spring.

Elizabeth Van den Berg, assistant professor of theatre and production, coached dialects this winter for "Holiday Memories" at the Olney Theatre in Olney, Md., and Theatre on the Hill's "Christmas Carol." Now she's working with actress Sherri Edelen for a production of Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Tell Me On A Sunday" at the Signature Theatre in Arlington, Va. She led a workshop entitled "The Working Actor" at the American College Theatre Festival at Juniata College in January.

The American Psychological Association presented **McCay Vernon**, professor of psychology and director of the Western Maryland College Institute on Hearing Impairment emeritus, with the Stewart Award last summer for "lifetime contributions to psychology and deafness." He was noted as the field's most prolific scholar and one of its most influential pioneers at the presentation.

"The New Religious Image of Urban America: Shopping Mall as Ceremonial Center" by **Ira Zepp**, professor of religious studies emeritus, has been reprinted with an additional chapter on ballparks and airports. His "Search for the Beloved Community: The Thinking of Martin Luther King, Jr." was also reprinted with a new preface and special introduction by King scholar Lewis Baldwin of Vanderbilt University. Zepp was also honored with the Distinguished



Elizabeth Van den Berg

Alumnus Award from the Ecumenical Institute of St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, where he received his Ph.D. in 1971. •

Andrey the Giant

Panting for breath, dripping with sweat, he looked up to find himself down by a point with no time left on the clock.

"We keep going?" he pleaded in Russian-accented English.

No, came the dreaded reply.

Fuming and fiery-eyed, he stalked out of the gym and muttered long and loud before bowing to the grim reality. Thirty badminton class was over.

It takes a special sort of psyche to treat a two-credit badminton course as a date with destiny. Meet Andrey Brenner, former wrestling champion back in Ukraine, possible NCAA champion at his new home, Western Maryland College. Not your average, everyday, hey-dude sort of undergrad.

The night before, on Feb. 2, he'd tossed around a Johns Hopkins wrestler like a doggy chew-toy, running his record to 23-3 with 12 pins and leading Western Maryland to a 48-0 romp. The Green Terror won its 13th straight Centennial Conference meet and wrapped up its second straight league dual-meet title.

Brenner, a four-time Ukrainian junior national champion as a teenager, is now "The Man" at Western Maryland, and not just because he'll turn 25 in June. After winning the conference tournament Feb. 20, he carried his No. 1 national ranking at 165 pounds into the NCAA Division III championships. A victory there would make him the first Green Terror wrestler to win a national title and only the fourth WMC athlete to capture an NCAA crown in any sport.

As a freshman last year, Brenner won the conference 150-pound title, helped Western Maryland win its first league crown since 1970 and became only the fourth man in school history to wrestle in the NCAA championships. This season he's beaten opponents from Maryland, Syracuse, Lehigh, Penn, Old Dominion and other big-time programs.

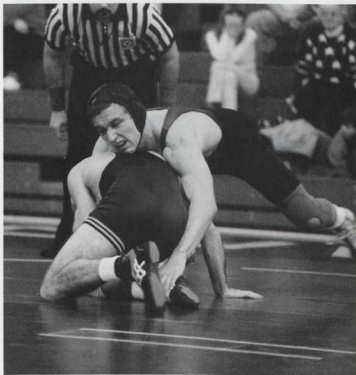
His toughest, nastiest opponent? The one foe he couldn't pin down with a Russian 2-on-1 or a cross-body ride. The English language.

"It was horrible in the beginning when we came to America," recalled Brenner, who left the economic chaos of Ukraine in July 1995 with his mother, sister and stepfather. "You don't understand anybody, and nobody can understand you. You feel stupid. You can't call anyone on the phone. You can't ask directions. You can't even go grocery shopping.

"I'd say in about four months I started to communicate on some level. I used tapes, I used books, I used dictionary. I took some classes at a community college."

The Brenners arrived in Baltimore, where relatives of theirs had settled three years earlier, and in time moved out to Reisterstown, Md. Andrey was hardly a starry-eyed hayseed from the provinces, lunging at the American Dream. He'd wrestled in Germany, Hungary, Poland and Bulgaria. He was torn about leaving his hometown of Kherson, near Odessa.

"On the plane coming over," he recalled, "I was thinking of friends I'd left over there, and some relatives. It's hard to leave a place you've been your whole life.



U.S. OLYMPIAN JR.

"The America I had in mind came from movies. And the America you see in movies is downtown New York, Chicago, huge buildings, lights everywhere. But most of America doesn't look this way, right? Even downtown Baltimore doesn't look this way."

Downtown Baltimore can look downright bleak when you hit town with no English. Brenner's stepfather, a college physics professor back home, may as well have been a 10th-grade dropout in America. He was forced to work as a security guard at first.

"A couple months after we came here," Andrey remembered, "I was trying to figure out what can I do here. I went to a Jewish social agency, and the woman asked me what skills I have. I told her the truth, that I don't know how to do anything except wrestling."

Bingo! He'd uttered the

Ukraine-born Andrey Brenner has become a star Division III wrestler since coming to America.

magic word. The woman happened to be Sarah Case, daughter of Sam Case '63, former longtime wrestling coach at Western Maryland. Sarah referred Brenner to her father, who referred him to current coach John Lowe.

"It was out of question for me to go to school here," Andrey recalled. "I didn't even know how to say hello. I just worked out with the team, tried to help them with their technique. And it was good for me to try to communicate with the guys. They didn't understand what I said, but it was good practice for me."

As he struggled to learn English, Brenner worked in a

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—Mat Mathias '99

pawnshop for 10 months, then on a construction crew for two years.

"Around the spring of 1997, my assistant came up to me and said, 'Andrey's been talking about getting into college,'" said Lowe. "I said, 'Look, we're a long way from that.' His high-school transcript had to be *translated*. That was the first problem. We had to get someone who could understand the Cyrillic alphabet and find out what he'd taken. Then we found out he was smart. *Very smart.*"

Smart enough to apologize today for his 2.6 grade-point average as an exercise science major. He knows he's capable of better results.

"My first year, some teachers I couldn't understand at all," he said. "I still have a little trouble sometimes. It depends on their diction, on how fast they talk. And it still takes longer for me to get the reading material down. I have to translate a lot of the terms."

As his classroom skills have improved, so have his social skills. Wit needs language to reveal itself, and Brenner is gaining a reputation among teammates and classmates for his dry sense of humor.

Recently Lowe lectured his team on the difference between being mean wrestlers—vicious and dirty—and being tough ones. A few days later, after Brenner manhandled his unfortunate victim from Johns Hopkins, he strode off the mat and heard freshman teammate Vinny Pedalino crack, "That was *mean*, Andrey."

"No," said Brenner, a gleam in his eye, "that was *tough*." •

South for the Winners

It's December 1998. Final exams are looming. Classmates are cramming.

Meanwhile Tom Lapato is off to Disney World, and Mat Mathias is flying down to Monterrey, Mexico. Obviously a couple of party animals who care more about cool shades than good grades, right? Then explain Lapato's 4.0 GPA. Or Mathias' 3.5. Fact is, the Western Maryland seniors won two of the highest honors in college football last fall and headed south—textbooks in tow—to collect their rewards.

Lapato, a strong safety and mathematics major, was named Burger King Scholar Athlete of the Year for Division III, an award chosen by the American Football Coaches Association. He headed to Orlando for a national TV appearance on an awards show carried live by ESPN2 on Dec. 10.

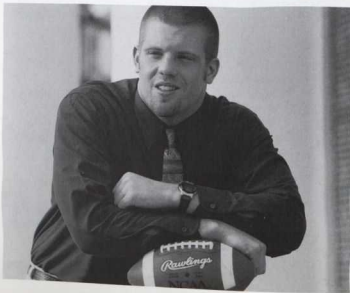
Mathias, a 6' 6", 260-pound offensive tackle, earned a coveted spot on the AFCA's first-team all-America squad, the

nation's premier small-college team. He spent a week in Monterrey preparing for the 27th annual Aztec Bowl, pitting the Division III All-Stars against the Mexican stars on Dec. 13. He was in for nearly every offensive play in a 40-13 U.S. victory.

During practice week the Americans went horseback riding, took in a locally famous waterfall and visited the Mexican Baseball Hall of Fame. Mathias was pleasantly surprised at his ability to haggle in Spanish with the sidewalk vendors. A not-so-pleasant surprise was the way the locals gawked at him wherever he went.

"All eyes were on us," he said. "It was very, very odd. In the U.S., people are used to seeing somebody my size. Down there, I'd come out of the hotel and a whole street full of people would stand there and stare at me."

Senior Mat Mathias turned heads on a trip to Mexico to play on the AFCA's all-American squad.



E.M. SWEENEY JR.

But even this football giant struggled to control his emotions when the pre-game pageantry began at the Estadio Universitario, the stadium at the University of Monterrey. "They had a big entrance with cheerleaders and bands and soldiers," he recalled. "It was a proud moment for all of us, seeing our flag flying in a foreign country and knowing we were there representing the U.S. It was an incredible feeling." •

Fast Friends

Jill Krebs had a 3.9 GPA in high school, yet calls herself "dumb." Of course, back in August at her first college cross-country practice, she did manage to get caught in a tree.

"The first day, we're out running in the park," she recalls. "All of a sudden, *bon-nyay*, there's this low branch in my face. I tried to duck around it, but I got tangled up in the leaves. I had to stop and get my hair unstuck."

Since then, rival runners have had Jill Krebs in their hair. Just two weeks after she was mugged by the tree, the Western Maryland freshman won her collegiate debut, topping a field of 56 runners at the Shepherd College Invitational. In her second race she won the Spartan Invitational at York College.

On Oct. 31 Krebs finished seventh in a field of 110 at the Centennial Conference championships, earning first-team all-league honors. Then on Nov. 14 she landed on the all-Mideast team by placing 17th among 278 runners at the NCAA Mideast Regional.

Krebs steamed right into indoor track season, breaking

Freshmen Jayne Karolow and Jill Krebs beat winning paths on the cross country team this fall.

the school record in the 3,000 meters, and she threatens to keep on smashing records in outdoor track this spring.

As the 1997 county champion out of South Carroll High, Krebs might have swaggered onto campus ready to take on the world, except that her hometown of New Windsor lies in farm country, and college competition seemed as daunting to her as the Olympics.

"Coach [Doug] Renner was telling me about all the people we had coming in," she remembers. "This girl was league champion. That girl did such-and-such a time. I was afraid I wouldn't even make the team. There I was, just a stupid little freshman. I was scared of the big kids."

Then she met her new teammates and realized there were no big kids. Fourteen of the 18 women on the roster were fellow freshmen. One of them, Jayne Karolow, turned out to be a kindred spirit with an identical high school 3.9 GPA and a similar penchant for misadventure.

"I walk into things a lot," confesses Karolow, a Bedford, Mass., native. "There's a pillar in the dining hall I keep banging into. One time I walked into it while I was eating an ice cream cone. What a mess."

Naturally, Krebs and Karolow became fast friends. On their daily runs through campus, they pick a favorite '80s tune and belt it out. Off key. At the top of their lungs.

They share the same closeness with the team, an unusually tight-knit group with a one-for-all philosophy. "I've been on teams where everybody was out for themselves," Krebs says. "Here we all cheer

each other on. It's not about my performance, my time."

With no pillars to stop her, Karolow finished a strong 23rd at the league cross-country championships, came in 38th in the Mideast Regional and broke the school indoor record in the 1,000 meters.

But these speedy friends share something more important than their love for fast times, the Bangles and Bananarama. They're both workaholics.

"I can't sit still," Krebs admits. "Even when I watch TV, I'm doing sit-ups. In 11th grade I had a stress fracture and ran on it. I didn't want to be a slacker. The doctor said not to run anymore, so I went to swim practice every day. It hurt so much I cried, but I didn't stop."

Karolow may top Krebs on the intensity meter. She took up running after trying com-



petitive figure skating, and right now she's taking 1940s-style swing-dancing lessons to fill up her 8.2 seconds of leisure time.

Even before her first race at Western Maryland, Karolow broke a school record by handing in a major term paper—on the second day of class.

"My teacher is like, 'What

the heck are you doing?'" she says. "My roommate's going, 'Are you crazy?!' My mother's e-mailing me all the time, telling me: 'Take it easy. Relax.'"

"Take it easy yourself, Mom. This champion won't stop until after the league track championships on May 1-2. Then, she can relax. ●

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE 1998 FALL SPORTS RESULTS

- Football (10-1): Won second straight Centennial Conference title and became first Centennial team to earn back-to-back NCAA playoff bids. Lost to Trinity (Texas) in first round of playoffs.
- Volleyball (18-15): Made four-team conference playoffs and turned in first winning season since 1994.
- Women's Soccer (10-8): Equaled team record for wins in a season.
- Men's Soccer (9-11): Turned in best mark since 1992.
- Field Hockey (6-12): Won five of seven overtime games.
- Cross-Country (women 8th, men 9th at league championships): Freshman Jill Krebs made first-team all-conference and all-Mideast.

For the latest game scores, call the Green Terror Sports Results Review at 410/857-2766, or visit the college's Sports Information Web site at www.wmdc.edu/HTMLpages/StuSer/Sports.

Crimebusters at Work

Stories from the Street

BY JESSICA GREGG MCNEW AND AMY PELSINSKY

It was a story I had heard before. Dedicated men and women hitting the streets, fighting for justice, locking up the bad guys behind bars. But this time it was different. This time there was something big behind it all.

These good guys were squeaky clean, groomed and trained on that windy hilltop outfit called Western Maryland College.

There was Michael Jones '77, the latent fingerprint expert in the Baltimore City Police Department, fingering the hard-boiled criminals crawling in his own backyard.

And who could forget FBI Special Agent Mary Beth Kepner '88, the blonde with a wry smile and a gun on her hip, ready to read the Miranda to anyone trying to pull one over on the government's wallet.

There was forensic chemist Bryan Geer '86, toiling in secrecy, testing the goods for the Drug Enforcement Agency and working like a dog to get the candy off the street.

And let us not overlook veteran agent John Kintzing '70, a maverick on the scene of every major FBI case to break this side of Frisco, combing the town for the goods to make a case on the ultimate bad guy.

Don't take my word for it. Read for yourself. Find out how this ragtag cast of alumni are risking their necks to make the streets a little cleaner, a little safer for us all.



No Two Prints are Alike

Michael Jones '77 slips a white index card, one side with a black smudge of a fingerprint, under a battered magnifying glass. "Exterior surface of living room front door" reads the accompanying report from a homicide scene. He looks more closely at the faint ridges, counting each irregularity: each loop, each branch, each break. Its uniqueness could match it to a suspect. Its role in evidence could connect someone to a crime. It could put a criminal away for life.

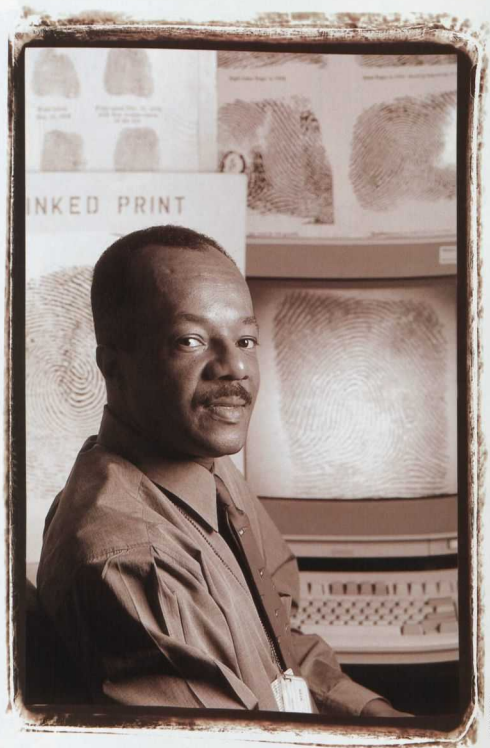
Take the homicide case in which Jones linked a print on a vehicle to the suspect who denied ever having access to it. On the stand as an expert witness, Jones explained to the jury how the print was made by the suspect and no one else, busted by the indisputable traces of his fingerprint.

"I'm on a fact-finding mission. I most often side with the State's Attorney's office, but it's my job to be as factual in presenting the evidence as best I can," he says. "Let the jurors figure out why his print is on the vehicle."

Being certain, accurate and precise in this job is an understatement. A certified latent fingerprint examiner with the Baltimore City Police Department, Jones compares ridges, lifts invisible prints from guns and money, and testifies in court that the print undoubtedly belongs to the defendant—or not.

Preparing for this highly qualified career is as grueling and exacting as the reward. Four years of rigorous training wraps up with an eight-hour exam that half the people fail. After all, accuracy can literally mean life or death.

Prints can be found anywhere, from a drug capsule to a gun barrel to a door jamb in a house. If they're invisible to the naked eye, there are ways of making them talk. The industrial Xerox-sized "super glue" machine in the lab fixes prints on guns, purses and plastic bags with glue that adheres to the ridge details of the prints and appears like the fingerprint from a flour-covered baker's hand. A stack of Monopoly play money, passed off as real with authentic bills on the top and bot-



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tom, can be painted with a brushstroke of the chemical ninhydrin to turn the invisible prints a guilty purple. A bloody fingerprint found on a piece of paper or wood must be specially photographed to capture the signature ridges and swirls of the hot finger.

Jones began his career with the Baltimore City Police Department, popularized in television's "Homicide: Life on the Streets" (Jones occasionally gives actors a crash course in dusting for fingerprints), in the mobile crime unit, a 30-person nitty gritty team that works around the clock responding to crime scenes to lift prints, photograph the details and gather the bul-

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let fragments for the crime lab to analyze.

A biology graduate, Jones had been volunteering at Sheppard Pratt and Johns Hopkins University hospitals, helping teens with anorexia and bulimia while deciding how to use his smarts. Spotting an intriguing ad in the Sunday paper for a crime lab technician for the police department, he applied and got it.

"I was terrified," Jones says. "I grew up in East Baltimore by Johns Hopkins, but I was seeing homicides and rape victims—a wife and children murdered and the husband having committed suicide—scenes I never imagined seeing."

After six years working around the clock in the mobile unit, he was assigned to the latent fingerprinting office, a five-person team (currently on a two-person skeleton staff of print examiners) that tackles 10 to 30 cases a day, more than 8,000 cases a year, involving everything from homicide to rape to robbery to carjackings to guns to drug seizures. Homicides alone topped 300 in the city last year, with countless shootings.

Small manila envelopes filled with black smudges on index cards arrive daily. Jones must methodically rule out those present at the scene with alibis, which finger, which hand, which sex. Then he must find a match out of 400,000 prints in a state database, each with 10 different fingers and fingerprints.

The name of the game is to match unknown prints to a subject. Last month was a good month for the division, making 69 identifications. That's with 16 to 20 hours of overtime a week behind the magnifier. In fact, the caseload is so large that Baltimore City has its own forensic laboratory separate from the state. "We make more identifications to suspects than the entire state," he says.

The barrage of criminal evidence and the scarcity of certified print experts leaves Jones with little free time. An Orioles season ticket holder born and bred in Baltimore, he still lives in the city near his father and his brothers and sisters—three of each. He squeezes in a few games of tennis when he gets the chance. "I go home after work and prepare for the next

day," he says, which begins at 5 a.m. and can end after the sun goes down if he must make court appearances.

Jones has literally had his own finger on the trend of crime, at the scene and behind the scenes, for 21 years now, watching the ebb and flow of society through the ridges of a finger. "People say crime is going down, but our workload is more than it has been in the last 10 years," Jones says. High-tech fingerprint databases and computers have created more work by making more prints available to compare, and allowing officers to close unsolved crimes from the 1970s that just couldn't be accomplished flipping through boxes of fingerprint cards stored in the basement of the Baltimore City Police headquarters.

The face of crime is also changing. "Ten years ago I knew nothing about car jackings. I read a story about one in Detroit and wondered if it would catch on in Baltimore," he says. "Now I've started seeing more and more home invasions of the elderly."

However, getting down and dirty with the crimes of the city doesn't have Jones fixing to move to the suburbs. "I look at our office as part of the solution," he says. "We're very effective down here as far as getting identifications, identifying criminals and going to court to help get them off the street."

One Wrong Move, and It's All Over

Guns drawn in a run-down neighborhood in north Philly, Special Agent Mary Beth Kepner '88 and her partners leap out of unmarked cars in front of an anonymous line of brick townhouses, trash littering the patch of yard and the street, to take down a group of Fukienese gangsters gripping a fresh extortion payment. Hailing from the poor southeast Chinese province of Fukien, the notorious thugs are often commissioned by the underbelly of the Asian community to do their dirty work.

They had been making visits to a certain Vietnamese businessman whose seafood dis-



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—Mary Beth Kepner '88

tribution business had hit the rocks. He filed for bankruptcy and was lucky to have his debt dismissed. One of his bilked creditors, a Chinese businessman, thought otherwise. He hired the Fukienese to get his money.

They began with threats that quickly turned violent. The bankrupt salesman turned to the FBI for help. Kepner was on the case. She orchestrated clandestine meetings between the salesman and the strong-armers, set up video cameras in the house, ordered surveillance and carefully planned the surprise arrest.

"We decided to take it down after he received messages on his answering machine," Kepner said. "The threats were going from 'Give me the rice' (in translation) to 'Die for sure.' The man had a family—small children and a wife who were terrified. We decided it was time to arrest."

Agents brought in the bitter creditor at the same time, and Kepner worked him hard, "flipping" him for a confession that would help bring the case to conviction in federal court.

So goes the life of an FBI agent. In her eighth year as a special agent in Philadelphia, Kepner has tailed drug dealers on surveillance, busted counterfeit check rings and exposed insurance fraud. After a stint doing background checks as an FBI novice, six months on surveillance and five years investigating white-collar crimes, she is now on the Russian economic crime squad, exposing fraudsters and organized crime heads in the half million immigrant population now settled in the city known for cheesesteaks and the Liberty Bell.

"I didn't want to do a job at a desk," she said of her decision to be an FBI agent her sophomore year of college, where she majored in mathematics and physics. "I wanted to be challenged physically and mentally."

Wish fulfilled. Her 50-hour work week ranges from polite, business-class meetings in corporate suites to drug seizures in flack jacket, bullet-resistant vest, handcuffs and baton in the middle of the night on the wrong side of town. "I keep a variety of clothes in the car," she says, looking like the quintessential businesswoman in a cosmopolitan black pantsuit.

Her special training in evidence collection even took her to Kenya in August where she spent three weeks sifting through the rubble of the bombed U.S. embassy looking for evidence—and finding it: shards of metal from the vehicle that carried the bomb responsible for the tragedy.

Her résumé of cases literally reads like an episode of "Law and Order." There was the owner of a fading racehorse who hired an equine hit man to bring down his money-maker for the insurance money, with a plan to sue an unsuspecting veterinarian for malpractice to sweeten the deal. Then there were the Russian fraudsters avoiding millions in excise taxes by buying heating oil (which isn't taxed by the government) and reselling it as diesel fuel (which is taxed by the government) through straw companies that conveniently disappeared around tax time, leaving the head of the ring with millions of dollars skimmed off the top.

"I have just as interesting, if not more interesting cases than I see on television," she says. "There is that exciting moment at the arrest or the moment you make a great tape recording or a bribe payment. But behind that one moment of excitement is months and months of work that you don't see on the hour-long dramas on television. If I work on a complex white-collar crime case, I'm dealing with rooms full of documents. It's exciting when you find the document that's the smoking gun, but you've just gone through 100 boxes."

The best part of the job, she says, is getting back a guilty verdict from the jury on a hard-won case or the moment she approaches a subject for the first time with the goods to force his cooperation in a case.

Between midnight surveillance and drug busts, she mentors teenagers through Cycle Across Maryland, leading cycling trips in the spring, and is on call from her home in Elkton, Md., to assist rape victims at the hospital through the domestic violence rape crisis center. Her free time is spent roadtripping on her own red and white Virago 750 motorcycle with her husband, Floyd Spinner, a park ranger.

"I think I've always been adventurous," says Kepner, who has put in for a transfer to Anchorage, Alaska, to get a glimpse of the Great White North. But she still embraces the City of Brotherly Love. "I love Philadelphia," she says. "It has great crime."

Breaking the Deal

It was a steamy summer day in 1995. The thermometer soared near 100 and the humidity was oppressive. It was the kind of sweltering afternoon that gives the South its justly deserved reputation for heat. Anyone with good sense would have stayed indoors.

Bryan Geer '86, a senior forensic chemist for the Drug Enforcement Administration, was indoors, but he wasn't exactly free from the scorching heat. Inside a metal-frame storage shed somewhere in rural southern Virginia, he eyed two swelling 55-gallon drums of highly explosive ether, a solvent once commonly used in hospitals as an anesthetic and now an integral component in manufacturing the drug PCP. Bowed out, the containers rocked back and forth in the room, ready to explode under the pressure of the heat.

Crowded outside the storage shed, nearly a half dozen DEA agents and a team of local cops waited. Inside, ice packed around the drums slowed their vibrations. Firefighters trained a hose on Geer, who told the rescue workers they were wasting their effort. If the drums blew, he would be killed instantly.

Sared, Geer moved forward. The hose was raised. He held his breath and popped the top off the first can. Nothing happened.

Then he moved to the second can. Slowly he eased off its lid. He realized he



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could stop sweating. He was still alive and very lucky. The ice had done its job. Neither can had exploded.

"That was about the hairiest, most hazardous situation I've been in," Geer admits.

Agents seized the two drums of ether and several other chemicals used in this clandestine lab to make phencyclidine or PCP, a white crystalline powder that can be smoked, snorted or eaten. Known as "angel dust," "ozone," "wack" and "rocket fuel" on the street, users often become agitated, delusional and irrational. Cops hate the drug because suspects on PCP often become overly violent.

In this case, the drugs ended up being the largest seizure of PCP in DEA history

and the final chapter in an investigation that tracked PCP deals around the country. Agents had traced the drug kingpin through leads in Oakland, Calif., to Dallas to New York City to Washington, D.C. Afterwards, the PCP supply on streets on the East Coast crashed to low levels and lingered there for about three years until a new dealer filled in the gap.

When the case went to court, the judge threw the book at the ringleader, who was "basically supplying the East Coast with PCP," Geer says. "He's going to be about 75 or 80 years old when he gets out."

The case couldn't have been won without the work of this bespectacled, bearded, avid bridge player who took a liking to chemistry in high school and roots for every sports team from his hometown of

Pittsburgh. He is an 11-year DEA veteran who spends days in the agency's Mid-Atlantic drug lab, an unidentified warehouse in the District of Columbia.

Normally, he's not in the field diffusing drums of ether but analyzing bags of crack cocaine or marijuana seized by DEA agents in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and D.C. with a host of high-tech instruments that range in size from a kitchen table to a child's room.

He is one of 240 DEA chemists across the country and an agency expert on the chemical components of crack cocaine. He is also an authority on mass spectrometry, a technique used to identify drugs by hitting them with electrical energy. They then break apart in a pattern unique to each drug. His wife of nearly five years, Lois, is also a DEA chemist and an expert on steroids.

Geer is usually the last witness in a drug trial, the witness on whom everything hinges. If the bag of white powder turns out to be only sugar, then the DEA doesn't have a drug case against the seller who peddled it. "We're a vital link in the chain from buying on the street to conviction in court," Geer says.

For example, in late 1992 he was called in for a case involving a clandestine speed lab in a Richmond home. When Geer tallied all the chemicals found in the house, he realized the suspect had enough materials and instructions to make the stimulant pills seven different ways. He had even stooped so low in his crime as to store a hydrogen gas cylinder, used to make the drug, in his child's bedroom.

As a court date loomed, the arrested man maintained his innocence, insisting he was manufacturing wood preservatives. The case depended on Geer's testimony. "He had none of the chemicals used in wood preservatives, but he had all the chemicals to make methamphetamine and the procedures to do it," he told the judge. The man was jailed.

Geer's job isn't always this dramatic or pulpy. "It has its mundane moments, too," he says. "When I got out of school, this was exactly the job I was looking for."

Forensics wasn't a hot topic when Geer joined the agency in 1987, but since the

O.J. Simpson trial and the reported sloppiness of the Los Angeles Police Department crime lab, "everyone knows about forensics," he says. "We don't have those kinds of problems here," he adds. Strict DEA protocol dictates how a sample is opened, studied and stored, ensuring that a drug sample is never compromised.

Geer's lab work is more cut and dry than analyzing ballistics, DNA or hair and fiber samples. He doesn't have to prove that someone is a murderer; he only has to prove a substance is a drug. The methods to do so are widely accepted.

In the decade since he began his career, he has seen the popularity of certain drugs fluctuate. PCP and marijuana ruled the streets when he started just over a decade ago. In fact, his first assignment was to learn to identify marijuana samples laced with PCP. Crack cocaine was just starting to hit the streets. Now 75 percent of Geer's cases involve crack. Heroin is also making a comeback, he says. He now only sees maybe one case of PCP a year.

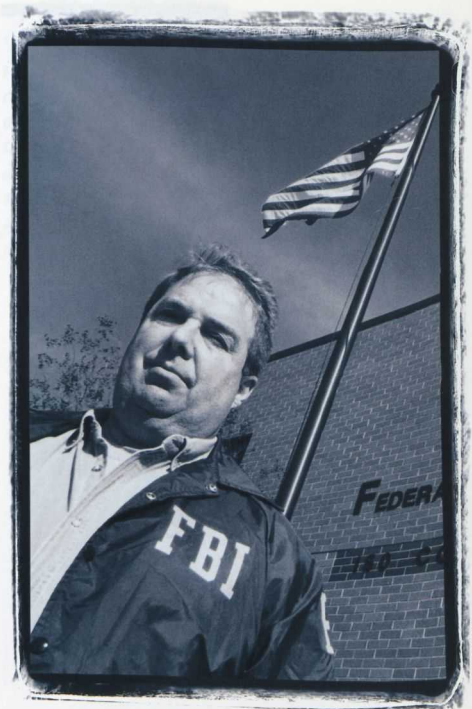
The meticulous testing of suspected drugs can get monotonous, Geer says, especially when the majority of samples are the same substance, "but the challenging samples come along every so often," he says with a wry smile. Geer, with his expertise, is ready for them.

We're Working to Keep You Safe

Crime is a big business, reports John Kintzing '70. "It's always been there and it always will be."

The same could be said for Kintzing, a 22-year veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who knows his way around a crime scene and whose casework reads like a list of top news events: the crash of TWA flight 800, the Unabomber case, the Olympic bombing in Atlanta.

When something bad happens, Kintzing, who worked for 12 years out of the FBI's New York office, is there to help sort through the misdeed. He remembers well the morning he was sent to interview witnesses of the TWA crash off the coast of Long Island.



TODD STENCER

"You had a hundred people calling in saying they saw something in the sky," Kintzing says. Every one of them had to be interviewed. Then the witnesses who gave the most detailed accounts were called back a second time for more questioning. Much of the work was done at a Coast Guard station where the seasoned crime solver watched rescue workers bring in pieces of the plane and its baggage.

"It was unbelievable. They started to bring in suitcases and you saw teddy bears and you realized there were children on this flight. But there were no survivors," Kintzing remembers. Within the first day,

the case became personal: He found out that the wife of an FBI agent he knew was one of the senior flight attendants aboard the plane.

In the following months, Kintzing was assigned periodically to security detail at the hangar where crash experts reconstructed the doomed plane. Kintzing watched their progress until they had 90 percent of the plane back together and a theory on what caused the aircraft to fall from the sky. Investigators ruled that a spark in the plane's empty center fuel tank caused the accident. Until then and even somewhat after the ruling, suspicions focused on an act of terrorism.

But what Kintzing saw when the plane was reconstructed lead him to believe there was

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no foul play. "I know people like to think the FBI and the government lie. But I'm convinced it's what they said it was," he says.

His job often gives him this kind of unusual window to national events. Few people can say they took fingerprints from the powerful editor of the *New York Times*, but shortly after the newspaper received a 35,000-word manifesto from the Unabomber, Kintzing was called in to fingerprint everyone who touched the letter, from mail clerks to editors. Although there were too many prints on the pages to link the letter to anyone, further evidence led to the arrest of Theodore Kaczynski in April 1996 and an end to the 17-year search for the criminal behind the anti-technology bombing campaign that killed three people and injured 29 others. Kaczynski was convicted last year.

FBI officials also called Kintzing to Atlanta in 1996 to do surveillance on suspects in the Olympic bombing. Arrests were never made, but now Kintzing expects to be called to the woods of North Carolina to aid in the ongoing search for the FBI's new suspect, Eric Rudolph, an abortion foe also linked to bombings at women's clinics in Atlanta and Birmingham, Ala.

Despite his involvement in these high-profile cases, it's a little-known bank robbery and murder case in the town of Geronimo, Okla., that he cites as one of his most memorable. It was 1984 and Kintzing was only two years out of the FBI academy, assigned to the bureau's Oklahoma City office.

The crime was horrendous. Two men behind in their car payments stole money from the bank that had issued their loan and then stabbed three tellers to death. A farmer who walked in on the crime was shot and killed. It was shortly before Christmas.

"I can remember it distinctly because we were having a party for underprivileged children. The call came in and we went. We blanketed the area," Kintzing says.

Witnesses were able to give the agents descriptions of the suspects detailed enough for sketches shown to the one sur-

viving teller who wasn't at work on the day of the crime. She recognized the two men as customers. Within 48 hours of the murders, the men were arrested in San Francisco. The FBI's hard work led to an easy conviction. The two killers are now serving time on Oklahoma's death row.

Few details from Kintzing's days at Western Maryland would lead his classmates to believe he would follow a life of crime fighting. A physical education major from nearby Hanover, Pa., he was a member of the ROTC and wasn't sure what he wanted to do after he served his time in the Army. It was the FBI career of fellow alum Josh Ensor '43, the father of a girl Kintzing dated during his college years, that inspired him. "I've always liked law enforcement," he admits.

He spent the first five years of his bureau career working as a fingerprint examiner on the support staff at the FBI's main office in Washington, D.C. After stints in the Oklahoma City and New York offices, he went to the Norfolk, Va., office two years ago, ending his two-hour daily commute from Pennsylvania to the Big Apple and settling his wife Meg Swain Med '75 and their six children, ages 5 to 21, in a quiet community near Virginia Beach.

He now serves on Norfolk's eight-member Evidence Response Team, gathering evidence on every major crime committed in its jurisdiction. His work also focuses on issues of national security, a topic on which Kintzing remains guarded and secretive, true to the image of an FBI agent.

"Even though the Cold War is over, you still have foreign countries that target our key assets," Kintzing says. Key assets could be military, economic or technology secrets, and the foes could just as easily be domestic businesses or companies in allied nations as they could be former Communist rivals.

It's the new millennium crime, a variation in centuries of wrongdoing. The FBI's biggest worries used to be "reactive crimes," such as interstate bank robbery

sprees. Now agents with CPAs or technology skills help crack cases involving computer fraud or child pornography on the Internet. Agents who could speak Russian, Polish, Czech or German used to earn top assignments when the Soviet Union and the country of East Germany existed. Now agents who speak Spanish are needed to help break drug and money laundering cases that involve South American criminals.

In wake of the World Trade Center bombing in New York, the Oklahoma City bombing and violence at abortion clinics around the country, domestic terrorism also emerges as a new challenge for the bureau's agents. "We're being prepared. Hopefully, we'll stop anything before it happens," Kintzing says.

Another change is the FBI's relationship with the media. Now every small-town TV station has a tipster hotline, Kintzing reports. FBI agents must work with local reporters so they don't release sensitive information, for example, the bureau's plan to nab a kidnapper that could foil their attempts to solve the crime. "The electronic age has hindered us somewhat," he admits.

Despite the changes, one aspect of lawlessness never seems to waiver, and that is the world of organized crime. Kintzing has watched movies about mobsters and recognized some of their meeting places as the very scenes he watched under surveillance. As a result, he doesn't predict any upcoming shortage in money laundering cases like the ones that earned some criminals he arrested more than \$1.4 million in ill-gotten gains. "Greed is the thing for these people. There is never enough money," Kintzing says.

But there is always crime. There is always some call to crisis that pulls Kintzing away from his paperwork and keeps him from having a nine-to-five desk job. "There's hardly a day where I get up and I don't want to come to work," he says. ●

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First-Year Seminar Puts Freshmen Behind the Magnifying Glass

Cracking the Case

BY DON SCHUMAKER

Several bullets have been collected from the body of a shooting victim, along with shell casings found at the crime scene. Police have arrested several suspects and have confiscated weapons found at their homes ..."

Sounds like the next story on the evening news in just about any major U.S. city, but it's actually Brian Wladkowski '88, assistant professor of chemistry, setting the crime scene for a mock forensic investigation for his class.

There was no real victim. And the suspects were all students enrolled in "Crime and Detectives: Three Perspectives," a new course in the First-Year Seminar program that places freshmen in an intensive lecture course with professors who double as their advisers, assisting in making the college transition easier—and a little bit more interesting.

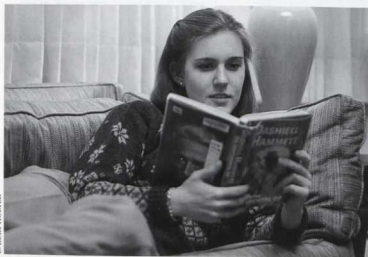
Students divided their semester in three parts, studying a series of forensics labs with Wladkowski, exploring the societal issues of crime—including a visit to the super max prison in Baltimore—with Lauren Dundes, assistant professor of sociology; and delving into classic crime and detective fiction with English Professor LeRoy Panek.

The forensics class learned the protocol behind crime scene analysis, the secrets found in hair and fibers, the peculiarities of fingerprints and the stories bullets can tell, all through mock investigations where the students played the victims—and the suspects.

"I really like the philosophy of the students trying to solve real problems that involve other students that they know,"

Wladkowski said. "It personalizes the problem for them and they are much more interested in figuring out whose evidence it is."

The ballistics study—and subsequent investigation—followed a day at the firing range where students tried their hand at shooting a series of .22 caliber rifles. The small targets were stuffed with cotton wadding to stop and protect the bullets that were later gathered for inspection. (continued on p. 18)



Student sleuths analyzed classic detective fiction as part of the "Crime and Detectives" first-year seminar.

Robyn Hoffman looks for striations on a bullet to determine which gun fired it—and who pulled the trigger.



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Off to a Good Start

The college has taken steps to boost retention after a drop in the early 1990s in the number of freshmen returning for their sophomore year. As a result, nine out of 10 of last year's first-year students returned to "the Hill" (see chart).

"It's a blip on the radar, but we think we're going in the right direction," said Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Henry Reiff, who has been studying ways to keep students enrolled.

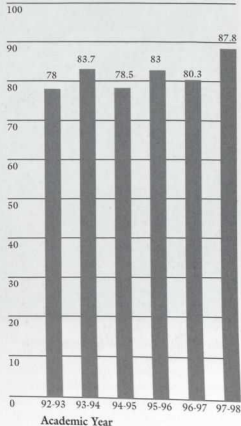
He credits a new focus on freshmen, begun in 1994, that has included creating experiences that encourage students to become involved with campus life and their academic courses. "Research indicates that students stay or leave a college based on a sense of connectedness, and that tends to occur during the first year, often during the first semester," Reiff said.

This focus includes improved advising, more engaging orientation programs, upper-classmen mentors to help freshmen make the college transition and an innovative selection of freshmen-only courses taught by professors who double as academic advisers.

"The Class of 2002 is coming into a college where the sophomore class is large and engaged," Reiff said. "We hope to see this trend continue."

FRESHMAN RETENTION

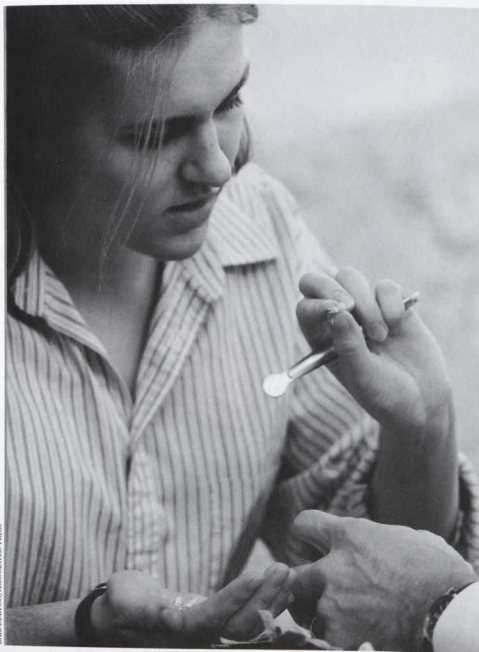
Percentage of freshmen returning for their sophomore year:



Thanks to a new focus on freshmen, the number of first-year students returning for their sophomore year has jumped from 78 to 87.8 percent.

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assistant professor of chemistry



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At the "crime scene," Stacey Myers collects bullets for analysis.

In the lab, the young investigators precisely measured the bullets with calipers and analyzed the "evidence" under a microscope, looking for striations etched on the bullet as it traveled through the barrel of the gun—marks as unique to each gun as the way the bullet turns in the barrel on its way out—and marks of the firing pin on the shell casing.

It was then up to the students to figure

out which rifle was used in the "shooting," comparing the evidence to bullets shot from the various rifles to make a match to the weapon used in the mock crime.

The catch was that two of the four rifles used to fire the "evidence" were from the same manufacturer and produced remarkably similar markings on the bullets. Even experts have more difficulty when similar weapons from the same company are tested because the guns are bored the same way with the same equipment, Wladkowski said. Although no two barrels are exactly alike, there might be only slight deviations in the pattern and that could be tough for novice investigators to pick up.

As a result, solutions weren't always apparent to the class's cases, even after some intense investigation, Wladkowski noted, especially in the ballistics investigation. Fortunately, these student detectives weren't graded on targeting the guilty suspect. Using the science behind the techniques correctly made the mark.

The hands-on labs were a hit with students, as well as speakers in the field, and Wladkowski is expanding the forensics portion of the seminar to a full semester this spring, adding units on glass fragments, DNA, serology (blood), bite marks, drug analysis, and arson and explosives. He eventually hopes to institute an interdisciplinary forensics concentration at WMC.

His new course will complement current courses in the sociology department, which offers a popular concentration in criminology. A focus on juvenile delinquency, the criminal justice system and deviant and delinquent behavior has already prepared students for jobs as lawyers, counselors and probation officers.

Mindy Bucy of Shepherdstown, W.Va., is already there. The crime and detectives class was her second course choice, and she wasn't looking forward to it. Now she hopes to major in sociology with an emphasis on criminal justice.

She's not alone. "It's the only class that was so interesting that I didn't have to study because I remembered everything," said Tiffany Lucas of Sewell, N.J. "I wanted to major in pre-med, but now I want to pursue something in criminology." •

Freshman Fun 101

BY DAVE DISHNEAU,
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Fun is not only tolerated at Western Maryland College; it's a freshman requirement. Professors are allotted funds for extracurricular class activities, and have taken freshmen to movies, dinners, a rock concert and a pumpkin-carving party.

Chemistry instructor Brian Wladkowski '88 went to war with freshmen in his forensic science course—on the paintball battlefield. "I was shot many times," he said.

The social events are aimed at easing first-year students into college life in hopes that more of them will come back as sophomores. "It would be a shame to lose students who would otherwise succeed and excel at a place like this if you lose them for reasons related to their inability to make friends, to socialize or to participate in the college community," Wladkowski said.

Nationally, about three in 10 freshmen at private schools and a third of freshmen at public schools do not return to the same institution as sophomores, according to the American College Testing Program.

Replacing dropouts is costly, according to Ben Gose, a senior editor at the *Chronicle of Higher Education* in Washington, D.C. "My impression is that colleges are putting a lot more time, effort and money into making sure students have good experiences the first year so that they come back," Gose said. "They have the best interests of the students at heart, but certainly they have their own bottom line in mind."

At Western Maryland, with an undergraduate student body of 1,500, freshmen must enroll in a "first-year seminar," a four-credit course that combines traditional academic study with experience outside the classroom.

Instructors get \$200 for extracurricular



Professor Mary Bendel-Simso (center) hosted students from her first-year seminar class in her living room to get to the heart of college life.

activities of their choosing. They also must set aside classroom time to teach basic college survival skills, such as writing, public speaking and critical thinking. Freshmen even get their own assistant, an upperclassman who helps them adjust to campus and the community.

Stacey Myers '02, an English major from Glenelg, Md., said her peer mentor helped her buy extra padding for her uncomfortably hard bed. "It's not just a big social semester," Myers said. "It provides learning, as well as getting to know the school and other students and professors."

Western Maryland's program isn't unique, although it coddles freshmen more than most. At least 939 U.S. institutions of higher learning offer special courses to help freshmen adjust, according to a 1997 survey by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience at the University of South Carolina. Forty-seven percent are required courses.

South Carolina's program aims to teach study skills, time and stress management, honesty and responsible sexual behavior, according to research coordinator Carrie Warnock. But instead of Western Maryland's fun activities, South Carolina instructors get \$50 to treat their class to a meal, and some require students to do community service.

Elective freshman seminars at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash., include "peer facilitators" to help students with personal problems, student coaches in writing and critical thinking, research librarians to guide them through the stacks, and computer instructors.

Western Maryland's program has shown results: The school's retention rate for first-year students jumped last year from 80 to 88 percent, said program coordinator Mary Bendel-Simso, also assistant professor of English. "We see it as a way to get them to fit in and feel comfortable and at home here." ●

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Author Loren Pope Guides Students
to Schools that Count

College Counselor

BY SUSAN L. HARTT



t first, the connection between the "parallel interests" of Loren Pope seems remote. But Pope's lifelong devotion to democratic ideals is exemplified for him in architecture and higher education. "I've always been a dissenter with a strong sense of what was right," he says.

Clearly, the "dean" of academic counselors feels passionately about everything he cares about at all. A self-confessed "true believer" in the organic philosophy and architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright, Pope believes with equal fervor that higher education is the "moral yeast" of democracy. He commissioned one of the famous

Usonian houses, which was intended to embody Wright's notions of an independent, democratic American society, and he counseled high school students and their parents that they should not look for the finest education in famous colleges and universities.

He thinks that the vast majority of colleges and universities do not provide values education that "teaches one to think and to solve problems, to write and speak effectively, to work with people, and to gain a broad view of the world." Indeed, big and famous schools are often considered "gyp joints" in Pope's influential books "Looking Beyond The Ivy League" and "Colleges That Change Lives."

He is a strong proponent of small- to medium-sized colleges for the reasons that alumni of Western Maryland know so well: smaller classes, individual attention from faculty committed to teaching, a true liberal arts curriculum and a nurturing environment. He goes so far as to say, "I have never had anyone tell me how a great uni-

versity or an Ivy school had changed him or her." And he's talked to thousands of students, alumni and parents of colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Pope had what he calls a "checkered career." A 1933 graduate of DePauw University, he became a journalist almost by accident. After his first boss told him about Frank Lloyd Wright, he read the architect's autobiography, became a disciple and wrote to him and about him. By the time he heard from Wright, Pope was working for the *Washington Star*, which loaned him money no bank would risk to help him pay the estimated \$5,000 price for the house. (This estimate was woefully low, as always with a Wright house, despite such economics as the use of salvaged plate glass.) The house was completed in 1941 and the Popes lived in it for six years. Now known as the Pope-Leighey House, it is not far from Mount Vernon and is open to visitors.

Because Pope felt so strongly about Wright and his influence potential, he wrote an article for *House Beautiful*—which held the piece for a year fearing reader ire before publishing it to great acclaim in 1948. By then, disillusioned by the refusal of American newspapers to "rebut the anti-Communists," Pope left sure income to write and raise hogs on a farm in Loudoun County, Va., which was then so rural that it did not have a high school. Because he was concerned about the education of his children, he got involved with and before long led the PTA. His outspoken efforts—and effectiveness—led to suggestions that he was a Communist, and the bank called the



The finest education is not always found in the most famous colleges and universities, says Loren Pope.

Pope found that many No Name Colleges offered more to the students he counseled—even if they were perfectly able to get into an Ivy.

On the Road



MARK SWINER

In 1996, Loren Pope, former education editor of the *New York Times*, published "Colleges That Change Lives," a guidebook that celebrates colleges outside the Ivy League for their proven ability to teach students and help them realize their potential.

Despite their lack of name recognition, Pope contends that colleges like Western Maryland serve students with a wide range of abilities and produce higher proportions of scientists, scholars and people who wind up in *Who's Who* than those who take only a fraction of the "A" students. "That's a good story and significant to smart consumers concerned about their futures in a fast-changing world," says Pope in the book's introduction.

Now those colleges proclaimed by Pope as the best picks have come together as a family to give prospective college students and their parents a chance to see many of them at one time and in one place. Last September the admissions directors from most of the 40 schools profiled in Pope's book joined forces and toured with the author to spread the word. They hosted workshops for counselors, parents and high school students in urban areas from coast to coast.

According to Marty O'Connell, WMC's dean of Admissions, the results have been "more than encouraging for all of us. We're honored to be one of Mr. Pope's colleges. His books make a difference and we're receiving applications from students living in Boston, Chicago and Atlanta, as well as from California."

Plans are underway to sponsor a second tour this fall.

notes on his farm. Such were conditions in northern Virginia in the 1950s—on the very spot that was to become Dulles Airport.

Following stints with Gannett and the *New York Times* (where he covered education), Pope became assistant chancellor at Michigan State University-Oakland for what was supposed to be an exciting experiment with "core curriculum," as it is now called. It was, he says, "a beautiful, five-year dream—a place where kids from blue-collar families could have the best education. It was there that I realized that the greatest need was for consumer information about colleges. People just didn't know what they should look for and expect from college. There were a great many myths, but very little real understanding."

Pope thought there were some fundamental questions that needed to be answered: How does the experience of attending this college change the student? What is the ethos of the place? Who will prosper there and why? To help students and to answer these questions, he created in 1965 the College Placement Bureau in Washington; he has written three books and vast numbers of articles (*Reader's Digest* has sold a half-million reprints of "Facts to Know in Picking a College") and conducted seminars throughout the country. As a result of his passion and thoroughness, countless young people found and flourished in colleges that changed their lives. From his books and direct advisement, a fair number of those students found and flourished at Western Maryland College.

The students change, the answers don't

The profile of the students Pope counsels does change. When he started the College Placement Bureau, students sought to evade the draft—they were "refugees from the war in Vietnam," he says. After the war, education became a growth industry. Students and their parents became concerned about careers, about finding the right Big Name College to assure success, and the competition and marketing efforts of the colleges became heated. "But the

most important issue is finding the college that will change the particular young person's life," Pope says.

Because many of the students who came to see him had special problems—from learning disabilities, to grades that weren't the highest, to humbling SAT scores—and because of Pope's convictions about what education ought to do, he carefully examined both the "designer-label" colleges and No Name Colleges. Not entirely to his surprise, he found that many No Name Colleges offered more to the students he counseled—even if they were perfectly able to get into an Ivy. New criteria appeared for him, and he found *his* schools "raise trajectories, strengthen skills, double talents, develop value systems and impart confidence because they do a much different and better job than the Ivies or the universities. They do a better job because faculty and students work closely together, learning is collaborative rather than competitive, students are involved in their own education, there is much discussion of value and there is a sense of family."

WMC President Robert Chambers agrees. "I have been at Yale, Bucknell, Brown and Duke, and this place [WMC] works best as a community," he says. "If I were going to college now, I'd choose a small college. If they have one thing, it's a sense of community. Faculty members watch football practice, and the kids are in their classes."

'Technology will never replace education or sex.'

Technology is changing education as rapidly as it is virtually every aspect of contemporary society, but Pope is not worried. Despite the trend toward distance learning—through the Internet and television—Pope believes that savvy liberal arts colleges will continue to prosper.

"The college experience provides a sense of community for the last vital period of an individual's formation." That experience of the community, he says, enriches the whole civilization because it embodies and encourages "the continuity of democratic values and builds leaders." In short, the relationship between the college experience



Dean of Admissions Marty O'Connell guides students and their parents through the initial steps of choosing a college.

and the continuation of democracy and of individuals is *organic*."

There is no question, however, that liberal arts colleges will continue to face challenges to their existence because of technology, increased costs, economies of scale and shifting values. Never fear, Pope argues, as long as liberal arts colleges hold steadfast to their principles and their reason for being because that need will not evaporate. Clearly, however, colleges must keep demonstrating and proclaiming their unique purpose and value.

What's so special about Western Maryland College?

"I've been advising students for 35 years and visiting colleges for a lot longer than that," Pope says. "You look for certain indicators—the percentage of graduates going on for Ph.D.s or to medical, dental or other professional schools, for example. Western Maryland College kept coming up. This is a college where students do better than some of those false predictors might have suggested."

Which means that at Western Maryland College, something's happening in the classrooms. And in the community. And most importantly, to the lives of the students. ●

Susan L. Hartt is a Baltimore-based writer and marketing communications consultant.

EXCERPTS FROM "COLLEGES THAT CHANGE LIVES" ABOUT WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

"Mainly, this is a community of nice, earnest, unassuming, quietly self-assured teenagers who realize they are getting a first-rate education and who regard their teachers as their friends and mentors."

"Faculty members were eager to help students to go much in depth or as far as they wanted; they set no limits."

"For anyone who's interested in learning, gaining self-confidence, and developing his or her abilities and powers, this is a place that will do that job, and do it with TLC to spare."

Update

From Development



C. KURT HOUTER

Hoover Library's Richwine Special Collections Room will host a gift of detective fiction.

The science center challenge grant is the third that Western Maryland has received from The Kresge Foundation in the last 22 years. In 1976, the college earned \$150,000 to assist in the construction of the Decker College Center, and in 1984, \$300,000 was secured for the Physical Education Learning Center. •

WMC Earns Kresge Grant

WMC alumni and friends met and surpassed The Kresge Foundation's challenge to raise \$1.9 million dollars for the new science center. As a result of beating the goal by \$310,434 and encouraging growth in the number of people making gifts to the college, WMC was awarded a \$600,000 grant to assist in the construction of the science building, slated for completion this fall.

Nearly 1,300 Western Maryland alumni, parents and friends responded to the college's call for assistance between May 1997 and December 1998. Many individuals gave for the first time while others increased their annual giving. Representatives of the college reached more than 6,000 alumni and parents through an effective phone-mail campaign that yielded \$369,000 in gifts and pledges. WMC's faculty and staff

jumped on the bandwagon. Their donations, along with the Board of Trustees, raised \$321,400 toward meeting the Kresge challenge by the December 1, 1998, deadline. National foundations and local corporations contributed an additional \$553,000.

The Kresge Foundation was founded by Sebastian S. Kresge, who established the S. S. Kresge Company in 1899 with \$8,000 and half ownership of two five-and-ten stores. Over the next 25 years he devoted all of his time and energy to its growth and development, resulting in a profitable chain. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of his company in 1924, he established The Kresge Foundation through an initial gift of \$1.3 million. He made more than \$60 million in additional personal gifts by the time of his death in 1966. The Foundation, whose income is used "to promote the well-being of mankind," awarded 7,094 grants totaling \$1.256 billion as of 1996.

MacCormack Donates Books

As a young child, Elizabeth Seckel MacCormack often found her father and mother, George and Ethel, immersed in their reading of mystery and detective novels in the family library under a ceiling papered with maps from *National Geographic* magazines. Her father began collecting these books in the 1920s while roaming the bookstores in New York City where he

worked in the textile industry. Each room of the 130-year-old Seckel house in Beverly, N.J., overlooks the Delaware River, its floor-to-ceiling shelves lovingly stacked with bound treasures.

This December, MacCormack gave her father's prized collection of novels, valued at \$25,000, to Western Maryland after years of conversations with childhood friend and former Director of Alumni Affairs Phil Uhrig, who championed the college as a worthy new home for her father's collection.

"It pleases me immensely to know that my lifelong friend's collection will be housed in our college library for the use of generations of students to come.

"This gift from Elizabeth MacCormack exemplifies the value of friendship."

The collection of notable and curious first editions, ranging from Graham Greene's "Our Man in Havana" to Gypsy Rose Lee's "The G-String Murders," will be housed in the Richwine Special Collections Room in Hoover Library.

An avid reader herself, although a lover of poetry and biographies over detective fiction, 83-year-old MacCormack studied acting and starred on Broadway in Lillian Hellman's "The Children's Hour," creating the role of Evelyn Munn in nearly 800 performances around the country. She still lives in the family home with her husband Jim and son Jonathan. •



Double your money

WITH THE WMC CHALLENGE

There's never been a better time to make your first gift to the college or to increase your usual contribution. Between now and June 30, your gift to the Annual Fund will be worth twice as much. That's right. Any new or increased gift to the Annual Fund will be matched two-to-one by challenge money offered by several supportive alumni with a passion to help the Annual Fund grow.

What is the Annual Fund?

The Annual Fund is a major part of the college's yearly budget and helps finance everyday operations. It covers the electric bills, keeps the library stocked with the latest books and journals, and pays the professors' salaries. It also connects students to the latest technology and helps them with financial aid. It both enriches educational programs and plays a vital role in controlling tuition increases.

Why is it so important?

Many colleges rely on income from large endowments to supplement their operations, but Western Maryland, whose endowment is small in comparison to other similar schools (see chart), must rely on the Annual Fund instead. The good news is the Annual Fund has been growing every year, a sign of the college's overall financial health. Endowment growth will play an increasingly

important role in the college's finances, but it is gifts to the Annual Fund that are a defining factor in the success of the college today.

What can I do?

You can make the difference. Alumni participation pays off in many ways. Corporations and foundations support colleges and make "challenge" grants based on Annual Fund participation rates. Even college ranking organizations like *U.S. News and World Report* use alumni participation as a measure of alumni satisfaction, and it is a key factor in their annual rankings.

What's the bottom line?

The Annual Fund is committed to raising \$7 million as part of the \$40 million Defining Moment Campaign goal, a five-year fundraising drive for the college that began in 1995 and will end Dec. 31, 1999. To date, the Annual Fund has received pledges of more than \$5 million, but it

must still raise \$2 million by the end of the campaign.

This double-your-contribution challenge will help the Annual Fund reach its goal.

We need each and every one of you. Don't miss this

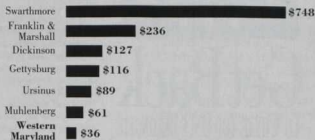


great opportunity to double your money for Western Maryland College. Send your gift in the enclosed envelope.

For more information, contact the Office of Annual Giving at 410/857-2299.

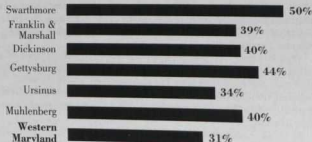
WMC's small endowment generates little annual income when compared to "sister" colleges. This makes Annual Fund gifts all the more important to meet basic operating needs. Take the WMC Challenge and double your money.

ENDOWMENTS (Millions of Dollars for 1997)



Data provided by the 1997 Voluntary Support of Education report.

DONOR PARTICIPATION RATES for fiscal year 1997-98



Between now and June 30, your gift to the Annual Fund will be worth up to twice as much!

News

From Alumni

Alumni Gear Up for Reunion 2000

Grab your calendar and mark it now—April 28-30, 2000. That's when alumni will return for a record-setting reunion weekend. Beginning in the year 2000, all class reunions will be held on one weekend in April, a three-day program that will not only bring classmates together for a meaningful reunion, but reconnect alumni to their alma mater while classes are in session and the campus is alive with activity.

"By having all classes on campus together, it is a real opportunity to not only celebrate class reunions, but also celebrate WMC," said Phil Enstice '71, head of the Reunion Weekend Committee.

Which classes will return for Reunion Weekend?

Classes celebrating quinquennial reunions, those that end in "5" and "0," will hold their reunions in the spring beginning next year, replacing five-year reunions at Homecoming and Alumni Weekend. They will be joined by current seniors and students who have been out for one year, as well

as a special celebration for the 50th class.

Bringing reunion classes back at the same time will allow alumni to not only renew ties with classmates, but network with other alumni and reconnect with life at WMC.

Likewise, the youngest alumni and the senior class will get an early introduction to the alumni family. While the weekend will involve the whole reunion community (see programming box), it will also include plenty of time for each class to partic-

Reunion Weekend Program

Friday, April 28

- All Day** Golf tournament.
Alumni speakers in classes.
"Alumni College" (faculty-led lectures).
- Lunch** Career roundtables.
50th class celebration.
- Afternoon** Campus tours.
Workshop on college admissions and the financial aid process.
- 5-8 p.m.** Class cocktail parties.
Fifth reunion/First Year Out gathering/
Senior class event.
- 8 p.m.** Dinner for all classes with WMC Jazz Band.

Saturday, April 29

- 8 a.m.** Continental breakfast.
Tennis Tournament.
- 8 a.m. to noon** Kids' camp (Cultural programs for grades K-6).
WMC Gospel Choir performance.
- 9 a.m.** "State of the College" panel.
- 9:20 a.m.** Lifestyle workshops featuring alumni speakers.
- 10 a.m.** New Orleans-style reunion classes parade.
- 12:45 p.m.** All-alumni luncheon with awards and entertainment.
- 2:30-4:30 p.m.** Free time: check out home athletic events, campus tours, art and WMC archives exhibitions, music performances, use of athletic facilities.
- Evening** Individual class reunion functions.
- 9 p.m.** Movie presentation.

Sunday, April 30

- 8 a.m.** Continental breakfast.
5K Race and Family Fun Run.
- 9 a.m.** Remembrance Ceremony.
- 10 a.m.** Chapel service.
- 11:30 a.m.** Brunch.
- Noon to 2 p.m.** Campus tours, open athletic facilities, art exhibition.
- 2 p.m.** Senior Investiture and Honors Convocation.

Schedule subject to change.



Get Back

TO WHERE YOU ONCE BELONGED!

WMC Reunion 2000
April 28-30

Behold the new logo for the Reunion Weekend program. You'll be seeing it a lot in the near future. It will appear in the Class Notes section of this magazine above the classes who will be celebrating upcoming reunions, and it will also accompany exciting new developments in the Reunion Weekend program.

Why did we choose Alumni Hall? Alumni history, of course. Thanks to \$5,000 raised by alumni, this campus landmark was built to hold alumni meetings. Dedicated in 1899, the same year

the building hosted its first commencement exercises, the hall included a 1,000-seat auditorium, a hall and a parlor for the Alumni Association.

Over the past 100 years it has been home to generations of students. In 1912, the stained-glass windows representing the liberal arts were added, donated by the classes from 1905-12, who inspired the movement for other classes to fund windows behind the Mainstage. By 1932, Sunday evening chapel programs moved into Alumni Hall.

As WMC heads into the new millennium, the image of Alumni Hall is an ideal symbol for Reunion 2000. We hope the slogan "Get Back ... to where you once belonged" will get alumni humming the famous Beatles song and looking forward to what promises to be WMC's best-ever reunion.

ipate in their own events.

The college expects 600 to 800 alumni to return to the Hill over the course of the weekend the first year and hopes for turnout to grow to 1,000 once the program is established. "We realize that this is a challenge, and we're approaching it head on," said Laura Russell, associate director of reunion programs. A reunion subcommittee is already tackling issues of accommodations, transportation and parking. "The benefits that the program will bring will outweigh the challenge," she added.

What about Homecoming?

Reunion Weekend will strengthen Homecoming by allowing more time for the traditional activities and visiting friends without being torn between a simultaneous fraternity reunion and class cocktail party. In fact, Homecoming '98 saw 4,500 attendees at the football game, and only 300 of those people were registered for class reunions.

"A shortcoming of the current reunion program is that people from far away come back to a football game, cocktail party and maybe a dinner," Entice said. "It doesn't give them enough of an opportunity to get back involved with the college."

The new program will also free up resources for affinity reunions at Homecoming, gatherings of interest groups like the Trumpeters and the military alumni, who both held successful multi-generational reunions in 1997.

Who is planning Reunion Weekend?

The Reunion Weekend Committee is charged with the planning, coordination, evaluation and oversight of the program. Appointed by the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, the committee includes student and alumni and faculty representation. Each class will also have a planning committee to gauge the interests of class-

mates to plan the most suitable reunion celebration for their class.

Contact Laura Russell at 410/857-2255 if you have questions or are interested in helping out with the planning of Reunion Weekend or your class's reunion. •

Sports Hall of Fame Inducts Terror Greats

Six Green Terror sports greats were inducted into Western Maryland's Sports Hall of Fame Saturday, Nov. 14. They included **Ricci (Gus)**

Bonaccorsy '80, Robert W. Butler '57, Fred A. Dilkes '61, Howard (Dick) Linton '54, Sally F. Stanfield '78 and Philip E. Uhrig Med '52, former head soccer coach.

Ricci Bonaccorsy '80
Gus Bonaccorsy was a four-year letter-winner at defensive end for the football team with a ferocious rush that earned him a spot on the All-America team chosen by the American Football Coaches Association in 1978 and 1979, the only Terror named since the AFCA began Division III squad selection in 1967. He also earned all-state honors, a spot on the 1979 Associated Press Little All-America honorable mention team and an alternate at the 1980 Senior Bowl. In 1979 he was also named to the All-Middle Atlantic Conference first team and the College Sports Information Directors of America All-America team. He was contacted by the New York Giants and Seattle Seahawks and nearly signed with the Giants until injuring his shoulder. Through head coach and Jiffy Lube founder Jim Hindman, Bonaccorsy managed a store in Baltimore before buying his own. Since selling his interest in the franchise, he has managed the region's number one store in sales in Annapolis.



Sports Hall of Fame Inductees (l-r): Philip E. Uhrig Med '52, coach; Robert W. Butler '57; Ricci G. Bonaccorsy '80; Sally Fite Stanfield '78; Fred Arthur Davis Dilkes '61. Inducted in absentia: H. Richard Linton '54.

Robert W. Butler '57

Bob Butler was an iron man in 1956, playing every minute of the 10-game schedule as an end and tackle on both sides of the ball. A team captain, he was selected to the College All-Methodist All-American Football team. He also ran the 220, 440 and 880 races on the track team. Butler was a ROTC member and earned the *Baltimore Sun* Outstanding ROTC Cadet Award and a mention in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. After graduation he served in the Army and played organized football at Fort Benning, Ga., and with the 21st Infantry Regiment in Hawaii. He retired as a Colonel in 1981 with a Silver Star, five Bronze Stars, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, three Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry awards and other honors. He attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. He also served as Battalion Commander of the Second Armor Division at Fort Hood, Texas, and in 1977 graduated from the U.S. Army War College. He was a ROTC professor of Military Science at Indiana University until 1980. Butler has been a Boy Scout leader, volunteer fireman, church committee member and youth sports official in football, baseball and basketball. His late wife Dorothy and three of their four children also are WMC alumni.

Fred A. Dilkes '61

Fred Dilkes was a Terror running back and a sprinter, pole vaulter and long jumper for the track team. He set WMC rushing records in 1959 and 1960 and is still third in rushing touchdowns, scoring 25 times. Post-season honors include All-East honorable mention, Williamson Little All-American, and Mason-Dixon Conference and All-Middle Atlantic first teams. He was a co-captain on the 1960 team that went 6-3, winning the Mason-Dixon crown. He served on the President's Honor Council, earned the Bates Prize for Outstanding Man in 1961, and was included in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. He was selected to command the ROTC contingent in John F. Kennedy's inauguration in 1961 and served in the Army, earning promotion to Major before an honorable discharge in 1972. He earned three Bronze Stars and numerous other commendations. Dilkes earned an MBA from the Wharton School of Business and taught leadership at West Point. Upon military retirement, he became a notable financial planner and founded Dilkes, Cooper and Rembert (now Rembert and Associates), a leading financial firm. He completed his doctorate in finance at University of Kentucky and taught at Monterey and Umpqua colleges. He retired from full-time teaching in 1996, but still serves as an adjunct instructor at the University of British Columbia

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and Simon Fraser University. He also works with the Boys' Club of America and the United Way. He lives in Canada with his wife Sharon; they have three children.

Howard (Dick) Linton '54
Key soccer player Dick Linton established himself as a dominant center halfback and full-back, playing each role for two seasons. He earned All-Mason Dixon conference honors, All-Middle Atlantic honors and All-Middle Atlantic All-American selection in 1953 when he was co-captain. He was team captain in 1951. Linton also played four seasons as a catcher for the baseball squad and three years as forward for the JV basketball team. He was captain of the baseball team in his senior season and was also a member of WMC's Pershing rifle team. He received the Distinguished Military Service Award in 1954. Linton earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania, receiving the Armstrong Cork Company Fellowship Grant in 1957 and another grant from Allied Chemical and Dye Company in 1958 during his studies. He joined the DuPont Company as a research fellow and developed several well-known products, including a pigment line used in the auto industry and a family of electroconductive powders. He retired in 1992 from E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. He has coached YMCA youth soccer and summer league baseball, as well as been an adviser in the Junior Achievement program. He and wife Doris H. Tuckwood '55 have four children.

Sally F. Stanfield '78
A letter-winner in field hockey, basketball and lacrosse, Sal Stanfield was co-team captain in field hockey and lacrosse during her senior season. She graduated magna cum laude, earning the top student Argonaut Award, induction into the Trumpeters and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies for leadership, and

inclusion in "Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities." She has remained active in sports while coaching for the Boys' & Girls' Clubs of King County, Wash. She played club lacrosse and was selected to play first home for the West Coast all-star squad at the U.S. Nationals in 1986. She also assisted in the start up of several club teams in Washington and Oregon, and trained lacrosse officials and set up club tournaments in Washington, Oregon, Colorado and Canada. She earned a law degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law in 1981 and was admitted to the Bar in Maryland in 1981 and in Washington in 1983. She spent more than four years as a prosecutor for the King County felony division. Now living in Randallstown, Md., she is a player agent for conditional status LPGA Tour golfers, as well as general counsel and director of marketing for Edrich Lumber, Inc. and Edrich Farms, Inc. She also breeds and shows Arabian horses in Western Pleasure classes, earning a national championship with her Arabian gelding AA Show Biz last year.

Philip E. Uhrig MEd '52
Phil Uhrig, who lives in Indian Wells, Calif., coached the men's soccer team from 1949-59, including the 1955 conference champions. He took a losing program that ended 1950 with a winless 0-10 record and finished his coaching career with a 1959 squad that is still noted as one of the best ever and still holds many of the college's records. The team finished 9-1-1, and his stellar squad averaged a WMC-record 5.36 goals per game. Uhrig began coaching at New Windsor High School and led his team to the state finals in 1946 and 1947 before taking over at WMC. He earned a master's degree in education from WMC in 1952 and served as Director of Alumni from 1964 until 1978 when he took on a part-time challenge as Director of Planned Giving.

He served the college until retiring in 1981, being named Director of Alumni Affairs Emeritus. Uhrig served on the alumni committee that established the WMC Sports Hall of Fame in 1977. •

Daniel I. Welliver Remembered

Daniel I. Welliver, better known as "Dan" and later as "Doctor Dan," grew up on the campus of WMC as one of five sons of a Methodist minister. In 1950 he received his bachelor's degree and headed off to medical school. Although his early life was closely tied to Westminster and WMC, the heart of his relationship with the college followed his return to Westminster as a general practitioner. (Yes, that's what they were called then.) His willingness to take on the responsibilities of physician to the WMC athletic teams eventually led to his assumption of the even broader task of col-

lege physician, embracing all WMC students and the accompanying health problems. His willingness to do this had to be for the love of Western Maryland, for the love of athletics, for the love of people, for Dan was overwhelmed as the new young doctor on the block, probably the first new and young doctor to arrive in Westminster in decades.

I remember well an incident with Dan. It was following a home basketball game (I was coaching basketball at the time) in the locker room of old Gill Gym. We had a player with a dislocated shoulder and another with a nasty cut on his hand which required stitches. Dan responded, as he always did on many other occasions, to our distress call at about 10:30 p.m. The temperature of the locker room was around 90 degrees and steam from the showers added considerable humidity. Dan arrived on the scene from a cold wintry night

College Physician Dan Welliver '50 (center) tended to students on and off the field for 40 years.



at the end of one of his many very long days. His haste, the heat and the humidity, not to mention the players and the athletic trainer—Jim Boyer, a crusty old veteran—all peering over his shoulder, added to the mounting drama. The tape wouldn't tear, and the stitches wouldn't hold as this young doctor struggled under trying circumstances to perform his wizardry. What an experience! I often thought this an athletic experience not at all too dissimilar to a young athlete taking the floor for the first time before a noisy, hostile crowd.

From this initial encounter, Dan, the athletes and the college grew together through countless examinations, emergencies, epidemics and the like. Beyond his growing knowledge and skill as a physician, Doctor Dan's concern and caring for individuals as human beings became his hallmark. Countless WMC students—athletes and non-athletes—faculty members and their families, as well as countless others sought out Dan not, I think, always as a physician but as a caring friend and counselor. In this day and age he was unique and very special in his unhurried manner and his ability to listen, to understand and to console. Innumerable students will always recall with great affection his assistance with the many problems of life. I should not limit this to students, for Dan's concern, advice, compassionate understanding and assistance were extended to me personally during a critical period of my own life and for that I shall always be most grateful and appreciative.

Because he cared so much, his seriousness of approach and purpose sometimes left him at the mercy of student humor, all of which he took in stride. Western Maryland honored him on several different occasions and commended him for his distinctions—first as its *Alumnus of the Year*, then with the distinguished Trustee

Alumni Award and on his "official" retirement. Reading over all these laudatory comments as I searched for words with which to commend Doctor Daniel I. Welliver, I came to the realization that what I would like to write with the utmost heartfelt feeling could not be adequately expressed in words. One of the college citations reads: "Selfless, ever-sensitive, always sincere ... a saint in physician's garb." Yet this, too, fails to describe adequately what I personally and the college really felt. Could it be the words of Charles Schulz, creator of the comic strip "Peanuts," are the simplest but most fitting? You were a good man, Dan Welliver! ●

Dick Clower '50, Professor of Exercise Science and Physical Education Emeritus

Librarian Kay Falconer Passes On

We, in the Class of 1952, knew her as Cassie, and what was written beside her senior *Alohna* photo was more prophetic than most of those ritual paragraphs. Read the following phrases from the yearbook and see how Kay continued to embody them during her lifetime. "Petite blond with plenty of energy," "she should get a patent on that laugh," "loves to ice skate and never seems to be cold," and "her heart belongs to the Navy."

Every tribute about Kay mentioned her vigorous activity and boundless energy—from her determined stride between Elderdice and Hoover Library to her many interests beyond WMC, which continued in her retirement, including collecting antiques, gardening around her lovely Uniontown home and traveling here and abroad. That energy was expressed



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Circulation Librarian Emerita Kay Falconer '52 catalogued Hoover's collection for 27 years.

with a unique laugh which someone really should have patented. Kay never tired of nature and the outdoors. Well into her life she enjoyed canoeing, hiking and cross-country skiing. And that business about her heart belonging to the Navy was code language for Paul, a sailor she married in October of 1952. He never ceased to mention her devotion and love as wife and partner.

For 27 years, most of us knew Kay as the college's very reliable, efficient and hard-working circulation librarian. She was unfailingly cooperative and resourceful, easy to talk to and with. Jane Sharpe, her colleague in the library for many years, sums up Kay's contribution to all of us: "She helped countless patrons, trained and supervised countless students who worked in the library, and kept up with the ever-changing technology." *The Hill's* comment on her retirement in 1995, when she was made Circulation Librarian Emerita, reinforced this capacity of Kay to be flexible and her ability to grow. After mentioning that she began here in 1968 with a relatively simple procedure of cataloguing journals and checking out books, she was, upon her leaving, "in charge of a sophisticated automated system which manages an inventory of 190,000 volumes and a patron database of 3,500." This was to Kay's everlasting credit.

Another, virtually anonymous, activity was her relation-

ship to dozens of international students, many of whom worked in the library with her. She was their informal adviser and consultant and regularly kept in touch with them after graduation. This also meant several trips to Europe to visit them and the maintenance of a world-wide mailing list. One particular Spanish student, Candido Lopez, sent these words of tribute which were read at Kay's funeral in January. "It is hard to define a person in a few words, but if I have to define Mrs. Falconer, I would use the words sweetness and kindness. Her love, cultural awareness and understanding towards those who were experiencing the pros and cons of living in a foreign country have made her a very special woman in all our lives. She allowed us to pass through WMC more comfortably and smoothly. That is impossible to forget."

Indeed, it is impossible to forget Kay's faithful and dedicated service, her unique laughter, her friendship, and above all her enthusiasm and energy. So as Candido said, "Mrs. Falconer, *que descanse en Paz.*" Rest in peace. ●

Ira Zepp '52, Professor of Religious Studies Emeritus

In Memoriam

Mr. George H. Myers Jr. '27, of Falls Church, Va., on September 19, 1998.

Mr. William R. Bay Jr. '28, of Baltimore, Md., on March 25, 1998.

Miss Alverta R. Dillon '32, of Accident, Md., on November 2, 1998.

Miss Margaret F. Smith '37, of Hagerstown, Md., on August 26, 1998.

Mr. Herman S. Beck Jr. '40, of Mt. Airy, Md., on August 25, 1998.

Mrs. Jean Cairnes Blickman '40, of San Rafael, Calif., on June 12, 1998.

Dr. Thomas F. Lewis '41, of Lewes, Del., on September 23, 1998.

Mrs. Thelma Bowen Offutt '41, of Indianapolis, Ind., on September 13, 1998.

Miss Eleanor Mowbray '43, of Barton, Md., on August 14, 1998.

Mr. Robert T. Siemon '43, of Lake Worth, Fla., on October 8, 1998.

Mr. John B. Richardson '45, of Kissimmee, Fla., on April 11, 1998.

Dr. Paul F. Maynard '45, of Bayside, N.Y., on June 10, 1998.

Mr. Thomas M. Holt '49, of Orange Park, Fla., on May 4, 1998.

Mrs. Christine Maynard Baldwin '49, of Baltimore, Md., in December 1990.

Mrs. Helen Raschke Bantle '49, of Tarzana, Calif., date unknown.

Mrs. Jeanne Dougherty Jones '52, of Greenbelt, Md., on October 12, 1998.

Dr. Robert H. Parker, honorary doctor of divinity 1953, of Gaithersburg, Md., on September 19, 1998.

Mr. Donald L. Heins '54, of Baltimore, Md., in July 1981.

Mr. Willard A. Strack MED'59, of Timonium, Md., on September 11, 1998.

Miss Marjorie B. Case MED'59, of Westminster, Md., on September 3, 1998.

Mr. Carl V. Strein '62, of Bel Air, Md., on October 19, 1998.

Mr. Joseph C. Spear '63, of Chevy Chase, Md., on November 30, 1998.

Mrs. Susan Reckord Wroten '66, of Woodbine, Md., on October 27, 1998.

Ms. Melane Wagner Gede MED'77, of Reisterstown, Md., on October 3, 1998.

Mr. Keith H. Patterson '79, of Hagerstown, Md., on August 27, 1998.

Ms. Pamela L. Crandell '89, of Galesville, Md., on July 17, 1996.

Marriages

Nancy Wilhide Warner '75 to Robert Lehner on February 21, 1998. They reside in Severna Park, Md.

Valerie Misad '83 to Michael DiPaola on June 24, 1997. They reside in Williamsburg, Va.

Andrew Mehl '85 to Sandra Idol on August 2, 1998. They reside in Galesburg, Ill.

Deborah Waxman '85 to Randy Gadsden on February 27, 1998. They reside in Tampa, Fla.

Barry Bartholow '87 to Rebecca Brookhart on October 24, 1998. They reside in Hunt Valley, Md.

Laurie Luchte '92 to Christopher Scannell '89 on October 3, 1998. They reside in Bel Air, Md.

Jacqueline Fignar '93 to Thomas Wood '93 on May 30, 1998. They reside in Hagerstown, Md.

Kimberly Ostrow '93 to Dana Richey on September 27, 1998. They reside in Derwood, Md.

Shannon Ruddle '93 to Robert Benedetto Jr. on September 18, 1998. They reside in Bel Air, Md.

Timothy John Yeckis MS'93 to Michelle Ann Edwards on September 26, 1998. They reside in Reisterstown, Md.

Collin Merrill Clark '95 to Martha Moskides July 4, 1998. They reside in Denver, Colo.

Julie Escher '95 to Joseph Alghary on October 24, 1998. They reside in Charlotte, N.C.

Karen Jenne '95 to Brad Stevens on July 27, 1997. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

Kimberly Haker '96 to Todd Retchless '97 on October 3, 1998. They are both stationed in Germany.

Christina Schmidt MS'98 to Maurice William Frizzell Jr. on June 27, 1998. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

Births

Patrick Mahan, on July 7, 1997, to Jeff '75 and Wendy Mahan.

Christina Elaine Hallam, on June 4, 1998, to William and Catherine Lewis '80 Hallam.

Jordan Daniel Smyth, on July 22, 1998, to Fred '80 and Kathy Smyth.

Paige Morganne Alexander, on March 18, 1998, to Mitchell '80 and Mildred Artis '81 Alexander.

Valerie Jean Boyd, on March 13, 1997, to William and Lisa Finch '80 Boyd.

Maura Caitlin Neely, on July 11, 1998, to Carl '81 and Nanette Sadler '82 Neely.

Jeremy Dalton Conner, on July 21, 1998, to Michael '82 and Michele Hutschenreuter '84 Conner.

Dorothy Rose MacLean-Blevins, on August 3, 1998, to Mark and Kim MacLean-Blevins '82.

Thomas John Paranzino Jr., on July 20, 1998, to Tom '82 and Kathy Marvel '85 Paranzino.

Alexander Ollman Frith, on March 26, 1998, to Ralph '84 and Char Wirts '84 Frith.

Class Notes

30 Celebration of a birthday at or near the 90-year mark has become a top event for Class of 1930 members.

A large gathering of relatives and friends attended a 90th birthday party for **Frances Ward Ayton** at the home of her daughter near Doylestown, Pa. **Mary Virginia Bankert Apple** '51 and **Virginia Merrill Meitner** were present. Among numerous congratulations were telephone calls from Finland, Vancouver, Bangladesh and mainland China, where in 1938 Frances and her husband, Eugene Ayton, began their missionary careers. Political upheaval forced the Aytons to transfer their work to Taiwan in 1957. While on furlough in Pennsylvania, Eugene died of a heart attack while shoveling snow. Frances went back to Taiwan for eight more years, then returned in 1976 to live in Doylestown, Pa., reasonably near her two sons and two daughters, all of whom have entered the teaching profession.

Aesenth Bay Landis is happy to be living in the United Methodist Home in Roanoke, Va., in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountain area. On July 6 she celebrated her 90th birthday with her sister, two children, two grandchildren, their families and many friends at the home.

Class president **Harry Otto Smith** and his wife Marjorie have birthdays

close enough together to celebrate their 90th jointly with friends and family members at their home in Walkersville, Md. On December 1 they celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. They are glad that good health enables them to enjoy such occasions. They are proud of the careers of sons Richard, a lawyer in Washington, D.C., and Ronald, an ophthalmologist in California. At a convention in Amsterdam, Ronald was awarded a medal as highest ranking ophthalmologist in the world. In the fall of 1998, H.O. and Marjorie traveled to WMC for a luncheon meeting of the Pi Alpha Alpha fraternity, of which H.O. was president in 1930. He was also Vice-Commandant of the Officers Club with the ranking of Major.

Close to his 90th birthday, **Calvin S. Warner** stopped playing tennis. He takes long walks in the hills and valleys of the many parks that surround Cleveland and are known by the poetic term of "The Emerald Necklace." From his fifth floor window he enjoys views of Lake Erie dotted with boats.

John Latimer Watkins entered the business world as a manager of Woolworth stores in various locations. He returned to his home area in Damascus, Md., where he opened his own store named Watkins & 10. He and his wife Mary moved into a new home on an acre of land where he did extensive landscaping, planted a

Master's News

Philip Arbaugh MED'74, a Westminster native and career educator and administrator, was selected as Manchester town manager beginning August 24. Philip teaches curriculum and administration at the graduate level at Western Maryland College.

Jacqueline M. Desjardins MED'77, an instructor of American Sign Language Studies at the Delgado Community College in New Orleans, received the 1998 *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* award and the 1998 Senior Citizen award from the Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Charities.

Alexander Samuel Parker, on August 14, 1998, to Al and Carrie Miller '85 Parker.

Samuel Jeffrey Rickett, on December 26, 1997, to Jeff '85 and Val Wieder '85 Rickett.

Weston Douglas Funk, on October 25, 1998, to Doug and Nettie Barrick '86 Funk.

Margo Elena Shipley, on November 1, 1997, to Jonathan '86 and Maria Shipley.

Zachary and Jacob Austensen, on September 22, 1998, to Blake '88 and Stacy Hermann '91 Austensen.

Emily Sinak, on May 14, 1998, to Stephen '88 and Wendy Sinak.

Gabrielle Leigh Mirabile, on September 13, 1998, to Frank and Tammy Fewster '89 Mirabile.

Frank Kratovil III, in November 1997, to Frank '90 and Kimberly Kratovil.

Madison Elizabeth Lazzelle, on October 11, 1998, to Robert and Melanie Fonsman '90, MS'95 Lazzelle.

Madison Brooke Thornton, on September 25, 1998, to Bob and Katherine Perry '90 Thornton.

Nicholas Zackery Rausch, on May 17, 1998, to Nick '90 and Kimberly Rausch.

Tyler Gregory Kreider, in June 1998, to Randall and Alison Denlinger '95 Kreider.

strawberry patch and enjoyed cutting the grass with the riding mower. Since the death of his wife in 1987, he has taken on all of the household jobs that go with a nine-room home. Music has played an important part in Latimer's life. From age 12 to 20 he played in a local band. At WMC he played the clarinet in the ROTC Band, and sang in the College Choir and in the Jesters Glee Club. He attends Army and Navy Band concerts and belongs to a community concert group. He also enjoys watching football games. In 1996, Latimer sold his store and retired. This year, two former employees gave him a surprise 89th birthday party attended by 200 people. Music was furnished by the same band in which Latimer had previously played.

In his positions with the U.S. Foreign Service Department, **Harry V. Scott** has enjoyed an interesting and fulfilling life. He has done extensive traveling in the Far East. In 1969 he retired and has lived in Florida ever since. He keeps active with gardening, golf, politics, reading, investments, bridge and sports, including boating.

In celebration of her 89th birthday, the family of **Margaret Leonard Leach** took her to visit her girlhood home in Oxford, Md. Some of us enjoyed the warm hospitality of her parents during our college years. Near Margaret's present home in Wilmington, Del., is a replica of an historic sailing ship named "Kalmars Nyckel." Under Commodore Peter Minkus the ship sailed to the New World on December 31, 1637, and arrived in Delaware Bay in March 1638. The crew met with Indian chiefs and purchased land to establish the Colony of New Sweden, which became the city of Wilmington. Recently Margaret visited an exhibit of treasures of the Romanov dynasty, which began its tour at the Wilmington Museum. Margaret thought of the contrast between the lives of Emperor Nicholas II and Empress Alexandra and that of the people who were their subjects. Margaret enjoys seeing her four grandchildren and their parents often.

Margaret Webber Broughton Engle has a second great-grandson named Michael Webber Engle. She does less traveling now. She still lives in State College, Pa., and enjoys luncheons and playing bridge with friends.

Eleanor Gunby Watts lives in her family home in Marion Station on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Toward the end of her senior year at WMC, Eleanor was chosen to be the May Queen, presiding over May Day festivities held on the athletic field. Several senior girls were chosen to be her attendants, and others performed dance routines to welcome the girls of May. This may seem quaint today, but it really was fun. Eleanor has telephone conversations with **Ellen Gardener Mellor** and **Lucille Charles Fry**. Since 1993, Lucille has lived in a nursing home in Hagerstown, Md. She enjoys bingo games and spelling bees with friends.

Her husband and children visit frequently. Eleanor enjoyed a visit from **Virginia Scrivener Meade** and husband Roland last summer.

Frances Raughley Roberts sends greetings from Baltimore where she lives with her son **Donald '55**. She would enjoy hearing from classmates. She likes to look through *The Aloha* and recall earlier times. Frances looks forward to family get-togethers with her granddaughters and their children. She misses her sister, **Ann Raughley Ewing**, who died in February 1996.

On October 9, **Marianne Engle Browning** celebrated her 89th birthday in a retirement center in Frederick, Md., where it is convenient for family members to visit her. In earlier years Marianne was active in several community organizations. She appears to be quite content with her present quieter way of living.

Amanda Bell Phillips continues to live in Williamsport, Md., and sends her greetings to everyone.

With sadness we report the death on July 4, 1998, of **Col. William C. Pelton** in State College, Pa. His 23 years in the U.S. Army included service in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, after which he became director of security at Penn State University for 10 years before retiring in 1971. "Bill" was a former president of the International Approved Association of Basketball Officials, a member of the Retired Officers Association, the National Basketball Hall of Fame and Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, and WMC Sports Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife Pauline, a daughter, a son, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

I enjoy living in my apartment attached to the home of son Eric and his wife Brigitte with their two daughters Erika, 16, and Carolyn, 11, the youngest of my ten grandchildren. Seven great-grandchildren complete the count so far.

I thank all who responded with news for this column. Whenever you change your address, please notify the Alumni Office at 1 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.

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34 Everybody seems to say that the days go by so fast. It certainly was true this year because Christmas "came and went" and caught me before I had a chance to get a note to all members of the Class of '34 asking for news. Nevertheless, I am able to let you know what some of your classmates are doing from little notes on their Christmas cards to me (which I really appreciated), telephone conversations and seeing them at various places and times.

Our biggest news is OUR 65th REUNION this year. The weekend of May 28-30 is the very important date for seeing all of our classmates again.

In the meantime, here's a bit of news about some of them. **Elise Kalb**

Chapin claims 1998 was a "very uneventful year" for her. She spent most of her days with family. Her two granddaughters are doing very well. Sara graduated from St. Lawrence University and now has a job in Boston. Maggie graduated high school and will be attending Colgate University. One of Elise's grandsons graduated from high school and the other works in the Saranac Lake region where Elise lives. She herself keeps busy with her many volunteer jobs—her "contribution to society," as she puts it. In addition, she enjoys her weekly bridge games.

Charles Whittington and Carolyn have taken up residence at Broadmead, a retirement community not far from Towson, Md. They have a nice cottage there and the view from their patio is beautiful—rolling country roads, trees, and birds. Carolyn keeps busy with her many organizations, and Charles is well occupied with his computer. Both are very happy and pleased to be at Broadmead. This year they again plan to attend the Peakeess, and **Ken Rhodes** will come up from Florida to join them. Out of the original class group of 24 that attended the races during the past years, only Charles and Carolyn, Lillian and Ed, and Ken still go together.

Ken spent Thanksgiving in Maryland for the Rhodes family get-together on the Eastern Shore. He also celebrated his birthday by taking a cruise, which he followed by visiting friends and family in various states. During the past years Ken has not been in the best of health, but he has found a good cardiologist who has helped him a lot. In October he attended the 50th reunion of the Class of 1948, the first high school class Ken taught when he returned from World War II. The reunion was held at Blair High School, the third largest high school in the country. Needless to say, Ken enjoyed himself thoroughly.

I had a nice Christmas card and message from Eleanor Jaeger, wife of **Rodol Jaeger**, the first president of our class. Eleanor asked to be remembered to all of Rody's friends. She also wrote, "The years have passed so quickly since Rody's death, and the time gets shorter with each passing day, yet I am still hanging in there."

Oliver Butler Loss '35 wife of our deceased classmate **Robert "Bob" Loss**, sent a nice message of remembrance.

Ada Beall Poole wrote that she sustained a very bad fall. She crushed her vertebrae and is suffering from many fractures in her back. She was unable to care for herself for a long period of time and stayed with her daughter. She is hoping that by the time of our reunion, she will be able to attend.

Mary Haig Hartger, who lives in Vista, Calif., sent me a Christmas card containing the following note: "I have lovely daughters who spoil me in many ways."

Roland Sliker also added a note to his Christmas card to me. He said,

"Am afraid that happy days on the Hill are long gone, but I enjoyed our days away back."

I heard that **Al Sadusky**, who lives in Columbia, Md., with wife Irene, had therapy and is showing signs of improvement.

As usual I am keeping busy with various officer positions and committee work in the many organizations to which I belong. One of the things I enjoy most is writing this column. I hope that someday I can get a 100 percent response from all of you.

Please make every effort this year to attend our 65th Reunion. Notices will be forthcoming from the college reminding you of the dates. Mark your calendars now. Our class will have a special luncheon meeting together.

In closing, I want to say to each and every one of you "Classmates, don't be so pessimistic. The years may be passing, but we still have a lot of living to do. Let's share some of it at our reunion."

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35 To those of you who returned cards to me, I'm eternally grateful. Without them a column like this would not be possible. There are 61 of us still living!

Dennis Yingling and wife **Betty Smith Yingling '43** moved back to Westminster and are comfortably settled at Carroll Lutheran Village. Their three daughters live nearby, and they have two great grandchildren, a boy and a girl. They are still traveling, recently to Greenbrier in West Virginia.

Marcellene McClung Wharton lives in Pylesville, Md. She interests herself in hobbies and travels, but has pleasant memories of earlier friends.

Ed Barto writes from Seminole, Fla., that he and Phyllis still travel and enjoy their life in a retirement condo. They welcome family visits, and enjoy the computer and their involvement in many events in their community.

Brady and Mary Brown Bryson are both well and keep busy—Brady still produces a newsletter, "Second Thoughts." Mary runs the wine shop, Locust Wines, with Brady's assistance in the paper work.

Carlton Brinsfield writes from Cumberland that he hope to stay in their house as long as possible. Their children are scattered. They occasionally see **Orpha Pritchard** and **Margaret Witherspoon Long**, residents of Cumberland.

Louise Owen Hart from Peoria, Ariz., keeps busy volunteering. She cites "tiredness with rental cars and arthritis" as reasons for not coming back to WMC. Understandable!

John Blissman is living in Birdsboro, Pa., with his daughter. He says he receives excellent care and service. Recently he was driven to Lancaster to visit an old high school friend whom he had not seen for 70 years. They played backfield on a football team (1927) and scored 615

points to the opponent's zero. John says the record still holds in Pennsylvania.

Don Tschudy and Thelma send best wishes to all.

Mary Benson Walburn, although a paraplegic for 27 years, is enjoying life to the fullest. She no longer drives her van, but with family and friends gets around. She turns down very few invitations for outings. Orchids to you, Mary!

Margaret Routhahn Miller from Frederick is keeping busy and says she's computer illiterate. She was sorry to miss the Day Students' Reunion in July. We missed you, Peg.

Charlie Moore from Denton says he and **Dolly Taylor '38** eat out frequently and taxi their grandsons, ages 9 to 15, around. Their son runs their business and their daughter, who lives in Charlottesville, Va., comes home frequently to enjoy mother's cooking. He sends his best regards to all of us.

Joe Lipsky is still enjoying golf and looks forward to our 65th reunion. They live in Columbia, S.C.

Thelma Chell McNemar tells of her exciting trip to England, Scotland and Wales on the QE II and her flight home. She celebrated her 83rd birthday with tea at Harrod's and attended St. Paul's services the next day. She plans a flight to Bermuda for her 84th. Keep it up, Thelma!

Emily Dashiell Leckey attends the Lower Eastern Shore Luncheon and enjoys it. She continues to go to Long Boat Key, Fla., in the winter. Emily lives in Prince Anne.

Dan Moore writes from California that he and his wife Nora are still walking, driving and giving their five children advice. Dan was 84 on May 6. Their travel has been impaired by arthritis and heart medication. He hopes all of us have enjoyed a "fruitful life and have been blessed by a love of family, home and friends."

Adelyn Moxley Galloway writes from Elliciton City that she is taking two art classes each week and still enjoys golfing. She says, "I'm still breathing and moving, and thankful that life is still very good."

Dottie Berry Tevis had a hip replacement, but after recuperating enjoyed a family trip to New York and visits to Rehoboth. She plays weekly bridge with **Mary Brown Bryson** and **Jane Twigg Willis**, and WMC activities interest her. She reported that 52% of our Class of '35 contributed to the Annual Fund this past year, a little above average.

Lucille Bork Jones writes from Bel Air that she and **Bill '34** have had a pleasantly quiet year. She has many happy memories of her life on "the Hill" and extends wishes to all classmates for an interesting and pleasant 1999.

Andy Gorski says he'll soon be a bionic man as he has had a hip replacement and cataract removal this year. He's getting back into shape by swimming and tread-milling. He looks forward to seeing "you all" at our next reunion—2000 will be our 65th!

Kitty Rose Demuth had a recent lunch with **Mary Brown Bryson**. They enjoy living in a Naples retirement home, Moorings Park.

Jesse Shipley Eckenrode and her husband spent a pleasant month with their daughter on Cape Cod and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They spent Christmas with their son and family in Geneva, N.Y., and attended their grandson's wedding in October. They have five grandchildren, ages 3 to 30, who enrich their lives. She says, "blessings are counted daily." So glad to hear from you, Jesse!

Frank Clarke and Grayson Brakenburg '37 live at Fairhaven in Skyville. They are volunteers—Grayson is in charge of wheelchairs at the healthcare center and Frank is in charge of the residents workshop. In 1998 they made trips to gun shows in Carlisle and Kempton, Pa., and an Antique Rifle Association in Hagerstown. They plan a trip to North Dakota and a tour of the National Parks in the future. Happy volunteering!

The Lords are staying busy and enjoying being close to family members. We spent more weeks at the Ocean City cottage this summer where the peace and quiet pleases us. Our Retired Teacher's Chorus has begun practice. I enjoy being the accompanist and socializing with the members.

Ruth Jenkins Smith and I carpool to parties. I am presently preparing a book review for our next book club meeting, a friendly group of seniors. Hope all of us will be meeting at WMC for our 65th reunion in 2000!

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40 There were a few new cards which did not quite make it in time for the last column. They do get picked up in the next newsletter, so don't despair.

A card from **Ed and Grace Gillner McLaughlin** in April 1998 informed us that Grace had an accident in a parking lot near their home in Madison, N.J. Her shopping cart was hit by a car, and she suffered a ruptured vein in her thigh and a cracked pelvis. Grace was in the hospital from March 5 to April 7. With therapy she was improving well. She said Ed was doing the housework and cooking rather poorly. Poor guy.

Richard McInch had a miserable 1997 summer—he heart problems really called for four shunts. He had a relapse and was back in the hospital and out of commission for July and parts of June and August. He is okay now. Richard went to Florida in February 1998 long enough to sell his place in Punta Gorda. He will be having a smaller garden now so he has more time to spoil his five grandchildren in Keymar, Md.

Emma Williams says she made the drastic move to Oakcrest Retirement Village in Baltimore early in 1998 and loves the lack of cooking and responsi-

bility. She and **Ellen Shipley Sybert** went to Florida again last winter and attended the mini Alumni Reunion in Sarasota.

In September **Carleton "Stumpy" Gooden** finished a three-week hike in Oregon and Washington, walking 156 miles this time. Included were the Columbia River Gorge waterfalls and mountains, Mt. Saint Helen trails, the "American Alps" (Northern Cascade Mountains), and the Olympics Forest sea coast and park, all remarkable. There were photo ops and camcording everywhere. He had perfect weather, adventures like crossing knee-deep glacial melt streams and people everywhere. His double knee replacements in 1996 have never slowed him down—except at airport security gates. I do love to hear he signs his card, "Enthusiastically."

After retiring, **Homor Elseroad** was honored by the governor for 16 years of service on the board of the Maryland Retirement and Pension System.

When **Bill Shockley** wrote in May he was just home from two months in the hospital. They feel lucky to have found their retirement in Quincy Village, Pa., with nursing home, rehab and therapy in their backyard. He had a hip replacement followed by a severe infection. By September he had progressed from a walker to a cane and driving the car. He really feels pretty good, but he sure was a sick fellow. His wife **Mild** turned out to be an excellent nurse.

In June, **Kay Fertig Higgins** spent two weeks in the Canadian Rockies, including Vancouver and Victoria. A highlight for them was their stay at Lake Louise. She spent two weeks doing her usual annual tour and visiting in West Virginia. In September she returned home (Ridgely, Md.) from a return visit to Brandon, Mo., where she saw eight great lions in a week.

John and Emily Linton '42 Carnochan visited all of their out-of-town children (four) last summer. They were expecting to have an extended family reunion in Frederick on John's 80th birthday in October. Their youngest is now band director at University of Colorado at Boulder. John's bad knee in his good leg had been acting up, but thank goodness it eased up a bit by September.

Oliver Roder Green and Will had to give up swimming. They now walk in the water—and no more Nautilus. Will had a bad year; their social life seems to be mostly meeting friends and neighbors in four doctors' offices. Olive has been well, but she feels like a pharmacist keeping track of all the medications. Hang in there, folks.

Charlie Horan says they are still a happy, healthy family. He claims he is a Jouffer. His wife Sylvia finished a 300-page history of the Women's Club of Washington Grove, where they live. Meredith, their daughter, is a cataloger at the National Library of Medicine and was elected secretary of the Online Cataloguers. She is also into dressage and dingy racing.

Charlie Swinderman is Organist Emeritus at St. John's Catholic

Church in Westminster and still plays at weddings and funerals. He substitutes at other churches in the area and plays dinner music at the nursing home in town one evening each week.

Charles MED'63 and Ethel Barnes Berry are still leading a busy life but notice they are slowing up. No trips this year and fewer wild shows. Ethel received the "Named Grant Award" from the American Association of University Women for her "special attributes." Charles is Carver-in-residence at the museum in Salisbury, and Ethel is a docent there. She and **Ginny Willing Elliott** were the only '40ers attending the Eastern Shore Alumni Luncheon in Berlin, Md. Two of their grandkids play football in school, one is going to pilot school in North Dakota (he wants to fly the big ones) and two play horns, one of whom has been nominated for the Maryland School Band.

Eleanor Wheeler Stalup is in Richmond, Va. She badly injured a foot a few years ago. It has finally healed, but she's afraid the cane is there to stay—her knees take turns acting up. Eleanor's daughter lives close to her. Her grandson got his master's from VCU this past summer and is off to University of Pittsburgh to get his doctorate; her granddaughter enjoys her work as associate editor of the *American Chemical Society Journal*.

At last **John Schauer** entered the 20th century. He installed a touch-tone phone, got a COMPAQ computer and just got on AOL. But he still uses a wind-up wrist watch. He and Marilyn will probably be in Australia, New Zealand or Fiji when you read this.

Norma "Nicky" Nicodemus Knapp and Lester "Bo" '41 travel from Augusta every little these days. They did fly to Connecticut last May to attend their granddaughter's graduation from Wesleyan University. Ronnie's dad is "Bo" Jr. '65. **Marty Hodgson Honeman '43 and Don '41** visited the Knapp Srs. in September. They were joined by **Ellen Piel Mansberger '46 and Artie '44**—a mini reunion! To quote Nicky, "We are hanging in there and counting our many blessings." This is the stage of our lives when that quote can be used by many of us '40ers.

Ruthetta Lippy Gilgash and her niece had a 10-day trip to London and Paris. They loved the train through the channel to Paris. They took in all the touristy things there and for some reason were refused entrance to the Ritz. Ruthetta moved to Florida. She and Curtis are living in Largo in an apartment which provides everything needed for "independent living," and she thinks it will be wonderful.

Anna Mary and Raymond Roderick continue in their busy life at Homewood in Hanover, Pa. They go to their former home in Middletown, Md., where they can also visit their youngest daughter, who lost her husband last March. They send their love to all.

Postcards from the Edge

Kittie Cochrane Newcomb was 80 in August, and she is as busy as ever. In October 1996, as a member of her church heritage committee, she prepared a corrected history of La Plata, which she had done in the 1980s for the historical society. The town was 80,000 strong then. Today it is a bedroom community for D.C.—no longer a retreat—and is bursting with a population of 110,000. The Southern Maryland Alumni Reunion held in Charles County last fall was great. Kittie and **Louise Jameson Higby '39** chaired the party. The Charles County Fair celebrated its seventh anniversary and Kittie worked on that three days. Their Garden Club celebrated its 60th in October, and she was a speaker. Her son John built the South River Golf Links in Edgewater, Md., three years ago, and it is doing well. A grandfather on Kittie's father's side, William Burgess, helped set up Londontown, one of the four ports for colonists to enter Maryland. John's golf course is on part of William Burgess' grant. John's family includes a girl, 5, and a boy, 2.

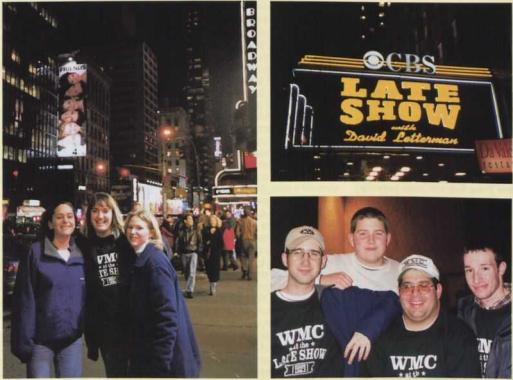
Peg Kuhns Scott has missed her two grandchildren since the family moved to Amherst, Mass., in September. Peg will move to the same area when she sells her home in Ellenville, N.Y. She keeps busy with daily walks, volunteer work and once-a-week bridge.

In June **Clarence Beard** and LaVaughn went to New England via RV to attend the Harvard graduation of a young friend. They spent a week driving on the Maine coast and visiting friends in New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and New Jersey. In August, they finally passed up the RV and flew to Portland, Ore. After visiting there and in Ashland, they rented a car and drove to San Francisco, stopping along the way to visit. They were with their son and daughter and three grandchildren in the Bay area. They went to San Diego by air for more visiting, then flew home. When the knee replacement LaVaughn had last April was very successful. The other knee was to be done in October.

This is the shortest news report we've ever had from **Bill Beatty**. He and Lorraine did almost no traveling this past year except for the many miles he put on the mowing machine because of the good grass-growing weather. They were very disappointed that the Churchill tour to England was canceled because they always incorporate visits to friends into the trip. Bill is afraid they might be getting lazy—they sleep so much that sack time is classified info.

Grace Scull Rand and Bill have also stayed close to home this year, enjoying their grandchildren, now 8 and 9. They were looking forward to a trip to the Holy Land the first two weeks of Advent. Their daughter and husband (vice consul) are still in Maramoros, Mexico.

Carolyn Smith Schott says she is a lucky almost-80 who still has her own home and car and manages to keep



More than 80 young alumni and undergrads hoped for 15 minutes of fame in the studio audience of the Late Show with David Letterman in February. Left, Class of '97 buddies Heather O'Brien, Meredith Whissell and Kim Zehner make their mark on New York City's Broadway. Right, Kelly Norris '01, Scott Discoll '01, Anthony "Wally" Santillo '00 and Nick Wissel '00 wait for the show to begin at the Ed Sullivan Theatre near Times Square.

Where in the world have you been? Send us a snapshot showing your WMC spirit with details about your adventure (include the names of those pictured and how to contact you) to: Postcards from the Edge, Office of Public Information, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.

going. Last May she went to her granddaughter Carolyn's graduation in Pennsylvania. In June she went to Washington and Oregon to visit family and her longtime "partner in crime." For 20 plus years Carolyn was a third grade teacher and her "partner" taught first grade in a three-room school. Carolyn enjoys her volunteer work in the local food pantry.

I don't know any other school that does this, but **Eleanor Perry Reif's** high school class has been meeting twice a year for lunch in Cumberland. That must really be great. She is still busy in church and community, such as Meals on Wheels and Red Cross blood drives.

Elaine Kratz Conant and Lu are in good health and enjoying life. She works on the staff of her church and Lu does volunteer work at the hospital. They had a rather busy summer, which included a cruise, a week at the New Jersey shore with one son and family, and a week in Massachusetts with their second son and family.

Earle and Ethel Erb '42 Wilhide still head to Florida for January through March, doing their square dancing, golfing and traveling a bit.

The highlight of the year was the July wedding of their oldest granddaughter, who teaches in Nashville, in Bel Air, Md. The next granddaughter is a sophomore at Hartford University in Connecticut, majoring in engineering. Two grandsons are in seventh grade and high school. Their daughter teaches in Baltimore County and her husband is an engineer after getting out of the Army several years ago. Their son is a CPA in Annapolis.

How wonderful to hear from **Blanche Scott Jourdan** again. She sold her place in Florida about five years ago and built a home in Darlington, Md., where she is closer to all of her family. She has been blessed with reasonably good health. She is interested in church and community affairs, plays bridge and takes an occasional trip. Last year she had a tour to Alaska and would go back in a minute, she liked it so much. Glad to have you back in the fold. Keep in touch.

Beulah Griffin Curtis had her usual High Sierra trips from her home in Pioneer, Calif., plus visits with her daughters in Falls Church, Va., (she didn't call me) and Oregon. She's doing volunteer work for their sym-

phony and for conservation efforts. One spectacular to report—she had to chase off a bear that was stealing from her pear tree.

Betty Helm Retzer had been suffering off and on with what she thought was bursitis in her right hip. Finally an x-ray showed bone rubbing bone, so she was home in September recovering from a hip replacement. This meant cancellation of a trip to Switzerland with friends. She was able to get to the Kentucky Derby, followed by an immediate trip to the Mississippi Queen to New Orleans, which turned out to be too long a trip. She also had her annual visits to friends in Vegas, Peoria and Sewickly, Pa. Before the surgery, Bette's daughter was between jobs, so she has been taking care of her. Daughter April has a significant other—the Dean of the North Carolina School of the Arts, where she has been in school. After a year of ballet in the same school and a summer camp in Michigan, her granddaughter is in Salem School and wants to do sports. She finds this school challenging and is working very hard.

Mary Frances Hanks Galbreath '43 called in the middle of

October to tell me about **Sam**. He is diabetic, has gained much weight and has had three or four trips to the hospital in the last two months. He suddenly lost his bearings September 6 and the doctors do not know the cause—no heart attacks, no stroke, but mild dementia so that he doesn't remember recent happenings. They live at Air Force Village II in San Antonio. While attending a Marine Corps Reunion at the end of October in San Antonio, I visited them. Sam is in the healthcare section of their high-rise apartment building and was in really good shape the day I saw him, but Mary Francis says he isn't always that good. She spends most meal times with him because he doesn't appreciate his strict diet and sometimes causes trouble.

Sue Price Erb sent some news clippings of street clocks, which are returning to popularity in towns. Her son is president of the old company her husband bought, Electric Time Co. of Medfield, Mass., which makes these large industrial clocks. The company made the front pages of the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Boston Globe*. Sue is moving to Fox Hill Village, a retirement village in Westwood, Mass. She says it is beautiful, like a large resort hotel with yummy food. She has come to the point where she can't manage her large house alone any longer.

Dottie Brown Womble continues to volunteer in the women's club, garden club and her "pet," Tampa's Performing Arts Center. She also manages to see new places and things. She took the Lewis and Clark cruise (end of the journey) and a cruise out of Montreal, up the St. Lawrence, and around Nova Scotia with very interesting stops. Her daughter and granddaughter are main priorities. Dottie gets her exercise by bike riding.

Helen Armacost Depp and Bill have moved to lovely Asheville, N.C. They are living in a Methodist retirement community, Givens Estates. They still enjoy their home on King Mt., which is less than two hours away. Last summer they visited Venice, then joined a cruise to the Black Sea with many ports of call along the way.

Helen White Griffith has decided that 80 is the turning point in many lives. Her cardiologist has told her that she has a leaking heart valve. She is not giving up yet because she will not be 80 till next year when her turning point can be for the better. Helen had a week last summer visiting relatives on the Eastern Shore.

Katherine Kiler was able to go to Ireland for a lovely first time visit. Two highlights of her trip were attending the Abbey Theatre in Dublin and staying in Baltimore in West Cork.

Bob and **Sara Blessing Claggett** moved to Maryland's Eastern Shore. They found waterfront property near Centerville that provides for their sail boating and bird watching. For a long time Sally has been a Garden Club member and a Flower Show judge. She has already been invited to join

the local Garden Club and has been asked to exhibit in a show. They feel they can enjoy Maryland with its milder winters more than Rhode Island, where they lived so long.

Lalia Scott Riley and Ray had their annual vacation in Vanderbilt Beach, Fla., for the month of March.

My most exciting happening of the year was the arrival of my first great-grandchild, Alissa. She is our son Michael's granddaughter in Bloomington, Ill. I will get my chance to help spoil her in January 1999 when I go for my annual visit. I enjoyed Alumni Weekend last May. I played golf with the Elseros and won second for senior women (There were only two competing). **Marie Crawford '43 Lowery and Harry** were there for her 55th reunion. I attended a small Marine Corps reunion in Altoona, Pa., in late September, then spent a week in October at Dewey Beach with our daughter and granddaughter. It was a bit cool, but a lovely time of the year to be completely lazy and useless. The last week of October was spent in San Antonio for a Marine reunion of **Web's Reserve Officer class**. I've joined the nine-hole group of golfers at Springfield this year and ride a cart. I'm still playing 18 holes at Quantico. I'm not very good, but the other gals continue to put up with me.

Jack Thompson of Frederick died April 29, 1998, at Homewood Nursing Home after a quite long bout with Alzheimer's.

Laurie Bredeson of Jansville, Md., was on a golf outing with a group of friends when she passed away in her sleep on June 9, 1998. She had been having some heart problems.

Herman "B" Beck died at his home in Mount Airy of Parkinson's disease on August 25, 1998.

Thanks to all of you for helping me write our column once again. You do great. Don't forget our 60th. Write it on the fridge in large letters—APRIL 28-30, 2000.

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45 Cruises, 50th wedding anniversaries, volunteerism, successful surgery, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. That's a portion of what we're all about, as most of us are grateful that we can communicate and treasure our lives. A good response again from my cards, but I'm still striving for 100%.

From the far corner of the U.S.—California—the life of **Thelma Young Friedel** and husband **Ridgeley '43** in Irvine is overflowing with their continued activity at church and in the community. Thelma has been a wedding consultant for years while Ridgeley is "Mr. Fix-it" at church and preschool. They had a fabulous trip in May and June to Europe—London for six days followed by a Scandinavian cruise with stops at five capital cities. The highlight was the Hermitage in St.

Petersburg.

Ethel Stevens Arter and husband Wayne in Temecula, Calif., fulfilled their longtime dream when they spent a month last spring visiting friends in Australia, dividing their tour between Sidney, Melbourne, the Great Ocean Road and Northwest Victoria. Wayne had a four-day hunting trip in the Outback. Along with adjusting to their new home in a retirement community in the wine country of southern California, acquainting themselves with a church and bridge clubs takes their time.

Pacific Grove, Calif., has been fortunate to have had Rev. **Harvey Buck** serving the community in his retirement years. As Harvey puts it, his life has R.F.I. (room for improvement), but he is grateful for all that God has given him.

From Sun Prairie, Wisc., Rev. **Robert M. Adams** writes, "Minimal is the word—no Nobel Prize yet. Keep active and involved, but not so as to interfere with my retirement. Like solitude, hate loneliness, seek the first and avoid the last by keeping up with friends and events. Next year I'll be 75—saints preserve us! Memorable years as a WMC'er."

New Englander **Anna Avers Hastings** in Greenville, Maine, visited her granddaughters in Colorado. She is still very active in her town, dividing her time between church, exercising and the arts society. Greenville survived the ice storm in January 1998 with a real face-lift following. Anna is still enjoying the New England Conference Town and Country Committee, working with the many small United Methodist churches.

Jan Andrews Richards left Saratoga Springs, N.Y., during the summer to escort her daughter Sue and her 14- and 18-year-old granddaughters to Paris and Spain. When Jan is home, she still volunteers at the hospital medical library.

A great-granddaughter named Alexandra is the newest joy in the life of **Janice McKinley Reisman**. Janice continues to fill her days with family, church, music and friends. So Fishkill, N.Y., knows this ambitious lady is still alive and functioning.

Dr. Harrison Langrall, known to us as Buzz, did not graduate with us. He had good reasons: "I had been invited by our government to participate in an expense-paid walking tour of Europe, starting on a beach in northern France. Afterwards, I was invited to take a cruise to the Pacific and get ready for a walking tour of Japan. Atomic considerations canceled that trip, and I was a guest of the government in the Philippines until the summer of '46. Then came Hopkins, University of Maryland Medical School, University of Virginia internship and Mayo Clinic, followed by practice and teaching in Indiana. Left that to pursue a career in pharmaceutical research at Hoffman LaRoche. Retired. Went to Sandretto. Retired." Yes, Harry, I could read your writing even if you did get an "A" in a poor penmanship course in medical school." Paoli, Pa., must get

many laughs from you in addition to the assets you brought them. He hoped to meet old friends at the Wilmington, Del., luncheon.

Some of us have been on the mend since we last communicated. **Frances Brown Crawford** in Hanover, Pa., reports that if the medical profession doesn't run out of parts to replace her worn ones, she'll hang in there indefinitely. Some fixing must have helped, for she and her husband cruised to Alaska and plan to sail through the Panama Canal. She still drives to the Carolina beaches for her sailing passion.

Ruth Haumann Thomas in Sun City Center, Fla., has also been to the "medical mechanics" who have seen her through five major operations in six months. She and Joe realized a move was to be made from house to apartment. Thus, they comfortably settled in a retirement community where all of the benefits offered to Golden Agers are available. One advantage is meeting other WMC alumni. Ruth wishes all of our fellow alumni the best.

From Elkins Park, Pa., **Ruth Patzel Low** writes how happy she was to see the article about Joe Brown, who was the great-uncle of her son-in-law. Ruth keeps in touch with **Eleanor Scott Figue '44 and Grace Figue Wilson '44**. She hopes to return to Westminster one day soon.

Having one's youngest grandson given the name Cooper, his grandma's maiden name, is quite an honor. **Jean Cooper Ward** from High Point, N.C., is that grandmother. She and husband Charles have had to limit their traveling days because of his health, but reading about her WMC classmates, along with sharing their family's joys of parenting, keeps them happy.

Another North Carolinian family, that of **Dr. William E. Smith**, is fortunate to be close to their only grandchild, 3-year-old Christopher and his parents. Can't you see Granda Bill instructing his heir in his first golf lesson? Bill's attorney daughter and husband see that their son displays his musical and athletic ability. Mary Lou, Bill's wife, had successful heart surgery in May. They were able to travel in Turkey. Both are still active in church, community and Duke Divinity School activities.

Bill Smith's neighbor in Pinchurst, Dr. **Earl Morey** and his wife **Betty Little '48**, were honored by their three children and 14 "grands" at a Golden Anniversary reception on June 19, 1998, in McLean, Va. The Moreys still enjoy North Carolina weather for golf. They also get in their yearly trip to Europe.

Rev. **Carroll Doggett** is now serving his eighth interim pastorate at New Market United Methodist Church, not too far from the Doggett's home in Myersville, Md.; however, their winter home for January and February is in St. Pete Beach, Fla. They are quite thankful that daughter Sandra's kidney transplant was successful. He is grateful,

toot, for his own good health.

At our ages, that word "health" seems to be on our minds and tongues. **Allen Poffenberger** from Hagerstown hopes his and Mabel's "up-to-par" health continues so they can relish more travels. Recently they returned from a 16-day tour of the highlights of Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) and Ireland, having enjoyed the fantastic scenery of the countryside.

The Dr. G. Wells **Drumwrights** of Silver Spring, Md., visited Pelee, then took the Channel train to London. They also enjoyed a two-week cruise tour of Alaska, Vancouver and Victoria. An annual family reunion with their children is always a joy, plus a bigger get-together in North Carolina—the Drumwrights celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 12, 1998.

It was off to England, Scotland and Wales for **Ann Leete Hudson** and **Lingo** in July. In August, an Icelandic student joined the family at Sunset Beach, N.C., as a guest of their daughter. This 6' 7" basketball player should be an asset to Oakland Mills High in Columbia, Md. They also took a trip to Washington state to visit their son and his family. Lingo hosted two trips for the Prince George's County Teachers: Cape Cod and Hilton Head in the fall. Other than roaming the globe, this pair keeps out of trouble through activities at church, golf sessions and bridge games.

Kay Kaiser Frantum and **Ted** experienced a 12-day trip—a cruise to the Scandinavian capitals and St. Petersburg, Russia. Besides the beauty of the trip, there were terribly depressing conditions in both Russia and East Germany. Kay and Ted also joined the WMC Alumni Luncheons on the Eastern Shore.

Donna DuVall Sellman '45 and **Russell '44** were on the road again with WMC alumni cruising the coast-line of Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England and the Orkney Islands. The optional tours inland offered a fine refreshment course in British history. The special event in Edinburgh was the evening Military Tattoo held on the esplanade of the Edinburgh Castle and attended by thousands of spectators who viewed military precision drills with massed bands, bagpipers and drummers representing Scottish Regiments.

When **Mary Webb France** is not playing bridge or attending antique shows in the Baltimore area, she is off on a trip to Alaska or an Elderhostel in Rehoboth, Del. Now that she has completed her two-year term as president of the Woman's Club, she may have more time for her other pleasures.

Keeping busy seems to be the best prescription for the retirees. A widow for two years, **Dean Hess Reinhold** has found teaching 16 piano students and chauffeuring her 16-year-old granddaughter to her activities fills her time helping others. For her own self-preservation, water therapy for our common imposter "Arthritides" eases

the pain he inflicts. In the midst of her moving to a smaller home in Tancytown, Dean continues her work in her clubs: Republican women, garden and bridge.

Granddaughters **Kelly, 16**, and **Candace, 13**, led their grandmother, **Mary Spaulding Pfefferkorn** of Mt. Airy, on a beautiful West Coast tour. Mary added much to the ecology and appreciation of Mother Nature. From Seattle to San Diego they tossed snowballs on Mt. Hood, absorbed all activities at scenic Tanager Lodge, visited neighboring Yosemite, rode sand dunes, traveled the Rogue River in Oregon, made a hydro-jet mail trip and enjoyed what Pebble Beach offered. Hawk Mt. and Bombay Hook gave Mary a chance to view the migration of snow geese and hawks in October and November. A trip sailing St. Mary's River found her a monarch butterfly migration. Mary still makes time for local art classes and shows.

She closed her note card with this: "Visiting friends whose activities have been curtailed are joyful times." I call Mary an "Angel in Flight."

Phone calls from **Luciene Ramsburg Pfefferkorn** in Annapolis and **Gale Lodge Thiele** brightened my days verifying that they both are doing fine, but no exciting news.

Peg Carter Welkos at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster wrote that chatting with other WMC alumni in the Village keeps the "ties unbroken." She and **Charlotte MacConney Hall, "Mac"** to us, get together quite often. In May 1998 Peg traveled to England where she and her friend visited that friend's granddaughter. While there, she enjoyed a two-week Elderhostel in London. I was taken to lunch by Peg on a lovely day in October before she assisted me in grocery shopping for one of my hospice patients in the Village. What fun we had lifting and lugging gallon jugs of water and milk along with eight other bags of victuals!

It seems each year I must close our column with the inevitable news that some of our classmates have died.

John B. Richardson, who started in our freshman class but completed his education elsewhere, died on April 11, 1998, at his home in Kissimmee, Fla.

A reply to my card came from Drovea Pershing Maynard: "I'm sorry to tell you that **Paul Maynard** died of pneumonia after a long illness on June 10, 1998. He was always proud to be an alumni at WMC. He was still teaching until the onset of his illness in 1996." A memorial concert at Queens College in NYC was to be given on February 22. Our condolences go out to each family.

Also, Bob Siemon '43, husband of **Margaret Vaughn Siemon**, died in October after an extended illness.

"Little 'old me" keeps going and doing what I need to do with and for my families and friends. Good news from the daughter-in-law with brain cancer—the latest MRI showed "no significant size in the tumor." How happy Steve would have been!

Keep me informed between formal

cards. Remember, at the turn of the century we will be celebrating our 55th Reunion.

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46 I can't believe I took on this job in 1991! It has been rewarding and fun, but I must give it up as of this publication. The great grandchildren count remains at six (five boys and one girl). One lives in Georgia, but the rest live quite nearby. They are beyond precious!

Jeanne Berryman Knight tutors mornings and afternoons at Franklin elementary and middle schools year around. She still finds time for an occasional trip and, of course, time for her children and grandchildren.

Volunteer lives on. **Helen Ridgely Gaither** reports that she is "too-too" busy with many ventures. Help that surgeons had to replace a knee and not her brain, **Milly Vanderbeck Barthel** still travels for *American Mothers* and writes the magazine's parenting column. Some of her family is moving to Utah and will be closer by.

Cassie Schumann Kiddoo "comes" between Gibson Island, Md., and Naples, Fla., in the summer with winters spent in Florida. Her husband **Dick** remains in guarded health at their assisted living home. Cassie greatly enjoys visits from children and grandchildren. She has lunch now and then with **Lucy Jane Stoner Nasser** during her visits in Florida. Although she is a WMC Trustee Emerita, she still stays in close touch with all college affairs. She is invited to the Trustee meetings but does not expect to be able to attend very many. She notes that the new science building will be a great and needed addition to the campus.

Having reservations for WMC's "Impressions of France" trip, **Nancy Finlay-Rodekroh** is especially excited. She lived there 39 years ago and is revisiting and reminiscing. She also had a great trip to Australia and New Zealand not long ago.

Perk Haller Beglin and husband **Bob '43** set out for the south of France and Paris to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Perk and Bob entertain at their lovely home at Homecoming time each year. "The group is noisy but fun." She agrees with Cassie that the new science building will be a great addition and good for the excellent science faculty.

The great ice storm in Maine in 1998 made **Patricia Donovan Gray** think of a war zone after a bombing. It was an extremely difficult time. She still has a horse, many cats, and gallery shows keep her busy in the fall. She enjoys gardening, reading, writing and painting.

The last trip **Pat Barrett Klove** made was a Mediterranean cruise with her daughter Nancy. At the moment Pat is very busy with her mother, who is now 101. She is very alert but now needs a wheelchair.

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Milly Lloyd West Olson and husband Ed moved to a new home. They are very pleased with their condo on the Gulf of Mexico, about 32 miles from Tampa, their former home.

Remember that **Mary Wilson Litterer** had entered a piece entitled "Beginnings" in the New England Weavers Guild juried seminar? Well, it won first prize for wall hangings and was judged best in show. She sent a picture of it when she wrote. It was a most expressive piece. She has also had work at a Bradford College, Mass., show. Being treasurer of her church keeps her busy, too.

Margorie Little Zerkel and her husband **Bernie** have 23 children, spouses and grandchildren between them. That's quite a crowd at holiday time. She and Bernie spend a good deal of time doing church-related work and also greatly enjoy gardening.

In 1997, Dr. **William J. Holloway** received one of the most coveted awards. He was elected a master in the American College of Physicians. As director of the infectious disease labo-

ratory at the Medical Center of Delaware, he has brought research programs to the medical center, developed antibiotics, taught many colleagues through world-wide lectures and created the premier Annual Infectious Disease Symposium, held in Wilmington, Del., for 34 years.

A card from **Ruth Horan** **Youngblood** only gives an address change. She has moved from Ketchikan, Ark., to Martinsburg, W.Va.

Dottie Bopst Waddy remarried in 1997 and rejoiced in the first great grandchild, Madelyn, on New Year's Eve 1997. She and her husband travel quite a bit and winter in the Florida Keys. They would welcome a call from visitors to the Keys.

Marianna Murray Lewis reports a traumatic summer. Her husband **Harold** had a bad stroke, but rehabilitation at Mechanicsburg, Pa., has helped greatly. They had lots of visits from their sons and nine grandchildren. **Joe Ward '48** and wife **Virginia Voorhees Ward** also visited them. Best wishes, Harold.

It's back to France, most happily, for **Janet Reese Farley**. She keeps very busy with grandchildren and her many activities at church.

Husband **Leonard and Gloria Mathias Diefenderfer** are both fine and enjoying retirement living. They moved from California to Arizona and will enjoy exploring their new state. She says it is beautiful there, but far different from the rolling hills of western Maryland.

Vernelle Ports Long continues to enjoy her easy-to-manage and lovely new home. She really enjoys keeping up with some WMC friends. She is on staff at Pullen Memorial Church in Raleigh, N.C., and teaches a 14-hour course on caregiving, much needed in this age of same-day surgery and exorbitant costs.

A bit of a mystery presents itself. **John Dorsey** writes from New Delhi, India, but the card is postmarked Charlotte, N.C. He is still carrying full-time responsibilities at Faith Academy in India while most of us are retired from our "regular" jobs.

Frances "Diddy" Wahnman Zapf says she and Al are grateful that Hurricane George missed them in September. They were hopeful that all of them would pass them by. They enjoy their Florida home.

A great grandson, **Curtis James**, makes fun for **Polly Higgins Green**. She has added babysitting to her busy schedule of volunteer work at church, the library and the homeless shelter. She and **Erma Young Gebb** traveled to Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan. Polly also travels to see family in Connecticut, Maine and Virginia.

Mostly local travel was fun for **Ruth "Toots" Hagemann Hiltz**. A week with her sister in New Jersey included a few days in Atlantic City—not "Toots'" favorite spot. However, a trip to a friend's in Boston included one of her favorites—four days on Martha's Vineyard. Then she spent time at Beach Haven, N.J. She went to **Doris**

Hines Leitzel and husband **John's** 50th anniversary where she saw **Charlotte Sudith West** and her husband **Bob**.

Jane Hughes White continues to spend summer weekends in Ocean City, N.J., and winters in Naples, Fla. Class President **Fred Morgan** sends greetings to the Class of '46. He commented it would be ideal to have a WMC local as class reporter to bring first-hand information to all of us. Maybe some time in the future.

Family and friends visited **Dr. George Savitsky** in Ocean City, N.J., this past summer. He was going south to see friends in North and South Carolina on his way to Sebring, Fla., for the winter, and he was looking forward to an Alaskan cruise come spring. He is proud of his five children and eight grandchildren.

Henrietta Jones Moore is still busy with her business, **Henrietta's Attic**, in Salisbury, Md. It takes time and energy, but she escaped for a week to Ocean City, Md., with **Jean Baker Wilson** and **Polly Shipley Moore**.

Sara "Sally" Moffett Dwyer will be moving into a retirement community before long. Her life has quieted a bit, and she has volunteered to take over as class reporter. She'll do a fine job. Sally is involved in the Mid-Shore Alumni Chapter.

Rumor has it that **Irene VanFossen Myers** and husband **Bill '43** have done a lot of traveling. Destinations have included the Baltic Sea, England, Belgium, France and the Rhine River.

John Anderson Markowitz is a proud grandmother. **Emma Rose** (what a pretty name!) was born in July 1998 and makes four. Jean is enjoying living in Ohio and still makes ribbon-winning quilts. She travels to California to see family regularly and enjoys **Ediths**—the latest covering Arizona and Mexico. She welcomes contact from other WMCers in Ohio.

Nancy Dawson Bolden enjoys her memories from WMC days. They can't take them away from us, can they? She is still working and caring for her longtime home near Washington, D.C., but she gets away now and then to visit the mountains of her hometown, Oakland, Md.

Sophie "Toby" Jones Sterling's husband **Bill** has been in and out of the hospital since 1996. If you see a **Jillian's** (billiards and game club) around the country, her daughter and husband are the founders. Her eldest grandson, **Ben Foster**, is featured in "Liberty Heights," a Baltimore film to be released next summer.

It was good to see my roommate, **Dot Bolles Swanson**, at Ye Olde Publick House in Sturbridge, Mass. Her daughter is still in Montana and her son has relocated in North Carolina—both are too far away to visit **Dot and Ray**.

As I retire from this job, I'd like to extend thanks to all who've responded to requests for news and hope that the desire to keep in touch will continue. I think we were in college at an unusual time and have meaningful memories of our days on campus. Best regards to all.

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50 The return cards have been rolling in, and I thank you for your interesting and informative responses. Retirement and grandchildren seem to hold the spotlight at this stage of the game.

Elwood L. Wallich retired in 1991 after 39 years in the insurance business. "Woody" and Charlotte travel in their RV and frequently head for their site in Myrtle Beach, S.C. He still enjoys golf, his church choir and many shared activities with Charlotte. Two grandsons, ages 3 to 10, are the icing on the "good life" cake.

Norma J. Moore supervised social workers, psychologists and counselors in the Baltimore City school system until her retirement in 1983. She has been singing barbershop since 1959, bringing her in contact with **Jim Hackman '52** and **Mary Hawkins** with **Priscilla Lankford West** and **Rachel Ennis Estep**.

Al Paul was assistant football and lacrosse coach at Hofstra from 1950 to 1960. He then went to Columbia University where he served as assistant football coach, associate athletic director and director of athletics. He retired in 1991 and happily returned home to the Baltimore area in Owings Mills, Md. Al is our class agent for the Annual Fund.

Tom Shaw had a 32-year career with Avalon Hill, publishers of board and computer games, until 1992 when he retired. He is now a publicity guru with the Baltimore County Historical Society. He plays in many bridge groups where he frequently meets **Ed Brandt '51** and **Nancy May Brandt '52**.

Edwin W. Ransford retired from the Navy and the DuPont Co. He has traveled to every state in the U.S. He now drives a bus for sports events and field trips and serves as the Pennsylvania state officer in Gideons International. His four married children have given him five grandchildren.

Marton Auld Geyer was widowed three years ago and keeps herself busy with bridge, AAUW, church activities and travel to Greece, Turkey, Ireland and Hawaii within one year. She frequently sees **Mary Ada "Tata" Twigg Welliver '49**.

Miriam L. Simmonds retired in 1990 from the Virginia State Department of Corrections but works part time as an aide-page in the region library. She also does volunteer work at Hanover Tavern and Scotchtown, home of Patrick Henry. Miriam has remained at Hanover Courthouse, a quaint and beautiful historic area. In the early 1950s, I worked a few years with her in Social Services in Hanover.

Howard Shannon has kept his sense of humor. In 1992 he was blown out of Miami by Hurricane Andrew. He moved to Daytona Beach where six months later he lost the roof on his home to the "Storm of the Century."

This year he survived the wildfires of Florida. He lives an exciting life, but suggests that no one follow him closely—just e-mail.

George Winfrey and wife **Marie** enjoy spending the winters camping in Florida where they see **Kelly Rice '49** and **Eileen Weeks Rice '49**, and **Homer "Soup" Campbell** and **Esther Gross Campbell '54**. They also travel to Peoria, Ill., to see their son and four grandchildren. A daughter and two grandchildren are near in Greensboro, N.C. He is celebrating a fourth anniversary since bypass surgery and is looking forward to 2000 and our reunion.

Jane Pitcher Mooney was widowed in 1989 and has remained in Florida where she has lived for 22 years, most of the time on Longboat Key. She says she is addicted to selling real estate, and I say no wonder, the real estate is gorgeous. She enjoys her dog and five grandchildren. Three are in college, one in Michigan and one in Florida.

Dick Clower retired from WMC the spring of 1998 after 42 years of teaching and coaching. Now he plans on traveling, the extent depending on the stock market. Sounds familiar.

Ron Uhl went on to Indiana University for his degree in education and communication and worked in the Maryland public school system until retiring in 1990. He and **Jeane** now operate a real estate rental business. They have three sons and three grandsons.

Dick Dunlop sold his company but continues to work full time. **Flo Rice Dunlop** is also working full time as a child adolescent and family therapist, participating in pre-marital workshops and leading workshops in parenting skills and women's issues. They stay young with traveling and six grandchildren.

Mary Frances Jones Macon retired as a high school guidance counselor in 1991. She now travels, stays active in community organizations and spends time with her three-year-old grandson.

Klein Haddaway, who lives in Bethany Beach, Del., and I are just about neighbors enjoying Delmarva. His hobby is raising canaries, especially in whites and cinnamon, and a red smaller breed called Fifes. Baltimore breeders are frequent buyers of his birds.

Donald F. Clarke and **Jean Murray Clarke '47** enjoy grandparenting 10 and parenting five. They planned on Christmas 1998 in England with their daughter **Mary**, her husband, who is with Eastman Kodak, and grandsons, ages 15 and 17. At home there is involvement with the school band, church activities, an occasional law case and geological research. Donald still does not let me forget I once called him Mr. Murray. My usual "fiver in mouth."

David Delgish went from WMC to the University of Pennsylvania and has been teaching computer science courses on U.S. military bases in Korea and Japan. As of October he

was on leave from the University of Maryland's Asian Division for his replacements.

Dorothy Alexander Bickley retired as a school librarian and a piano teacher two years ago. She has three married daughters. One is an attorney who, with her husband, has a large law firm in Houston, Texas. Another daughter, a naturalist, is married to a doctor and has two children. The third daughter lives in Arlington, Va., and has one daughter. Dottie enjoys Elderhostels, church activities, volunteering in a feed-the-homes project and her investment club. She volunteers in two schools doing reading and computer programs. She also serves on the Arlington County Credit Union Board. She will soon be going on a Panama Canal cruise and a trip to China and says life is great!

June Graf Hale is enjoying golf, travel and winters in Florida in her condo after a 32-year teaching career. She now serves as a part-time academic advisor at Carroll Community College and does volunteer work. She is planning on seeing us at the 50th.

Harry Bush has "kind of" retired twice after 49 years of coaching football. However, he is now running the defense for a former assistant at a large New Jersey high school. He was honored to be inducted into the New Jersey High School Coaches Hall of Fame. He also works as a part-time financial manager, in addition to trading options for his own account.

Daughter Karen is a lawyer in D.C., Sarah has an art business and Laura recently returned from Spain where she was a translator in a Spanish law firm. Harry has five grandchildren.

Joe Giannelli completely enjoys being golf coach at the University of Connecticut with all the benefits of travel, great courses, the fun of being with young people, the exercise and, of course, the golf. His four children have produced eight grandchildren. Since three of the children live on the West Coast, there is the pleasure of travel.

William Dvorine continues in his practice of dermatology. He holds 13 black belt ranks in four martial arts and is the head instructor at Washington Kenkar Club in Columbia, Md., and the Seiryuki Judo and Iaido Group in Baltimore. He still competes. Bill also writes that he has three grandsons and two ex-wives.

Dottie McLayton Krinsky misses Baltimore, family and friends but loves living in Naples, Fla. She and Gene play golf three times a week and volunteer at the hospital and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. A trip is planned to Turkey and Greece with Baltimore friends. There are seven grandchildren, ages 3 to 22 years. Dottie and Gene kindly sent me a video of our 45th reunion and are looking forward to the 50th.

Shirley Clark Foster writes that after one husband, four children, and seven grandchildren, she is finally telling the class she is still around. She married **Jim Foster** in 1953 and has enjoyed the life of a minister's wife in

seven towns in the western Ohio conference of United Methodist. Since retirement, they have become involved in Elderhostels and other travels.

Millard B. Knowles went on to Oberlin School of Theology, the Vanderbilt Divinity Seminar and the United Theological Seminary. He served in the Ohio/West Ohio Conference for 40 years until retiring and returning to Baltimore in 1992. He now serves as pastor to Old Otterbein United Methodist Church. He was delighted to find **Joe Culotta** was his lay leader. He married Carolyn in 1950 and there are three children: Jonathan, who lives in Baltimore; Robin Wallace, who is chair of worship/church music at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio; and Elizabeth Phipps, librarian at Emory University's music library in Atlanta.

Edward L. Flinkinger was with the Montgomery County schools as teacher and administrator until he retired after 34 years. He now works with a senior citizens group and church activities. His travels, besides the United States, have included Europe, the Mid-East and Russia. There are four grandchildren.

Harry Walker has been retired for 10 years and is enjoying the good life of golf, Elderhostels, including the British Isles and Canada, and other trips to Cape Cod and New Hampshire. He is planning to move from Whispering Pines, N.C., to a retirement community near the mountains where hiking will be added to his agenda.

Peggy Stacy Jones and Gene say they are not travelers, but enjoy day tripping and certainly enjoy 6-year-old granddaughter, Megan. Peggy and I were high school graduates together and keep in touch.

Bill Dulany is in the 46th year of the practice of law and serves as Chairman of the Board of Mason Dixon Bankshares (NASDAQ) and Chairman of the Board of Episcopal Ministries (Fairhaven). Bill and **Win Spencer '53** travel to Istanbul where daughter **Aune Dulany MLA'93** lives. Son Bryant is in sales in Maryland while son Patrick practices law in Virginia. There are seven grandchildren. Bill and Win have always been active in WMC affairs.

Dick Moulthrop had a career in sales management in private industry before going with the state of Maryland as a specialist in the Maryland International Trade Division. Much travel was involved helping Maryland companies and promoting Maryland products in Europe and the Far East. He retired in 1990.

Homer Earl and Dottie Klinefelter Earl '51 find keeping track of "kids" and "grandkids" a major activity. All are involved in sports. A granddaughter made her high school varsity volleyball team and a son is head soccer coach of a girls' high school team in York, Pa. Homer is helping coach for a grandson's team. He is working part time for a trade association, much of it conducting educational seminars. Travel is planned

for favorites Wales and Scotland.

David H. Myers spent five years in Utah, five years in Washington and five years in Europe before settling in Vicksburg, Miss. He always worked as a civilian for the Army and retired as head of the Corps of Engineers Human Relations in Vicksburg in 1984. He has been in serendipity since retirement and enjoys golf two or three times a week. His son has a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue and his daughter has a bachelor's degree in public relations from Southwest Missouri State. There are six grandchildren under age 8.

Al Bright has been in the life insurance business since graduation with no desire to retire. He plays golf as much as possible, and he and Barbara, married 44 years, enjoy lots of traveling and time with their nearly two children and six grandchildren.

Ken Hoover and Joanne Koehler Hoover keep busy working on Lancaster, Pa., history and genealogy. Interestingly, they discovered they share seven direct ancestors.

Michael F. Converso writes that he has recently remarried, is fully retired and keeps busy. He is the assistant conductor of the Chesapeake and Middle River concert bands.

Russ Mett was with Continental Can Company—Crown, Cork and Sea—for 40 years, retiring seven years ago. He and Cherie, a real estate counselor, have three children. Son Marty works for the Social Security Administration; daughter Susan teaches at Loch Raven Academy; and son Rick trains race horses in Hollywood Park, Calif. There are two grandchildren.

Mary Ellen Smith Ellwell, who has a doctorate in social work from the University of Maryland, worked mainly in the field of child welfare until 1969 when she replaced Dr. James Earp at WMC. Later she went to Salisbury State University, retiring in 1995. She and husband Ron have moved to a new continuing care community in Solomons, Md. She enjoys using her skills, which we know are considerable, as a volunteer in the community; Ron volunteers at the local marine museum and biological lab. They enjoy seven grandchildren, three of whom were adopted from India by their single daughter. Mary Ellen states that she worked hard at being a good teacher, carrying on the tradition learned at WMC.

Nancy Burdick Marston says retirement and life are good. Now there is time to paint, travel and cherish friends. She and her husband are proud of the accomplishments of their four children and love being grandparents to six. Life in "Silicon Valley" is a challenge, but always exciting.

Suzanne Hall Coons continues the good Eastern Shore life, being active in her church, the DAR and tree farming. Any place you see a stand of beautiful timber in Somerset County, it is most likely Sue and Earl's. Their son Hall, who graduated from Wake Forest, built a beautiful home nearby and has his own accounting firm. We get together frequently.

Julian Dyke has had such a dynamic successful career in so many fields—coaching, teaching, preaching, scouting, foundations—and has received so many prestigious awards that there is not enough room to list them all. Currently he serves as pastor of visitation of the 1,000 member Village United Methodist Church of Hot Springs Village, Ark. He also teaches a course in leadership in three local public school systems and serves on five boards. In the past, Julian was president of the WMC Alumni Association, a college trustee and 1976 Alumnus of the Year.

Cliff Pfaff has been a retired teacher for 10 years, giving him the opportunity to do volunteer work at the library and provide help to the AIDS patients at the local hospital. He enjoys reading and painting, but his major activity is still the theater, both concerts and plays.

Ruth Marsden Idecke has been traveling by train, car, steamboat and ship in the U.S. and Canada since retiring from the YMCA. As four of her six children live far away, more traveling is enjoyed. There are eight grandchildren.

Cecil D. Eby recently had two books published, "A Virginia Yankee in the Civil War" and "Hungary at War." A book on John Brown is in progress. Retired from the English faculty of the University of Michigan, he continues to teach some geriatric courses. In May 1999 he will be guest lecturer on Mark Twain and Mississippi River lore on the Delta Queen steamboat. He plans to attend our 50th.

Charlie Hammer retired after 37 years from the practice of dermatology in Seattle, Wash., on Dec. 31, 1997. He is enjoying traveling and time with four children and five grandchildren. He hopes to make our 50th.

Robert S. Lizer has retired after teaching 30 years in Baltimore. He and wife Bonnie now enjoy life in a condo on the Atlantic Coast in Florida. They recently returned from an Elderhostel bird watching program in Ecuador.

Ruth Holland Isear was the subject of a local newspaper article titled "Unsung Hero." Ruth is a cancer survivor who serves as coordinator of the American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery Program and volunteers her support to breast cancer patients. Ruth and her husband still live in Salisbury with a second home in Ocean Pines. Son Tai is a physical therapist in Charlotte, N.C.

Char-lee Hight Bright, widow of **Harry Bright**, married **Byron Hollinger '57** on April 13, 1998. They are living in San Antonio, Texas, where Byron is the City Manager for Almos Park.

Edith Leatherwood retired as a medical technician with the state of Maryland in 1983 and from his chair canning business in 1997. He and wife Jan enjoy camping and have been in 49 states and 11 Canadian Provinces. They now live in Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster and enjoy

BOOKS



LINDA SCHULTE

America, Working

Linda Sullivan Schulte '68
NISH, 1998

Tim Cockerman (above) is one of 60 disabled adults profiled in a new book by Linda Schulte '68, who proves in these inspirational vignettes that there are no limits on human potential.

Schulte is vice president at NISH—one of two sister organizations involved in the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program—where she has won awards for her corporate communications and video production work.

Available by writing to Linda Schulte c/o NISH, 2235 Cedar Lane, Vienna, VA 22182

From Sea to Shining Sea: A Hike Across America on Old U.S. 30

Ann E. Diviney '79
Self-published, 1997

In 1990, Diviney set out to hike across the country, from Astoria, Ore., to Atlantic City, N.J. Between a narrow escape from a rattlesnake attack, a fall down a Wyoming mountain and the death of her beloved golden retriever, she tells the stories of the rugged individualists and quirky characters who make up America.

Available at Locust Books in Westminster and www.bookzone.com



MUSIC



E.M. SWENET JR.

Let's Not Wait

Raphael Taylor '00 and Kash Wright '99
Independent, 1999

After a popular four-song EP, Taylor and Wright return with an 11-song R&B album touched with a bit of inspirational music. The duo wrote and produced all but one of the songs, a Boyz II Men cover, and played a number of the instruments on the recording themselves. Eric Byrd '93 appears as a guest musician.

Available by writing Kash Wright, P.O. Box 1229, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157

Madeline, the daughter of Bill '87 and Cyndi Shaffer Mann '88, starred in Jonathan Slade's film "Forest for the Trees," which played at Baltimore's Senator Theatre last summer.

FILM

Forest for the Trees

Jonathan Slade '88
Self-produced, 1998

"An engagingly and ambitiously realized debut," said Baltimore's *City Paper*, Slade's 16 mm film—written, produced and edited by himself and made with an all-volunteer cast—follows a group of friends on a five-day cycling trip along the C&O Canal. Based on a



hiking trip Slade took with a girl he once loved but who didn't love him, the film explores the issues of love, friendship and fidelity.

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WMC football. A daughter, **Peggy Brengle MS'88**, also lives in Westminster.

Sadly, classmates **Thomas R. Dashiell** of Frederick, Md., and **Harry C. Schreck** of York, Pa., have died, both in May 1998.

By the time this issue reaches you, the Office of Alumni Affairs will have notified you that our classmate **Daniel I. Welliver** died on Christmas morning. Dan retired from his private practice and as campus physician in 1998. WMC presented him with an honor doctorate, while Westminster Nursing Center dedicated a nurses' station to him, now "The Welliver Unit." A memorial service was to be held in Baker Memorial Chapel on February 14.

Our deepest sympathy to the Dashiell family, the Schreck family and the Welliver family.

Yours truly reports that after **John '51** died in 1996, I simply had to get out of town. First as a guest of my son-in-law and daughter, **Scott Trenner '79** and **Robin Seiland Trenner '79**, with grandsons **Chris** and **David** for a 15-day tour of California and a visit to Las Vegas. Then a trip to Switzerland arranged by Brantly Stanfield, mother of **Sally Stanfield '78**. Later a return trip to Switzerland and a completed European tour. I followed this with New Year's in Galveston, Texas, and then a vacation in Stuart, Fla., where I had a visit with my roommate **Helen Ray Summers** and **Bob** in Port St. Lucie, Fla. I'm planning a return to Florida this winter but am now content to stay home with my own surf, sand, pools and friends of Ocean Pines. I am a volunteer water aerobics instructor and in the class are **Barbara Sheubrooks Wilcox '56**, **Jeanne Shreve**, wife of **Jim Shreve '40**, and **Mittie Van Nostrand**, wife of **George Van Nostrand '53**. I am also attending a lecture series at Salisbury State University, a joy to be on a campus again. Hearing from you has been fun, so let's do it again. See you in Y2K.

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55 It was wonderful to hear from so many of you even though every one did not have all good news.

Gretchen Pierson Brockman, who is living in Ormond Beach, Fla., managed to survive the Florida fires and hurricanes. However, her husband **Joe** died of a heart attack on July 29. They had been married nearly 44 years. Our sympathy goes out to her. Gretchen's children and three grandchildren live in New Jersey. She is very proud of them; they are all in top honor classes. She asks anyone coming her way to stop. Check the local phone book for her number and address.

Our sympathy also goes out to **June Parker Miles**. Last year was a difficult year for her due to the death of her husband in January. June lives

in Exmore, Va., her hometown, where she teaches piano and voice to 30 students. She presents them at a recital at her church and Guld auditions at Salisbury State University. Her son **Kevin**, an Army warrant officer stationed in Italy, has two sons. Her daughter **Kimberly**, a registered nurse, has given June a lovely granddaughter who is one of her students. She continues to be active in her church. At a recent church luncheon she met **Libby Schubert Wright '52**, who she had not seen since we graduated from WMC. Libby serves as the District Superintendent for their Methodist Conference.

On a happier note, **Martha Bannar Cavender** was reunited with her college sweetheart last fall at the funeral of a mutual friend (Remember she left WMC and graduated from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut). They had wanted to get married in 1956, but her parents stopped them. She and Joe are now back together after 40 years and looking for a bright future. She officially retired as a dental hygienist in January. This allowed them to spend more time in Maine during the summer. They are now back and forth between two houses and planning some trips. She has four grandchildren with another on the way. Martha has had a few bouts with cancer over the last few years, but so far all is good.

Now that **Frank and Antonia Baxter Davis** are both retired, they spend two months in Fort Myers, Fla., each winter. They have taken several trips to see the United States. When they are not in Florida or traveling, they live on Longford Bay in Chestertown, Md., where they enjoy backyard fishing, crabbing and water sports. They have three grandchildren and are happily anticipating another.

Edward '54 and Mary Lou Arnie Kelly are both still working. They have eight grandchildren and are expecting two more.

Roberta Ramsburg Hennick retired from the Baltimore City Department of Social Services and now lives in Port St. Lucie, Fla. She and her husband **John Budd** have an antique and collectible business in Elkton City, Md. With the business, five children and four grandchildren between them, they travel Interstate 95 on a regular basis. Roberta says she certainly has a different, and much better, life than she envisioned in 1955.

Mary Stuart had a stroke (cerebral hemorrhage) in February 1998. The doctors did not expect her to live, and anticipated that if she did live she would be a vegetable. Mary says, "Yes, God still heals. My church, Maramatha Assembly of God, prayed fervently for me. Not only am I alive and well, but the paralysis of my entire left side is gone!"

Charlie Phipps had a nice summer in Bethany Beach, Del., with two children, three grandchildren and numerous friends. For Charlie, his health is good, life is good, God is good.

After nearly 39 years with Johnson

and **Johnson, Arthur Gould** took advantage of a very lucrative opportunity and retired on September 30. His future plans include his daughter's wedding, re-learning to play golf, taking college courses for fun, doing some consulting, theatre, traveling—many visits to New York City, Boston, Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia for museums—and more boating, maybe even a bigger boat to sleep on. After recent successful surgery, he has learned not to take anything for granted and to enjoy each day to the fullest.

Jim and Jeannette Marshall are enjoying retirement in Kingston, N.C. Last year they visited Disney World, Branson, Mo., and Europe for 18 days. Their third grandchild, a boy, was born in June. Jim is looking forward to traveling to the French Banks and to doing some part-time work at the Global Transport in Kingston.

Gus and Priscilla McCoy '56 LaMar enjoyed a trip to Europe in September. They visited Warsaw, Budapest, Prague and Vienna. Gus's favorite place was Krakow with its medieval buildings and art. In the spring they visited Salem, Mass., and then went home to read "The House of Seven Gables" and "The Scarlet Letter." He has one USAF son in Oklahoma, one in Alaska and a daughter teaching in Louisiana.

Donald Roberts has also been traveling. He and Elaine celebrated their 40th anniversary with a Panama Canal cruise in January. Later they visited 10 National Parks in the western United States (seeing the same area the Alumni Association is planning for next summer). In September they traveled 3,500 miles by motor home through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He is enjoying his retirement and 20 hours of visitation ministry per week.

For **Charley and Barbara Harding White**, turning 65 hasn't been all that bad. They are both active in their hometown of Laytonsville, Md., where **Charley** is in his 20th year as mayor. Their health is reasonably good, they enjoy their seven grandchildren and have lots to do most every day.

Joan Luster Winkelman was to retire from Reston Hospital on November 30. She plans to travel a bit, see more of her grandchildren and maybe do some substitute teaching or other part-time work. She is looking forward to a trip to the Bahamas in February.

Mason and Judy Johnson Zerbe have moved into a new home in a retirement community in central Florida. This past summer they spent a month in Kuchl, a beautiful little village in Austria just south of Salzburg. Their youngest son **Dean** received his L.L.M. in tax law from New York University and has taken a position with a law firm in Reno.

Life as retirees continues to be a pleasure for **Jim and Janet Boller Heins**. They work hard at remaining active by incorporating hiking, biking, camping and other outdoor sports in everything they do. They continue to

travel extensively both locally and abroad. When at home, Jan works seriously at interests she didn't have time for when working, the toughest being competent at playing the violin and painting with watercolors. These activities, along with spending time with their children and grandchildren and providing support for elderly relatives, keep them constantly juggling schedules.

Edward and Jean Nicodemus Huss spent their summer gardening. They had a bumper crop of blueberries, most of which they sold. They were in Kentucky for two weeks visiting their youngest son **Carl** and caring for his children while his wife completed her graduate studies for teaching the visually impaired. They took time for a vacation in early September fishing in the French Banks in Ontario. Ed returned to northern Ontario in October to hunt mouse with their son **Eric**. They enjoyed their annual visit with **Janet Boller** and **Jim Heins** in August and spent a day with **Betsy Myers Bryant** at her home in Frederick, Md., in September.

Anne-Marie Summers Egan continues to teach music theory, piano, French and interdisciplinary education at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind. She is also doing some solo piano playing and some duet-playing with her husband **John**. There's also gardening, sewing and knitting. They had no big trips this year, but maybe next summer. In August she and **John** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with their seven children, 11 grandchildren and 300 friends.

Larry Crist spent June and half of July directing Vanderbilt University's summer program in Aix-en-Provence. While there he managed to get to the Montpellier Scottish Dance group for their 10th anniversary ball and then taught a class in carpenters. He spent time at the end of the program plotting students through Savoie and Alsace. He met his 30-minute-old second grandaughter in Paris. He then traveled through the channel and on to Bath, England. He spent four days working through the cathedrals and abbeys of western England before meeting friends in York. He was then on to the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society's summer school and the society's 75th anniversary. In Edinburgh he worked three days digging out old country dances from the city library's archives. He arrived home exhausted but content to begin teaching in Vanderbilt's fall semester.

The sales of **Merle Fox**'s book "An Annotated Bibliography of the Works of Rev. Henry Harbaugh" are going well. He was an author, poet, theologian and educator of the Reformed Church. Merle and Alice were to celebrate their 40th anniversary in December.

Albert Barnes, who retired in February 1991 as vice president of Kennedy Information Services Division of McGraw-Hill, lives in Crawford, N.J. He summers in Normandy Beach, N.J., and winters in Naples, Fla. He expects to sell out of Crawford next

year when renovations in Normandy Beach are completed. He spends a lot of time on golf courses and managing his portfolio. He says retirement is the best thing to come along so far.

Duvall Jones wrote that his family is currently in career transition, and he will have more to report later.

Larry Lockhart still lives in Woodlawn, Md., and continues to practice law.

Another one who is 65 and still working is the Rev. **Alan Hagenbuch**. He is the pastor of Green Hill Presbyterian Church in Enterprise, Ala. Upon his return from a mission trip to Mexico, he developed congestive heart failure. He is doing well now with heart medication and keeping his weight off. They have added a new Christian Education wing to their church, and Alan says he is enjoying the ministry as much as ever. Elaine received her nurse practitioner's degree and continues to teach nursing at the graduate and undergraduate levels at Troy State University in Alabama.

I want to thank **Charles Clarke** for a lovely letter, as well as his card. He lives in Lithia Springs, Ga., where he is still trying to help people save their homes. He keeps an open line to those in need. Sandra is heavily into quilting and is president of her missionary society. Charles is liquidating some of his holdings to do more traveling. If anyone would like to do a house swap or visit Atlanta, they should contact him. He's only five minutes from Six Flags. He's thinking of a four-year trip to Costa Rica and possibly serving a church in Spanish. In the meantime, they attended the Smoky Mountain Musical Festival in North Carolina where for two days they enjoyed real folk music in a beautiful setting with great food and an unharmed pace. This is a yearly occurrence.

For nearly 40 of the years that have passed since 1955 **Charlotte**

Thompson Hatcher has been organist/chair director of various Baltimore churches. Arthritis forced her to give it up in 1995. For 10 years she also worked as a computer transcriber and for another 10 she had her own word processing company. Now she is a homemaker who enjoys playing bridge. In June they went to Michigan to attend her husband John's 50th high school reunion and then spent two weeks camping on Lake Huron. In August they celebrated their 40th anniversary for three days after traveling by camper to Massachusetts where Charlotte's cousin and her big family live in a 110-year-old house with 17 rooms. From there they toured Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Lake George, N.Y. The Hatchers have been members of a camping club since 1974 and try to go camping at least once a month. Their daughter and her husband live in Litz, Pa. Charlotte says they have no grandchildren, but they are grandparents to two cats. John has retired from teaching and is working part time as an attendant on one of the buses. She would be very interested in hearing from any class-

mates who are suffering from diabetes or arthritis so they can compare notes on how they are coping.

Beatrice Ford McGlynn retired from Nations Bank in June. She wasn't sure about retirement at first but is now finding it a joy to have time to pursue the drawing and oil painting she has always wanted to do.

Martha Ann Kohout Nelson lives in Easton, Md., where she stays involved with tennis, bridge and the Episcopal Church. Of her four children, Dan and his wife Linda live in northern Virginia with their three children, ages 1, 4, and 7; Barbara is a professional gardener in St. Michaels, Md.; Jim is a contractor in Baltimore; and Bonnie and her husband David live in Richmond.

In October **Irma Lee Hohmann** took a picnic with her daughter Debbie to celebrate her 50th anniversary of being a church organist. She is the organist at Trinity United Methodist Church in Annapolis. The families of Debbie and her son Steve met her and Joe in Myrtle Beach, S.C., last summer for a great reunion. She is already looking forward to our 45th reunion in 2000, where she hopes especially to see her roommate **Meta Justice Davis** and **Barbara Goeb Miller** from Kentucky.

Philip Lawyer enjoyed his summer of golf with friends at WMC. He and **Jean Wauters**' 56 usual fishing trip to the Potomac and his brother's peaceful country cottage was quite successful. They visited **Victor '52** and **Anna Lee Park '52 Makovitch** in Ocean City, Md., and traveled by Amtrak to visit Phil's aunt in Fort Lauderdale. Their son Kevin is a partner in an orthodontist practice in Westminster. **Michele Gribben '87** is teaching math at WMC and Carroll Community College.

Ronald Jones is spending more time in Parsonsburg, Md., renovating the old farmhouse where he and his brother were born. He and **Suzanne Lussier '63** will live there when she retires. It will soon be ready for family and friends to visit year round. Ron is playing racquetball once more with the same enthusiasm, if not the same skill.

Paul Galvin, who is "mostly" retired, was elected president-elect of the Virginia Counselors Association. He then started working part time for the American School Counselors Association. Now he must guard his free time so he can still be retired. His wife **Doris Burkett '57** loves teaching ESL privately to Latinos. They were looking forward to their annual Thanksgiving trip to Keene, N.H., to see Paul's sister and brother-in-law, **Eileen Galvin '58** and **Allen Gilmore '59**. Paul and Allen have four children and six grandchildren, all of whom are doing well.

Walt and Marilyn Goldring Ritegrip played host to their six grandchildren for most of the summer. The kids loved playing in the creek and with the dog, fishing in Walt's pond, watching calves being born and attending the Tillemook County Fair

where they have "Pig and Ford Races" each year. They also attended church game, karate, soccer and swim lessons. Their parents joined them at fair time. Marilyn says it was a miracle, but the only time they ran out of hot water was when their 7-year-old granddaughter took a "teenage" shower. In September she and Walt took a trip to the Canadian Maritime Provinces and fell in love with Prince Edward Island.

Charlie and Gloria Bunting Blades traveled to Washington state for two weeks in July. They spent time with friends in Longview, their former residence. They visited Mr. St. Helen's and its new visitor's center and road. After not seeing it for eight years they found it very interesting. They also spent five days in Seattle. They are looking forward to helping their younger daughter celebrate her 40th birthday in Bethany Beach, Del. Gloria is also busy preparing for a solo show of paintings at Longwood College in Farmville, Va., in November.

Joann Waffensmith Miller went to Hawaii in February to visit her daughter Rimini Aune, who lives in Honolulu. She also went sightseeing volcanoes on the Big Island of Hawaii. She visited Ireland with local friends in April. I was on the same trip, and both of us were surprised to meet the other on our way to the plane. It was the first time we had met since graduation. On May 15 she became a grandmother for the first time when her granddaughter Matyari Marie Miller was born. She worked part time in the learning center at Ft. Ritchie and helped pack up everything for the closing of the Army base in July. As president of the Washington County Retired Teachers Association, she welcomed hundreds of retired teachers to Hagerstown, Md., in September for the Maryland state convention.

Mary Lee Younger Schmall is enjoying her position as Alumni Visitor to the WMC Board of Trustees and is looking forward to the completion of the new science building. **Craig** has already started getting things in shape for our reunion in 2000. They hope to return to Italy in January.

I really enjoyed my trip to Ireland, seeing places my Dad had talked about. We no longer have any family there, but I did meet the "little" sister of one of his friends who had grown up with him. She is now well into her 80s but could tell me how it had been when they were young. It was also fun to become reacquainted with **Joann Waffensmith Miller**. I have gotten even more involved with my work at church (Ascension Episcopal) as I was recently elected Senior Warden. I am also working closely with plans for our new building, which hopefully will be underway by the time you read this. I also spend as much time as I can with my grandson Robby and, of course, with his parents and Aunt Susan. At 4, Robby is already making excuses for the things I don't know about.

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60 Those cards and letters keep coming in. Thanks to all for your quick responses. I'll begin this column with the Marylanders: **Frank Tushoff's** card was short and to the point. He writes from Crownsville, "Forty weeks to retirement—and counting!"

Ken Nickoles writes from Ashton that he is still retired and still a scoutmaster. Son Kenny is at Montgomery College—one down, one to go. Daughter Sara is an active eighth grade soccer, diving and a phone pro. Ken is enjoying retirement and goes hunting as often as possible. Doris is still subbing in Montgomery County. They are planning a trip to San Antonio for an ASBO convention and looking forward to meeting other past presidents.

From Churchville, Joan Tephabrough Hamilton writes that she has traveled in Europe—Scotland, England, Wales, Germany, Austria, Italy and Greece—since retiring in 1989 as supervisor of mathematics in the Hartford County school system. She became a widow in 1997. She is treasurer of the Rolling Green Community Association and enjoys weaving, computers and playing bridge.

Linda Mackert Meade cut back her full-time social work to two days a week so she can enjoy the growing number of grandchildren and take up quilting and reading the paper again. She sent her card from Takoma Park with the notation, "So far it feels great!"

Lots of news on the card from **Frederick from Eldridge "Elvis" and Jane Williams '61 Ward**. Their son Shawn will be marrying and living on a farmette one and a half miles from them. Their daughter Amanda lives next door with her husband and their 2-year-old triplets Jared, Alena and Madeline. All are active in a local Baptist church. Elvis is assistant chaplain at the local jail and reports that many lives are being changed by God. He also writes that he is "working out" at a local health club three times a week and feels better than when he was younger. He likes to brag about the weight he has lost and the muscles he has built up.

Phyllis Cassetta Karrer writes that except for a trip to Oregon to see grandchildren, things are pretty much the same in Columbia. She still enjoys work, walking and watching David Letterman!

Ether Uppecro Gay writes, "We found a nearby new home to buy and moved to West Friendship is my job at JHU Applied Physics Lab and has received a number of promotions there. His travel is steady, but not too frequent. I'm still doing organ substitution and spending time getting settled in—no piano teaching this fall. Enjoyed a trip to 'the Hill' this past July."

Rod Ryan enjoyed a gala 60th birthday crab feast this summer, as well as vacation in London. He

writes that he is fine and that life in Baltimore is somewhat taken up with two elderly parents, ages 90 and 95. His son Chris graduated from the University of Michigan this past May and is trying to decide what to do with his life.

Bess Adamska Scheid retired in July after 20-some years as a public defender. She is enjoying her free time and doesn't miss the courtroom at all. Her husband Charles is still working for the Army at Edgewater, and they still live outside Bel Air. House, garden, church choir, dog and four cats keep her busy. Son Chuck and wife Laura live in Baltimore. Daughter Suzanne, husband Doug and granddaughters Anna live in West Virginia. "Much time is spent going up and down the mountain to visit," she writes. She still keeps in close touch with **Nancy Haas McVaugh** and **Evangeline Grim**, who has moved to Florida.

The president of the Ripken Museum in Aberdeen, **Jim McMahon** writes with enthusiasm, "I found my roomie after all these years, **Vern Johnson** and I have heated up the e-mail circuits. Seems as if he's been a secret agent in Lower Slobovia! And **Charles Pugh** and I will have had lunch by the time you read this. He's some kind of genius with the 'Social for Profit System.' Charles heard that I still get up at 3:30 a.m. to do the morning show, so he calls me regularly now at 10:30 every night that he can't sleep—what a guy!" Jim writes that the museum is going well—had some visitors from Rhode Island.

Writing of roomies, **Mary Jo Smith Bostic** and Kennard still live in Sudlersville. Their daughters, Laura and Luanne, still live close by. Laura has two daughters, Kate and Lauralee. Luanne also has two daughters, Colleen and Zoe Reanne. Zoe was born in August at Johns Hopkins Hospital, weighing only one pound, nine ounces. Grandma reported she was doing just fine, weighing two pounds, five ounces at postcard time. Mary Jo writes, "We thank God everyday for his many blessings."

And that's the news from the Marylanders. The Out-of-States (is anyone keeping score here?) are prompt in replying to my cards, as well.

Bob Harris moved back to Susquehanna, Pa., from Vermont, but he sent a card anyway, just to make it "official." As a retired United Methodist pastor, he is serving as an interim pastor with the Seventh Street Primitive Methodist Church in Shunkin. He has also been returned to the Board of Directors of Pennsylvania State Sunday School Association and is on the staff of Kirby and Smith Associates Church Financial Ministry. His wife Janet accompanied her older daughter (Bob's step-daughter) on a trip to China to become adoptive grandparents. He and Janet moved into their new modular home and are participating in the planning of our 40th Class Reunion in 2000.

Evangeline Grim's card confirms that after 30 years in education she has retired and moved to Fort Charlotte, Fla. She is looking forward to mild winters without snow and ice.

Maybe out-of-state, but still close enough to enjoy listening to Captain **Jim McMahon** on the local radio station. **Richard Grubb** writes from Newark, Del., that he and Pat work on the grounds at the VA Medical Center at Perry Point, Md.

Jim Thomas writes from Littleton, Colo., that he is still working in the field of court administration. He traveled to Austria, the Czech Republic and Hungary this summer as a spouse with a Denver-based singing group.

Mil Dickey '62 Thomas was accompanied for the concerts. He has just returned from a month trip to Asia—part work, part vacation. He did some marketing in Hong Kong and Singapore, presented a paper at the Third Asia-Pacific Courts Conference in Shanghai, and then spent some time traveling in that part of the world.

John Karver enjoyed a wonderful treat for his 35th anniversary of ordination in June when the congregation of St. John U.C.C. flew in his sons, daughter-in-law and grandchildren for a special surprise during the church service. "Their stay in Cincinnati was all too short," he writes, "but a wonderful few days ensued—I hate to see them fly back to New York and Oregon!" He notes that he and his sailing has suffered as a result. He sends his best regards to all the Class of '60.

Joe Bender's card from Spring, Pa., was short and friendly. He says, "Same place, same job, same house. Have lots of room—stop by and see us."

Ted Kinter sent a letter to bring his news up to date. He retired from education after 37 years as an English teacher, soccer coach, English department chair, and finally as the manager of an educational television station. Presently he is spending his winters in Lawrenceville, N.J., and his summers in Indian Beach on Long Beach in Maryland. B.J. Boating, fishing and running his video business keeps him out of trouble, he notes.

I received a letter, too, from **James Worden**. He writes that he and **Lynne Rodway '63** have moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., after 30 years in the Detroit metro area. The reason? Three daughters, four grandsons and Jim's mother reside there. Jim is an investment adviser and will keep his office in Michigan and open one in Colorado Springs. Father and son (Jim and 15-year-old Jim IV) took up snow boarding five years ago and look forward to riding the mountains at Breckenridge. Four-wheeling will be the activity in the summer. Lynne will continue with community Bible study, starting her 21st year, and she looks forward to being a full-time grandmother. They issue an invitation to look them up if anyone is visiting in the Springs.

Raymond Asay now lives in Farmington, Conn., and continues to

write novels and screenplays, as well as essays. His children are grown and out of college. Daughter Penelope graduated magna cum laude in psychology from Connecticut College and went on to study social psychology at Brown University for a year. She lives in Maryland and works in the transfer admissions office at the University of Maryland. Son Raymond Lawrence graduated from Wheaton College, Mass., with a degree in economics and psychology and is studying finance and computers in Hartford, Conn.

Sandy Eastwood Smith of Vienna, Va., retired as an elementary art teacher. She keeps busy volunteering at church and playing bridge, and she plans to get back to some quilting. **Doug** has had some interesting trips to Vienna, Austria and France, as well as New Mexico and California. Sandy writes that now she can go along, and she loves it. Doug has no plans for retiring yet.

I haven't caught up with retirement yet, either. We enjoyed a family reunion/vacation in West Virginia this summer. We "campers" ranged in age from age 87 (my mother) to 2 (my youngest grandchild). We spent a week at Bluestone State Park in three cabins—the old fogies cabin, the young family cabin and the beer-drinkin', card-playin' rowdies cabin. We participated in day trips and nighttime nature walks. My grandgirls and I put on a belly dance show, complete with costumes, tambourines and zills. The highlight of the trip was the white-water rafting adventure on the New River, lower section (Class III to Class V rapids). Looking back on it, it was great fun! And not a "swimmer" in the bunch!

Thanks again to everyone for their responses. We have a major milestone reunion coming up—I'd like to hear from even more classmates for the next column.

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65 Thank you to all who responded to my request for news. As always, it was great hearing from all of you.

Mary Ellen Graybill, of White Hall, Md., has been a free-lance writer for *Harford County, Baltimore Resources, The Villager of Northern Central Maryland* (now called *Charmicle*), *Peake Time, Valley Voice*, and the *York Daily Record*. She is now working on stories about old mills and has a particular interest in the Amos Mill, built in 1776, which needs renovation to survive. She would be happy to hear from anyone interested in volunteering their skills and/or time.

Ginny Krebs Wright is teaching algebra at St. Charles High School. Her daughter Kim is working and living in Chicago after graduating from Indiana University in marketing. Son Chris is a junior at the University of Iowa and is also a business major. Steve and Ginny bought a lake home

in Indiana in 1997 and love it. Unfortunately, they are 10 years from retirement. Steve is still with Citibank and travels to Hong Kong and Istanbul, teaching bankers about credit risks when he is not working in Chicago.

Esther Thompson Perne lives in Maine with her new husband. She is still a writer and enjoys horseback riding, swimming, skiing, canoeing and walking her dogs. Esther has two daughters: Cassie, 13, and Dana, 11. The family lives at Sugarloaf in the winter and Lake Weserunton in the summer. Esther is still passionate about French and loves visiting Quebec. She teaches creative writing to adults.

This past year has been another challenging one for **Carole Fey**. After lots of chemotherapy and a stem-cell transplant for breast cancer, she was feeling wonderful. Her family and friends were with her the whole way, and she is grateful for their support.

Debbie Dudley and Toni Michaels moved to Wilmington, N.C., in August. They are building a home near the intracoastal waterway and should be moved in by the time you read this. Tom is vice president of operations for COMAR, Inc., a manufacturer of packaging materials for the laboratory products industry. Debbie continues to provide medical information services to the healthcare community through MEDSEARCH. They enjoy historic downtown Wilmington, the university community, cultural amenities, milder climate and proximity to beaches and sailing. They invite alumni in the area to stop by for a visit.

I finally heard from **Carla Smith Moon**, who has been living in Los Angeles since 1986 and loving it. Eight years ago, after several career changes, she started working as a physical education teacher and has found her niche. Her husband Rick is a lawyer and a distance runner. They both ran the L.A. marathon last spring. They have three children; two are grown, and the youngest is an active 14-year-old girl. The Moonx are also active in church activities. Carla invites classmates visiting L.A. to stop by.

Joyce Russell Miller, my predecessor in writing this column, enjoyed a Phi Alpha reunion last spring in Baltimore. Jim and she are true empty nesters with everyone out of college and living in California, Chicago and New York. Since two girls are involved in the National Football League, they go to games in all sorts of places. They had a short trip to Florida but are both very busy in a hot real estate market. Jim is in commercial real estate law, and Joyce has a five-woman title searching company.

The alumni office sent me an announcement that **Margorie Engel** has published a new book on etiquette for second marriages and couples with divorced parents, "Weddings, A Family Affair."

Nancy Lockwood Neal and Paul finally returned to the Maryland/

Virginia area, Sterling, Va., after living all over. Their kids, three boys and a girl, range in age from 16 to 27. None are married, but three are in college or graduate school. Their 16-year-old son is a junior in high school. Nancy has been a stay-at-home mom since she retired from IBM as a systems engineer. She never used her French major, except to teach for three months right after college. Besides being very active in the LDS church, Nancy is also a genealogist. She would love to hear from those friends who still remember her after all these years.

Dianne Briggs Martin is a professor in the electrical engineering department at George Washington University but is currently on loan to the National Science Foundation where she is a program officer overseeing the computer science proposals in the Division of Undergraduate Education. In the past two years she has been to Australia twice, for a 5-month sabbatical in 1996 at Deakin University and last summer for a 3-week speaking tour. Professionally, she is chair of two groups: the Recreational Software Advisory Council, which oversees a free, voluntary self-rating system for Internet content to protect both children and free speech, and a Special Interest Group on Computers and Society. Husband **Dave '62** has a private law practice in the Washington, D.C., area and runs a non-profit foundation, the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund. Their 29-year-old daughter Jennifer completed a master's degree in speech pathology and is working with handicapped children in the Boston area. Their 26-year-old son Chuck is completing his B.S. in environmental science and plans to "go West."

Elaine Gardiner Taylor writes that she "finally has a career." She is officially a professional musician since the Boulder Philharmonic voted to unionize last spring. Elaine and John had a five-week trip to Italy and France last June. They accompanied Elaine's uncle, who was discovering his Sicilian roots. They spent a week touring the Dolomites, then spent two weeks (without uncle) hiking the French Alps. They hope to have a daughter by the time you read this since their older son was planning to marry. Their younger son spent 10 weeks last summer at the NASA academy at Goddard and then was heading to the Citizen Explorer Satellite project at the University of Colorado. Elaine visited with **Barb Graham** this past summer and reports that Barb is retired and loves it.

Pam Gebhard '68 and **Jerry Wacklen** have been living in Timonium since 1996. Jerry is the pastor of the Mount Vernon Place UMC, an urban parish located in the cultural district of the city at the Washington Monument. He has a Sunday morning radio program on WBAL at 9 a.m. and an interesting ministry to the homeless, the working poor and an older congregation in transition. Pam is chaplain at St.

Joseph Medical Center in Towson. Their oldest daughter **Abbi '94** is the coordinator of volunteers at the B&O Museum in Baltimore, and her husband is a seventh grade English teacher in Baltimore County. Their youngest daughter Sarah is finishing law school at the University of Maryland. Jerry says life is good, and they are looking forward to an empty nest!

Pam Wolfe Roblyer is the proposal development leader for the combined government consulting practice of Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP, which has a staff of 2,300 employees. She also continues to teach a technical writing course for the University of Maryland. Her daughter Nicole has an MM in musical theatre from the Boston Conservatory and is a singer and actress in New York City. Her son Giles received his MA in fiction writing from NYU and is working as a writer for a news service in Washington, D.C. In July, he married his college sweetheart Meredith. They are living near Pam and her husband Jerry Powell in Annapolis, Md. They enjoy working on their home in the historic district.

Charlie '63 and **Mara Dilson Walter** are enjoying more time together now that their son and daughter are married. To relax, Mara has learned to play golf. She and Charlie are both still working and living in Forest Hill, Md.

Over Christmas 1997, after a legal hassle over the land, **Rob Robertson** bought a home in Florida where he and Susan hope to spend winter when he retires. His 55th birthday present to himself was to have his right kidney removed! Rob continues to practice law and prepare tax returns to support his habits of gardening, boating and antiquing. The family spent a glorious two weeks this past summer in Seattle, which Rob calls one of America's best kept secrets.

Ray '63 and **Marilyn Hahnfeldt Wockley** are in Upper Marlboro, Md. Ray has a real estate appraisal business and Marilyn is assistant principal at Bishop McNamara High School, a private school in Forestville, Md. Their son Bryan, 25, is just finishing a two-year assignment in Salzburg, Austria, where he has been working as a program assistant for the Salzburg Seminar. He plans to settle in Ohio where his wife Carmella is working on her master's degree. This past summer Ray and Marilyn spent time with Bryan and Carmie in Salzburg, then they all spent a glorious week in Italy. The highlight of their trip was a four-night stay in the tower of a twelfth-century castle in the Chianti region of Tuscany. Their daughter Melissa, 22, is in her second year of teaching biology and coaching skiing at a boarding school in Easthampton, Mass. Ray and Marilyn still spend time in the summer in Bethany Beach, Del., and are anxious to hear from other WMC grads.

Since I can't publish addresses in this column, remember that you can contact classmates through the alumni office. They will act as an intermediary.

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70 It seems like only yesterday, but it has been a year since I last wrote news of the Class of '70. Here's the latest—those who responded via e-mail got to go first!

Roger Wynkoop is OK with 50. He and Katie live in St. Charles, Mo., where he's president of ACE Industries making railroad freight cars. Daughters Karen, 21, and Jennifer, 19, attend William Jewell College near Kansas City. Their year included "lots of boating, golf and a trip to Europe." As godparents, they attended **Paul Mullen's** '71 oldest son's wedding in Virginia last May and have become close to the children following Paul's death.

Lynne Price toured the Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary with the Washington Chorus last summer, and Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro with her "gentleman friend" in the fall. Student trips are out since last year, in London, one of her charges ran off and had her lower lip pierced.

Will Werley sent me a lengthy report on his trip to South Africa—highlights of which seemed to be wonderful wild animals, societal dysfunction and a scary trip to Swaziland. A true adventurer, he celebrated his 50th in a Durban hostel with new friends from around the world. Recently he attended the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tenn.

John Kintzing retired from 20 years with the FBI to start a security consulting business. Their client is "the White House cadre of the Secret Service."

Back in Westminster, **John and Vivian Higdon '72 Seaman** adopted Stephanie, 4, and are foster parents to Dawn, 10, Asia, 6 months, and 20 other children in the past four years. I admire their generosity in sharing their lives with these children. Meanwhile, son Jeff, 23, lives in Rockville and daughter Holly, 20, is at St. Mary's College studying chemistry.

Tom Trice and Charlotte write from Salisbury about buying astronaut Michael Collins' oceanfront home in Avon, N.C. Retirement planning? Oldest son Tom is married and has provided grandson Tyler. Middle son Doug is entering the Air Force. Youngest son Andy is a computer science major at James Madison University.

Earl and Alice Griffin Schwartz celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this year at Sea Island, Ga. Their two senior boys will leave Pflaflown, N.C.—one for the military or Naval Academy and the other for pre-med—leaving Dad home playing lots of tennis.

Vicki Zoeller Timmons still lives in North Carolina with her daughter, who is attending UNC Charlotte. Since her husband died two years ago, she has studied accounting and now works with governor Hunt's Smart Start initiative.

Pat Moore retired last year but, like me, finds herself fully engaged in volunteer work. She writes, "Lots to do during the working hours and extra time spent at home. Such fun—I love it."

Long lost **John Berry** sent his news on last year's card from Richards, Va., where he is COO of Clinch Valley Medical Center. Marian is developing her computer skills at Century 21 and son Chris is a high school senior. At 6 feet and 255 pounds, lots of colleges are interested, but mom may be a part of the bargain. They visited **Coed Sherrard '71** in Knoxville last summer.

Keith and Michelle Catington '72 Porter are still teaching in Rising Sun, Md. (There is a house in New Orleans ... oh, never mind.) Michelle teaches art and photography, while Keith does physical education at the middle school—state champs in softball for two years, thank you very much. Daughter Kerrie graduates from Wingate University in North Carolina and son Craig graduates from high school.

Richard Porter marks 22 years as organist at the West Baltimore United Methodist Church and more than 20 years teaching music, now at Arundel High School. This summer's travels included a 10-day car trip through southern Utah. He happily reports that Dr. Jim Lipton '59 has resumed the tradition of lighting the tree in front of the chapel after the Christmas concert. Bravo!

Emma Moore-Kochals was planning to spend her 50th in England, but her bishop promoted her instead. After 25 years as a local church pastor, she's now serving as pastor to pastors of 48 United Methodist churches in San Diego and Imperial counties. The family has relocated to San Carlos—Caroline and Matthew are settled in new schools and husband Peter continues his work with Environmental Ministries.

Barbara Payne Shelton reports that "the kids are well and happy and mostly still costing us \$." Drew is a senior at Friends School, lately appearing as an extra in the film "Liberty Heights." Wade is a senior at Colgate looking at graduate school in environmental policy. Di is still with Andersen Consulting in Philadelphia. **Gordon '68** still fixes teeth, while Barbara chairs the Education department at Villa Julie College and develops her new newsworld design business.

Sherry Swope Peck writes that I was sorely missed at "The Prom," her 50th birthday party. **Jane Butterbaugh Shapiro's** date was **Ann Read Ward '69**, decked out in a tux with cummerbund to match Jane's vintage prom dress. Photos were taken under an arch and wrist corsages were plentiful. The photos speak volumes, but we can only imagine!

Sue Morales Yingling is working at Carroll Community College and writing her thesis on women turning 50 in the '90s. We've all offered ourselves as study subjects.

Karen Wagner Tegges continues

to lose her job as Community Resources Coordinator for Hartford County. **Jerry '68** is a production manager. Daughter Jennifer, 16, is a budding thespian and folk singer, delighting Mom with Peter, Paul & Mary hits. Amanda, 11, plays three sports to the delight of Dad. "Life is good and we know we are blessed."

My days continue to be full and joyful. I am still my kids' mom. Kristen, 24, is in Nagoya in her second year of teaching English in Japan. She is ready to return to the states to go to graduate school in psychology. John, 10, is an avid reader, soccer/baseball player, piano player and kind soul. He and I are visiting Kristen at Thanksgiving—my first trip to Japan, his first trip abroad. Tom will stay home, play golf and continue as general counsel of Experian. I've had a joyful year as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, this year serving as president of the Board of Directors. We continue to escape to Spring Island, S.C., whenever we can, each time wondering when we can stay forever.

You don't have to wait for a postcard. You can keep in touch in any of four ways:

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75 You guys are super, and this was so cool. In the middle of reading e-mail on the copyright law, notices of new electronic journals and suggestions for providing digital reference, I'd get an uplifting message like "News from Poody and Wimp." Many of you used this technology to reply to my emergency plea and even more of you sent letters and postcards. This was one of the best responses ever, and I was really late. Thank you!

Joan Bailey-Wilson and Alec Wilson are enjoying life in Baltimore near their families after being away for 20 years. They both like their jobs at NIH's National Human Genome Research Institute. Their children, Lauren, 12, and Alexander "Sammy," 8, keep busy with soccer, ballet and karate. So, Joan and Alec are busy driving.

Linda Kephart Coons is teaching physical education at Pine Ridge Elementary School in Carroll County. She reports that the entire special area team are graduates of Western Maryland: **Ned Fronk '78**, **Keith Taylor '81**, **Karen Suckie Peck '89** and **Jerry Resh '95**. Brienne, 14, is now in ninth grade and is busy with swimming and the violin. Kelsey, 9, also swims and plays the flute. Linda is their summer swim team coach.

Claiming to be one of the few original Florida natives, **Michelle Swain Corley** wrote from Jacksonville where she teaches art in the inner city. In her "spare time" she is devoted to her three girls, Lauren, 17, Lindsay, 14,

and Kristen, 10, and their daily activities. She admits that while the girls are a blessing, being a single parent is a constant challenge. She spent some time over the summer with her sister **Meg Swain and Jack Kintzing '70**, along with their six children, who live in Chesapeake, Va.

Having finally come to the conclusion that he won't be going to get rich managing someone else's company, **Jim Geleta** was lucky enough to get the opportunity to open his own. Last October, Baltimore Textile Creations opened for business as a manufacturer of fabric placemats, decorative pillows, napkins and other items. Jim says they actually are getting orders to help pay all those bills he's been running up.

Mary Lou Murray Gero reports that all is well. Her daughter Jessica graduated from college and now is a graduate student at Duke University. Her son Jeremy lives and works in San Diego, and Patrick and Ryan are now 15 and 14. She is still teaching special education at Central Regional High School. After 23 years, she and her husband are still together and keep busy with the boys' sports seven days a week.

Stuart and Martha Stuart '77 Lehman have been "hiding out" in Helena, Mont., for the past two years. Stuart works on watershed clean-up projects for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Martha is working for the Montana School Board evaluating special education programs. They are enjoying the great outdoors and watching the activities of their daughters Ashley, 15, and Amanda, 12.

Sherri Sheckler '78 and Felix Liceti still live in Houston. Felix changed jobs and is now vice president and director of technology for Houston Casualty. Sherri works at the Bank One Call Center. Nick, 12, is playing competitive soccer, and Matt, 9, also plays soccer.

On July 7, 1997, **Wendy and Jeff Mahan** had a baby boy, Patrick. He is doing great, but reportedly is a handful for the Mahans.

Jay Markanich moved to a new house built on a lake away from town. He claims it is very beautiful, but he is putting in more hours now than when he was working.

Becki Bloyer Masters and husband **Phil '78** have started their sixth year in Hershey, Pa. Both are still busy working for Penn State in internal medicine. Their son Ben (who continues to be the biggest blessing in their lives) started kindergarten this year and is doing well, but Becki claims they are the oldest parents in his class.

Susan Domicer Meredith is working for the Carroll County Board of Education in several part-time jobs so she can make her own hours. Molly, 15, and Heidi, 13, are both doing well in school and playing soccer and lacrosse. Weekends are busy with soccer games. Susan writes that she and Don will have to start "dating" again in a few years to get re-acquainted without the girls.

Janine and Mark "Pearl" Metzger still own the Tabernacle Inn, and they have two lovely daughters, Johanna Chardonay and Emily Irene. They get to see **John D. Tutill** and his family a lot and report that life is great.

Suzan Van Laningham Miller is still active in the practice of law in Westminster and serves on the boards of the Carroll County General Hospital Foundation, the Greater Westminster Development Corporation and the Tourism Council of Carroll County. In 1997 Suzan was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by the *Daily Record*.

Reporting that not much has changed in their day-to-day lives, **Roberta Tall Morton** writes that things have become more hectic. They are in the middle of the college search process for daughter Deborah, 18. Tim, 15, began high school this year and Rebecca, 11, began middle school. Roberta still teaches preschool and serves as the after-school chauffeur.

Vernon Mummert took a job at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., as the athletic director. Wabash is one of three all-male colleges in NCAA Division III and is building a \$20 million field house. Vernon says it's a great place, and he is looking forward to having his wife and three children join him from Prescott, Ariz., after more than three months apart.

Wife Debbie Tall '78 writes that she and **Gary Paulsgrove** are in the same pattern they have been in for years. Gary is in his 24th year of Social Security, more than half of which has been as a computer systems analyst. He says he really feels old because their son Randy is a sophomore in high school, and they've been talking about colleges. The Paulsgroves now have two teenagers since Valerie turned 13 in January. Becky is 10, and they spend a lot of time running between activities and the three different schools. Recently they enjoyed a surprise visit from **Dave Fine '76**, who puts many miles on his motorcycle, meets lots of people and getting to know Maryland well. After years of wishes and three years of saving, the Paulsgroves visited Disney World for the first time in September 1996. They all loved it and would like to go back. Gary would like to live there; Debbie doesn't want to live where it's so hot year-round. In June, Gary and Debbie celebrated their 20th anniversary. They wonder where the time goes (Don't we all!).

Bob Ramsdell is in his final year of law school at the University of Kansas and made the National Moot Court Team. **Leslie Williams '78** continues to home school Erin, 10th grade, and Stephen, seventh grade.

Cindy, Heather and Tom Rhodes bought a 50-acre farm in Queenstown. Tom has worked at Queenstown Bank for 23 years. In his spare time he enjoys helping his daughter Heather with her pigs and cows and spending time with his loving wife and family.

A lot has changed in the life of **Randy Richards** over the last few years, the biggest change being his career. He decided to get out of academic medical research and go to medical school. This fall he started classes at the University of Cincinnati. He sold his house in the spring and moved into a one-bedroom apartment with his two cats. He writes that school is going great, and it's the best decision he's ever made. After finishing the first round of exams and scoring in the high pass/honors range, he's pretty happy.

Living single and enjoying life in York, Pa., since divorced, **Bruce Shaffer** has worked as a computer consultant, a telephone translator in four languages at an international banking firm, a clinical research assistant at Johns Hopkins, a massage therapist and an adjunct professor in Spanish at Western Maryland. That's in addition to having a full-time job as a computer systems programmer for the government. **Inga Friden** visited Bruce from Sweden with her husband and 15-year-old son. She has two sons and a daughter and is a nurse doing cancer research in Ljnsbnd.

Betsy Sommerwerck still lives in Reisterstown. In December 1997, her department was downsized out of existence, so she collected severance pay until August and became an independent consultant. She has been doing a lot of traveling and is trying to negotiate changes so she can spend more time at home. She also has been found out at about elder care and assisted living facilities while helping her grandfather's first cousin's widow. Betsy writes that her mother is doing fine and planning a Grand Canyon tour, and her sister and husband had a baby last year. She says her latest nephew is a cutie; her other nephews (her brother's sons) are 11, 13 and 15.

Jan Thompson '77 and Jack Tracey are the proud owners of an empty nest since daughter Jessica joined her brother Jason at Duke University. Jack's advertising company is doing fine, and the Traces still live on Isle of Palm, enjoying the beach and historic Charleston as often as possible. In August, Jack was a featured sand sculptor in a big show on Myrtle Beach, his first big event. Some of the nation's best were there to compete, and Jack says he had fun, learned a lot and got to see the work of some amazing artists. Jack also wrote that his old roommate, **Bruce Moler**, enjoyed taking an extended sailing course this summer and **Steve Brownley** didn't visit this year, deciding instead to stay on his "estate" in Westminster with Gretchen and the children. Jack writes the Bachelor's Son and appreciates all the "gas" he can get.

Beth Williams and Sam Tressler report that they're trying to keep up with growing, changing children and all the demands of having farm and school careers. They make a drive down to Naples, Fla., each year to visit Beth's folks.

Tom Trezise of employee USF&G merged with St. Paul Companies in April, and now he is vice president of Commercial Claims. He's traveling back and forth between Baltimore and Minnesota, in addition to trying to meet his personnel in more than 100 locations around the country. Tom still sees **Mark Higdon, Larry Schmidt, Chip Graber** and other Phi Delt regularly, and he is planning the Phi Delt and Friends trip to Myrtle Beach for next year.

Promoted to human resources support services director, **Roger E. Trostle** moved from Harrisburg, Pa., to Columbus, Ohio, in February 1998. He celebrated 23 years with Nationwide Insurance in June. His son Shawn, 26, is working in a gourd craft business as a design/marketing director in Mechanicsville, Pa. His daughter Amanda turned 21 in August and is a senior at Johns Hopkins University majoring in biological science.

David '74 and Pat Eyre Voltrath remain busy with school. Their oldest child Kris is in the Purdue Business Honors Program at Salisbury. He is majoring in international business, management and informational systems (in other words, "money"). Colin, a sophomore in high school, is playing football. David remains busy being principal at Aberdeen High School and was involved with the World Lacrosse games last summer. They were fortunate to have seven Australians staying with them and have a team staying with families in Bel Air. Pat is still a gifted and talented/enrichment resources teacher for two elementary schools in Harford County.

Nancy M. Wilhide Warner got married on February 21, 1998, to her partner of 15 years, Robert Lehner. Instead of exchanging the traditional vows, they took each other for "continued great adventures." They escaped from their unfulfilling managerial jobs, found a buyer for their waterfront property by themselves and are in the process of giving away or selling all their nonessential possessions. This spring they plan to move aboard their 38-foot sailboat, Callisto, and begin a multi-year exploration of the East Coast and Caribbean. She says the hardest part will be leaving all her friends and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, but adventure calls them forth.

Suzi Windemuth says life in New York City is terrific! Last March she became the administrator/executive director for the Neurological Institute at Columbia University, and she loves it. She runs a large, academic faculty practice of more than 125 terrific neurologists. It is a mix of practice, administration and research. They are chasing that MDA gene and doing diagnostic entrepreneurial ventures.

As for the Kings, we are trying to adjust to life in Florida. For the entire year all we've heard is that it isn't like

this (cold and wet, smoky from nearby fires, hot and humid, deadly tornadoes, etc.). Pat landed a great job at bd Systems as a project manager and has been working since February 1998. He loves supporting the Air Force and working on the base at Cape Canaveral. He's in the middle of everything and gets to see the missile and shuttle launches up close. We miss being near Marc and his new wife Pam, who still live in Herndon, Va. Marc is an accountant with MCI and Pam still works in nursing. I continue at Florida Tech, working as a research and instruction librarian. The dogs, Molly and Bailey, appear to love it here—don't know if it's the yard, the pool or all the new critics they get to stalk. All things considered, we're glad we made the move.

Once again, thank you all for sending your news. As always, please feel free to send updates whenever the mood strikes. I have a very special place for holding onto your messages until the next deadline comes. Until next time.

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80 As I write this it is an autumn Saturday evening. Outside the air smells of wood smoke and leaves crunch underfoot. Here in my family room, my daughters are at work on holiday projects and have actually spent several hours immersed in gold paint and glitter with a minimum of squabbles.

I've heard from quite a few people for this letter, many of whom included their e-mail addresses. To those of you who asked about e-mail responses, although I use the technology at work, I've changed our home e-mail address several times, and I have trouble keeping up. At the moment I prefer "snail mail" for the responses for the class letter. If I've managed to move into the '90s in time for the next letter, I'll be sure to let you know.

Mitchell Alexander and Mildred Artis '81 are enjoying their new daughter, Paige Morganne, born March 18, 1998. Blake, 7, likes being a big brother and is also enjoying second grade. Mitch is adjusting to another good-sized WMC freshman class, and the search continues for an office manager to take the job of directing college activities a little more manageable.

Chrissy Moore Aull and husband Ned '75 found their way back to the Eastern Shore with twins Jeb and Libby, 11. They are close to Jeb's school, the Radcliffe Creek School, in Chestertown, a small program for children with dyslexia and other learning differences. Chrissy, who obtained a master's in Special Education in 1995, taught at Radcliffe Creek and writes that the pay is low but the rewards great.

Wade Anderson writes from Birmingham, Ala., that when the reunion number reaches the age you were at graduation, you really miss the time gone by! Wade is still trying law suits for State Farm, doing some wood working and eating lots of barbecued pig. Wade sees **Bruce Downs** for weekly jam sessions and says they have been trying to make it to the bottom of their song list without much luck.

Tom and Kathy Chandler '78 Armbruster are in Moscow where Tom is in the nuclear affairs office in the embassy. Kathy is the librarian at the Anglo-American school where children Brian and Kalina are in the 11th and eighth grades, respectively. Brian is playing soccer and volleyball, and Kalina is writing for the school paper and taking pictures for the yearbook. Everyone is speaking at least a little Russian.

Lisa Finch Boyd and her husband are enjoying life with their daughter Valerie Jean, born March 13, 1997. Lisa reduced her work schedule at NIH to spend more time at home with her child. Of course, this means that she has the additional challenge of keeping experiments going on a part-time basis! Work remains rewarding, and life is good. Lisa and her family even had a few trips to visit grandparents and a visit to the beach.

Beverly Wright Bradshaw is a business loan officer in Gastonia, N.C., near Charlotte. Her son Austin is 10 and daughter Rachel is 8.

Lynn Knouse Brinker still lives in Columbia, Md. She quit her job as program manager at a foster care agency in Washington, D.C., after 15 years. Lynn says she is a "soccer mom" for sons Christopher, 8, Kevin, 5, and Kyle, 1, and she is doing some part-time consulting work.

Fran Sevier-Brown and her family moved from Richmond, Va., to Elliott City where they are enjoying a new home and community. Her children, Matthew, 7, and Caroline, 8, are enjoying all sorts of activities.

Suzette Scheffler Burgess continues her vocal music job at North East High School in Cecil County and is still the soloist at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Del. Suzette and her husband Matt have three children: Emily, 9, Keith, 6, and Alison, 2. Suzette and Emily are appearing in "Oliver" at the Covered Bridge Theater at Cecil Community College.

Alison Ward Burke's daughters Kelly, 8, and Nicolette, 5, are busy with dance classes and soccer. Alison is back in the banking field lending to small businesses with Key Bank. She is also enjoying participating in a local choral society. Alison had a great weekend for WMC's Homecoming '98; she visited with **Beth Robertson '81** and **Janet Butts Anderson**. She's looking forward to seeing more classmates at our 20-year reunion!

Barbara "Boog" Mayo Candler is

Phi Alpha Mu 10th Reunion

APRIL 1999

The Phi Alpha Mu sorority's 10th reunion is right around the corner. If you have not received an invitation, please contact Anne McDonough Lepczyk '84 at 410/666-5623.

married to the Very Reverend Sam G. Candler, who is Dean at St. Philip's Cathedral in Atlanta, Ga. They have three children: Sarah, 15, Martha, 14, and Samuel, 13. Boog has been an interpreter for the deaf and hearing impaired in Columbia, S.C., for the last four years. Previously she taught preschool for the hearing impaired.

Mike D'Andrea graduated from Rutgers in early 1998 with his Ph.D. in molecular biology; his focus has been on the expression and regulation of a particular nuclear enzyme in human tumors. Mike, promoted to senior scientist at Johnson & Johnson's Pharmaceutical Research Institute, has more than 30 publications in scientific journals and texts and has been honored with multiple awards, including a Student Merit Award, a Student Scientific Recognition Award and a Young Investigator's Award. He and wife Patty have been married for 12 years and have three children: Michelle, 10, Michael, 8, and Stephanie, 2. Mike and his Phi Delt brothers **Jack Maxwell, Steve Evans, Rick Fulton, Dave Grossman, Jeff Wahlbrink, Jeff Maxwell '82** and **Bill Hies '82** annually get together for "Camp Count" for three days of sports and activities, including "Quarters," which Mike says now only lasts for about 30 minutes!

Scott Dahne's consulting business is doing quite well; he also owns a furniture manufacturing company, a staffing company and a golf computer company. Let him know if you are looking for a job! Scott says he spent his 40th birthday floating in his pool.

Lisa Sprankle Donohoe and her family are enjoying country life in Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. Lisa's husband Barry is a cabinet maker turned social studies teacher, and they have an 8-year-old daughter, Erin. Lisa quit her job at the post office to become a field director for the Girl Scouts in Adams and parts of Franklin and York Counties. She loves it.

Bruce Downs is alive and well in Birmingham, Ala., where he has been working as a CPA for eight years. He confirms that he and **Wade Anderson** are indeed getting together once a week for acoustical jam sessions. OK guys, if your classmates make it to Birmingham, can we stop in and listen?

Kathy Smith Gambino's husband **Rick** surprised her with a birthday trip to Aruba. They are spending as much time as possible on their boat and tried to take it up to Connecticut but were forced back by the threat of Hurricane Bonnie. When they are not working or on their boat, they are driving their children, Lauren, 6, and Christopher, 9, to school, academic and spring events. Sue laments the fact that the kids have more interesting lives than she and Rick!

Margot Gerding lives in Towson, Md.

Cathy Lewis Hallam and her husband have their first child, Christina Elaine, on June 4, 1998. After 18 years with First National Bank of Maryland, Cathy decided to stay home full time with her daughter. Before leaving, she spent several months managing the integration of her company's benefits with those of an acquired bank, the Dauphin Deposit Company. Last winter, before Christina's arrival, Cathy and her husband vacationed in Aspen.

Jon Hackbart continues as associate administrator for Villa Maria and Baltimore County working with behavioral health programs for kids. He is planning a trip to Hawaii to check out wilderness areas, but first he'll need to recover from some scheduled knee surgery.

Dennis Hamratty, his wife **Laura Angel '81** and their daughters Erin, 8, and Claire, 4, live in Worcestershire in the West Midlands of England. They are halfway through a three-year tour with the Department of Defense. They are enjoying life in their small village and have taken advantage of travel opportunities with trips to Paris, Rome, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as many English locales.

Linda Hart got married last May to Peter Teets, and he has made a fine adjustment to being a minister's husband. They are expecting their first child next spring. Linda's work with her church continues to be wonderful and challenging.

Bob Holcombe has been working with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., for the past two years. His daughters Janis and Amy are being home schooled by their mother Laurie and are in the eighth and sixth grades. The Holcombes live in Stafford, Va.

Nancy Bowers and **Dennis Hoy** say that life is much the same for them. Dennis loves his work at Bassett Furniture where he is in charge of merchandising and product design. Nancy is in her second year of teaching middle and upper school Spanish, and she's also back at school herself for certification. She loves the teaching

but not the back at school part. Their children, Colleen, 12, and James, 7, are busy with field hockey, gymnastics, soccer and hockey.

Michael Hurley is practicing law in Raleigh, N.C. In his spare time he publishes an outdoor journal on canoeing and camping.

Nancy Menefee Jackson continues to enjoy her work as a free-lance writer. She is busy writing consumer-oriented medical commentaries for Johns Hopkins' IntelliHealth web site and features for the *Baltimore Sun*. The free-lance lifestyle allows her the flexibility needed to run Lizzy, 10, and Maddy, 7, to soccer, horseback riding, band, Brownies and lacrosse. Nancy is also volunteering for several school and church projects. She observes that it is unfortunate that WMC never offered a course in saying, "No!"

Ann Louser Johnson has been living in Orlando, Fla., for 15 years. She is divorced and has a 9-year-old daughter named Kelly. Ann is self-employed and owns a window treatment and drapery showroom. She has made draperies for several Miami Dolphins football players, as well as a professional rap singer. She says that Florida is great, except during hurricane season!

Sue Fowler Katz writes from Sycamore, Ill., where she and her family are enjoying watching the seasons change on the prairie. Son Alan, 12, who is taller than Sue, is involved with Boy Scouts, Youth Group and trumpet lessons. Sue, husband LeRoy and Alan went to Italy last spring with some old friends. Sue enjoyed a Jan Term trip to Italy in 1979 and says it was great to go back and show her son all of the places and art work he had studied about in school. It was also fun ordering meals in Italian.

Fred Smyth and his wife Kathy have a new son, Jordan Daniel, born July 22, 1998. Fred's daughter Jesse is delighted to be a big sister. The Smyths are living in Charlottesville, Va.

Mike Cantrell and I continue with life much as usual. Mike is a partner in a Baltimore law firm specializing in creditor's rights. I am on the psychiatry faculty at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and spend most of my time there doing intensive psychiatric outreach work with people with severe mental illnesses, such as schizophrenia and co-occurring problems, including drug addiction and homelessness. Our daughters Caitlin, 8, and Molly, 4, are involved with dance class. Scouts and all of the usual exciting kid activities. By the time this comes out we'll be planning our 25th reunion. Let me know if you have thoughts about what we should be doing for this event. Take care of yourselves.

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85 Susan McGuire
Ewing and husband **Todd '87** attended a WMC reception in Manhattan recently. They enjoyed meeting old and new friends in their area, as well as hearing about the impressive advancements WMC has made since our graduation. Their son Robert is 3, and Susan loves being an at-home mom.

Deborah Waxman Gadsden married **Randy Gadsden** on February 27, 1998. They moved from Baltimore to Tampa, Fla., where Deborah took a job with Vision Twenty One. They are excited about the move and will continue to keep in touch with **Marci Sartoph Yaffe** and **Lea Herndon Smith**.

Susan Cooke Meurer writes that she is home with "my three sons," the youngest, Troy, being 8 months old. In August, **Karen Gallagher Oliver**, **Laurie Chance**, **Lisa Wylie Arens**, **Lisa Turner Horn**, **Debbie Reda Hornischer**, **Janice Keigler Kinnaman** and Susan had a girl's weekend in Ocean City celebrating their 35th birthdays! They had a blast, just like old times "on the Hill."

Michael McDonough lives in Bethesda and works in D.C. for Associates Relocation, providing services to Fortune 500 companies and various government agencies. He wishes everyone well.

Andrew Mehl married **Sandra Idol** on August 2, 1998. The newlyweds live in Galesburg, Ill. Andrew is enjoying his sixth year of teaching and research at Knox College, of which his wife is an alumna.

Grethen Onnen Milhaling is now an advisory teacher for Calvert School, Md., after years of full-time teaching for Carroll County. She is enjoying time with their three little darlings, driving carpools. She enjoys running into WMC alumni in all sorts of fun places—kids' schools, O.C., etc.

Robert Miller lives in Buffalo where he is vice president at Science Kit. He earned his MBA at SUNY Buffalo. Robert is coaching his 6-year-old son Nathan in T-ball and hockey. Life with Nathan, wife Brenda and 5-month-old Luke is great.

Terri Davis Milne is busy with work and travel. Terri and Rob went to Hawaii, Colorado and Boston this past year. She was planning a trip to NYC with **Lisa Grayson Becker** in early November and London over Thanksgiving with Rob.

Tom Mitchell and his wife **Becky** both work at Johns Hopkins. Their children, Corey, 10, and Sarah, 8, are helping him fix up a 1968 Morgan 30 sailboat.

Louise Nenshick Montoya relocated to the Philadelphia area from Nebraska in May 1997. Her husband recently graduated from law school and has been working in criminal law. Louise continues to work as a psychotherapist and researcher. Their children, Christopher, 6, and Dominique, 4, are really fun and excited about life,

which makes mom and dad's life interesting. Over the past year they were blessed with their second grandson, **Raymond Matthew**.

Wendi Moore is busy at Winchester Medical Center working in the operating room. She is hoping to return to school to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing and her master's in adolescent counseling. She is active with her church's youth groups and will work part time in the summer at Shrinemont, the Episcopal Church's summer camp. **Gilbert Mack '87** is also in Winchester as the preacher at a Baptist Church near Wendi's house.

Deirdre O'Neill writes that life is crazy but great! She attended a friend's wedding in Hawaii. Home is West Hollywood, and she is still working hard to make it in the entertainment business. She has been working for a role in a comedy pilot. It went well, and if the show is picked up we may be seeing her on TV.

Kathy Marvel Paranzino and husband **Tom '82** are the proud parents of Thomas John Paranzino Jr., born July 20, 1998. It was an exciting summer since they moved into their new home in the country, Pilesgrove, N.J., in June.

Carrie Miller Parker has also added to her family. Their second baby, Alexander, was born in August 1998. Kamber, 3, is very happy to be a big sister. Carrie still works for Marriott International and enjoys it.

In April, **Lee Ann Ware Peck** and **George '86** moved into their new home and are enjoying having more space, inside and out. In May, Lee Ann was thrilled to be named Carroll County Teacher of the Year for 1998-99. She was honored at a state Teacher of the Year gala in October. Lee Ann still conducts a yearly workshop at a national scholastic press convention at Columbia University and has taught the past two summers at Jostens' regional yearbook camp. Their kids, Lauren, 6, and Kevin, 3, keep them on the go. George was just named a vice president at Taneystown Bank.

Lucinda "Cindy" Warrington Pierce and Dave are happily married with their boys Jonathan, 8, Benjamin, 6, and Matthew, 10 months, making life interesting. She teaches first grade at Rye-Williams in Maryland, as well as sign language whenever she can. They are seeking to begin a sister Presbyterian Church in the Have de Grace/Aberdeen area. God has blessed them abundantly.

Warren J. Porter, his wife of 11 years, **Alma Mickey**, and their two sons, **Adam** and **Andrew**, live in Indianapolis. Warren is a medicinal chemist at Eli Lilly & Co., doing research on Alzheimer's disease. All are happy and healthy.

Tom Quirk and wife **Kathryn** live in Beacon Hill, an historic section of Boston. Tom teaches history in a special needs program at Lexington High School. Boston is a great place to live

when you are a history teacher.

Jeff and Val Wiedrick moved back to Maryland this year. Jeff began work as minister of small groups and discipleship at Chapelgate Presbyterian. Most importantly, they became parents in February when they adopted Samuel Jeffery, who was born December 26, 1997. Val loves being a stay-at-home mom, helping Jeff with his ministry and decorating their home. God is so gracious and faithful. Jeff sends his best to all.

Ed and Elizabeth Hedges Ripley love life in Alaska. Their first snow fell on October 17. Emily, 7, and Noah, 4, were psyched to play in the first "termination dust" of the season. Ed still teaches math and computer science at the local high school. Elizabeth keeps busier than she would like as director of community health planning for the local high school.

Michelle Everett Seibel and husband **John '89** are enjoying Rachel, 1. John is working on his masters at Hopkins. Michelle appeared in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in October as a production manager and cast member.

Scott Sites writes that Behind the Back Sportsweek is alive and well. Both field hockey and lacrosse have been busy this year. Scott was a licensed vendor at the Lacrosse World Games at Johns Hopkins in July. He has manufactured his own field hockey sticks in India and Pakistan. In April he opened Planet Soccer, a soccer-only specialty store. His wife, daughter and son are all doing great in Glen Burnie, Md.

Kirsten "Kris" Ann Nystrom Snyder's *CD Innifree: Celtic Dreams* was picked up by New Leaf distributors. This fall she performed at Peppercorns in Shrewsbury, Pa., and at various Borders Books and Music locations. The group is busy working on a second CD. Kris and her husband Brandt have been working hard to restore the summer kitchen on their property—doing all the work themselves. She now knows more about roofing than she ever intended.

Lynda Rennie Tankersley and her husband **Clarke '80** still work at Johns Hopkins University. Their oldest daughter, Rennie, 4, is now attending pre-K. Hana, 2, stays home with Lynda on her two days off from work each week. The family had two fun weeks in Ocean City in August.

Taraneh "Terri" Taheri Tuckey here continued work as a guidance counselor at her old school, Centennial High School. Terri and Brian love their home in Frederick. They welcomed their son Ryan into the world in October 1997. He is the light of their lives, and they could not be happier.

Lisa Miller Van Suetendael and her husband Greg moved the family to her hometown of Severna Park, Md. After teaching middle school for 10 years, Lisa now teaches at the elemen-

tary school she attended as a child. She is very happy raising her children and teaching in the town where she grew up. Caitlin, 9, and Ryan, 5, are attending the school where their mother teaches.

Charissa D. Wieland continues to enjoy life in Kingston, N.Y. She still works in child protection services and expects to begin an MBA program at Marist College. She has added two kids to her family, Harley and Chessie. Her Harley Davidson motorcycle is in storage for the winter. Her favorite things to do include visiting friends and their children, as well as volunteering in the community.

Eric Wilhelm is doing well in La Plata, Md. Dentistry is great since he bought the practice. Being an owner is great fun and full of headaches. He writes, "who would have thought we would all become responsible adults." Eric, Dalton and Dakota are all fine.

Marci Sartoph Yaffe runs a day care center out of her home where there is never a dull moment. She keeps busy with Jacob, 17 months, and Aaron, 7.

Beth Chapman Zimmer keeps busy with the family business while **Tom '84** teaches at Ocean City Elementary. Sara, 12, Katie, 10, and Corey, 6, keep the family running between soccer, basketball, baseball, band and school activities.

My husband Brian and I have been enjoying our first year of marital bliss. In August we moved into a 35-year-old home in Mount Vernon, Va. The family-friendly neighborhood has made our 7-year-old, Scott, very happy. Brian's political consulting firm keeps him busy, but we are looking forward to some extended travel abroad in the year ahead. I continue to enjoy my part-time work with the National Association of Independent Schools, but most of all, I love life as a wife and "Cara" to Scott. I love everyone well. Please keep in touch and use e-mail during the course of the year to let me know of news as it happens.

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90 Debbie Atwood Marini and her husband **Jorge '88** have been busy remodeling their house. She works as a social worker coordinating volunteer family support services and gets to visit with **Barbara Wolf Brummett** a lot.

Jon Marsh received his Ph.D. in physics this summer and is working as a post-doc at the Washington University School of Medicine. For fun he canoes in the Ozarks during the summer and plays guitar in a local St. Louis band.

Ellen Marth McCarthy and her husband moved to the suburbs of Chicago where they spend lots of time

Fore!

Get your putter ready for the first annual Western Maryland Alumni Golf Outing for the New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware areas. The June 19 event at the Willow Brook Country Club in Moorestown, N.J., will include a day of golf with a cocktail reception to follow, so even the non-golfer can get in the swing!

Contact Eric "Champ" Landgraf '87 at
609/346-2950 for details.

remodeling and redecorating their home. They traveled to Ireland this summer for a two-week vacation, and Ellen spent a week in the Poconos with **Shari Barnes**, **Trish Koch Ryan**, **Julie Biddinger**, **Kim Andrews**, **Lori Wieder** and **Kathy Murphy '88**.

Patsy CommasMcClintock made a move from teaching first grade to kindergarten to spend more time with her family. She is pursuing a master's near her home in Virginia.

Rhonda Sue Mize has been busy teaching English, sign language and web-based English courses at a high school in Fayetteville, N.C. In her spare time she also teaches for the U.S. Army. She sends a hello out to **Missy Ridgely Covesky**, who recently moved to Germany.

Education also occupies much of **Karen Baldrige Moskowitz's** time. She serves on the board of her daughter's child care center and is heavily involved in Bible study and fellowship with other Christian mothers. She lives in Severn, Md., with husband Dan, children Lisa and Jacob, and dogs King and Sasha.

Mark Mulle is working as a sales engineer with FCI near his home in Audubon, N.J. His daughter Clara Grace is the light of his life.

Marc Pentino works with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights as a civil rights analyst in Washington, D.C., and frequently travels throughout the mid-Atlantic region and New England for work. Speaking of travel, he and his wife were married in April 1997 in the Fiji Islands, then honeymooned in Australia. They live in Owings Mills and enjoy traveling to many exotic locales, such as Hungary, the Czech Republic, Austria, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Canada and the Southwest U.S.

Jenny Otto Ramirez is celebrating the completion of her master's degree in art history from VCU. She must really love her course of study because this fall she began pursuing her Ph.D. at VCU, as well. She and her husband Doug enjoy living in the historic Fan district of Richmond with their herd of cats.

Trish Koch Ryan is working as a recruiter for American International Group on Wall Street. She and her husband Rich recently moved out of their apartment in Manhattan to a home in Princeton.

Cathi Frantzen Schaber keeps very busy with her "little girlfriends," daughters Alyssa, 4, and Gillian, 2. She and husband Chris celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary.

Josh Valentine moved to Guam, where he is the pastry chef at The Westin Resort.

Frank Kratoval, president of the Maryland Young Democrats, an assistant state's attorney in Queen Anne's County and former assistant state's attorney in Prince George's County, has been selected from a pool of 300 nominees by the Board of Trustees of The American Council of Young Political Leaders as a delegate. Frank will be traveling to Taiwan in December with a seven-member delegation appointed to exchange views on a variety of political, cultural and economic issues.

Jane McDowell Smith and her family have settled happily in Tampa, Fla. She, **Keith '92** and their two sons Brennan, 4, and Parker, 2, are enjoying the weather there. Keith works at the same company as Gooch. They miss their friends and family and write that they would love some visitors.

Beth Sullivan continues to work and play hard. She has recently traveled to Paris, Portugal and the Orkney

Islands. She just received two research grants for up to five years of personal funding. She expects to remain in Scotland for two or three more years before returning to the U.S. for a research faculty position.

Captain Katherine Perry

Thornton and Bob have kept busy continuing their military training across the country, from Hawaii to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where they saw Captain **Mike Kunzer**. From Kansas they continued in post-graduate studies at Bolling Air Force Base, where they see Captain **Nancy Boone '88**. Even more impressive than all of the training and moving is the arrival of daughter Madison Brooke, who was born September 25, 1998.

Stanford Vinson resides in Denmark, but he didn't say why. We can only hope for further information on a later date.

Lori Wieder and husband Dave Houley still reside in Wheaton, Md., with their two dogs. Lori accepted a new position as director of communications for Hostelling International/American Youth Hostels in D.C.

Tracy Holter Zirfas still teaches first and second grade multi-age classes in Fairfax County, Va. She and her husband have been busy remodeling and landscaping their home. They enjoyed the crowd at Homecoming in October, especially the time spent with the Brady Bunch gang, including

Kelly Wiles, Kelly Sell Mulligan, Jenny Otto Ramirez and Jenny Dempsey. On October third, the gang had a great time at Kelly Wiles' wedding.

As for myself (**Kathy Eskut Krach**), I echo Tracy's sentiments about Homecoming—the weather was perfect, there was a great crowd and I really enjoyed catching up with old friends (and their new babies), whom we haven't seen for a long time. And to top it off, the Terrors won, which was not a pleasure our class enjoyed very often during our years at WMC. The team has certainly been making up for lost time during the past several years. I had a wonderful time at **Trish Koch Ryan's** baby shower in October, where I had a chance to visit with

Julie Biddinger, Debra Rayne Weber, Kim Andrews, Kathy Murphy '88 and Shari Barnes. I understand there are wedding bells in Shari's very near future. **Tom '88** and I continue to be delighted with our son Alex, who will be 2 in June. We still enjoy socializing with the growing number of WMC alumni who live in Frederick, Md., many within walking distance of our home. Last summer I was pleasantly surprised to come upon **Valerie Mays Gerardi '89** strolling her baby daughter Cara through our neighborhood, where she and husband **Frank '89** have recently settled.

As always, please don't feel that you need to wait for a postcard to send your news. You can contact your class

members at their respective addresses:

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Thanks to all who were able to get back to me! Here's what your classmates are up to:

Tammy Barnes Jenkins is teaching fourth grade at Salisbury Christian School. Her husband is a Maryland State Trooper assigned to the Salisbury Barrack. They are excited about the purchase of their first home.

Robert Henry Sharp lives in Hampstead, Md., and works at Visa International. She married **Jeff Sharp '94** on March 21, 1998.

Karen Jenne Stevens was married to Brad Stevens on July 27, 1997. She is now teaching seventh and eighth grade math, science and Bible at Morning Star Christian School in Hampstead.

Mark Hughes moved to Baltimore in 1996 and has volunteered for Clinton/Gore '96, taught sixth grade language arts and social studies in Baltimore City, and served as an instructor in AmeriCorps for City Springs Elementary. Now in his second year in AmeriCorps, he is an outreach worker doing education for parents to prevent lead poisoning.

Alison Denlinger Kreider works at the Lancaster YMCA as the assistant health and fitness director overseeing the aquatic program. In June of 1995 she married Randal Kreider, and in June of 1998 they had a son, Tyler Gregory, 9 pounds, 4 ounces and 22 inches long.

Carolyn Kelsey Briskman and Pete Briskman '94 were married on May 23, 1998. Carolyn graduated from the University of Maryland at Baltimore Physical Therapy school in May and now works for the National Rehab Hospital at Washington Hospital Center. Pete owns his own bagel business and coffee shop.

Kelly Houghton has been married to **David Kurtz '96** since November 30, 1996. After living in Syracuse, they recently moved back to Maryland where they purchased their first home. Kelly teaches fifth grade in Harford County, and David is a sales representative for Armstrong World.

After college, **Christi Jones** spent two years managing Sylvan Learning Centers. She is now in her second year of teaching eighth grade language arts and lives in Easton.

Brian "Kip" Jacobs moved to Washington, D.C., after teaching three years of foreign language in Frederick County. He is now a technology trainer and user support specialist for the Advisory Board Company. He says, "Life has never been better!"

Sharon Hart Garis and her hus-

band just closed on a new house in Tampa, and she recently accepted a position with Lifeline Transplantation Institute. Her three kids, ages 13, 11 and 7, have also been busy. Justin, 13, played baseball and went on to win Division, County and All-Star for state titles. Adam, 11, was chosen for Student Council, and Chloe, 7, is loving school.

Karen Kraus teaches 10th grade biology, upper level anatomy and physiology, and environmental sciences at Mill High School. She is also working on a M.S. in biomedical sciences at Hood College in Frederick. In her spare time, she finished sixth in FS ladies at the 1997 and 1998 SCCA Solo II National Champions in Topeka, Kan.

Robert Bates works at the library in Savage, Md., and is active in his church.

Michael A. Beckett is working as a therapist in Baltimore City and is the director of the Phoenix Project, a Father's Program. **Phil Robinson '95** and Michael have traveled to the extremes of North America to see the Orioles play (Miami and Montreal).

Wendy Benz lives in Columbia, Md. She teaches biology at Long Reach High School and coaches women's lacrosse.

Todd Bickling is in his last year of Dental School at Tufts University and can't wait to graduate. He hopes to move back to Maryland when school is over. "I'd stay up here in Boston, but my 't's too cold!" he says.

Marya N. Bishop married Bernie Bishop on November 16, 1996. They bought a new home and planned on moving in at the end of October. Marya works for George Washington University Health Plan. She is looking for a new job so she can be closer to home.

Duane K. Doxzen is the administrative assistant at the Historical Society of Frederick County and a staff historian at the Ellcott City B&O Railroad Station Museum. He volunteers regularly for the Historical Society of Carroll County. On September 21, he will be celebrating his first year of marriage to Patty, who is working as an RN at St. Agnes Hospital.

Julie Escher and Joseph Alghary of Charlotte, N.C., were married on October 24, 1998. She has been working as an art director in Charlotte and freelancing for Price Waterhouse Coopers. She is also an aero instructor and fitness trainer.

Chris Fritz got married in June of 1996, and she just bought a new house near Westminster. She is pursuing a master's degree in finance at Loyola College.

For the past three years **Hope Jordan Brown** had been living in Boulder, Colo., and working for the University of Colorado Foundation. She obtained her secondary teacher's certification, got married and had a

beautiful baby girl named Rachel. (When! Time has flown by!) Recently, she and her husband Ryan moved back to Maryland where Hope is pursuing a career in teaching in Harford County. Ryan is attending TSU for a master's in computer science. They hope to return to Boulder through the next two years.

Michelle Smith Devine is pursuing a master's in occupational therapy at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pa. She will graduate in December, 1999. She had an article on senile dementia Alzheimer's type published in the July 27, 1998, edition of *OTADVANCE*, a nationwide publication for OT's. **Elise Achuff '94** was a bride's maid in her October 4th, 1997, wedding.

James A. Felton is the coordinator of the American Intercultural Center at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Rob Doeller is a MEDEVAC helicopter pilot at Fort Riley, Kan. Since graduation, he went to flight school and took various Army courses across the U.S. He is still playing lacrosse.

Karen Layman Jones lives in Mobile, Ala. She married Todd Jones on November 1, 1997, in "Little" Baker Chapel. She is a media buyer and copywriter for Bob Holdier Advertising, Inc., an advertising agency in Mobile. Todd works for General Electric as a cad drafter and was promoted to administrative project manager in his division.

As for me, **Jenny Daino-Stein**, I have been married now for two years. My husband Eric and I live in Manhattan. I am a production manager for an advertising agency specializing in direct marketing, and Eric works for Bear, Stearns & Co. on the institutional equities trading desk. Hello to Kelly, Junko, Kim, Anne and Norman!

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True Confession

BY LEROY PANEK

One Christmas when I was about eight, a well-meaning neighbor, thinking that it would be something a small boy might enjoy, made me a present of a copy of "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes." After the manner of small boys then, and I suspect now, I didn't read it. I did look at the pictures, though. I can still remember the street clogged with carrot-tops portrayed on the plate illustrating "The Red-Headed League." That was my only exposure to detective stories before I came to WMC to teach English and began a life of crime.

My first step down the slippery slope was in the 1970s when we introduced January Term. It was supposed to be experimental, so I thought, why not experiment with a genre about which I knew nothing, something like the detective story? So I haunted used book stores to snatch up some of the authors I had read about in Howard Haycraft's "Murder for Pleasure"—then one of the only histories of the genre. I also got to know the mystery section of the local public library pretty well. A lot of the books there had light, penciled notations in the margins—notes like "how stupid" and "she must have done it"—in a distinctive handwriting that I eventually recognized as John Makosky's, legendary dean of the college. At least I was following a good leader.

After that first Jan Term, I became pretty much hooked on reading detective stories, especially after I found that even though a lot of literary people read them, few had written anything worthwhile about them. And the accessory before the fact here was English Professor Del Palmer. At about the time I started becoming seriously interested in detective fiction, Del was teaching IDS (interdisciplinary studies) and basing his freshman course on the theme of play and games. He got me reading some of the theoretical material on the subject, and this



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eventually led me to the thesis that I've expounded in articles, my first book and innumerable talks: Detective stories work the same way jokes work.

But it's not just Del Palmer's fault that I've spent so much of my time reading, thinking about and writing about detective stories. Professor Harry Rosenzweig got me interested in mathematical game theory which tied in nicely with the work I was doing on Poe and English writers from between the World Wars. Later on, historian Con Darcy gave me the clue about the passage of the Married Women's Property Act in Britain, which helped explain why so many late Victorian writers like Wilkie Collins and Conan Doyle concentrated on helpless female victims. English Chair Keith Richwine, who had read just about everything ever written, also conspired to keep me on the trail of writers obsessed with crime.

Even though I have occasionally taught a class on detective fiction, I have only done so sporadically and hesitantly. For the past decade I kicked around as a part-time, utility administrator and didn't have the time. Besides, I thought—and still think—undergraduate students of literature should be reading Dickens or Wordsworth or Austin or Shakespeare, rather than detective stories.

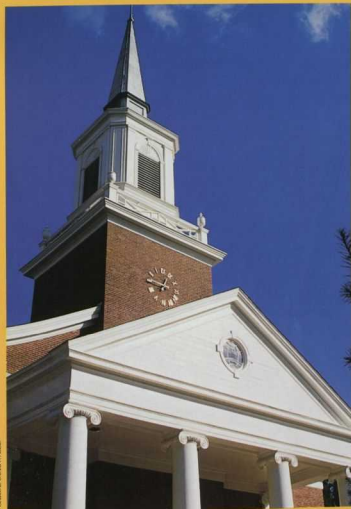
But this year something different happened. In fact, a couple of different things happened. Almost simultaneously it occurred to me and to Lauren Dundes and Brian Wladkowski (a criminologist and chemist, respectively) that a First-Year Seminar on crime and detectives might be interesting to teach and useful for our students. These two young faculty members helped me remember that detective stories aren't just stories, they're one way of looking at something that, sadly, is part of our lives. Like everything else, too, they are not the only way of looking at it. And experiencing and acknowledging this surely is one of the bases of any kind of genuine knowledge.

Not only that, detective stories have a lot to do with—actually more to do with—thinking than they have to do with crime: How many steps are there to 221B Baker Street? How is a vapor-locked motorcycle-like bubble injected in the bloodstream? What's the point about the barking dog? They're about acquiring the humility and passion for truth necessary to ask the right questions, and there's nothing more relevant to education at WMC or anywhere else. Is there?

So it turns out that all of what I've been doing since I read my first one isn't really just about detective stories at all. Maybe it's about Del Palmer, Con Darcy, Keith Richwine, Harry Rosenzweig and John Makosky, old-timers all. Maybe it's also about Lauren Dundes and Brian Wladkowski, the colleagues and friends I've come to know over the past few years. Maybe it's about this place where special people work hard at learning and thinking and sharing.

You figure it out.

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CAROL CORNWELL

FOR WHOM THE BELLS TOLL

Anyone within earshot of campus may catch themselves humming a few bars of the alma mater thanks to a new set of chimes in Baker Memorial Chapel. The notes of "College ties can ne'er be broken" now ring out four times a day and the bells toll on the quarter hour.

"No one was more excited than I was when the alma mater burst forth with new resonance and clarity," said President Robert Chambers.

The chimes are actually computer chips encoded with digital recordings of cast bronze bells, not amplified hammer-struck metal rods like the original set that first played soon after the chapel was built in 1958. As it was becoming more difficult and costly to repair those chimes, the college decided to replace them with a new set built by Cincinnati's Verdin Co.

ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR

All alumni and their guests are invited to alumni events. Those living outside the sponsoring chapter's zip code may make reservations by calling the Office of Alumni Affairs at 410/857-2296.

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Fri., April 9

Anne Arundel chapter meeting.

Fri.-Sat., April 16-17

Board of Trustees.

Mon., April 26

Alumni Council meeting, Hill Hall, first floor.

Sun., May 2

Senior Investiture and Honors

Convocation, Baker Chapel, 2 p.m.

Trustee Alumni Awards to: Dr. Barbara J. Hetrick '67, vice president of Academic Affairs at the College of Wooster; Dr. Alan R. Rabinowitz '74, research zoologist for Wildlife Conservation International; and Mr. Grayson F. Winterling '66, staff director for the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

May 4-20

French waterways cruise.

Sat., May 22

Commencement, Gill Center, 2 p.m.

Fri.-Sun., May 28-30

Alumni Weekend. Class reunions for 1924, '29, '34, '39, '44, '49, '54, '59, '64 and '69.

August 9-23

National Parks tour.

Sat., Oct. 23

Homecoming.



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Sophomore Andrei Brenner, a four-time Ukrainian junior national champion as a teenager, is now "The Man" at WMC, and not just because he'll turn 25 in June. After winning the conference tournament Feb. 20, he carried his No. 1 national ranking at 165 pounds into the NCAA Division III championships. Read more about Brenner's coming to America and his rise to the top on p. 5.