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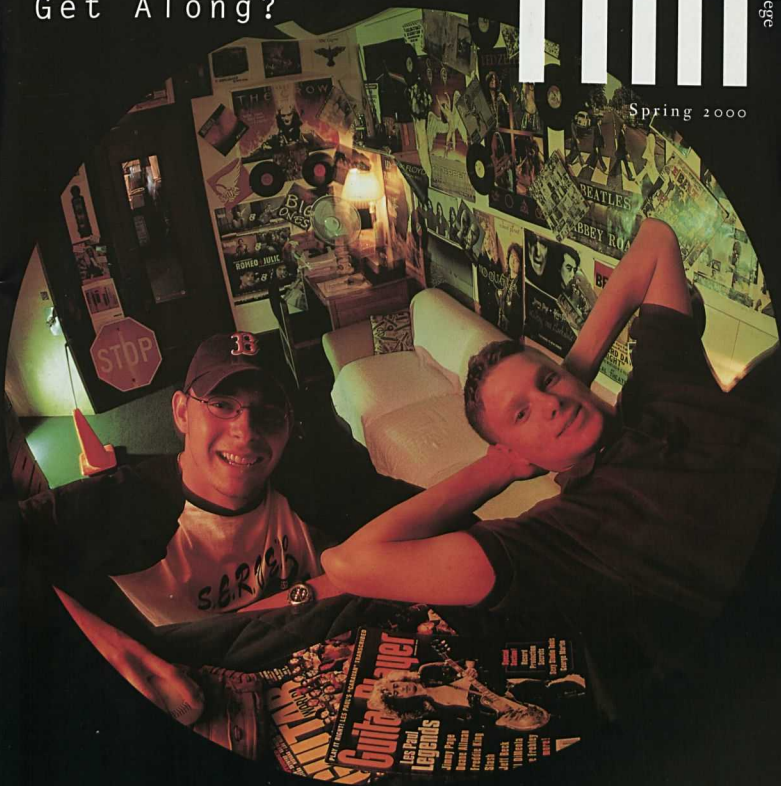
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After 15 years helping make Western Maryland College the strongest in its history, President Robert H. Chambers says farewell to "the Hill." See page 3 for more.

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# NEWS

from the Hill

## Dining with the Dean

Few students pine for college food after graduation—unless they've had the privilege of dining at Dean Barb Horneff's house. Now they'll be able to take their favorite recipes with them, including some dishes that are legendary among the more than 150 students invited to her home for dinner each year.

Horneff, associate dean of academic affairs, has self-published "Dinner Winners ... and Real Meals," a cookbook that mixes in stories about her students with recipes for such favorites as Prince's Pot Roast, featuring a can of cola, and, yes, is named after the artist who is now known as something else.

"I'm getting ready to leave here and head to graduate school pretty far away, so I needed to be able to take some of this food with me," says senior Dave Meckley.

After all, heading to Horneff's place a few blocks from campus to devour whatever is left in the fridge is now a post-class tradition for Meckley, who was first invited to eat there as a freshman and never, ever turns down an invitation.

Horneff, aptly nicknamed "Campus Mom," has been inviting students to share her family's table—which has included sons Eric '93 and Grant Disharoon '93 and husband Don, a lecturer in the music department—for years. Her "dinner winners" are students celebrating birthdays or successes in a sport or activity. Home-cooking is also a reward for perfect attendance in Horneff's class, which helps

## FACTS THAT WON'T FIT

**At WMC, there are six residence halls**, one apartment building complex and 12 houses. • 1,152 beds (641 rooms total, including 148 singles and 12 triples) • McDaniel 409 is the largest at 430 sq. ft.; Blanche Ward 335 is the smallest at 113 sq. ft. • 55,500 rolls of toilet paper are supplied to residence halls per semester. • Most commonly left behind item at the end of the school year: pennies • 352 lockouts last semester • Most frequently found illegal pet: snake • Most frequent work order: the heat (too much, too little, too loud) • There are two working elevators (and two non-working) in the halls. • Most popular candy in the vending machines: Snickers.

first-year students adjust to college life, or for pursuing a study skills program.

"For the first-timers, I usually try to make it a little special," she says. "For my repeat customers, well, they always ask for certain things." She knows, for instance, that chocolate chip pie is a must-have when football star Marvin Deal comes over.

Drop-in guests might get lucky and be treated to a Horneff specialty, such as homemade gnocchi or ravioli. Or they might get leftovers. That's just fine, too, because no matter what is served, the atmosphere is always as good as the food, says junior Carrie Newman.

"The door is always open," she says. "It's like a family away from home, and you never want to leave. I guess I just never expected to have such a great relationship with a dean and a professor."

Like Meckley, Newman has sampled nearly everything in the cookbook and gives a thumbs-up to all the recipes, with special points to the gnocchi and garlic chicken dishes. She has also bought copies for her brothers, who will be heading out on their own soon.

Meckley says his first visit when he returns to WMC will be the Dean's place. He might even call first to get a formal invitation and a setting of his favorite dishes.

"I see this as an opportunity," Horneff says. "I get to know them better and really find out who they are and where they want to go. I feel like I'm still parenting." •DS



Dave Meckley, Carrie Newman and Marvin Deal never pass up the chance to make gnocchi with Dean Barb Horneff.

C. RUFF HOLTER

"Dinner Winners ... and Real Meals" is available at the college bookstore for \$12 and can be autographed upon request. Call 410/857-2277 for details. Share your own recipes with the chef at [bborneff@wmdc.edu](mailto:bborneff@wmdc.edu).

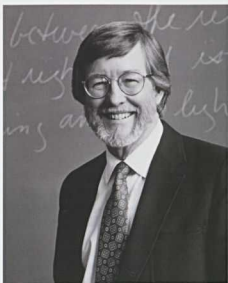
## A RECIPE FROM DEAN BARB HORNEFF'S KITCHEN

### PRINCE'S POT ROAST

4-6 lb. beef roast (eye round or bottom round)  
1 pkg. onion soup mix  
2 bay leaves  
12 oz. can Pepsi or Coke

Rinse meat with water. Place roast in roasting pan. Use rolling pin to crush dried onions in soup mix package. Sprinkle soup mix evenly on meat. Gently pat it down. Place bay leaves on top. Pour soda in bottom of pan. (Do not pour soda on top of roast!) Cover and bake at 325 degrees for three hours. Remove roast from pan. To make gravy, gradually add 1/4 cup flour to 1 cup natural meat juices from pan drippings. Stir well. Place over medium heat to thicken. Add water or milk to make gravy of desired thickness.

Courtesy of "Dinner Winners ... and Real Meals" by Barb Horneff



JOE RUBINO

## President Chambers Resigns Post

Robert H. Chambers will leave his post as president of Western Maryland College at the end of June. Provost and Dean of the Faculty Joan Develin Coley will serve as interim president while the Board of Trustees conducts recruitment efforts for a new president to guide the college into the twenty-first century. (See page 8 for more.)

Currently on a six-month sabbatical, Chambers said he has had time to reflect on a "wonderful career at WMC" and felt with the college in "great shape," it was the perfect time to move on and pursue other opportunities.

"My presidency at Western Maryland College was the best and most important period of my life, as well as the most productive," said Chambers. Chambers came to "the Hill" 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.

"Bob's steadfast belief in the college has permeated every venture at WMC and continues to impact the entire community," said Provost, now Interim President, Joan Develin Coley. "Even during the difficult fiscal times a decade or so ago, Bob continued to insist that this was

just a bump in the road, that our future was bright—and he was right."

He led the college in its largest ever comprehensive fundraising effort,

the \$40 million Defining Moment Campaign, which exceeded its goal at its close in December 1999 (see page 28). The campaign has re-shaped the entire campus and bolstered the college for the challenges ahead.

He has overseen the renovation of every major academic building and the addition of several others, such as Hoover Library, the \$13.4 million science laboratory center and an addition to Levine Music Hall.

He spearheaded the college's effort to open the first American college in Budapest, Hungary. WMC-Budapest, which gives Eastern European and other students the opportunity to take classes in Hungary and then finish a degree in Westminster, is now in its sixth year with more than 170 students representing more than 20 countries.

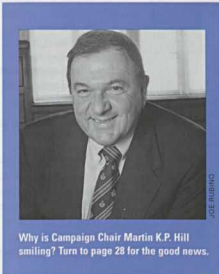
He also kept one foot in the classroom, teaching a course each semester. "It is the rare college president that carves out the time to teach today's students," said Trustee Board Chair James Melhorn. "But he valued the role of professor as much as he did any other role." Chambers is also a widely published author on educational policy and the works of Robert Penn Warren.

Chambers earned bachelor's degrees from Duke University and Yale University and a Ph.D. from Brown University. He recently finished serving a term as chair of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Independent College and University Association, Inc., and is active in the accreditation review process for the Commission on Higher Education's Middle States Association.

He plans to finish out his sabbatical leave by joining a group on a 500-mile pilgrimage across northern Spain. Known as "The Way of St. James," the walk begins at the French border through the Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela.

"I don't know of another college that has the same chemistry," said Chambers, "And I am exceedingly proud to have been a part of that. I am proud of where the college is today." •

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JOE RUBINO

Why is Campaign Chair Martin K.P. Hill smiling? Turn to page 28 for the good news.



ERIC OWEN

## POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Black Panther Party co-founder Bobby Seale visited campus in February to reflect on his role in the civil rights movement.



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## MUSIC REVOLUTION

High-tech composition is a click away in Levine Hall's new MIDI Lab (short for musical instrument digital interface). Simply play a tune on a keyboard linked to one of five computers, and the notes appear on the monitor in publishable form, complete with duration and tempo. Play it back, edit the notes and revise the score until the piece is complete. "Today's major composers use this software," says Glenn Caldwell, associate professor of music theory, who uses the program in his own work. "It's an essential tool."

## He's Ba-a-a-ck...

Legendary Dramatic Arts professor Bill Tribby returns to "the Hill" this summer to lead a Theatre as Ritual course at Common Ground on the Hill, a weeklong celebration of diversity and the arts through workshops and music. A 1956 WMC grad who taught dramatic arts at the college until 1979, Tribby went on to spend 20 years as Dean of General Studies at the North Carolina School of the Arts. To meet with the master or experience any of Common Ground's other

offerings, access [www.commonground-onthehill.com](http://www.commonground-onthehill.com), or call Walt Michael at 410/857-2771.

Upcoming Common Ground on the Hill events include:

- "Traditions" Workshops: July 2-7
- American Music & Arts Festival (featuring Doc Watson): July 8-9 at the Carroll County Farm Museum
- World Percussion Gathering: July 9-14

## Author, Surgeon to Receive Degrees

Author **Jerry Spinelli** is known for his entertaining books for children and young adults, including Newbery Award winners "Maniac Magee" and "Winger." *Washington Post* "Book World" contributor Deborah Churchman deemed him "a master of those embarrassing, sloppy, painful and suddenly wonderful things that happen on the razor's edge between childhood and full-fledged adolescence."

The college years can be equally as traumatic, and Spinelli will offer some advice to the Class of 2000 when he accepts an honorary degree during Commencement on May 20. After earning an A.B. degree from Gettysburg College in 1963 and an M.A. from The Johns Hopkins University in 1964, Spinelli became an editor for an engineering magazine, writing books for adults during his lunch hour. He switched to children's literature, and his first book hit the shelves when he was 41 years old. He has since written and contributed to

over 20 books for young readers and is one of the most popular writers for the audience.

Spinelli will be joined on the podium by fellow honorary degree recipient and orthopedic surgeon **Dr. Michael C. Ain**, who is building a national reputation for his work with skeletal dysplasia, bone growth disturbances that can result in such conditions as dwarfism, at Johns Hopkins Hospital. After earning his undergraduate degree in mathematics from Brown University, Ain received his M.D. from the Albany Medical College in New York, where he also completed his residency. He went on to win a coveted fellowship in pediatric orthopedic surgery at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He is now assistant professor and one of three full-time orthopedic surgeons there. •





# SPORTS

Hill

## Lacrosse Star Rises Above Overlook

BY ELLIOT TANNENBAUM

Any cop can tell you. Ask 10 eyewitnesses to describe a crime, and you're likely to end up with at least nine different versions.

So we may never learn exactly what happened on the morning of May 4, 1999, when the women's lacrosse coaches in the Centennial Conference pulled off the most daring daylight heist since Bonnie and Clyde.

That day they cast their ballots for the 1999 all-conference team. They named 33 players to the squad, and rejected, virtually without discussion, Western Maryland attacker Meaghan Giorno.

As a junior last year, she lead the league in points per game (5.75) and finished third nationally in Division III with 47 goals and 22 assists, lifting Western Maryland (7-5) to its eighth straight winning season. She was one of only two players to make the national top 15 in both goals and assists. And she was the only player in the school year 1998-99 to win the conference Player of the Week award in two sports (lacrosse and soccer).

Ho hum, said the coaches as they turned thumbs down on her for the all-Centennial first team. And second team. They didn't even throw her an honorable-mention bone.

You couldn't blame Giorno for shedding tears of frustration watching her legitimate All-America hopes land in the dumpster with a sickening clang.

Her mother called with the news first after seeing the results on the Internet. "A few minutes later, my coach calls and says how sorry she is. Then some teammates come around, and some guys on the baseball team stop by, and some other friends, and they're all going, 'Oh my God, I can't believe you didn't get anything. How could they do this to you?'"

Here's how. All-league teams are not selected in an antiseptic environment by scientists in clean white lab coats. They're put together by harried, hurried coaches in annual meetings with agendas crammed with half a dozen other items. Each coach gets the floor—briefly—to make a pitch for her players.

Giorno's coach, Kim Easterday, who was about to step down after 23 years, felt she was entering the meeting with one shoe-in (Giorno) and two contenders (Amy North and Natalie Hannibal). "Probably I should have pushed Meaghan more than I did," sighed Easterday, still at WMC as swimming coach. "I thought her stats spoke for themselves."

In the end, Hannibal and North wound up all-league and Giorno all-peevd. And her reaction was positively restrained compared to that of her dad, Frank, who set the Richter scale jumping around the family home in Baldwin, Md. "I don't get it. It's just insane," he declared after the dust settled. "When you put up those kind of numbers? I'm just baffled."

Little did the coaches realize it, but they'd literally added insult to injury. Giorno led the league in two categories in

1999: points and pain. She struggled through the season with an agonizing, undiagnosed ailment called compartment syndrome in both legs. Her calf muscles had outgrown the protective sheath surrounding them, straining them like an overinflated balloon. She'd been coping with the pain since her high school days while the doctors scratched their heads.

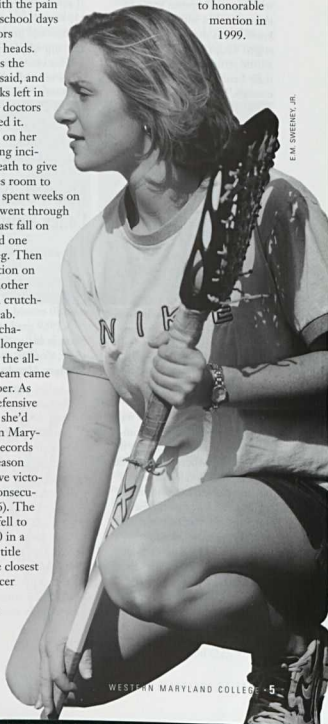
Last year was the worst, Giorno said, and with three weeks left in the season, the doctors finally diagnosed it. They operated on her right leg, making incisions in the sheath to give her calf muscles room to maneuver. She spent weeks on crutches, then went through soccer season last fall on one bad leg and one recuperating leg. Then came an operation on her left calf, another three weeks on crutches, another rehab.

Giorno was chastened, but no longer shocked, when the all-league soccer team came out in November. As sweeper and defensive leader last fall, she'd helped Western Maryland set team records for wins in a season (11), consecutive victories (10) and consecutive shutouts (6). The Green Terror fell to Gettysburg 1-0 in a season-ending title showdown, the closest any WMC soccer team (male or female) had come to winning a

league crown since 1955.

Giorno's reward? The soccer coaches, acting in tandem with their lacrosse colleagues as a sort of WWF tag team, entered the ring and body-slammed her once again. They dropped her from second-team

all-league in 1998 to honorable mention in 1999.



E.M. SWEENEY, JR.

As if she needed any more incentive to come out for her final lacrosse season breathing fire. She entered 2000 fifth among Western Maryland's all-time leaders in both goals (104) and total points (147) and tied for third in assists (43).

"Sure, I'd love to score the winning goal against some of those coaches and have them know it was me," she acknowledged with a laugh. "Maybe do a little strutting in front of their bench and go, 'Not good enough, huh?'"

But she won't. Giorno is not about to let a grudge mar the last act of a classy athletic career. She's a five-time member of the conference Academic Honor Roll, requiring a minimum 3.4 grade-point average. She's majoring in psychology before heading to law school and becoming an attorney like both of her parents.

The women's sports boom hit town right around the time Giorno was climbing out of the stroller, and soccer and lacrosse gradually became her chosen sports, even though her soccer career got off to a rocky start. Against her will, the under-8 club coach stuck her at goalie.

"I wanted to run around," she remembered. "I didn't want to stand there with balls coming at my head. I'd beg him to put me somewhere else, but he ignored me. Finally, in one of our last games, I let the other team score. I just stood there watching the ball roll into the goal. He got the message."

Eventually Giorno earned the nickname "Rifle" for her hard shot, earned a coveted berth in the Olympic Development Program and made its all-East team three straight years.

What would her black-and-blue opponents say if they knew that this revved-up warrior kept her baby blankets with her at college?

"They're the blankets I came home from the hospital in when I was born," she explained, laughing at herself. "I refuse to get rid of them. My friends, they'll come around and go, 'Awww, where are your blankets?'"

This year, many of them will come around asking a different question: "Where is your name on the all-league team?" And hoping for a different answer. •

*Good news: Giorno made first-team all-conference.*

## Men's Basketball Coach Retires

Nick Zoulias has closed out a 30-year coaching career by retiring as head men's basketball coach after compiling an 84-180 record over 11 seasons.

A 1969 graduate of Keene State in his native New Hampshire, Zoulias ended 23 years at Western Maryland with back-



Coach Nick Zoulias

to-back 4-20 records. He spent 12 seasons as an assistant under Alex Ober, professor of exercise science and physical education, before becoming the team's 14th head coach.

"My family and I cherish memories of the years we have been involved with the Western Maryland community," Zoulias said. "I give thanks to the faculty, staff and student body for the exceptional sup-

port I have received. Most importantly, I greatly appreciate the efforts of the young men who have played in our program through the years."


Under Zoulias, the Green Terror turned in its best records in 1990-91 (12-12) and 1997-98 (11-12). In 1994-95 he led the college (11-14) to second place in the West Division of the Centennial Conference, the team's highest finish and only league playoff berth since 1980. The team went

7-6 in league play before falling to Muhlenberg in the conference semifinals.

He came to the college as an assistant in 1977, joining a program that had enjoyed just one winning year over the previous 12. Soon he helped the team rattle off five straight winning seasons (1978-83), still a school record, topped off by back-to-back 16-7 marks. He succeeded Ober as coach in 1990.

Zoulias began his coaching career at Mount Anthony Union High in Bennington, Vt., as assistant football and boy's basketball coach from 1969-74. He spent two years (1975-77) heading up the boy's basketball program at Mount Hebron High in Ellicott City, Md., before joining the college staff.

Assistant coach Kevin Selby, a Green Terror staffer for four years, has been named interim head coach. He will oversee recruiting until a successor is named. •



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## Winter Sports Wrap-Up

### MEN'S BASKETBALL (4-20):

In another tough season, the Green Terror failed to improve on their record. Nine days after the season finale, **Coach Nick Zoulias** retired after 23 years at WMC, 11 as head coach. Senior forward **Brian Billman** became the 16th player in team history to score 1,000 career points and finished up ninth on the all-time list in scoring, sixth in rebounding. In his very first start, freshman point guard **Greg Hill** erupted for 27 points in an upset win over Gettysburg, setting two school records and two conference marks with an unearthly 8-for-8 night from three-point range.

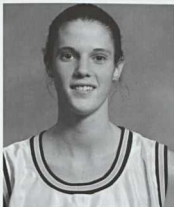
### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (11-12):

After stumbling to a 3-6 start in a rebuilding year, coach **Becky Martin** '80 retooled her lineup in midseason by adding three freshmen and came close to breaking school records with a sixth straight winning season and third straight league play-off berth. The team ended up just one game short in both departments. Junior forward **Jill Ibox** finished second in the conference in scoring, fourth in rebounding and earned first-team all-league honors. Guard **Jen Piccolomini** was an honorable-mention pick, becoming the first freshman in team history to make all-conference.

### MEN'S INDOOR TRACK:

Sophomore **David Hose** won the shot put with a heave of 45' 2 1/2" at the conference indoor championships, but the WMC men dropped one notch to sixth place among nine teams. Fellow sophomore **Teron Pow-**

**ell**, the 1999 outdoor champion, took home a silver medal in the triple jump with a school-record leap of 45' 9 3/4". Freshman **Afeanyi Ani**, who'd grabbed the school mark away from Powell two weeks earlier, finished third in the triple jump and fifth in the long jump. Earlier in the season, at the Iannicelli Classic at F&M, Powell topped a large field in the triple jump, and Ani finished third in the triple, second in the long jump.



Jill Ibox

### WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK:

Junior **Jamie Falcone** won the 55-meter dash, her fifth career gold medal, at the Centennial Conference indoor championships as the WMC women finished fifth of nine teams, one notch below last season. She also earned a bronze medal in the 200. Sophomore **Jill Krebs** took home a silver in the 3,000 (in a school-record 10:33.91) and a bronze in the 5,000, and freshman **Holly Thompson** took second in the 800. Earlier in the season, Krebs smashed the school mark in the 5,000 by 64.12 seconds with a time of 18:10.88, and Thompson broke the school record in the 800 with a 2:23.69.

### MEN'S SWIMMING (2-9):

Junior **Chris Clemmens** established himself as one of the league's top swimmers by winning a silver medal in the 100-yard backstroke at the Centennial Conference championships (the only Green Terror medal, male or female). He also placed fourth in the 200 backstroke, took fifth in the 200 freestyle and set school records in both backstroke events. Clemmens led the team in scoring in every dual meet as the six-man squad struggled to overcome the num-



Chris Clemmens

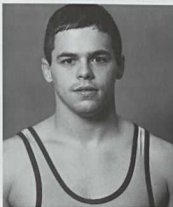
bers gap and did well to double its win total over 1998-99.

### WOMEN'S SWIMMING (3-9):

Coach **Kim Easterday** added some capable freshmen, and the team moved up two notches in the win column before finishing seventh among eight teams at the Centennial Conference championships. Junior **Kara Wnukowski**, who took sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke, led or shared the lead in team points in 11 of the 12 dual meets. By beating Goucher and Ursinus, the WMC men and women won back-to-back dual meets simultaneously for the first time since February 1982.

### WRESTLING (12-3):

With only four regulars returning from last year, **Coach John Lowe** did a masterful rebuilding job and took back the Centennial Conference title from arch-rival Ursinus after being upset by the Bears in 1999. After turning in its best dual-meet record in 30 years, WMC ran away with the championship meet by a 35.5-point margin, nearly double the previous league record. Two weeks later the Green Terror placed 17th among 62 teams at the



Charlie Conaway

NCAA Division III championships, the highest finish ever for a Centennial school, and set still another league record with three all-Americans in a single year. **Vinny Pedalino** took fifth at 125 pounds, fellow sophomore **Rob Johns** seventh at 157 and senior **Charlie Conaway** eighth at 184. All qualified for nationals by winning their conference titles, along with sophomore **Chris McNally** (197). Conaway earned the Outstanding Wrestler award at the conference meet and the Most Pins award at nationals, capping an outstanding year in which he became the first WMC matman with 100 career wins (114), 50 career pins (60) and 20 pins in a season (22). •

# Hi! PEOPLE



Joan Develin Coley

## Provost Named Interim President

Named the first female Provost of the college six years ago, **Joan Develin Coley**, professor of education, will move to the interim president seat in the wake of President Robert Chambers' resignation (see page 3).

Also Dean of the Faculty, Coley has been serving as acting president since late December when Chambers began his six-month sabbatical. The trustees asked her to stay on as the college's top officer through the presidential search process. Professor of Exercise Science and Physical Education **Sam Case '63** will serve as Act-

ing Provost for the term.

There has not been an interim president since the early 1970s when trustee Allan W. Mund, then retired chairman of the Board of Directors of Ellicott Machine Corporation in Baltimore, took over for the ailing Lowell Ensor, who served as president from 1947-72.

Coley joined the faculty in 1973 as director of the Graduate Reading Program after being a reading specialist for Prince George's County Schools and teaching at University of Maryland and Hood College. She went on to serve as Dean of Graduate Affairs and chair of the Department of Education at Western Maryland.

Since completing her graduate and then doctoral work in reading at University of Maryland, she crusaded to help students with serious reading disabilities. For 26 years she has led a five-week intensive summer reading clinic for up to 100 elementary and middle school students from Maryland and Pennsylvania.

"I have spent countless hours with groups of parents across the state encouraging them to read to their children, give books as presents," she said, "And take children to places that will be interesting to read about when they return home."

In 1995, Coley was named a Distinguished Alumna from University of Maryland and from Albright College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English with honors. This year she was selected as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record*.

Coley is a member of the board of directors of Target Community & Educational Services, Inc., a nonprofit that provides community living, vocational and recreational services to adults with disabilities, as well as a board member of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. •

## Girl Power

It was just a simple four-word phrase quickly spoken near the end of Disney's "Pocahontas," but Assistant Professor of Sociology **Lauren Dundes** had heard enough. The young Native American princess waves goodbye to the wounded John Smith, telling him she can't follow him to England because "I am needed here."

"I had read several editorials about the movie and everyone seemed to agree that Pocahontas, at least in this movie version, was such a wonderful modern role model because she didn't just run off to marry the handsome guy," Dundes said.

"I feel that even though she seems to be a free spirit, she's really just an update of all those old heroines who give up their dreams to do exactly what society has trained them to do. She felt she had to stay at home and take care of her father and the rest of the villagers, even though such a decision required her to give up what she wanted—to be with John Smith and explore unknown lands."

Dundes' research for "Disney's Modern Heroine Pocahontas: Revealing Age-Old Gender Stereotypes under a

## Lauren Dundes, Sociology



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Bill Pagonis, Physics



Julia Orza, Counseling

Facade of Liberation," which will appear in *The Social Sciences Journal*, led her to unsettling statistics about young girls and severe self-image problems.

Surveys show that pride in themselves and their accomplishments precipitously drops between sixth and eighth grade for many girls. Low self-esteem, Dundes said, can make these girls vulnerable to substance abuse and other troubling activities.

Dundes approached officials at Westminster's West Middle School about implementing a program for sixth-grade girls who might benefit from working with a mentor.

"The real work is being done by my students," she said. "They are aware of the obstacles they faced growing up, so they are eager to help these young girls try and get through these tough years in middle school."

Twice a week, the mentors help the middle-schoolers deal with changes in self-esteem and peer pressure. The program includes hands-on activities, as well as motivational speakers.

"Of course, we still want girls to feel that it's laudable to sometimes sacrifice for the sake of others," Dundes said. "But I have a daughter and I want her to know that she should set goals and follow those dreams. We want these girls to know it's okay to help themselves and think about themselves, too." •

## Classroom Currents

Art and art history professor **Julie Badie** visited the University of Michigan to continue research on her upcoming textbook, "An Introduction to the Arts of the Islamic World."

**Sam Case '63**, professor of exercise science and physical education, traveled to Alaska for the Iditarod and Iditasport competitions to explore how athletes persevere in harsh, cold climates. A participant in several Iditasport races, Case spent last year gathering more stats and coaching Associate Professor of Psychology **Sherri Hughes** in her first attempt. They both completed the race in 2000.

Spanish cinema scholar and Professor of Foreign Languages **Tom Deveny** traveled to Portland, Ore., to present his research on "Child's Play: Juvenile Meta-Acting in Spanish Cinema" at Cine-Lit 2000.

The Exxon Education Foundation awarded Professor of Education **Francis "Skip" Fennell** a grant of more than \$25,000 to continue his work on the Elementary Mathematics Leadership Project, a program designed to bolster the math skills of elementary school teachers in Carroll, Frederick and Howard counties by training teacher leaders in each school. He received another grant in 1997 to initiate a similar program in Montgomery County.

Assistant Professor of Political Science **Volker Franke's** new book, "Preparing for Peace: Military Identity, Value Orientations, and Professional Military Education," explores military preparedness and other post-Cold War issues through the social, political and professional attitudes and values of the U.S. Army's cadets at West Point. Franke also serves as director and managing editor of the Maxwell/SAIS National Security Studies Case Studies Program.

Assistant Professor of Physics **Apollo Mian** published a paper in *Applied Physics Letters* on his research on an experimental technique to increase the production of blue laser light in a state-of-the-art fabricated material called potassium titanyl phosphate. The technique has potential applications in blue laser systems that will be used in future DVD reading and writing devices, as well as medical procedures. He also presented a paper at the Optical Society of America's annual conference on an experiment that sheds new light on ongoing research related to the optical communications industry (the use of optical switches to speed up the flow of information).

Hoping to help teachers and counselor trainers develop activities to combat homophobia in schools, assistant professors of education **Julia Orza** and **Simeon Schlossberg** shared student reactions to using media and the expressive arts, such as the coming out of Ellen DeGeneres on her TV sitcom "Ellen," at the American Counseling Association Conference.

There's more to a successful gym teacher than just blowing a whistle and counting push-ups, says **Lynn Owens**, instructor in the department of Exercise Science and Physical Education. Caring about the student and helping them connect was the subject of "Who Cares? Making a Difference Through Physical Education," which she presented at the convention of the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. She also presented research on the roles of parents in youth sports.

At an international conference in Rome last July, Professor of Physics **Bill Pagonis** presented an update on his continuing research to refine the accuracy and improve data analysis for thermoluminescence, a method used to determine the age of objects by measuring the emitted light after heating. The paper, co-authored with Hagerstown, Md., senior and physics major **Colleen Shannon**, will be published in a fall 2000 issue of *Radiation Measurements*.

Associate Professor of Chemistry **Carol Rouzer '76** and **Marilyn Kroeger Smith**, chemistry instructor and chemical hygiene officer, received a \$55,000 matching grant from the National Science Foundation to incorporate more high-tech instrumentation into the first-year chemistry course for science majors to better prepare them for careers as modern scientists.

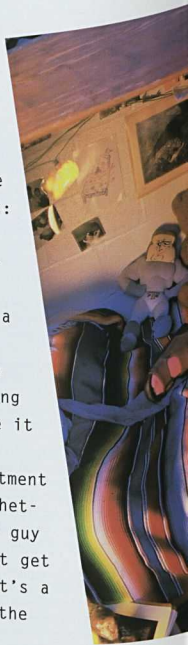
**Brian Wladkowski '88** will keep student researchers busy the next three summers with his project on the catalytic work of enzymes. The assistant professor of chemistry earned a \$144,600 grant for the project, his first from the National Science Foundation's Research at Undergraduate Institutions program.

**Laurence Wu**, associate professor of philosophy and religious studies, received a faculty grant to participate in a scholarly exchange with professors at Gutenberg College in Mainz, Germany, in May. They will discuss modern critiques of the philosophy of religion and work on a plan for a student exchange program between the institutions. •

[Dorm Life]

# Can't We All Just Get Along?

Whether students are building forts in their common rooms, having a stereo war across the quad, or yes, trying to study, they all have one thing in common: getting along. Cram 1,400 people into seven buildings with a few houses to spare, and some fancy maneuvering goes on to make it through the day (and night) with sloppy roommates, apartment mates who forget about Spaghetti-Os on the stove, and the guy down the hall who just can't get enough of Guns 'N' Roses. It's a skill learned quickly, and the right roommate is the key.







"The trick to getting along is to never see each other. We only see each other when we're sleeping."

—Melissa O'Brien

**KATE BOYLE AND  
MELISSA O'BRIEN,  
sophomores**

Honors Suite  
Daniel MacLea, Room 201E

Several rooms share two private  
bathrooms and a common room.

**Survival food:** Bagel bites,  
ramen noodles (oriental flavor),  
bottled water, Chinese food

**The trick to getting along  
with your roommate:** "Never  
see each other. We only  
see each other when we're  
sleeping."



**On hall living:** "I don't think  
I could do that whole shared  
bathroom thing."

**On meeting your first roommate:**  
"The whole roommate concept  
is bizarre, having to come to  
college and trust this person to  
not kill you in your sleep."

You're matched up based on the  
fact that neither of you smoke,  
you both go to bed late and  
you're not neat fiends."

**On sleep:** "I'm all about no  
sleep. I average four to six  
hours a night. Work happens  
around 1 a.m."

**Roommate advice:** "The impor-  
tant thing is not be anal. Things  
will happen, and you have to  
go with it."

MARK EVANS/STAFF

**Microfridge:** For a fee of \$150 a year, rooms are equipped with this modern marvel—a mini-microwave, freezer and refrigerator all in one.

**P**hil Sayre joined the campus in July 1984; 16 years later he continues as head of the Student Affairs division and supervises 33 professionals, all who contribute to the quality of student life outside the classroom and work on a daily basis with students to make improvements.

"My college roommate was as different from me as one could imagine. Where I had gone to a private school, he had gone to a public school. Where I was quite a liberal and, during that first year, worked for Lyndon Johnson's election, he was a very conservative Barry Goldwater guy. But we became fast friends. That's one of the nice things about living in a residence hall, especially as a freshman. You deal with people who are different from yourself. Thirty-five years later we still stay in touch with each other.

"I find that most new students still look forward to the social experience of sharing a room with someone, even when they may never have shared a bedroom at home."

While remarkable and recognizable improvements have been made to the academic buildings during the past decade, complaints are increasing from parents and students about the conditions of aging residence buildings. Efforts have been made to rehabilitate every hall these past five years, but expectations have radically changed since the time when many of these buildings were constructed; modern students expect much more in the way of amenities than they did a generation ago.

This winter Dean Sayre talked with *Hill* editors Joyce Muller and Amy Pelsinsky about the challenges of managing student affairs, most specifically student life in the residence halls. What follows are his edited observations.

#### On supervising student life

"Our college administrators have to be involved in a number of ways because forming a vibrant community in our residence

halls intensifies the academic experience and character-building that happens outside the classroom. This requires planning.

"Students come to us for the most part when they are 18, many of them full of the sense that they are adults. Legally they are adults, and emotionally they are adults. They want the same rights as adults, but may not want the responsibilities. It's our role to allow them to organize social life, set the rules to handle certain situations and push them toward adulthood.

"Being a parent of a son and daughter, both who have gone through the college selection process, has given me a lot of insight. I can talk to my own kids about certain situations with some authority and suggest that if you follow this road these are the difficulties you will probably face because I've seen it happen so many times.

"When you're a teen, you really believe that you know the answers to most of life's issues and that a parent shouldn't be talking to you about them. I've gained an appreciation for the changes a lot of kids face.

From a happy background at home and in high school, they are uprooted to a new setting where they must find new friends

and face tougher academic challenges. It can be scary."

#### On crisis management

"Crises seem to happen at three o'clock on Friday afternoon or at three in the morning. Frequently, family members view small happenings as crises. We stress good communication, and we try not to over react. Often a student can fix the problem him or herself.

"What we attempt to do is identify and address problems before they become critical. If we respond to the early signs, many crises can be averted.

"In talking with parents at campus events, I sense less distrust about what goes on here. It seems now that parents are appreciative that life on a college campus is similar to life anywhere.

"We've taken many measures to improve safety on campus. Four years ago we started locking the front doors of residence halls 24 hours a day; that's what I do at home. Our new Campus Safety cruiser, which regularly scouts throughout the campus, provides a stronger sense of security, too."



Dean of Student Affairs Phil Sayre's face is just as well-known around campus as it is in his office. Each year he hosts (and cooks) dinner for the Student Government Association at his home.



"Our biggest problem  
is we spend a lot of  
time together."

—Jeremiah Kelly

**MATT BURGER AND  
JEREMIAH KELLY,**  
juniors

Blanche Ward Hall, Room 213  
Independents living on the  
Phi Delta Theta hall

**MATT BURGER**

Hometown: Hagerstown, Md.

**Major:** History/political science;  
minor in education and  
international studies

**Activities:** Junior class representative for SGA, Maryland Student Legislature, Bible study leader for Christian Fellowship, Phi Alpha Delta pre-law honor society, Harvard Model United Nations, SERVE (Students Engaged in Rural Volunteer Services)

**Most prized possessions in room:**  
Pictures of hero Winston Churchill, humidifier (inscribed "A good woman's just a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke"—Winston Churchill), red baseball hat dating to junior year of high school "that has been on every vacation"

**Best aspect of dorm life:** "You can walk right around the corner and borrow something."

**Worst:** "Dealing with other people messing up your bathroom"

**JEREMIAH KELLY**

Hometown: Frederick, Md.

**Major:** Political science and biology;  
international relations minor

**Activities:** President of class since freshman year, SERVE, Maryland Student Legislature, program leader for Christian Fellowship, All College Council, campus tour guide, Green Terror mascot (for a year)

**Most prized possessions in room:**  
Baseball mitt (played two years), dog-eared U.S. baseball hat, Led Zeppelin CDs, picture of girlfriend

**Best aspect of dorm life:** "It's okay to play wiffle ball at 3 a.m. in this building."

**Worst:** "It can be noisy."

BLANCHE WARD HALL

**On student concerns**

"The underlying theme I hear from students is a need to be taken seriously and to be treated as adults. To overcome feeling marginalized, they want to be in charge of something. They want to test themselves."

"Recently students wanted to develop a bill of rights. We have one printed in *Student Guide and Datebook*, but these

students want ownership. There's much interest in student internships, in doing real things on off-campus projects and getting some kind of result. There's a renewed interest in community service beyond our historic service groups. We now have over 15 student groups oriented to community service.

INCH HIGGONS

**HELP (Homeless Education Learning Program) House**  
147 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Affinity housing for student groups

**Number of residents in house:**  
Nine

Founded three years ago by president and house leader Lolita Johnson, HELP residents each spend at least two hours a month volunteering at the Food Sunday soup kitchen or bagging and sorting food at Shepherd's Staff in Westminster. Johnson, Terrae Whiting, Carl Taylor and Tammy Fletcher share the residence with five other housemates.

**CARL TAYLOR,**  
sophomore

**Toughest part of house living:** Bathroom space; "There are two upstairs and one downstairs. We all have similar classes, so we're all trying to get in there the same time. I grew up with five sisters, two brothers and three bathrooms, but here some people are older than me, so they have priority."

**Best part:** Family Night. "Once a month Lolita cooks dinner: spaghetti, homemade meatloaf, fried chicken."

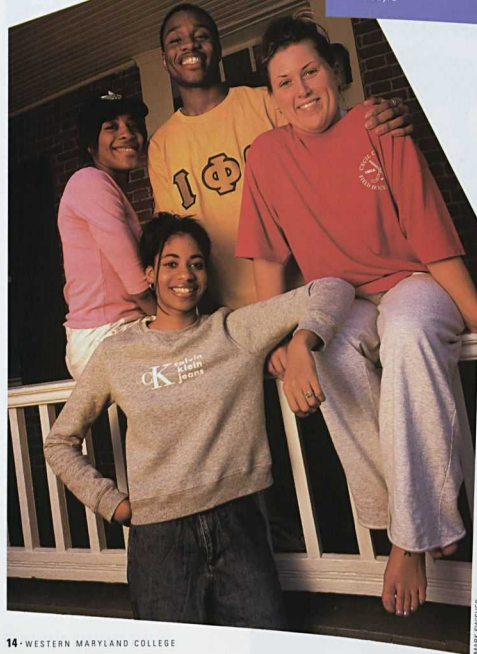
**Why it's different than dorm living:** "I get to interact with the community here. I go to the corner store and see professors who live in the area. We're part of the actual community."

**Most common house argument:**  
Doing the dishes.

**When he's not arguing about the dishes:** Directs junior choir at Union Street Church, vice president of Black Student Union, helped start chapter of first African-American fraternity on campus

"There is something special that happens here where, as primarily a residential campus, students come and live together and form a community."

—Phil Sayre



"I really get a charge when I see students succeeding in the many ways they do. It's as simple as going to watch a basketball game and seeing them do something well—hear them sing well, read a great paper. That's exhilarating and makes up for dealing with problems."

#### On teaching

"I teach freshmen composition because it changes my role, especially in my own head. Teaching is what we are all about; it's why we are here. It's important to me because it reminds me what students are like. When you read their papers and spend time in class with them, you get a deeper appreciation for their experience than when you just meet with them as student leaders or whatever. You really get to know students on a different level."

"It's why I joined the College Choir. Twice a week I get a break in my schedule, and rehearsals provide me an opportunity to play a different role with 60-plus students. I'm not the one in charge. Together we are all singers, and I'm getting instruction and direction, just as they are, from the choir director. Students enjoy learning together with someone twice their age, just as students are learning together with the faculty in classroom settings."

#### On the future

"The student life scene seems almost timeless to me. We continue to serve basically 18 to 22-year-olds who are growing up and developing a community. Fashion and trends change. For example, we'll be more hooked on technology. I can envision a day when I walk into my freshmen composition class and all the students will be hooked up to laptops. That scares me because I'm not sure what I'll do, but I'm quite confident that we will measure up."

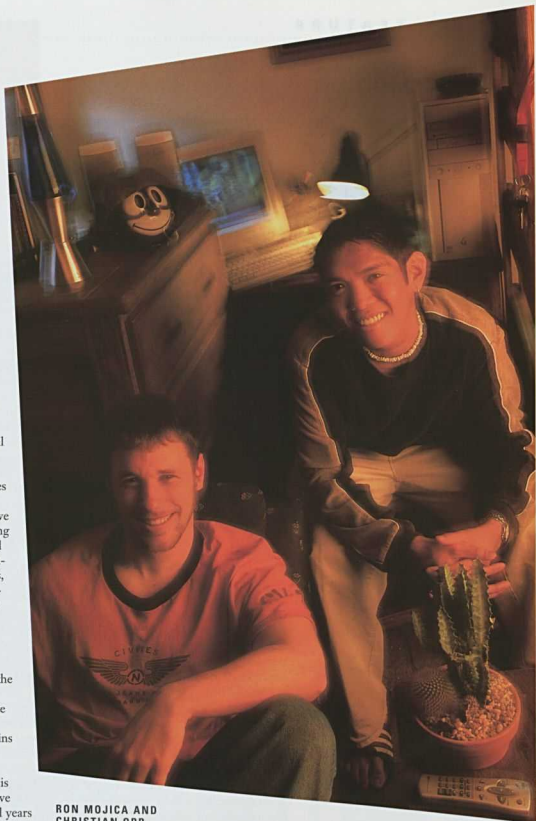
"What we provide here at WMC is an intense on-campus experience. There is something special that happens here where, as primarily a residential campus, students come and live together and form a community. It's a community that also enriches the academic experience for the commuting students, too."

"Friends, freedom and convenience are important criteria for students choosing residential life. Modest increases in growth have strengthened our community—made us a more diverse campus and more attractive to prospective students. If you have 1,500-plus people to choose from, you're more likely to find your niche than if you only have 1,100 people to choose from. I've seen that happen over and over again. It's made us a more vital community, yet still we retain the small-college feel.

"One of the important goals is to build a lot of variety in our residential plans. Even though we only have six residence halls, plus the Garden Apartments and college-owned houses on Pennsylvania Avenue, we offer a variety of lifestyles. In those spaces, we have very traditional freshmen housing with corridor-style rooms, designated Greek areas, affinity housing for community service or academic programs, honors housing with suite-style quarters and, in the Pennsylvania Avenue houses, we offer real-life apartment-style living space nestled within the Westminster community. It's a good variety for a small school.

"Most campuses are experiencing the same challenges as WMC. Students expect more: private bathrooms, more single rooms, more common space, modern wiring, you name it. It explains why there's a boom in residence hall construction going on right now. It further reinforces my idea that there is value in a residential experience. I have visited 25 campuses in the last several years and have found that the more interesting ones are those that have not just housed people, but have established small communities within a larger one, sometimes in very intriguing ways.

"Ironically, the future is doing what we've always done historically—and all the more so." •



**RON MOJICA AND  
CHRISTIAN ORR,**  
sophomores

**McDaniel, Room 312**

**Oldest dorm on campus (built in 1922):** room faces the President's House

**Music most likely to be heard coming from room:** Sublime, Bob Marley, Dave Matthews, Bush, Radiohead, Pink Floyd, B.B. King, Fleetwood Mac, Jimi Hendrix

**Food most likely to be found in microfridge:** Homemade Filipino goodies from Mojica's mom (especially egg rolls and sugar cookies), fruit, bottled water, ketchup, Hershey's chocolate syrup, macaroni and cheese, Tostitos' pizza rolls.

**Most valuable possession in room:** Felix the cat: "He's an old lamp base that represents good times for us."

**Computer uses besides homework:** Surf art sites to download paintings for computer screen, stay in touch with high school friends on AOL, look up concert dates and sports scores

**Benefits of living in McDaniel:** "It's better than Rouzer (freshman dorm). The carpet makes it feel more like home."

MARK SVETKEY

# Back to Basics

"Any fool can say 'Yes' to a child all the time. It takes a responsible parent to teach a child what the word 'No' means." So says Tom Zirpoli, a father figure for parents.

A

graduate professor in special education and an expert in child behavior, he writes a bi-weekly column in the *Carroll County Times* and a monthly column in *Carroll Families*. He dispenses common sense advice like castor oil: Many parents don't like to hear it, but it's good for them.

Parenting, in his considered opinion, has been overanalyzed.

"We have made it way too difficult, and it's very simple," Zirpoli says earnestly. "It's not easy, but it was never meant to be easy. That's the investment you make when you have kids."

And that's the way he tells it in his three books and his Sunday columns.

"Parenting is a practice we're all trying to learn," says Robin Saul, publisher of the *Carroll County Times*. "Tom is well-learned, well-read and respected in his field. Someone with those credentials, living in your community, you'd be a foolish publisher not to hire."

A hard-working, common-sense approach, with a gentle touch, is the way Zirpoli seems to go about most things. As the Laurence J. Adams Distinguished Chair in Special Education, Zirpoli also serves as the chief executive officer of Target Community and Educational Services, a non-profit agency that uses Western Maryland graduate students to help disabled adults live and work in the community (see sidebar). Zirpoli runs the business, teaches his classes, even raises money in the same even-keeled fashion.

"It's the only way I've ever seen him," chuckles Joan Develin Coley, interim college president and a board member of Target. Regarding that organization's leadership, Coley thinks Zirpoli is "magnificent." "He has shown a definite vision

about how to stay true to the mission of Target and still respond to a changing world," Coley says.

He shows the same vision in striving to be true to his family: a 13-year-old daughter who plays violin and rides horses, a wife who teaches special education at East Middle School in Westminster and a 17-year-old son who attends McDonough School and wants to go into journalism.

"Our conversations aren't limited to what's going on at the dinner table," says son Christopher. "I'll not only tell him about my day at school, but he'll also talk to me about what's going on and actually get feedback from me."

He adds that his father isn't an iron-rule kind of parent. Then again, "I really haven't tested the limits of how far I can go, not like other kids do," he explains. "That in and of itself says something about how he's steering me in the right direction without telling me what to do."

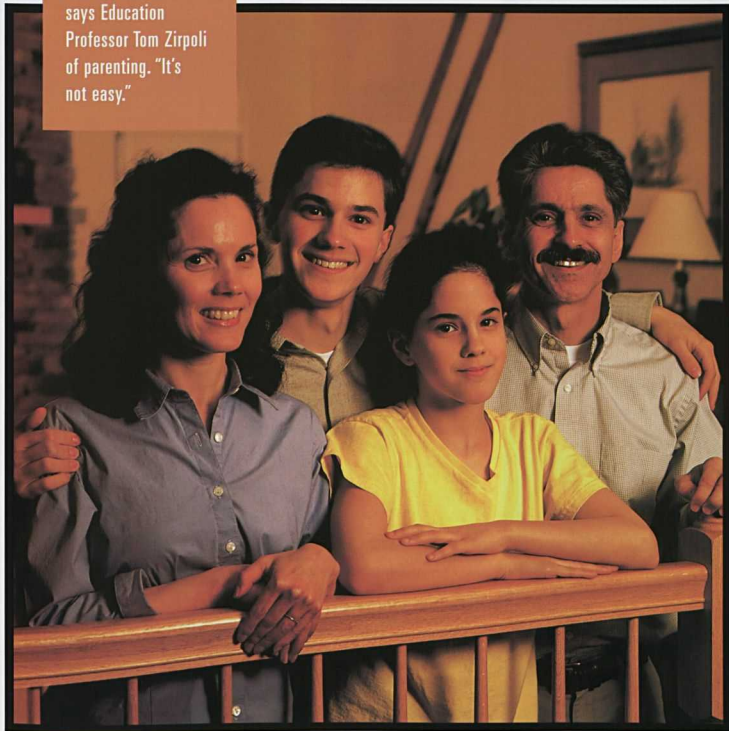
While Zirpoli has studied and written about behavior management and empowering people with disabilities, many of his core values, like counting your blessings, stem from his childhood. He remembers growing up in the New York apartment building that his grandparents owned. Virtually everyone in the building was related.

If his parents needed help, they just went upstairs to his grandparents, or to Aunt Rosie's or over to Aunt Mary's. "Growing up in an Italian family, you're there to help each other and support each other," he says, a network of support that's invaluable for parents.

But like many parents nowadays, he and his wife didn't have that. He was going to graduate school at the University of Virginia; the Zirpolis had just had their first child, and nobody was sleeping much.



"We have made it way too difficult, and it's very simple," says Education Professor Tom Zirpoli of parenting. "It's not easy."



NICHOLAS MENTOSH

Education Professor Tom Zirpoli (seen here with wife Susan, son Christopher and daughter Julia) dispenses common-sense advice for harried parents.

## Growing Together: Program Boosts Graduate Students and Disabled Adults

**"If you're a parent with Parental Wimp Syndrome, you're not preparing your child for the real world where there are consequences for inappropriate behavior."**

Christopher, the bundle of joy, was colicky and merely cat-napped at night. They had no family or friends around to help.

"I was studying child abuse, and I really didn't understand how someone could do it," Zirpoli said.

Clearly, parents need help. That's where Zirpoli comes in. Instead of hitting, Zirpoli recommends rewarding good behavior, punishing bad—just like society does—and being consistent.

"Say what you mean, and mean what you say," Zirpoli tells parents.

But Zirpoli has some unpopular stances. He hates the label of Attention Deficit Disorder. "It places responsibility away from the parent and child."

Zirpoli says. "It's not biology, it's not chemistry, it's parents. The label is an excuse." He thinks guns, even toy guns, are inappropriate around children. He wants smaller, better-funded schools with more resources: "We need to invest money in education. It's best for our nation, for our economy, for our national security."

But his biggest peeve? Parents who aren't in charge.

"They don't know how to say no to children. They don't know how to have rules," Zirpoli says, starting to get heated

up. "They're wimps. Their children know it and behave accordingly."

Zirpoli even coined his own tongue-in-cheek label: Parental Wimp Syndrome. He cites a survey that asked children about lenient teachers and strict teachers. Guess which ones the kids liked best?

"They like the strict ones, because with the strict ones, they know their boundaries. They feel safe. Kids don't like wimpy teachers or parents. Kids want structure and routine. They're kids. If you're a parent with Parental Wimp Syndrome, you're not preparing your child for the real world where there are consequences for inappropriate behavior."

Suddenly Zirpoli stops and laughs.

He sounds like such a conservative, when in fact, he jokes, he's really a liberal, just look at his stance on gun control.

And what about parents of college students, worrying their kids are out drinking, sleeping around and doing drugs? Zirpoli winces.

"I really do focus on getting it right to begin with. Because if your kid is going off to college, there's not a whole lot you can do. They're going to have to decide. It's a whole lot easier to have rules and consequences early on. Keeping them on track is easier than putting them back on track. If you can't control their behavior when they're 2, 4, 8, how the hell are you going to do it when they're 16 and bigger than you?"

He's been dispensing advice for years now, first for the local paper in St. Paul, Minn., and with the local newspaper since 1997. And sometimes, he struggles to find something to talk about—it all seems so common sense.

"How many parenting columns can you write?" he laughs. "Grow up. Take care of your kids." •

Six years ago, when Shelley Turner moved into a supervised home with two other disabled housemates, the 22-year-old griped about sweeping the floor and doing laundry. She had lived at home with her mother and worked screwing nuts into bolts. She didn't really know how to be independent, to interact with others.

Now, Turner's week is packed with independence: line dancing, a job folding laundry at Sykesville's Fairhaven retirement community (where she begs to work overtime), making tuna noodle casserole for everyone's dinner Tuesday nights, checking out "Winnie the Pooh" books at the public library, listening to 'N Sync with her buddies, even visiting her boyfriend.

Now she even does her chores eagerly, since if she does, she goes out to dinner with the whole household every Friday night.

The lives of hundreds of disabled Maryland residents like Turner have been transformed by Target Community and Educational Services, Inc. For almost 18 years, the organization has eased disabled residents' moves from institutions and their parents' homes into homes and jobs in the community where their lives can grow more and more independent.

Tom Zirpoli, professor of special education and chief executive officer, is trying to help more people like Turner.

With 130 employees and a \$2.6 million annual budget, Target runs 10 homes where three clients and two graduate students live, as well as six apartments in Montgomery County in which three clients live with a student in residence nearby. Last year, the organization instituted a drop-in program to help parents of disabled people with their adult children's bathing, cooking, feeding and nursing care.

The next step sits peeling and disintegrating in a muddy field that surrounds the organization's offices in Westminster. After its \$500,000 renovation, the drafty, rustic white barn will house classroom space, offices and storage to serve more individuals with disabilities. Target is raising money for the barn's transformation; last year, the organization received a \$100,000 grant from the Seraph Foundation and is looking





Gaining independence through the Target program, resident Shelley Turner visited Disney World last summer with the several graduate students and her housemate.

for more. "When we get the money, we will build it," Zirpoli says.

Of the 100 agencies providing services to Maryland's disabled residents, Target is the only one that employs graduate students.

The tiny seed that grew into Target's field of dreams germinated in 1983 when parents of individuals with disabilities got fed up with the poor quality and constant turnover of their hired caretakers. They met with Western Maryland professor Don Rabush '62 and proposed a program in which graduate students would work with clients for the two years of their master's degree program. What resulted in 1983 was Target and the only endowed chair at the college, the Laurence J. Adams Distinguished Chair in Special Education, which pays the salary and benefits of the CEO of Target. Plus, any student who works with Target receives 75 percent paid tuition, a stipend, plus free housing.

Karen Schott, director of the organization's community living program for Montgomery County and a 1997 Target master's program graduate, never had Zirpoli as a professor, but loves him as a boss.

"He makes everybody feel a part of the team," Schott says. He arrives at the office at 7:30 a.m., and she often sees his lights shining into the evening. "He's a role model for the staff."

Vince Chesney, who has worked with Zirpoli since coming to Target and Western Maryland two years ago, lives in an alternative living unit behind Cranberry Mall with Turner, another graduate student and two other disabled housemates. He works all week, has two nights off to go to school at night, and fits homework in between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. when clients are away at day programs or jobs.

"The stress pushes you," he says. "It

hasn't crossed the threshold into distress. You get worn out like in any job. Since you live in the place you work, you can't escape from it. But you find time to get in schoolwork."

Chesney and Zirpoli's clients, just like Turner, do their own work. In the vocational program, clients learn how to cook, clean and fill out job applications at the Target-run Winchester Country Inn, a bed and breakfast next door to the organization's offices.

Job coaches help the clients find jobs—at grocery stores, the college or the airport, for example—then guide them until they're ready to work independently, if ever.

People with disabilities should be out in the community because that's where they belong, Zirpoli says. "We all should live normal lives. And it's good for the community, it teaches tolerance," he says, then adds an old-fashioned phrase. "It forces us to look at people's lives and count our blessings."

The agency also owns The Lodge at Sawmill Hollow, a 10-bedroom home on five acres along Deep Creek Lake where families, disabled people and companies retreat for vacations accessible for all. Last year, more than 230 people stayed at the lodge, where they canoed, fished, swam and hiked.

Zirpoli sounds like a real estate agent as he reels off the lodge's assets: "It sleeps 18, three kitchens, seven baths. You can wheel someone using a wheelchair right into the shower. There's a flat, pontoon boat where we can wheel people right in. There's a hot tub in the basement, Ping Pong, cable TV ..."

That's small potatoes to Turner. Last year, Turner, a housemate and two graduate students spent a week in Disney World in Florida.

Turner clapped along to the musical shows, zoomed through Space Mountain, even toured the world in miniature at Epcot. Now, her Disney "Winnie the Pooh" computer games are helping her learn to read for the first time in her life.

"She's all about becoming more independent," Chesney says. •

## Words of Wisdom

It seems like common sense to Zirpoli, but much of the advice found in his newspaper column is the guiding hand many parents need. Here's a sampling from past columns:

"Parenting is definitely a work in progress."

"Any fool can say 'Yes' to a child all the time. It takes a responsible parent to teach a child what the word 'No' means."

"Children don't need more friends—they need strong parents."

"It is difficult to get to know our children and how they are doing if the only time we see them is in the car rushing to the next activity. One-to-one time and family time is important for children, and in the long run, more important than another baseball game."

"Rules are worthless if parents don't follow up with consequences."

"Parents need to stop fooling themselves by thinking that their young children know the difference between pretending to kill someone with a toy gun and killing someone with a real gun. After years of conditioning and desensitization, pretend and reality become blurred."

"As parents, we are the ones who control, or should control, the television, video games and other venues of aggression that invade our children's lives on a daily basis."

"It would be nice if appropriate behavior could be managed with a magic pill or special diet. Good old-fashioned parenting, however, is the key to appropriate behavior for most children. Of course, many busy parents will not like to read this because it puts the burden of child rearing back where it belongs—on their shoulders."

Learn more about Target Community and Educational Services, Inc. through the Graduate Program page on WMC's web site ([www.wmdc.edu](http://www.wmdc.edu)).

# Business by Design

On a still summer evening, a gigantic letter "K" appeared 200 feet above Frederick, illuminating the historic city skyline. Was it an emergency beacon calling a new super hero back to headquarters? Was it a subversive message to insomniacs? Could it be a long-awaited sign from Elvis?

**T**he town was abuzz for nearly a week before the story broke on the front page of the local paper. The supersize "K" projected on the city's water tower was the logo of a young upstart design firm, Kinetic Studios. It made the owners, Jonathan Boehman '94 and Dave Weigelt '95, instant celebrities.

"I walked into the bank, and when they saw our check they said, 'Hey, you're those guys who put your logo on the water tower!'" Boehman says. "It was really cool."

Their derring-do earned the local advertising federation's first-ever "Spotlight Award" for their "unusual and creative efforts" to draw attention to themselves. Their visionary advertising even convinced the historic commission to grant the mayor's request to paint the name of the city on the tower.

Few businesses can exhibit their logo for miles around or dominate the front page of the local paper two days in a row. "We always say thank God there were no cows born that day," Weigelt says with laugh.

But despite Weigelt's allusion to rural Frederick, rich farm country since the days before the United States was even a nation, it has grown into a busy bedroom community for Washington, D.C., and a mini-metropolis in its own right.

There the independent thinkers have chosen to plant their fledgling business, an interactive design firm riding the edge of the Internet age, creating

everything from corporate identities to web sites to glossy brochures for a range of clients from as far away as Kansas. Their success has grown faster than the buzz about the water tower stunt.

Less than two years ago they hit the ground running with two computers in Weigelt's basement and \$1,000 in the bank. They have since won three local ADDY Awards, the advertising industry's equivalent to the Oscars, and six citations.

The right brain behind the images and ideas, Boehman, whose artwork has long been inspired by the classics of world literature, toyed with the idea of pursuing a career as an illustrator, a college professor or, maybe, a comic book artist before landing a job with a local design firm.

Weigelt, the left-brainer with eight years of experience in the graphic design and web development field under his belt, had a strong head for strategy and customer service. He drives the practical side. "I don't have business savvy. I just know when to ask for help," he says modestly.

Together, they form the ideal partnership—the secret to their success.

"The two of us love the same thing, but we're so different in the way we approach it," Boehman says. "That makes us strong. From two different perspectives we arrive at better decisions."

They make it seem so easy.

It all began after meeting in design class at college. Frederick residents, they kept in touch over the years, occasionally getting together to "geek out" over new software, until they both came to the conclusion that



Dave Weigelt '95 and Jonathan Boehman '94 make headlines with their design business.

they'd be happier breaking out and working on their own terms.

Boehman, then 24, was single with no mortgage, no debt, no responsibilities. He had nothing to lose by striking out on his own. Weigelt, on the other hand, was 28 and married with two kids in diapers: mortgage, car payment, you name it.

No big deal, says his wife Stephanie Hosier '92, who teaches high school dramatic arts and was a co-conspirator in the logo show thanks to her expertise with theatre lighting. "We were scared at first, but we always had my salary," she says. "They did a lot of research and covered all the bases."

Weigelt kept his full-time design job and entered his fifth year teaching the craft at the community college by night (reading and re-reading books like "The E-Myth" entrepreneurs' guide in his free time). Meanwhile Boehman faithfully packed his lunch each morning and headed to Weigelt's basement, spending the day somewhere between the washing machine and the kids' playroom, trying to get the business off the ground.

Less than a year later Weigelt made the final plunge by leaving his job. The budding businessmen hired a designer and moved to a storefront overlooking Frederick's Carroll Creek Project on the edge of the downtown area.

The business soon bloomed and moved to spacious digs on historic Frederick's main thoroughfare. The lucky water tower within view, the studio sits atop the timber steps of a nineteenth-century granary, complete with freight elevator suspended by aging ropes and a heavy red barn door that once slid across the floor to store the grain.

Downtown bustles below the third floor windows: tourists duck in and out of cluttered antique shops, business execs search for deli sandwiches and traffic crawls on a street that once saw horse-drawn carriages heading to market from outlying farms.



NICHOLAS MANTOSH

Boehman and Weigelt trade in vision now, in cyberspace. To carve their niche, these merchants of multimedia often work late into the night, when the street below echoes with the occasional group of office workers heading to the bars to unwind.

Such is the life of a young entrepreneur.

Boehman has yet to take a day off, but if he had the time, he'd be right back in front of his computer designing web sites for fun. Weigelt gushes about work at the dinner table—even on a bad day.

They won't admit they've made it, knowing the ephemeral quality of technology and the work it takes to keep up, but as business grows and their staff doubles, they may soon be able to let the machine run without the inventor. If only for a little while.

Besides, just shine a beacon in the night, and help is on the way. •

See what the buzz is about at [www.kineticstudios.com](http://www.kineticstudios.com).

#### STARTING A BUSINESS THE KINETIC WAY

- **Leave the painting to the professionals:** "It took us two weeks to paint our first space."
- **Don't plan on taking a vacation any time soon:** "It's been nearly a year since Boehman has had a day off."
- **Hire liberal arts graduates:** "We initially hired based on technical skills, but the people who worked out the best had the depth a liberal arts college gives ... They had educational references besides tools."
- **Make room for plastic cartoon action figures:** "You have to look at stuff in a different light—like a kid. So having toys around is okay."

# Crossing the Ocean Blue

*Professor of Art History Julie Badiee circled the world teaching in the Semester at Sea program in the fall of 1998. On a steamer bound for some of the most exotic ports of call, she held art classes at sea and visited her lecture subjects on land. The following is an excerpt from a book she is writing about her adventures.*



We are in such a strange world out here in the middle of the earth's largest ocean with nothing to see day after day but the huge expanse of water and the great curve of the sky above. The immensity of it all is staggering, and I marvel at the audacity of those early sailors who put themselves in such a difficult environment. . . .

One knows that the Pacific Ocean is large, but only in a crossing like this is the truth of that reality impressed on the very muscles, bones and brain cells. It seems impossible that we could wake up day after day to the same broad expanse of the ocean and see absolutely nothing in all directions. There are no birds in the sky, and we have not even been aware of any airplanes above us. Even as many days pass, there have been no other ships on the horizon. . . .

During one of the class presentations, our oceanographer, Bob Rowley, drew a diagram of the size of our ship in relationship to the depth of the water beneath us—a tiny dot sitting above a representation of three miles. As we near Japan, we will pass over some of the famous trenches constituting the deepest part of the ocean. Then Bob will re-do the diagram to scale, and the ship will be but an infinitesimal dot on a huge abyss—six miles at its deepest. . . .

Though the view each day is essentially the same, the sea is always different. Depending on the atmospheric conditions, it ranges from a slate grey to a deeply beautiful blue. Sometimes when the waves curl back, there is an underside of the most vibrant aquamarine. In looking at the wake of the ship behind us, I can see streaks of this aquamarine halfway to the horizon. Rowley informed us that each of the seas has a distinctive taste, and he would hold "sea tasting" events during our journey.

Observing the movement of the waves is also fascinating. They can take the form of huge swells 20 feet tall or more. These are long ridges of waves that have been stirred up from a far-distant storm. Some of them can be a mile in length. These swells do not have white caps on them, but just roll the ship up and down as we travel from the valleys to the crests. We experienced these since the first day out from Vancouver.

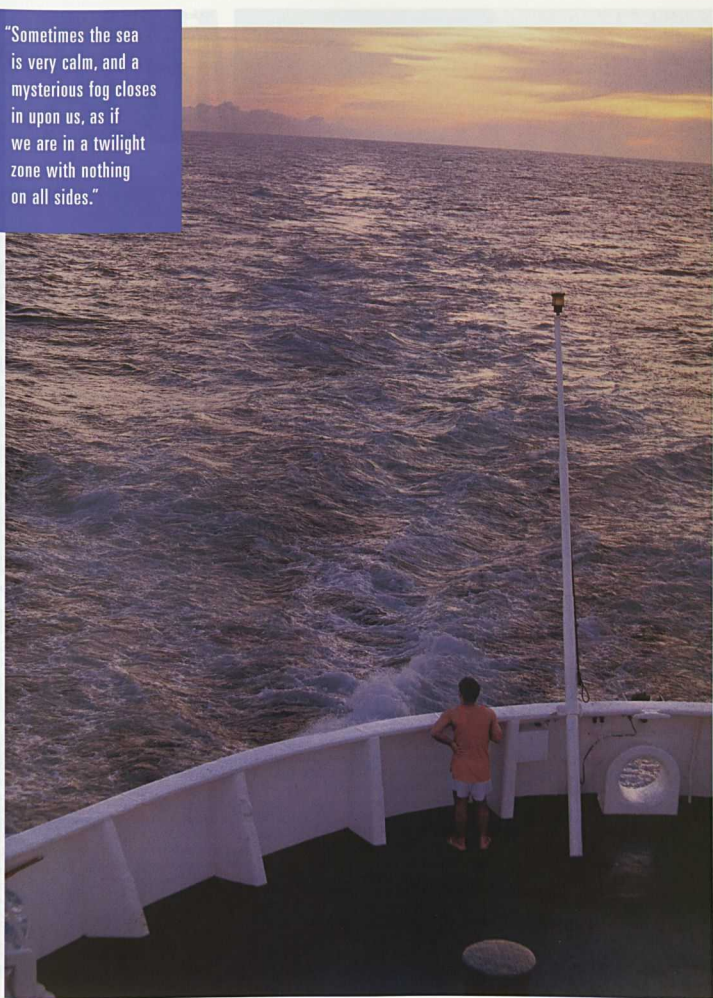
Sometimes the sea is very calm, and a mysterious fog closes in upon us, as if we are in a twilight zone with nothing on all sides. In such conditions, I feel cut off from the rest of the planet, in another dimension, as if I have been suddenly transported to an alien world millions of miles away.

... Just when I thought I knew the basic configurations of the sea and was getting used to traveling in the north Pacific, I awoke to the sight of the whole surface of the sea being whipped into huge waves. We were on the outer edge of a giant typhoon.

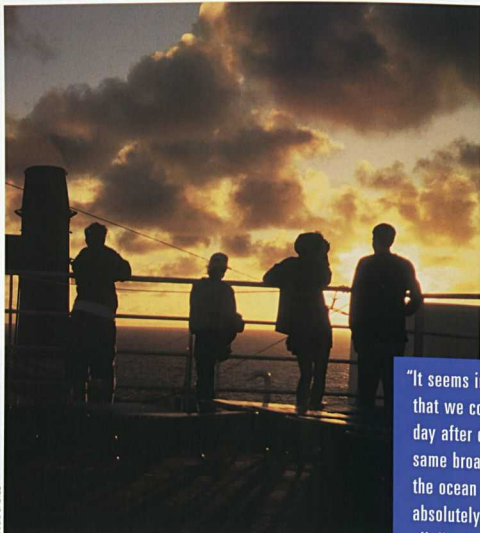
White caps could be seen out to the surrounding horizons. The waves were massive and crashed against the ship with a sound resembling giant sonic booms. The winds were 50 miles an hour, and when we joined a group of students on the stern deck of the ship, we were literally almost blown overboard. Only by concentrating with all of one's strength was it possible to stay in one place. The captain ordered everyone inside and the doors to the out-



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JULIE BADIE



The first leg of Badioe's Semester at Sea carried her from Vancouver to Japan across the North Pacific.

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side decks were locked. When we returned to the shelter of the glassed-in areas, we laughed because our hair had been blown straight backwards and stiffened into strange shapes by the wind. We had a fine deposit of salt over our entire bodies.

I cannot imagine what it must have been like to be in the center of such a maelstrom. The Mongol fleet planning to invade Japan in the 13th century had encountered such a typhoon, and every ship had sunk. The Japanese referred to that happy storm as a "kamikazi" or "divine wind." The name would later take on other meanings when it would be given to the suicide pilots of World War II.

The reference made me think of my father, Joseph Oeming. I wondered every day if we were near where he traveled with his Navy aircraft carrier. As an officer on the ship, his job was to supervise the manning of the great guns on deck, ready to shoot down the kamikaze pilots dive-bombing their planes onto the decks of American ships.

In one incident, a plane was so close that my father could see the terrified face of the Japanese pilot. He told me that he would never forget the screaming open mouth of the young man as the plane missed the

deck by inches and slid horribly into the sea. ...

I longed to share the details of our journey with my father, as he had loved ships and the sea, but he is parted from me, in this particular world of existence at least, and I hope that somehow he was deeply aware of all that I was experiencing.

#### The Real Typhoon

On September 22 we spotted land for the first time. It was an exciting event because we have seen nothing but water and horizon for 12 days. However, our happiness did not last long. A new typhoon named Vicky was heading directly for our goal port in Kobe, Japan. It was projected to hit at 3 p.m., just as we were scheduled to dock. We had to stay out away from the shore, and there was a chance that we might lose our first day's stay in Japan.

The water was being churned up in great waves, and the ship was lurching in all directions. As the sun went down, we headed into the storm. The ship was going up and down from high crests to low valleys, and the horizon line was lifting and lowering so fast it gave me vertigo. When I tried to walk around the ship, I kept crashing

into walls, falling down stairs and stumbling into furniture. I had to teach my class in the middle of it all. Many students were absent due to seasickness.

Ironically, the topic of discussion that day was Japanese wood block prints, and I decided to highlight Hokusai's "The Great Wave." In this famous work, the artist concentrates on a huge crashing wave as it curls over the sea surface and frames a tiny Mt. Fuji in the background. Little long-

boats slice through the waves and are only noticeable to the viewer after a prolonged observation of the image. Human beings are barely noticeable in the vast expanse of sea and sky. Hokusai transforms the wave into an exhilarating pattern, and the foam on its edges and the drops of spray add to the sense of the overwhelming power of the sea. I never really understood the

work until my experience that day. After class, we went out and looked at the waves. They were as tall as several-story buildings and crashed like demons against the windows of the lower decks. ...

Dinner was quite an experience that night as plates and tables flew in all directions. I tried to hold on to my dinner so it would not end up in someone else's lap. I was unsuccessful. During a particularly spectacular lurch upwards and a corresponding drop downwards, my dinner flew off the table. I tried to catch it, but my chair went flying, too, and I ended up on the floor, tossed there by the force of the storm. It was humiliating to be lying there in a puddle of salad and peas, but I was so happy that my seasick patch was working, and I was not violently ill, that this little embarrassment seemed quite minor.

I am ashamed to admit, however, that after dinner was over, I dressed in the clothes they told us to wear for the lifeboat drill, put on my life jacket and lay on my bed in the fetal position. My purpose was only to wait until the ship broke in two and we all sank to the bottom of the sea. •



# News from ALUMNI



Donna Sellman '45

## Sellman Bids Adieu

With characteristic vigor, Alumni Director **Donna Sellman '45** stole the show at a February reception held in her honor where more than 150 well-wishers flocked to McDaniel Lounge to personally thank this effervescent patron for her energy, creativity, commitment and leadership of innovative programs and services for the college alumni.

In a sporty coral-colored suit that complimented her new Aruba-tanned look, Sellman hardly looked the part of a second-career veteran whose combined years of professional service in education, both as a teacher, principal and higher education administrator, exceed 50 years.

In honor of her nearly 20

years of service as the college's Director of Alumni Affairs, the Board of Trustees invited Sellman to join the select group of faculty and administrators who receive emeritus status and presented her with an illuminated award citation in honor of her retirement.

"Few of us can keep pace with her," said Joan Develin Coley, who read the trustees' citation. "The word, retire, or its derivatives, are simply not in Donna's lexicon."

Leaving the day-to-day operations to her yet-to-be-named successor, Sellman headed home, only days later to take flight toward another new destination somewhere in the world where she will continue to "unofficially" wave the WMC flag. Watch for updates in Class Notes. •

## New Alumni Leaders Take Their Places

Winding down her two-year term as Alumni Association president, **Kathy Moore Rittler '68** will hand the torch to **Phil Enstice '71** on July 1.

Enstice, a member of the Annual Fund Founders Society, is a former Alumni Council director, class agent, visitor to the Board of Trustees and Alumni Association president-elect. He has been a committee member for his class reunion, the Alumni Chapter Steering Committee and the Reunion Task Force. He has also volunteered his time for admissions, career services and as a caller for the Annual Fund.

President-Elect **Pam Zappardino '71**, also class reporter, will join Enstice in a two-year office term. She has been part of the Alumni National Fund Committee and the Annual Fund Founders Society.

Three-year terms for alumni visitors to the Board of Trustees will also begin this summer.

**Otto Guenther '63**, director of the Alumni Council and a Trustee Alumni Award recipient, has been a career services volunteer and served on his Class Reunion Committee.

Meritorious Service Award recipient **Sally Griffin Marks '52**, a former class reporter and class agent, has volunteered as a fund raiser for Gill Center. She was a member of the Biology Tribute Committee and her Class Reunion Committee.

**Caroline Babylon '76**, a former Carroll County Student Grant Program volunteer, also helped with the Gill Center campaign and served on her Class Reunion Committee.



Phil Enstice '71

**Miles Cole '67**, who has served as a director before, has been a chair and a member of the Nominations Committee, as well as a member of his Class Reunion Committee. •

## Legislator, Trustee Malkus Dies

**Frederick C. Malkus**, retired Maryland State Senator and college trustee emeritus, died at the age of 86 on Nov. 9, 1999. He was a lawyer and a legislator, as well as a hunter, trapper and farmer. "He's a man of the soil and the water," the late Maryland State Comptroller Louis Goldstein said of him.

The grandson of a German immigrant, Malkus was born in Baltimore's Highlandtown neighborhood in 1913 and soon moved to Dorchester County on the Eastern Shore. After graduating from Western Maryland in 1934, he enrolled in the University of Maryland Law School and received his law degree in 1938. Drafted into the Army in 1941, he was inspired to get involved in politics while serving in Europe and was released as a major in 1945.

His legislative tenure, which began as a Dorchester County



**Frederick C. Malkus '34**

member of the House of Delegates (1947-1957), followed by election to the Senate, exceeded that of any other member of Maryland's legislative body—nearly 50 years. He was known for his zest in limiting the extent of environmental regulations, particularly those affecting watermen and farmers on the Eastern Shore; pushing for the replacement of several major bridges on the Shore; upholding individual property rights; and seeking legalization of slot machines in the Shore's service clubs.

"There's nothing I like better than a good floor fight in the Maryland Senate," Malkus said in a *Hill* interview in 1992. He fought higher state taxes and the use of state funds to help build the Baltimore subway and to assist private projects, as well as to permit drivers to gather oysters in the Bay.

He served as chairman of the powerful Judicial Proceedings Committee of the Senate for 12 years and as Senate president pro tem, presiding over the

Senate when the president is absent, for 20 years.

Malkus counted his alma mater amongst his constituency. He sponsored or co-sponsored bills that provided matching bonds of over \$6 million to benefit the college. In 1953, he supported an amendment to the capital improvements bill to provide state aid to the institution, resulting in the construction of Daniel MacLea Hall. In 1958, his efforts helped convince the

Board of Public Works to release the mortgage made to the state by the Board of Trustees in 1928, eliminating a college debt of nearly \$60,000.

In 1962, Malkus was elected a voting member of Western Maryland's Board of Trustees, serving until his 70th birthday. He was given emeritus status in 1985 and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1980.

He was honored for his legislative work in 1987 when the four-lane bridge that directs U.S. Route 50 traffic across the Choptank River at Cambridge, Md., was named for him, recognizing his five-year effort to obtain its funding.

The senator is survived by his wife Margaret and three children: Margaret Elizabeth LaPerch '81, Frederick Charles Malkus III '82 and Susan Moorer Malkus '86. His family is establishing a scholarship fund in his memory. Contact Director of Gift Planning Gail Shaivitz at 410/857-2249 for more information. •

## Sports Hall of Fame Honors Standouts

Like all great athletes, the Terror teams have experienced the thrill of competition—and the lucky ones have enjoyed the triumph of being the best. The WMC Sports Hall of Fame honored a few of the college's greatest competitors at a November ceremony.

**Richard A. Clower '50**, professor of exercise science and physical education emeritus, returned to WMC to teach in 1956 after earning a master's degree at Springfield College and a doctorate of education from West Virginia University. He spent many years as head coach for basketball (1956-67), track (1956-65) and lacrosse (1969-76), as well as an assistant in baseball, football and soccer. Athletic director for 19 years and head of the graduate program for more than 25 years, he earned the Distinguished Teach-

ing Award in 1965 and was named five times to the Outstanding Educators of America. He was appointed to numerous boards throughout his career, including the Board of Visitors of the Maryland School for the Deaf. He also served on the NCAA Credentials Committee and as president of the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association and the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference. In the Army from 1951-53, he earned several commendations, including a U.N. Medal and a Korean Presidential Unit Citation. A resident of Westminster, Md., he was inducted into WMC's ROTC Hall of Fame in 1993.

Although she played three sports, **Sandi Stevens Corbo '89** is best known for her tenacious attacking style in field hockey and lacrosse. In field hockey, she helped lead the team to a Mid-Atlantic Conference championship in 1987 and was honored by the Baltimore College Field



**Sports Hall of Fame inductees Michael A. Rentko '53, Professor Emeritus Richard A. Clower '50, Howard L. Wallace '81, Cynthia Boyer Thompson '87, Sandi Stevens Corbo '89 and Ejner Johnson Jr., accepting the posthumous award for Richard C. Johnson '84.**

Hockey Association in 1985 and 1986. In four years of varsity lacrosse, she set records in goals for a season (57 in 1986), goals in a game (8), assists in a season (35 in 1987) and career points (301). She was named All-America first team in 1987, 1988 and 1989 by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Division III and the U.S. Women's Lacrosse Association.



**Sandi Stevens Corbo '89**, known for her tenacious attacking style, and **Cynthia Boyer Thompson '87**, a four-year letter winner.

records still hold for the longest field goal (52 yards), receptions in a game (15) and longest pass reception (93 yards). His pass catching feats are still Centennial Conference records. Named to the Pizza Hut All-America team in 1983, his school record is tied for the most points scored in a game (24). He was an All-Maryland first team kicker in 1981 and an All-Centennial

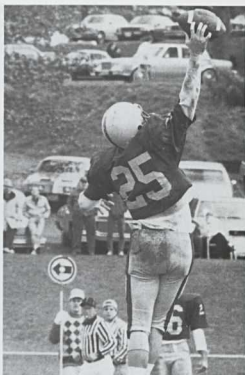


**Richard Johnson's '84 record still holds for longest pass reception (93 yards).**

the 1951 undefeated squad in tackles and played all special teams. He was also a two-year starter as center midfielder for the lacrosse team. Rentko earned the John Alexander Award in 1953 for the top senior athletic record and honors

as an ROTC distinguished military student. He went on to serve in the Army from 1953-55 before an honorable discharge as a first lieutenant. After earning his master's degree from WMC in 1959, he was a teacher, coach and administrator at St. Paul's School in Baltimore for 41 years before retiring in 1996. While varsity lacrosse coach, he led his 1967 undefeated team to the Middle States Association championship. He also was an instructor with the middle school lacrosse program for more than 40 years. He resides in Chester, Md.

Still a record holder in women's varsity basketball (most field goals made and most field goals attempted), **Cynthia Boyer Thompson '87** also won honors on the softball diamond as a pitcher and first baseman. A four-year letter winner as a forward/center, she was a two-year all-star for the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference Southwest League, as well as two-time MVP in 1986 and 1987. An excellent student, she was named an honorable mention member of the GTE Academic All-America team as a junior and to the second team as a senior. She also was named to the Academic All-America second team in softball and earned



the Women's Alumnae Athletic Award in 1987. Thompson earned a master's degree in biotechnology from The Johns Hopkins University. A resident of Fulton, Md., she has continued to play and coach recreational basketball and softball.

A four-year starter in basketball, **Howard L. Wallace '81** captained the team from 1979-81 and was a three-time All-State and All-Conference selection. He earned the Tri-Captain MVP award in 1981 and the Art Press MVP award in 1979 and 1981. Leading the team in scoring in 1979 and 1980, he is still fifth on the WMC all-time scoring list with 1,339 career points. An honors graduate, he served in the Army from 1981-85 and in the Reserves through 1989 before an honorable discharge as captain. Now a minister living in Bel Air, Md., he has coached youth baseball, football and basketball for many years in Harford County. He wrote "Federal Plantation: Affirmative Inaction Within Our Federal Government" and has served as president of the Susquehanna Chapter of Blacks in Government and president/CEO of the Equal Employment Opportunity Network. •

tion. She also played varsity basketball for one season. Corbo won the Faith Millard Medal for the best female athletic record and the Alumnae Athletic Award in 1989. She has since coached field hockey and lacrosse at Villa Julie College and was a longtime player/captain in the Baltimore Metro Summer Lacrosse League. The Baltimore resident is now a physical education teacher at Stoneleigh Elementary School.

Late **Richard C. Johnson '84** was a two-sport star with honors in football and baseball. A four-year letterman in football as wide receiver and kicker, his

Conference first team wide receiver in 1983. On the diamond, he was a slugging catcher and outfielder who earned first team honors in 1982 for the All-Middle Atlantic Conference-Southern Division. He was a key player on the 1984 squad that went 16-5 and brought home the Middle Atlantic Conference baseball championship. At the time of his death in February 1991, Johnson was an account executive at Chamison Brokerage Company in Baltimore.

A three-year football letterman, **Michael A. Rentko '53** was an offensive and defensive starter in 1951 and 1952. He led

## Campaign Surpasses \$40 Million Mark

"I call you from darkness into light," said Board Chair James Melhorn, echoing the mantra of the college seal as he announced the outstanding success of the largest comprehensive fundraising campaign in the college's history.

The three-year campaign, with a goal to raise \$40 million by the Dec. 31, 1999, deadline, raised gifts and pledges totaling \$41,118,138.

"Not only did we reach the goal, but through the support of trustees, alumni, friends and others, we were able to push past it," said Rich Kief, vice president of Institutional Advancement, of the more than 10,000 individuals who stepped forward to contribute to this campaign. "It was a huge success and gives the college a solid foundation on which to build in this new century."

The campaign kicked off on Sept. 28, 1996, as Bob Keeshan, known worldwide as Captain Kangaroo, opened a day-long celebration. Later, thousands from the campus and community gathered in Gill Center to watch the area's first indoor laser light show.

The campaign closed with a similarly spectacular celebration. After a victory dinner, guests toured campus along illuminated walkways while being serenaded by student musical ensembles. Newly renovated or built buildings glowed from inside and out, and Ward Memorial Arch was bathed in another light show as revelers toasted the college's success.

"The success of this campaign prepares us to move forward and



Joe Menendez '81 and Randy Heck '82 toast the campaign's success.

set our sights higher as we look to the future," said National Campaign Chair Martin K.P. Hill. At the beginning of the campaign, he insisted that "You can't lead where you're not willing to go." His leadership helped the college surpass its \$40 million goal, and his pace-setting gift of \$1.5 million was the driving force behind the renovation of the now Martin K.P. Hill Hall, the college's largest ever single gift by a living individual.

Hill, whose daughter Jennifer '93 attended WMC, was given the John Smith Memorial Medallion for his commitment to the college, an award presented only twice since its creation in 1981 and established in honor of one of the founders of the college, who was also the first chairman of the Board and president of the Western Maryland Railroad.

Smith was a model of the non-educator who, in a lay capacity, was a bulwark in the emergence of American higher education. The award is given to individuals whose spirit and service are reminiscent of Smith's.

The funds raised by the campaign has already begun to shape the campus and the opportunities available to today's students. New and renovated buildings foster teaching and



Above: National Campaign Chair Martin K.P. Hill flips the switch to illuminate Ward Memorial Arch with a dazzling light show.

Left: Senior Raphaelael Taylor puts a modern twist on the alma mater with the help of the WMC Jazz Band.



learning, and communications technology brings the resources of the world into the library, classrooms and residence halls. Substantial increases in annual giving—the bread and butter of the college's gift support—augment the operating budget, and increased financial aid and scholarships are now available through endowed funds.

"What a triumph for all of us as together we build a firm foundation to serve the coming generations of students," said Melhorn. •

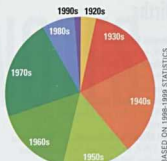
## Trustees Challenge '80s and '90s Classes to Give

How much is a Western Maryland College degree worth?

In the game of college rankings, one of the factors that decides which college makes it to the top of the charts is the number of alumni who give back to the institution. As enrollment grows each year, nearly half of WMC's total number of alumni graduated in the 1980s and 1990s. However, less than 10 percent of them gave a gift to the Annual Fund last year (see illustration). That brings the college down in the charts, making WMC less visi-



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Alumni Annual Giving by Decade

1920s	3.4%	1960s	16.3%
1930s	14.6%	1970s	21.5%
1940s	21.1%	1980s	7.0%
1950s	14.7%	1990s	1.3%

ble and its degree less valuable.

Fortunately, there's an easy way for those classes to change the trend—join the '80s and '90s Challenge. Make a gift of any amount before June 30, and it will automatically be matched by \$100. This generous addition to any gift from the '80s and '90s classes is thanks to a group of college trustees who want to see the college earn the ranking it deserves.

The more young alums that participate, the better WMC looks and the more the college can offer today's students. Giving makes everyone's degree more valuable.

Call 1-800-611-7510 to make a gift, or look for details at [www.wmcd.edu](http://www.wmcd.edu).

## Krahling-Haddad Joins Fund-Raising Team



Krahling-Haddad

As director of corporate and foundation relations, Steve Krahling-Haddad joins the development staff to identify and cultivate

regional and national donors in business and foundations.

He has been serving in a similar capacity since April 1998 with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, where he was responsible for securing major gifts from more than 100 corporations and foundations and was acting director of the organiza-

tion's corporate and foundation relations program.

Krahling-Haddad, who earned a bachelor's degree in speech communication from Indiana University at Bloomington in 1991, is a member of the National Society for Fund Raising Executives.

## Banking on the Future

Bill and Lucretia Tanner join writer and college counselor Loren Pope in knowing that colleges change lives. That's why after seeing two of their children through WMC (Bill '75 and Cynthia '84), they gave a substantial gift to help other students receive the same life-changing education.

In 1996 they established the William and Lucretia Tanner Endowed Scholarship Fund with \$100,000. This year they added \$350,000 to increase the principal of the fund over the \$500,000 mark, contributing to one of the largest and most important scholarship funds in the history of the college.

"It's important for the future of the country to have well-educated people," said Lucretia Tanner.

In the four years that the Tanner scholarship has been awarded, worthy students have received \$35,119 of scholarship assistance. Over 85% of the college's students receive some sort of financial aid, whether it be scholarship assistance, loans or work-study jobs.

Since the college's endowment is only \$49 million, much small-



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Bill and Lucretia Tanner

er than competitor schools, such gifts are necessary to meet the financial assistance needs of a number of students, allowing the college to focus its budget on improving facilities, academic courses and campus technology.

The Tanners know the value of financial aid; they both received it during their schooling. William Tanner studied at George Washington University through the G.I. Bill, graduating in 1959. He spent nine years as a pharmaceutical sales representative before joining Merrill Lynch in Washington, D.C., where he is now vice president and financial consultant.

Lucretia, a retired director of a government agency, received her undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut and did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. She was the beneficiary of financial aid at both institutions.

"It's important to give back, to help others who may not be financially able to go to college," she said. "We are fortunate our careers and frugality have enabled us to save money and give back."

Two out of three Tanner children attended Western Maryland. Maj. Bill Tanner '75, who

studied through the ROTC program, is now an internist practicing in Fort Washington, Md. Active in the medical profession, he has served as president of physicians' groups.

Daughter Cynthia Tanner Rawlings '84, also involved in ROTC at WMC, is the full-time mother of two young boys after working 14 years as customer relations director for Andrea's Office Products' furniture division.

Their third child, who attended the University of Maryland, is an auditor for the Smithsonian.

The dedication of parents to their children runs strong at WMC. Out of the top five largest non-bequest gifts ever given to the college, three have come from parents. Martin K.P. Hill, father of Jennifer '93, gave \$1.5 million to renovate Memorial Hall—now renamed Hill Hall—and Jim Hindman, father of Tim '87, endowed the college's first scholarship in the humanities with \$1.1 million. •

Contact Director of Annual Giving Kimberly Parks at 410/857-2289 if you would like to make a gift.

## In Memoriam

**Mrs. Mary Lankford Keenan '22**, of Westover, Md., on October 14, 1999.

**Mrs. Virginia Wheeler Hamilton '26**, of Sacramento, Calif., in June 1996.

**Mrs. Catherine Sponseller Thomas '27**, of Satellite Beach, Fla., on November 24, 1999.

**Mrs. Mary Ruth Holt Hannold '29**, of Chestertown, Md., on December 27, 1999.

**Mrs. Clara Ward Ayton '30**, of Doylestown, Pa., on October 2, 1999.

**Mrs. Margaret Leonard Leach '30**, of Wilmington, Del., on September 29, 1999.

**Mr. Otis M. Trice '30**, of Cambridge, Md., on November 18, 1999.

**Mrs. Isabel Douglas Rein '31**, of Reston, Va., on September 2, 1999.

**Mrs. Dorothy Billingsley Linzey '33**, of Baltimore, Md., on October 30, 1999.

**Mr. Robert R. Reese '33**, of Tulsa, Okla., on September 20, 1999.

**Mr. Benjamin O. Boyd '34**, of Temple City, Calif., in 1997.

**Mrs. Katherine Timmons Leitch '34**, of Winston-Salem, N.C., on September 19, 1999.

**The Honorable Frederick C. Malkus '34**, of Cambridge, Md., on November 9, 1999.

**Mrs. Margaret Williams Norris '34**, of Knoxville, Tenn., on November 10, 1999.

**Mrs. Martha Washburn Berthoff '36**, of Bloomington, Ill., on August 4, 1999.

**Mrs. Virginia Gill Griggs '37**, of Cumberland, Md., on October 31, 1999.

**Mr. J. Roscoe Elliott Jr. '38**, of Laurel, Del., on July 24, 1999.

**Mrs. Ann Dill Hamel '38**, of Arnold, Md., on December 26, 1999.

**Mrs. Mary Edwards Mackley '38**, of Woodbine, Md., on January 4, 2000.

**Mr. Roland E. Watkins '38**, of Ellicott City, Md., on November 1, 1999.

**Mr. Carleton Gooden '40**, of Denton, Md., on December 6, 1999.

**Mr. LaRue I. Croman '41**, of Muney, Pa., on March 30, 1992.

**Mr. Thornton M. Wood '42**, of Glen Arm, Md., on November 16, 1999.

**Mrs. Doris Himler Markley '44**, of Towson, Md., on December 30, 1999.

**Mr. H. Walter Lehman MEd '46**, of Waynesboro, Pa., on April 10, 1999.

**Mrs. Barbara Randall Pense '46**, of Leonminster, Maine, on October 13, 1999.

**Rev. William R. Morriman '47**, of Hays, Kan., on January 7, 1999.

**Rev. F. Bailey Phelps Sr. '47**, of Gaithersburg, Md., on October 14, 1999.

**Mr. Robert W. Richardson '50**, of Cody, Wyo., on June 19, 1999.

**Mr. John B. Roberts '50**, of Jonas Ridge, N.C., on July 28, 1998.

**Mr. Norman J. Needle '51**, of Baltimore, Md., on November 30, 1999.

**Mrs. Carol Bauer Shattuck '54**, of Potomac, Md., on November 19, 1999.

**Mrs. Margaret Cassidy Bailer-Sullivan MEd '55**, of Westminster, Md., on November 4, 1999.

**Dr. Earl F. Hartlaub MEd '58**, of Halifax, Pa., on December 3, 1999.

**Mrs. F. Lynn Mayer '58**, of Skyville, Md., on September 30, 1999.

**Mr. Thomas L. Dark '60**, of Rutland, Vt., on July 18, 1994.

**Mr. Robert E. Hess MEd '62**, of Secretary, Md., on December 17, 1999.

**Mrs. Pauline Harrison Legard '64**, of Columbia, Md., on November 26, 1999.

**Mr. Louis J. Pecoraro MEd '73**, of Westminster, Md., on November 12, 1999.

**Ms. Florence B. Seltzer MEd '87**, of Gettysburg, Pa., on November 1, 1999.

**Ms. Lisa C. Thibodeau MS '96**, of Frederick, Md., on September 15, 1999.

**Dr. Ralph C. John**, honorary doctor of humane letters '97 and college president emeritus, of Berlin, Md., on November 25, 1999.

**Dr. Margaret W. Denman-West**, associate professor of education emerita, of Roanoke, Md., on October 4, 1999.

## Marriages

**Steve Ports '83** to Elaine Diffendall, on September 17, 1999. They reside in Severna Park, Md.

**David Grodnick '87** to Lori Amoroso, on June 17, 1999. They reside in Lawrenceville, N.J.

**Linda Pianowski '89** to Drew Frederick, on May 22, 1999. They reside in Cockeysville, Md.

**Courtright Sandstrom '89** to Jennifer Marshall, on September 4, 1999. They reside in Monkton, Md.

**Shannon Smith '92** to Kirk Smith, on September 25, 1999. They reside in Wilmington, Del.

**Elizabeth Lawrence '94** to John Demers, on November 5, 1999. They reside in Harleysville, Pa.

**Heather Roy '95** to Jay Grossguth, on September 18, 1999. They reside in Warwick, R.I.

**Nicole LeDoux '97** to Eric Jodlhuber, on September 25, 1999. They reside in Riverview, Fla.

**May Cannon '98** to Matt Steiner '98, in August 1998. They reside in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

**Amy Lloyd '98** to Charles Clayton Jr. '98, on October 24, 1998. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Richard Melkijohn '98** to Amy North '98, on November 7, 1999. They reside in Pensacola, Fla.

**Reka Reichard '98** to Zoltan Menyhart '98, on September 11, 1999. They reside in Pasadena, Md.

**Kim Walter '98** to Ghon Eckley, on September 5, 1999. They reside in Mt. Airy, Md.

## Births

**Morgan Kelly Fox**, on September 13, 1999, to Kenneth '84 and Shelly Fox.

**Michael Eric Kronner**, on October 28, 1999, to Michael and Cathy Orzolek-Kronner '86.

**Anne Elizabeth Martin**, on June 11, 1999, to John and Maureen Carroll '86 Martin.

**Roni Mikaela McDonald**, on November 27, 1999, to Michael '86 and Regina Woolen '90 McDonald.

**Matthew Edward Sadler**, on July 2, 1999, to Tim and Julie Jurd-Sadler '86.

**Jonathan Travis Bailey**, on September 16, 1999, to Steve '87 and Paula Bailey.

**Rebekah Rose Thacker**, on January 2, 1999, to Dean and Annmarie Brannan '87 Thacker.

**Christopher Dunne**, on October 1998, to Matt '87 and Tracy Buckman '88 Dunne.

**Taylor Anne Swanson**, on October 10, 1999, to Edward '88 and Karen Frank '90 Swanson.

**Andrew Paul Marini**, on December 5, 1998, to Jorge '88 and Debbie Atwood '90 Marini.

**Anna Rose McEvoy**, on April 9, 1999, to Russell and Tara Stevenson '88 McEvoy.

**Kathleen Smith**, on August 3, 1999, to Edward and Joyce Murn '88 Smith.

**Shannon Joyce Snyder**, on June 26, 1999, to Denny '88 and Missi Snyder.

**Marissa Staub**, on June 13, 1999, to Todd '88 and Beth Staub.

**Margaret Rose Corbo**, on October 18, 1999, to Joe and Sandi Stevenson '89 Corbo.

**Christian Thomas Hartman**, on June 1, 1998, to Robert and Melissa Engel '90 Hartman.

**Brennan Kohl Maher**, on February 18, 1999, to Dennis and Lisa Diefenbaugh '90 MS '93 Maher.

**Emilie Isabella Ross**, on August 17, 1999, to David '90 and Diana Little '90 Ross.

**Caroline Daily Gathagan**, on July 6, 1999, to Michael and Mary Neil Corcoran '91 Gathagan.

**George Thomas Klees**, on October 16, 1999, to Don and Elizabeth Palmer '91 Klees.

**John Foster Perdue**, on March 13, 1999, to Cherie and Kim Vermette '91 Perdue.

**Eileen McGehee Vis**, on November 24, 1999, to Sean '91 and Kelly Vis.

**Zachary Matthew Zeyher**, on October 12, 1999, to Matt '91 and Danielle Trent '91 Zeyher.

**Joseph James Conklin**, on May 22, 1999, to Chris '92 and Susan Head '94 Conklin.

**Joseph Patrick Furnari Jr.**, on September 5, 1999, to Joe '92 and Kerry Meyers '93 Furnari.

**Brett Jake Hammond**, on October 19, 1999, to Bradley and Deborah Ashline MS '93 Hammond.

**Nicholas Little**, on December 9, 1998, to Jeffrey MS '93 and Robin Little.

**Sarah Hope Montgomery**, on November 30, 1999, to Brian and Trisha Darmstadt '93 Montgomery.

**Matthew Steven Snider**, on April 19, 1999, to Michael and Robin Lang '93 Snider.

**Grace Kathryn Vogel**, on December 11, 1998, to Eric and Becky Bowman '94 Vogel.

**Elizabeth Young**, on February 25, 1999, to Kenneth '94 and Tara Harbold '96 Young.

**Mia Wilson**, on June 4, 1999, to Tyler '95 and Michele Reavy '94 Wilson.

**Celladean Mary Arthur**, on December 1, 1999, to Christopher '97 and Jacky Arthur.

**William P. Block III**, on June 4, 1999, to William and Lori Mowen '97 Block.

**Allyson Fachler**, on June 8, 1999, to Michael and Jessica Williams MS '98 Fachler.

**Ashley Nicole Kessler**, on December 2, 1998, to John and Paula Sprinkle MS '98 Kessler.

**Sydney King**, on June 18, 1999, to Christopher and Stephanie Battaglia MS '99 King.

**Kaela Jo Luttrell**, on May 22, 1999, to Thomas and Jolene Whaley MS '99 Luttrell.

**Cody Stewart Waring**, on April 26, 1999, to Robert and Sharon Chloupek MS '99 Waring.

## Master's Column

Congratulations to **Sharon Craig MS '91** who received the 1999 Joseph R. Bailer Award from WMC on Oct. 26.

Awardee, a doctoral candidate at the University of Maryland, is coordinator of continuous improvement for Carroll County's integrated language arts programs. Before joining the central office in 1998, she was an integrated language arts specialist for more than six years at Friendship Valley Elementary. She chaired the committee for the Advancing Early Literacy Program, was an instructor for several years in WMC's graduate reading program and served as co-director of the college's summer reading clinic for area children from 1993 to 1995.

**Deborah Ashline Hammond MS '92** is the new librarian at Austine School for the Deaf and is pursuing another degree for library media services. She and Bradley have two children: Samantha, born Sept. 1998, and Brett Jake, born Oct. 19, 1999.

# CLASSNOTES

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Greetings, dear marches. Time marches on! Some how the weeks fly past so fast because for most of us, it takes so much longer to do the simplest task. But many of you are still functioning, and it is good to hear from you.

**LTC Samuel Baxter**, of Sparks Md., writes from his Hilton Head Island, S.C., vacation home where he spends about half of his time. "Our five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren are growing so rapidly!" The oldest is in the Marine Corps and the next entered college last September.

**Elizabeth Erb Budell**, of Harwich Port, Mass., says she turned into an old lady in one second. Betty skidded on a grape in Stop and Shop's produce department. "I am out of the loop until she can rehabilitate an injured knee. Bummer! Cane X-O-X-O." Otherwise, life is good with a winter visit from her grandson, a spring visit from her son in Atlanta and a summer visit from her granddaughter in Boston. Another grandson is in Germany for his junior year at Middlebury. Betty enjoys keeping in touch with family and friends through e-mail.

**Allie May Moxley Buxton**, of Damascus, Md., reports not much change except that they are a bit more crippled. Hubard Roscoe has a "scooter" to get around. She is a candidate for knee replacement surgery. Both can still get to the doctors, as well as to church, restaurants and grocery stores.

**Dr. Charles R. Ehrhardt**, of Sun City West, Ariz., wrote last March of a national news report he heard concerning the good work that WMC has been doing in its deaf education program. Then he added two poetic gems: "Fred Hallway was our president/ His middle name was Garrigus/Which comes in mighty handy/If you seek to rhyme asparagus." And "Sixty years have come and gone/Since first we sang with Alfred deLong." Charles reports that despite decreasing mobility, he has been able to continue both preaching and lecturing, using a "converted" bar stool on occasion. He and Mitzi were planning two "final" cruises: one in November 1999 along the Mexican Riviera and the second in January on the original "Love Boat," sailing from Athens to Capetown—westward across the Mediterranean, then southward along Africa's Atlantic coastline.

**Kirk Fallon Sr.**, of Westminster, Md.,

writes, "We are active, happy and reasonably healthy. We were in Hawaii in May, Helen had knee replacement in July." He now has 11 great-grandchildren—8 months to 14 years. He and Helen attend about four alumni meetings a year but do not see many classmates.

**Martha Wilmer Forthman**, of Sykesville, Md., says she "bottomed out" last April. She discovered she had a compressed disc in her lower lumbar region. For nearly three months it was physical therapy twice a week and using a walker. In October she was just beginning to get around. "It sure has cramped my style!" The biggest news is that she has had five new great-grandchildren in the last year—one set of identical twin boys and three other boys. Now she has eight great-grandchildren—two girls and six boys.

**Alfred Goldberg**, of Arlington, Va., is still genuinely employed full time and enjoying it. He finds his work stimulating and healthful and has no plans for retirement.

**Leonard "Bill" Graham**, of Catonsville, Md., reports that he and June moved to Charlestown Retirement Community in southwest Baltimore County in November 1997 and are pleased with all it offers. "No more house painting, repairs and grass cutting. I have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. My mother, brother and sister had it, so it comes as no surprise."

**Temple Morris Madjeski**, of Saint Inigo, Md., went on a cruise to Alaska last summer and walked on a glacier. She traveled west in September with a friend from England who wanted to see the Grand Canyon. They visited her son Terry in Lake Tahoe, Nev., who showed them all around the lake, and she caught a couple of macinaw (lake trout). They also visited Reno where they saw "Spirit of the Dance" on her 82nd birthday. The rest of her time is spent with children and grandchildren.

**Brig. Gen. Alvan N. Moore** and **Veronica Kompanek '40**, of Sterling, Va., are in good health and both still walk the golf course at least twice a week. "Other than that, we bid the time like others our age in retirement centers with all sorts of activities for the old folks."

**Dolly Taylor Moore**, of Denton, Md., says, "Charlie '35 and I are still keeping each other going. We try to laugh a year, see our children and grandchildren, go out to dinner and enjoy each day. Losing many friends makes us sad,

but we count our blessings."

**Paul Nelson**, of Dallas, Texas, says, "Between last New Year's Eve celebration in Orlando and the big millennium bash which I plan to celebrate in Orlando, there will have been six other trips to the East Coast. Why don't I just move? Good question." Last June Paul attended the 65th reunion of Thurmont High School's Class of '34 and stopped briefly at WMC.

**Henry B. Reckord**, of Towson Md., says how thankful he is to be able to ride his bike 6 to 10 miles a day, as weather permits. He enjoys going to Oriole games on Sundays. He attended the 65th reunion luncheon of Towson High School's Class of '34 last October with 23 classmates. He continues to be active in church, Rotary, Masons and WMC alumni luncheons. "October 1998 was a rough month as I lost my daughter, Susan '66, to cancer."

**Anne Brinsfield Simmons**, of Morgantown, Md., reports that without her "special guy" and classmate **Jerry**, she leads a very mundane life. She does, however, follow with great interest the academics and activities of two grandsons—one in his second year in systems engineering at the University of Virginia and the other a senior in high school.

**Doris Phillips Snow**, of Crofton, Md., says, "It is nice to have contact with you and good old WMC—what fun it was!" She is still in the same house, which is too much to care for, but she can't face the thought of giving it up. "Bob and I had such a happy life here." Her son Bob, his wife Maureen and two delightful grandsons are in Florida where Doris spends two months in the winter. Daughter Carole and son Robert are in Massachusetts. They all visit. She also enjoys the usual community activities in Crofton.

**Ellen Hess Sklar**, of Salisbury, Md., is in a nursing home near her daughter Mary. Ellen has endured various health problems and was near death but, as Mary says, "Our little momma was not ready to go!" Starting in March of 1999 she suffered a heart attack complicated by diabetes and some dementia. With the determination to improve and the loving guidance of her daughter to get the best of care, Ellen began to make a comeback. Her wonderful sense of humor was a price-less aid. But then she fell and broke her hip. The mending process began again. She is slowly gaining confidence and independence. "Mother's current memory is not good, but her long term is pretty sharp. She has not forgotten her friends or classmates, and it would mean a lot to hear from them." Notes she rereads and treasures. Do send a card today. Your name will spark a memory. Contact me for her address.

**Charlotte Coppage Young**, of Draydon, Md., says they survived October's Hurricane Floyd even though the tide was very high and the wind fierce. She and husband Charles live on a tree farm which has been designated by the governor as a "Century Farm." It has been owned and operated by the same family for over 100 years. Charles graduated

from Penn State majoring in forestry. They had just harvested 635,685 board feet of timber when the storm hit, so their crop was saved. Both are well with the help of the usual medications for our age. Charlotte is completing 21 years as a Red Cross volunteer in the hospital pharmacy at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. She also serves on the board of Community College at St. Mary's, which will be known, along with Charles and Calvert counties, as The College of Southern Maryland in July. Young people can get their degree or complete their education from Hopkins or the University of Maryland there. Charlotte is also corporate secretary for Cedar Lake Retirement Community in Leonardtown, an unusual organization formed by the Catholic and Episcopal churches.

For the **Simpsons**, **Ray '36** and I depend more each morning on that cup of coffee to get us going. Ray is more dependent upon oxygen. He had another week's stay in the hospital and finds a walker a real boost. We had a nice visit with Lovisab and **Joshua Cockey '36** and **Caroline Smith** and **Allen '36 Dudley** last summer. A sense of humor, good health, help in our home and yard, church services and music (recordings of World War II songs and the National Christian Chorus) keep us going. Summer visits from grandchildren, one at a time, were priceless. We fully expect to make it.

And again a fond farewell to classmates who have died since I last wrote:

**Kathleen Messenger Sherman**, of Melbourne, Fla., died May 31, 1998 (the weekend of our 60th reunion). "Kitty" was born in Federalburg, Md., and following graduation from WMC taught home economics, married Phillip Sherman and lived in Mansfield. The 29 years she spent in Melbourne, and she was a member of the United Church in Sebastian. I remember her fondly. We had many classes together.

**Dorothy Nordwall Bregle** died May 9, 1999, at the Methodist Manor House in Seaford, Del. She went on to earn a master's degree in education from the University of Chicago. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Maryland Retired Teachers Association.

**Dr. L. Eugene Cronin**, of Annapolis, Md., died Dec. 18, 1998, of heart failure at his home. "Gene" and his wife Alice had three sons and four grandchildren. He was the retired director of the University of Maryland environmental research laboratories. Recognized as one of the most prominent Chesapeake Bay scientists of our time, he was awarded numerous prestigious awards for his work to "Save the Bay." A colleague said that his greatest legacy was his amazing ability to discuss matters with local watermen and at the same time speak eloquently with political leaders. As one of the leading Bay researchers of his generation, he was a pre-eminent authority on the blue crab. Gene was as fascinated by the people he encountered as the environment he studied. His warmth and quick wit endeared him to everyone



he met. **Henry Reckord** attended his funeral and was thoroughly impressed with the wonderful tribute to Gene.

**John Roscoe Elliott Jr.** died July 24, 1999, in Laurel, Del., from complications of diabetes. He was retired from banking. He had been a member of Professor Frank Hurt's 1937 tennis team, which won the state championship, and was team captain in 1938. Henry Reckord remembers him fondly as a very methodical, diligent and exacting fraternity brother who never missed one of those cold morning showers and breakfasts. Other members of Roscoe's family graduating from WMC were **Mabel Elliott '02**, and **John Roscoe Elliott Sr. '05** and brothers **Dr. Joseph Elliott '43** and **James I. Elliott '43**.

*"Fred Holloway was our president/His middle name was Garrigus/Which comes in mighty handy/If you seek to rhyme asparagus."*

— **Charles Ehrhardt '38**

**C. Richard Mac**, of Chambersburg, Pa., died Dec. 11, 1998, at Hershey Hospital. He attended the Columbia Business College, Rutgers University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He taught chemistry, physics and math in the Washington County schools. He also instructed students to play the organ. Richard was a World War II veteran serving with the U.S. Army at Leyte and Ramoanga in the Philippines. After the war he worked as an accountant in several furniture stores, became a right of way agent with the State Roads Commission and served in the Office of Naval Research in Allegheny Ballistics. He later transferred to the Silver Spring office, then to The Johns Hopkins University and George Washington University, where he retired in 1984. Richard played an important part in several guilds of organists. He was also active in the Masonic Lodge. At the Luther Ridge Retirement Village he served as president of the Residents' Association.

**Roland E. Watkins**, of Ellicott City, Md., died Nov. 1, 1999. He had been married 52 years to Ruth Herring and had one daughter, three sons, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His brother **Lutwin Watkins '30** lives in Damascus. In World War II, Roland served as Captain with the 4th Infantry Division on June 6, 1944, the invasion of Europe at Utah Beach. He was also a part of the Korean War. At home he was a supervisor with International Harvester Company for 40 years. He and Ruth enjoyed trips through the states in their travel trailer. He treasured the friendship of **Paul Nelson**. He wrote at one time,

"My most rewarding accomplishment was finding Ruth and then seeing our children grow and take their responsible places in the world."

**Col. William Frank Malone**, of Salisbury, Md., died Aug. 28, 1999, at Peninsula Regional Medical Center. Frank was a graduate of Duke University Law School. He was a World War II veteran and became a member of the active reserve and an associate of a Baltimore law firm. He was recalled to active duty in 1951, serving in Korea. After retiring, Frank led various organizations in Salisbury, the lower Eastern Shore and Maryland. He had a lifelong interest in music and was a concert supporter of the New York Philharmonic and the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington. He and his wife Margaret had a son, two daughters and five grandchildren. Memorial services were held at the United Methodist Church in Allen and Arlington National Cemetery. It was touched when his daughter Ruth called to say he had remained lucid to the end, and her last conversation with him was about the Founder's Society at WMC. He died quickly in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. "He is now happy with mother," Frank followed **Sherwood Balderson** and later **James Coleman** as president of our class. He led us our senior year and through the years of activities and reunions. **Alfred Goldberg** expressed it for us: "I feel bereft by the loss of Frank Malone." And **Charles Ehrhardt** writes, "I join all our classmates in grieving at the death of Frank Malone who, for us, was an exemplary class president. Every classmate obit increases both our awareness and our gratitude for that which both classmates and WMC have meant for good in our lives."

And that says it all. Bye now 'til next time.

Helen Leatherwood Simpson  
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I seem to have heard from a little more than 35 percent of you—not too bad since I was so late getting the cards out.

My thanks to you. I'll start with the bad news. We lost several classmates since December 1998: **Fred Bohm** in December, our class minister **Margaret Reeves Saunders**, **Bernice Kopf Brihant**, **Alice Rohrer Downey**, **Elise Gray Shank** and **Pauline Whitmore**. Our condolences to all the families.

Also, my roommate **Jo Daniel Bair** lost her husband Chuck in the spring of 1999. **Doris Jones Earl** lost her husband **Warren '44** suddenly in July. I know how deeply they are missed.

All four of **Dr. Pruess-Jones'** children are now in the Dallas/Austin area. Bert and Anna spend a lot of time relishing their small grandchildren. They traveled to Vancouver in August and took the Canadian Pacific rail tour—Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper. Bert said, "Nice to need a sweater after

Texas temperatures."

**Mary Frances Hawkins Galbreath** wrote that **Sam '40** seems happy with his structured life in the health care center. Since she is in the same building, she can see him every day, but she is confined to San Antonio. With Sam's blessing she went to Virginia for a week to attend the 60th high school reunion with her family. Her son and grandchildren visited in July. The eldest girl is a senior at St. Olaf College, and another is a senior in high school. Mary Frances wrote that if any of you have reunions in San Antonio, let her know. She and Sam would be happy to see you.

**Don Buncie** says life in their retirement village is great. He has gained 12 pounds and has a good group of WMC girls and guys there, including **Bosley '80**. **Daughter**. Don spends lots of time e-mailing grandsons in Rome, London, California and Michigan.

**Bud Blair** says he and Gerry are in good health and active. They enjoy their granddaughter and traveling. Son Kevin, promoted to full Colonel, is stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona. Daughter Barbara and family live on the St. Lawrence River. He says they dodged hurricanes in South Carolina.

**Eleanor Healy Taylor** continues to be busy with five grandsons on four different terms and enjoying namesake granddaughter Eleanor Kaestner, 3. She is still teaching Sunday school, singing in the choir and writing the weekly column for a county paper and the Baltimore Historic Trust.

**Yvonne Earle Link** is a true computer whiz. She keeps in touch with family in Virginia, Japan and Hawaii by e-mail. She even has a computer-run embroidery sewing machine. Yvonne has five great-grandchildren.

**Alvin Levin** reports that his past year has been likened to the disasters of Job. Their daughter, Vicki, died of lupus in October 1998. Selma had two displaced fractures of her pelvis. Al had his fourth back surgery and his bride of 55 years was to undergo colon cancer surgery. He asked for "some good news, and please say a prayer for us." I'm sure all join in praying for you, Al.

**Ginny Bell Huff** is working as a docent in local museums. She has three children and seven grandchildren. She went to Panama in 1999 and to WMC for Bill '41's 55th reunion in 1996 and hers in 1998.

**Bob Beglin** and **"Perk" Haller '46** went to France in 1998 for their 50th reunion and spent eight weeks in Florida in 1999. They had 28 '43ers for a Homecoming "Happy Hour" potluck. Bob raved about WMC's new Science Center. Grandson Scott is a freshman at Davidson College in North Carolina, and grandson Zachary is 6.

**M. Louise Green** and **Wes '42 Sheffield** sold their Vermont house and are now permanently in Hokomis, Fla. Both are leading groups in writing, doing grandchildren' dwarf them all—Joe, a junior; Katrina, a sophomore; and Drew, in middle school.

"Nemo" Robinson sent me a recap of WMC's football team—27 straight conference wins to date. Go Terrors! He said Homecoming was a special windy day on "the Hill." **Fraser Scott** told me that Nemo and Lucia perform as "The Burns" at Senior Service Clubs and old age homes.

**Doris Harman Krusen** is now in Florida for the winter, just in time to dodge hurricanes and the red tide. Ray celebrated his 83rd birthday. They also celebrated their 50th anniversary.

**Mario Steele Cameron** plays tennis and walks. She bought a new house in Colorado—9,000 feet up and Pike's Peak out her window. She says she's sorry to miss Ocean City get-togethers. She's in Delaware the last two weeks in August now. "Scotty" also sent me an envelope full of clippings of the Class of '43 and an alumni sticker for my car, all of which made me feel "warm and fuzzy" as I went through them. Thanks, Scotty.

**Mary Virginia Walker Metger** writes that she is doing pretty well, volunteering at museums, etc. She and daughter Carol had a great trip to Ireland in July—loved the country. She has had some short senior trips and has seen some good plays.

**Eight** of **Mary Hodgson Hammond's** family traveled to Europe for three weeks in July. **Don '41's** Marietta points. They bought Eurail tickets to travel through several countries, including an eight-hour ride on the Glacier Express through Switzerland. High on their trip was a visit to Normandy and Omaha Beach where Don landed on June 6, 1940. They also visited Verona, Italy, where they lived for four years 37 years ago.

**Ridge "Doggie" Friedel** is now a great-grandfather to Aiden, son of Kyle and Stacy Friedel. **Doggie and Thelma Young '45** are both still singing in the church choir and enjoying it. The West Coast was somewhat "shook up" after the 7.1 quake out in the desert, about 100 miles from them. They enjoyed some evenings at the Bowers Museum this past season.

**Milt Huber** was scheduled for the third time for complete knee replacement in October 1999. Social life involves doctors mostly, he says. **Ruth Miles '45** is well. They summer at the lake cottage in northern Michigan and spend fall and spring near the Mississippi River with a trip to the San Francisco area to visit their son. He also sent his e-mail address. Maybe I should make a listing for our class.

**Doris Baker Dillon** is not singing any more, but she serves as choir librarian trying to record over 1,000 anthems. She enjoys e-mail, especially to El Salvador, where her daughter is public affairs officer at the embassy.

**Winnie Warneken Conner** escaped hurricanes Floyd and Irene without injury or damage. She hoped the rest would be as gentle. Winnie was in Colorado Springs for a Masonic Orders national meeting. She is busy with church and her garden. Her granddaughter attends the College of Charleston.



# CREATIVE BUZZ

## BOOKS

### Reflections of a Graduate

K. Douglas Beakes '48  
Bookcrafters, 1998

Beakes says WMC has his launch pad into a "fabulous life of excitement and self-fulfillment." Now he chronicles the years before "the Hill" in his eighth book, "The Legacy of Delta High School," a humorous recollection of life in his Pennsylvania hometown. A World War II veteran who earned three European campaign battle stars and went on to receive doctorates on both sides of the Atlantic, Beakes served as a consultant to the U.S. Armed Forces in NATO countries. He has published several narrative and poetic works.

Available by fax request to  
703/421-8742.

### Telecommunications and Higher Education

Sherry Manning '65  
ECCI Press, 1997

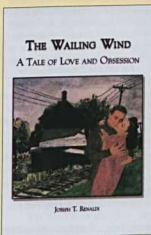
Through conversations with colleges and universities nationwide, Manning demystifies the changing environment of telecommunications created by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 by revealing the opportunities and applications unique to educational institutions that are made possible by

deregulation and enhanced technology. She has been president of two colleges and is the founder of the nation's first consortium for long distance services for higher education and independent schools.

Available at 1-800-YES-ECCI.

### The Wailing Wind: A Tale of Love and Obsession

Joseph T. Renaldi '57  
Five Corners Publications,  
Limited, 1999



"The Wailing Wind" is the story of the strange love obsession between an immortal man who endured the pain and agony of the Korean War and the wanton woman he left behind and rediscovered upon his return. Renaldi introduces readers to the ordeal of small town life in Pennsylvania's deteriorating coal region during the 1950s. Renaldi,



APRIL SAUERWINE

Kris Nystrom Snyder '85 is a fourth generation harper.

who grew up in the western coal region of Pennsylvania, served 40 years in the field of education.

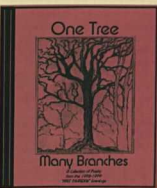
Available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com),  
[www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com) and [www.borders.com](http://www.borders.com).

### One Tree, Many Branches

Various Alumni  
One Tree Productions, 1999

Catch some poetry from some of WMC's finest in the Carroll County Art Council's collection of First Thursday evenings of poetry, art and music. The volume includes Eric Byrd '93, English Professor Kathy Mangan, Walt Michael '68, Carolyn Seaman Scott '67, MLA '76 and Linda Van Hart '68.

Available at 410/857-4075 or  
[dcmith@qix.net](mailto:dcmith@qix.net).



## MUSIC

### Celtic Dreams

Innisfree (Kris Nystrom  
Snyder '85)

Independent, 1999

"Celtic Dreams" is the first release for Kris Nystrom Snyder '85, a fourth generation harper and teacher performing in southern Pennsylvania and the Baltimore area. After being given her great grandmother's Clark harp, she embraced the family tradition as a profession. Her mother, harper Marianna Nystrom, and flutist Tatiana Johanning play with her in the group Innisfree. Snyder also performs for community events, coffee houses, historical societies, area schools and weddings and receptions.

Available at Borders Books & Music,  
[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), [www.bandtoharps.com](http://www.bandtoharps.com) and Innisfree, 28315 Old  
Village Road, Mechanicville, MD  
20659.

Have you just published a book or CD, or have a major movie feature on the way? Send us the details and we'll spread the news. Contact the Office of Public Information, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.

**Louise Fox Dubin** and Charles celebrated their 40th anniversary. Their son Tom lives in their upstairs and teaches.

**Betty Eckenrode and Dennis '35**  
Yingling are settled in Westminster and see other WMCers. They enjoy some golf and lots of walking. She said she'll see us in 2003.

**Ernie Green '53** is a docent on the steamship *Wm. G. Mather*, a floating museum on the Great Lakes.

**Josh and Pat Patterson '48** Ennsor sold their Delaware house. They go to Florida for six months, and in May they will move to a cottage in Westminster's Carroll Lutheran Village. They will be close to WMC and Sparks, where Josh was born.

**Frank Ogden and Bob Moore** live at Heron Point, where they enjoy the closeness of Washington College. Bob bought a new boat. They see even more of children and grandchildren, and a new grandchild was born in September 1999.

**Jim Elliott** has no news except that his "Essenlake Tremor" continues unabated, making it difficult to write and type.

**Bert Bell Fallows** wrote that she has two grandsons.

**Leigh Venzke '41** answered for **Margaret Moss**. In February 1999 they visited Antarctica, marking their trip to all continents. They crossed the Drake Passage with 16-foot swells in the 229-foot ship DISKO, made five landings by Zodiac and saw all kinds of wildlife. They visited a son and daughter in May and took a 15-day trip to the southwest coast of Turkey in September and October. They enjoyed the Mediterranean. He and Peg swam the cliffs into a beautiful underwater cave. They also celebrated their 53rd anniversary.

**Lee and Pearl Bodmer Lodge** sold their mountain property and cabin after 40 years. In August they had another family reunion at Stone Harbor, N.J. **Gale Lodge Thiele '45** was with them. Lee asked me to mention the Class of '43 Memorial Fund that was talked about at our reunion luncheon in honor of, or in memory of, classmates. Send donations to the Alumni Office marked accordingly.

**Doris Lane Linton** went to a wedding in Westlake Village, Calif., where they released butterflies after the ceremony. One of her daughters sculpted a four-foot ice figure for the affair.

**Bill Myers and Irene VanFossen '46** took a trip in May to the Costa del Sol area of Spain, the Mediterranean coast and Gibraltar. In July they attended his World War II Air Force group reunion in Dayton, Ohio.

**Elizabeth Gable Kantruss**, her daughter and family now live one block from

where I grew up in Wenonah, N.J. That's where they were surprised with a 50th anniversary party. "Libby" lost her second sister, Louise, who went to West Chester, in July 1999.

**John "Rock" and June Rawlins** have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The highlight of their year was when "Rock" donned cap and gown and had the privilege of placing the M.D. hood on granddaughter Angela at the University of Louisville. They had lunch with "Mac" and **Jeanne Eckhardt '44 McWilliams**, **Josh and Pat Patterson '48 Ennsor**, and **Bud and Jeanne Diefenbach '44 Smith**.

**Alice "Ginny" Kiefer Stone** also lost her husband in July 1999. She's lonely but learning about the world out there. She spent a day with **Peggy Wilson Ruppberger** in September. Ginny is hoping to get back into golf, painting and reading. Ginny, you have our sympathy. Hang in there.

**Harry and Marie Crawford Lowery** moved from Seattle after Marie broke her hip. She had signed them up for Ashbury Methodist Village a number of years ago. She moved back in with Harry after being in the health care center for six months. She was getting along pretty well using a walker.

I went to Jeff's second daughter's high school graduation in June (She is now a freshman at Vassar) and did some genealogy traveling. Tess, my Rhodes Scholar who graduated from Oxford in July with a master's in philosophy, came home and got married at the Friends Meeting in State College in July 1999. It was a lovely, simple Quaker wedding. The whole family was there except Jeff's eldest, Christy, who was working in her field at a camp for troubled children in New York. She graduated from Connecticut College in May. So for a couple of days we had a family reunion. Tess and Tom Rodebaugh are now in Chapel Hill, N.C., while Tom finishes up graduate school at the University of North Carolina. Grandson Jay is a sophomore at the University of Rochester. Two more grandsons will soon be off to college, where I don't know. I attended my 60th high school reunion in Woodbury, N.J. I'm still singing in the church choir, working with CVW Club, playing bridge and working three half days a week. If I'm home and don't have company, I do computer work. My buddy Tommy keeps me going.

All of us go to your best to keep well and happy. Remember, we are the Class of '43—the best!

**Jean Bentley Thompson**  
22 Woodside Road  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44000



In 1950, did any of us give a thought to the fact that we would be celebrating our 50th reunion in 2002? I doubt it. We had to owe on quickly. We had too much to do, too much to accomplish, too much to create, too

much living to do to even think about our 50th reunion. Well, surprise, surprise! In an amazingly short time, it is here.

From your correspondence, I know many of you have the weekend of April 28-30 marked on your calendar for the big return. I understand **Dorothy Alexander Bickley**, **Bill Dunaney**, **Jim Hackman** and **Al Paul** are working to provide a fun weekend for us.

By reunion time, you will have come out of the caves, finished the bottled water, returned your money to stocks and bonds, put your shogun away and handled the millennium.

We've survived both 50 years and the millennium. Let's celebrate with a return to WMC.

**Betty Robbins Seiland**  
3 Driftwood Lane  
Ocean Pines, MD 21811-1552

**1953** As you read this, the cold and snowy winter is upon us, but as I write this at the end of October, the glorious Maryland fall is in full regalia! We remember our first fall at college ... wearing our beanies that set us apart, adjusting to college food and living in dorms, adjusting to upperclassmen, living in dorms, most importantly, becoming acquainted with our professors and our first semester classes. Ah, nostalgia! Thanks to all of you who sent your news for all to share.

On a sad note, our sympathy goes out to **Pat Witmer Spessard** on the death of her husband Kenneth in the fall of 1999. A card was sent to her on behalf of the class.

**Dave Rhoads** wrote from the Outer Banks, N.C., "Al is well here! We ducked three hurricanes, but spent a lot of time helping the flood victims west of here. Really bad there. Still active in the Kitty Hawk Fire Department and in the building of a new Episcopal church. I am still a starter at Pointe Golf Club and Martins Point Yacht Club. Also, I am three months behind in my yard work!" You have lots of company in that department, Dave.

**Ted Samakouris and Esther Rice '52** spent June and July in Chios, Greece, at his family's home. "It was a busy time making repairs on the house, and I had to register the house and property. On our return home, we spent a week with our second daughter and our six grandchildren (it's always an experience). I am still working part time when not traveling."

**Ray Faby's** wife Norma has retired, but he has only 10 to 15 years to go before his retirement party! They are enjoying their nine grandchildren and

visit them frequently.

**Stu Abrahams** still lives in Jackson Hole, Wyo., in the summer and winter. He is an avid backpacker and "in excellent health." In the spring and fall they live in Greensboro, N.C. He teaches gynecology at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. "I really love it! Otherwise, everything else is status quo—have the standard number of grandchildren (four). Hope to see everyone at our 50th ... I'll be sure to wear my white bucks!"

Sir Toby Belch is alive and well again! So writes **Pete Warner** from Bel Air, Md. He enjoys appearing (again) in dinner theater productions at the church he attends in Fallston. Besides driving for Budget-Rent-A-Car two days a week, his children keep him busy traveling between Howard County, Md., and Florida.

**Liz Kahn Clarke** lives in Seabright, N.J., and wants New Jersey WMCers to give her a call—she's in the book! "Nothing new here. That's good news, right?" Son Steven was to retire from the U.S. Coast Guard in November 1999, and a big family get-together was planned at the C.G. Station in Atlantic Beach, N.J. They also spend time at their place in Chincoteague, Va. "That number is in the phone book, also. Best to all!"

**Donald Stanton '53**  
retired as 11-year  
president of Atlanta's  
Oglethorpe University.

**Nancy McMath** and **John Clayton**, in Forest Hill, Md., keep busy with assorted activities and volunteering with a community program for the needy. John is active in two barbershop chorus groups. They enjoy traveling and seeing the children and grandchildren. Two daughters and their families live in Maryland, and another daughter and two granddaughters live in Seattle. Their son recently returned from duty in Korea and is stationed at Ft. Stewart, Ga.

**Betty Herbert Saltmarsh's** smiling face appeared in photos of two separate alumni trips in the last *AlumNews*. "Rode down the Rhone River helping the captain fix through the 14 locks, toured Arles, Avignon and a dozen other small French towns. Had my second tour of Paris and three days in the Loire Valley going through cathedrals and gardens. Especially loved seeing Monet's home and garden in May. I then visited the National Southwest Parks in August. Only one buffalo at Yellowstone, but lots of elk. Jackson Hole has grown since I was there 30 years ago! Toured Salt Lake City after the tornado (as some damage). Continued on to Arches, Bryce, Zion and Grand Canyon ... Great scenery all the way to Las Vegas! The alumni group were fun people to travel with."

Help your class rise to the "top of the charts" by contributing to the Annual Fund. Each new reunion gift will be increased by \$100 and will move your class closer to the number one ranking on the WMC Billboard participation chart. Check your reunion mailing for details.

**Dot Stackhouse** had this to say about the Impressions of France alumni trip: "It was excellent! I really should take advantage of these alumni trips more often. At the moment I am knee-deep in a litter of black standard poodle pups as I continue to pursue this most enjoyable hobby."

**Claud Ashcraft's** move from Texas to Seattle in 1995 "has proved to be a very happy one." His son, daughter-in-law and three granddaughters live nearby. "It is a rewarding experience to see them grow." He thought he would have an abundance of free time when he retired, but "it seems like I am busier than when I was on active duty." He is a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Retired Officers Association, Portland (Maine) Cutterman's Association, U.S. Coast Guard and Patrol Frigate Reunion Association. He is active with the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Chief Warrant Officers Association in Seattle. Every weekend he pulls an eight-hour shift (midnight to 0800) at the Seattle/Tacoma International Airport USO, the U.S. Air Force air mobility commands gateway to the Orient with frequent departures of troop aircraft from Korea and Japan. He is also a host family for the University of Washington's Foundation for International Understanding Through Students. He meets a student at the airport, provides meals and lodging for a week (or until they find lodging), gives them university, city and state maps and introduces them to "our marvelous metropolitan public transportation system." He has had students from Germany, Poland, France, Korea and China. You surely qualify as an ambassador of goodwill in your retirement days, Claud!

**Ed Shattuck** and his wife Shirley have lived in Milford, Maine, for the past 27 years. He is "still doing income tax work, and I seem to be busier than ever." They are involved in community service, but found time to visit their son and his family in Huntsville, Ala. From there they drove to Helena, Mont., to visit their other son. On the way back to Maine, they drove through lower Canada and into the U.S. through the Thousand Islands.

**Dwight Scott, Ed Coffman** and **Barbara Bankson Hiestand** attended their 50th reunion of Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Va. "All are doing fine!" Dwight reported, adding that he and Ed had gone from first grade through WMC together!

**Hal McTeer**, in Seaford, Del., wrote, "Just back from a trip to the Grand Canyon. Retired and enjoying it! Stop by on the way to the beach." Great rest stop!

**Mary-Ellen Earl Perry** "thoroughly enjoyed" our reunion last year and is looking forward to the 50th. "I am an independent textile consultant helping historical societies in western New York with needs related to their textile collections. Spent a week in Santa Fe, N.M., this year attending the annual meeting of the Costume Society of America. I just returned from a week in Maine. Now I am trying to get the



**Anne Fuller '96**, a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, gets to know the children at a displaced persons camp during her four-month deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina as the combat camera visual information planner. She returned to Ft. Meade, Md., to take over as executive officer of the 55th Signal Company.

Send a photo of yourself on your latest adventure showing off your WMC spirit (check out new Terror gear at [wmc.bkstore.com](http://wmc.bkstore.com)). 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.

gardens ready for winter."

**Richard Dix** retired from the Navy Department five years ago and moved from Maryland to Arkansas. He was busy teaching basic computer skills at the senior center and serving as president of the local chapters of Sons of the American Revolution and Sons of the Confederate Veterans. He hoped to do some traveling.

**Paul Thronburg '53**  
*retired from city service  
after 12 years on the city  
council and the last six  
as mayor of Mart, Texas.*

**Page Findlay Muirhead** is enjoying retirement after 25 years as food service manager at the Emily P. Bissel Hospital in Wilmington, Del.

"Teaching was not for me! My three children are married, but only one has children. I am still hoping for more grandchildren because the other two married in recent years. We all live in the Newark area and see each other often. My two grandchildren are a real joy! My husband Dave is retired from Amoco Chemicals." Page and I sat next to each other at Sunday Night Chapel in Alumni Hall. She said

she has fond memories of those days. Me, too, Page!

**Bob Winfrey** says, "I have settled in Westminster, which is a little like coming home. I am not alone. A lot of graduates have made this lovely town their home. I am busy with my wood-working. My goal is to make each of my grandchildren a desk that they will cherish and retain as they become adults. With 15 grandchildren, that is no small task!"

After serving 12 years on the city council and the last six years as mayor of the city of Mart, Texas, **Paul Thronburg** decided to retire from city service. He still works with the volunteer ambulance service as an EMT-I and will continue as a consultant with the city. His wife Norma plans to continue teaching health and coaching volleyball and tennis at Mart High School for another couple of years. "I now spend most of my time restoring a '72 Midget and a '78 MGB and traveling to Clearwater, Fla., where my mother lives. Our daughter Carole graduated from Texas A&M in 1996 and now teaches science and coaches volleyball and softball at a high school in Conroe, Texas. Our son Scott spent eight years in the Army and is now a junior at Sam Houston State University majoring in criminal justice. I missed being able to attend our class reunion, but we were having a crisis in the city and I could not get away. I would like to hear from members of our class." Like many of you, Paul enclosed his e-mail address. If you get in touch with

me, I will send one or all to you.

**Tom Page** is our senior ironman from all his athletic events: Maryland Senior Olympics, jogging, walking, skiing, Goldard Ski Club and the National Senior Games (100m/200m track) held in Orlando this past fall. When he is not in training, he is involved with his church, Masons, community affairs and Meals on Wheels. And, he enjoys the grandchildren!

**Ashby Collins** says, "Our lives are not very newsworthy. They are rather ordinary, but satisfying. We maintain our home, volunteer within the church and community and support the activities of children and grandchildren. May you and other members of our class enjoy health and happiness!"

**Jack Urion** has been retired for over three years and still thinks retirement is fabulous. "We spend our time traveling and enjoying our six grandchildren."

From down on the Shore, **Jim Voss** wrote, "At the end of February, I joined most of our class in the move to retirement. A diverse career in farming and public administration of both state and federal agricultural programs is drawing to a close. All of it has been a rewarding challenge. Even the occasional drought, a weak market or heated controversies on public farm policy added to the spice of a full productive life. Now there is more time to enjoy family and the Eastern Shore, Delaware coast and anywhere else **Nancy Caskey '54** and I may choose





## Help Wanted

Do you love getting mail and being the first one to find out what's going on with your classmates? The Office of Alumni Affairs has openings for class reporters for the classes of 1944, 1951 and 1976. If you are interested in filling a position or would like to know more about it, call 410/857-2256 or e-mail alumni@wmdc.edu.

to stray. We have been blessed."

**Ginny Bond Norwood** also still enjoys the retired life. "I am doing lots of volunteer work for my husband, who is involved in just about everything. We enjoyed a trip to New Mexico with our daughter and son-in-law. We spend a month in Florida each year, and two little grandkids (8 and 5) keep us young. I enjoy my computer ... and going out to lunch."

**Nancy Wagner Phillips** reports that life is status quo. "I continue to work part time at the Bowie Senior Center. Our new center will be finished this spring, and we're looking forward to moving and having more space. I am close to my four grandchildren (ages 1, 3, 5, and 6), so I see them quite often as I'm a free babysitter. (You know you love it, Nancy!) A group of WMCers attended her 50th high school reunion: **Nell Hughes Ogden, Bev Rye Stone, Nancy McMath Clayton, Janet Wagner Taylor, Sally Fisher Cartwright and Winnie Spencer Dulany** (as well as former classmates: **Anne Plicht Lyons and Barbara Harris Stark**). I'm sure most of our class had 50th reunions this year. Are we really that old?"

**Connie Jones Stiel** graduated from Franklin High School (Baltimore County) and had a great 50th in October at the Pikesville Hilton. She is still enjoying bowling, bridge, line dancing, volunteer work at GBMC (a local hospital) and church, and having her kindergarten grandson once a week. In April she went on a 10-day trip with **Joanne Althouse Hilsen and Barbara Bankson Hiestand** to Charleston and Savannah where they visited with **Franc Scags Leighton** and Dick.

**Ginny Laver Huber** has nothing but trips to report. She was off to see the twins in Tucson where her son is a theoretical physicist with the University of Arizona. Then she was going on a cruise and an extended stay just after Thanksgiving. She planned to see in the new millennium with her crowd of friends who recently moved to a lake near Pinehurst, N.C. "We wish you all a wonderful year 2000!"

**Barbara Wilson Kohlmeier** sent a nice card with a note that was much

appreciated. "Always good to know you are collecting news from the Class of '53. It is fun to read what everyone is doing. (You know you don't keep in touch, take note: we all would like to hear what you're up to!) Things are pretty much the same for Lou and me. He is semi-retired from American University, and we spend spring and fall on Cape Cod—we rent out the house in the summer. Daughter Amy and family still live in Charlotte, N.C., and we visit them often. Grandchildren Kelsey, 8, and Eric, 5, are our pride and joy."

**Bill and Barbara Winters Lambert's** three grandchildren are their pride and joy, also. **Betty Walter** reminded Barbara that four years ago she was lamenting the fact that she had no grandchildren. Now there is Grant, 3, Anna, 2, and Timmy, 1. "Our days are filled with caring for these three lovely grandbabies. Life is good—and full. We traveled to the Canadian Rockies in September. It was a great trip!"

Speaking of **Betty Walter**, between her ongoing stage career (she most recently starred in a dinner theater production of "Death Trap") and teaching in the Renaissance Program at Notre Dame in Baltimore, she took time to send the following note: "1999 has brought (or bought) me a high-speed computer, a printer, a fax machine and, of course, an e-mail address. I can think of no excuse other than lack of required talent now to write the book. I've had the gist of it in the head for many moons. Now, I must get the word of it into cyberspace before another moon goes down!"

**Janet Wagner Taylor** wrote: "Did everyone have as great a time at their respective 50th (holy cow!) high school reunions as I did? Earlier in the summer my husband Richard and I had a fantastic trip to Switzerland. It is like going to Italy, France and Germany within one country. The scenery was spectacular! Now, we will be going to our third Elderhostel in Canada (our 12th total). We really recommend Elderhosteling."

**Kay Gates** will be moving back to Maryland in the spring.

**Tom Pearce** always sends back his card in an envelope with a letter. "I guess these little cards are used to keep the messages short. Brevity is not one of my attributes, as you know. Hurricanes Dennis and Floyd were kind to us on Roanoke Island. They dropped a total of 15 inches of rain and wind knocked a few trees and covered the ground with debris. Some parts of the island got up to three feet of flood water. Other areas of the state were much less fortunate." He and his wife

**Katharine Wiley '52** took a trip west in the spring of 1998. They visited **Herman Nixdorf Benjamin '52, Betty Summers Hales '52 and Ella 'Skip' Edwards Richardson** along the way. Tom also talked with **Diane Carey Huffman** while in Phoenix. They attended an Elderhostel program in Farmington, N.M., and the highlights were the study of the writings of Tony Hillerman and the opportunity to meet the original Joe Leaphorn. An operation in Octo-

ber to remove a suspicious growth on the upper lobe of his right lung was a success.

Congratulations to **Mike Rentko**, who was inducted into the WMC Sports Hall of Fame in November. "This award is a reality because of the help I received from excellent coaches, teammates, colleagues, student athletes and friends throughout the years. I must add that my parents, brothers, sisters and children always offered encouragement—I am, indeed, a fortunate person." He recounted good fishing in the surrounding rivers and the Bay and visits to Gulfport, Venice, Sanibel, Rehobeth, Bethany, the Thousand Islands area of the St. Lawrence River and Martha's Vineyard. He is still involved in the ballroom dancing scene and has joined the Crystal Dance Club in Denton and the Eastern Dance Club with his friend Jean Nichole. He is taking a photography course at the Eastern Academy of Arts. "There are many activities in this area, and we have a difficult time

**Patricia Krell Yates '58**  
won a round-trip ticket  
to Delhi for her fourth trip  
to India—the first time  
on her own.

choosing." Most recently, he went to the eastern shore of Virginia in the Cape Charles region. The highlight of the weekend was a 25-mile bike trip! Mike lives life to the fullest, I would say.

Another member of our class to be congratulated is **Donald Stanton**, who retired in June as president of Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, a position he held since 1988. From 1978 to 1988 he was president of Adrian College, where the Stanton Administration Building was named in honor of him and his wife, **Barbara Hoet '56**. She was actively involved as a partner with her husband at jobs to beautify the Gothic campus and provided leadership with the Georgia Shakespeare Festival theatre-in-residence on campus. The chairman of the university's Board of Trustees said, "Over the last 10 years, Oglethorpe has undergone much growth, and Don Stanton has been highly instrumental in making it happen." Under his leadership the university has added or renovated space equivalent to more than two-thirds of what existed before on campus. The college endowment grew from \$8 million to more than \$22.3 million, and there was tremendous growth in outreach to the community and the world, from international exhibits at the University Museum to exchange agreements with 11 partner institutions in eight countries. Don has been awarded honorary doctorates by Columbia College, WMC and Albion

College. He is listed in *Who's Who in Finance and Industry* and *Who's Who in American Education*. He is a contributing author to two books on higher education and has delivered addresses or papers related to higher education in Europe, Asia and North and South America. "Don and Barbara have a son and twin daughters. He will be 'resting on his laurels' at their retirement residence in Lake Junaluska, N.C."

**John Wolfe** says, "Nothing much happening in Rocky River, Ohio, these days. Our house overlooks the 13th fairway of a beautiful private golf course, and we are privileged to observe all kinds of wildlife—deer, fox, geese, hawks. Santa reminds me of back campus at WMC!"

**Ernie Green and Rachel Early '51** "lead active lives for retirees." They have four grandchildren and children in the Baltimore area. Their son is music director for the Annapolis Choral and St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Annapolis. Their daughter is an assistant professor with a research lab at Johns Hopkins Medical School, doing DNA studies. "I sold my business and started consulting—what old men do when they retire! I still sing, but at a slower pace—something which I really enjoy. I also serve as a docent on the steamship Wm. G. Mather, a floating museum which gives tours and instruction on the ships that worked the Great Lakes and made Cleveland what it is today. I particularly like working with junior and senior students. I love to play golf, although I could improve with more time at it!"

**Franc Scags Leighton** wrote about the mini-reunion that she had with **Barbara Bankson Hiestand, Joanne Althouse Hilsen and Connie Jones Stiel** last spring. "It was great to see them. Moving to the charming city of Savannah has brought us many visitors."

**Estelle Zies Edwards'** husband Bill retired from the ministry last June. They moved to a town 10 miles from Smithtown-Setauket, Long Island, "to the first house we've ever owned! It's a rancher, and we're enjoying it very much. I'm still working part time at the Smithtown Library. We see our two grandchildren, Theresa and Will, who live in Boston, about once a month.Greetings to all!"

**Bev Rye Stone** called from LaPlata in southern Maryland to give me her news. "We're doing the same every body else—it just takes us longer" (a common complaint). She and Dick travel whenever they have the chance, so she summed up their interests and joys as family first, then traveling and gardening. We talked about our 50th High School reunion and about our days at WMC. Bev made a very touching comment: "You know, all of the people we knew at college were really nice, genuinely nice people."

**Ruth 'Rudy' Lee Roberts** says, "Except for a new grandson (grandchild number six) and a quadruple heart bypass in August 1998, our life remains the same. I thank God every day for all these days."

**Ann Tracy Moore** moved back into her house after living with her dad for



# Memories Live on in Lewis Hall

**A**s renovations to the 1914- and 1966-era Lewis buildings begin (following the move of the biology and chemistry departments to the new Science Center), alumni recall many semester hours in those hallowed halls—from the humanities lectures prior to 1960 to the ongoing exploration of the sciences.

## Sneaky as a Cat

"It was a cat lab in Lewis Hall, and the distinctive odor of formaldehyde permeated the room, our clothes and even our breath. Toward the end of the hour, we realized we needed more time with our fragrant feline to prepare for a big exam."

"Problem: How do you smuggle a 32-inch dead, stiff cat out of the building? How else? Just wrap it up, stick it under your coat, and pray nobody notices you have gained weight in the last hour."

"We made it to the dorm, past Dean Bertha Adkins' office, into our room and immediately put our friend outside on the window sill. Otherwise, we would have been asphyxiated in our sleep."

"After 10 p.m. (lights out), with three other partners in crime, we gathered in a circle in the hall (halls were always lighted) with our pickled friend in the center. We were so engrossed in our study we almost jumped out of our skins when we heard, 'What is going on here?' We looked up with our mouths open into the angry countenance of Dean Adkins, accompanied by Miss Owens, our house mother. 'Get that animal out of this hall and go back to your rooms immediately!' We readily complied."

"Thankfully, we only

*"Problem: How do you smuggle a 32-inch dead, stiff cat out of the building? How else? Just wrap it up, stick it under your coat, and pray nobody notices you have gained weight in the last hour."*

received a reprimand. We carefully sneaked our unwelcome guest back to the lab the following Monday.

"Happy ending ... we passed the exam!"

—Martha "Mots" Yocum Ferris '39 and Virginia "Ginny" Karow Fowle '39

## Learning from Experience

"Anyone who took U.S. History under Theodore Whitfield in Lewis Hall remembers the terror of taking his first test. I put off that ordeal until my senior year. Watching me squirm through the exam, Dr. Whitfield queried, 'Having a little trouble, Mr. Hubah?' Frustrated, I shot back, 'Well, one has to know the professor as well as the material. I'll get you next time.' Smiling wryly he responded, 'You know what they say, Hubah—a fool learns from experience; a wise man learns from the experience of others.' That axiom is the only thing that stuck with me from that course. I've tried to live by it ever since."

"Ten years later I was teaching a section of that same course with Dr. Whitfield. The dean of the faculty had prevailed upon him to make available a section to provide an alternative perspective for stu-



Biology professor Isabel Isanogle Royer and the marvel of life in a petri dish.

dents. One of them, exposed to both of us, commented it was hard to believe we were teaching about the same country.

"When Ted learned that I wouldn't be returning for a fourth year, he came down early one morning before classes, sat in one of my student's chairs and said, 'We differ strongly on our historical positions, but I want you to know I've always respected your scholarship.' Then, he got up to leave, and with a break in his voice he whispered, 'I'll miss you.'"

"That Lewis Hall moment remained with me through more than 30 years of education in Michigan and Wisconsin, an ongoing inspiration."

—Milton J. Huber '43

## Do as I Say, Not as I Do

"Since I had two tours of duty in Lewis Hall (the first for my undergraduate degree in physical education and the second for my teaching certification in biology), I have many memories:

"Freshmen 'Kiddie Chem' with Dr. Jones. He was always stressing the importance of wearing safety glasses. During one lab we were using sodium metal, which is explosive when it contacts water. Dr. Jones threw some without looking into what he thought was a trash can. It was a sink. He followed his mistake, and it blew up in his face. He wasn't wearing his glasses. A piece of sodium got in his eye, and he frantically tried to flush it out."



When graffiti becomes history—an arrest from Lewis Recitation Hall's third-floor lecture room.

Later that night during our test review session, he told us that the doctor said his quick action saved him from having eye damage. If only he had been wearing his glasses ...

"Dr. Iglich and her unique use of the English language during her lectures."

"The 'Big Bio' lecture at 7:50 a.m. with Dr. Brown. Thank goodness I was a morning person! My friend Nicki and I would catch each other's eye when something humorous went on. Little did I know my future wife was sitting right next to Nicki wondering (when she was awake) 'What is she looking at?' If she only knew!"

"These memories now me illustrate points to my students. I wouldn't trade them for the world (even for those tests I failed!)"

—Mark McCullin '83, ME4 '96

Write to us with your favorite story of life in the dorms at The Hill, Office of Public Information, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157.



Sara Gruber '99 and Chester Stacy '97 (in front of their teepee accommodations in Taos, N.M.) toured the nation in 15 days this summer—to the Grand Canyon and back to Washington, D.C., with stops in St. Louis, Santa Fe, and

many more cities and not-quite-cities along the way. Gruber writes. Favorite sites included the Jack Rabbit Trading Post, Prairie Dog Town, the meteor crater and the Anheuser-Busch Brewery.

more than four years. "I am still unpacking and trying to figure out where everything goes."

**Henry Ernst** retired in 1995 after serving as a United Methodist pastor in the Baltimore Conference for 41 years. "Doris and I bought a rancher in Carroll County on a half acre that enables us to enjoy the birds and other wildlife. I have a large library but began collecting Sherlock Holmes in earnest, with a separate room added to house a growing collection. After a year of happy retirement with only occasional preaching, I was asked to take a small church, Brandenburg U.M.C., south of Westminster. Having spent a lifetime getting people to work in various local churches, I could not say 'no,' so I find myself once again preaching every week. The congregation is small but very receptive, and I am thoroughly enjoying this ongoing ministry. As I look back at the life I find that I am a lifelong student, something for which I must give WMC credit. In turn, having picked up four additional degrees after WMC—seminary at Westminster (now Wesley) in Washington, an S.T.M. from Drew University, an M.A. in American intellectual history at the University of Maryland and a Ph.D. in historical theology from St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore—I like to share some of my insights. In February I co-taught the Dead Sea Scrolls with Dr. McKyle Carter of Johns Hopkins at the School of Faith and Life in Linthicum, and this year I will return to teach a course on the historical Jesus. Enough to keep me busy!"

We really had four great and wonderful years on "the Hill," didn't we? Whenever the nights get crisp and frosty and the ole full moon rises over the russet-hued trees, who, honestly, is not transported back to the pep rallies and the bonfires of our college days? Sally Fisher Cartwright 226 Brackenwood Court Timonium, MD 21093

**1958** **Judy Board and Jim Hayes** were looking forward to the new century in Pittsburgh. Their son and his wife live in western Massachusetts, and their granddaughter is a senior in college.

**Anne Acree and Casey Day '59** continue to enjoy their grandchildren who live nearby. They had a wonderful trip to Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons and Glacier/Waterton in August and September. Anne keeps busy with sewing and volunteerism, and Casey's project is his old '63 truck, which he is restoring at the nearby junior college.

**Gail Mercey Getz's** year was consumed by daunting challenges of elder-care and related adventures. However, she did manage to get to Lewes, Del., in July to a great reunion at **Marie Quintana Simoes'** home with "our gang"—**Jean Lambertson Hort, Ardy Campbell Darlington, Lori Jones Gore, Vi Fanner Carrick, Natalie Warfield Palmer, Judy Corby Osborne and Carol Burton Cordes.** A marvelous time was had by all, although the 100-degree heat forced them to shop less and stay in air conditioning.

**Judy Corby Osborne** changed jobs and is babysitting their three grandchildren six days a week—the best job life can offer. She belongs to PEO and recently attended a national convention in Baltimore where she connected with a WMC grad. What a small world.

**Ardy Campbell Darlington** retired last summer and relocated to the high desert of Nevada, 45 minutes from Las Vegas. She built a new home and is in the process of preparing it as a winter haven for friends.

**Jane Roeder and Jack Anderson** were planning to see the arrival of 2000 in Williamsburg, Va., with their three children and spouses and five grandchildren. Jane retired last June and volunteers at the Maryland School for the Deaf and for church missions. Jack is semi-retired. They enjoy spending time at their cottage in Mt. Gretna, Pa. They also enjoy attending art and music functions. They plan to go to Oberammergau and tour Italy this summer.

**Marge Hull Harper** retired in April and moved to Randolph, Vt. Her oldest son and wife live nearby. Her youngest son lives in New York, so she still gets down that way. The peace, quiet and slower pace of Vermont living sure beats the fast lane in Westchester County, N.Y.

**Ethel Vonderheide Thomas** and her husband are enjoying retirement. They spend the winter in Florida and travel as often as they can. They have visited all seven continents, but the highlight was a trip to the small villages in Germany where her ancestors came from 150 years ago. They met distant relatives and visited the farm where her great-great-grandmother lived. She even resurrected enough German to communicate! When they are in Maryland, Ethel keeps busy with church work, golf, bridge and their three grandchildren, who live in Gettysburg.

**Aleatha Arbaugh** and **Melvin Carlson** are grateful for each day. After living 48 years near Carroll County General Hospital, they moved to the opposite side of Westminster and love it. In August, they celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary and are trusting the Lord to reach their 60th. They have three children who have given them eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren who give them great joy. They no longer travel, but she enjoys reading about the trips and happenings of class members.

**Devey and Suzanne Blair Delfinbaugh** moved to the rural desert of Arizona, north of Tucson and south of Phoenix.

**Mary Lowe Wallace** continues to work as secretary/administrator of a multi-cultural Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. Along with a preschool and five cultural congregations, WMC on their various Maryland "jaunts."

**Daniel and Jean Miles** retired this year and spent time traveling to see their children and seven grandchildren in Texas, Wisconsin and North Carolina.

**Patricia Krell Yates** won a round-trip ticket to Delhi and was to go in February 2000. It will be her fourth trip to India, but the first time on her own! She also had trips planned to Patzcuaro, Mexico, and Rio/Buenos Aires, but she will have to pay for them.

**Tony and Billye Sarbanes** had a nice trip to St. Maarten and the Outer Banks. Tony continues to work for a local architecture and engineering firm in business development. Their son finished law school and is now clerking for a Circuit Court judge. Their daughter Beth is working as a reading and testing teacher.

**Betty Lou Reel and Roy "Tubby" Stotler** retired in 1994 and spend the winter at their Florida home in New Smyrna Beach, where they enjoy golfing. They return to their home in Hagerstown for the summer since their daughter, son-in-law and two granddaughters live nearby.

**Brooks and Arlyne Euler** enjoyed their first year in Florida. They spent time in Oregon, went on a Caribbean cruise in November, spent Thanksgiving in Connecticut and returned to Florida for the holidays.

**Bob Christian** is in his 32nd year on the faculty at Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C. Kathy works in the college library.

**Roger and Gloria Schelm** have traveled to Europe for the past 15 years. They cruised through the Panama Canal in December and were to visit the ABC Islands in the spring. Next summer they will tour Montana and go to Spain in the fall. Roger's biography is listed in the Year 2000 Millennium Edition of Marquis' *Who's Who in America*.

**Everett Feesser** moved to Arizona two years ago. Most recently his pickup was rear-ended and totaled. Two days before leaving for Switzerland, his car was side-swiped, and while in Switzerland that same car was stolen. "All in all, life is good."

**Ray Wright** retired in 1998 but is now working part time for the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts. He was recently elected to life membership in the National Association of State Budget Officers. He and **Arlene MacVicker '61** had a great trip to the Canadian Rockies in July and took in the Calgary Stampede—what a show! Their three grandchildren live in Connecticut.

Now retired, **Barbara Lawrence Meadors** has become a golf buff. She marshaled at the LPGA Skins Game and attended the Sarah Lee Classic. It was fantastic seeing the pros up close. **Ron Glasser** is still hunting floating rivers, fishing, snow machining, working out and traveling. He spent three weeks in Australia and Tasmania. In September he sailed the Chesapeake for several days. He continues to work, enjoying the interaction with his orthopedic patients and now their kids. He and Sue have been married for 43 years.

**Ron and Fran Weiland** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last March. Ron still works three days a week at the local hardware store, and Fran works at Franklin Square Hospital

in the operating room. They are really enjoying their four grandchildren. They were planning a week's ski trip in Steamboat Springs, Colo., in January 2000.

**Dick Bradley** is in his 40th year in the real estate business in Ellicott City, Md. He bought a retirement home in Sea Trail, N.C., near Myrtle Beach, within walking distance of the ocean and about 20 courses. It is also close to **Gene Molen '59** and **Andy Urruhart '59**. He expects them to support his retirement when the time comes.

**Nick Spinnato** is executive vice president of operations for Alternatives Unlimited, operating alternative schools in Texas, Ohio and Kansas with more opening in New Jersey, Florida and New York. Nick and Susan's twin boys are 10.

**Fred and Renate Stoeve** celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary in 1999. Fred does not plan to retire in the foreseeable future, although he has been taking Mondays off for the past year in an effort to take his oil painting to a higher level. Their son was married.

**Bill Bloomer** retired after 40 years in the insurance business, but he is doing some consulting on a limited basis. He and **Pat Dixon '57** are enjoying retirement and their four grandchildren.

**Dick Gardiner** had a great three-week trip to Alaska and the Northwest last summer. Their oldest son is the assistant librarian for the Toledo Symphony. All continues to go well at Gardiner's Farm—a very busy apple season.

**Bette Flohr** and **Dick Plasket** went to England in June. They found churches, farms and homes that dated way back (1681) in the Plasket history. They spent three days in Brussels on their way home. Their son moved to Iowa and their daughter is back in the Columbia, S.C., area. They moved to the other side of Lake Murray, their last home, and still have their cabin in the mountains.

**John Hort** continues to enjoy retirement. He volunteers for the National Park Service and Newport News Parks and Recreation Department three to four days a week. He is also doing some camping, playing golf (no threat to Tiger Woods, however) and taking life easy.

**Stanley Dennis** has a flourishing antique business in Williamsburg, Va. Last fall he spent two weeks at Gardiner's Farm in Pennsylvania helping Dick pick apples—a lot of physical work, but enjoyable.

Condolences to the family of **Gordon Hurlbrink**, who died on Aug. 16, 1998, and to the family of **Lynn Mayer**, who died on Sept. 30, 1999.

Herb and I continue to enjoy life in California. I am the director of clinical dietary services for the Lompoc Healthcare District. I recently spent a week visiting our three grandchildren and their parents in Kansas—way too far away! Our daughter is teaching in Phoenix, Ariz.

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**1968** Jan McDougal Schroeder's husband **Fred '69** is now with a consulting firm and finished with state service. Amazingly, his office is built over the site of his first garden: "Paved paradise and put up a parking lot." Mark is a sophomore at Franklin and Marshall. **Christopher '98's** band, A Pocket Full of Change (80 percent alumni), has a CD out and played at WMC's Spring Fling.

**Linda "Sully" Sullivan Schulte** remains the loyal maidervant of Oregon, her Irish Setter. She says he can open a can of Guinness with his paw. Just so she can get even more frustrated with golf, Sully's looking into a retirement home in Arizona. She's vice president for National Nonprofit, which creates jobs for people with disabilities.

In his quest for the perfect yard sale, **Jim Resau** and **Chris Connelly '67** have moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he's a scientist at the Van Andel Institute. He still flies back to Baltimore regularly to hit the Crab Guys' night, get a haircut and play softball. This year's Crab Guys softball game featured Michaels, Pound, Cartwright, Vandrey, Shelton, Haker '69, Schroeder '69, and FNG Tom Resau '72. Jim was the winning pitcher (See, Fern, he can do it), and **Steve Pound** finally made contact with the ball. Son Michael is in the restaurant business in Colorado, and daughter Laura is in a Ph.D. program in medical anthropology in Arizona.

**Cary Wolfson '68's** magazine, *Blues Access*, is in its 10th year, and the "Blues from the Red Rooster Lounge" radio show broadcasts nationwide.

**Barbara Reeves Sykes** quilts, tap dances and sits on hard wooden benches watching Jonathan (ninth) and Jessica (12th) play sports. The college search is on, so less spectator time for Mary next year. Earl is still with Stihl. Cary "Eat your heart out girls, I'm pined" Wolfson continues with a positive attitude. His magazine, *Blues Access*, is in its 10th year, and the marriage to Nancy is at 22 years and rolling. The "Blues from the Red Rooster Lounge" radio show is nationwide. Cary has been back to WMC for several summers to teach at Common Ground. They were headed to New Orleans for Halloween.

Artistic director of Common Ground **Walt Michael** is in his second year of his professorship at WMC, playfully assigning reading lists that include "Of Plymouth Plantation" and "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man." You can't be serious, prof! Daughter **Wesley** is 13 and has **Sulefen Myers Warner** for English, **Bruce Wells** as pediatrician, **Gordon Shelton** as dentist, **Rick Boswell** as lawyer and **Ralph Wilson** as spiritual adviser. How could we fit **John Makosky '25** into this picture? **Kathy Bell Lassahn** and **John '66** are in Wilmington, Del. Jeff is looking to college and Erin to the eighth grade while playing the violin and cello, respectively. Soon John will retire from the railroad and take up a across gulf communication link with **Andy Harmanats '65** and **Jim Resau**, if he can come out and play.

Vainly trying to retire is **Wayne Laessig**. His first attempt was unsuccessful, and now he is with the Corps of Engineers as a consultant. He's waiting to move to Truckee, Calif., home of the Donner party, and maybe start a restaurant for diners who aren't too fussy.

**Carroll "Splinter" Yingling** helps someone to help him pass the motorcycle test. He's got a 1996 Honda Shadow but no license. **See Morales Yingling '70** passed her test already. Try watching "Easy Rider" again. With WMC's football team on a roll, he expected someone to break his single season interception record this year.

**Wayne Merrill**, a social psychologist at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the D.C. area, has started a Sunday Supper program for the homeless. It's now in its ninth year and is getting a lot of press. Following in the footsteps of **Steve Pound**, Wayne is competing in his third year of triathlons and is very competitive. Take a page from Steve's book, Wayne—run wind sprints.

**John Seibel** is keeping hearts pumping in Mississippi in his cardiology practice. In danger of losing his Murlan accent, he stays in shape by saying "Hon" and "How 'bout dem Ole's" 50 times a day. His e-mail address is "Sorry-I said I was in Mississippi." What, no dot com?

**Paula "Polly" Tarbutton** and her husband spent three weeks in Mexico this summer. The week in Ixtapa featured three earthquakes, so they moved on to a couple of weeks in Puerto Vallarta, which was destroyed when an atomic-powered manure spreader malfunctioned. Aside from that, Mrs. Lincoln, how was the play? Seriously, they'd like to retire to Mexico.

After working at a county welfare office for 30 years, **Sue Faulkner Rea** is still excited about her work. Lunches for 800 volunteers, Welfare to Work Section 8 rent subsidies and visions of Dr. Griewold. Bliss. **Patty Wahl Phillips** retired from teaching this year for health reasons, but is enjoying new vistas. She and **Sam '67** are touring capitals, presidential libraries and baseball parks. The boys are both married and doing fine.

**Terry Walters** has retired from the auto business, his Yugo/Adobe dealership a victim of politics and a shortage of clay. He claims to be inching his way up the food chain towards his goal of vegetarianism.

I'm currently hoping to get into the "Guinness Book of World Records" with the world's largest ball of dental floss. **Barbie Payne '70** has been on sabbatical from Villa Julie College and studied in England and China this fall. The kids are all in school, even the ones who graduated from college. Gee, I never did anything like that! Dianne's getting married next summer.

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**1974** I hope that all who attended Homecoming our 25th reunion Oct. 23 had as

great a time as I did! It was wonderful to see everyone and to speak to so many of you at the football game, at President Chambers' wine and cheese reception after the game and at our reunion at the Comfort Inn (89 attended). I must say you all looked fabulous! Has it really been 25 years?

Thank you to the reunion committee members **Jackie Deakney Cowan**, **Chip Rouse**, **Karen Georg Quillen** and **Jack Cockerill**, who gave their time to provide us with one fantastic party! Thank you to **Bill Corley** for being such a great emcee and to **Bill Thomas** for leading us in our blessing for the evening. Thank you to **Laura Russell '87** from the Office of Reunion Programs who made our job of planning the day's events much easier and a lot of fun! Thank you especially to Jackie, who supplied all the delicious refreshments at the Class of '74's tent. She is definitely an incredible hostess!

Thank you to President Chambers and the college for the delightful wine and cheese reception after the football game at the Rice Gallery in Peterson Hall. And thank all of you who took time out of your busy schedules to spend the day and/or evening with your classmates. Every time we get together I realize how blessed we all are to have such wonderful friends and memories because on our time spent at WMC, I'll look forward to hearing from and seeing all of you in the future.

Due to our big reunion column that came out right before Homecoming, we are not scheduled to have a 1974 column in 2000. So have a safe, healthy and happy millennium year!

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# 1975



The Class of 1975 will be celebrating its 25-year reunion the weekend of April 28-30, 2000.

Our get-together will be Saturday on the campus Dining Porch. For more information, contact Reunion Committee member **Bob Cullison** or **Sam and Beth McWilliams Tressler**. You can also try me. Hope to see you there. Allison Ondrasik King 436 Crystal Lake Drive Melbourne, FL 32940 E-mail: pking@space.net

Help your class rise to the "top of the charts" by contributing to the Annual Fund. Each new reunion gift will be increased by \$100 and will move your class closer to the number one ranking on the WMC Billboard participation chart. Check your reunion mailing for details.

# 1978

**Helen Kiefert** is still working with the same company—although there has been a name change from First National Bank of Maryland to AllFirst, which means starting from scratch building a wardrobe that has the company logo on it! Maybe her First National wardrobe qualifies as a collector's item? Her downtown Baltimore office has a great view from the 17th floor. She lives in Loch Hill and vacationed on a riverboat cruise on the St. Lawrence River in Canada last May. She continues to enjoy swing and ballroom dancing.

**Ed Ginsberg** keeps busy with the practice of pediatric dentistry and family life. His children are both in high school, and Jeannie is a high school guidance counselor. Ed is opening a second practice in Ellicott City and continues to teach one day a week at the University of Maryland Dental School, where he frequently sees **Doug Barnes '79**. The Ginsbergs and **Jamie and Chris Dryden Mosberg** families had great fun spending the last two New Year's Days skiing.

**Virginia Diehl** was glad to see everyone who came to our 20th class reunion. She encourages more folks to attend the 25th.

**Pam Price Delonick** also saw many friends at Homecoming. It was the largest WMC football crowd she had ever seen. Pam has returned to teaching in Pottsville. Her oldest child is in high school, two are in middle and one is in elementary.

**Bruce Belt** has moved again—the 13th time in 20 years! He is living in Reston, Va., and working for the Defense Information Systems Agency. This is his final tour, and he will be looking forward to a permanent residence and retirement this summer. He enjoyed the Maryland Wine Festival in Westminster with **Beth Silvius** and **Dave Deitrick**. Dave is still busy with

his dental practice, and Beth finds time to do some substitute teaching when she is not driving the children to their activities. Kerry is a freshman at the Baltimore School for the Performing Arts in the vocal program. Brandon is in seventh grade, Emily is third and Tyler is in first. They all play soccer, and Emily and Tyler have shown interest in tennis. Dave is captain of a USA tennis team, which barely lost out of representing the mid-Atlantic section in the national championships. His doubles partner is **Bill Westervelt '71**.

**Michael Hock**, Jennifer and their children, Conor and Noah, are living in Kempton, Pa. Michael is a radiologist fellow at Lehigh Valley Medical Center. They still have a house in Ft. Worth, Texas, and hope to move back when the fellowship is completed.

**Sue Windsor '77** and **Ed Becraft** had a busy 1999, moving to Harford County and traveling with work. Sue is a computer director with a company based out of Los Angeles. She travels to L.A. two times per month, which is a challenge to family life. Ed and the boys survived Hurricane Floyd while Sue was visiting **Del Wogsland Elias '76** in beautiful Lake Tahoe. Ben, 12, is big into skateboarding, snowboarding and basketball. Sam, 4, is big into everything! Ed is teaching at Johns Hopkins and working with the State Highway Administration. Sue also traveled to Chicago for work and had the opportunity to stay with **Jocelyn Reynolds Hafstad '80**.

**Barbara Meister Koberger** is well and enjoying life in Bucks County, Pa. She is in the second year of a three-year MSW program for social work. Barb says it is very challenging after 21 years out of school. The children are 14 and keep their parents busy. The Kobergers had a great vacation in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, last summer.

**Kenneth Goldberg** and his wife **Teresa Stakem** are living in Fort Washington, Md., with a house full of cats. Ken had a great trip to the Green Mountains of Vermont in autumn.

**Sally Keck** and **Carl Gold** are doing great. When Carl is not practicing law, you can find him in his garden providing plenty of food for the local deer population. He is also coaching 9-year-old Travis' soccer team. Sally is busy helping Carl with his practice and being 11-year-old Tracey's groom at horse shows. She also coaches an Odyssey of the Mind team and spends many hours at WMC as a trustee.

**John Herrmann** sent a short note to inform us that he is retired. **Kim Rothmann Johnson** has been living west of Denver, Colo., for six years. She is playing in two soccer leagues in Denver and coaching her son Luke's, 11, team. Her son Kevin, 15, runs cross-country and plays guitar. Kim does criminal research for pre-employment screening all over the country. Her husband, Eric, works at the EPA in Denver.

**Neil Rock** recently began his 22nd year of teaching vocal music classes in Carroll County public schools. He spends his free time renovating a large

vacation rental property in Rehoboth Beach, Del. The "Beach Retreat" will be open sometime in 2000!

**Adele Weinberg Connolly** was promoted to supervisor with the Maryland State Division of Rehabilitation Services in April 1998. Her daughter Heather, 12, is in seventh grade and son Patrick, 7, is in first. The Connollys are entrenched in the world of school, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, soccer and basketball. Adele is a Tiger Cub Den Leader and sings with the Clustered Spines, a barbershop chorus, and a quartet called "Mom's Nite Out."

**Nancy Dixon** is a physician in the U.S. Navy and most recently served as Commander and assistant department head of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. She is moving to Groton, Conn., in early 2000 where she will be department head of the Women's Wellness Clinic. In 1999, Nancy was blessed with the birth of twin daughters, Kathryn and Patricia.

Since **Norm Koehler** moved to sunny Arizona, he has enjoyed hiking, rock climbing and year-round gardening. He works at Long Realty Co. in Tucson with his wife, Marjorie.

*Marking their third year in Moscow, Tom Armbruster '78 is a political officer at the embassy, and Kathy Chandler '80 is the librarian at the Anglo-American School of Moscow.*

**Kim Nichols '77** and **Dave Dolch** live in Finksburg, Md. Kim is an assistant principal at Francis Scott Key High School in Carroll County. Dave has his own education and training company on Main Street in Westminster. Their daughter Sally is a junior at Towson, and son Scott is a senior at McDonough School. He is quarterbacking the Eagles, and Dave is assisting football coach.

**Lolly Lloyd Bennett** is a computer specialist for the National Institutes of Health. She married Kevin in 1995 and spends a lot of time with him at her stepson Kevin's, 12, baseball games. She stays in touch with **Jim Thompson Jacob**, as their husbands are good friends.

**Down Bennett** keeps busy teaching at several schools and waitressing on weekends. Last year she directed "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and is gearing up for directing "Guys & Dolls" or "Annie" this year. She misses performing, but teaching and directing keep her too busy!

**Cindy Wolfe '80** and **Greg Behm** live in Finksburg near WMC with their three sons David, 15, Brian, 13, and Gary, 11. Greg works for T. Rowe Price Associates and often meets WMC grads from the '80s and '90s, which reminds him how quickly years go by. The Behms are active in Carroll Community Church. Greg coaches soccer for two of his sons' teams. Their oldest son, David, plays high school soccer with Dr. Long's (WMC biology professor) son David.

**Nancy Hess Fritzsche** and family are living in Monticello, Colo., just north of Colorado Springs. Mark is working at Peterson AFB, and Nancy is a home-maker. Chad, 11, is in fifth grade; Beck, 8, is in third; and Garrett, 6, is in kindergarten. They love the skiing, hiking, hiking and all that Colorado has to offer.

**Kathy Chandler '80** and **Tom Armbruster** are in their third year in Moscow. Tom is a political officer at the embassy, and Kathy is the librarian at the Anglo-American School of Moscow (AAS), elementary school campus. Their son Brian has been taking the L.B. program at AAS. Kalina, their daughter, is in the ninth grade and will be attending an arts conference in Norway. Kathy and Tom are waiting for **Fred Smyth '80** and family to visit—hint, hint!

**Richard Bacon** sends his regards from Albuquerque. He works for American Express as a personal financial advisor. In his spare time he is a soccer dad for his daughter, Sofia, 8, and serves as the referee for most games. His family enjoys train vacations, including trips to both coasts.

**Suzanne Whitley-Horgan** and family have been living in northwest Wisconsin for two years. They miss Maine and head to their cottage as soon as school is out to spend the summer. Suzanne is a full-time mother to Adam, 12, Kyle, 9, Rachel, 7, and Patrick, 3. The children are into ice hockey, and they spend hours at the rinks. Suzanne is also busy as PTA president and with volunteer activities at the children's school. She and Terry spent a wonderful holiday in Italy this past winter.

**Carol Warehime Fearn** and **Tom** moved into their "dream home" in November. Tom is general manager of KCI, and Carol enjoys her job as COO of the Solid Waste Association of North America (the "Trash Queen"). They keep busy with Caitlin, 6, who is into Brownies, and Colin, 11, who is involved with the Maryland State Boys Choir.

**Judy Byrd Fox** and **Chris** live in Ellicott City, Md., and both work with the Howard County Public Schools. Judy is the itinerant teacher of deaf and hard of hearing students, and Chris sets up computers. Their son James is in eighth grade and is a fine trombone player. Their daughter Katie, 8, keeps her parents busy with school activities and dance class.

**Dave Dickenhoff's** dental practice is doing great. His dog Diogenes is fully grown.



**Michael Gibson** is still at Rutgers University as the special teams/linebacker coach. He produced two videos on special team play and published an article for the American Football Coaches Association manual last year. Mike spent last New Year's in Maui. Maryland is one of his recruiting areas. He visited WMC and thinks it looks great!

**Rosalie Kasper** is working for O.R. Colan Associates at BWI Airport. She will return to Pennsylvania in 2000. Rosalie and **Kevin '79** visited St. Michaels. She enjoyed the alumni event at Ravens practice and was sorry to have missed our 20th reunion.

**Korby Bowman Clark** has two children in high school: Keegan is a junior, and Joey is a freshman. Her daughter Jennie is in seventh grade. They have a German senior high school exchange student, Marylen, with them this year. **Pete '77** and **Korby** have been married for 20 years. They are in the midst of building an 18-hole golf course in Western, Maine. Completion is targeted for the spring of 2001. They are still involved with Jiffy Lube, and the whole family plans on attending the convention in Hawaii in spring 2000.

I have been back in the United States for over a year and finally feel acclimated, although I very much miss my life in France! I still have the opportunity to visit Europe, as well as the Pacific Rim, Canada and South America several times a year as my new responsibilities for International Programs cover these regions of the world. Wishing you all much health and happiness in 2000. Please drop me a line whenever you have a chance.

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**1979** A great time was had by all who attended the football game and/or class party. A huge thank you goes to **Robin Seiland Trener**, **Beth Dunn Fulton** and **Chris Parr** for all the work they did to create a great reunion.

About 70 classmates were able to attend the festivities on Oct. 23. **Tin Shank** traveled the furthest, from Florida, to join us.

Some recognitions were made during our evening together. **Ellen Scroggs Walton** and **Debbie Scalone Day** had the honor of being the least changed classmates.

On the other hand, **Wayne Birely** has achieved the most gray hair, and **Dori Babayk Chappell** is a grandparent.

**Beth Dunn** and **Paul '78 Fulton** have been married the longest, since June 1979. **Marty Reeve** has had the most marriages.

**Mary Gates Bodley** has the youngest child, less than a year old, and **Jennifer Delp Imhoff** has the oldest child, off to college.

For all the others who attended, I know you had a great time. As I told you that night, our next complete

newsletter will appear in 2001. Any news in the meantime can be sent to me at the following address and I will hold onto it.

Thanks to everyone for recognizing my efforts to put together our news. I appreciate it and enjoy hearing from all of you.

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**1983** Hello, Class of '83! Here's the latest news. **Marybeth Gaiser Engers** received her master's after five long years of school. She continues to work for Cendant Corporation and has received two promotions. She is looking forward to many great changes in her life.

**Nancy Reid Caspari** keeps busy working in sales part time and teaching cycling and aquatic exercise. She and her husband Bill have three children: Stacy, 10, Will, 7, and Dana, 3. They are active in school, church and lots of soccer.

**Frances Hendricks Bhushan** was extracted from Vermont a year ago and is now abandoned in Pocotello, Idaho. It is nice there, good for the kids (Sammy and Winona) and potatoes are cheap. To anyone who remembers her, come visit.

**M. Lynn Hill** was hired by Westminster Bank as senior vice president and senior loan officer. He has 16 years of experience in banking. He is active in the community with the Home Builders Association, YMCA, Carroll Lutheran Village and Boy Scouts.

**Eise Amcast** was appointed communications officer for Baltimore County Executive C.A. Dutch Ruppersburg. She writes speeches, handles press relations and helps develop policy.

**Dana Hill** has been in Okinawa, Japan, for two years. He visited Maryland when he had Hurricane Floyd and returned to Japan for the largest typhoon to hit Okinawa in the past 40 years. He was locked in for two days with winds of 145 mph! He says it was cool, especially since he lives on the East China Sea. We're glad you came out alive, Dana.

**Laurie Brown Holman** and husband Scott have a house full with Katie, 4, Mark, 2, and Steven, 1. Life in their home is lively and crazy, but she wouldn't trade their love, laughter, joy and sweet kisses and hugs for the entire world.

**Tay Demir** and wife "Bernie" have three children: Scout, 6, Harper, 2, and Cosmo, 1. He is a general surgeon and works about 25 miles outside Chicago.

**Bob Heckle** is the manager of Sol Levinson Funeral Home. He and his wife **Sherod Bair '84** have two children: Zach, 7, and Lindsay, 4. In his spare time he volunteers for Cub Scouts and baseball with the kids. Sherod just finished her master's degree, and they love living in Westminster.

**Jim Cook** and his wife Cindy have three children: Jasmine, 6, Caleb, 3, and newest arrival Devin. He says a lot of his energy goes to the kids right now.

**Hillary Wilson Cosby** is a transplant nurse at Johns Hopkins and loves it. She is back in the work force full time after working part time at Shock Trauma to take care of her three kids. Her children all attend Roland Park Elementary.

**Stacie Matzorkis Dashiell** is employed by software developer Trion Technologies. She works part time and has two children: Nicole, 7, and Derek, 5. They are planning a trip to Greece. She keeps in touch with **Lisa Stahl Gastelle** and **Sue Lapidus Spencer**.

Their families get together and the friends bore them with WMC stories!

**Dwight and Brenda Jones Eichelberger** added another boy to their family: Harrison Graham. This harsh New Hampshire winter he can join brothers Ford and Ian in a snowball fight. Dwight continues to work as a family doctor at a community health clinic. He just won a National Award for innovative research in primary care for his use of computer technology in health care. Brenda muddles through as best she can as a mom and part-time speech pathologist.

**Paul P. Cale** was promoted to LTC in the Army. He is assigned to 3rd Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, N.C. His wife Kim teaches ESL in Harrods County, N.C.

**Jerry Balantine** lives in Rye, N.Y., with his wife and two daughters. He is medical director of a hospital. Always great to hear from you, Jerry, and my other C section buddies.

**Nicholas Feurer** and his wife Karen moved their insurance business from Finksburg to Westminster. Their kids Kelsey and Nick keep them busy. He enjoyed seeing everyone at the reunion.

**Mark Cockerill** and wife **Melissa Pruitt '82** enjoy living in Virginia Beach. Mark is working a lot and fits golf in when he can. All three of their boys (Daniel, Steven and David) play baseball, and that's where Mark and Melissa spend most of their time.

**Toni Epstein** writes that she is happily divorced and living in Bel Air with her dog Fred. She is project manager for Sandler Systems, Inc. For fun she performs in community dinner theaters in and around Baltimore.

Social guru **Peg Stoneback Beardmore** is still working for ADVOL, Inc. as regional account executive. Her company sells direct mail advertising. She and her husband Paul have two boys: Drew, 5, and Michael, 3. She continues to amaze us with her social life. Her house is continuously filled with WMC alumni, including me!

We haven't heard from **Michelle Horwitz Cornwall** for a long time. It could be that her four boys under the age of 4 (two sets of twins) have been keeping her busy. She is a vice president and assistant manager at Chevy Chase Land. She lives in Rockville and asks if Georgina is out there anywhere?



## Fore!

Shine up your golf shoes for the second annual Western Maryland Alumni Golf Outing for the New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware areas. The June 10 event at the Willow Brook Country Club in Moorestown, N.J., will include a day of golf with a cocktail reception to follow.

Contact Randy Rytter at 410/857-2268 in the Office of Alumni Affairs for details.

I was hoping to hear from more people this time. Remember, you can always drop me a line, and I will keep it for the next column. I just finished my master's degree. I couldn't decide what subject I wanted to concentrate on, so I took a little of everything. One of my last classes was an Internet class. It was great because I didn't have to leave home, but there is something to be said for the sound of Preachers spitting into cups in the back of the class and seeing all the boys hiding their bedheads under baseball caps. I continue to teach special education at Broadneck High School, and I hope to return to social studies next year. We're experiencing growing pains because we just became the largest high school in Anne Arundel County. Don't believe all the bad press teenagers get; the majority of them are terrific. My daughters Valerie, 12, and Niko, 11, are in the middle school, though Valerie will come to my school next year. She's not sure if she's going to like that! Emma, 10, is in the fifth grade. Brad continues to work at Northrop Grumman and is still a Bobby and the Believers. We bought a Sea Ray boat this summer and have really been enjoying it! Everyone, please take care. See you in the next millennium.

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1988

**Anita Butler Todd** and husband **Wold '87** are still enjoying life in Korea. After spending two years in Seoul, they have moved south to the port city of Pusan. It will be another two years before they return to the States.

**Melinda Milburn Palmeri**, her husband Guy and daughter Olivia (Livvy) went on a family scuba diving trip to Belize. Livvy turned 1 in September, and they are ready for more. Livvy is the best advertiser for their family apple farm. Melinda also went whitewater rafting last summer with other Phi Alpha **Beth Riffey Matsui '87**, **Sarah Kimmel Lemon '87**, **Mary Beth Angus Taylor '87**, **Theresa Gutierrez Battaglia**, **Margie Gutierrez '87** and **Ann Marie Brannan Thacker '87**.

**Ed "Buz" Karen Frank '90 Swanson** and their daughter, Tori, were joined by a new family member, Taylor Anne, on Oct. 10.

Westminster resident **Lynn Stone** teaches high school biology and coaches women's soccer at WMC. She bought a house in town that she shares with her golden retriever, Riley.

**Maryann Rada** is a writer for an international organization of CEOs based in San Diego. She says the weather is just fine where she is!

## John Van Lunen '88

and his wife **Bonnie** are enjoying their water sports business, **Barrier Island Boats**, on the **Outer Banks, N.C.**

**Wendi McQueeney Nolder** has gone back to work for the first time in nine years, teaching fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade math and science at a new charter school in Palm Bay, Calif. Her and **Doug '87's** daughter, Chelsea, 9, attends third grade at the school, and son Austin, 5, attends kindergarten. Wendy thinks it is great being in front of the classroom, and she loves being able to see her children throughout the day. Doug is doing very well at his job.

**Julie Murn Smith** had a baby girl, Kathleen, on Aug. 3. Before Kathleen was born, Julie spent a lot of time at the beach and pool with son Jake, 2, trying to stay cool.

**Jorge Marini** and wife **Debbie Atwood '90** had their first child, Andrew Paul, on Dec. 5, 1998. They have been very busy with him. Jorge works at United Healthcare in the Medicare department. In his spare time, he works on the house and spends lots of time playing with his son.

**Christine Boehles Sadler** lives in Westminster with husband Andy and daughter Ashley, 4. She graduated from law school in 1991 and owns Hickory Ridge Title Corporation in

Columbia, Md., doing real estate settlements.

**Heather Hastings McLaughlin** and husband Richard are working for Maryland Natural Resources as law enforcement officers. She completed radar training at the Baltimore County Police Department, as well as instructor's training, which means the Maryland Police Training Commission authorizes her to teach classes to fellow officers. Her WMC minor in second-ary education came in handy! She is now back to writing lesson plans. She has also trained and certified her horses as police mounts, so now she can ride on the job. She and Richard purchased a small farm in Finksburg where he restores antique tractors and she continues to breed paint horses.

**Gary Rudacille '69** is in the Danics Community Band with Heather, so she sees him a lot.

**Suzanne Davie Peters** now has three children: Emily, 6, who started first grade this year and enjoys school and horseback riding; Sam, 4, who goes to preschool and enjoys helping Dad around the house; and Zachary, 18 months, who keeps everyone on their toes, as 18-month-olds tend to do. She is still a full-time mom, volunteering at schools and running the kids around. She began home teaching this fall for Carroll County Schools, which means she works with kids who are home from school for an extended time due to illness. Her husband Jim teaches at Westminster High School, and they both enjoy coaching lacrosse there. Suzanne said she really enjoyed the annual crab feast last August for the Phi Sig Thirsty Thursday gang. The turn-out was great with nine sisters and their husbands and their 20 children. What a crew!

**Rhonda J. Myers** has been busy as a marketing programs administrator for The Learning Company, working on special events, marketing meetings and staffing the booths at the national conferences. She loves her job and the travel. When she is not on the road, she is busy with her son's Cub Scout troop. Her daughter is in the choir, and they are enjoying their third grade. She still writes the Honor Class notes.

**Sharon Pierce Reith** presented at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics annual conference in San Francisco last April. She also spoke at the Eastern Regional Conference in Pittsburgh in October. JD is in third grade and Jennifer is in pre-K. She and Dave '87 moved out of Carroll County and are in the process of building a new home in Frederick County. She is in her 12th year of teaching at Liberty Elementary; however, this is the first time she has taught second grade. Congratulations to Sharon for earning her blue belt in karate when she was six months pregnant!

**Jeff and Tracey Ann Tokar Smith** have 2 sons: Matthew, 4, and Joshua, 2. Jeff is still involved with the Sig Eps as the president of the Alumni Board, and Tracey Ann has joined up with the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter of Phi Mu. Jeff still works at A.C.T. (where he has been ever since graduation),

and Tracey Ann has been working at Integrated Health Services for seven years. She would love to hear from Phi Mu and Christian Fellowship friends. Contact me for her and Jeff's e-mails.

**John Van Lunen** and his wife **Bonnie** are taking care of their one-year-old Alvin and enjoying their water sports business (**Barrier Island Boats**) on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. John appreciates it when fellow Green Terrans stop by to say hello, just like **Susan Malkus '86** and **Larry Smith '87** did last year.

**Valerie Butta Shinsky** wants to say hello to all her Phi Sig Thirsty Thursday buddies. She is enjoying being at home with Matthew, 6, and Michael, 2. She loves running into other WMC alums in Harford County.

**Tara Stevenson McEvoy** went back to teaching two months after her daughter Madeline, 2, was born. She couldn't stand being away from her, so she is now enjoying life as a stay-at-home mom. They also have a new addition to their family, Anna Rose, who was born April 9, 1999. The girls keep Tara extremely busy, but she does find time to be very active in her church.

**Kathy Murphy** completed her work with the Campaign Finance Task Force and started working on the Bank Robbery Squad in the Washington, D.C., office of the FBI.

**Tim Staub** and wife **Beth** had a baby boy, Mason, on June 13, 1999. Mason has a big sister named Haley.

**Gina Graham Moltz** is watching her children grow. She survived Hurricane Floyd in Ocean City. She is good.

**Denny Snyder** and his wife **Missi** moved into their new home in February. On June 26 Missi gave birth to their first child, a girl, Shannon Joyce. All is well with mom and baby. Denny is in his 10th year of teaching and is still coaching varsity soccer and baseball at North Carroll High School. Missi is in her 13th year of teaching in Carroll County.

**Carol Boore O'Neil** is enjoying life and her family. They live in the Spring Ridge community in Frederick, Md. Her oldest daughter, Caitlyn, started kindergarten and is getting to be a really big girl. Meghan, 3, is a real "hot rod," according to mom, and keeps everyone on their toes. Her youngest daughter, Molly, 9 months, is taking her first steps. Carol enjoys running into **Ferren DeMoro Bolesla '87** and **Julie Bugg Maher '87** at the community pool.

We can hardly believe another year has past. **Matt '87** and **Tracy Buckman Dunne** are enjoying life in Cincinnati. It is a great city; however, we miss the Baltimore area and all of our friends and family. Christopher (born Oct. 1998) has joined our family since we last wrote. Courtney, 4, loves being a big sister. We had a fun time in Hilton Head, S.C., with **Dave '87** and **Maria Fishbe '93** Douglas and their children this fall. During trips back to Maryland I enjoy having dinner with **Kelly Rembold Hoke**, **Traci Parker Salvo**, **Deanne Reeve Wollman** and **Susan Scalley Heffner**.

**Susan Scalley Heffner** was promoted

to director of human resources at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my daughter Holly, who is now 10 years old and wise beyond her years.

That's all for this edition. Remember to keep us posted with any news.

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**Captain Tanya Kabel**  
**Ballard** and husband **Matt '92** live in El Paso, Texas. Tanya is a commander of an Air Defense battery and oversees 70 soldiers.

**Meleah Becker** is pursuing her master's degree in community counseling at the University of Northern Colorado. She is also a victim advocate for the local police department.

**Jon Hill Bubczyk** and husband **Jeff** had their first child, **Hallie Lynn**, on Aug. 10, 1999. They reside in Westminster.

**Ron Chesney**, a stockbroker in the Gaithersburg branch of Legg Mason, ran the Marine Corp Marathon in October and remains an avid soccer player.

**Amy Lloyd Clayton** married **Chuck Clayton '95** on Oct. 24, 1998. She works as a clinical assistant at The Thomas Otterrell Youth Center.

Enjoying life in their new house in Park City, Utah, are **Will and Sabra Karr Dator**. Will owns a construction company, and Sabra is a paralegal at a local law firm.

**Grant Disharoon** and wife **Leona Sewick '92** still live in the Westminster area. Grant keeps busy as a program manager, doing development work for International Practical Training. They enjoy spending time with friends, dog Ahab and seeing Green Terror football games.

**Kerry Meyers Furnari** and husband **Joe '92** welcomed baby boy **Joseph Patrick Furnari, Jr.** to the family Sept. 5, 1999. They reside in Timonium, Md.

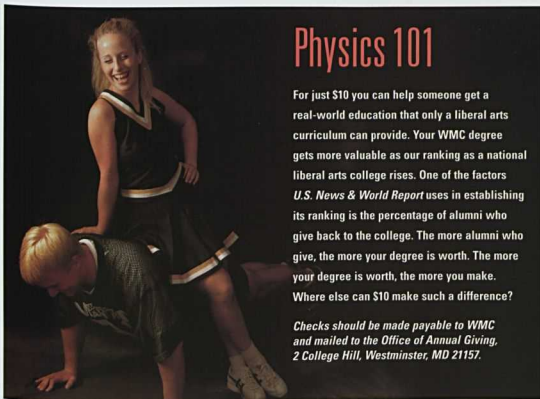
Loving life "up north" is **Amy Hackman**, manager of training and communication at Sales Fifth Avenue in Boston.

**Maria Lafferty Hopkins** and husband **Aaron** are busy renovating an old farm house. Maria works in Hagerstown, Md., as a physical therapist.

Just back from celebrating their first wedding anniversary in Maine are **Jennifer Milstein Johnson** and husband **Brent**. Jen still works for Taylor Royall, a casting agency in Baltimore. Their current project is the new TV show, "The West Wing."

**Derek Johnston-Wilson** lives in the mountains outside of Boulder, Colo., with wife Kara and dog Gazzi. He is working on his Ph.D. in accounting at the University of Colorado.

**Christine Keiner** got married at Little Baker Chapel in 1998. **Jennifer Disney** served as minister. Christine is



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enrolled in graduate school at The Johns Hopkins University.

After completing his master's degree, **Jeremy Kenney** headed to Washington and now works on Capitol Hill as supervisor of research analysts for the National Republican Senatorial Committee, chaired by Sen. Mitch McConnell.

**Coleen Klammer** is practicing law in Washington, D.C. She oversees cases on white collar criminal matters and food and drug work at Covington and Burling.

**Catherine Bair Kuhn** is in her second year of residency at York Hospital. She is doing well and happily expecting her third grandchild.

**Elaine Bucher and Demetrios Lambros** are busy amid the excitement of moving into their new house.

**Michelle Metzger Lent** purchased a new house last March and accepted a new position as early intervention specialist, working with 0-3 year olds with special needs. She visited Arcadia National Park last summer.

**Kenneth Hess** works for a defense contractor near Washington, D.C., and is involved in public affairs work for the Navy's environmental program. He lives in Frederick, Md.

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1998

Since graduation, a number of our classmates have returned to their hometowns to live. **Scott Gregg** is back in West Chester, Pa., **Richard Hamilton** has gone home to Sykesville, Md., **Maggie Lemerise** lives in her hometown of Manassas, N.Y., and **Kathy Schnabele** is glad to be back in Crofton, Md.

On the other hand, a few of our classmates have reported a change of scenery. **Liam Forsythe** moved to Frederick, Md., and reports that he is doing well. **Scott Robinson** now happily lives in Newark, Del., **Allison Cay Silverblatt** moved to Alexandria, Va., and **Gail Taylor** lives in Woodbridge, Va. **Rachel Harrison** lives in Woodbine, Md., and is in her second semester teaching government, U.S. history and Maryland's Tomorrow classes at North Carroll High School.

**Gina Hughes**, in Westminster, Md., has been teaching motor development to special needs children at Hampstead Elementary School.

**Andrew Kalisperis** is in his second year of graduate school at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where he is working as the press assistant for the Senate Republican Conference.

**Stan Mansky** has been having fun with the book again at Towson University. She is living in Baltimore and working towards a master's in biology. Her thesis work involves the creation of a vaccine for malaria. On top of that, she is a teacher's assistant for the biology department, working with the anatomy and physiology division.

Since graduation, **Patricia Panzo Malone** has been living in Hanover, Pa., with her husband Ralph and son Matthew, 9. She spent the past year working with the homeless population in York County and has just accepted a position as an early intervention case manager for the York County Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

**Kimberly McNally** could not get enough of Western Maryland, so after graduation she returned to earn her Master of Science in the Elementary Education and Teacher Certification program. She lives in Rockville, Md.

Following graduation, **Chryssa**

**Moyer** moved to Hagerstown, Md., where she has been living with her fiancé, Justin Litz. She works for Kelly Services, Inc. as an on-site supervisor at Moore, BCS in Thurmont, Md.

**Jennifer Sacks** now lives in Landsdale, Pa., where she is a clinical monitor at ICON Clinical Research.

**Charlotte Saylor '98's thesis work for a master's in biology involves the creation of a vaccine for malaria.**

After receiving her diploma, **Charlotte Saylor** decided to hit the books again at Towson University. She is living in Baltimore and working towards a master's in biology. Her thesis work involves the creation of a vaccine for malaria. On top of that, she is a teacher's assistant for the biology department, working with the anatomy and physiology division.

**Daniel Eric Shattuck** moved to Catonsville, Md., and has been working as a junior policy associate at the Robert A. Rapoza Assoc. lobbying firm in Washington, D.C. The firm represents groups and organizations that deal with community redevelopment, rural housing and community transportation issues.

Following graduation, **Jacqueline Smith** flew to Finland to live with her fiancé, Veli-Pekka Kivimäki. The two moved into their own apartment in July. Jacqueline is now teaching kindergarten at Sunrise Playschool, an

English-language preschool. In her spare time, she is studying hard to learn Finnish.

**Kari Thompson** moved to Severna Park, Md., and she got there in a brand new 2000 Mustang that she just purchased.

**Maddalena T. Tili** is working hard for her second year in the human genetics Ph.D. program at the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She passed her first year preliminary exams, was finishing lab rotations and was set to begin her thesis project.

**Barry Wyche** still lives in Owings Mills, Md., and is pursuing a master's degree in human resources development at WMC. In addition to his studies, he works for United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland. In January, he had his big television debut when he made an appearance on the United Cerebral Palsy telethon on WJZ-TV. The telethon aired a segment from the standing ovation Barry received from his classmates and community at graduation. He would like everyone to know that he greatly appreciated that standing ovation.

Last May **Erin VonTobell** returned to her hometown of Paramus, N.J., where she is a meeting and conference planner for the KPMG accounting firm.

After graduation, **Sander Zwack** returned to Europe and has been living and working for a wine importer in London. In January, he was to move to Genoa, Italy, where he will begin work in marketing.

Wedding bells have been ringing for many of our classmates. **Mary Cadden** and **Matt Steiner** were married in August of 1998. The two live in Seneca Falls, N.Y., where Mary is attending the New York Chiropractic College and Matt is working for a mutual health agency as a case manager.

**Reka Reichard** and **Zoltan Menyhart**, were married Sept. 11 in Budapest, Hungary. After a short honeymoon, they returned to their home in Pasadena, Md., and both have been working again in Baltimore.

After graduation, **Kim Walter** worked for WMC in the admissions office. On Sept. 5 she married Ghon Eckley. The two now live in Mt. Airy, Md., where Kim is working at her new job as an executive assistant.

On June 26, 1999, **Laurie Giorno** married long-term fiancé Drew Mace. They live in Baldwin, Md., but are building a townhouse in Bel Air. Laurie teaches third grade at Havre de Grace Elementary School.

Finally, I just moved into a new apartment in Washington, D.C., where I am in my second year at the School of International Service at American University, pursuing my master's in international relations. In January, I was to begin work for the Department of Transnational Threats of the National Security Council in the White House.

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# Cramped Quarters

The summer before I left for my freshman year of college, I was a nervous wreck. My nails were bitten to the quick and I stuttered at the mere mention of August 26, the date I was to leave for school.

Every decision with regard to leaving for college was long and torturous. (I spent three hours in a department store debating plain pillow cases vs. shams and the twin-size comforter vs. a queen.)

True, nervousness is not unusual in soon-to-be college freshmen, but for me, it wasn't the typical things like leaving friends and family for the first time or the academic challenges that frightened me. No, it was the single aspect of college life that I was supposed to be looking forward to that left me panic stricken—I was terrified of dormitory life.

It was a mystery to me. "Animal House" was my only point of reference, and it did little to allay my fears. Always the one with an umbrella, an organizer and a precisely set watch, dorm life with its innumerable variables was too far out of my comfort zone to comprehend.

What would my room look like? Would I be able to sleep in a bed other than the one I had grown up in? Could I ever adjust to a communal bathroom?

Would the closets be big enough for all of my wardrobe essentials (more than 30 pairs of shoes and an ever-growing collection of sweaters)?

And what about my roommate? Would she like me? Would I like her? Would she hate my obnoxiously loud, old-fashioned alarm clock—the only thing I could ever wake up to? Would she notice that I eat a piece of popcorn in three tiny bites? Or that I can't go to sleep without writing a "To Do" list for the next day? Was it even possible that there was someone out there that could tolerate living with me and all of my odd habits?

I was so dizzy with questions and anxieties, I figured my brain would explode before I could make it through the first week.



Looking back four years later, my brain still intact, all of my fears and anxieties seem foolish and misplaced. In fact, I now consider myself an expert on dorm life. No, the closets have never been large enough to accommodate my penchant for shoes and sweaters, but I've found that plastic crates work well for storing sweaters and the overflow of shoes wind up in a messy pile anyway.

Dormitory beds are actually quite comfortable—with the addition of extra padding and lots of fluffy pillows. Communal bathrooms, while they are an adjustment, aren't so bad, especially around bedtime when the nightly ritual of brushing your teeth becomes a social gathering.

And my roommate? Well, she's still my roommate, but she's also my best friend, occasional counselor and co-conspirator. It turns out I had very little to worry about; we liked each other immediately—a rare, perfect match made by Residence Life. I can't even recall a time when we've argued, although my noisy, old alarm clock did break mysteriously some time during our sophomore year.

Now a new date looms overhead causing me to stutter and bite my nails again—May 20, the date of my graduation.

This also marks my official exit from the residence halls, the place which I have referred to as Home (much to the dismay of my mother) for the last four years.

And so, as graduation grows near and the prospect of moving out into the "real" world comes closer to being reality, I have begun to relish all of the eccentricities of dorm life. I've come to appreciate the constant noise and distraction. When my neighbor plays his blues guitar loud and late at night, I consider it a free concert. (Although, I admit I'm not quite so positive when he breaks out the banjo.)

Cramped quarters? My shoes spill out of my closet, and I stack my library books on the floor beside the desk because picture frames, To Do lists and piles of notebooks occupy the tabletop and desk chair. That doesn't mean my room is too small; my life is just that abundant.

And maybe when I say I'm going to spend a quiet evening with my boyfriend, what I really mean is I'm going to spend a quiet evening with my boyfriend, my roommate, his roommates and anyone else who happens to stop by. A complete lack of privacy just means never having anything to hide and always having someone available to talk—or order a pepperoni and mushroom pizza from Domino's at 2 a.m.

More so than any lecture, late-night, last minute paper or final exam, these are the things that will always remind me of college life. These are the things I will miss most. •

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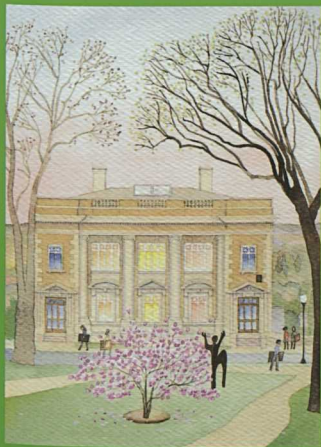


ILLUSTRATION BY SUSAN DAVIS

#### THE LIFE OF THE CAMPUS

Her watercolors captured the crisp thrill of Homecoming, the excitement of graduation day and beauty of the seasons on "the Hill." Illustrator Susan Davis, a Washington, D.C., area resident whose work also graced 20 *New Yorker* covers and accented the *Washington Post*, among many other newspapers, magazines and children's books, passed away in December at the age of 51 after a battle with a brain tumor. The *New Yorker* said it best, "While her works did not exactly reflect the world, ... they did sweeten it—a worthy mission and one for which we're grateful."

## HILL HAPPENINGS

### JUNE

**11** *Young Alumni Bird Bash 2000*, Oriole Park at Camden Yards, noon

**16, 17, 23, 24, 29, 30; July 1**  
*Theatre on the Hill: "Forever Plaid,"* Alumni Hall

**19** *Second Annual Mid-Atlantic Alumni Golf Invitational*, Willow Brook Country Club, Morristown, N.J.

**24, 25; July 1, 2, 8, 9**  
*Theatre on the Hill: "Snow White,"* Alumni Hall

**26** *Baltimore/Carroll County Alumni Luncheon*, 11:15 a.m.

### JULY

**2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7**

*Common Ground on the Hill: "Traditions" Workshops*

**7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 23, 27, 30;**

**August 3, 6, 10**  
*Theatre on the Hill: "The Mousetrap,"* Alumni Hall

**8, 9**

*Common Ground on the Hill: American Music & Arts Festival featuring Doc Watson, Carroll County Farm Museum*

**9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14**

*Common Ground on the Hill: World Percussion Gathering, Carroll County Farm Museum*

**11** *Day Students Reunion*

**15, 22, 23, 29, 30; August 5, 6, 12**  
*Theatre on the Hill: "Stuart Little,"* Alumni Hall

**21, 22, 28, 29; August 4, 5, 11, 12**  
*Theatre on the Hill: "The Rink,"* Alumni Hall

**24 through August 16**

*Baltimore Ravens preseason camp, Gill Center fields*

### OCTOBER

**1** *Mid-Shore Dinner*, Talbot County. Social time: 4 p.m.; Dinner: 5 p.m.

**7** *Wilmington (Del.) Alumni Chapter Luncheon*

**14** *Homecoming*

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- Residence hall renovations, Baker Chapel restoration and finishing touches to the walking campus to embrace the WMC family and its visitors; and
- Scholarship funds that open the door to an unmatched liberal arts education.



Students count down the campaign celebration's grand finale; Trustee Leslie Wiley (above) rings in the evening.

Turn to page 28 for more on the celebration of the campaign's success.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR  
MELHORN REPORTS ON  
PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION**

Dear Alumni and Friends of  
Western Maryland College,



*James I. Melhorn*

As chair of the Board of Trustees I appointed a Transition Committee this past May to develop criteria which will lead to recruitment and election of the eighth President of the College. The members of the Transition Committee consist of the Executive Committee of the Board, representation of the faculty, administration, Alumni Association and Student Government Assembly. This Committee has met regularly throughout the summer and will give a report to the Board prior to its meeting in late October.

In June 2000, a team of two persons, each widely experienced in higher education and none having any present association with Western Maryland College, reviewed the general condition of the College. All counted, interview and focus groups included 80 persons involving faculty, students, staff, opinion leaders in higher education and members of the local community. A preliminary report from our consultant has been distributed to the Transition Committee. This report is most comprehensive and serves as an important resource as we identify the strengths, limitations, and/or aspirations of the College.

The Transition Committee will review and discuss the report's recommendations during its next meeting in early October and make any revisions to the position statement for the President of WMC. The consultant's report is confidential and will remain so until after the Board meets in late October. You will be informed about any decisions made following that Board meeting relative to this report and/or the selection process for the next college president.

I sincerely appreciate those of you who have sent me your suggestions and I continue to encourage you to stay in touch. We will continue to keep you informed as well.

Sincerely yours,

James I. Melhorn  
*Chairman, WMC Board of Trustees*

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make it a great  
place to work."



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"Learning a  
different  
language and  
culture is  
almost like  
having two  
lives."



"The history of  
everyday man has  
equal value."



# NEWS

from the Hill

## Deaf Education Program Wins \$1.5 Million Grant

On any summer day, The Grille is filled with chattering graduate students, but there isn't a sound to be heard. Deaf, and a few hearing, students speak through a blur of fingers while studying in the nation's premier teacher preparation program in deaf education.

**"Deaf minority children have few role models in the classroom. We want to change that."**

"The number of deaf graduates from our program is increasing every year and is nearly 90 percent of each class now," said Judy Coryell, associate professor of education. "But in the U.S., only 15 percent of all deaf educators are deaf and fewer still are minorities. That means deaf minority children have few role models in the classroom. We want to change that."

Thanks to a \$1.5 million grant, one of 35 awarded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, the college will be able to help address a nationwide shortage of deaf education teachers, especially those who are deaf and/or minority.

The project, Bilingual Pathways for Deaf, Minority and Deaf-Minority Teachers in Deaf Education, is designed to attract minority students to the graduate program in deaf education, as well as give current graduate students the opportunity to promote careers in deaf education while teaching American Sign Language (ASL) classes in the community and assisting in high school ASL courses.

Western Maryland's program, the largest deaf education teacher training tract in North America, already graduates 75 percent of the nation's deaf teachers each year and boasts the largest number of minority deaf students at any college. Two-thirds of the faculty are also deaf.

"Our summer program is deaf-friendly and deaf-centered," Coryell said, adding



Judy Coryell leads the largest deaf education teacher training program in North America, graduating 75 percent of the nation's deaf teachers each year.

that all classes are taught in American Sign Language—the only school in the country to offer total immersion. "It focuses on the values of deaf culture instead of treating deafness as a handicap to overcome."

The grant will enhance the program by providing top-notch students with financial support for the first time. Incentives for minority and/or deaf students include stipends and financial support of \$1,000 to \$12,000, depending on training and programs.

"And to tie it all together," said Coryell, "The project offers continued support for

the new teachers, such as mentoring with other educators, setting up online discussion groups so they can keep in touch with each other and funding for certain professional conferences."

Earlier this year, the college added an undergraduate minor in deaf studies to prepare students who have expressed an interest in enrolling in the graduate program. Through the grant program, those undergraduate students can qualify to become visiting students for a semester at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

Another phase of the project will kick off next year, a bilingual specialists program which will certify students in English literacy or American Sign Language to serve as bilingual mentors in ASL/English laboratories and for school and community ASL classes. •



A federal grant will give financial support for the first time to top minority and/or deaf students in the WMC program.

A rerouting of Main Street creates a new entrance to the college and improvements to the road through campus.



RICH RUGLAND

## FACTS THAT WON'T FIT

**Campus acreage:** 160 • *Type of grass on athletic fields:* rye • *Mulch used in a year:* two tractor trailer loads • *Leaves hauled away each fall:* 67 one-ton truckloads • *Number of American elms:* 33 • *Annual cost to protect and extend life of them:* \$10-15,000 • *Depth set on campus mowers:* 2 1/2 inches.

## Faculty Enhance Teaching with Technology

A select group of professors will soon find themselves on the other side of the lectern as they learn how to use computer technology to enhance their classroom teaching.

Thanks to a \$200,000 grant from Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund, 20 professors over the next two summers will receive hands-on training in the world of virtual learning and how to incorporate technology into the traditional liberal arts curriculum. From creating web pages for their courses to setting up chat rooms for online discussion out of class to opening up the possibilities for global research on the world wide web, faculty participants will be able to move away from the chalkboard and take teaching in a whole new direction.

"It expands the teaching possibilities," says Erin Smith, assistant professor of English, who has been helping the college think through the place of technology in the classroom, in addition to assisting the English faculty with teaching technology. "Technology is part of

the world we live in. We can help students learn how to use it wisely in a lot of different situations."

A director of instructional technology will be hired to work with faculty members on how to better integrate technology into the current curriculum and how to develop new technology-based courses. Several student assistants will also be on call to answer questions and assist the director. The trained professors will then act as technology ambassadors for the rest of the faculty.

"This gives all of us an opportunity to consider the force that's shaping our culture," Smith says. "It can be overwhelming using technology in the classroom because it changes so quickly; it's hard to know what to use. Now the faculty will have someone to offer advice on what's the best way to adopt course material to the appropriate technology."

The grant also provides state-of-the-art laptop computers for the faculty participants to use as a command center for their online operations and to facilitate a certain comfort level with the technology. Upgrades for some of the existing technology in the college's computer laboratories are also in the works. •

## Roadwork Eases Campus Traffic

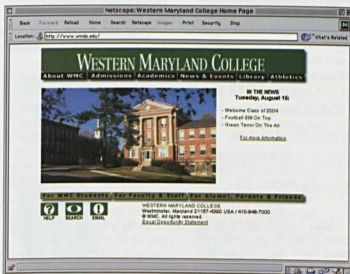
Prepare for a new view of campus on your next visit. Thanks to a State Highway Administration rejuvenation of Westminster's Main Street, which includes new brick sidewalks and crosswalks and repaving the road, part of "the Hill" is getting a new look.

The double intersection near Levine Hall—Union Street, Old New Windsor Road and West Main Street—was fairly dangerous to navigate, according to officials. A task force formed to study the intersection found that three-quarters of the traffic used Uniontown Road to get to points west and

suggested building an area of open space at Ward Memorial Arch to create a natural curve in the road to redirect all of the traffic from downtown.

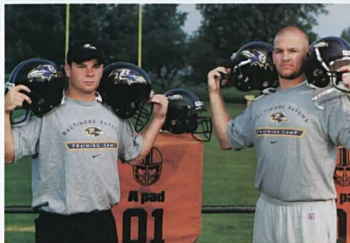
West Main Street will still cut through the campus, connecting with Md. 31 at the traffic light near Baugher's Family Restaurant, but drivers will have to skirt a newly established open space with a quick right turn to enter campus.

Not only will the college benefit from a quieter street, but as part of the project, the electrical and telephone lines will be buried and classic street lanterns will be installed to light the road. Construction is expected to be completed this fall. (See p. 10 for more.) •



## THE WMC ONLINE CONNECTION

As the curious of the world turn to cyberspace to keep in touch and stay in the know, the college unveils its new web site, designed to get you where you want to go on planet WMC in two clicks or less. Check out [www.wmdc.edu](http://www.wmdc.edu) for the latest on campus events, reunions, career information and classes. And stay tuned for even more online adventures.



Terror football players Jamie "Boo" Harris and Aaron Bartolain share the field with the NFL Ravens at summer training camp.

## Terror Teammates Learn From the Pros

BY NATHAN WHITE  
CARROLL COUNTY TIMES

Lugging football equipment around a locker room may not sound like the greatest job in the world, unless it means getting the chance to help professional football players train for the upcoming season.

**"I think I've got a few new pass rush moves that I can use this season."**

Terror football linebacker **Aaron Bartolain** and quarterback **Jamie Harris** spent the summer working as equipment interns at the Ravens training camp, held on campus late July through mid-August.

"They're the training coaches' right-hand man," said **Paul McCord '94**, Terror football assistant coach as well as a Ravens coaching intern. "They

help run drills and basically do as much as they can to help players get better."

Harris, a junior political science major with his eye on law school, was the warm-up passer for the Ravens wide receivers, including projected starters Qadry Ismail, Jermaine Lewis and Brandon Stokely.

"[The wide receivers coach] Milt Jackson came up to me on the first day and said, 'So, you're the Green Terror quarterback,'" said Harris. "Well, you're going to be an even better one when you leave here."

Senior Bartolain, a physics major, worked with defensive line coach Rex Ryan and set up the drills for defensive linemen like Michael McCrary, Rob Burnett and Lionel Dalton. "I've really been paying attention to McCrary's footwork," Bartolain said. "I think I've got a few new pass rush moves that I can use this season."

Working with the Ravens will help toward his dream of being a college football coach, he said. He'd like to find a graduate program where he can be a graduate assistant and help with football while work-

ing on his master's degree in engineering.

Both Terror teammates wanted to return to Westminster early to concentrate on the upcoming football season.

"I know I have two years of football left in my life," Harris said. "And everyday is one less day that I get to play the game I love." •

*Don Schumaker contributed to this article.*

Turn to the inside back cover for this fall's home football schedule, or click on Athletics on WMC's home page ([www.wmc.edu](http://www.wmc.edu)) for more on the team.

## Spring Sports Review

Green Terror athletic teams sprang at their Centennial Conference rivals in the spring of 2000 and produced one of the most successful seasons in school history. Of the nine varsity teams, only two finished below fourth place. Here's a recap, in order of league finish:

### GOLF (FIRST PLACE):

Western Maryland came from fourth place and nine shots back in the second and final round to win the conference title in dramatic fashion—by a single stroke over Ursinus when an Ursinus golfer triple-bogeyed the final hole. It was the second league crown in three years for **Coach Scott Moyer's** men. Junior **Matt Lender** led the charge with a 73 on the second day, the second-best round in the tournament, and tied for fifth overall.

### SOFTBALL

#### (23-6, SECOND PLACE):

In a stirring, four-way title race, Western Maryland finished a game behind Muhlenberg when it dropped its final game to Gettysburg 2-0. The team won 11 straight, its longest winning streak since 1994. Freshman phenom **Amanda Donaldson** went 14-1 on the mound and set WMC records for wins and strikeouts in a season. She made first-team all-league with senior rightfielder **Jacie Mathias** (.398), who became the fourth WMC player in five years to be named conference Player of the Year.

### MEN'S LACROSSE

#### (11-4, THIRD PLACE):

Coming off back-to-back 5-9 seasons, the Terror won its first seven games and rose to 19th in the national rankings before the bubble burst with losses to No. 2 Gettysburg and No. 6 Washington College. (All four losses were to NCAA tournament teams.) Sophomore **Tom Brown** and freshman **Joey Ellis** tied for the league lead with 51 goals, two short of the school record. Junior **Brett Sweeney** led the league in assists with 35 and made first-team all-conference. Senior defenseman **Gaelen Cross** joined Ellis on the second team.

### MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

#### (14-4, THIRD PLACE):

The Terror men won four gold medals at the Centennial Conference outdoor championships. Freshman **Aleany An** struck gold in the long jump and triple jump and broke a league record by leaping 47 feet, 1 1/2 inches in the triple. Sophomore **David Hose** won the shot put, and junior **Jeff Groff**





Brett Sweeney



Laura Henderson



Jamie Falcone

dominated the league's inaugural decathlon competition, winning six of the 10 events.

#### **WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD (12-3, FOURTH PLACE):**

Junior **Jamie Falcone** won the Outstanding Female Performer award at the league outdoor championships after winning the 100 and 200 meters in school-record times and helping the 4 x 100 relay team smash a conference mark. A week later, at the Towson Open, she ran the fastest 200-meter time of the year in Division III (24.02). At the Frostburg State Invitational, the 4 x 100 relay team (Falcone, freshman **Stephanie McPherson**, sophomore **Thea Bayly** and junior **Aleya Horn**) ran the second-best time in Division III all season. Sophomore **Jill Krebs** came back from mononucleosis to win a conference gold in the 10,000.

#### **WOMEN'S TENNIS (10-3, FOURTH PLACE):**

Senior **Lara Henderson** and junior **Alethea Desrosiers** teamed up to win the conference doubles title, avenging their only two losses of the year by upsetting the Muhlenberg pair in the quarterfinals and the Dickinson duo in the semis. Henderson, who made first-team all-conference for the third straight year, broke the school victory record in both singles (with a 49-7 career mark) and doubles (38-5). Desrosiers ran her singles record to 33-10 and junior **Becca Lyter** to 32-9.

#### **BASEBALL (18-14, FOURTH PLACE):**

Going nowhere at midseason, the Green Terror reared up to win seven of eight games and stay in the race until the final

weekend, when it lost its last three games to league champ Ursinus and runner-up Johns Hopkins. Senior right-hander **Brent Fuchs** (5-4, 2.70 ERA) earned second-team all-league honors and came within two strikeouts of the WMC career record. Senior outfielders **Barrett Gugliotta** (.362) and **Ryan Legge** (.330) and junior first basemen **Kacy Jenkins** (.324) were the top hitters.

#### **WOMEN'S LACROSSE (6-10, SEVENTH PLACE):**

Senior attacker **Meaghan Giorno** made first-team all-conference with 45 goals and 27 assists, earned a coveted invitation to the North-South All-Star Game and shared the Faith Millard Medal as WMC's top female athlete of 1999-2000. Giorno became the No. 4 scorer in team history with 149 career goals, No. 2 in assists (70) and No. 3 in total points (219). Senior midfielder **Shannon Benson** made second-team all-league after leading the team with 27 takeaways. The Terror lost three games by a single goal, two in triple overtime.

#### **MEN'S TENNIS (11-10, EIGHTH PLACE):**

Western Maryland escaped last place for the first time in three years with a 4-3 win over Ursinus on April 8. Sophomore **David Johnson** pulled out the deciding singles match in three sets, and co-captains **Mark Wieder** and **Dan Powell** contributed singles wins.

## **Women's Golf Gains Varsity Status**

The women's golf team earned varsity status after just one year as a club sport, giving Western Maryland 24 varsity teams, 12 men's and 12 women's, competing in the Division III Centennial Conference.

**Mike Diehl** will continue in his dual role as head coach of the women's team and assistant coach of the men's. **Scott Moyer**, men's head coach for the past 14 years, will oversee both programs as the college's director of golf. Both teams have the luxury of an on-campus practice facility, the nine-hole Western Maryland Golf Club.

"I think there's enough interest at the high school level for us to be as successful in women's golf as we are in men's," said Moyer, who has guided the men to two conference titles in the past three

**"I think there's enough interest at the high school level for us to be as successful in women's golf as we are in men's."**

years and to two recent NCAA championship berths, the first for any Maryland college in any division. "We're constantly getting calls and letters from people interested in women's golf, so I know we can do a good job."

The schedule will be beefed up from the 1999-2000 slate, which had the women playing in two fall tournaments and three spring events.

In the fall, the Terror women finished third at the Dickinson Invitational and fourth at their own WMC Fall Invitational. This spring they wound up sixth at the WMC Spring Invitational, took third at the Gettysburg Invitational and tied for fifth at the Dickinson Invitational. •

## **GREEN TERROR ACTION TO HIT THE RADIO WAVES**

Western Maryland College welcomes the voice of Carroll County, WTRR AM 1470, into the locker room and on the field as the voice of Green Terror action.



This fall WTRR will begin broadcasting live from all home and away football games, plus selected home men's and women's basketball games. Western Maryland's own **John Seaman '70**, former Terror football player, along with local sports broadcasters **Bryan McLean** and **Charlie Beckhardt**, will provide the color commentary.

The Terror football team enters this season with three consecutive Centennial Conference titles under its belt and an undefeated record in the regular season.

Tune in early for pre-game interviews with the coaches and star players. Check out the Athletics page at [www.wmdc.edu](http://www.wmdc.edu) for more on the Terror team line-up and game times. •

# Hi PEOPLE



Al Law

## The Economies of Retirement

*One Ship sails East,  
One Ship sails West;  
By the self-same wind that blows.  
For it is not the gale,  
But the set of the sail  
That determines which way they go.*

It's difficult to track just how many students have heard Economics Professor Al Law recite those lines when one of them has blamed him for their "not learning enough"—Law's polite way of saying that his pupil earned a bad grade.

After 40 years of teaching, 34 of them on "the Hill," he has learned one essential lesson: Some students love to

learn and some students don't. "I try to keep it amusing," he says. "Economics is, after all, the dismal science. Jokes always amuse me—and occasionally move the students."

With a reputation for having high standards and a wry wit, and for being a tough grader, Law has had the capacity to make economics even more dismal. "Whether I'm a softie depends on if you want to learn. I'm a mean old troll for people looking for an excuse not to learn. For those who want to learn, I'm a pussy cat—in my opinion," he says with a sweet smile. "Others are entitled to their opinion, of course."

And anyone who has spent more than two minutes with

Law knows there's a caveat to that remark: "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion," he often opines, "As long as he keeps it to himself."

A native of Harrisville, W.Va., Law earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from West Virginia University. He taught at North Carroll High School for four years before joining the Western Maryland family in 1966. He also served Rutgers University, where he earned his Ph.D., in various teaching capacities.

Law earned the rank of professor in 1976 and served as chair of the economics and business administration department for 22 years. Throughout his career at WMC, he published numerous articles and papers in professional journals, particularly in the area of international economics. He also was given a Faculty Author Award in 1975 for his book "International Commodity Agreements: Setting, Performance and Prospects."

In the classroom, Principles of Economics has remained his personal favorite to teach. "Students come in knowing virtually no economics," he explains. "It's wonderfully

important and fascinating thing to learn."

Those classroom miles have revealed to him the essential truths of teaching. "There is no such thing as giving someone an education," he says. "You have to make them work for it. I have worked myself to maintain high standards teaching." In fact, he received the college's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1974.

As a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international honor society in economics, Law was instrumental in founding the college's chapter and served as its adviser until his retirement. He is also an honorary member of the Pi Gamma Mu (social science) and Beta Gamma Sigma (commerce) honor societies.

The college community has relied on him for years to don his red robe to help lead the commencement exercises as a college marshal.

Law is now taking leave of the classroom and the head of the commencement line—"more novels and less economics"—planning to spend time with his wife in Lake Winnebago, the Caribbean island of St. Martin and a new abode

on the West Virginia mountain upon which he grew up.

"Someone told me, when you retire, every morning is Saturday and every evening is Friday night," he said. "I'll let you know." •



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Karen Doyle



Francis "Skip" Fennell



Jean Shin

## Classroom Currents

Professor of Military Science and Green Terror Battalion Commander Lt. Col. **Karen Doyle** wraps up an extended assignment after an outpouring of letters kept her on campus longer than expected. She heads to Germany to start as Director of Intelligence and Commander of Opposing Forces.

*Associate Professor of Education **Henry Reiff**'s book "Exceeding Expectations: Successful Adults with Learning Disabilities" was chosen as a Top 20 Resource in Learning Disabilities by the American Library Association.*

Professor of Education **Francis "Skip" Fennell** is the first educator from a liberal arts institution to receive the Glenn Gilbert National Leadership Award from the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics, an organization whose membership is made up of leaders in the field of mathematics education. The award is given annually to recognize educators who have made significant contributions to mathematics education.

**Paul Miller**, assistant professor of history, and sociology instructor **Jean Shin** went back to class for the three-week Jessie Ball duPont Fund Summer Seminar of Liberal Arts College Faculty in June. Seminars were designed to give fac-

ulty background and enhance teaching through the exchange of ideas with their peers. Shin hopes to apply discussion to his Cultural Anthropology course, and Miller will focus his insights on his teaching of the Jewish experience.

**Carol Rouzer '76**, associate professor of chemistry, leaves the classroom after 11 years to return to the research lab. She heads to Nashville and a research position in the biochemistry department at Vanderbilt University. She will study lipid metabolism and the enzymes involved in inflammatory illness, as well as the anti-inflammatory and arthritis drugs being developed to counteract the mechanism. Rouzer worked as a research biologist before joining the faculty in 1989.

The Standards-Based Teacher Education Project, a national initiative by the Council for Basic Education and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, awarded a \$44,000 grant over three years to the Education department to fund the Standards-Based Teacher Education Project. Secured by **Ken Pool**, director of the Graduate Program, Associate Professor of Education **Brian Lockard** and Professor of Education and program coordinator **Francis "Skip" Fennell**, the grant will support a national program to redesign teacher preparation programs to ensure that graduates know the subjects they will teach and how to teach those subjects to all students. The project will help WMC's program maintain national K-12 standards to aid in future accreditation. •

## Hughes Joins Graduate Program

After launching and coordinating the college's newest graduate program in Human Resource Development, **Sherri Lind Hughes**, associate professor of psychology, has been named assistant dean of Graduate Affairs. She will work with program coordinators to support individual programs and analyze the needs of a graduate department that is attracting a growing number of students—25 percent to 30 percent over the last five years.

The program, serving 3,000 full- and part-time students, now offers degrees in 12 subject areas, including nine education-related fields and a master of liberal arts. It also boasts the nation's largest graduate program in deaf education for teachers, which recently received a \$1.5 million grant to fund multi-faceted program to recruit and prepare more minority students for careers in deaf education (see page 2).

Hughes, who joined the faculty in 1989, will continue to teach undergraduate and graduate courses, as well as coordinate the Human Resources Development tract. •



Sherri Lind Hughes

RICH RIGGINS



# COMMENCEMENT 2000

Smile! Spirits soared May 20 as 445 undergraduate and 363 graduate students—and their families and friends—filled Gill Gymnasium for Commencement. Newbery Award-winning author Jerry Spinelli and orthopedic surgeon Michael Ain received honorary degrees from the college.



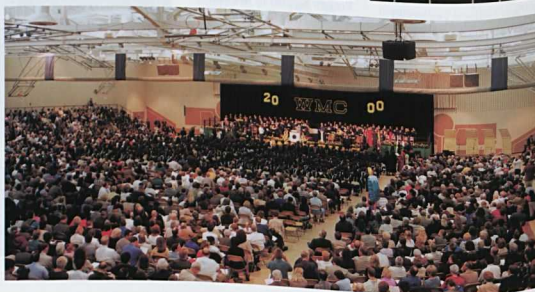
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Interim President Joan Develin Coley greets a capacity crowd in Gill Center. Below, members of the graduating class applaud their parents.



KURT HOLTER



At the morning's ROTC commissioning ceremony, 11 cadets earned the official rank of second lieutenant, seen here with Chas Neal, professor of political science.



The family of WMC-Budapest student Afunu Ali (below) traveled from Nigeria to see her cross the stage.



WMC Green

# CAMPUS BEAUTY SECRETS



*Western Maryland College.* We're beautiful, but you'll love us for our minds. But did I mention that we're beautiful?

The college is not only enjoying a renaissance of new and improved buildings and classroom space, but the grounds have been improving right along with them, turning colors with every season.



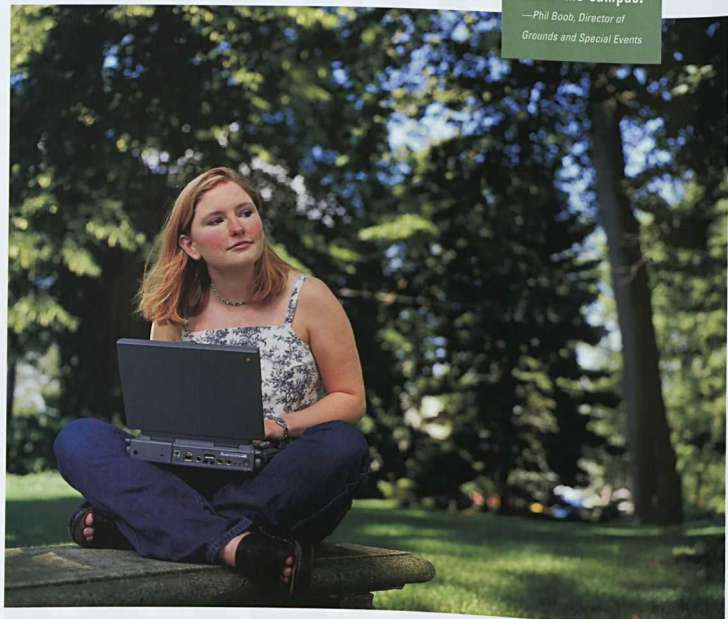
It all began in 1989 when ground broke for the new Hoover Library. The cramped parking lot in front of Decker Center got a new look: Out with cars, in with green space.

"Memorial Plaza was the first and most significant major landscaping change," said Ethan Seidel, vice president of finance and administration, of the asphalt that was turned into an amphitheater-style gathering place of grass, granite and brick where the campus' pathways meet. Ira Zepp, professor of religious studies emeritus and author of the book "Sacred Spaces of Westminster," would call it a cosmic center.

"It had a tremendous impact," Seidel said. "We saw what you can accomplish with brick-paved walkways instead of concrete, and we became more conscious with each project."

"First impressions are important. It's just as important, too, that current students feel good about the campus."

—Phil Boob, Director of  
Grounds and Special Events



Thus began a campus makeover that has reestablished a sense of place on a hill long admired for its pastoral beauty. With each building project has come a series of significant additions and rejuvenations of garden areas and an involvement of the college community.

Take, for instance, the refuge marked by a winding path and benches nestled between Lewis Recitation Hall, Lewis Hall of Science and the new Science Center. Once a cramped parking lot, a cross section

of faculty, administration and trustees collaborated with the building's architect to design the new space.

"We had to take down several trees to build the Science Center," Seidel said. "And we replaced them with more trees than we took down and a greater variety of species. I e-mailed the students with the news, and they really appreciated the information." (See p. 15 for what happened to some of those trees.)

A ribbon of soft rose-colored bricks

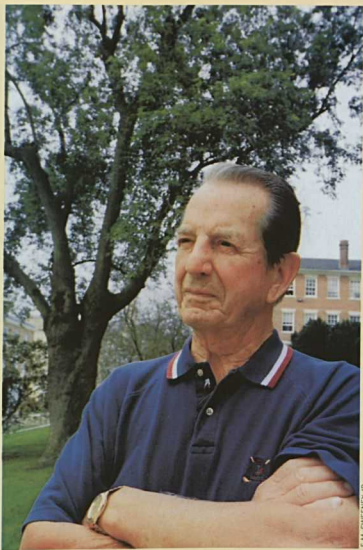
twists through campus delivering students and visitors to their destination like Dorothy on the yellow brick road. Concrete sidewalks will be replaced with the welcoming stone. A brick boulevard now leads visitors from Decker College Center, past Hill Hall and through Memorial Plaza—where chances are a professor is taking advantage of a sunny day by holding class outside—to McDaniel Hall. A similar path will soon lead from Whiteford Hall, past the Gazebo to [continued on page 14]

BRIAN HIGGINS

## Greenery Born of Adversity

It comes as no surprise that the first student loans were inaugurated by college trustees in 1928 to help needy students stay in school during the Depression years. According to college history, loans of \$150, tuition for one year, were made to underclass students with the expectation that these loans would be repaid within four years after graduation.

Eleanor Grier '35 remembers waking from a sound sleep in her dorm room and hearing the newsboys running through campus shouting out the day's headlines that the banks had closed. The nation's troubled economics certainly could have prevented Eleanor's aspirations for a college education since her parents were unable to pay her and



E.L.M. SWEENEY, JR.

**George Grier '39 and his cousins paid for their tuition with tree plantings during the Depression; During the same era, Harvey Stone Park (left) was built under the Civil Works Administration of Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt.**



JEAN GUALTNEY

younger sister Ruth's college tuition. But opportunity was born of adversity.

Their father, Elwood Grier, was a nurseryman in Harford County, the native home of President Albert Norman Ward who, in 1920, had enlarged the campus with the purchase of the neighboring 65-acre farm, its only woodland being on the northwest side. Grier approached his friend Dr. Ward and offered to barter trees for the campus in exchange for the tuition costs of his two daughters.

"Daddy brought the trees and shrubbery to plant on campus and my sister and I moved into Blanche Ward," she recalls. Both sisters majored in home economics and became long-time public school teachers in Bel Air. At age 87, she still has all the letters her mother wrote to her while she was a student on the Hill. "I can remember having little money, only enough sometimes to buy a Coke," she said, but the weekly box of cakes and candies from home kept them well-stocked in goodies.

Both sisters graduated in 1935, the same spring their cousin George finished high school. While helping his father, a partner in the Grier nursery business, plant new shrubs along the stone wall outside Blanche Ward, he met President Ward, who asked him if he wanted to go to college, striking the same tuition for trees deal. "Naturally, I said yes," says Grier, recently standing next to a 40-foot tree he remembers planting behind McDaniel and Blanche Ward residence halls.

Records of all the plantings—from the group of hemlocks that once formed a natural outdoor theater near Harvey Stone Park to the arboretum requested

by the biology faculty to the large trees that still provide shade at the stadium—were kept and turned over each year to college administrator T.K. Harrison. "There's a lot of Harford County soil mixed with Carroll County soil," he quips about all the shoveling he did to create the canopy of shade enjoyed by all who visit campus.

His tuition for trees exchange ended in 1941 when he finally enlisted in the war, postponing his college degree and later finishing his education at Johns Hopkins. But his career soon brought him back to Carroll County where he put down permanent roots and served with distinction as its County Administrator and as the catalyst for legislation preserving the area's farmland.

After retiring from public service, Grier served as a special projects consultant to President Robert Chambers and continues to serve as an unofficial ambassador for the college in the county. He still stops on campus frequently, but avoids the committee meetings. Now he simply drops by Blanche Ward to take his WMC cousin, sophomore Mindy Bucey (granddaughter of the late Ruth Grier '35), downtown for lunch...that is, after he inspects the trees. •

## If You Could be a Tree...

A 134-year-old college is bound to have some old trees. In fact, WMC has at least six trees on the state's tree registry and near record-holders for the grandest and largest in the state. "We're an old campus," says College Gardener Richard Wilbur. "It's nice to have nice old big trees."

Here are a few notable species:

- Yellow poplar, *Liriodendron tulipifera* (near the spring house)
- Weeping cherry, *Prunus subhirtella pendula* (at the Singleton Farm)
- American elm stand, *Ulmus americana* (all over campus)
- White ash, *Fraxinus americana*
- Kentucky coffee tree, *Gymnocladus dioica* (next to Harrison House)
- Green ash (on #5 fairway at corner of routes 140 and 31)

Blanche Ward Hall and on to Main Street.

The only cars to be seen on the south side of campus at the Alumni Hall entrance will turn around a circle to be created linking Peterson Hall, Blanche Ward, McDaniel, Lewis Recitation Hall and the President's House. The campus walkway extension is expected to be completed in the spring of 2001.

Since it's hard to keep something so beautiful under wraps, the makeover will spill right onto Main Street where over-

head utilities are being buried from the corner of Union Street to the entrance of Winslow Hall. As part of a Maryland State Highway project to beautify and update Westminster's Main Street, the water and sewer lines will be replaced, the road repaved and a new brick sidewalk put in along the campus end of the street. The road will be turned over to Westminster upon its completion, and the city has agreed to extend the sidewalk to Route 31 en route to Baugher's Restaurant.

The icing on the cake will be the installation of old-fashioned street lanterns along the stretch, like the ones that now line the pathways on campus, lighting the way to the ever-changing beauty on "the Hill." •

With over 100 years of service to the college combined, the Mighty Men of WMC work through sleet and snow, rain and sunshine to keep the campus looking its best.





## Trees on the Hill: The Science of Wood

### Instructor:

Richard Smith, Professor of Chemistry

### Course description:

This first-year seminar course studies three areas of science as they relate to a common substance found all around us, wood. The biology of a tree will encompass the growth and structure of trees and the use of these facts to identify wood. The physics of working with wood will explore how classical mechanics apply to basic woodworking tools that rely upon the strength and weakness inherent in the structure of wood. The chemistry of wood and finishes will explore the forces that hold a tree together and the science of polymers as it applies to different wood finishes.

### From the professor:

"Driving in one morning, I noticed the trees all around me. I love hardwood working—using 18th and 19th century woodworking

techniques. I thought students could identify and work locally picked wood.

"Three tulip poplars stood in the way of building the Science Center. I had the college save the trunks, and I had them cut them into planks. They have been seasoning for three years in the basement of Old Gill. The students will make two benches with them for the halls of the new science building.

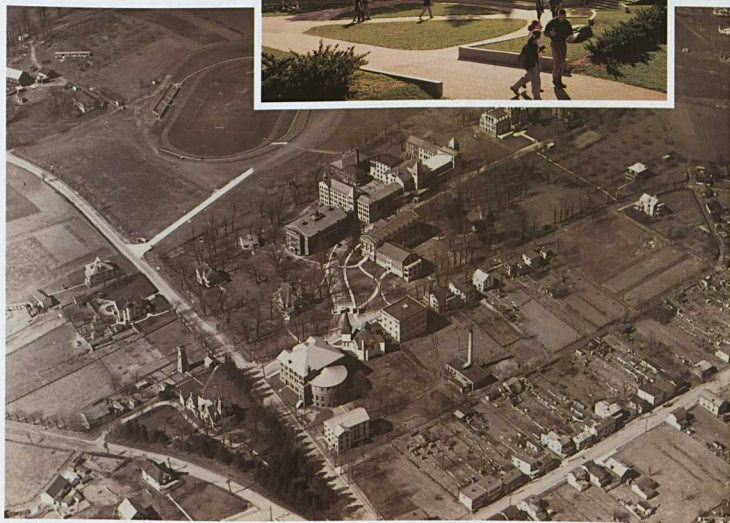
"The trees are purple and blue inside. Over the years the botany class has cored the trees to count rings, and the tree's response is to secrete highly colored compounds to repel bacterial and fungal infections. What was a pale green hard wood is now dark blue and purple. It will turn to deep brown and tan with time.

"The students will not be allowed to use power tools or fasteners (except for an electric lathe for the legs). They will hand-plane the planks down to the purple and coat it with tongue oil. Fourteen people in the class will be split into teams to make two benches. It will be a race, and the team that finishes first gets extra points. Their work will also be judged for beauty.

"It's all about a reverence for wood, an appreciation that this was a living organism and each piece of wood has a unique character. It involves manual skill, science in woodworking, also a lot of art and cooperation. You have to cooperate and understand wood—understand enough to bring out natural beauty with no paint and no stain." •



PETER HOWARD



WMC ARCHIVES

# Role Playing

Tom Deveny, professor of foreign languages, sees more than subtitles when watching Spanish movies.

Viewing the flickering images in a dark theatre with notebook and pen in hand, he sees the passions of Spanish society and politics unfolding with each frame. He sees a microcosm of the tensions and conflicts that have shaped the evolution of Spain from a 40-year dictatorship under Franco to a growing democracy exchanging ideas—and soon the euro currency—with the rest of Europe.

Fresh from publishing a book on contemporary Spanish film, Deveny has spent the summer pouring over the film adaptations of the works of novelist Arturo Perez-Reverte. "The Flanders Panel," an international best seller of chess, murder and the art world, was recently made into film by Jim McBride, an American director, with an all-English cast. The author's "The Ninth Gate" starred Johnny Depp and was directed by Roman Polanski.

"If a film is a cultural work of art, then if there's a film based on a Spanish novel with an American director and English cast, what's the final product?" Deveny wonders. "The Spanish count them as Spanish films because there is a Spanish producer who puts up the money. But is Spanish film losing its cultural identity?"

Spanish film has been the stage for the passion and politics of a nation long viewed as the different and dirty cousin of the continent. Though suffering under tight censorship following during the post-civil war Franco era (from the mid-1930s to the mid-1970s), film still managed to reflect the political climate.

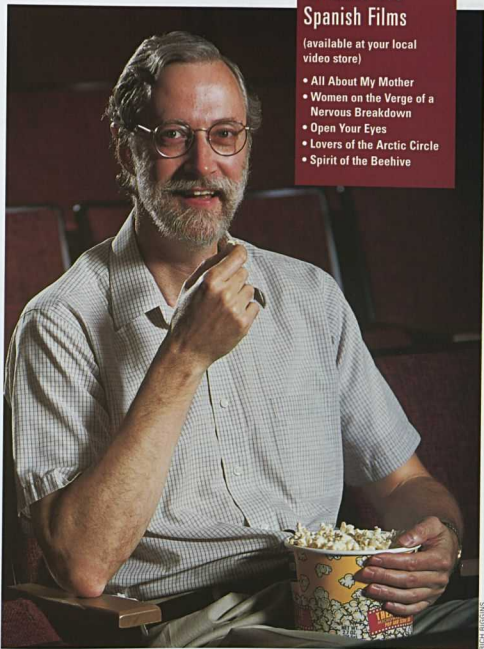
"From 1965 on, filmmakers represented the Spanish civil war and its aftermath allegorically, but when Franco died in 1975, censorship ended," Deveny explained. "People who had lost the war never got to tell their version. A whole new perspective was brought to the Spanish public."

The transition to democracy, as well as the transformations in Spanish society, played out on the screen as the government and the Catholic Church lost their grip on people's lives. Deveny says the pendulum has now swung from severe censorship to an

## Deveny's Picks for Must-See Spanish Films

(available at your local video store)

- All About My Mother
- Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown
- Open Your Eyes
- Lovers of the Arctic Circle
- Spirit of the Beehive



ROD RAGAN

openness about sexuality and other taboo topics in film that may be too frank for American audiences but has won international accolades from critics.

His first book in 1993, "Cain on Screen: Contemporary Spanish Cinema," is a study of the impact of the Spanish Civil War on the nation's cinema. He recently finished "Contemporary Spanish Cinema" and he's getting even more current with a look at the new young directors that are bringing young audiences back to Spanish movie theaters in droves and creating a new voice of their own, often completely divorced from the moral and political baggage of Spain's past.

In between teaching elementary Spanish classes and an analysis of the great works of Spanish literature with more advanced students, Deveny lets Spanish majors grapple with the same issues in his Novel to Film course.

"Students today are a real AV generation. I thought teaching film text would connect with them," he said. Spanish majors read several works, then watch and discuss the films as adaptations of the books.

Honored with the Ira G. Zepp Distinguished Teaching Award this spring, Deveny has proven to be an innovative foreign languages teacher since joining the faculty in 1978. Through the college's TV satellite dish he introduces his students to Spanish television programs or asks them to glean the current news from newspapers and radio stations online, which he has coordinated into a web site available through the Hoover Library home page ([www.wmdc.edu](http://www.wmdc.edu)).

"Students have access to newspapers around the Hispanic world, from Madrid to Buenos Aires," he said. "I want to focus on the rest of the world and make students realize that there are reasons for the large-scale immigration we see—partly due to our foreign policy and the incredible divide from rich to poor."

Deveny's own hispanic adventure began in high school outside of Syracuse, N.Y.,

meeting foreign exchange students from Latin American countries. He spent a summer with a family in Lima, Peru, before heading to the University of Albany to study Spanish formally.

He earned the Gulbenkian Fellowship for study at the Universidade de Coimbra in Portugal, and took the train to Madrid to spend his junior year in Spain. Now both a professor and translator—for both conversation and literature—he still serves as the rock for students who venture to Sevilla and beyond on their own adventures abroad.

"I've never had anyone return and say it wasn't a good experience," he said. "In fact, the biggest problem is that they don't want to come back home at all."

His first act as department chair in 1986 was to reinvigorate foreign language housing—Spanish, French and German living spaces where students can practice their language skills and learn more about the culture with a resident student who is a native speaker.

"Once you become really bilingual, it changes your life," he tells young students. "Learning a different language and culture—food, music—it's almost like having two lives." Like an actor and his role played out on the big screen. •

# Photo Opportunity

It was no surprise that we'd be caught in the middle of a movie set when we rounded the block to the Los Angeles Central Public Library to meet photo curator Carolyn Jennings Cole '66.

uscious salads and sandwiches were set up for the actors hidden in their trailers as we picked our way over cables and extension cords to find a door into the glittering Art Deco building and descend into its subterranean heart to the history room.

There we met Cole, a petite wiry-haired photographer who keeps the library's 2.5 million photo collection in order—everything from car wrecks to images of Marilyn Monroe. That's 4,000 legal-size boxes of photos and walls of metal filing cabinets.

"I can stop anywhere and get lost," she says of times when she's searching through the boxes to find images for authors or documentary companies searching for historical material. "I have to use extreme self control."

She is proud of her adopted home town, a far cry from her rural Virginia birth place, and elects to takes us on a tour, leading us through canyons of gleaming glass skyscrapers downtown to Angel's Flight, a century-old funicular train that once took the wealthy from their homes on Bunker Hill down a 315-foot, too-steep-to-walk hill to the business district.

Now it's a Latino community, Broadway Street, lined with storefront wedding chapels, shops selling fresh *borchata* (nutmeg and rice milkshakes), Latin music blaring from boom boxes in sidewalk lean-tos hawking luggage and colorful shirts.

We duck out of the California sun into the shade of a bustling *mercado*. Cole weaves through rows of yellow and orange bulbous fruits and dark leafy vegetables past crowds pressed against hot food stands and glass cases filled with iridescent Virgin Mary cloaks. The air smells of earth from the mounds of produce, mixed with the steam of boiling beans and the heat from the automatic tortilla maker churning out circles of corn.

She recommends the gorditas and we carry our prizes across the street to the courtyard of the Bradbury Building, a community landmark saved from the wrecking ball by a renewed interest in the neighborhood, and the site of an earlier library photo exhibit.

There Cole's story unfolds. From her neck hangs a miniature picture frame on a chain, holding a photo of her mother and her grandparents, all photographers. Her great grandfather was a photographer, as well.

Cole headed to Catholic University to be a librarian, but it all changed 23 years ago when, unable to find a good photographer, she picked up the camera herself to take black and white photos of her children. "Since then, I haven't been a librarian," she says.

She has spent time clicking her shutter, but she has also been a catalyst in mounting photo exhibits with historical collections. In Seattle, she helped make the Pike Place Market 75th anniversary a success. She wrote a grant to photograph the city of Everett's old timers, some of whom had been involved in the Wobley massacre in 1916, and combined them in an exhibit with photos from their albums.

Moving to Los Angeles in 1980, Cole worked as a photographer and as a consultant on several major photographic collections before being hired by the Los Angeles Public Library in 1990. She had just been put in charge of the library's photo collection when researchers knocked on her door looking for images of the Watts neighborhood for a commemorative exhibit 25 years after the riots. Not burning buildings and police brigades, but the African American neighborhood of neat streets, small tidy homes and thriving businesses.



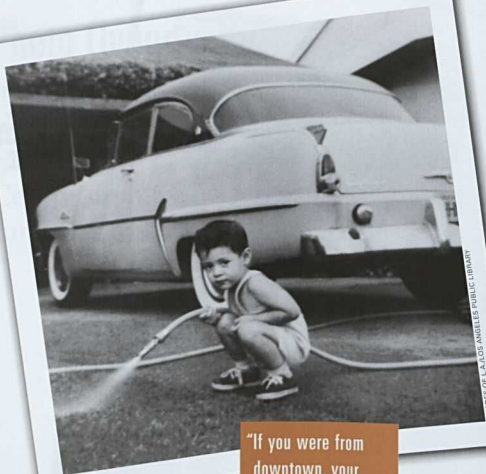
IRENE PEREIRA





Carolyn Jennings Cole  
'66's (facing page)  
Shades of L.A. photo  
project gave the city's  
ethnic communities a  
new voice through  
their photo albums.

SHADES OF L.A. LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY



"Arnold Bustilles can be in anyone's album," says Cole. "There was a time when a kid would play with a hose and be entertained for hours."

She discovered not one photo in the Watts folder. There were no photos in the files for dozens of other ethnic neighborhoods either. Well-established ethnic communities of South Asians, African Americans and Hispanics, she found, had not one picture in the library's archives to represent their lives.

"If you were from downtown, your history was covered just fine," she says. "But if you were from South Central or East L.A., there was nothing."

A photographer by blood, she knew the missing history could be found in old photo albums. "A photo can have the most powerful pull on a person's memory and imagination," she says. So Cole decided, of all things, to add more photos to the collection—photos of the forgotten ethnic communities of Los Angeles.

In 1991, with the help of the Photo Friends of the Los Angeles Public Library, a nonprofit support group she founded, and funded by grants from local businesses, the Shades of L.A. project kicked off.

In each neighborhood, residents would bring family albums and shoeboxes full of photos to the registration table, and volunteers would go through the images with

**"If you were from downtown, your history was covered just fine, but if you were from South Central or East L.A., there was nothing."**

them, page by page, documenting the outpouring of stories inspired by each snap-

shot moment in history. Photos that said something about a community's quality of life were copied by a photographer to be added to the library's collection.

The first stop was the once hopping African-American night club district known as "the Stem," now burdened by vacant lots, abandoned buildings and dwindling storefronts. A fellow walked in with a grocery bag full of images of hot jazz clubs, and by the end of the first day, 250 photos had been added to the L.A. photo archives.

The volunteers moved from African American communities to Chicano/Mexican, Pacific Islander, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino-American and American Indian neighborhoods. Next, they focused on Middle Eastern, Southeast Asian, and Central and South American families. In the last phase, which began in 1997, they welcomed all families to the table, including

descendants of the older European communities and families of mixed ethnicity.

"People would bring in albums that nobody was interested in looking at for years," Cole said. "Then they'd come across a sweet photo of a cherished relative and break into tears."

Stories flowed, families rediscovered their history, balm for their scars and, thanks to the interest of the city, walked away with a pride that their history was as valuable a part of the city's fabric as anyone else's. When all was said and done, the six-year project had yielded an archive of 10,000 photographs representing the contemporary and historic diversity of families in Los Angeles.

"People didn't know Watts was a community until the riots," Cole said. Now the library preserves life in Watts the way its residents would've wanted it remembered—a close-knit community like any other with weddings in the back yard, the ice cream man calling to excited children and kids playing kickball in the street.

Cole selected the most telling and timeless photos, images likely to be seen in any family photo album, to be published in a book called "Shades of L.A." "Kids can take books off the shelf and find people who look like them," she says. Those images, along with 27,000 others, are also available online at the library's web site ([www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org)).

The project traveled statewide for two years, and people all over the world have sought to replicate the project—even El Salvador has asked for the library manual on how to do it. Cole has been invited to archival conferences to share her expertise. And the library has taken traveling exhibitions back to the communities as a thank-you for sharing their history with the city.

"The history of everyday man has equal value," Cole says, as she heads back for the downtown library on the hill, this time bringing the neighborhood along with her. •



Dancing to raise funds for the Indian Center in Los Angeles. Below, cruising on Central Avenue, a busy thoroughfare of African-American businesses, jazz clubs and homes.



# News from ALUMNI



Robin Adams Brenton '86

## Terror Devotee Leads Alumni Affairs

Robin Adams Brenton '86 fell in love with Western Maryland when she stepped onto campus 18 years ago, and she just hasn't been able to shake the feeling. Now, as the new Director of Alumni Affairs, she'll be able to share her enthusiasm with more than 15,000 green and gold alumni.

Her goal is to reconnect everybody with the college. "I want to make sure I can get in touch with every alum I possibly can and tell them about WMC—what it's like now and why they should be involved," she says. "I want peo-

ple to see what I see when I look at the college."

Brenton succeeds Donna Duvall Sellman '45, who retired in January after 20 years in the position.

She has had a long history with the college beginning with her days as a student studying communication and business. She married her college sweetheart, George Brenton '85, a few short weeks after graduation. Western Maryland has been a part of both their lives ever since.

Brenton has reported the class news, guided reunion committees and served as class agent, not to mention helped with college fund raising and organizing Young Alumni activities. She



Awarded Young Alumna of the Year in 1991, Brenton later served on the Alumni Council with outgoing director Donna DuVall Sellman '45.



and her husband have been the official hosts of Homecoming's Pre-Game Warm-Up in Harrison House for 10 years.

After joining the college staff as Director of Annual Giving and Reunion Programs in 1987, she left to do graphic design work only to find that her heart belonged on "the Hill."

She served on the task force that planned the Reunion Weekend concept, as well as the Reunion Weekend committee and the Alumni Council. Most recently she worked as consultant to reunion programs before signing on as director in June.

"It feels wonderful to be back," she says. "I should never have left." •

## Trustees Award Alumni Leaders

Three outstanding alumni were honored with Trustee Alumni Awards at this spring's Honors Convocation ceremonies.

**Stanley Bowlsbey '52, M.Ed. '59**, professor of education and dean of Graduate Affairs emeritus, was appointed professor of education at WMC after earning his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa in 1969. Two years later he became director, and later dean, of the graduate program, as well as coordinator of the program in school administration. Under his leadership, the graduate program grew steadily with new



Interim President Joan Develin Coley, Edward Kasemeyer '67, Stanley Bowlsbey '52, MEd '59, David Selikowicz '63, Board Chair James Melhorn.



programs and degrees. He also chaired the Education department, which produced an award-winning undergraduate teacher education program. Throughout his career, he served the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Maryland State Department of Education.

A member of the Maryland Senate from 1987 to 1990, **Edward Kasemeyer '67** was elected again in 1995 and now serves as Deputy Majority Leader, chair of the Special Joint Committee on Pensions, and a member of the Budget and Taxation Committee, the Joint Committee on Investigation and the Legislative Policy Committee. He began his career as a real estate broker and formed Kasemeyer and Company in 1982. He served in the Maryland House of Delegates for four years prior to 1983, serving on the Economic Matters Committee. He later worked for Mercantile Mortgage Corporation and was a director and consultant for the Montgomery County Office of State Affairs. He assists the president of the

Injured Workers Insurance Fund in Baltimore.

**David Selikowitz '63**, president of Active International in Paris, worked in advertising sales for *The New York Times* and *Look* magazine following graduation. He moved into international sales and in 1971 became director of advertising for Fairchild Publications, and later for media networks and *Playboy* magazine. He went on to become president of American Marketing, American Trading and Active International. He was a member, founder and honorary president of Comité des Quinze (Committee of 15), which organized political pressure and economic sanctions to relocate refugee families fleeing the Soviet Union. More recently, he founded and has been the president of the Paris American AIDS Committee, a volunteer organization that applies American fund-raising techniques to raise money for AIDS research and education programs for doctors and nurses. •



College love bloomed into a lifelong dedication to lessons learned at WMC.

## College Experience Spurs Reunion Gift

BY VALERIE MEHL

To say that Western Maryland College has played a major role in the lives of **Jon '61** and **Bev Schott '60 Myers** would be a bit of an understatement. Throughout the past 40 years it has been a common thread in both their personal lives and business ventures.

Last April, in celebration of their 40th reunions, the couple chose to honor the college with a \$100,000 scholarship fund to support students majoring in biology and sociology, their respective fields of study.

What seems like a story of destiny began in 1957 when the two met on the college's football

field. She was drum majorette; he was the drum major. They married just two years later and remained on campus while Jon completed his degree in biology.

When their first child Jeff was born during Jon's senior year, faculty and classmates were there to offer support and a helping hand. "It was like an extended family," Bev recalls. "They surrounded us and took care of us."

Even after graduation, when Jon joined the family business as chief executive officer of Londontown Corporation, the college connection remained strong. He served on the Board of Trustees for several years.

Then, more than a decade later, he received a call from Bev's former sociology professor, James Earp. He was involved in urban development in Carroll County and encouraged Jon to



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Bev Schott '60 and Jon '61 Myers celebrate their 40th reunions with the gift of a scholarship fund.

the same invaluable experiences to students who have the scholastic capability but who lack the financial means to attend the college.

"We learned that it doesn't matter where you come from, but it's what you do with what you have and how you use it to help others," says Jon. "Bev and I have been fortunate to reach our 40th reunions. WMC provided us with a sound foundation for life, and now it is our turn to help provide an opportunity for worthy students."

Jon ran the Londontown Corporation until retiring in 1981, and Bev kept busy caring for their three sons. They teamed up as the owners and directors of a girl's summer camp in Maine for more than 10 years, but have now settled into a slower pace.

Jon is now semi-retired and co-general manager of a family investment business and an investor in the Off Piste ski shop in Vail, Colo. Bev is a "retired athlete and bridge player," she says. They spend several months a year hiking and skiing in Vail. Both agree, however, that their favorite activity is visiting with their five grandchildren.

But despite their busy lives, their thoughts never wander far from their alma mater. "The older we get, the more we realize how important those experiences have been in our lives," Jon says. "And now, by giving something back to the college, we honor the lessons of WMC and the philosophy of students helping students. The students of 1960 and 1961 help the students of the future." •

## Annual Fund Meets Goal, Younger Classes Increase Giving

The Annual Fund not only exceeded its \$1.5 million goal for the fiscal year 2000 but welcomed a growing number of alumni who are giving back to the college. Reversing a declining trend in giving, the number of alumni who participated in this year's Annual Fund drive rose from 29 percent last year to 33 percent this year.

WMC competes with other colleges for funding and national rankings based in part on the percentage of participation in annual giving. Ranked low among our peers in the Centennial Conference, participation will continue to be a focus of future Annual Fund campaigns.

While the highest percentage of those who make gifts to the college hail from the '40s and '50s classes, members of the '80s and '90s generation have had a less than 10 percent class participation in annual giving, even though they make up nearly half of the total alumni body.

This spring, a group of trustees challenged the most recent two decades to step up their support by offering to match any new gift with \$100. The '80s and '90s Challenge motivated 22 percent of the classes to give, up from 15 percent last year, marking another Annual Fund success. Each donor brought the college one step closer to moving up in the college rankings while making a WMC degree more valuable. •

## UPDATING A CLASSIC



Back in 1914 it cost \$58,209.59 to build Lewis Recitation Hall. The addition cost \$1,158,000 in 1966. Today, \$6.8 million will renovate both of them. Trustee Charlie Moore '71 is leading the charge to raise \$4 million toward the project from alumni and friends.

Plans include:

- Revving up the electrical and mechanical systems
- Constructing an elevator compliant with the American Disabilities Act
- Updating the ventilation, air conditioning and heating systems

Begun this summer, the project is expected to be completed by spring. Check the college web site at [www.wmcd.edu](http://www.wmcd.edu) for updates on its progress. Call 410/857-2259 for details on how you can help restore and improve the old Lewises. •

explore a piece of property as a possible distribution center for the company. Ironically, Bev had done a population study of the area in college, targeting Eldersburg as a growing and thriving community.

Recollections of her study and Earp's presentation to the Londontown Board of Directors convinced them to bring their business to the county. Jon confesses he would have never considered the property had it not been for the WMC connection. "It just always seems to be there," he says.

Both came from large Baltimore high schools of nearly 2,000 students, so the move to a rural college and its student body of 600 was comforting. From the very beginning, Bev says, it felt like a warm, loving place—an ideal community.

"We worked together as a unit," she says. "We celebrated each other's accomplishments instead of standing in judgment of our failures."

"You felt close to everyone," Jon recalls. "Professors didn't have office hours; you could talk to them anytime. Even the president of the college made himself available to the students."

When Jon took over the family business, he took the same attitude with his employees. "I felt as though they were family and that I had a responsibility to them and their families," he says. "WMC taught me that true knowledge is gained not only from studying textbooks but by examining yourself as well."

The couple is hopeful that their scholarship fund will afford

## In Memoriam

**Mrs. Bess Ogburn Whitaker '14**, of Stokesdale, N.C., on December 30, 1985.

**Miss Lillian T. Merrick '21**, of Sudlersville, Md., on February 12, 2000.

**Mrs. Reba VanSant Wharton '23**, of Galena, Md., on March 30, 2000.

**Mrs. Elma Lawrence Hatch '25**, of Lake Forest, Calif., in 1997.

**Mrs. Florence 'Tommy' Massey Black '26**, of Ocean City, Md., on October 4, 1999.

**Mrs. Roberta Sentman Bryson '28**, of Wilmington, Del., on April 12, 2000.

**Mrs. Evelyn Pusey Ruark '28**, of Westover, Md., on April 20, 2000.

**Dr. Paul L. Howard '29**, of Greensboro, Md., on December 28, 1999.

**Mr. Joseph W. Keen '29**, of Chance, Md., on January 1, 2000.

**Miss Gertrude Kelbaugh '29**, of Brooklyn, N.Y., on April 26, 2000.

**Mrs. Ida Charles Fiery '30**, of Hagerstown, Md., on January 19, 2000.

**Mrs. Elizabeth Clough Kain '30**, of Boca Raton, Fla., on November 30, 1999.

**Mrs. Thelma McVey Payne '30**, of Quarryville, Pa., on January 27, 2000.

**Miss Catherine A. Baumgartner '32**, of Westminster, Md., on February 4, 2000.

**Miss Madeline B. Murphy '32**, of Salisbury, Md., on November 29, 1999.

**Mrs. Ann Johnson Erzler '33**, of Woodbine, Md., on January 20, 2000.

**Mr. John E. George '33**, of Sudlersville, Md., on May 8, 2000.

**Dr. Elmer N. Hassell '33**, of Amelia, Va., on March 5, 2000.

**Mrs. Catherine Rose Demuth '35**, of Naples, Fla., on April 27, 2000.

**Mrs. Mary Hill Graham '36**, of Wilmington, N.C., March 12, 2000.

**Mr. Paul R. Shipley '36**, of Westminster, Md., on March 15, 2000.

**Col. Vernon R. Simpson '36**, of Mt. Airy, Md., on April 21, 2000.

**Mrs. Robert Driscoll Wheeler '36**, of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., on January 22, 2000.

**Mrs. Sophia Meredith Libman '37**, of Westminster, Md., on March 4, 2000.

**Mr. Robert K. Myers Jr. '37**, of Hampton, Va., on August 1, 1999.

**Mrs. Alice Johnson Bell '38**, of Philadelphia, Pa., on April 15, 2000.

**Mrs. Marie Park Crooke '38**, of Portland, Ore., on September 27, 1999.

**Mrs. George Dixon Steiding '38**, of Cumberland, Md., on January 7, 2000.

**Mr. Jay B. Mowbray '39**, of Williamsburg, Va., on February 29, 2000.

**Miss Lois H. Rowland '39**, of Hagerstown, Md., on December 16, 1999.

**Mrs. LuMar Myers Slocum '39**, of Hagerstown, Md., on July 24, 1999.

**Mrs. Helen Armstrong Drupp '40**, of Asheville, N.C., on January 13, 2000.

**Mrs. Carolyn Smith Schott '40**, of Ware, Mass., on June 6, 2000.

**Mrs. Ellen Shipley Sybert '40**, of Ellicott City, Md., on March 22, 2000.

**Mrs. Phoebe Robinson Jacobsen '42**, of Annapolis, Md., on April 19, 2000.

**Mr. William J. Leatherman Jr. '42**, of Winchester, Va., on February 28, 1999.

**Dr. Harry G. Ricker Jr. '42**, of Rehoboth Beach, Del., on July 20, 1999.

**Mrs. Bernice Kopf Brillhart '43**, of Westminster, Md., on March 4, 2000.

**Mr. Thomas G. Bush '44**, of Baltimore, Md., on April 10, 2000.

**Mr. Charles J. DeMans '44**, of Stevensville, Md., on April 25, 2000.

**Mrs. Margaret Fredrich Blizard '45**, of Lutherville, Md., on January 31, 2000.

**Mr. J. Robert Baugher '50**, of Waynesboro, Pa., on January 8, 1998.

**Mrs. Jacqueline Clemett Wood '50**, of Albion, N.Y., on December 26, 1998.

**Mr. Joseph E. Elme Jr. '52**, of Reisterstown, Md., on February 16, 2000.

**Rev. Merle U. Fox '55**, of New Oxford, Pa., on April 7, 2000.

**Mrs. Barbara Eckhardt Moynan '55**, of Hagerstown, Md., on April 25, 2000.

**Mr. Leonard Ring '55**, of Randallstown, Md., on July 13, 1999.

**Mr. Robert S. Martin Jr. ME4 '55**, of Westminster, Md., on May 14, 2000.

**Mrs. Dolores Miller Clem '58**, of Jackson, Miss., in February 1999.

**Mrs. Emma Crimmins Bruce '59**, of Springfield, Pa., on January 10, 2000.

**Mr. James C. Lohr '62**, of Thurmont, Md., on May 30, 2000.

**Mrs. Carolyn Henson Willis '67**, of Glenwood, Md., on March 2, 2000.

**Mr. Richard B. Porter '70**, of Baltimore, Md., on April 8, 2000.

**Mr. Frederick Dummer Jr. Med '72**, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on September 4, 1999.

**Mrs. Claire Henrich Washe Med '75**, of Gaithersburg, Md., on March 11, 1999.

**Mr. George L. Henckel Med '76**, of Chestertown, Md., on August 21, 1999.

**Mr. Jeffrey L. Speakes '80**, of Salisbury, Md., on April 23, 2000.

**Ms. Karen L. Yochim '82**, of Baltimore, Md., on April 4, 2000.

**Mr. Matthew W. O'Neill '83**, of Salisbury, Md., on January 30, 2000.

**Mr. Chad L. Weller '82**, of Westminster, Md., on March 2, 2000.

## Births

**Samuel Slack**, in October 1999, to Jim '80 and Gemma Slack.

**Jared Thomas Zimmerman**, on February 28, 1999, to Walter and Ann Sowers '81 Zimmerman.

**Autumn Juliet Becker**, on September 23, 1999, to Charles and Lisa Grason '85 Becker.

**Jeffrey K. Gilman**, on July 31, 1999, to Craig and Sharon Larimer '85 Gilman.

**Riley Elizabeth Grooms**, on July 14, 1999, to Jamie Grooms and Lisa Wasshausen '85.

**Anabelle Miller**, on July 1, 1999, to Leonard '85 and Catherine Miller.

**Amanda Grace Rickett**, on March 31,

1999, to Jeff '85 and Val Wieder '85 Rickett.

**Evan Javad Tuckey**, on July 20, 1999, to Brian and Taraneh Taheri '85 Tuckey.

**Jordan Woodley**, on January 6, 2000, to Dwayne '86 and Stephanie Woodley.

**Ruth Elizabeth Bennett**, on May 18, 1999, to Fraser and Elizabeth Henry '87 Bennett.

**Andrew George Ewing**, on January 29, 2000, to Todd '87 and Susan McGuire-Ewing '85.

**Jack Hyun Suk Beaulieu**, adopted September 21, 1999, by Tim and Liz Fox '87 Beaulieu.

**Gregory Thomas Lambert**, on September 24, 1999, to Ron and Karen Rex '87 Lambert.

**Mallory Ann Maher**, on August 22, 1999, to Ed and Julie Bugh '87 Maher.

**Benjamin Michael Reith**, on January 12, 2000, to David '88 and Sharon Pierce '88, MS'92 Reith.

**Kirsi Grace Arnesen**, on July 9, 1999, to Rolf '88, MS'99 and Lisa Brown '90 Arnesen.

**Sophia Carolyn Krach**, on February 18, 2000, to Tom '88 and Kathy Eskut '90 Krach.

**Cole Douglas Gerardi**, on April 11, 2000, to Frank '89 and Valerie Mays '89 Gerardi.

**Christina Yong Barber**, on April 8, 2000, to Chris '90 and Yong Barber.

**Samuel Dixon**, on September 15, 1999, to Robert '90 and Julie Byrd '92 Dixon.

**Connor and Gage Fringer**, on September 21, 1999, to Scott '90 and Kelly Fringer.

**Jackson Skye Kratochvil**, on May 9, 1999, to Frank '90 and Kimberly Kratochvil.

**Maeve Elizabeth McCarthy**, on March 27, 1999, to Tim and Elmarh '90 McCarthy.

**Anna Kathleen Mullie**, on November 3, 1999, to Mark '90 and Elizabeth Mullie.

**Robert Patterson IV**, on December 26, 1999, to Robert III '90 and Jennifer Just '93 Patterson.

**Nicholas John Charles Taylor**, on September 17, 1999, to Jeremy and Debbie Renoll '90 Taylor.

**Rachel Alexis Buracki**, on January 29, 2000, to Craig and Melissa Cote '91 Buracki.

**Caralyn Jean Ingraham**, on July 28, 1999, to Duncan and Carolyn Dahl '91 Ingraham.

**Payton Adam Rembert**, on February 2, 1999, to Charles '91 and Anissa Rembert.

**Conor Patrick Rock Wade**, on February 14, 1999, to James Wade and Alisa Rock '91.

**Emily Kay Bartolini**, on June 30, 1999, to Wilmin '92 and Kathleen Bartolini.

**Declan Isaac Bigger**, on November 18, 1999, to Ken '92 and Sara Bigger.

**Joel Anthony Owens**, on March 13, 1999, to Allen and Leza Jeffers '92, MS'99 Owens.

**Camille Theresa Blackford**, on October 7, 1999, to Robert and Carol White '93 Blackford.

**Dean Alexander Lambros**, on April 14, 2000, to Demetrios '93 and Elaine Bucher '93 Lambros.

**Garrett James de Leon**, on October 17, 1999, to James and Patricia Gardner '94 de Leon.

**Ethan Christopher Hurd**, on March 18, 1999, to Wayne '94 and Amy Hurd.

**Nicole Rhoe Gast**, on March 4, 1999, to John and Michelle Rhoe MS'95 Gast.

**Jameson Gibbons**, January 20, 2000, to Jim '95 and Danielle Paquette '95 Gibbons.

**Cierra Gina Schnell**, on January 31, 1999, to Chris '95 and Gina Cappi '94 Schnell.

**Daniilo Elias Taormina**, on August 25, 1999, to Bernardo and Martha Ivey '95 Taormina.

**Bailey Suzanne Whalen**, on February 11, 2000, to Brent and Stacey Baker '95 Whalen.

**Francis L. Rose III**, on February 27, 2000, to Francis II and Lisa Anastasi MS'96 Rose.

**Joslyn Ann Brodhehr**, on April 14, 1999, to Steven and Jennifer Barish '97 Brodhehr.

**Samantha Renee Waters**, December 27, 1999, to Edward '95 and Laura Staub '97 Waters.

**Riley Mae Barber**, on April 16, 1999, to Jeff and Therese Quek MS'98 Barber.

**Troy Cullen Barsh**, November 21, 1999, to David and Michelle Hull '99 Barsh.

## Marriages

**Paul Erick Hogsten '82** to Elizabeth Anne Smith on May 6, 2000. They reside in Towson, Md.

**Tracey Serattelli '85** to Kurt Swenson on May 8, 1999. They reside in Parsippany, N.J.

**Julie Kohr '89** to Richard Martin on January 30, 2000. They reside in Sykesville, Md.

**Daniel Pika '89** to Patti Smith on August 21, 1999. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Tina Rae Fleming '91** to Thomas Evan Warren on May 6, 2000. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Matt Levy '91** to Rebecca Ballentine on December 24, 1999. They reside in Doylestown, Pa.

**Kristin Meislohn '92** to Steven Camburn on June 27, 1998. They reside in Waretown, N.J.

**Sheri Smith '93** to Thomas Gruneberg '95 on June 12, 1999. They reside in Middletown, Md.

**Edward McNott '95** to Hannah Stone on June 26, 1999. They reside in Bethesda, Md.

**Andrea Romich '95** to Kelly Sykes on September 5, 1999. They reside in Columbia, Md.

**Elizabeth Simons '95** to Todd Gleason on August 7, 1999. They reside in Arlington, Va.

**Cynthia Slaughter '96** to Michael Clinton '96 on August 1998. They reside in Baltimore, Md.

**Chiara Berlingo '96** to Christopher Fox on October 10, 1999. They reside in Randolph, Mass.

**Kristina Alane Santo '96** to John Brent Nery on May 21, 2000. They reside in Baltimore, Md.



# CLASSNOTES

**Leanne Godwin '97** to Heinz Luesse on February 5, 1999. They reside in Westminster, Md.

**Julia Helle '97** to Matthew Humphrey on April 24, 1999. They reside in Pensacola, Fla.

**Elizabeth Kress '97** to Mike Hollar on February 27, 1999. They reside in Homestead, Fla.

**Mathew Mathias '99** to Laurian Brooks '98 on February 19, 2000. They reside in Hampstead, Md.

**Nicole Lehmann '99** to Andras Lacza on June 24, 2000. They reside in Budapest, Hungary.

**Angelique Hayes '00** to Stephen Merkson on July 10, 1999. They reside in Westminster, Md.

**1932** The Class of '32 is one of the oldest classes that sends a message to *The Hill*. At our ages, 80-plus, nothing that we do is too earth-shaking. Those days are over. We are thankful that we are here and able to navigate.

**Henry Caple** and Frieda are happy that they have made it to the year 2000. Their four grandchildren are the "greatest" and help to keep them young.

**Eva Fidelia Gilbert** wrote that she is happy and healthy. She drives her car on the familiar roads in western Maryland.

**Muriel "Bish" Bishop Livingston** sends "best millennium" wishes to all. She reminds us that we are getting closer and closer to the head of the classes who are reporting to *The Hill*.

**Ella Weir Queen** moved to Florida many years ago. Recently she returned to Maryland to be closer to her family.

**Virginia Stoner** enjoyed our 65th reunion. She said "the girls" looked great and seemed to be "wearing well." Virginia is living a great life in the Lutheran Village in Westminster. She had a bad fall—broken ribs and a concussion. Now she is back to normal.

**Katherine Leidy Unger** suggested that we should return to "the Hill" to see the many changes that have been made. Shall we try for our 70th? She loves her work in the flower garden.

**Alice Evans Walters**, who is in charge of our finances, reports that we have raised more than our allotment. Congratulations '32ers.

**Margaret Lee Nelson Tawes**, in spite of an occasional health problem, remains involved in her usual activities. She directs the church choir, attends DAR, the bridge club and meetings of the Somerset Retired Teachers' Association.

If you travel in the Berlin neighborhood in Worcester County, Md., you will see **Mary Humphreys** flitting around in her little blue Oldsmobile. She continues to do proofreading for several papers. Mary is quite the hostess—many of her former Mary Baldwin students visit her in Berlin.

As I write this brief report, I am looking out at the biggest snow storm since 1996. Everything is closed—schools, state and county offices. We have 14 inches of snow and now it is drifting. Bish, I am thinking of you in North Carolina with 24 inches and not the proper equipment. When we are reading this the temperature will be in the 80s. What a happy thought! I have a feeling that my trips to Ireland, Scandinavia, Pacific Northwest and Bermuda are over. My traveling now is to various dinner theaters. Recently I saw "Noah" (with live animals) at the Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, Pa.—a spectacular performance! My life goes on as usual. I am active in several clubs, care for my animals, mow in the summer and mulch in the fall with my tractor. I have a wonderful family that lives not far from me. I have two great-grandsons, 2 and 6 months. My daughter, a nurse, keeps an eye on me. My son comes for dinner. That is good

for me—keeps me in the cooking mood.

Thank you for your notes. I always hope that there will be more for the next column.

Sara Robinson Sullivan  
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Fallston, MD 21047

**1937** Many thanks to all of you who sent in replies. You don't need something exciting—it's just good to hear from you.

**Rowland Armacost** reports that his most exciting adventure was a trip to Alaska where he caught a 15-pound silver salmon, now smoked and in his freezer. Also, his golf course design project has been approved, and he expects to work on that this year.

**Peggy Young Bailey** says that after two years she is finally getting used to living in an apartment (or condo) in a retirement community, but she still misses her house. She reports that Paul Wooden and his new wife have moved into Blakehurst also, and it is good to see them from time to time.

**Lillian Moore Bradshaw** says "every day has new opportunities." She is chairing their Library Friends 50th Anniversary. She is also honorary chair for Dallas Public Library's 100th celebration, which she regards as "the biggest challenge in her service on Dallas' premier philanthropic foundation since everyone wants a grant."

**Louise Shipley Filion** still volunteers at three different libraries and is the librarian at church. She is fortunate to be living near her daughter and son-in-law and to be able to see her grandchildren fairly often. She says that they visit other family members and friends in the Westminster area every summer.

**Fred Tyrrell** says that they annually enjoy the educational and social interests of Elderhostels. He is still researching the English heritage of his family, learning more and more about distant relatives. His local interests are the church and Kiwanis.

**Charles Herman Williams** gave me a lot to report. They have enjoyed nine years at Charlestown Retirement Center—the many activities (courses and trips), a pool and a space for a productive garden. He feels "lucky to have a good wife;" they have been married for 59 years. They have four children, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. All of their children are college graduates and good parents. Two RN grandchildren have done mis-

## Planning for the Future



EDWARD AND LILLIAN FREY '34 DEXTER:

"The knowledge I gained at WMC inspired me to spend 49 years teaching English, and later coordinating instruction, in Anne Arundel County. I discovered a deep and abiding love for the spoken and written word there, as well as a love for athletics. Many lifelong and valuable friendships were forged. My husband Edward has joined me in my devotion to the college over the years. By establishing a scholarship in our name and including the college in our wills, we hope to enable future students to discover an equally rich foundation for their lives."

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sionary work in India and Nepal. One grandson is entering medical school this fall. One son is on Web daily, lecturing on computers. He reports plans to travel soon to Australia, Auckland and Fiji. Next year they expect to do more day trips. He serves on several committees at Charleston—grounds, garden, emergency. Six doctor residents there attend Grand Rounds at St. Agnes Hospital and "try to keep up." Herman leads the group.

**Annie Owens Sansbury** **Warman** was expecting to spend Christmas with her daughter Irene and her family. Her son Odin would not be down because his daughter Sarah was to have surgery on her leg a few days before Christmas. It seems that someone stepped on her leg during a game. Sarah has looked at WWC, but, as of the time Annie O. was writing, she had not decided where she wanted to go. We are both sad that we lost our dear friend and classmate. **Virginia Gill Briggs**, on Oct. 31, 1999, "Ducky" was my roommate our last two years at WWC.

**Bob Myers'** daughter sent his card back to me with the note that his wife Ruby passed away in June 1999 and Bob in August.

**Sue Hance Claiborne** begins her news with "How good it is to still be alive and very active at 84." She counts her blessings every day: to have lived to see so many wonderful changes and to have a family (daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren) who are such a comfort to her. Even after losing two husbands and now living alone, she does not feel lonely. She travels, plays bridge, entertains and reads a lot.

**Margaret Harman Fleming** reports not much change since last year. She dislikes driving, so two of her former New Windsor High School students help her with that and provide additional attention and companionship. She has been trying to arrange **Mildred Sullivan Child's '35** Phi Delta Gamma files so they can be accommodated at WWC.

**Bob McKenzie** sent his message while on a trip to Hawaii (all four islands) with wife Faith, their sons-in-law and the latter's sisters. There were lots of activities on board, but he and Faith took part only a few. He says they were doing some traveling "before cussed old age crept upon us."

**Ethel Lauterbach Sellman** says that it has been 21 years since she left "active duty" in teaching. She still keeps up with former colleagues and the school systems with Retired Teachers Association and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. She still serves on committees. Ethel is a member of Lions International and is also a Lioness. As such, she is active in community service activities. This includes sorting eyeglasses and keeping up with research and help for the vision-impaired and hearing-impaired. She still likes to play bridge and is determined to "master this computer."

**Sarahelle 'Sally' Blackwell Steele** writes from Sun City, Arizona, that they have moved into Royal Oakes Care Center, primarily because her husband

is losing his eyesight and she has a heart condition that could take her at any time. She likes their apartment and feels secure that they will be taken care of as long as they live. Their children—four sons and one daughter—are doing well.

My story is about the same as the others except that we have not done any traveling. We just finished two years living in a cottage at William Hill Manor, a retirement center where one may live in an apartment or a cottage. You buy the cottage. There are many types of activities and entertainment. Also, there is one wing to the main building designated for healthcare (nursing home) and another unit for assisted living. I'm like Peggy—I'm getting used to living here but miss my home, especially my lovely kitchen. I appreciate having less house and yard to be responsible for, being closer to our doctors and medical facilities and getting a prompt response when maintenance care is needed. Our son Hugh lives near Denton, about 20 miles away from us; he has two step-daughters. Our oldest child, **Melissa Smith Barnes '72**, lives in Littlestown, Pa. She has two sons and one daughter. Our other daughter, **Sally Pettegrew**, lives in Jacksonville, Fla. She has two sons and one daughter. My health is fairly good for my age. Marvin is the one with problems other than those that are age-related. In 1984 he had a quadruple heart bypass and got along very well for years. More recently there have been some episodes with chest pains and shortness of breath. In spite of those problems, the doctor allows him to continue to set on the court when he is called and when he feels like it.

I enjoy hearing from you. I guess you can look for a card from me for my new year's message.

**Rebecca Groves Smith**  
43 Marian Terrace  
Easton, MD 21601

**1942** It was a great year from so many classmates. **Marvin Sears** made a hip replacement in July 1999. Then he and Hazel toured the Colorado National Parks for eight days. Next they hope to visit Yellowstone and Great Tetons national parks.

After marriage to **Bryce Jacobsen** in 1943, **Phoebe Robinson** and he lived on a farm near Gettysburg where they raised their son and daughter. There she began her archival career. In 1958 Bryce obtained a tutorship and was director of athletics at his alma mater, St. Johns in Annapolis, for 30 years. Phoebe retired after 30 years (in April 1999) from the Maryland State Archives. In this capacity she met Alex Haley, who was in the midst of a long search for his roots. An article in the *Baltimore Sun*, Dec. 9, 1999, describes their close friendship and correspondence, which meant so much to both of them.

**Bob Bricker** and **Louise Shuckhart '44** moved to a retirement community in the spring of 1999. Louise says it is

like being in college again: no cares, new friends, no housework or meals to worry about. They still go to Florida for the winter and to the Bay on weekends during the summer. "Our kids live close by and the grandkids are in college."

Also in a retirement complex in Easton—William Hill Manor—are **Pat White Wroton** and **Bill**. They live in a cottage rather than an apartment since they wanted to keep their 18-year-old dog Missy. WWCers there are **Eleanor Noble Smith '23**, **Virginia Wooden Smith '40** and **Rebecca Groves Smith '37**.

**George Marshall** and his wife in Cumming, Ga., are thoroughly enjoying their four young grandchildren. The oldest is 6. George is still responsible for raising \$40,000 per year for Salvation Army World Services from those who attend the Atlantic Temple.

**David Osborn** says, "You must be kidding. How do you expect to get exciting news from retirees engaged in horticulture? He is finishing a short handbook for educators and parents of minority children who may not be testing well. "If anyone buys it, that would be news. If you never hear of it, the polite thing would be to ignore my current reference to it. I am sure though, that the fundamental concepts will be deemed of value at some point in the 21st century."

**Frank Tarbutton** took a three-week trip West with his younger daughter, **Lynn Tarbutton Cummings '72**, and her family last summer. They visited about 10 national parks in Arizona and Utah. "It was an interesting and educational experience, as well as bonding with the grandchildren." Older daughter, **Paula 'Polly' Tarbutton '68**, continues to have severe difficulties with a bad break of an ankle on Christmas Eve 1996. Despite still having eight screws in various places, she was able to visit London a few weeks ago.

**Betty Coleman Picken's** family is full of volunteers: food pantry, Helpline, a crisis hotline, suicide prevention information and referral service, altar guild, vestry. One grandson and eight granddaughters are doing well.

**Mike Petrucci** is staying in good shape—golfing, bowling, exercises at a senior center—and he rides the stationary bike daily. Each morning when he awakens he sees a smooth stone on his bureau from Decker Hall—he dated it May 28, 1998.

**Lee Kindley** and **Mary** are in a retirement home in Sterling, Va., about 20 miles from their son and his family. They are both in fairly good health and participate in several of the many activities of the home. They spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and family in Oak Ridge, Tenn. They would like to know of any WMC social activities in the Washington, D.C. area.

**Ethel Erb Withilde** and **Earle '40** have moved to Carroll Lutheran Village. They have a cottage and like it very much.

In November **Esther Roop Hough** invited a group of us to meet her for lunch at a restaurant in Frederick. Then we adjourned to her home for

dessert and "goodies" to be taken home. Present were **Ruth MacVeen Hauser**, **Emily Linton Carnochan**, **Ethel Hale Talbert**, **Libbie Tyson Koether**, **Kathryn Tipton Kerr**, **Jean Ayres Cardwell**, who was visiting from California, and I.

**Ed and Louise Young Thomas** had a great skiing vacation in Beaver Creek, Colo., the week previous to Christmas 1999. They took their "southern" children and grandchildren (14 of them). "It had been many years since Ed and Louise had seen a white Christmas. Every scene was like a 'live' Christmas card."

**Jim 'Pete' Townsend** looks forward to the reunion in 2002. "Greetings to all classmates and happy New Year." His life has changed. After caring for his wife at home for two years, he had to seek professional help and admit her to an assisted living facility. He has resigned as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. He still drives Meals on Wheels, plays golf and tennis twice a week, is secretary of the Kiwanis Club and is active in church.

**Florence Barker Yarrison** says, "Life goes along smoothly with visits from my kids and grandchildren, playing bridge two to three times a week and having time to read. I also drive people to doctor's appointments when they can't take themselves, and I go to the pool every day it's not raining."

**Bill Vincent** is still holding on to the trailer, but for some strange reason he is using it less each year. "Nothing very exciting going on in our lives, and I sort of like it that way."

**Don Griffin's** daughter from West Africa was home for Christmas (on furlough). In March they were to visit their youngest son and family in Costa Rica. In August he will be doing some volunteer mission work for the Methodist church in Mexico.

**Emily Linton Carnochan** says, "Besides being grateful to have made it to the new millennium, we're grateful that our children are employed and our grandchildren are healthy. Our newest grandchild Dylan is a joy to all."

**Lucy Grimm Berry** has been "very fortunate to be in good health." Her daughter, **Linda Bae Van Hart '68**, teaches art at WWC. Her younger daughter and husband live in Indiana on Lake Michigan. She is a management consultant, and her husband is a CPA who has just retired from Midas. "All were here for Christmas. **Miriam Bond Gilbert** lived in Skylesville Apartments while her mother lived, and we remain friends. She has moved back to Laurel. I miss her being close."

In an interesting phone call from **Gabby de Rochebrune Salsbury**, she told of her and her husband's extensive traveling over the years: Europe, Asia, South America, Australia and Africa. It would be easier to write where they have not been. They were friends with interesting people like Richard Burton and his wives.

**Louise Grogg '43** and **Wes Sheffield** gave up their home in Vermont last summer and are now full-time Florida residents. "Australia last spring, volunteer work, grandchildren in Atlanta

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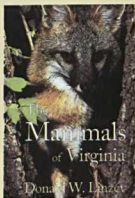
Frank James John Lala Jr. '80  
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From the difficulty building trust with a counselor through an interpreter to myths about deaf and hard of hearing people and abusers, counselor Lala explores what is necessary for members of this distinct population to recover from their addictions.

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McDonald & Woodward  
Publishing Company, 2000

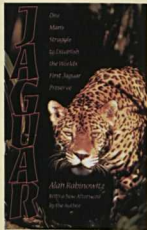


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Alan Rabinowitz  
Island Press, 1999



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Wilbert Veit, Jr. '70  
Sunlight Books, 2000

This is the first molecular adventure of a teenage boy who became an electron. Designed for use by science teachers to encourage interest in biochemistry, Veit's science



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Ira G. Zepp Jr. '52  
University of Arkansas Press,  
2000

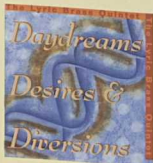
With a foreword by Sayyid Muhammad Syeed, secretary general of the Islamic Society of North America, the second edition of Professor of Religious Studies Emeritus' Ira Zepp's guide to Islam explores the basic beliefs of a major portion of the world's population.

Available in the WMC bookstore and from online booksellers.

## MUSIC

### Daydreams, Desires & Diversions

The Lyric Brass Quintet  
Self-published, 1999



Baltimore's premier brass chamber ensemble, The Lyric Brass Quintet, includes Andrew Spang MS '00 and Elisa Koehler, WMC Community Music Education faculty. Their debut release includes selections from Eric Ewazen, Bach, J.J. Johnson and Francesco Sartori.

Available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), Stu's Music Shop and at the Carroll County Arts Council.

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Untitled  
Caravan Records, 1997

The White Lightnin' Washboard Band's pounding, pulsing, "supremely irritating rhythm," according to the band's own words, is provided by leader Dave "Mr. Scrubboard" Littlefield, who makes mayhem with a variety of sound effects—duck calls, bicycle horns and bucket—to complement an eclectic mix of old jazz standards, ballads, country classics and rock 'n' roll.

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and a bit of tennis keep us young."

**Jan Yentsh Ellenburg** has joined a cooperative art gallery in Birmingham where she works one day a month.

"The art changes every six weeks, so you have to keep producing. We visit **Ruth Caldrin Frank** two or three times a year and correspond with several WMCers. I travel, but Bob isn't up to it."

**Dottie Attix Meyer** sold her Hickory Ridge home and moved to a small ranch house adjoining her son Dwight's farm. "Very convenient. (Duff and I) had planned to build on a lot on the farm and were looking at plans when he died.) Nice to have my driveway cleared of snow."

**Elmer Evans** is still in relatively good health and enjoys boating and fishing off the Jersey coast, as well as gardening in season. His son and daughter live within 100 miles of them and travel far more than their parents.

**Jane Harrison** has been at the Charleston Retirement Community for nearly three years. **Gladys Croson Crabbs** visited for a couple of days in October, and they drove to Westminster to meet **Ana Robey Weiss** for lunch. Jane attended a WMC alumni luncheon at Charleston on Oct. 25.

**Caroline "Lyn" Rudisill Mather** spent two weeks in September traveling down the Po River from Florence to Venice. She is able to see her family every several months. A wonderful Christmas was spent in California with her number two son and family, including her two youngest grandchildren, beautiful 9- and 13-year-old blonde girls.

Our daughter, **Pam Huffington Aucker '82**, and our three grandchildren visited in July and August of 1999, while **Brian '82** stayed in Edinburgh, Scotland, to work on his dissertation. Hopefully, they will all be back in this country within the next year.

I missed the deadline because my husband, Jack, was having serious leg bypass surgery. Thankfully, he did well.

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It is a little late, but may I wish each and everyone of you a very healthy, happy 2000. Did you ever believe you would live to see it? I certainly did not! There are 89 members and ex-members of our class on record. I only contacted 78, for the remainder of the ex-members have never answered in the 10 years I have been doing this. Of the 38 members who responded, I thank you.

**Betty Shockley Altfather** said the highlight of 1999 was a wonderful 50th anniversary celebration hosted by other classmates. None live more than three hours away. She and Harry are still "plugging along."

Netherlands for 14 days of seeing the museums, churches, battlefields

and traveling throughout the country was done by **Ira Altfather** and his wife Sue. He said it was a great experience and all should do it. They are proud to say their grandson is graduating from medical school in May.

My card was the first mail to arrive at **Edmunde Hahn Baker's** new home. She and Holmes moved to town after 32 years on the farm. They are now closer to their family and all their needs.

**Louise Brown Barnes** and husband Everett are still taking trips in the RV. They may even come to see me when they visit their grandson at Stetson. Louise keeps busy reading, cross stitching and with their two volunteers. Everett helps his son Brian with his glass etching and stained glass.

**The Barretts (Jean McDowell and Ralph)** wrote their postcard in red ink because they wanted us to know they are still "in the pink." They are the volunteers of volunteers. They cannot do any traveling as Ralph's 96-plus room is in the nursing center at Ashbury Solomons with a broken hip. They are planning a garden, planting perennials around their patio and praying their pink dogwood survives.

"Warm best wishes to my WMC friends," says **Margaret Statler Blyden**.

My first roomie, **Eloise Horsey Cannoles**, sent the sad news of losing her sister, **Janith Horsey Collin '43**. Fortunately Eloise's daughter and son live near her in Arlington, Texas. Her granddaughter is Homecoming queen at the high school. Her greatest company is her 13-year-old dachshund. Eloise completely remodeled her home, and now she can travel.

**Mary Gene Kennedy Carr** sent me a cute picture of her and husband **Walter '44**. They were going to visit two of their children in Maryland in May and the other two in Missouri and Michigan in June. Their oldest son is working on his doctorate in Old Testament studies at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Last July their second oldest accepted the call to Faith Lutheran Church in Michigan.

**Mary Davies Carson** is still traveling and working half time at the VA Med Center in Augusta, Ga. At the tender age of 72, she has resumed taking piano lessons.

**Non Austin Doggett** and husband **Carroll '45** are enjoying their two months in Florida—walking the beach, reading, swimming, seeing friends and ordering seeds for their garden. Their greatest joy is that their oldest daughter was given a new kidney by her friend in 1998. It continues to function perfectly, and she is well again and back to work. They deeply appreciate all the love and prayers that came her way during those months of dialysis. They were to return in March to plant the seeds.

**Bill Hall** and wife **Mary "Jackie" Jackson '43** were back in Cocoa Beach, Fla., again. They did not see us last year, and we are hopeful they will make it this year.

Exciting, **Fern Hitchcock** answered me on the computer. He and Julia cel-

ebrated their 50th anniversary in August with their five children, seven grandchildren and many friends. By now they should be in southern Pennsylvania in a retirement home. He will miss watching all the WMC football games!

**Fred Holloway** says, "Basically, things have changed little except my age—but, what can I do!" He is still running a welding school, directs a good choir, is chairman of the finance committee and continues to have his vodka one night a week. He ended by saying, "Perhaps your annual card will keep me living for years!" I hope you are right, Fred.

For six years **Frank Jaumont** has been a member of the board and membership chairman of the Diamondhead, Miss., chapter of AARP. He travels frequently and was expecting his sixth grandchild in May.

Wonderful letter from **Edwin H. Langrall**. He lives in a 100-year-old home furnished with antiques in a

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racially and ethnically mixed neighborhood in Washington, D.C. He travels and attends the opera and theater, and for more than 12 years he has been active in various HIV/AIDS ministries. Since retirement from parish ministry after 41 years, he has been chairman of the board of directors of Quality of Life Retreats, a special ministry of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. They provide retreats for HIV/AIDS people. In the 11 years of operation, they have conducted 49 retreats.

What a year **Betty Miller Lechiter** has had—sounds like a travel journal. She spent last February and March in Longboat Key, Fla., two weeks in Nags Head, N.C., with classmates in September, a 10-day trip to Panama City, the Canal and the San Blas islands (the closest place to paradise she has ever seen) in October, then a two-week trip to the Holy Land and Egypt in November. Betty said, "What a great experience!"

By **Andre Klein May** has attended her 44th Elderhostel. This past winter she went to "the Hill" twice for a holiday luncheon and the dedication of the new science building. She volunteers at the Northwest Hospital Center in Baltimore and now and then at the Arthritis Foundation.

The oldest finisher at the Marine Corps Marathon in October was none other than our **Carlton Mendell**. Last year he ran 85 road races, including six marathons (up to 132 of them and counting). He has run in 23 Boston marathons. In addition to these, he sells a little insurance and is treasurer

of the Maine Track Club, which has 400 members.

Do you remember the old song "Busy Doing Nothing"? **Raymond Mills** says that is he. He and Bernice have three grandchildren: Michael, 16, Kate, 11, and Ben, 8. Ray spends a bit of time surfing the Internet but is not interested in e-mail or chatting. He would rather read and keep up with current events. He says he has not visited WMC in years.

**Lillian Gillis Mowbray** had a difficult time writing her card for torn muscles in her right arm. She celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary in August. She happens to know a new neighbor of mine—small world.

The first phone call in my home the morning of New Year's Day was **Betty Blades Neves**. I wish more of you would answer me as quickly as she does. She has been waiting for two years to get into Folklings in Norristown, Pa. She had just returned from two weeks in China, where she was a delegate at an occupational therapy convention. She also informed me that her 18-year-old grandson, J.R. Neves, is a world-renowned skateboarder.

**Betty Powell** and **George Norman** are enjoying country living with deer and steers tight outside their door and watching all the different and beautiful birds. Their daughter Rhonda lives nearby, as well as Mary Jane Collier and Ed Shauck.

WMC's May 2000 graduation included **Harriet and Alleck Resnick's** granddaughter. Al says they are well and just celebrated their 52nd anniversary.

I received an e-mail from **Drew Roberts**, the son of **Evelyn Benson Roberts**, informing me that she is in an assisted living retirement community. She has not been well for over six months. She has a great deal of trouble just walking and caring for herself.

My first e-mail from the class came from **Jeannette Milholland Royston**. I was so excited. Her news was sad as she lost her husband Ray on Nov. 18. She is now living at Broadmead, a retirement community. She says she is truly happy since she is closer to some of her children. One son lives in California, but fortunately he is able to come East often.

It is always a joy to hear from **Lee Beglin Scott**. With her news she sent me two wonderful pictures of her handsome family. Lee looks the same except her hair is white like the rest of us. She and **Fraser '43** celebrated their 50th anniversary last March. She lost her older brother in 1999. She says Christmas seems to get much harder to do. It is for all of us, Lee.

**Bob Snyder** is right to the point: "Address is still the same, so is my name! Best regards and wishes for year 2000."

**Marion Stoffregen Thorpe** had a great idea—she sent me her Christmas letter. I loved it! I was distressed to hear she fell on the tennis court March 1999 and ended up having rotator cuff surgery—only completely torn and the other a three-quarter tear. She had



physical therapy until last November and must continue exercise daily for three to six more months. As her energy returned, she went to her first Elderhostel to study Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture. She is very busy with bridge, concerts, lecture series and WMC functions. She has been asked to fill a vacant seat on the vestry of St. Johns Episcopal Church in Elliott City, so she has little time on her hands.

"Same old stuff for me," says **Anna Butler Trader**. She is involved in community theater, organ at church and trips to England and New York. She's grateful her health is not too bad, and staying busy keeps her out of trouble.

**Ken York** retired after coaching tennis at Towson University for 10 years. He now has more time to play. He and his partner are seeded number four in the national 75-and-over doubles tournaments in the summer. He and Nancy are very involved in their 7- and 9-year-old grandsons' activities.

News from **Kathryn Wheeler Wiley** was sad as she lost her husband Chuck in May 1998. She retired from her job at the Whiteford branch of the Harford County Library but still does some volunteer work. She is active in church work and her three bridge clubs. She still has two Arabian horses, but other people use them and care for them. She does not take extensive trips; she just enjoys "what's left of Harford County's countryside up here in the northern corner."

**Doris Pan Zia's** sisters Sylvia and Pam answered her card. Doris had triple bypass surgery last May and since has been in a nursing home. They say she is mentally and physically not quite herself.

We lost three of our class in 1999: **Rev. William R. Merriman** on Jan. 7, **George W. Wilson** on April 28 and **Rev. F. Bailey Phelps Sr.** on Oct. 14.

Where does the time go! Another year has passed and here I am again.

Husband **Bob '49** had a great experience last June going to Iowa for the Glenn Mill Festival. He found out when he read his 50th reunion directory that **Pete Calais '49** had been there also. In July we flew to Canada to attend four days of concerts of the Canadian tribute to the Glenn Miller Band. Bob had seen and met them in Iowa. They are fabulous! Fortunately we had friends who have a cottage 25 miles from the opera house. In September we returned to Virginia for a seafood festival—miss those crabs and fish. The week before Thanksgiving, Bob came down with L.T.P. which he had 21 years ago. It is a blood disease which was treated by steroids and gammaglobulin. I started 2000 by having my gallbladder removed by laparoscopic cholecystectomy, and I played golf in 11 days. My surgeon trained in the Navy with our younger daughter, so I was in good hands. Our grandson Kevin, 20, made honors for the first semester of his junior year at Wake Forest. His brother Kyle, 18, is a freshman at William and Mary and just made a very select choral group, the Wren Singers. We are so proud of

them. Their cousin Tyler just turned 16 and is getting that all-important license. He and his brother Kenton, 13, are making records on their swim teams and many honors in their school work. It is wonderful being grandparents!

If you have any news, send it to me. You do not have to wait for me to write. Stay well, take care and make every day count.

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**1948** Arithmetic problem, elementary school (circa 1935). "How old will you be in 2000?" Amazing to have made it!

I received word from **Mac Langrall Mealy** on the passing of her "best friend and partner" Rich on Dec. 23.

**Lyle Johnson Wilson** (Arizona and Washington) celebrated with Larry on a millennium cruise, crossing the date-line Dec. 31 in the South Pacific between Auckland and Los Angeles. Prior to that, they sailed across the Atlantic to Spain, the French Riviera and Italian ports.

*Chasing down the millennium by sea, Lyle Johnson Wilson '48 crossed the dateline in the South Pacific, and Janet Preston May '52 celebrated on a cruise from Sydney to Auckland.*

Taking two trips annually are **Bob Dubel** (Baltimore, Md.) and wife—Turkey and Greece, followed by Spain and Morocco. Bob came in second in the WMC Alumni Golf Tournament last year.

**Joe Thompson** played golf on "the Hill" with "old buddies" from our era: **Jack Spicknall '49**, **Al Jacobson '49** and **Harry Christopher '49**, and saw **Ernest Leap '49**, **Fred Eckhardt**, **Charles Kobosko '49** and **Al Moon '50**—"the whole gang." He was in Florida for the winter and England in May.

Viewing the Norwegian fjords were **Charles Fleming** (Virginia) and Edna Ruth. They're in the mountains of North Carolina each July.

**Pat Brown Zello** broke a bone in her foot but kept on walking during their tour of China (like the Energizer Bunny).

England lures many of us, including **Dot Scott Atkinson** and son, who went on to Scotland and Wales. They visited Sir Walter Scott's home "since he

could be a relative!"

Did anyone follow **Naomi Harper Morgan** as she went white water rafting in Alaska? Perhaps you caught up with her "ranching" out West for trail riding and golf.

Off the coast was "Bobbie" Lee **Kunkel** on an Alaskan cruise. He added two new grandsons, Jake and Josh, and still had time for Florida and Maine.

Busier than most of us is **Annabel Glocker Liebelt**. As president of NAREF with 1,275 members she has been to nearly every attraction and theatre in D.C., as well as Branson, Panama Canal and through English castles and cathedrals.

During the holidays, **Mary Frances Keiser Bradley** (California) and her son's family enjoyed a Hoba cat in keling and ride on a Hoba cat.

The **Smiths, Don and Charlotte "Wally" Haile**, relate their happiness with retirement community life. They are close to their family and visit Virginia and Florida to "keep in touch."

Down the Intracoastal Waterway four times sailed **Jan Ganz Greenwood** and husband. Six grandchildren keep them involved.

**Mary Jane Corbett Mason** (Florida) and husband are "retirement golfers." While Paul volunteers with the Sheriff's Department, she is at the Englewood Hospital. We missed her at our reunion.

Also missing was **Jean Silcox Cahill** (New Jersey) who writes, "I enjoy all my adventures, babysitting and going to grandkids' games."

From Naples, Fla., came a card from **Phyllis Davidson Pippin** at the Imperial Wilderness Condo.

Welcoming 2000 were **Betty Amiger Maas**, Lou and five other couples at a delightful bed and breakfast in lovely Chestertown, Md. Betty coordinated two luncheons last year: **Mary Ruth O'Kelly Chlad**, **Mary "Toddy" Todd Griffiths**, **Marion "Stoff" Stoffgren Thorpe '47**, **Pat Patterson Enser**, **Marion Beck Osing**, **Charlotte "Wally" Haile Smith**, **Naomi Harper Morgan**, **Dottie Hender Williams**, **Ruth Anderson Burgess**, **Marty Winter Hawkins** and **Dot Scott Atkinson** enjoyed "catching up" with one another.

**Eleanor "Carrots" Schilke Wroten** (Texas) had a wonderful visit with her roommate **Jan Kolbaugh Sagan** (Virginia). "Carrots" works part time in biology labs at the community college. It's a great way to stay involved, meet a challenge and keep up dated!

With our class for only two years, we are glad **Audrey Clendenen Foster** (Pennsylvania) keeps in touch. She received her B.S. from West Chester University and her master's in reading. She taught fourth grade for nearly 24 years, retiring in 1991. For 35 years she was church organist, and her husband served as choir director. They say, "live in a retirement complex and couple." "We love it!" A dedicated, talented

Working with children brings great satisfaction to **Betty Sudar Garlock** (Virginia) as she pursues her master gardener interests and 4-H activities.

She had a holiday family reunion in Richmond. We agree that the next generation stays very busy with professions, sports and children's activities. Everyone seems to be "involved," and that must mean we're relatively healthy. Each card spoke of how blessed we are with accomplished grandchildren who continuously make us proud.

Regrets from **Linden "Doc" Summers** (New York) that he and Betty Ranc '49 were unable to attend their WMC 50th reunions. They are pleased with recent retirements and enthusiastic about their "new life" evolving around leisure activities, the exploits of their soccer-playing grandson and an older one's college experiences.

**Mary Todd Griffiths** and Bill joined the Ensom for lunch in Melbourne, Fla., in January.

**Mary Ruth O'Kelly Chlad**, president of the WMC Baltimore Alumni Chapter, was in Florida's Disney World last year.

**Dottie Wilder Webb** and "Red" winter in Venice, not far from **Louise Scott Widup** and John in Sarasota, and **Dot Cathell Carstens** and Howard in Sun City.

**Bob and Yvonne Mathias** celebrated their 50th anniversary in Hawaii. Later, their entire family with six grandchildren gathered to honor them. Bob serves on the Board of WMC and is chairman of the Board of Trustees of Carroll Lutheran Village, a retirement community between Westminster and New Windsor.

**Pat Brown Zello** wants to do a re-run of our 50th reunion and add more hours. Mark your calendar now (while you think of it) for May 2003.

At our reunion, it was a real joy to be with **Helen Wymer Youmans**, who came in response to a phone call by **Claramary Garlock MacNamee** (California). We extend our heartfelt thoughts to "Onion," whose Jim passed away Nov. 30.

**Josh '43** and I look forward to calling Carroll Lutheran Village our home later this year, having sold our Bethany Beach house and wintering in Florida. Once again we will be back on "the Hill" near our children and grands. I sound more like my mother all the time: "The older you get, the faster time goes!" The Ensom news shares the beauty of our oldest grandson's wedding in Big Baker. **Richard Meiklejohn '38** took Amy North '99 as his bride. Six of our 10 grandchildren were in the ceremony. "Gram" gave the meditation, a true honor for me. Josh daily walks more than three miles on the beach. I am still volunteering with seminars and conventions for the Chamber of Commerce on the Space Coast, serving on the condo board and acting as their social director. It is true: "Time flies when you're having fun!" My gratitude for all of you who read this column, for your responses and for your kind words regarding "Ye old class secretary."

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# 1952

What a difference a few years makes! Snail mail, e-mail, Christmas cards,

postcards and just plain notes—that's how the news comes today. It makes WMC days seem so long ago and yet so many look back on them as treasures. Those who experienced the dedication of the new science building, especially those who spent time in the old Lewis Hall, were in awe. Anyone who has visited the campus to see the recent changes has been excited to see it grow.

**Paul Welliver** reminisced about time spent with fellow chemistry majors **Charles Albert, Mary Siegel and Watson Solomon** when he heard about the new science building.

**Jack and Nancy Walker Molesworth** say "hi." They remain active in local civic affairs.

**Charlotte Reed Cushing** sends regards to all.

**Mike Chirigos** sends best wishes to the class for a happy, healthy new year as he departs for Prague and then to Italy and Spain for meetings.

After a church mission trip to Greece, Italy and Bosnia last year, becoming director of the hospital gift shop and adding a third great-grandchild, **Phyllis Scott Pugh** and her husband are preparing for their 50th wedding anniversary.

**Bill and Joan Montague Schane** spent February 1999 in Nepal and Thailand. "Although we never got very high in Nepal, the spectacle of dawn breaking along the Himalayas would bring even an irreligious man to his knees!" After visiting their daughters and their families during the summer, they spent three weeks touring southern France with their oldest daughter. Tragedy struck in early December when the husband of their youngest daughter was killed in an automobile accident in Washington, D.C. Our sympathy to Connie, her children and to Joan and Bill.

**Mary Hawkins Hackman**, who is still teaching for WMC, acknowledges that the campus is almost brand-new looking, but there are still lots of familiar places left. Both Jim '50 and Mary remain active with courses at the community college and learning new things on the computer. Like many others, they are planning to travel this year.

**Hillard "Huck" and Peg Siler** Haylett were looking forward to a big travel year since Huck is retired. Six weeks in southern Spain, the Outer Banks in the summer and Sedona, Ariz., in the fall doesn't sound like a bad start at all. Peg continues her work with the Literacy Council while Huck is learning to use the computer.

**Peggy Samples Sullivan** says active with local tennis at USTA Tennis. She is moving to a condo—no more yard work, stairs, etc. Her five children live in the area, within five or six miles of each other, and the 11th grandchild is due this year. Sounds like "the good life."

While staying busy with necessary maintenance at home and at church,

**Ed Foote** and Kay found time to visit some of the western national parks and Denver. In October he got a chance to recall his high school and college Spanish when they visited Spain. "Steamboating" is next on their list.

The prize for travelling has to go to **Essel Thomas**. He is driving to Portland, Ore., this summer to await the arrival of his daughter Jody's first child. He is taking three to five months for the round trip. He'll leave Washington, D.C., for Key West, back to Tennessee and Kentucky, south to New Orleans, north along the Mississippi River to Canada, south to El Paso, north to Montana, south to San Diego and finally north to Oregon. But that isn't all. He'll head to Alaska after the baby is born before returning home. His daughter Sue presented him with his sixth grandchild last year adding to son David's son. He did find time to work two days a week as a copy editor, a half day a week at a voluntary job and otherwise enjoyed retirement last year. His shortest trip in the last six years was a six-weeks trip through New York and New England—4,700 miles!

**Gordon and Marsha Beebe Green's** son is a pilot for Northwest Airlines. It enables them to see the world. Last year it was Singapore and a one day adventure to Malaysia. Their daughter writes poetry and has had several opportunities to read in public.

**Jim and Pat Crawford Dejean** keep in touch with classmates. They hosted **Mort and Herma Nixdorf Benjamin** at their home this winter and also **Victor and Lester Garretson** when she attended the presentation of a Ph.D. in wildlife biology to her daughter Pam at LSU. Vicki, along with **Marion Auld Geyer '50** and **Charles and Suzanne Chambers MS'87 Albert**, also toured London in January. Since Vicki moved to Hampstead, she has been kept busy as president of the Woman's Club of Hampstead and accompanist for St. John's Methodist Church.

**Jan Port** continues to play the piano weekly at Stella Maris Retirement Home in Towson, Md. He spends weekends in the mountains of Pennsylvania near Emmitsburg, Md.

Except for family reunion times in North Carolina, New Jersey and Williamsburg, after traveling to Denmark, Norway, Singapore and Amsterdam last May and June, **Ken Shook** is staying close to home with his new acquisition, a dog.

**Arthur and Peggy Press** inform us that their grandson is attending WMC as a theater major and has been in a number of productions at the campus theater.

**John Isaac** writes that he and his wife Janet are as well as can be expected with a 16-year-old in the house! Their son and two daughters are in Columbia, Md., Atlanta and Baltimore, respectively. John works with Bethany Christian Services and his church.

**Libby Schubert Wright** is completing her third year as district superintendent of the Eastern Shore District, Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. She was elected for

the second time to attend the quadrennial meeting of the General Conference of the U.M. Church. Husband Ed '50 and she enjoy traveling and look forward to their 13th grandchild this summer.

**Roger Ault** toured Poland, Czech Republic and Hungary for three weeks last summer. He stays active in community theatre—most recently in "Twelve Angry Men." He participates in local readers theater and old-time radio plays besides aerobics and swimming at the Y several times a week.

**Janet Preston** May welcomed the new millennium on a cruise from Sydney to Auckland. Future trips will be to Florida to see their "greatbaby" and Janet's two sisters.

It was good to hear from **Jane Buettner Stewick**, who has retired after 45 years of nursing. She is enjoying traveling, church activities, playing bridge and bird watching. She and her husband Guy attended the WMC alumni get together in San Francisco when President Chambers visited the West Coast. She says she is very proud of Western Maryland and has fond memories of her two happy years there. Her mother graduated from WMC in 1916, and Jane says she would be proud of how it has grown and thrived. I wonder how many in our class are children of graduates of WMC?

The highlight of 1999 for **Dottie Keeseker Walters** was the birth of her first grandchild, a granddaughter in Louisville, Ky. Husband Ernie is busy promoting his novel and maintaining the Fallston gallery while she "continues to enjoy" (D) substituting for challenging local middle school students." She spent three weeks in Costa del Sol, the Algarve and Lisbon with a tour group last October. Although cashmere and medinas in Tangier were an exciting experience, it doesn't head her priority list for a repeat. Friends from Paris and Oslo were her guests this winter.

**Taeko Kamiyama** writes that she is well. She visited Canada, England and Okinawa last year. Her present wish is to come to our '50th" in 2002. She, too, "still dreams of the lovely campus a half century ago." She "hopes everyone is enjoying his/her retirement."

**Betsy Patterson Hughes** enjoyed her younger and "farther away" grandchildren visit over the holidays. The older grandchildren are nearby and she enjoys them more often. She does publicity for the church's thrift shop, Surprise Shop. Betsy, **Susie Rinehart Elgin** and **Bobbie Lang** get together once a month. I've seen them with **Vic and Anna Lee Park Makovitch** at the WMC football games. Vic and Anna Lee are either traveling most of the time or babysitting with grandchildren, and they love it!

**Lionel Lee** had two big events last year. His youngest daughter Stephanie was married, and there was a family get-together to celebrate his 70th birthday. He spends a lot of time with his two grandsons and their parents in Davis, Calif.

**Jack and Gay Lambert** celebrated an

exciting Christmas with a new granddaughter. Just days later her daddy's submarine returned from six months' deployment in the North Atlantic, and the whole family was there to see son Jonathan step off the boat to his son's new daughter for the first time. Jack is still offering his advertising consulting services in the area since he has moved back to Westminster. His son Stewart is a freshman at Westminster High School.

**Roland Flaicher** sent greetings from the Florida Keys where he was spending the winter enjoying fishing and making it his permanent residence. He will, however, travel to State College to maintain contact with the university and his son Rick, who has two jobs doing volunteer work—one at the local mall and the other in the Penn State Library. Rick has progressed well since his brain damage and all are happy for that. Roland spent Christmas with **Harold "Mac" McTeer '53** and his wife in Delaware.

**Gene Schofield LesCallette** is delighted to see again have her three children and their families in Maryland. Day trips for the family to Assateague to enjoy the water and beach with the grandchildren were frequent last summer. She enjoys her work at the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, meeting, assisting and making new friends from all over the United States. She was reapointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission for five years and has been appointed to the Wicomico Tourism Council and the Wicomico Greenways Commission. She is also chairing the Pastors' Parish Relations Committee for three years.

**Tom '53 and Katharine Wiley Pearce** report that they were once again blessed this summer and fall as the hurricanes passed them by on the Outer Banks. "Just a little rain and a few twigs and branches down," and they can deal with that. They took a six-week trip through the Southwest where they visited **Herma Nixdorf Benjamin** in Temple, Texas, and **Betty Summers Hales** in Peoria, Ariz.

"There's certainly a lot to see in the good old U.S.A." Kat spends time in quilting and staying healthy.

**Chuck Hammaker** was fully retired as of Dec. 31, 1999, after a year of part-time consulting for Blue Cross. He is now serving on several community boards in Jacksonville, Fla., like the River City Band, Northeast Florida Safety Council and the church. Wife **Myke** retired also. They now have time to spend with their seven grandchildren in Houston and Louisville and their daughter in Alexandria, Va.

**Sally Ray Santmyer** sold her last store and "retired" for two weeks. Then she found a Christmas job which has become ongoing except that she can arrange to travel any time. She and her daughter Stacy took her 4-year-old granddaughter to Curaçao to go diving and snorkeling. She loved it and used her pre-school language skills to speak German to the children there. Sally's

son Scott is commuting to Hunt Valley, Md., with a new job and looking for a home for his wife and daughter, 2. His second week here from Boca Raton, Fla., he witnessed Maryland's 20-inch snowstorm. Sally was planning a trip to Paris with her daughter in April, and then the threesome were to travel to the Jean Michel Cousteau resort in Fiji.

**Jimmy Hale Spicknall** visited WMC for husband Jack's 49th anniversary last year. She keeps busy with volunteering, church work, golf, family and some traveling. She, too, looks forward to seeing everyone in 2002.

Congratulations to Ira Zepp for being recognized as the 1999 Alumnus of the Year.

Eileen Sturgill, wife of **Carl Sturgill**, keeps us informed of their well-being after Carl's stroke seven years ago. They are at home in Pittsburgh and "coping quite well." Eileen has become the "speaker of the house" and the "designated driver." Their older son Gary and family live in North Carolina with their two grandsons, Ben and John. Bless you, Eileen, for being there for Carl.

More unhappy news from **Barbara Plasket '54 Toman**. Ed suffered a stroke in June 1999 while undergoing surgery for a carotid artery. He is paralyzed on the right side and unable to communicate. Improvement is coming slowly. They had just attended Bobbie's WMC reunion and are so thankful they could see the campus and many friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of you.

Our sympathy to Peggy Eline and family on the sudden death of **Joe Eline** on Feb. 16, 2000, while on vacation in El Paso.

Bill and I are still active in our service organizations, but we spend as much time with our children and their families as much time will allow. Last summer we toured France with a local couple with whom we celebrate our mutual wedding anniversaries. We attended a wedding in Finland in December. It was quite an experience to have dusk for about four hours and darkness the rest of the day. We love being near the WMC campus and try to spend as much time as possible there. Keep your communications coming! They are very special whether they bring a smile or a tear. I would hope that you would give us a call if you are on the campus—we live so close.

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The Class of '57 continues to leave its mark on the world. I wonder how many combined miles we have all logged during the past 12 months. We even have one brave classmate who dared to travel by Autotrain on Jan. 1, 2000! That just shows you that the Class of '57 is still ahead of the rest of the world—no little thing like Y2K is going to stop us! The next milestone for us all to think

about is our 45th reunion in 2002, and then the big 50th in 2007—not really that far away. Mark your calendars now for May of 2002 and May of 2007. We are in for some wonderful changes to the overall reunion program.

News from the West Coast comes from **Ralph "Dusty" Martiniell** who reports on "another year, another opportunity." He has so many stents that he said he bounces when he walks! He would have attended the **Bob Butler and Barbara Willis '60 Reed Butler** wedding, but Bob told him he would have to buy a new suit. (Dusty already had a nephew's wedding the same day.) He still travels, though, going to Florida to visit a granddaughter and to Las Vegas four to five times a year, plus Pennsylvania for the wedding. Last comment: "We'll flomp 'em next week!"

Coming across the country to Texas, **Bill Muhlenfeld** reports being healthy and happy, and enjoying three grandchildren. The biggest thing they did last year was getting the sofa reupholstered, inviting the neighbors in to see it and, after they were gone, sitting on it and staring at the wall. They would love to hear from any friends—more exciting than the usual mail these days from retirement centers, funeral homes, insurance companies and people selling prosthetic devices. We can all relate!

Also in Texas part of the year is **Byron Hollinger**. Summers are spent in Westminster. It's a great life, according to Byron, if you can pay the gasoline bills.

Indiana is the home of **John Kauffman**, who intends to retire from Indiana University East in November for the second time. He is still active in church and civic activities. He planned a cruise to Bermuda in May with Jan's high school class and a trip to Ocean City in late June with a daughter and grandkids.

**Janet Perkins and Howard Zimmerman** sent an e-mail from Alabama, having recently found their spot in cyberspace. They enjoy golf, bridge and five grandchildren. They had a good visit from **Pat Richter and Skip Amass** in November and discussed the latest Westminster news.

**Jan Cline** also resides in Alabama. The highlight of her year was a three-week trip to Portland, Ore., to visit with her sister, whom she had not seen for 12 years. She gives us all something to ponder: What's in store for the next 1,000 years when you consider all that has taken place during the last 100 years?

**Carol Bingham Prendergast** recently moved back into her home in Panama City, Fla. She has three extra bedrooms for anyone who comes her way. Visits are welcome. Her daughter's wedding in October, a trip to Russia, including a cruise on the Volga River, along with her move made for a busy year.

Two of our WMC couples sent their news from North Carolina. **Bob and Helen Boardman Radcliffe** are building a new home on the Intracoastal

Waterway—on the same island. They spent Christmas in Winston-Salem with all 15 family members. Bob still works, Helen still paints.

**Earle and Sara Price Finley** also welcome guests in Raleigh, N.C. Earle is semi-retired, doing some commercial real estate, and Sara helps in the office on the computer. Both are involved in Bible study fellowship, being discussion leaders during the school year. A trip last fall took them through the Canadian Rockies. They visit their mountain home in Virginia often and spend a week or so in Florida in February. The three children are in Raleigh, and a son is in the ministry in Virginia. The present grandchild count is 15.

**Marge Pott Ensinger '57**  
*and her family prepared  
450 brownies and 20  
pounds of carrot sticks as  
part of a Thanksgiving  
dinner for the needy on  
the streets of NYC.*

**Buddy and Grace Fletcher Pipes** are our Vermont contingent, and they do have a gorgeous piece of the world on the top of that mountain. They boast of seven grandchildren, making frequent visits to Maryland to visit five of them and see the other two in Vermont. Last summer with **Jan Warfield '56**. If you travel to Vermont, give them a call.

In Corfu, N.Y., **Dick Buterbaugh** is so thankful at age 81 that he and wife Jeanne can still dance and skate. They recently added a computer (a gift of their daughter and son-in-law) to allow them to communicate easily via e-mail with family and friends. His news letter is full of all the joys of the past year, including trips, church conferences, Bible studies, weddings, baptisms, and on and on. It doesn't mention how many grand- and great-grandchildren, but he enjoys his whole extended family.

**Joe Renaldi**, living in northeastern Pennsylvania, admits not having many contacts with WMC since his graduation, but he has had many challenges since those undergraduate days. He "The Walling Wind, A Tale of Love and Obsession" set in the deteriorating coal region of Pennsylvania in the 1950s. (See the last issue of *The Hill*) He wishes all class members good luck and good health.

**Marge Pott Ensinger** in New Jersey reports great joy, harmony and unity among her family members and extended family members. She loves cultivating family relationships and pursuing genealogies and family mem-

ories, but her main desire is to maintain her Bible study and Christian fellowship in her life. A highlight of 1999 was a Thanksgiving day trip to New York City with a group to share dinner with needy people on the street. Her husband made 450 brownies, Marge and her son Bill fixed 20 pounds of carrot sticks, and others provided turkeys, vegetables, desserts and other trimmings. What an experience, according to Marge!

Another New Jersey-ite is **Rev. Dave Bailey**, who is executive director of Ranch Hope, Inc. They have started an independent living program and taken over a Boy Scout Camp in Alloway, N.J., for development of a "ropes" program. The latter will be community-oriented with trails for horseback riding and walking and a lake for swimming, boating and fishing. A wilderness camp is going to open, hopefully, this year.

Pennsylvania is home to **Karin Schade James**—at a bona fide estate, spending two months in Florida this winter and coming to the Bahamas in February. Life is good—and busy.

**JoEllen Outbridge DeMarco** is our brave Autotrain traveler. She is still in Pennsylvania, spending retirement days with bridge, golf, trips and volunteering at the local library—a life very different from the daily work routine of 25 years. Her eldest son was married in Sarasota in October, and the whole family was there, including JoEllen's sister, her brother-in-law, **Pat Outbridge '49** and **Henry Corrado '50**.

**Brant Vitek** in Virginia always has interesting trips to report. Last year took him to the Patagonia ice fields and later to Machu Picchu for a five-day Inca trail hike. His orthopedic practice was turned over to his son on Dec. 31, 1999. A 25-foot weekend cruiser was traded for a 44-foot power cruiser to ply the waters of the East Coast. Just to keep life interesting, Brant accepted a position with a local telemedicine company.

Maryland, of course, is home to many of our classmates. **Dot Clarke** in Silver Spring takes care of her 92-year old frail mother. Times are difficult, and she asks for all our prayers.

**Anna Jarrell** is always on the go. Summers still find her supervising the activities at summer camp. Last spring she toured the Southwest with friends, and this year she will do a Bermuda Elderhostel trip with **Mary Jane Thorney Wilson**, then a tour of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland with friends. She is going steamboating with her sister on the Mississippi Queen later in the year.

**Mary Jane Thorney Wilson**, besides Elderhosteling with **Anna Jarrell**, went to northern England for two weeks in September. The Bermuda trip included hiking and studying marine biology. Her home is still Mt. Airy, but she makes frequent trips to the cottage in Rehobeth Beach.

Another Florida visitor for part of the winter is **Bev Parsons Carter**. She is still church organist (since 1963) and loves to travel and spend time with her

children and grandchildren. Visits to the Eastern Shore are made every two to three weeks.

**Betty Nicklas Pearce** sends greetings and says all is well. Her home is in Rockville.

Bob and Jean Goode Stahl spent more than two weeks in the spring touring the South: Pigeon Forge, Grand Ole Opry, Jackson, Miss., Branson, Mo., and visiting their daughter Lori, who became a certified vet cardiologist last August. Son Bob Jr. is associate vice president for operations at University College, UMCP. Jean says she retired again in September, and she and her husband spent two weeks in the Canadian Rockies.

**Pat Werner Callender** and George are another happy, traveling pair. They, too, joined the computer crowd and bought a laptop so they can take it in the motor home. They had great joys and sadness in 1999. George's dad passed away in November, but he got to delight in his great-grandson—Pat and George's first grandchild—earlier in the year.

**Mike Savarese** continues the golf hobby with **Don Tankersley**, **Brant Vitek** and **Bob Butler**. He also still works for a financial group. Son Michael and daughter Debbie have both purchased homes in Texas, so he says Texas is definitely on the "to visit" list. Wife Peggy is in her 31st year with Baltimore County Public Schools. If anyone has a pension to roll over or needs a fourth, call Mike.

**Joan Durno Bradfield** can't believe it's been a year since she replied to one of these postcards. She had a great year with all of her theatrical endeavors. Children's theater was a first for her, and she won the theater's best supporting actress award for the 1998-99 season for her portrayal of Rachel Lynde in "Anne of Green Gables." Other roles followed, and she assists with youth drama classes. Other acting jobs include murder mysteries and actor/patient roles at Uniformed Services University. She also reads books on tape for Maryland's Library for the Deaf and Physically Handicapped. Food consulting jobs and Elderhostel trips (down the Danube, for one) filled in the cracks in her schedule.

**Peggy Whorton Everly** is seriously thinking about retirement, especially since she spent six weeks in the hospital during the past year.

A classmate that hasn't been heard from for quite a while is **June Wise Winkler**. She lives in downtown Baltimore, close to Camden Yards and close to work. Her work continues as director of volunteer services at University of Maryland Medical System, and she looks forward to January when the WMC biology students come to volunteer for three weeks. They get to explore medicine as a career choice and, perhaps, get some direction for the future. She says they are wonderful to have around because they are so enthusiastic and focused. Daughter, **Julie Winkler Broad '96**, and granddaughter Madeleine give her lots

of pleasure. Son Ken lives close by. June planned a trip to China in January.

Another real boating enthusiast is **Fred Rausch**. He loves his retirement and cruising the Chesapeake. He bought a new Boston Whaler for a dinghy and spent many days crabbing and exploring the Chesapeake creeks.

**Ginnie Tull Phipps and Charlie '55** also family a lot of traveling: Montana to see daughter and family, up to Glacier Park, to Seattle and Tacoma, to San Juan Islands to whale watch, Bethany Beach, Europe. They are enjoying life.

**Mary-Joy Pitts and Paul Ensor** were absolutely thrilled when their daughter, **Carol Jean Ensor Creel '99**, completed

## Joan Durno Bradfield '57 won best supporting actress for her children's theatre portrayal of Rachel Lynde in "Anne of Green Gables."

ed her B.A. degree at WMC. They had a son from **Ernie Ramirez**, who still lives in California.

**Jack** and I still work in the dental practice and keep busy with our hobbies and other activities. The model trains continue to occupy more space in our home. My tone painting is lots of fun, and I enjoy the fellowship of the weekly classes. (It also gives me a two-hour break from the office routine.) We don't get to travel as much as many of our classmates because of work restrictions, but we do get to regional train conventions and New Mexico several times a year to visit our son, **Jeff Goettee '84**, and his family.

The grandchildren are terrific and their life is all about it! I really teach us what life is all about! I had lunch one day in the summer with **John Thorne Wilson**, **Mary Ellen Welch Mehring**, **Aune Jarrell** and my cousin, **Bill Schaeffer Cissell '42**, at Asbury Village in Gaithersburg. Mary Ellen and her husband purchased a lovely villa at Asbury, and Betty lives in one of the apartments. Jack and I usually visit with Mary Jane in the fall at her Rehoboth cottage, always reminiscing about WMC days. I lost my brother, **Bill Scheder '51**, in 1999, but otherwise it was a good year.

I appreciate the great response to the postcards, especially during the holiday season. Those of you who haven't sent any news, send it now and I will keep it for the next newsletter. Don't forget our 2002 reunion!

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Greetings, dear friends. It was great to hear from so many of the class.

Generally, we are doing well. Many are retired, many are enjoying a second career and many are loving being grandparents. And now the news:

**Betty Ann Wehland Bildstein** and her also family a lot of traveling well after health problems. She expressed her concern for today's doctors and health care.

**Peggy McIntyre Bowman** and Bo are still working and thinking about retiring, probably in the South since their two grandchildren are in Atlanta.

**Caroline Mitchell Boxwell** reports that she ended the century with her own fireworks. On May 8, she and Ed Boxwell sanctified a 25-year friendship and courtship in a wedding ceremony at Baker Chapel, officiated by WMC's chaplain Mark Lancaster.

**Skip Brown** and wife Nita are still happily retired. They spend a good deal of the winter golfing in Florida. No special plans for the new year, Skip said, just continue enjoying the good life of travel, hobbies and visiting grandchildren.

On a recent visit with **Suzanne Fossett** and **Bob '51 Browning**, we enjoyed comparing gray hair and shared stories of grandchildren. Suzanne and Bob will be making their fourth trip to Costa Rica with a group from their church. While there, Bob helps with construction projects, and Suzanne works in the Bible School. The Brownings find these yearly trips rewarding. When not traveling to Central America, they enjoy Elderhostel classes and visiting grandchildren.

**Virginia Warfield Cameron** and Alec enjoy good health and continue to work. Virginia is the director of a Lutheran preschool, and Alec is in marketing with First American Registry. Their children are grown, college educated, married and employed. Daughter Jennifer is a physical therapist and the mother of Virginia and Alec's two grandchildren. Son Brett is an accountant.

**Judy King Cole** and husband **Jim '59** can also claim that all their children are married, having celebrated the wedding of son Brad on July 3, 1999. Brad works for Oracle in Reston, Va. Daughter Amy and her husband live and work in New York. In addition to being parents of Grace and Matt, daughter Diane and husband Don are involved in their careers and still find time to be active in their church. Judy continues to teach at Magruder High School, working with composition instruction and grading. Jim works with the EPA and teaches night classes at the University of Maryland.

Another English teacher who has embarked on a new career of sorts is **Barbara Wolozin Craig**. Since retiring, she and John spend part of the year in Florida and the rest of the time at their home on the Chesapeake Bay. Their plans for the millennium include getting in shape by exercising and walk-

ing. Barbara is also attempting some free-lance writing—fiction and short stories. The Craigs enjoy traveling to San Francisco to visit daughter Susan and to Chicago to visit daughter Betty. **Helen Bueckel Gumpacker** continues to teach English as a Second Language at a community college in Dallas two days a week. Helen's 91-year-old mother now lives with them, so Helen and Harry have a full, active house and report that they have no empty nest yet.

Sept. 18, 1999 was the most gorgeous day of the year for **Ned and Elizabeth 'Trinka' McGibbeny '63 Cueman**. Their daughter Carrie was married in a garden ceremony that day—only two days after Hurricane Floyd went through.

Last year was also special for **Louise Loffer Dean**. Her first grandchild was born two months premature, but is doing great. The Deans are looking forward to traveling this year since Louise has retired.

**Bill Deaner** is happy to see 1999 end. He was hit by a car crossing Fifth Avenue on his way to work and spent 17 days in hospitals. He had five hours of surgery and bone grafts. Bill is working at home until he is able to commute again. **Bob Warfield** called him frequently while he was recuperating and really cheered him up. Bill's son Scott is a senior at Boston University and has a chance to graduate cum laude. Son Jason is a freshman at Williams College where he plays football. Suzie has taken great care of Bill during his convalescence.

**Ann Meding Gillespie** is enjoying her first grandbaby. Son Scott and his wife Amy had Emily Grace in October. They live in Florida, so Ann doesn't get to see Emily as much as she would like. She and husband Dick have had some problems with arthritis.

**Jerry Gore** has retired from his research and development work with the Navy. He and wife **Gloria 'Lori' Jones Gore '58** relocated to the Charlottesville, Va. area. They both started small companies and are, doing, on a very part-time scale, the same type of work they did before retirement. They also have a good bit.

Retired from the Navy, **John Grove** is working part time as a visitation minister at a local United Methodist Church. His wife Myra travels with a home health company out of New York. Son Darren is in the Navy, stationed in New Orleans. Daughter Dru works for NationsBank in Jacksonville, Fla. John says they can't get enough time with their 2-year-old grandson Jacob, who is in New Orleans.

**Kit Reese Hartzler** and Dan have been blessed to have their two children working with them as licensed morticians serving four communities. Daughter Sandy and her husband are the parents of Erin, 5, and Brody, 1. Kit stays active in church with choir, the United Methodist Women, discipline Bible study group and numerous committees. She continues to enjoy winter skiing, and she and Dan try to plan one week of western skiing each year. Kit enjoyed co-facilitating a bereave-



ment support group sponsored by Carroll County's hospice program and the Bureau of Aging for 10 years. The Hartzlers are looking forward to a two-week trip this summer to Oberammergau and sightseeing in three countries.

**Mary Lemkau Horn** voiced what a lot of us feel. She says her 60th birthday is coming up, but she feels 30! Mary reports that life is good; she has been happily married for 37 years and has two grandchildren.

**Keith and Nancy Jones** moved to Maine where they found a lovely home overlooking Portland Harbor and the islands. Keith has retired again, this time from the State of New Jersey. Son Chad lives close by in Falmouth, Maine, with his new wife, and son Keith and his wife are in Concord, Mass.

**David Littlefield** has embarked on a most interesting career since retiring from the Library of Congress. He has released the *White Lightning* Washboard Band CD. He organizes and plays music full time. Dave sent me a copy of his CD with the following instructions: "Take one Prozac or Valium before listening to this CD!" His Dixieland and dance bands play engagements all over D.C., northern Virginia and Maryland. Dave's daughter Melissa has her Ph.D. and is an assistant professor at the University of Maryland. Daughter Katie, a student at Bryn Mawr, is the only one of Dave's four children with any musical interests; she plays the harp. Dave sends me what he checks out on his web site ([americascaravan.com](http://americascaravan.com)) and send him an e-mail. He'd be delighted to hear from classmates. By the way, his CD is quite entertaining!

**Susan Morton Lohman** is enjoying semi-retirement, keeping her two grandchildren and working part time as a custody evaluator in Washington County, Md., and for the Family Law Master in Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties, Va. She and husband David found a new vacation spot in Las Vegas. They enjoy having all of their family in Hagerstown, Md.

A library newsletter from the University of Maryland at College Park reports that **Courtney Jones McKelvin** was presented a special plaque citing her and husband Ted as true and loyal friends of the University of Maryland at College Park libraries. They have played vital roles in the libraries' acquisition of one of its finest and most important special collections, the papers of the late Gov. Theodore Roosevelt McKelvin, Ted's father for whom the main library on campus is named.

**Carleen Ritter Minn** is building her dream home in Oregon, much of which she has designed herself. She will be closer to her daughter and her husband, who are expecting Carleen's first grandchild. Carleen will continue her career in music that she has enjoyed for 35 years in San Jose, Calif. Also making a move from the West is **Mary Sue Trotman Mundorf**. She and Armit have retired and relocated to Charlotte, N.C. They are halfway

between the mountains and the beach and are looking forward to new friends, new church and new places to explore. They are able to visit family in Philadelphia and Florida and are looking forward to sharing time with them.

After 33 years in the same place, **Judith Larry Mulvey** has moved to a Spanish-style home built in 1929. She is still teaching second grade. Sons Doug and Cliff are both working and living at home in Jenkintown, Pa.

**Fred Nicoll** recently celebrated his 60th birthday while golfing in Scottsdale, Ariz. He still sells real estate in Ocean City, Md., with **JoAnn Carscaden '63** serving as his assistant. The love of their life is 3-year-old granddaughter Caroline, soon to be joined by a cousin named Joshua. Fred recommends the "grandparent thing" to all. He reports that WMC friends drop by every now and then. Last year, **Tony and Rheta Ireland '61** Willes, along with the **Remberts, Donald '61** and **Judith Ellis '60**, had a super beach party at their house in Rehoboth, Del. Fred said that everyone at the party had ties to WMC and enjoyed Don playing his guitar. Sounds like old times!

**Marlene Zimmerman Petty** is doing well selling Avon. Her husband has retired from the Department of Juvenile Justice, State of Maryland, and is working part time as a bank teller. Two of their three sons are married, and the oldest one has a daughter who is the Petrys' pride and joy.

**Dick Phoebe** is still working as president and CEO at Home Federal Savings Bank in Hagerstown. He and Dale enjoy golfing and fishing. Their son Rich recently married in Hong Kong and is now a pilot for American Airlines. Daughter Paige is married to a Marine pilot and lives in Warrenton, Va. She is a flight attendant for U.S. Air.

**Don Rabush and Carol Westerfield '60** have retired. They spend half of their time in their home at Lake of the Woods in Fredericksburg and half in California enjoying their two sons and grandchildren. I hear from Don during his Fredericksburg half year.

**Judith Meredith Reichard** works in international marketing for the U.S. Postal Service, selling to large third-party providers in Europe for mail delivery services into the U.S. Her job involves a lot of overseas travel and deal-making, both things that she loves. She and husband Dale Magnusson still live in Annapolis and enjoy boating on the South River and having crab feasts on their porch. Judy and Dale have three children in the area and two grandchildren. They have two other daughters in California and five grandchildren there, giving them a definite invitation for coast-to-coast travel. The Magnussons had dinner in September with **Bob and Peggy Hoey '63 Warfield** in Ocean City, Md. Judy writes that life is busy but rewarding.

**Ken Reifsnider** lost his wife Loretta Lieb in January 1999. He has a new grandchild—his second—David Kenneth Reifsnider, born to son Jason and daughter-in-law Lisa in Austin, Texas, last January.

"Rummy" is still a good nickname for **Harry Rumberger**, who continues to work in the liquor industry. Harry says he calls it the spirits industry. He has been in the industry for over a decade and is embarking on new marketing programs. He taught young people to appreciate single malt Scotch and sold bourbon. Now he's developing and running bar games for young people with rum and lager. He says the challenge keeps him young! Wife Janie is still in mental health. Harry says it is a good place for her to seek refuge since he drives her nuts! They hope to get to South Africa later this year. Daughter Janine is a case worker in Fredericksburg, Va. Harry writes that he and Janie are still healthy and alive in Dallas, where they've lived since 1976.

Chief among our travelers is **Nancy Anthony Schmidt**. As a travel agent, Nancy gets to enjoy the perks of the job. She spent 10 days on a large trip in the wine region of France and soared in a hot air balloon. Nancy is thinking of retiring in two years. Right now she has fun with her daughters and six grandchildren.

**Stan Sharkey** is still working as a library media specialist and taking care of his ducks and geese in Westminster. **Carolyn Emmel '63** has retired, and the family is well, including the Sharkeys' three grandchildren.

Another proud grandparent is **Sandy Reed Shirey**. She and **Ron '65** enjoy having their two children and four grandchildren nearby. Sandy is immersed in church music as director of church programs and directs a special choral group. Their latest event was a performance at Bruton Parish in Williamsburg, Va. Ron continues in the banking business and both Sandy and Ron play tennis several times a week. They travel annually to several countries with the Amateur Sports Development and Cultural Exchange Program to play tennis.

**Charlie Snyder** is enjoying Colorado Springs where he is active in barber-shop quartets and choruses. He still has his own tax preparation business. Daughter Sara, 17, was to sing in the all-state chorus in February. He had lunch with **Jim Worden '60**, who has recently moved to Colorado. Charlie also spent some time in Ocean City, Md., last summer and visited with his roommate **Brady Roberts '61**.

**Nancy Roelke Sullivan** and **Dave '61** celebrated the new century with Jack and **Carole Richardson '64 Baile** in the Nancy's new beach house in Delaware. Nancy and Dave, and Jack and Carole are planning a Canadian Rockies tour this summer. Retirement in Arizona keeps the Sullivans busy: Nancy is in times in November and performed 15 When not singing or playing golf, she plays bridge, chairs the newcomers social group and works on homeowners association activities. Dave golf's and stays busy with travels. The Sullivans hosted **Helen Buehner** and **Harry Crumacker** in February and took several trips to national parks in California and Utah.

**Sharon Boyer Taormina** has been living in Michigan for more than 15 years. Her two daughters graduated from the University of Michigan. After working as a legal secretary for several law firms, she remarried in 1995 and stopped working a year later. She and husband Cy volunteer often in community-oriented projects and are involved in church activities. They do some traveling relating to Sharon's passion for high school band and winter guard competitions.

**Bob Vaughan** is still with the *Baltimore Sun* after 28 years and plans to retire in two years. Son Geoff graduated from Marymount University and is married and living in Mississippi. Daughter Tiffany is a teacher. Wife Carole is teaching in a pre-school program at St. Paul's School.

"Those were the days, my friend," says **Jim Waddell**, as he reminisces about our days on "The Heta." Jim occasionally returns to Carroll County. He says that Harry's Lunch on Main Street has expanded and gone upscale but still has the same good food highs. Jim is in his second year of retirement in "lower, slower" Delaware. He and **Carolyn deGraw '64** enjoy visiting from their—Jim's words—"brilliant" granddaughter Katie. They toured California and the Gulf Coast of Florida, and they are planning a trip to Costa Rica. Jim says as he gets older, memories from his time on "the Hill" grow sweeter and sweeter.

**Sandra Shepard Wadsworth** moved to Plano, Texas, due to a transfer she accepted from her employer, United HealthCare. She continues as strategic account executive for their large, national managed care clients.

Husband Ray is selling real estate in Texas. The Wadsworths have purchased a second home at Cedar Creek Lake in north Texas for fun now and retirement later. They have been visited by their children and grandchildren, from L.A. to Florida.

**Kay McKay Ward** is having a ball meeting the challenge of balancing her life between boyfriends and grandchildren. She is still the legislative aide for Virginia's Sen. Warren Barry and is active in state politics. Kay says that her greatest challenge is to play golf regularly and maybe par at least one this century!

**David "Peanut" Warner** is still enjoying his retirement from the job of Town Manager for the mighty metropolis of Manchester, Md., and confounding the experts who thought he might not be around at this point. Dave sold his house to his daughter and bought one next door, so his family is close. Dave has breakfast with his grandson Sy each day before seeing him off to the bus. Most of Dave's letter was about his contact with **John DeMey**, John DeMey's daughter. I would like to share some of Dave's letter with you:

"Mara never got to know her dad, as, sadly, he was killed in Vietnam in 1969. I lost touch with his wife, **Joan Hayes '65**, shortly afterwards. Mara went on to become an actress in New York. One day she discovered a trunk



filled with her father's things and became curious [about him]. Among things she discovered was an old reel tape recording that I had sent to John when he was in Vietnam. It must have been an emotional discovery for her, and she has begun the search to discover her dad. In addition to wanting to learn about him, she also thought it might make an interesting documentary, tentatively titled "Bringing Daddy Home." Maria and I made contact, and after getting to know each other by e-mail, we made plans to meet over Christmas. I dug through stuff I had stored away many years ago and found a letter, *Gold Bug* articles that Johnny had written, odd 33 1/3 records we played in the dorm room and even a tape recording that Johnny had sent me. (Hopefully, Mara will hear her father's voice for the first time in memory.) On Mara's visit, she and her friend made a video of me talking about Johnny and our days at WMC. It was hard to describe how close John and I had been, to recall the great times we had together and how devastating his loss was to me. Mara has established a web site for John and is planning another visit here to Carroll County to visit the college, the "Pit" and various other places where Johnny and I wreaked havoc. Later she is going to Vietnam to see where he served and died. I could not believe how much she was like her dad. It was some wonderful, bittersweet day!"

Dave is making an appeal to any alumni who can help contribute anecdotes, memories or insights about Mara's dad to help her understand what kind of a guy he really was. Dave will be happy to hear from anyone via e-mail (dpwerner@erols.com) or at his postal address. What she said that Mara gets the information. What a heartwarming letter. I hope you all will respond to Dave so that Mara can learn more about our dad—our classmate—John DeMey.

**Warren Watts** is enjoying his new home in White Post, Va., where he works as director of counseling services. He also works with the Circuit and Federal Courts, as well as law enforcement as "personality profiler" to help catch the "deviant" of our society. Warren received the Outstanding Service to Counseling Award and was appointed state representative for all police chaplains in West Virginia.

From Olympia, Wash., **Bob Wolf** says "help." He and Sandy are in the process of completing their new home, which they were to move into in March. The Wolfs are busy with their jobs. Bob teaches Asian Studies and plans to teach until June 2001. Sandy will probably retire in 2001, as well. Bob's father passed away last year. Son Greg is in Fredericksburg, Va., with UPS, and son Todd '97, a major in Korea, will return in July 2001 for CGSC at Fort Leavenworth.

This has been a busy year for me. The birth of our first grandson, Brandt Parker Graham, took me to Salt Lake City for five weeks this summer. Now I know why the Lord gives babies to the young! I've never been so tired. I

have to agree with what all of you other grandparents have said, however. Being a grandparent really is great. I returned to Fredericksburg in time for school. I have taken over as department chair in English. I continue to teach Honors English to juniors and this year added two classes of Oral Communication, which I am enjoying. Thanks for the many responses.

Keep those cards and letters coming. Enjoy the millennium (even if you don't think it has begun), and don't wait until the next century to write again.

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**1967** Dear Class of '67, Here are a few scoops of the 21st century: **Pat Foutz Moler and Charley** were looking forward to the new century (and millennium) with great expectations. Both children, Dan and Randy, have announced engagements to be married. Daughter Karen turns 16 and starts driving (them crazy). Pat enters the workplace with H&R Block for the first time since 1969. Charley has made the transition to civilian life and is now a "beltony bandit."

**Pete Riker** is now working for the Insurance Commissioner's Office in Atlanta. He would like to hear from other WMC folks in the area. Contact me for his e-mail address.

**Debbie Sturdevant** sends greetings from Costa Rica where she has been with her husband of 22 years, Jimmy Johnston, who was born there. Their son Tyler is in his first year of college at Davidson in North Carolina. She teaches English and geography in a private school where most of the kids are Costa Rican. She is still enamored with the natural beauty and variety of wildlife where she lives, but she thinks often of her happy and fulfilling years at WMC and the people who made it so special. She asks classmates planning a trip there to e-mail her. (Contact me for her address.) Until then, she hopes to make it, someday, to another reunion.

**Paul Mazoroff** moved back to Baltimore in 1993 after traveling with the Department of the Air Force. He lived in Texas, Missouri, South Carolina, England, Korea and Thailand, spending most of that time running substance abuse programs. He has since been working as a psychologist with the VA, serving as a clinical coordinator of a community-based counseling center. For 20 years he has also been teaching college on an adjunct basis. Three years ago he started at WMC, and for the last two years he has taught at least two sections of Contemporary (Intro.) Psychology each semester. "Initially it was a little unnerving," he writes, "But it has turned into a wonderful experience." His boss is Dr. Miller, who was his adviser at WMC, and he sees it as coming full circle. His office is next to **John Olsh's**, chair of the Economics Department. He ran into **Cliff** and

**June Wilcher Peterson**, whose daughter attends WMC, at Parent's Day. He and his wife Dottie have attended a number of plays superbly directed by **Suzanne Pratt '68** at Theatre Hopkins.

**Connie vander Loo Yost** counts 20 years of working in insurance and is liking it less! It probably doesn't give her enough time to spoil her two beautiful granddaughters, one in Illinois and one in New Jersey. The couple of 1998 found Connie and her husband Jim in Beijing, China, for five weeks teaching English. He returned last year without her because he couldn't get any more time off from work. This year they are adding a "silo" to their "barn" home, so future mission trips will be on hold until 2001. Jim retired from teaching last year after 36 years. Connie says, "All the articles are correct. It's hard to be the one going off to work each day while he's reading the paper."

**Charles J. Miller Jr.** has spent 31 years as professor of mathematics at Camden County College. During the 1998-99 academic year, he was on sabbatical leave and had the privilege of being a "visiting fellow" at Princeton University. In March he spent a week in Prague. Last summer he spent 10 days in Alaska taking two National Science Foundation courses, one on the ecology of south central Alaska and the other on glaciers. During another two weeks of traveling, he found the beautiful state of Oregon. It was hard for him to get back to the reality of teaching school again.

**Carolyn Seaman Scott** retired after 10 years on the Carroll County School Board and started writing a column for the *Carroll County Times*. Bob '66 and she are developing an independent living retirement community in Manchester, Md. Two of the four children are married. Three are employed and one is finishing her schooling. She adds, "At last, of the four, we'll have one child with a WMC degree. Allison gets her master's this spring. Carpe Diem!"

**Jackie Creeks Tanaka** moved to Temple University as associate professor of biology. She continues to do research and teaches undergraduates and graduates. She joined a women's ice hockey team last fall and loves playing the game. She intended to go to Africa on a Habitat for Humanity mission this summer.

Congratulations to all of those with married children and ones with graduate degrees. These are good things. (Thanks, Martha.) It means they won't be living at home anymore! However, I suspect you'll be spending just as much money on them as ever. Giving them a computer isn't exactly like giving them a little red wagon. And, each grandchild that comes along means more love to be given and more spoiling (another computer) to be done. Retiring sounds like heaven, but who can afford it? I expect to spend a good deal of the summer in Clearwater, Fla., with daughter Kalah, an architect, and her hubby Bob. My other married daughter Nancy was to receive her master's from Johns Hopkins this

spring. I expect to return to full-time teaching in the fall so the gifts can keep on being given. Thanks for the news. I remain K.P.

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**1982** Happy 2000! Hope this finds you all happy and healthy in the new millennium.

To start off, I have some news that is almost a year old from **Elizabeth "Noot" Mathias Cahill**. She is still happily busy in Towson working part time and running kids to their social events.

**Fred and Stephanie Opdahl Hubach** wrote to tell of their sailing cruise around Sicily in 1998 with **Karen Bellamy '81** and **Jim '80 Lamont**. Steph says it was a once-in-a-lifetime event. Their boys are also doing great.

**Jim and Barbara "Barbie" Peterson** Dawson are busy with their three kids—Jenna, 13, and Brian, 11, both basketball nuts, and Sara, 7, who loves making things with her hands. Jim goes to school in South Palm Beach County, "physically educating" kids in wheelchairs and with other mental and physical handicaps.

**Terry Stauffer Nolan '82** is a costumed colonial tour guide in Annapolis and at the U.S. Naval Academy.

In September 1998, **Stephanie Richter** married Thomas Sand. They live in Bel Air, Md.

**Both Williams** married Bob Herbertson, a Brit, in 1995. They spent a four-year "honeymoon" living in central London and traveling around Europe. Last summer they moved to Muscat, Oman, where Bob teaches at the Royal Air Force of Oman Technical College. Bob continues her career at the American Embassy. They love it in sunny Oman.

Also in an exotic locale is **Lt. Col. Charlie Tanguires** and his wife Jackie, who are loving their third year in Hawaii.

Another enviable story comes from **Susan Landry** and her husband Chuck, who saved for four years and left in January for a one-and-a-half year trip to San Diego via the Panama Canal. Susan would love to hear from old friends via e-mail.

The reverse of this is the return of **Kay Davis** and **Paul Moore** to Maryland from Japan. Kay writes that living abroad makes you realize how blessed we are in America. Before returning, the Moores spent three weeks in Australia. I feel the return of the travel bug as I write about these exciting destinations.



**Terror die-hards flew in to Snowbird, Utah, from Maryland, Florida, Illinois and Connecticut to hit the slopes for their annual ski trip. The mountain masters include (l to r) Wade Heck '81, Joe Menendez '81, Scott Kallins '81, Steve Ascroft '81 and Randy Heck '82. Just one thing, guys: Where's the green and gold?**

*Send a photo of yourself on your latest adventure showing off your WMC spirit (check out new T-shirt gear at [wmc.bkstore.com](http://wmc.bkstore.com)). 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 traveler, though mostly for business, is **Jay Wingate**, who technically lives in Chicago, where he is in charge of national sales for Bracco's nuclear medicine portfolio. Recently, he has been to Barcelona and Florence.

**Richard and Nancy Murphy Radcliffe** moved to McLean, Va., with their 2-year-old daughter Elizabeth.

**Jane Vickers and Kevin Darcey** had a "terrific experience" hosting a foreign exchange student from Argentina for four months last year. Also, Kevin took a cycling trip in England, while Jane visited **Lisa Bryant Shank**, who is well and living in Florida.

**Michael Hardesty** opened new business offices on East Main Street in Westminster. He is president and CEO of Flying Colors of Success, Inc., a nonprofit corporation that provides community-based housing and assisted living to people with developmental disabilities.

**John and Beth Green Jarkowicz** enjoy camping with their children: Amy, 18, Christy, 15, and Bill, 4. John's work at Liberty Discount is going well, and he insists they have beat prices on a tractor or house appliance.

**David Simpson** lives with his wife Lori, and children and stepchildren Amy, 18, Christy, 15, and Chris, 13. He works at Simpson and Williams, P.A.

**Deborah Heckle Staton** is running a successful pet-sitting business, renovating their 70-year-old house and taking care of her son Christopher, who is

now in kindergarten.

**Kim MacLean-Blevins** and family were blessed with a daughter, Dorothy Rose, their sixth child, in 1998. Accordingly, they added on to their house. She can't get over how "old" her kids are. Her eldest is 13 and taller than she! Kim still teaches at Western Maryland.

Also in Westminster are **Trevor and Donna Troxell Smith**. Their kids are in eighth, fifth and third grades, and kindergarten. The family took a trip to Disney. Donna points for her neighbor in her spare time.

**Charlotte Whitaker and Garfield Taylor** are loving life in Adelphi. Erica and Johnathon are at Sidwell Friends School. Garfield is starting an investment banking consulting company, and Charlotte is team leader for clinical services in Montgomery County.

Another ambitious classmate, **Dennis Yanchenko**, opened a new restaurant concept in Maryland called Piza Pizza Buffet in Timonium, Md., across from the fairgrounds. Dennis is partners with **Joe Impallaria**, and they invite us all to visit. In his spare time, Dennis is kept busy with the sports activities of his sons Steven, 13, Tommy, 9, and Ben, 9.

**Jenny O'Neill** is fine now, but had been recovering from being hit by a car as a pedestrian. She is remarried to Tim Goertemiller, who has three kids. Jenny is a dissertation away from completing her Ph.D. and still works at UMBG part time. She and her husband started an environmental consult-

ing company in their spare time.

**Nancy Turner and Paul Parlette** celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary last summer. She still homeschooled Wesley, 11, and Andrew, 6. Nancy and Wesley went on a two-week mission trip to Haiti with their church last summer. Sadly, Nancy lost her father to cancer in 1998.

**Terry Stauffer Nolan** has an interesting job as a costumed colonial tour guide in Annapolis and at the U.S. Naval Academy. She is also busy with her three children, ages 12, 10, and 5. They enjoy sailing and tennis.

**Rick Runner** is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army, currently at the Pentagon for a second time as Chief of Operations, Army Foreign Liaison, dealing with foreign VIPs visiting the Pentagon.

**Hawley Waterman** and wife Rita added twin sons, Matthew and Chase, to their family last September. Hawley School in Potomac, Md., as the physical education chair and head golf and lacrosse coach.

**Cathy Beedenbender Wiley** and husband Geoff are the busy parents of Christopher, 7, and Katie Dugan, 1. BWI. The 10th annual Spring Lady Hat Party at the home of **Leslie Thomas '82** took place with **Patrice Mezzanotte Bell**, **Martha Hayner**, **Becky Gitt Freeman**, **Tammy Wase**, and **Brigette Sharpness Mahon**. "The girls" spent the day every year getting wasted by male vales!

Big news, too, from the **O'Loughlins**. **Kathy Timmins** and **Mike '80** welcomed little Colleen last October. She joins her brothers, Tom and Pat. Two weeks later, the family moved to North Carolina, where they are having a house built and Mike is starting a new job.

**Lauril Hill Stough** and family have been in Jacksonville, Fla., for five years. Lauril is a stay-at-home mom with kids, 9 and 7. She volunteers at their school. In their spare time, she and her husband raise exotic birds.

**Lori Rafferty** has been busy attending Nurse Anesthesia School. She just graduated with a Master of Science degree in nursing from Temple and has already passed her Anesthesia Boards. Lori works at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia and will be a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). Surgery, anyone?

**Tom and Jeanette Summers '84 Smith** are kept busy with their boys' (Tommy, 12, Billy, 6, and Joey, 3) activities, including soccer, basketball and scouts. Tom and Jeanette celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in October. Tom still works with AT&T.

**Adam Wright** is a network engineer for Chase Manhattan Bank. He lives on Long Island with his wife Lynn and children Sara, 9, and Danny, 7.

**Lisa Segal** lives with her family in a great town 30 minutes south of Boston. Her kids are Zach, 8, Olivia, 6, and Emma, 3. They are active in a small Temple nearby. Lisa's hoping for a 40th birthday homecoming weekend celebration this fall!

**Betina Youssef-Hatch** has been working hard as a social worker in an HIV/AIDS clinic in Indianapolis for eight years. Her children are Nadine, 6, and Nicholas, 2. Her husband Steve is still at Lilly. Their family has traveled a lot lately: Texas, California, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee. Betina would love to hear from anyone passing through Indiana.

**Debra Smith Szymanski** and family moved to central Illinois two years ago due to a job change for husband Jeff. They built a big, new home and are enjoying decorating. Their daughters Megan, 12, and Amanda Gae, 9, love Illinois but miss friends and family in Maryland.

**Sherry Bennett Rae** is running her three kids around in Iowa, golfing and fixing up their "money pit." She says it's relaxing in Iowa because there is really very little to do! Consequently, she enjoys her visits back East.

**Carolyn Bouma** and husband Jim are still teaching at Texas Tech School of Pharmacy in Amarillo. Carolyn runs and does triathlons for stress relief. They were in Maryland for the holidays and got to check out the new "impressive" science building at WMC. She got to talk to the chem department faculty and Sam Aschach.

**Meredith Traugott Selby** is in sunny San Diego while her husband is executive officer on a Navy destroyer for six months in the Arabian Gulf. Meredith is a freelance artist who travels to trial sites across the country creating demonstrative evidence for the court-

room using computer graphics.

**Greg and Tara Peterson** are doing great in California. Greg is "soccer dad" of his 7- and 9-year-old girls. He still works for Ecolab and got a promotion to northern California sales developer. His wife Tara substitute teaches elementary school. Greg started a lacrosse team with a couple of other "East Coasters" and played Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. I won't tell you the results!

**Susan Frost Lund** started cycling and finished a century (100 miles) in October. She hopes to ride in several more this year. She and daughter Teresa, 8, were saving up for a trip to England this summer. Hi to the girls of PA 189!

**Pam Peterson Mazza** was appointed Director of the Human Resources outsourcing Division of Mather Companies. She is responsible for new contractual human resources services.

And finally, we are plugging along here. It's hard to believe that our child, Michael, will be in kindergarten in the fall. Time really does fly!

So glad to hear such good news from so many of you. Hope those we haven't heard from are doing great, also. Drop us a line sometime!

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**1987** Hello, Class of '87! I hope you all enjoyed the first spring of the new millennium. Check out what your fellow classmates have been up to in the column below:

**Sandra Brant Alvey** is a major in the U.S. Army Reserves, Medical Services Corps, and still works at the U.S. Environmental Center as a civilian entomologist. She and her husband Alan '85 live in Forest Hill, Md., and love traveling with their three children Doug, 10, Greg, 6, and Samantha, 3. Recent trips have included Winter Park, Colo., Orlando, Nashville and Wisconsin Dells. Doug is attending his first year at NASA Space Camp this summer, and Sandra is looking forward to taking the family to Huntsville, Ala.

**Michael Angell** completed his fourth year as assistant professor in the biology department at Eastern Michigan University. He teaches and performs research in the areas of immunology and virology and is a pre-med adviser. Outside of work, he keeps busy with his son Gregory, 5, and as a volunteer firefighter.

**Liz Fox Beaulieu** and husband Tim welcomed their second child from Korea, Jack Hyun Suh, on Sept. 21, 1999. Big sister Madeleine, who turned 2 in December 1999, has adjusted well. Liz took a leave of absence from her full-time teaching job and taught one undergraduate course this spring at Bradford College in Massachusetts. Life in New Hampshire has been good, and she really enjoyed her visit with her Phi Sig buddies last spring. She hopes to do it again soon!

**Ferren DeMore Bolesla** and her husband welcomed their third child,

## Opportunity Bound: Mensah Tells How

**Albert Mensah '83** is proud of his humble beginnings.

Growing up in a small West African village, he walked eight miles every morning to fetch the firewood and water his family needed for cooking and bathing. At 8, his family moved to Ghana's largest city, Accra, where he saw his first film, the American movie "Across 110th Street." He walked out of the movie star-struck for America, determined to live in the land of opportunity.

His pursuit was so relentless that friends nicknamed

him "States." He studied English, wrote to American pen pals, sought the counsel of American priests at the local Jesuit high school and wrote to more than 200 U.S. colleges seeking higher education. It was Western Maryland College who accepted him and where his dream came true.

Best remembered on "the Hill" for his speed and skill on the soccer field, Mensah was named All-American in 1981; the same year the team had won its second consecutive MAC Southwest Division title. After graduating, he headed to the West Coast and worked as a phone directories advertising rep.; owned and

operated a sporting goods store; and became top sales producer for US West. Setting and exceeding sales quotas gave him the self-confidence to set out on his own: His new dream was to share his story and inspire others to seize opportunity.

He joined Toastmasters two years ago, determined to earn his living as an inspirational and motivational speaker. On August 21, 1999, he out-distanced 140,000 contestants nationwide to deliver his seven-minute speech as a finalist at Toastmasters' World Championships. His second-place finish helped to launch his new career and has earned him bookings including a special ceremony honoring Dr. Martin Luther King at the Seattle Center Opera House, and as a speaker at a national conference of professional speakers held in August in D.C. He's even written a guidebook, "When the Drumbeat Changes, Dance a Different Dance," to inspire others on realizing one's dreams and becoming, like him, the "Prince of Possibilities." His definition of opportunity: "The gift God gave us to have a full-till boogie life."

Go Albert, Go. •

His book is available by calling 888/255-3925 or e-mailing Mensah at [albert@questfor.yourbest.com](mailto:albert@questfor.yourbest.com).



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Logan Robert, in February. Ferren keeps busy as a full-time mom with sports and homework. Last October, her family vacationed at Disney Land in California, but luckily returned home one week before the big earthquake. Ferren still keeps in touch with **Julia Bugg Maher**, **Kathy Eskut Krach '90**, and **Kris Twiford Gayton '88** in their monthly Bunco group. She recently heard from **Melissa Durlay Kreisa**, who moved with her husband John to Australia in 1998.

This year **Kenneth Brignall** and his wife Jeanne will celebrate their eighth year of marriage. They enjoy raising two beautiful boys, ages 4 and 22 months. Ken started a new job as a senior territory business manager for Bristol-Meyers Squibb after five years with Astra Pharmaceuticals. He enjoys

coaching his sons' soccer team.

**Margo Engle Burns** and family (husband Stephen, son Henry, 3, and daughter, Middle, 2) vacationed with **Kevin '86** and **Karen Scheidt Groner** last September at Nags Head Beach, N.C. They are moving to Chicago this summer. Her husband ran the Chicago marathon last October with **Nancy Fones Dearing's** husband Steve.

**Linda Caville** relocated to Charlotte, N.C., to continue working with The Vanguard Group in their Undergraduate Services Department.

**Liz Goodnow Conner** finished her post-doctoral work and now has a "real" job at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda. Her family, Ricky, 8, and Clay, 5, continue to endure her husband **Rick '84** coaching football and basketball at Urbana High

School. This spring, he picked up baseball and coached Ricky's Mt. Airy team, previously coached by Drew Heck '86. The Conners enjoy living in Mt. Airy, keeping their hectic schedule of homework, practice and games.

After 11 years with the National Park Service, **Kelly Connor** resigned to continue her education and pursue a new direction in life. Kelly, who spent seven years at Hopewell Furnace NHS in Pennsylvania and two years at Zion National Park in Utah, is now a student at Lancaster Bible College in Pennsylvania. She finds it a challenge to be "hitting the books" once again.

**Norm Dahl** and his wife Maria who live in the Twin Cities suburbs, welcomed a baby girl, Natalie, in October 1998. The Crisis Program that Norm began three years ago is doing well,



but he will leave the business in September to return to school at the University of Minnesota. He will work towards a Ph.D. in emotional and behavioral disorders.

Eastern Shore resident **Lois Mapes Davis** was taking the last class to complete her master's degree. She teaches high-functioning autistic students. She loves them, but they keep her on her toes! Lois' son Ryan is 8, and she and her husband Steve are pursuing adoption for their second child. She had a blast and loved seeing everyone at the April 1999 Phi Alpha reunion.

## *On a 24-day trip through Africa, Michele Fetsko '87 went white-water rafting on the Nile, climbed to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro and communed with the wildlife of the Serengeti.*

**Dennis DeMatte Jr.** and wife, **Lori Perugini '91**, have a daughter, **Kelsey**. Dennis has been busy sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, coaching, swimming and enjoying time with his family.

**Wendy Haug Enz** loves her job teaching music to young children in the Sioux Falls, N.D., area. It has been especially rewarding to see how much music has benefited her two sons **Corey**, **7**, and **Dylan**, **4**. Wendy is also involved in a Tae Kwon Do class, which she takes with **Corey**.

**Brian and Cassie Schoenberger Felch** moved to a "fixer-upper" in Mariottsville in July 1999. They love the rural location and now spend time completing home improvements. Cassie is at home with **Mallory**, **5**, and **Grant**, **2**, and **Brian** is a systems analyst with TRW.

**Michele Fetsko's** exciting 1999 began with a 24-day trip to Africa (Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania) where she went white-water rafting on the Nile, climbed to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro and communed with the wildlife of the Serengeti. In the spring and summer, she was busy with work-related travel to San Francisco, Dallas, Santa Monica and New Orleans. In October, she realized a long-term goal when she ran in and finished her first marathon. This year will be spent renovating her early 1900s home, traveling, playing volleyball and, perhaps, running another marathon.

**Dr. Cheryl Giamanco** lives in Niantic, Conn., and is a social psychologist for the U.S. Coast Guard. She is acting chief for the Research and Assessment Branch of the Leadership Development Center (a civilian position), located at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn.

**Michele Lawyer Gribben** and family

moved to Manchester, Md., last August. They now live in the "countryside" on a lovely wooded lot. She teaches finite math at WMC part-time and finds it fun to be back on "the Hill." Her husband **Scott** works for a great company in Towson. Amy, **10**, is in fourth grade and loves to read and dance. David, **7**, is in first grade and loves baseball and math. Michele and Scott spent their free time involved in the activities of the youth group at their church.

**Stacey Pucci Gruber** still teaches fourth grade in Carroll County. Her husband **Richard '88** is vice-president of American Pool Management. They hike and run around a lot with **Nicholas**, **7**, **Casey**, **3**, and **Maggie**, **1**.

**Neil Gwinn** and wife, **Alice Schwarzkopf '88**, are busy keeping up with their children **Megan**, **6**, **Daniel**, **4**, and **Dylan**, **19** months. Neil is still a guidance counselor with the Howard County Public School System, and Alice works at T. Rowe Price. The Gwinn's still see some old friends on special occasions and wish everyone a happy new millennium.

With two boys and a girl, **Fran Held** is busy with soccer, karate, basketball, baseball, and school and Sunday School. Her husband, **Eric Greenberg '86**, is still president of the *Hervey Home Catalogue* in Blue Bell, Pa. Last year they enjoyed a trip to Disney and a week at the beach with **Benjamin**, **7**, **Jacob**, **6**, and **Jamie**, **3**.

**Dawn Helges Hoffman** and family still reside outside of Gettysburg. She is in her 12th year of teaching in Frederick County, Md. Her home school is second grade at Thurmont Elementary. She is active with the Technology Committee and chairperson of the Social Committee. Her husband **Adam** is a journeyman and works for GPU in York, Pa. Dawn's daughter **Samantha**, **9**, is an avid horseback rider and often shows in English riding.

**Kurtis**, **6**, is a T-ball lover, and **Mitchell**, **4**, enjoys acting out movies and might one day be an actor! Dawn enjoys getting together with **Anne Rice Dunn**, her husband **Rick** and their two daughters.

**Lee Holmes** and his wife, **Trish Feaga '84**, are busy with the activities of their four children **Zachary**, **9**, **Sara**, **7**, **Joshua**, **4**, and **David**, **16** months. He is the controller for BYK-Gardner USA and personnel officer for his U.S. Army Reserve Training Battalion. Lee says that unfortunately he does not have much of a chance to keep in touch with old friends from WMC.

**Tracy Kennard Inn** was promoted to supervisor of business performance for Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's Retail Services Division. She and her husband **Donald** still live in Reisterstown.

**Steven Johnson** and his wife **Maritere** are celebrating 12 years of marriage. They have three children, ages **9**, **5**, and **3**. Steve works for the Board of Education in Carroll County as supervisor of English and modern/classical languages.

**Susan Pinto Keen** also had a great time at the Phi Alpha reunion last April

and enjoyed seeing everyone. She was promoted to manager at the CPA firm where she works two days a week. Her three children—**Bradley**, **4**, and **Twins**, **Lindsey** and **Abby**, **3**—also keep her busy.

**Bev Kreitzer** changed jobs twice last year and now works for ManagedComp in Radnor, Pa., as a worker's compensation claims specialist. Outside of work, her activities at her church keep her busy; the choir and bell choir both performed at Longwood Gardens during the holidays. Other highlights of 1999 included a week at the Jersey Shore in August and a visit with **Karen Rex Lambert** and her family in October.

A lot has happened since we last heard from **Margaret Genski**. First of all, she is now Mrs. Schatz, having married Mark Schatz in October 1999. The newlyweds honeymooned in the Caribbean. Overnight, Margaret became an aunt to Mark's seven nieces and nephews! She started a new position in the marketing department at Microsoft and spent two weeks in Seattle for training. They got a puppy at the end of the year and write that "Mulligan" is a handful, keeping them busy and happy.

I have been on an extended maternity leave and enjoy being home with Gregory Thomas, born Sept. 24, 1999. Big brother Christopher, **4**, still has fun at his daycare school, but he also likes his days home with the baby and me. In July, I was to return to my job as a marketing manager for AT&T Internet Services. My husband Ron is now a director of software development for ADP's Brokerage Services in Jersey City, N.J. Thanks again to all who dropped me a postcard. Keep in touch!

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**1992** Mike Marceau plays bass with Big Hillbillies Bluegrass every Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

The band was chosen to play in the Smithsonian Institution's Festival of D.C.: It's Our Home! area. Mike lives in Taneytown, Md.

**Navy Ensign Christopher J. Owsianicki** completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific, Indian Oceans and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer, home ported in San Diego. He made port visits in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand.

**Tom Quirk** is a retirement planning consultant and financial adviser for Paine Webber in Hunt Valley, Md. He has worked on campaigns for Gov. Parris Glendening and is now working with Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend.

**John Rapp**, of Columbia, Md., is an underwriting manager for architects and engineers at Victor O. Schinnerer and Co. in Chevy Chase, Md. He and his wife, **Kerri Wagner '84**, enjoy their

chocolate lab, **Maggie**. John reports that he still plays video games.

**Jeanine Laurence Timmins** and husband **John** live in Baltimore with their two dogs. Both work in the healthcare industry as a human resource generalist and a pharmacist, respectively. Jeanine is pursuing an M.S. in human resource development and management at Towson University.

Congratulations to **Lynn Thomas Ramsey** on the birth of her second daughter, **Alyssa Lynn**, on Nov. 4, 1998. Their two girls are now **1** and **3**. They are building a house in Taneytown, Md., after returning to Westminster last September. Lynn works for Hull Co. Accountants.

**Mark Trus** enjoyed watching four home and one away WMC football games this season. GO TERRORS! He has been living in Bethesda, Md., since May 1999. He works at a special education school as an assistant and full time at the Carl Sandburg Learning Center.

Congratulations to **Sandra Vogel** and her husband, **Richard Padilla, Jr.**, on their marriage at Little Baker Chapel in November 1997. Sandra received her M.S. in special education at WMC in December 1996. She is now the diagnostic-prescriptive teacher at The Arrow Center for Education in Baltimore, a school for emotionally disturbed children. She keeps in touch with **Ann Holmes**, who is a lawyer in Atlanta.

When she is not hiking, camping or snowshoeing in Colorado with her live-in boyfriend, **Laura Walker** is the center director of Sylvan Learning Center in Aurora. The center serves 300 students and was recognized for outstanding practices at the annual convention in Palm Springs, Calif.

**David '91** and **Sue Parker Weaver** live in Columbia, Md., with their 3-year-old daughter **Hannah**. Sue was promoted to associate at Bond Beebe, a CPA firm in Bethesda, Md. Dave is an analyst with Legg Mason in Baltimore.

**Carrie Ward Accardi** and husband **Mike** bought a house in Rockville, Md., where they live with their daughter, **Cassidy Julia**, born Jan. 9, 1999, and their yellow lab **Sierra**. They keep busy with their family homebuilding company.

Thank you to everyone who wrote to us. Remember, you can drop a note anytime.

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**1997** Hello friends! Thanks to everyone who has been in touch with me. This year is going to be busy as I enter my third semester at Johns Hopkins. Here is what my fellow classmates had to say:  
**Ryan John** and his wife **Shelby** live in

Harford County. He is still with C. W. Amos and Co. in Baltimore.

**Laura Liggett Franck** and her husband C.J. are renovating a 75-year-old colonial house. They live in Hanover, Pa., with their two daughters. For two years she has helped develop and improve a supported housing program with Hanover Counseling Services.

**Jason Chessman** wrote from Woodbury Heights, N.J., with his private pilot's license in hand. He was to graduate from Rutgers in May. Jason works for Pollyann Toll Family Law/Divorce in Cherry Hill, N.J.

**Stacey Glacken**, in Ellicott City, Md., graduated from the University of Maryland, Baltimore City, in May 1998 with a master's degree in social work. She is now director of social work at Caton Manor Nursing Home in Baltimore. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming 2000.

## L. Darlene Cady '97

won second place in the masters nationals Olympic weightlifting competition.

**Jen Light** just finished her third year teaching third grade at Edgewater Elementary in Anne Arundel County, Md. She plans to complete her education technology master's at Johns Hopkins University in August.

**Jake DeGroot** reported from Pagosa Springs, Colo., that he planned to skip every day during the past winter.

**Laura Staub Waters** announces the birth of her beautiful daughter, Samantha Renee, in December 1999. She enjoys being a full-time mom. Her sister, **Rebecca Staub '03**, can't spend enough time with Samantha between her classes at WMC.

**Amy Dreibeltis** is living with Heidi Snyder in Westminster. She has been teaching German for two years at North Carroll High School in Hampstead, Md.

Married in July 1998 to William Block, **Lori Mowen Block** is teaching math at North Hagerstown High School in Maryland. She and her husband had their first son last June.

Working at T. Rowe Price in Baltimore since March 1998, **Thomas Gill** was promoted to traffic manager in the Print, Mail and Fulfillment Department last September.

**Jennifer Doetsch**, of Bel Air, Md., is still with Johns Hopkins as assistant to the director of Alumni Affairs in the External Affairs and Development Department of the School of Public Health. She loves planning events and meeting all kinds of people. She still plays with the Susquehanna Symphony and has time to work on her MBA at Hopkins. She hopes to graduate by May of 2001.

**Dawn Downey** is in her third year of teaching fifth grade in Frederick County, Md. She lives in Williamsport, Md.

Pensacola, Fla., residents **Julia Helle Humphrey** and her husband, **Matthew Humphrey**, were married on April 24, 1999. Julie works in a local school district, and Matt is a second lieutenant, USMC, in flight school.

**Jessica Hall**, of Kensington, Md., is in her third year of medical school. Since she is in the Navy, she is able to travel while learning, visiting Hawaii and San Antonio last year. For a break, she and classmate **Karen Neff** went to Germany over the holidays.

**Martha Carr**, of Boonton, N.J., received her Master of Science degree in art therapy in May 1999. She is a therapist in Pennsylvania and is building a house at the west end of the Poconos.

**Kevin Bernhardt**, of West Chester, Pa., is a treasury systems analyst for XRT CERC America, Inc., which specializes in cash management software for large multi-national companies. He spent part of January at the company headquarters in Paris.

**L. Darlene Cady** received second place in the masters nationals Olympic weightlifting competition in Baton Rouge, La., in March 1999. She also competed and received a silver medal in the world masters Olympic competition in Scotland last September. A teacher at Wheaton High School, Darlene celebrated her ninth wedding anniversary in November 1999. She lives in Frederick, Md.

**Susanne Lynn Kuespert Aldridge** is finishing her third year of Veterinary Medical School at Purdue University. She and her husband Tim live in Lafayette, Ind. She is looking forward to graduating in May 2001.

**Michael D'Antonio** visited Paris, Germany and Amsterdam during the World Cup. Heading cross-country to San Francisco, he now works on the Microsoft account at McCann-Erickson/A&L Advertising. He went to Bangkok, Thailand, to visit friends for the New Year's celebration. He says that he is enjoying life and the journey.

**Rebecca Friedman** is manager of worldwide promotions at The Promotional Edge. Her projects include the MTV Fly 2K, the VH1/Vogue Fashion Awards and the 2000 Grammy Awards. A resident of Pacific Palisades, Calif., she says there is never a dull moment in Hollywood.

**Laurel Caricheer** is a senior accountant with Symphony Rehabworks in Sparks, Md.

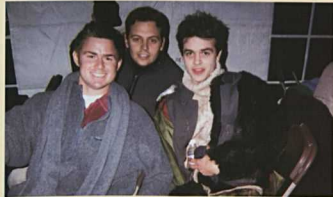
**Tom Burn III** and **Alyssa Dunbar** live and work in Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Elizabeth Kress Hollar is a case manager at Deborah's Way. She works with juvenile delinquents who have substance abuse and mental health problems in a level six program for the Department of Juvenile Justice. She married her husband Mike on Feb. 27, 1999.

Timonium, Md., resident **Sophie Furr** teaches sixth-grade English and social studies at Sudbrook Magnet Middle School in Pikesville, Md.

**Heather Jacoby** writes from Baltimore, Md., where she works in U.S. equities research management at Deutsche Banc Alex Brown, an investment services firm.

## POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE



**Eric Barry '00's** first defiant post-graduation act? Taking Melanie Griffith hostage and making her act in a bad movie—the gist of John Waters' latest cinematic gasp, "Cecil B. Demented." Seen with director Waters and actor Stephen Dorff, Barry was snapped up for the role of gang member Fidget without any acting experience because he had just the right look. Also keep your eyes peeled for Colin Foreman '99 (left) and Dan Franko '97 (middle) as movie-goers turned rioters in the movie's final scene (seen here at Benji's Drive-In in Essex, Md.). They've both been making appearances on the big and small screen.

**Ingrid Carlson** was to receive her master's in Latin American studies with a concentration in government and international studies at Georgetown University in May. She has applied to a Ph.D. program in comparative politics for the fall of 2000.

Thanks to those who have been in touch. Remember, you can write me anytime, even when I don't send you a postcard. I hope everyone is healthy and enjoying life. Take care.

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**Cheryl Eichhorn** moved to a bachelor-lorette pad in Parkville, Md.

Towson, Md., resident **Elena Borylinski** is hard at work and loving it as a systems analyst at The Bryn Mawr School. She gets a chance to show off her technology expertise by advising the school's computer club.

**Mackenzie Cummings** loves her job as an assistant project manager for the Discovery Networks design group. **Amy Doane** was busy digging herself out of all the snow in Erie, Pa., where she lives while attending Mercyhurst College for a master's degree in administration of justice. She is also a graduate assistant at the Center for Family and Child Policy.

**Carrie Ann D'Amico** has relocated to the sunny state of Florida.

**Catherine Crosser Fowlkes** married Eric Fowlkes on Nov. 27, 1999, and they now reside in Ashton, Md.

**Jessica Lewis** and **Joshua Jenkins** were married on Nov. 13, 1999, in Kent Island, Md., with attendees **Jennifer Aquia** and **Robert Wagner**.

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# 1999

The Class of '99 has been signing last May. **Eryn Althouse** landed a graphic design job at Icon Graphics in Hagerstown, Md. A resident of Frederick, she is an active member of the Frederick County Advertising Federation.

**Jessie Bolt** is enjoying her new job as assistant teacher at the Norbel School, a private special education school in Pikesville, Md. She is also pursuing her master's degree in special education at Loyola College. She and

# Bye, Bye Birdie

**Q**uirky. The boomerang-shaped WMC golf course was and is quirky. Constructed in the middle of the Great Depression, using, in part, the football team as laborers, its club house was a gas station. The greens were tiny, the fairways weedy, and the layout peculiar. Leaving the seventh green, for instance, the golfer unfamiliar with the course had trouble finding the next tee, which was located down the hill adjacent to the north end of the concrete stands overlooking the football field. Finding the tee, the golfer saw no fairway ahead of him.

Up a hill stood a row of large shade trees, beyond which lay the green. Good luck.

In the early 1970s, owing to the need for more practice fields for the growing sports program, the course was altered, expanding to the western side of the ridge. John Makosky, the Dean of the Faculty and an ardent golfer, headed a committee to draw up four new holes. Makosky convinced the group that we needed a 600-yard par five. With its greatly slanted fairway, the hole plays long and tough. This monster behind you, one comes to the whimsical sixth hole, a steep uphill trek that makes one think "Sherpa."

In the hot, dry summer months, chances are good that your drive will not stay where it stops. No, it will pause, look back at you on the tee, then begin, slowly at first, then with increasing speed, to roll back down the hill sometimes 30 or more yards, depending on how spiteful the ball feels. "Not fair," you say to yourself as you trudge up to the ball, your heart pounding, the sweat pouring down your face. More than a few skip this hole.

The WMC course, relatively inexpensive, attracts a lot of hackers who know nothing of golf etiquette. Ball marks on the greens go unrepaired, divots are not replaced, players wander across fairways searching for their sliced shots, and the pace of play is often snail-like. A few years ago, an elderly man we called the "Wan-



derer" would hit practice shots crossing the fairways, oblivious to the play around him.

A grievous violation of deportment occurred about a decade ago. My foursome was standing on the eighth tee when we saw on the crest of the hill a man come from behind a tree, drop his trousers, and then moon us for the 20 yards to the next tree. Confronted later, the gentleman admitted to having a couple glasses of wine at a faculty committee meeting.

The course never closes, and my foursome—Claycombe (professor of economics and business administration), Olsh '67 (professor of economics) and Glover, a local pharmacist—and I play twice a week, year round. Weber (professor of political science emeritus) used to play, but he went off to seek a movie career. Our fifth man, Lemieux (assistant professor of communication), who subs from time to time, can hit the ball farther than any of us, even over Route 31 from the fifth fairway, redefining out-of-bounds.

We play in sub-freezing weather when the water in the cups is frozen, in 25-mile-per-hour gales that rock your ball on the green, when enough snow has melted to allow us to aim at bare ground (it's not easy to find a ball in the snow), and we play (we love this best) when the temperature is over 90 and the air is very humid because fewer people show up; we eschew the carts, preferring to walk and to carry our bags.

I must mention that, in spite of my best efforts to maintain a high tone, the conversations and comments sometimes tend toward the scatological and the profane.

Anyone who plays golf knows how fickle the god of golf can be: par one hole, four putt the next one. Here's when the profanities kick in. As for the scatological, I cannot risk giving even one example. We talk about each other's game, of course, but other subjects crop up a lot: sports, liquor, anatomy, aches and pains. You know, "guy" talk. The latter subject arises because, except for Lemieux, who has yet to reach 40, the rest of us always have a pain somewhere. Having a pharmacist in the group to consult is a blessing: "Wayne, how many Advil should I take for this shoulder pain?"

The deportment of the foursome varies from merciless and mean-spirited to the antic. When Claycombe blasted his drive into a tree to the left of the tee, the ball rebounded, rolling back toward him. We cheered, yelling "Come on, baby. Come on back." When it stopped several feet in back of Claycombe, Olsh shouted, "Negative yardage! Negative yardage!" Later in the round, Claycombe called one of my shots "pathetic."

As for the antic, one hot day, Olsh, seeing I was very frustrated and miffed at my horrible play, began to describe the making of the martini that would await me later: "Ice cold gin, a frosted glass, big green olives, a splash of vermouth." When he finished, I stopped, thought for a moment, then dropped my bag and ran down the fairway toward home.

In 1999, we had over 100 dates with the WMC golf course, and we hated and loved every one of them. Nothing quirky about that. •

*Ray Phillips, professor of English emeritus, still makes it over to the academic side of campus to teach a class or two between rounds of golf.*





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#### FALL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	BRIDGEWATER
Sept. 9	@ Randolph-Macon
Sept. 16	GETTYSBURG
Sept. 23	@ Ursinus
Sept. 30	MUHLBERG
Oct. 14	DICKINSON
Oct. 21	@ Franklin & Marshall
Oct. 28	@ Widener University
Nov. 4	SWARTHMORE
Nov. 11	@ Johns Hopkins

All game times start at 1 p.m.

## HILL HAPPENINGS

### SEPTEMBER

**25** *Baltimore and Carroll County Luncheon*, 11:15 a.m.

*Monday Night Music* presents "Liszt and the Literary Connection," McDaniel Lounge, 7 p.m.

**28, 29, 30, Oct. 1**

*Theatre: "Lysistrata,"* Alumni Hall, 8 p.m.

### OCTOBER

**1** *Mid-Shore Alumni Dinner*, Talbot County. Social time: 4 p.m.; Dinner: 5 p.m.

**4** *Lower Shore Alumni Chapter Luncheon*

*Lecture:* NBC News reporter Bob Faw, McDaniel Lounge, 8 p.m.

**7** *Wilmington (Del.) Alumni Chapter Luncheon*

**14** *Homecoming*  
1946-51 Football Team Reunion

**16** *Yale Gordon Residency Program* presents saxophonist Benita Gold

**23** *Baltimore and Carroll County Luncheon*

*Monday Night Music* presents Clarinet Colors with David Duree, McDaniel Lounge, 7 p.m.

**25, 26, 27, 28**

*Theatre: "The Crucible,"* Alumni Hall, 8 p.m.

### NOVEMBER

**5** *Chamber Music on the Hill* presents a Gala 10th Anniversary Concert with orchestra, choir and soloists, Baker Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

**11** *Sports Hall of Fame and Fellowship of Champions Induction* Ceremonies and Dinner

**13** *Evelyn MacKenzie Performance Series Concert* presents flamenco guitarist Marija Temo

**18** *Monday Night Music* (on Saturday) presents Carnival for Christmas, Alumni Hall, 2 p.m.

**20** *Student Chamber Music Recital*, Baker Chapel, 7 p.m.

**27** *Student Guitar and String Ensembles*, Baker Chapel, 7 p.m.

### DECEMBER

**1** *Gospel Choir Concert*, Baker Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

**3** *Mid-Atlantic Holiday Luncheon*, campus

*College Choir Concert*, Baker Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.

**4** *Student Brass Ensemble*, Baker Chapel, 7 p.m.

**5** *Student Solo Recitals*, McDaniel Lounge, 7 p.m.

**7** *Jazz Night*, Decker Center's Forum, 8 p.m.

**8** *College Band Concert*, Alumni Hall, 7 p.m.

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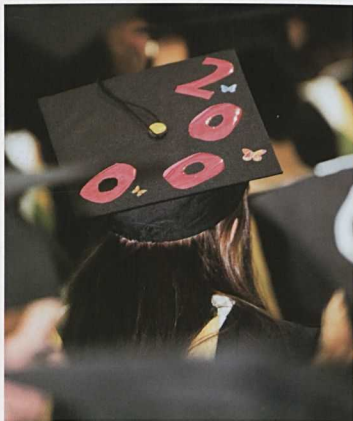
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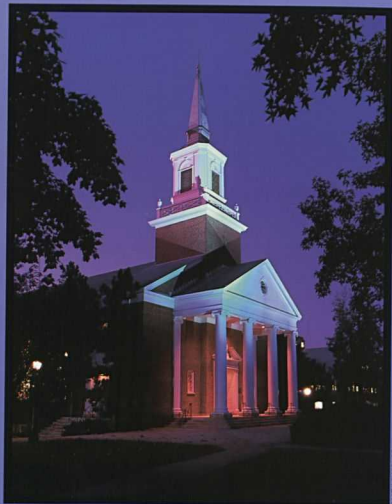
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**GUIDING LIGHT**

Baker Memorial Chapel joins a growing number of Westminster churches in lighting the night sky. The steeple illumination project was undertaken by the family of John Wesley Manspeaker '36. "My father believed strongly in the value of an education and was an avid supporter of the college," said daughter Sally Glover. "Lighting the steeple was the perfect way to honor his memory and add beauty to our community." Read more on page 22.

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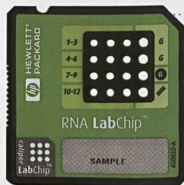
The green and gold fans strut their school spirit.

## Scientific Revolution

Wally Parce '72 leads the miniaturization of the medical laboratory.

## Quantum Countdown

New professor Apollo Mian makes out-of-this-world physics a hands-on science.



"It's the beginning of a whole revolution in the way things are done."

Mian takes the realm of science fiction into our living rooms.



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# NEWS

from the Hill

## Coley Named College President

Joan Develin Coley, who has served as interim president since April, was unanimously elected president of Western Maryland College by the Board of Trustees at its fall retreat. She becomes the college's

balanced. We felt it was essential to identify the right person who could continue that momentum."

Coley was recommended as the top candidate by a Transition Committee of trustees, faculty, staff and a student which was organized by Melhorn after the resignation of Robert Chambers last spring.

**"A presidency isn't about one person; it is about an entire community working to be the best that it can possible be."**

—Joan Develin Coley

four-credit system, reducing faculty teaching loads and providing students the opportunity to study subjects in greater depth. She also led national searches that have resulted in the hiring of more than one-third of the current faculty.

A proven fundraiser, she has solicited major gifts for the successful Defining Moment Campaign and authored grant proposals which have brought several million dollars in project funds to the college. Prior to being named as interim president, Coley served as acting president when Chambers announced a six-month sabbatical in December 1999. She had served as Provost and Dean of the Faculty since 1994.

Coley joined the faculty in 1973 as assistant professor of Education and has excelled at various roles on campus through the years. She has also taught at University of Maryland and Hood College. Before moving to higher education, she was a reading specialist for Prince George's County Schools.

Since completing her graduate and then doctoral work in reading at University of Maryland, she has continued a crusade to help students with serious reading disabilities. For 27 years she has led a five-week intensive summer reading clinic for 50 to 100 elementary school students from Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Earlier this year Coley was named as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by Baltimore's *The Daily Record*. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Target Community and Educational Services, Inc., a nonprofit that provides community living, vocational and recreational services to adults with disabili-



MARK SWISHER

eighth president in its 134-year history, and the first to rise through the ranks from faculty to administration to president.

"We are extremely fortunate to have had such an experienced and accomplished leader already on our senior staff," said Board Chair James Melhorn. The college is enjoying record success in student enrollment and fundraising. Academic buildings are state-of-the-art and the budget is

The committee's report included an in-depth validation of her qualifications by a top consulting firm which has handled the presidential search process for many institutions. It was the first time the firm had ever endorsed an internal candidate for the office of president.

"I understand fully the enormity of the task ahead," said Coley. "But I acknowledge that a presidency isn't—or at least shouldn't be—about one per-

son; it is about an entire community working to be the best that it can possible be."

As chief academic officer of Western Maryland since 1994, Coley is noted for her vision and leadership of strategic planning, having co-chaired the committee that created the college's current plan. During her first year as Provost she led the faculty in a revision of the entire curriculum, which resulted in the adoption of the



## THE RISE TO THE TOP

The first WMC president to rise from the rank of professor to administration to the top, Joan Develin Coley has reached a thorough understanding of the college's needs through a varied 27-year career on "the Hill."

Interim President	2000-present
Provost and Dean of the Faculty	1994-2000
Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty	1993-1994
Dean of Graduate Affairs, Professor	1992-1993
Professor, Chair of Education Dept.	
Director of Graduate Reading Program	1986-1992
Director of Admissions	1985
Associate Dean/Academic Affairs	1983-1985
Director of Continuing Education	1982
Director, American Publishers Assn. Literacy Project, Washington, D.C. (sabbatical)	1980-1981
Associate Professor, Education Dept.	
Director Graduate Reading Program	1977
Assistant Professor, Education Dept.	
Director Graduate Reading Program	1973



Faculty celebrate one of their own.

## Food for Thought

Food has far greater purpose than just filling the belly, as visiting duPont Scholar Psyche Williams-Forson will explore in her Gender, Food and Identity course this spring.

"Through the literature of the African diaspora, we can see how food influences identity, how people rely on food to manipulate situations, how women have functioned as marketeers, wives and mothers," said Williams-Forson. "How they have healed, bonded relationships, gotten ahead."

Williams-Forson joins the faculty for a year thanks to a \$491,144 gift from the Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund, shared with Goucher and Washington colleges, to establish a three-year pilot visiting scholars program based on the Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges' Black Eminent Scholars program, an effort which has created a strong network of African-American educators.

ties in Maryland, as well as a board member of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.

She also served 12 years as president of the Mid-Atlantic Reading Research Consortium and was named Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading at the Higher Education Level in 1989.

A formal inauguration will be held April 21, 2001. •

## FACTS THAT WON'T FIT

**Number in the entering freshman class: 450** • Total student body: 1,600 • Number of states represented by entering class: 20 • Furthest hometown: Saudi Arabia • American minority students: 14% • Number of Maryland Distinguished Scholars: 84 • Most popular beginning letter for first names in class: J • New students include a Fire Prevention Queen and a volunteer fireman. Could it be love? • World-wide freshmen have traveled to England, Mexico, Israel, Poland and Ireland. • Best personal motto on application essay: "If you are always looking over your shoulder, you might just run into tree."

Each scholar will teach at least two courses a semester, present public lectures on his or her research and participate in campus and community diversity initiatives.

"I've been able to give the English department another sense of the literature," said Williams-Forson. "An African-American course was already being taught, but because of my American studies background, I've been able to introduce how to read the literature from a women's studies perspective and the diaspora, as well as give a broader sense of sociology and history."

She is also teaching freshman composition while finishing her doctoral thesis on African-American food ways at the University of Maryland, College Park. She is specializing in American studies with an emphasis on African-American literature and women's studies. She also works as an education specialist at the U.S. Department of Labor's National Office of Job Corps.

As part of her fellowship, Williams-Forson is developing



DuPont Scholar Williams-Forson

a mentoring program on campus for upper- and underclass minority students and leading the Women's Issues Committee. She held an informational meeting on African-American Greek life and took a group of students to Minority Career Day at University of Virginia, her undergraduate alma mater.

"There's nothing better than working on a campus," she said. •

Amid grumblings of overcrowding are plans to build a new residence hall that will offer more flexible housing options.



Andrea Zenewitz was one of 450 freshmen that quickly filled residence halls at summer's end.

## First-Year Students Make the First Move

Many freshmen moved in this fall to not find one roommate in their room, but two. In fact, 32 double rooms were turned into triples in Rouzer and Whiteford halls to accommodate a bigger class than expected.

"There's no way to predict the exact amount of room

openings that will be available because some students decide at the last minute to live off campus or leave the college all together," said Dean of Admissions Martha O'Connell. The goal, she said, is to keep the college at its maximum capacity, which she feels also helps campus social life.

It's not the first time the freshman class has had the residence halls bursting at the seams. An even larger crowd,

40 students, bunked in triples in 1996. But lest this seems like a modern phenomenon, many students in the entering class in 1946 also found themselves

three to a room, sometimes sleeping on cots in basements with no heat.

Students will spread out throughout the year as rooms become available. And amid grumblings about overcrowding are plans to build a new residence hall that will offer more flexible housing options, like suites and apartments.

Although some quarters were cramped, moving in was made a whole lot easier for freshmen by legions of peer mentors, upperclassmen in key lime t-shirts who emptied minivans and SUVs in lightning speed as they pulled up to the residence halls. Incoming freshmen and their parents hardly had to lift a finger. Dean of First-Year Students Barb Horneff has been organizing the freshman move-in since 1995. Now that's service. •

Peer mentors lighten the load on moving day.

## Elliott Named Trustee

William Elliott '70, an information systems consultant, joined the Board of Trustees as a new member this fall.

"My experience here was transformational," said Elliott. "This college, its people, opened my mind."

Elliott spent 23 years at AT&T Corporation, where he began his career in 1973 as a researcher at Bell Laboratories. He rose to president of Advance Decision Systems and managing director of the Ventures Corporation, a subsidiary that invests in information technology projects.

In 1996, he joined First Chicago NBD Corp. as executive vice president and chief information and technology officer, the first time a single executive was made responsible for overseeing company-wide computer networks and technology initiatives at the \$114 billion asset corporation.

He created his own information systems consulting business under the name Elliott & Associates when the corporation was bought by Bank One.

Elliott was named one of 15 Alumni of the Year at Pennsylvania State University, where he earned his master's and doctorate in computer science. He created an endowed fund at VMC to support information technology at the college. •



William Elliott '70



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# HILL SPORTS

## Renner Runs Coaching Marathon

BY JEREMY PLONK

If the proverb rings true that you can learn a lot about a man by walking a mile in his shoes, just follow the career of Doug Renner '80 and then book a date on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire." As cross country and track and field coach, Renner has racked up thousands of miles in his two decades at the college. Few Green Terror alumni have covered as much ground.

The odometer began as a student athlete with four stand-out years from 1976-80. Renner earned eight varsity letters

in cross country and track and field. He set the 10,000-meter outdoor school record and quite literally, the only thing that slowed him down was graduation.

He returned to WMC in 1985 as an assistant coach and has not looked back. In fact, Renner handles six different varsity teams each school year. Men's and women's cross country opens the fall season, followed by indoor men's and women's track and field in the winter and rounded out with men's and women's outdoor track and field in the spring.

So what does summer bring?

"Summer time is family time," said Renner, who along with wife Linda Marriot '87 is raising a 7-year-old son, Colin.

"My wife is a saint for putting up with all of this coaching. The family motto in our house has always been, 'You knew what I did for a living when you married me!'"

Six teams provide a mammoth coaching chore, and Renner credits assistants Dick Estes and Mike Whitmore for their constant contributions. Believe it or not, it's a lighter load than in the past. Through 1998, he also taught elementary physical education from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at Faith Christian School. In between, he found time to coach the Westminster High School track and field team and lead the Lady Owls to the 1985 Maryland State 4A Championship.

Renner's full-time focus to coaching came to fruition last fall when the women's cross country team won the school's first Centennial Conference championship in the sport. The spring 2000 track and field season followed with successful league placings by the men's (second) and women's (fourth) outdoor teams. Individual success has also clung to Renner's runners with 13 All America honors coming the Green Terror's way.

Away from campus, it should come as no surprise that Renner enjoys running and working with runners of all ages and skills. He still teaches part-time physical education to home-schoolers. He also coaches a pair of Westminster High School alumni with Olympic dreams, Steve Kartalia and Mark Gilmore. Kartalia, a Wake Forest University graduate, qualified for the 1992 and 1996 U. S. Olympic trials

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under Renner's tutelage.

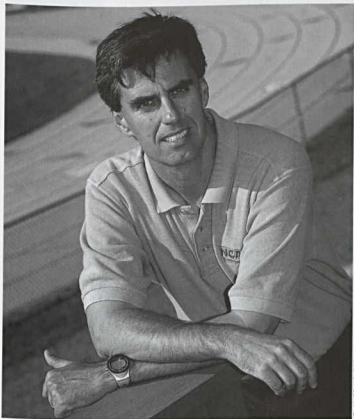
"It's really gratifying that those guys would come back and ask me to work with them," Renner said. "And working with the young kids can be a breath of fresh air at times. Sometimes it's more special when you work with the little ones."

Next year will mark the 25th anniversary of Renner's first lap around the college golf course. No, he won't be in a golf cart—just sneakers, running the course that doubles as the cross country backdrop. After a quarter-century, Green Terror runners are still learning what it's like to walk a mile in Renner's well-worn shoes. •

## Brooks Takes on Men's Basketball

Just in time for the fall season, Darrell Brooks signed on as the new head men's basketball coach, replacing Nick Zoulialis, who left this spring after going 84-180 over 11 seasons.

Most recently an assistant at Loyola College of Baltimore,



C. KURT HOLTER

Coach Doug Renner '80



C. KURT HOLTER

New men's basketball Coach Darrell Brooks

the Brooklyn native spent 16 years as an assistant at six different schools, including George Mason (1993-97), American (1990-93), William & Mary (1988-90), Central State of Ohio (1985-88) and Bowie State (1984-85). He also directed his own basketball camp, Camp Austral, in Maliano, Spain, from 1991-1995. This will be his first head-coaching assignment.

Brooks, a former point guard at Bowie State (1975-79), took over in early July as the 15th head coach in the team's 78-year history.

"I see what Western Maryland has done in football, and I think the basketball team can have the same kind of success," Brooks said. "We're going to play hard, and we're going to defend." •

## Fall Wrap-Up

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

The men finished eighth in the Centennial Conference championship chase. Freshman **Jimmy Thayer** paced the team all season long, including a 51st-place showing at the conference championships.

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

The defending Centennial Conference champions fell to a sixth-place finish in the 2000 league title run. **Jill Krebs**, who set three course records during the season, became the school's first two-time NCAA championships qualifier.

### FIELD HOCKEY (10-9):

WMC set a school record for wins in a season and notched its first winning campaign since 1996. The team also scored the most goals ever in a season (55) for a Terror squad. Senior **Sarah Fogler** and freshman **Kim Camponelli** each earned All-Centennial Conference second team honors. At the NCAA tournament, the team lost to Washington College 2-1 in double-overtime.



Honesty Drumgoole

### FOOTBALL (9-1):

Despite having its 30-game, regular-season win streak snapped in a season-opening loss to Bridgewater College, the team rebounded to win nine straight and earn its fourth consecutive Centennial Conference championship and NCAA playoff berth (See inside back cover for results). Quarterback **Jamie "Boo" Harris** and linebacker **Aaron Bartolain** were named the league's Offensive Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, respectively.

### MEN'S SOCCER (10-7-2):

The squad set a school record for season goals scored with 55 and had its best season in a decade with 10 wins. By going 4-0-1 in its last five games, the Terror earned a bid into the Eastern College Athletic Conference postseason tournament, but lost to Penn State-Behrend 4-1 in the opening round. Junior goalkeeper **Ryan Defibaugh** was one of 11 players named to the All-Centennial Conference men's soccer first team. Junior **Vinny Pedalino** and sophomore **David Filo** made the second team honor roll. Junior **Tom Long** earned Honorable Mention recognition for his play.



Carah Medill

### WOMEN'S SOCCER (16-4):

The team won a season-record 16 games and went to the championship game of the Eastern College Athletic Conference postseason tournament, losing to Johns Hopkins 4-0. Freshman forward **Carah Medill** set Centennial Conference records for goals (30), assists (12) and points (72) and earned first-team All-Centennial honors. Senior **Tracey Castor** made the league's second team, while honorable mentions went out to sophomore **Melissa Merson** and seniors **Jessie Stickle** and **Becca Lyter**.

### VOLLEYBALL (17-16):

The women finished fifth in the Centennial Conference despite a 6-3 match record against league teams. The team was led by senior **Honesty Drumgoole's** 18-kill, 25-dig performance. Twice she earned All-Centennial Conference first team honors. Fellow two-time All-CC performer **Brianne Bray** finished with 10 kills and four service aces. Grove City College downed WMC, 3-2, in the opening round of the Eastern College Athletic Conference postseason tournament. •



Jimmy Thayer



# PEOPLE

## Jazzing It Up

Music lecturer **Eric Byrd '93** and his jazz trio have lined up one pretty cool gig. The Eric Byrd Trio is one of only seven groups selected to represent American music overseas as 2000-2001 Kennedy Center-Department of State Jazz Ambassadors.

Byrd and fellow musicians Al Young and Bhagwan Kalsa will spend four to six weeks touring Latin America next fall. In addition to public concerts, Jazz Ambassadors conduct master classes and lecture-recitals for musicians.

This is the fourth year the Kennedy Center and the

Department of State have joined forces to showcase American jazz performed by some of the country's most talented musicians. More than 70 trios were auditioned for this year's program.

Byrd's trio will kick off the tour with a free concert at Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage in September, to be broadcast live over the Internet. •

## Classroom Currents

British men didn't have much to cheer about in the 1950s. And just about the only heroic Englishman around was the fic-

tional James Bond, according to **Rebecca Carpenter**, assistant professor of English, who presented research on British masculinity in the 1950s—or the lack of it—at a recent Popular Culture Convention in New Orleans.

"The war was over, the economy was down and England was losing its geo-political position as a superpower," she said. "It was a real let down for men and their country." Her paper, "Male Fantasy and Male Failure: British Masculinity in the 1950s or Jimmy, Jim and Bond, James Bond," looks at the Brit males as portrayed in the play "Look Back in Anger," the novel "Lucky Jim" and the Bond books of Ian Fleming.

"Only with 007 is England still helping to save the world from the bad guys," she said.

Spanish film authority **Tom Deveny**, professor of foreign languages, presented his research on screen adaptations of narratives by novelist Arturo Perez-Reverte at this fall's international symposium at The Ohio State University, Spain in the 21st Century. He gathered information on "The Flanders Panel" and "The Club Dumas" earlier this year at Madrid's Filmoeca Nacional.

Concert pianist and senior music lecturer **David Kreider** was in Texas last summer for the teacher division of the Van Cliburn Piano Institute. After attending master classes and lecture recitals with well-known artists Nelita True of the Eastman School of Music and Tamas Ungar of Texas Christian University, Kreider visited Kash Wright '99, now a gradu-

ate music student at North Texas State.

**Debra Lemke**, associate professor of sociology, is continuing her collaboration with a colleague from Northern Kentucky University on services for the aging in China. She will assist with data analysis of the latest set of interviews. The pair previously collected data from dementia caregivers, and the results were included in an article published in the professional journal *Illness, Crisis and Loss*.

**Apollon Mian**, assistant professor of physics, used a faculty grant to purchase an experimental optics setup for interactive demonstrations in his World of Light and Color course. He and physics Professor Bill Pagonis are revising the course to include fewer lectures and more discovery-based activities. (See p. 17 for more.)

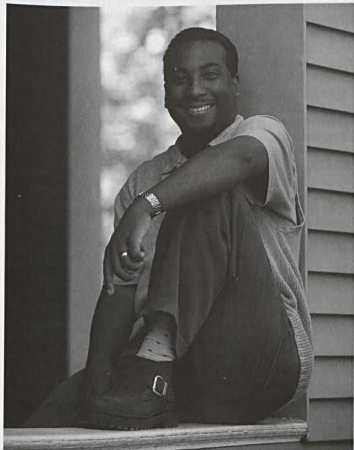
**Martine Motard-Noar**, associate professor of foreign languages, is updating her research on French novelist/critic/playwright Helene Cixous, who came to critical fame in the turbulent 1960s with her work on feminist studies. She took a look at Cixous' current work in the 1990s for a comparison and then presented the study at the international meeting for 20th



Rebecca Carpenter



Debra Lemke



C. KURT HICKER

Eric Byrd's '93 jazz trio plans a world tour as one of this year's Kennedy Center-Department of State Jazz Ambassadors.

## MOVIN' ON UP

The following molders of minds recently earned promotions:

**Sue Bloom**, studio art, to professor

**Mona Kerby**, library science, to associate professor and tenure

**Debra Lemke**, sociology, to associate professor and tenure

Century French studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

"Regardless of whether we want to acknowledge it or not, what happens in the rest of the world does affect all of us," said **Christianna Nichols Leahy**, associate professor of political science, also a board member of Amnesty International. Leahy participated in the summer seminar for faculty in global studies at the University of Virginia's Institute of Practical Ethics. "We need to see human rights as a global issue just like we need to see the spread of disease as a global concern," she said.

**Elizabeth van den Berg**, assistant professor of theatre arts, has a few new things to try out on her students this year, including how to sing two tones at one time. It's not as hard as it sounds, she says. Also while at the Voice and Speech Trainers Association conference, she met a practitioner of Balinese shadow puppetry, which she already highlights in her Performance and Culture course, and studied the masked Topeng dance/drama. She also attended workshops at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education.

More WMC students could end up teaching in Carroll County thanks to a federal and state grant earned by **Brian Lockard**, associate professor of education, to add two local middle schools as sites for practicum and student teaching. Currently in place only at the elementary level, a partnership program between WMC and Carroll County Public Schools guarantees and certifies local sites where undergraduate students can complete their state certification. •

## Music Man Wins Creativity Award

When the man says 'boogie,' prepare to boogie. Music lecturer **Bo Eckard**, awarded the WMC Creativity Award at this year's Convocation exercises, has been rocking the campus since he joined the faculty to teach part time 11 years ago. His energy has grown the three-student Jazz Ensemble to a group so large it has had to split in two to perform for the standing-room only crowds at its bi-annual concerts.

He created the Electric Bass Ensemble, making WMC one of two schools in the nation to sponsor such a group. As such, he has had to produce his own compositions and arrangements and now has over 100 titles to his credit, making him the foremost composer/arranger of this type of music in the country.

Not to mention spinning out tunes with his own band, which the Washington Area Music Association named the best in the area for the past two years.



Bo Eckard, creator of the unusual Electric Bass Ensemble, prepares to boogie.



Mohamed Esa



Brian Wladkowski '88

His sound track for "Transitions" received the third place award for Best Soundtrack at the Detroit Film Festival. •

## Uber-Prof Earns National Award

Professor of Foreign Languages **Mohamed Esa** is one of only nine nationwide recipients of the 2000 Certificate of Merit from the American Association of Teachers of German and the Goethe Institut New York. He is only the second Maryland teacher on any level to earn it since the AATG started the awards program in 1978.

Last year he was honored by the German government for his enthusiastic promotion of German. He organizes the campus' annual October celebration of German-American Day, which attracted more than 700 middle and high school students from Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., this year for day of immersion in German culture.

He also leads an after-school German enrichment program

at a local elementary school, a volunteer program for the elementary students and college student helpers. The elementary students learn basic language skills and about customs, holidays and festivities, as well as songs, fairy tales and folk dances. It is being expanded from one to three schools this fall. •

## In Their Own Write

Faculty have been busy sharing their expertise in their own books, collections and scholarly publications.

**Mary Hackman**, a lecturer in the graduate programs School Library Media program, published her book "Library Information Skills and the High School English Program" by Libraries Unlimited in 1999. It provides ideas and methods for the media specialist and English teacher to develop a team approach in composition, literature and the performing arts.

Professor of Education **Tom Zirpoli**, the Laurence J. Adams Distinguished Chair in Special Education, wrote "Behavior Management: Applications for Teachers," published by Merrill/Prentice Hall. His book provides practical insight into the application of behavior management in the classroom and other educational settings.

**Henry Reiff**, associate professor of Education and associate dean of Academic Affairs, has been writing about enabling students with learning disabilities to better succeed in an academic climate. His articles have appeared in the *Journal of Counseling and the Development and Learning Disability Quarterly*. His book chapters were in

"Learning Disabilities and Employment," edited by Gerber and Brown, and "Bridging the Gap: Disabilities, Adult Education, and Literacy," edited by Vogel and Reeder.

Professor **Herb Smith**, chair of Political Science and International Studies, has written articles for *Sun Spot: Maryland's Online Newspaper*, offering cogent analyses of both local and national elections.

**McKay Vernon**, professor of psychology emeritus, has been advocating fair treatment for the deaf by both the medical and legal professions. His work has appeared in *Behavioral Science and the Law*, *The Florida Defender*, and the *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*.

**Brian Wladkowski '88**, assistant professor of chemistry, has been sharing the structural changes that molecules undergo during specific chemical reactions. His articles have been published in the *Journal of American Chemical Society*, the *Journal of Physical Chemistry*, the *International Journal of Quantitative Chemistry*, and *Nature*. •



Herb Smith



Photo: H. Smith

New full-time faculty members marched in their first opening convocation exercises at the start of the semester: Roxanna Harlow, sociology; Marcia Tressler Virts, education; Lt. Col. Donald Craig, military science; Janet Medina, education; Eddy Laird, deaf education; Debra Miller, education; Jeffrey Marx, physics; Margaret McDevitt, psychology; Kevin McIntyre, economics and business administration.

## Look Who's New in the Classroom

### Roxanna Harlow, Instructor of Sociology

Specializing in social foundations of education; M.A., Indiana University; B.A., Northwestern University

### Eddy Laird, Assistant Professor of Education

Specializing in Deaf Education; M.A., California State University; M.S., University of Tennessee; B.A., Gallaudet University

### Jeffrey Marx, Assistant Professor of Physics

Specializing in physics education; Ph.D., B.S., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

### Margaret McDevitt, Assistant Professor of Psychology

Specializing in experimental psychology; Ph.D., M.A., University of California; M.S., B.A., California State University

### Kevin McIntyre, Assistant Professor of Economics and Business Administration

Specializing in international finance; Ph.D., M.A., University of Virginia; B.A., Grinnell College

### Janet Medina, Assistant Professor of Education

Specializing in educational foundations/disability support services; Ph.D., M.A., Alfred University; M.S., St. Bonaventure University; B.A., University of Montana

### Debra Miller, Associate Professor of Education

Specializing in reading; Ph.D., University of Maryland; M.Ed., B.S., Frostburg State University

### Marcia Tressler Virts, Assistant Professor of Education

Specializing in English education with deaf children; M.Ed., Western Maryland College; B.A., Washington College

### Lt. Col. Donald Craig, Professor of Military Science

Specializing in infantry; B.S., West Point; M.S., Troy State University

### Sharon Craig, Assistant Professor of Education

Specializing in curriculum and instruction, literary focus; M.S. Western Maryland College; B.S., University of Arizona

# HOME COMING 2000

The crowd rimming Bair Stadium Oct. 16 was painted, tattooed and proudly decked out in green and gold to cheer on the Terror. After a solid tailgating support of the defeat of Dickinson, alumni and students celebrated with an all-campus party and dazzling fireworks display.



Above, quarterback Jamie "Boo" Harris led the team in a crushing 27-0 defeat against Dickinson. Center, WMC Spirit Award winner, sophomore Sean Carroll.



Alumni Association President Phil Enstice '71 and Interim President Joan Develin Coley present Leo Rice '48 with the Alumnus of the Year award.





The Phi Sigs get a little bit country in the Main Street parade.



BOS NEPSCHER



Homescoming Court (above left) Terrae Whiting and Steve Zamagias; (above) Becky Allen, Chris Patterson, Tiffany Putro, Ben Neely, and queen and king Amanda Cline and Kelly Norris; (left) Bianca Locke-Wilson, Jamie Falcone and Lynell McLean '00; (bottom left) senior Carl Taylor leads the Gospel Choir in the national anthem.




Brandy Mulhern '97, recipient of the Young Alumna of the Year Award; Terror teammates Matt Wilchinski, Jason Wingcart and Derrick Gwya trounce the Devils.

## Alumni Profile

Wally Parce '72 Puts Science  
in the Palm of Your Hand

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BY AMY PELSINSKY

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A seismic wave south of San Francisco throbs Silicon Valley, a Never Never Land of technological smarty pants and bleeding-edge science and industry that entices independent thinkers—and doers—to settle down in half-million-dollar two-bedroom houses and get straight to work on turning the world on its technological head.

Nestled somewhere between the land of computer giants like Apple, IBM and Hewlett Packard, and biotech wizards Genentech and Chiron is Wally Parce '72, co-founder and

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## The Laws of Learning

Chemistry turned on Wally Parce '72. It was straightforward. No subjectivity was involved. It was all about the answer.

He latched on to the subject, took every course offered at Western Maryland, and made it into grad school at Wake Forest University. There he was bewildered to encounter four other students in the biochemistry program, from much bigger schools, who had already learned how to use a wide range of equipment in their well-stocked university labs.

"They were light years ahead of me," says Parce. Or so he thought. By the end of the program, all but two of them had dropped out. Parce earned his Ph.D. The other guy walked away with a master's.

"That was really telling for me. I had a real fundamental, solid chemistry education," he says. "I can do a calculation to know if something is worth trying. It changes the rate at which you do science. That's important if you want to move quickly. It all comes down to the same principles."

Chemistry Professor Dave Herlocker knew Parce had taken off from his classroom launching pad when he saw Roald Hoffmann, the 1981 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, dropping Parce's name and work one night on "CBS News."

Thirty years later, after doing post-doc work at Stanford, teaching at Wake Forest, and working with top-notch scientists in the Silicon Valley area, Parce says he wouldn't trade the education he received at Western Maryland.

"The most important thing is first principles, the fundamental elements of science: how molecules are made up, how they interact," he says. "You can go a long way in science if you understand those principles." •

vice president of research at Caliper Technologies, who draws the two fields together.

An East Coast native transplanted to California 13 years ago, he is helping lead one of a handful of companies in the nation producing microfluidic technology that will revolutionize how medical and pharmaceutical testing is done, cutting the cost and amount of time it takes to diagnose diseases and research the drugs to treat them.

It's not such an unusual project in the sunny land of progress, where literally anything is possible. In Parce's own backyard, his neighbor claims the honor of programming the first Atari computer games (and is now pursuing a career as a jazz pianist), and the guy who lives a block over invented the Aerobie (that round Frisbee that resembles the rings of Saturn) in his garage.

"It's a different world," says Parce. "You stand in the average line around here and hear some amazing conversations."

He remembers the first time he found himself at the local auto parts retailer. "Back East the guys in line would be all greased up having a conversation about cars, cranking up the horsepower, or the waitress that served them doughnuts and coffee that morning," he says.

"Here, two guys in line, with grease up to their elbows, were talking about how if they cut the aperture down 100 microns on the laser, it would stop the mode-hopping problem."

Welcome to life in Silicon Valley.

things are done."

Researchers will be able to do complex tests without learning how to use specialized equipment. Drug companies can test more potential medicines and rule out more interactions by being able to match more compounds against more genetic receptors in less time.

"Sometimes it takes a lot of experiments to get an answer, and sometimes it doesn't seem worth it to take the time," Parce says. "This speeds it up and makes it inexpensive. You can have a tremendous impact on society through good pharmaceuticals. It's a chance to really improve the human condition."

But don't assume that Parce is simply a good soldier in the fight for a better world. The high-tech game played out in the valley proposes a high-stakes challenge in its own right. "There is a lot of interesting stuff happening and a lot of money floating around," he says. "It's a lot of fun."

He shares a smallish office with Caliper co-founder Calvin Chow. His desk overflows in a corner beneath a white marker board covered in hieroglyphic calculations, remnants of a fast-forward thought from his non-stop cranium, where the really advanced equipment is housed.

In fact, he is markedly relaxed for someone riding so high and hard on the edge of science. "I've never bought into being

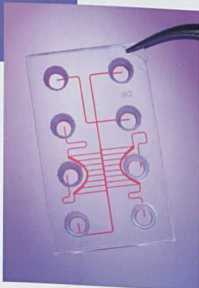
### HONEY, I SHRUNK THE LAB

Once upon a time, not so long ago, a computer was something that took up a room the size of a basketball court, whirring and clicking with vacuum tubes and reels of tape to make simple calculations. The world changed with the release of the microprocessor computer chip in 1971, a tiny electronic device that shrank the main frame into a desktop model, making computers not only accessible, but easy to use.

Parce has led the shrinking of a laboratory full of complex machinery and top scientists down to a piece of glass not much bigger than a dime. Put your DNA sample on the chip, pop it in a computer, and the program does the rest. Presto, change.

As vacuum tubes fell to computer chips, the test tube will lose out to easy-to-use lab chips, Parce says. Science could eventually be in the able hands of the average citizen.

"This is exactly where I thought science should go. Do away with big labs and do it all yourself," Parce says. "It's like electronics emerging 30 years ago. It's the beginning of a whole revolution in the way



This tiny biochemical microchip, roughly the size of a dime, can run genetic tests and test new pharmaceutical compounds in a fraction of the time—and cost—of a traditional laboratory full of people. As computer chips replaced vacuum tubes in electronics, so will lab chips replace the humble test tube, Parce says.

CALIPER TECHNOLOGIES



dependent on what someone else thinks. And I have never bought into suits and ties," he unsays unabashedly.

"That's why I really like science," he says. "Everyone could care less about what you look like as long as you're getting to the bottom of the problem."

#### LEADING THE PACK

Wally Parce is, and always has been, a tinkerer. When he asked his parents for a car, he was told that if he could fix the backyard clunker, he could go for it. Parce did. He was the only kid on his tree-lined block in the Washington, D.C., suburbs to have a television in his bedroom—he built it himself out of unwanted parts from the local repair shop.

And it runs in the family. His father was an electrical engineer trained on the vacuum tube, and his 13-year-old daughter learned how to install a toilet when she was 8.

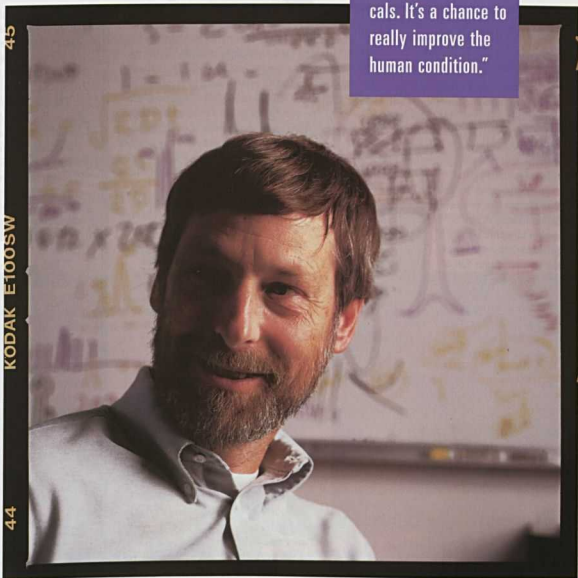
While pursuing his Ph.D. in biochemistry at Wake Forest University, and during his faculty work teaching physical biochemistry after graduation, he built his own equipment for his experiments. "If none of the stuff you had by itself would do it, you built the equipment to get the job done," he says. And of course, Parce would often run down to Radio Shack for \$100 worth of parts to build a machine worth \$100,000 in the industry.

Tinkering, of course, is a pedestrian word for working toward a grand discovery, and Parce's brainstorming has led him down

the road to an increasing number of mind-boggling inventions in the minute world of biosensor technology.

In 1980 he joined the department of biochemistry at Wake Forest University as an assistant professor after marrying Nancy, who was a lab tech in his graduate department, and completing his post-doc at Stanford. There he worked on physical and chemical and spectroscopic approaches to problems in immunology. Two years later he became an associate in the department of microbiology and immunology and an associate professor of biochemistry two

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years after that.

He dipped his toe in the world of private industry half time, where resources are a windfall for the curious scientist, when he was recruited to start Molecular Devices Corporation, a biosensor company, in 1983. Parce signed on for what was to be 12 years as a founder, consultant, director of research and finally vice president of research. His patented inventions included the company's key biosensor technology.

As the principal investigator on a \$14 million Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency contract aimed

## The Incredible Shrinking Lab

Move over beakers. It's time for something new. Microfluidic technology is poised to change the very way scientists do experiments, and Wally Parce '72's research at Caliper Technologies is leading the race with the first commercialization of lab-on-a-chip technology.

The corporation he co-founded creates devices called LabChips that enable complex biological experiments that normally require labs full of equipment and people to be conducted on a disposable microchip not much bigger than a dime.

Promising drug compounds can be tested in days instead of months. Genes can be analyzed within minutes. Biological tests can be done in seconds.

Here's how it works. Instead of dipping pipettes into samples and letting the DNA strands separate out through gels to isolate a gene, a minute sample is dropped into a melba toast-size grid of plastic that encases a glass microchip. The sample is pulled into a microscopic network of etched channels by electrical impulses that direct it through a range of tests. It's all over in a matter of minutes, and the results appear in easy-to-interpret form on a computer screen (part of a personal lab-

oratory system manufactured by partner Agilent, formerly Hewlett Packard).

The LabChip's biggest market is the pharmaceutical industry, where it takes 10 to 12 years to bring a drug to the public as tests of 300,000 to 500,000 compounds are done against 20 to 100 disease targets per year. Caliper's technology is designed to screen 500,000 compounds per day against one target, Parce says.

"Advanced technology is the goal," he



This plastic LabChip, shown actual size, houses an even smaller microchip that can run tests that normally require a laboratory full of people. As vice president of research at Caliper Technologies, Wally Parce '72 continues to push the envelope on the potential applications for such technology.

says. "The more technology we have in our pocket, the easier it will be to respond to serious problems."

It's a booming market. Millions of dollars have been invested in such microfluidic chips and biosensor technology by the U.S. government in recent years. Private-sector sources of funding have followed up with billions more.

Parce and Caliper have led the pack since the company's founding in 1995. Yet in his own backyard, Parce still tells his neighbors that he's just a scientist. •

at putting a "human on a chip" for biowarfare detection, he created tiny electronic biosensors to strap onto the back of an Army Jeep to alert troops to the deadly molecules of biological and chemical weapons.

He also began work on testing a microchip that could multiply the amount of samples that could be tested to increase the chances of finding the right and safest drug to treat diseases.

The commute to work meant working out of the classroom and the lab for four years, flying from California to North Carolina and back, until he broke from academia completely and moved to the West Coast in 1987.

Then he bumped into a venture capitalist on the Internet who was interested in creating a lab-on-a-chip company in partnership with a scientist who had been doing genetic typing for the racehorse industry and wanted to go miniature with the technology. They incorporated Caliper and asked Parce to lead the research in 1995.

This world of industry suited his high-speed mind well. "If you had an idea and were sitting here, you could buy what you needed and get going in a matter of days. In academics, you have to apply for a grant, and months later you're on to something else by the time the money comes through," he says. "Here you move rapidly with science."

With a thirst for speed since his college days when he and his motorcycle were a hallmark on campus, Parce is still in the fast lane with his mind fixed on the next scientific revelation. "I've been referred to as tactless and couthless—in a friendly manner," he says with a wry smile.

Parce's life is a race, he says, as he willingly—and frequently—works a seven-day superhuman work week to follow up yesterday's idea with something faster, better and smaller.

"It amazes me," he says. "We can't find limitations." Even the revolutionary scientist is spellbound by the very world he masters. •

# Quantum Countdown

July 20, 1969. Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong pilots the first manned spacecraft towards the surface of the moon. The world watches as he takes his first step onto the dusty surface against the black backdrop of unknown space.

Shabbir Mian's parents tune in from Bangladesh, cradling their son, born just two days before lift-off. In honor of the historic day, they decide to call him Apollo after the mission, not knowing that he would catch that same desire to make discoveries that could help change the way we look at our world.

Assistant professor of physics, Mian becomes animated when he discusses how our understanding of quantum mechanics, Albert Einstein's mechanical blueprint of how the universe works, has changed the way we view the universe and our place in it. After nearly a century, technology has progressed to the point that scientists are able to explore things at the atomic level that the wild-haired mastermind envisioned.

Einstein knew this would be a strange new world, but explorers like Mian are taking the first steps to take this knowledge from the realm of science fiction to our living rooms. Try this on for size: There are scientists who are able to demonstrate that it's theoretically possible to write on an atom.



PHOTO BY MARK SWOCHER

Backed by solid industry know-how, Apollo Mian was drawn to teach physics at a liberal arts school to share the thrill of discovery with his students.

"Theoretically, we have known these things are around," says Mian. "We are just beginning to learn how to use this knowledge to our benefit."

#### HOUSTON, WE HAVE IGNITION

Mian traveled with his family to the U.S. at the age of 3 so his father could finish his Ph.D. as an agricultural economist. At age 9, they headed back to Bangladesh, where he had to learn to speak Bengali, his own native tongue. By 16, he was ready to return to the stars and stripes like Buzz Aldrin yearned for apple pie on his final orbit around the globe.

"This was home for me," he said.

He was accepted to Berea College in Kentucky after persuading admissions that he wasn't too young to enroll. His father put him on a plane with a year's expenses in his pocket, selling some land and some of his mother's jewelry to scrape it together, and a wallet padded with \$150 in American Express Travelers Cheques and \$50 cash.

Mian enjoyed physics in school, but he found it more challenging than his other subjects. "Bottom line was that it kicked my butt," he says. "And I'm stubborn enough to stick with something and try to conquer it."

He double-majored in mathematics and physics, finishing in four years, and went on to grad school at Oklahoma State, where he tasted the thrill of discovery.

"My adviser gave me the freedom to explore science," he said. "When I started making discoveries, that's when I said, 'Wow! I'm the only person in this entire universe who knows this. No one told me that this was to be the result.' What a rush."

Mian was drawn to a liberal arts college to work one-on-one with students to help them experience the same kind of excitement. "I want to get them involved early on so they can see the relevance of their classes and find out what's going on in the real world," he says.

He spent last year with Mike Morgan '00 working on a theoretical model with

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applications to the photonics and biomedical community. They presented their work at an international conference.

Mian also toils in the lab as an experimentalist in the

area of nonlinear optics, studying the unique properties exhibited by materials using high-intensity lasers. Understanding these nonlinear optical properties is critical to optical communications and also can help industry select which materials to use for sensor protection, such as protective eye gear.

He's currently studying the fundamental characteristics of blue lasers, a \$4 billion industry still in the experimental stages. Since these lasers have a smaller wavelength than the infrared lasers that are currently used in CD and DVD technology, they can be focused to a smaller spot, enabling us to store an incredibly dense amount of information in a smaller space.

The technology could replace the liquid crystals that compose laptop screens and the plasma that makes the Phillips flatscreen televisions possible. That could mean television screens as thin as a paper and life one step closer to the Jetsons.

He's also researching materials helpful to photonics, a field of science that is a marriage between optics and electronics. The cable and the telephone companies have replaced copper wiring with fiber optics to speed up the flow of information, so Napster downloads or stock updates travel at the speed of light instead of the crawl of

electrons. The problem is that the information barreling down the information highway hits a tollbooth, a switch that has to convert the information from light back into electricity so computers can read it. Mian, and many others, are searching for a material to make an optical switch that will keep the information in the form of light, and keep the traffic moving.

But after spending a little bit of time in private industry and tasting the thrill of helping his students make their own discoveries, he says his real calling is teaching. He joined the faculty last year just in time to oversee the renovations of the physics floor in Lewis Hall of Science.

"I don't know any other new faculty who can help design a whole department," he says, mentioning the light-tight room for laser work in the making. "(Physics Professor) Bill Pagonis and I sat down with the architect and laid out the whole department."

He's been stocking the labs with optics and laser equipment from private industry (he secured a donation of optical equipment worth \$81,000 for his laser lab and optics class from Melles Griot, a manufacturer of optics and optical equipment) and applying for grants for more instructional aids to give students a hands-on chance at learning.

"I'm just getting started, and I think I can do a lot of stuff," says Mian.

Anything is possible, when you have the right stuff. •



# ALUMNI

News from

## Sports Hall of Fame

BY DON SCHUMAKER

A rail-thin safety, **Ron Jones '55** threw all his might into the tackle of a 200-pound plus running back from Hampden-Sydney in the fifth game of his frosh season. The game was a close, tough brawl when the ball carrier broke loose, picking up steam as he roared down the field.

"It was just me between him and the goal line," Jones said. "I knew I had to stop him. There was no other way."

Jones, who thought he was too light to play college ball but went out for Charlie Havens' squad anyway, planted himself between the charger and his touchdown, taking the hit and helping save the Terror's 1951 undefeated season. WMC hung on for a 20-15 win.

But Jones didn't know any of this until he woke up in the locker room. The impact knocked him out and squashed his leather helmet. "The guys told me later they thought I was dead right there on the



Jack Bentham '67

field," Jones said.

Today the retired 67-year-old, one of six athletes inducted this year into the WMC Sports Hall of Fame, has found a much safer way to stay in shape, playing racquetball three times a week in the health club he helped build in his hometown of Salisbury, Md. He also maintains the Eastern Shore farm that has been in his family for generations.

Jones, also nominated for his stellar coaching years in football, track and tennis, joins fellow Class of 2000 Hall of Famers **Jack Bentham '67**, **Laura Ciambuschini Colson '88**, **Doug Pinto '83**, **James Pusey '62** and **Eric Schwaab '82**.

Although he's always kept an eye on the baseball team since he graduated, **Jack Bentham '67** paid close attention to the 2000 season performance of pitcher Brent Fuchs '00, who came within a few strikeouts of breaking Bentham's season-high strikeout record of 80.

"Boy, am I glad he graduated," said Bentham, a tall, right-hander who now pitches high performance business teams as a corporate psychologist for heavy-hitting clients



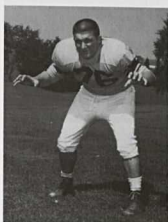
Laura Ciambuschini Colson '88

like Westinghouse, Siemens and Fluor-Daniel. It's a job that makes him a two-million-mile card holder with American Airlines. But his oldest son John holds the top frequent flyer record in the family as general manager for world-famous illusionist David Copperfield.

In the end, Bentham conceded the career complete games record this year to Fuchs, but he still owns the one-game mark of 16 Ks and is listed in the top five or 10 of nearly every other pitching category. He'll know if another WMC hurler is creeping up on his records. He is married to former homecoming queen Susan Seibert '70, sister of long-time baseball head coach Dave Seibert '78.

Since leaving WMC in 1988, **Laura Ciambuschini Colson '88**, an all-conference star in two sports, has given up volleyball and lacrosse and taken up running marathons. Sort of. She is the mother of four young daughters—ages 6, 3, 2, and 1. "There's a lot of running

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James Pusey '62

involved," said Colson, who taught elementary school until the birth of her first daughter in 1994.

"I haven't played much since WMC, but my daughters are showing some talent, so I've got them hitting balls and playing catch." She doesn't care if they follow her into the WMC Sports Hall of Fame. She wants them to be part of a team and enjoy the experience.

"It felt so good just being on the field and working together as a team," she said. "I loved looking up in the stands and seeing my parents up there."

Of course, as a junior and senior she also gazed up to catch the eye of her now husband Harry '89. She also wouldn't mind if her daughters got to travel with a team, perhaps to Bermuda, like the lacrosse squad did in her freshman year to take on Hopkins during spring break.

"We went to nationals in volleyball," she said. "What a thrill it was to compete on that level. That's what I really want to pass on to my girls."

A tall, pure shooter, **Doug Pinto '83** has been told by his old coaches that he probably would have had at least 100



Coach Ron Jones '55

more points on his career total if he had played after the three-point arc was added. He isn't so certain about those long bombs, but the 6'7" doctor is happy to report that he can still dunk the ball several different ways.

Sort of like the time against Gettysburg when he caught a final seconds, floor-length pass and jammed it home to put the game out of reach. Actually, he's happy he can still play the game after blowing out his knee several years ago helping coach a high school team in Maine.

**"I'll shout just like Coach Thomas, 'The operation was a success, but the patient died.'"**

Pinto, specializing in internal medicine in a group practice owned by St. Agnes Health Care in Baltimore, keeps in touch with his old coaches Alex Ober '63 and Nick Zoulias. In fact, Zoulias and his children are his patients. "I haven't seen Jean (Nick's wife) yet," he said. "But she tells me she is coming in."

**James Pusey '62** is only semi-retired, but the seasonal job he has in Ocean City, Md., is a pretty sweet deal. An honorable mention football All-American and team MVP for the 1961 season, Pusey runs the packing team for Candy Kitchen, which has several beachside shops full of fudge, taffy and other goodies. But he won't bring his work home with him ... ever.

"My favorite is the dark chocolate almond bark," he

said. "But we are all trying to watch the weight at home, so I leave the candy at the shop."

As a member of the offensive line, Pusey helped set the stage for the likes of running back Fred Dilkes '61, a 1999 Sports Hall of Fame inductee, who still is near the top of WMC's career rushing list. Nothing made him smile more than when he saw #23 scamper through a gaping hole on his way to the end zone.

"In one game I remember standing there in awe just watching him run," he said. "He was almost down on the ground when suddenly he got his feet underneath of him and took off for the touchdown that won the game."

**Eric Schwaab '82** who led the nation in assists in 1981, still finds himself flashing back to the days when he ran attack for lacrosse coaches Bill Thomas '39 and Mike Williams MLA '76, Med '84. This time he is on the sidelines coaching the oldest of his three daughters, Alexandra, 10. (The last time he actually played lacrosse was in an alumni game.)

"It's funny, but I really do find myself using some of their phrases to motivate my players," he said. "Especially from Coach Thomas. He was a legend and just had a saying for everything." Schwaab's favorite comes after the team executes a wonderful set play, but misses the goal. "I'll shout just like Coach Thomas, 'The operation was a success, but the patient died.' The first time I



## ALUMNI BASEBALL BATTLE ROYALE

Baseball team members returned for a Homecoming rematch playing against their very own.

**Row 1:** Buck Jones '70, Christiaan Abildso '98, Jerry Resh '95, Mike Marino '90, Tim Smith '00, Mike Waddington '99, Joe Herman '91, Dave Seibert '78.

**Row 2:** Jon Vandernat '00, Barrett Gugliotta, Gary Rudacille '68, Earl Dietrich '69, Ryan Legge '00, Garrett DeGroot '99, Bob Noland '74, Lance Klein '63, Pete Clark '77, Fern Hitchcock '47, Tony Wiles '61.

**Row 3:** Brian Culley '97, Scott Rey '96, Marc Alegi, Brent Fuchs '00, Sean Giblin '00, Bob Harris '60, Dick Yost '63.

did it the kids just all looked at me, like "Huh? What does that mean?" But now they know what I want."

Besides spending time with his girls (Alexandra, Rachel 6, and Madison 4), Schwaab has gotten into biking, pick-up basketball and triathlons, including two Olympic-distance events this fall. He is also pretty good at fishing—or at least recognizing the denizens of the deep. Schwaab has been with Maryland's Department of Natural Resources for 17 years, the last couple as fisheries director.

By the way, he is looking for a tape of the team's 17-15 win over Fairleigh-Dickinson. The game was part of a double-header at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium. "We played right before Maryland and Navy and they even had us on ESPN," he said. "I'd love to watch that again." •

## Alumni Council Seeks Input

The moment students cross the stage to claim their diploma, they become an instant member of the WMC Alumni Association. And now the

Alumni Council, a core group of volunteers who help shape the relationship of alumni with the college, wants to make sure everyone gets involved.

This year begins a series of Alumni Council meetings in which everyone is invited to weigh in on such issues as how to pinpoint and enhance alumni perceptions of the college, how to improve the use of technology in keeping alumni connected to the college, and how to strengthen alumni chapter activities.

In addition to meetings to solicit input from the alumni body, there are a variety of committees that rely on volunteers to keep alumni activities in gear, from planning Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, and selecting new members of the Sports Hall of Fame, to monitoring young alumni affairs, undergraduate relations or the latest decision-making by the Board of Trustees.

Watch the back page calendar for dates on upcoming meetings, or e-mail alumni@wmc.edu to be notified by mail. Call Director of Alumni Affairs Robin Adams Brenton '86 at 410/857-2297 for more information or to share your views. •



Lois Chilcoat Meszaros '64 and Phil Meredith '66 dance the night away.

## Founder's Dinner

Members of the Founders Society gathered for an elegant evening of dinner and dancing Sept. 16 at Baltimore's grand Belvedere Hotel.

United in the evening's theme of Colleges that Change Lives, 195 guests toasted the \$1.5 million success of the Annual Fund in the 12th floor grand ballroom, with its lofty gilded ceilings dripping with crystal chandeliers, while swapping news about the Terror football defeat of Gettysburg that morning.

The first-class thank you to Founders members, who have each given more than \$1,000 to support the college, included an address by Professor of the Year Tom Deveny, professor of foreign languages, who inspired the gathering to support study abroad programs that allow students to grow world wise and richer in knowledge.

New Annual Fund Chair **Dennis Sisco '68** unveiled the newest challenge, to raise \$2 million by 2002 and increase participation to 40%, and **Phil**

**Meredith '66**, Founder's Committee Chair, thanked donors for their generosity.

The crowd was dazzling. Always the trendsetter, **Donna DuVall Sellman '45** sported a vibrant sarape from one of her world travels over her silk suit.

**Pam Zappardino '71** donned **Linda Van Hart '68** originals—silver grape leaf jewelry. **Lois Chilcoat Meszaros '64** dazzled the crowd with a floor-length black gown trimmed in ostrich feathers. And **Sally Keck Gold '78** wore a shimmering gold leopard print gown that showed her wild side.

Traveling the farthest distance for the festivities were **Virginia Phillips '43** and **Sara Bell Walker '43** from Austin, Texas, and **Arlie '44** and **Ellen '46 Mansberger** from Augusta, Ga. Representing the most senior class member in attendance was **Letitia Gwinn '40**, complementing the youngest Founder at the event, **George Brenton '86**.

Capping the excitement of the evening, several members of the WMC Jazz Band jump-started the formal dance floor with some rock 'n' roll, which was brought to a soulful close by **Raphael Taylor's '00** rendition of the alma mater. Western Maryland, hail, all hail. •

*Break out your cognac and Poe primer—and add \$1,000 to the college's coffers—for next year's dazzling evening at Baltimore's Westminster Hall, just steps away from Edgar Allan Poe's tomb.*

Clockwise from right: President Joan Develin Coley; Nancy Voss and daughter Martha Voss Gannon '82; David Petrucci '73 and wife Paulette Schockey; Bruce '75 and Patricia Price MED '79 Preston, Provost Sam '63 and Sue Case; Dennis Sisco '68 and wife Alexine Lesko.



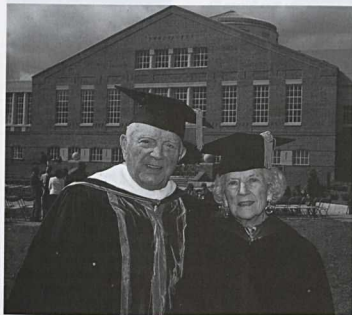
Clockwise from top: Eric Buckner '63 and Frasier Scott '43; Kelly and Marty Hill; Gail Chance Entstice '73 and Alice Boyer Hanley '72.



Students Mike Blumberg and Josh Haza move the dance floor.



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Sam and Elsie Hoover were the most generous living donors in WMC history.

## Hoover Library Namesake Dies

Trustee Emeritus Sam Hoover didn't see campus until he was 65 years old—and then only at the request of a friend—but he fell in love with it. As a result, he and his wife Elsie donated more than \$2.2 million to the college, making them the most generous living donors in WMC history.

A philanthropist and retired dental surgeon from Cockeysville, Md., Hoover passed away October 18 at age 97. His wife died in 1995.

Hoover was first selected to the WMC Board of Trustees in 1972. In recognition of his service to higher education, the college presented him with an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1979.

In 1991, Hoover Library was dedicated in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Hoover following a major

\$10 million expansion, of which the Hoovers had given \$1.2 million for the project. The building was first named for them in 1975. The renovated library has since received several architecture awards.

Also, the Samuel and Elsie Hoover Scholarship Fund was established in 1994 to assist "students demonstrating a commitment to higher education, scholastic aptitude in their chosen field of study, and genuine need." The scholarship is awarded to 12 students each year.

"We have lost a great friend of the college and a wonderful, loving member of our community," said then-Interim President Joan Develin Coley. "Dr. Hoover understood the need to support private higher education and was committed to the strength of a liberal arts background. He realized how it could empower the students here."

**"Dr. Hoover understood the need to support private higher education. He realized how it could empower students."**

A fervent advocate of higher education and a lifelong resident of Baltimore County, Hoover was a retired dental surgeon who built and maintained a dental practice in Dundalk. He also owned and operated a 116-acre farm in Sparks, Md.

During World War II, he served as chief dental examiner on the largest draft board in the nation. President Harry Truman later honored him for his distinguished service to medicine.

He also was active in many community and professional organizations and served as a member of the council of the Baltimore City Dental Society, charter member and first president of the Baltimore County Dental Association, and president of the Maryland State Dental Association and the Maryland Board of Dental Examiners. He was made a fellow of the American College of Dentistry in 1973.

Hoover also had served on the University of Maryland Board of Regents and was chairman of several committees, including buildings and athletics. He was an honorary member of the "M" Club and received the University of Maryland School of Dentistry distinguished alumnus award in 1975. •

## Gift Illuminates Baker Steeple

BY VALERIE MEHL

When Sally Glover looks out of the large picture window in her Westminster home, she sees the steeple of Baker Memorial Chapel glowing in the night sky. It brings to mind fond memories of her late father, John Wesley Manspeaker '36, and the college that was so important in his life.

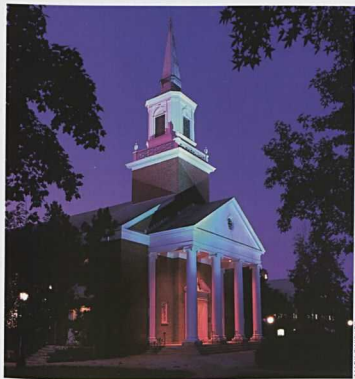
The steeple was permanently illuminated this year in memory of Manspeaker, who died in 1999 at age 92. It was the project of Glover and her stepmother, Patricia Kurdle Manspeaker '60, who had admired other area church steeples in town lit as memorials.

"Western Maryland College was such a significant part of my father's life. He thought it was a wonderful place to get an education," says Glover. "Education was very important to him, so we thought lighting the Big Baker steeple would be the perfect tribute. I hope it will serve as an inspiration and reminder to all students who walk the campus of the wonderful gift they receive by attending WMC."

Manspeaker had been attending Ohio State University when the Depression struck, forcing him to drop out of college and return home to his family in Martinsburg, W.Va. Still, he remained steadfast in his desire to earn his degree and decided to visit the president of WMC.

"He asked the president what he could do to go to college there," recalls Kurdle





Manspeaker, his wife of 24 years. The college president arranged for him to drive the college's laundry truck in lieu of tuition. Though his college studies were interrupted by Army service in World War II, Manspeaker earned his degree in biology and history in 1936. He later returned to "the Hill" to earn a master's degree in education.

He felt so strongly about the importance of education that he chose the field for his professional career, working for 34 years as a teacher and administrator in several Maryland counties, including Carroll, as well as in Germany.

His ties to WMC, too, were unbroken. He returned often to the campus and remained active in the alumni association. "As a little girl, I remember taking walks with him through the campus. He thought it was a beautiful place," says Glover. "It's touching to me that his memorial adds even more beauty to the campus."

Though he lived in St. Michaels in recent years, he returned frequently to stroll the campus or attend events, including the annual Clarence Bennett Golf Tournament during Alumni Weekend.

"He was always pleased to see new improvements to the campus and witness the ongoing dedication of the faculty and staff to its students and alumni," says Kurdle Manspeaker. "I feel like his spirit is now a permanent fixture of the campus."

The \$4,000 illumination project was financed through the John Wesley Manspeaker Memorial Fund. The intricate placement of several spotlights was completed at Homecoming, allowing the lit steeple of the chapel to be seen nightly throughout downtown Westminster.

Illumination is not only defined as brightening with light, but also as enlightening spiritually and intellectually. Both definitions are appropriately befitting of Manspeaker and his legacy to his college. •

## New Annual Fund Chair Raises the Bar

This fall **Dennis Sisco '68** signed on as the new Annual Fund chair and announced plans to raise the sights of fundraising to improve the college's profile and viability on the national scene.

Sisco takes the reigns from **Sally Keck Gold '78**, who

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recently helped the Annual Fund exceed its goal of raising \$1.5 million and reverse a declining trend in alumni giving, raising the percentage of participation from 29 to 33 percent.

Commencing his two-year term, Sisco announced plans to raise the bar even higher, launching a campaign to increase participation to 40% and raise \$2 million by 2002.

"The Annual Fund provides immediate dollars to WMC for wherever the need is greatest," said Sisco. Last year unrestricted monies allowed the college to wire dorms with Ethernet connections. In addition, hundreds of students were provided with scholarship funding.

Such funding plays an important role in the life of the college since the college's endowment is relatively small compared to similar schools.

"The Annual Fund allows Western Maryland to provide the day-to-day extras that keep us competitive with our local peers," Sisco said. "Significant growth in our endowment would allow us to compete with national liberal arts institutions."

Increasing the number of alumni who give to the college is also essential to raising the profile of the college and

attracting—and keeping—the best students. Western Maryland competes with other colleges for funding and national rankings, based in part on the percentage of participation in annual giving, and is currently ranked near the bottom of the list among our peers in the Centennial Conference and in our grouping in *U.S. News and World Report*.

Increasing the participation level to 40% and raising \$2 million by 2002 will set the stage for the next major campaign, Sisco says, "to build the college's endowment to the level at which it becomes a catalyst for excellence rather than a constraint on achievement." •

*To learn how you can help Western Maryland meet its goal, call Director of the Annual Fund Kimberly Parks at 410/857-2289.*

## Familiar Faces

**Beth Harlow Buckalew '89**, familiar to attendees of alumni events as the associate director of Alumni Affairs, now joins the Development staff as associate director of Annual Giving. She will be directing the Carroll Country Student Grant Program and rebuilding the parents giving program. Those interested in the projects may call her at 410/857-2224.

**Laura Russell '87**, formerly associate director of Reunion Programs, will also be playing a new role on the staff as associate director of Reunion Giving. She will be helping classes celebrating at Reunion Weekend organize fundraising efforts for the college's Annual Fund. She can still be reached at 410/857-2255. •

## In Memoriam

**Mrs. Mary Wheeler Edwards '25**, of Canadensis, Pa., on April 12, 2000.  
**Miss Gladys S. Benson '26**, of Rockville, Md., on June 25, 2000.  
**Mr. Gerald E. Richter '26**, of Westminster, Md., on September 2, 2000.  
**Miss Mary E. Diffendall '29**, of Westminster, Md., on September 30, 2000.  
**Mr. James K. Day '31**, of Silver Spring, Md., on June 19, 2000.  
**Miss Sarah D. Reinecke '31**, of Westminster, Md., on August 26, 2000.  
**Mrs. Emma Ott Sanders '31**, of Taneytown, Md., on July 26, 2000.  
**Ms. Alice Evans Walters '32**, of Pocomoke City, Md., on October 11, 2000.  
**Mr. William T. Jackson '34**, of Bel Air, Md., on April 12, 2000.  
**Mr. L. Kennard Rhodes Jr. '34**, of Hollywood, Fla., on September 25, 2000.  
**Mrs. Nadine Ohler Riffle '35**, of Taneytown, Md., on September 18, 2000.  
**Mr. Howard G. Kidwell '36**, of Russell, Ky., on September 27, 2000.  
**Mrs. Mildred Hammond Speicher '36**, of Hyattsville, Md., on March 24, 2000.  
**Mrs. Catherine Waybright Funk '37**, of Westminster, Md., on June 22, 2000.  
**Dr. Donald B. Bond '38**, of Guerneville, Calif., on July 23, 2000.  
**Mrs. Virginia Cluts Heaps '38**, of Baltimore, Md., on July 3, 2000.  
**Mr. William J. Rieth Jr. '38**, of Lorain, Ohio, on October 15, 1999.  
**Mr. Robert R. Sherman '39**, of Spruce Pine, N.C., on August 28, 2000.  
**Mrs. Susan Price Erb '40**, of Dover, Mass., on August 22, 2000.  
**Mrs. Margaret K. Ringer '41**, of Hagerstown, Md., on June 15, 1998.  
**Mrs. Ruth Billingslea Weller '41**, of Westminster, Md., on August 2, 2000.  
**Mr. James F. Snodgrass '43**, of Staten Island, N.Y., on August 3, 2000.  
**Mrs. Jean Cooper Ward '45**, of High Point, N.C., on July 24, 2000.  
**Mrs. Mary Reese Haines '46**, of Silver Spring, Md., on August 28, 2000.  
**Mrs. Winifred Shauck Pool '46**, of Westminster, Md., on September 25, 2000.  
**Mr. Robert E. Wimbrow '46**, of Whaleyville, Md., on October 28, 1999.  
**Dr. George W. Pivaris '48**, of Ocqueoc, Mich., on October 10, 2000.  
**Mr. Edwin H. Toman '52**, of Kennett Square, Pa., on August 30, 2000.  
**Mrs. Nancy Kroll Chesser '53**, of Baltimore, Md., on September 19, 2000.  
**Mr. John H. Edwards '53**, of Baldwin, Md., on July 30, 2000.  
**Dr. Alan J. Hagenbuch '55**, of Enterprise, Ala., on June 24, 2000.  
**Mr. Robert L. Haugen '55**, of Thurmont, Md., on July 20, 2000.  
**Mr. Gene L. Michaels '58**, of Baltimore, Md., on October 10, 2000.

**Mrs. Phyllis Emig Jenner '59**, of Ephrata, Pa., on April 8, 2000.  
**Mr. Thomas R. Botts '73**, of York Haven, Pa., on August 3, 2000.  
**Mr. Robert T. Matthews '76**, of Huntington Beach, Calif., on February 20, 2000.  
**Mrs. Christine Weyell Mickey Med '56**, of Chambersburg, Pa., on July 19, 2000.  
**Ms. Amy C. Benham Med '65**, of Hampstead, Md., on June 22, 2000.  
**Mr. N. Richard DeLong Jr. Med '75**, of Westminster, Md., on August 31, 2000.

## Marriages

**Bill Clem '56** to Churchill McKinney on January 14, 2000. They reside in Jackson, Miss.  
**Diane Leadley '72** to Neil Bauman on July 23, 2000. They reside in Stewartstown, Pa.  
**Debbie Baird '76** to Morgan France on July 18, 2000. They reside in Oakland, Md.  
**Michael Easley '81** to Wendy Tanabe on August 2000. They reside in Mountain View, Calif.  
**Rhonda Mize '90** to Shane Sullivan on August 13, 2000. They reside in Harker Heights, Texas.  
**Greg Street '91** to Jennifer Trepkau on October 1, 1999. They reside in Dallas, Texas.  
**Jennifer Hannah '91** to Stephen Fletcher in July 22, 2000. They reside in Lancaster, Pa.  
**Alice Smith '91** to Christopher Rau on July 1, 2000. They reside in Westminster, Md.  
**Paul Bornysek '91** to Mary Carman on May 20, 2000. They reside in Landover Hills, Md.  
**Bonnie Grauch '91** to Ted LaPierre in July 2000. They reside in Westminster, Md.  
**Todd Wargo '93** to Carey Shockney on July 22, 2000. They reside in Finksburg, Md.  
**Deanna Madden '95** to Jason Becker on June 9, 2000. They reside in Germantown, Md.  
**Lisa Bencke '96** to T.J. Warner in May 1999. They reside in Littlestown, Pa.  
**Julie Kissel '96** to Keith Remo '97 on May 27, 2000. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.  
**Kerrie Koehler '97** to Timothy Walsh on September 16, 2000. They reside in Timonium, Md.  
**Bobbi Leister '97** to Matthew Silver on July 22, 2000. They reside in Savannah, Ga.  
**Robin Carroll '97** to Gregory Lonsack on September 9, 2000. They reside in Sacramento, Calif.  
**Carl Von Tobel '97** to Kim Ruprecht '99 on July 21, 2000. They reside in Dumont, N.J.  
**Christopher Kulp '98** to Gail Hildebrand on June 24, 2000. They reside in Williamsburg, Va.

**Kimberly Suski '98** to Brandon Petry on June 4, 2000. They reside in Westminster, Md.  
**Jaime Lynn Moyer '99** to David R. Jordan on July 1, 2000. They reside in Mt. Airy, Md.  
**Melissa Wilfong '99** to Jason Simons on May 6, 2000. They reside in Westminster, Md.  
**Anne-Marie Mueller MS '99** to Sean Fox on September 23, 2000. They reside in Eldersburg, Md.  
**Thomas Gordon III '00** to Jennifer Peddicord on May 20, 2000. They reside in Owings Mills, Md.

## Births

**Colleen Patricia Neely**, on August 12, 2000, to Carl '81 and Nan Sadler '82 Neely.  
**Darryl Walter Spivey**, on May 26, 2000, to James '82 and Donna Spivey.  
**Maxwell Duncan Goettee**, on July 18, 2000, to Jeffrey '84 and Consetta Goettee.  
**Tyler Wayne Klakring**, on February 8, 2000, to Jeffrey and Gail Leek '84 Klakring.  
**Elizabeth Bareford**, on January 4, 2000, to Steve and Ellen Knisely '86 Bareford.  
**Grace Mae Rockefeller**, on March 20, 2000, to Rick '86 and Kathy Boyer '86 Rockefeller.  
**Quin Seivold**, on May 5, 2000, to Alfred and Laurel Dollar-Seivold '86.  
**Amanda Thomas**, in April 2000, to Joe '86 and Leslie Thomas.  
**Morgan Abernethy Giebel**, on August 13, 2000, to Mark and Kim Lohmann '89 Giebel.  
**Katherine Marie Adderley**, on September 22, 2000, to Mike '90 and Kristin Adderley.  
**Julia Christine Hartman**, on June 5, 2000, to Brian and Melissa Engel '90 Hartman.  
**Rachel Alexis Borucki**, on January 29, 2000, to Craig and Melissa Cote '91 Borucki.  
**Molly Eliza Conley**, on May 4, 2000, to Mark and Melanie Tull '91 Conley.  
**Mallory Holson**, on December 30, 1999, to Greg Holson and Allison Coffey '91.  
**Emma Elizabeth Kral**, on May 27, 2000, to Corey '91 and Christina Kral.  
**Robert James Martz**, on December 4, 1999, to Erik and Andrea Pinkham '91 Martz.  
**John Robert Pasquarello**, on June 20, 2000, to John '91 and Lisa Pasquarello.  
**Ryan James Plummer**, on April 29, 2000, to Adam '91 and Linda Needle '91 Plummer.  
**Chloe Veronica Selover**, on June 20, 2000, to Richard and Christine Houlihan '91 Selover.  
**Tyler Scott Senior**, on November 24, 1999, to Scott '91 and Jeanne Senior.  
**Casey Tinney**, in August 1999, to Scott '91 and Julie Cohen '91 Tinney.  
**William Patrick Christensen**, on April 5, 2000, to Bryan and Constance McCutcheon MS '92 Christensen.

**Kathryn Ann Kubacki**, on May 19, 1999, to Michael '92 and Emily Kubacki.  
**Alexandra Marie Pitarresi**, on May 9, 2000, to John '93 and Christine Pitarresi.  
**Madalynn Alexa Smith**, on June 1, 2000, to Timothy '93 and Beth Zawadzki '93 Smith.  
**Kelly Alexandra Spera**, on June 30, 1999, to Jeff '93 and Victoria Spera.  
**Chase Austin Borna**, on November 3, 1999, to Corey and Melissa Love '94 Borna.  
**Patrick Augustus Keane**, on July 7, 2000, to Christopher and Marilyn Naas '94 MS '97 Keane.  
**Megan Nicole Alisauskas**, on July 3, 2000, to Jeffrey and Paula Meyer '95 Alisauskas.  
**Anna Elizabeth Fuhrman**, on September 23, 2000, to Matt '95 and Andrea Kolesar '96 Fuhrman.  
**Lucas O'Donnell Valladares**, in July 1999, to Gui '95 and Kathryn O'Donnell '96 Valladares.  
**Melvin G. Brennan IV**, on August 16, 1999, to Melvin '96 and Laurel Brennan.  
**Olivia Jane Herman**, on May 16, 2000, to David and Jennifer Nash '96 Herman.  
**Nicholas Worsec**, in May 7, 1999, to Thomas and Satu Kujala MS '99 Worsec.  
**Adam Robert Antonakos**, on November 22, 1999, to Andrew and Jessica Seidel '00 Antonakos.  
**Gabriel George Mason**, on March 20, 2000, to Michael '00 and Jean Mason.

## Master's News

**Kay Crouse Sentz MIA '78**, longtime teacher, coach and administrator at Littlestown High School, was named to the East Stroudsburg University Athletic Hall of Fame.  
**Some of Nanette Haines' Med '84** latest sketches were featured in "Drawings in the Present Time" at the Esther Prangley Rice Gallery in August. Nanette went back to school to earn graduate (WMC) and doctoral (University of Connecticut) degrees in special education and educational psychology, respectively. She now teaches and runs The Learning Center at Penn State's Mont Alto campus. She also opened The Museum of Temporary Art in southern Pennsylvania in 1998.  
**Jon Bilbo MS '94**, a high school guidance counselor, was appointed the new Hanover High School principal.  
**David Chia MS '98**, a staff development teacher at Broad Acres Elementary School, won a \$25,000 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.  
**Jeff Maher MS '88**, principal at Flintstone Elementary School, is Prince George's County's youngest principal—and perhaps the youngest in the region.

# CLASSNOTES

## 1936

To all of you who returned cards when I asked this year and the three previous years, thank you so much. Each card that came back seemed like a nice little visit with an old friend. (To those who did not respond, well, we know you had good reasons, and we wish you well.)

This is my final year as class reporter, and I hope that one of you will choose to replace me. The Alumni Office at the college will be delighted to hear from you, and you can take my word for it, they are extremely helpful.

Two fairly new items were sent to me recently. On April 21, 2000, after a long, hard time, our most estimable class president, **Vernon Reynolds Simpson**, passed away. Ray and his wife, **Helen Leatherwood '38**, both worked for years with WMC classmates in touch with each other and the college. Ray was named Alumnus of the Year in 1992. This honor was preceded by many others. Ray received the Meritorious Service Award in 1978. He was chairman of our 50th class reunion and he had been our class president since 1984. These are just a few examples of Ray's close, supportive relationship with WMC. However, it's been said that Ray always asserted that what he had given to the college was just a small measure of what he had received. Condolences can be sent to: Helen L. Simpson, 208 East Church Street, Mt. Airy, MD 21771.

From the daughter of another remarkable classmate, I received word that **Mildred Hammond Speicher** died on March 24, 2000. Mildred gave a lifetime of service to the college, her church, Prince George's County Public Schools, the D.A.R. and like organizations (in several of which she held high offices). Many of us also remember Mildred's husband John '34 (also deceased). The Speichers were another WMC family worthy of our highest admiration. Condolences can be sent to: The Family of Mildred Speicher, 6823 Keeneland Way, Mason, OH 45040-3431.

It was a pleasure to hear from **Allen Dudley** that he and **Caroline Smith '38** are both well and enjoying life at Homewood Retirement Center in Pennsylvania.

I was so pleased to hear from **Marguerite Carrara Brucette**, out in La Mesa, Calif. Marguerite wrote of living in a beautifully located retirement home, but adds that she and her husband still miss the canyon and wildlife

that they saw so much of in the 40 years spent at their earlier home, with in viewing distance of the Pacific.

From Florida, **Josephine Dawson Clark** tells of a recent trip she and her daughter took to many national parks. What a great travel idea!

**Anna Baker**, happy and healthy in West Hartford, Conn., is already making plans for a trip in February 2001 to the Holy Land.

**Henrietta Twigg Murray** says she is still enjoying the life at Collingswood Manor. "Sis" is already looking forward to being in Westminster May 4-6, 2001, for our 65th Class Reunion. I'm looking forward to seeing her there, and I hope to see many others of our Class of '36 there, also.

**Marvel Jackson Simpson** speaks of just "puttering around." Well, I guess we are all doing a lot of these days, but it's still for a good reason, isn't it!

**Bob Bennett** is now a great-grandfather. He says that's the only exciting thing that has happened to him in the past year. A pretty fine bit of excitement, Bob!

**Lisa Harding Bryson** writes that her mother, **Helen Ewing Harding**, suffered a stroke in mid-July. She regretted not being able to answer my card personally, and she did expect to be home soon. "Jerry," we wish you very well.

From the shores of Lake Michigan, **Klee Grumline** writes of a very active and, surely, satisfying life. He did have to give up horseback riding, which he'd been doing for over 80 years! (What can one say to that?) **Dottie Twigg '37** joins Klee in sending best wishes to all their college friends.

**Lois Thompson Hammer** feels fortunate in having a granddaughter in her third year at WMC. Lois is also happy to be able to travel with her grandson.

A return trip to Switzerland is being planned by **Jane Leigh Hartig** and her husband Franz. In addition to that wonderful prospect, as they do every year, Jane and Franz will fly to Vail, Colo., for 10 days. There they will enjoy the scenery, the great climate, the concerts and the lacrosse games.

**Mary Alice Patterson Shipley** is another happy traveler. For Pat that means winters in Florida and summers in Maryland, with plenty of Bridge and 500 games to be played at each home.

**Josh Cockey** writes that celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary last November was the highlight of the past year. The party they gave and family gatherings keep life interesting. (Josh gives a lot of credit to a lively,

## Chia Earns Milken Award for Teaching



**David Chia MS '98 (left) earns kudos at a surprise school assembly.**

After working with many different groups of people, **David Chia MS '98's** decision to enter the field of teaching was an easy one. "Children are honest, flexible and forgiving," he said. "They have the greatest potential to learn, and I wanted to invest my life and skills to benefit them."

He has made true on his promise. This October, Chia, a teacher at Broad Acres Elementary School in Silver Spring, Md., was named as one of 150 educators nationwide honored with a \$25,000 award from the Milken Family Foundation for outstanding work.

The National Educator Awards program gives public recognition and financial rewards to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals, counselors and librarians. By honoring outstanding educators, the program hopes to attract, retain and motivate talented people to teaching.

After seven years in the elementary classroom, Chia now works in staff development, helping other teachers utilize their resources and grow professionally to best benefit their students.

In addition to the \$25,000, recipients will be honored at state conferences, and each will receive an all-expense paid trip to Los Angeles in June to attend the annual Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference, where the awards will be presented.

The recipients will also become members of the Milken Educator Network, more than 1,600 top education professionals nationwide with access to professional resources to help cultivate and expand innovative programs in their classrooms, schools and districts.

It follows that Chia's first thought for spending his unrestricted award turns back to his students. "Many children who are gifted and work hard may have blocked out college as an option because of their family situation. I'm thinking of establishing a scholarship for them," he said, adding that people keep insisting that he use some of it to reward himself. "I still have to think about it," he said. •

talkative 3-year-old great-grandson and, because there is one of those in my family, I know exactly what he means!) Josh also spoke of a very welcome letter and picture from **Klee Grumline** showing the carefree days at Fort Washington in 1935.

How about this kind of traveling? **Zaida McKenzie McDonald** makes yearly trips from her home in California to that of her son in Potomac, Md.

And now for our final item. **Tom Evoland**, I am so glad to pass on your news! Tom says that for the past year he has been class agent for the Annual Fund. In July, a letter came to him from the Annual Giving Office with a report on the Class of 1936: Cash Received: \$12,240.00; Class Goal: \$10,000.00; Class Participation: 55%,

Received as of June 30, 2000. Tom, you have done a wonderful job, and I'm sure that 100% of your classmates agree.

In addition to that most satisfactory news, Tom says that life in Denton is about the same this year as last: lawn care, gardening, golfing and various committee meetings.

And, now as I say goodbye, I must say that here, too, life is about the same as last year. Life here in a retirement home (Carroll Lutheran Village, in Westminster) provides pleasant surroundings, interesting and concerned people, various trips, committee meetings and plenty of Bridge and such, other entertainment. But, of course, best of all are visits to and from (as well as trips with) my very dear family.



# WHERE THERE'S A WILL...

Your will gives you the power to say how your estate will be used. Without a will, the state decides.

A will reflects the values and beliefs you hold dear during your lifetime. It allows you to provide properly for your family and loved ones.

Through your will, you can also support those institutions that have been an important part of your life.

A bequest to Western Maryland College is a gift that gives to the future. Through it, you help to perpetuate the Western Maryland legacy for generations to come.

For information in full confidence on how to include Western Maryland College in your will, including suggested will language and tax advantages, please contact:

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They are the ones doing the traveling now, and, as you know, the whole world is their home these days. (Oh, and I do receive wonderful souvenirs and pictures!)

Four years as your class reporter have truly been enjoyable. I am sure that whoever decides to give it a try will enjoy it.

Love and best wishes to each one of you!

Doris Smedes Stonebraker  
201 St. Mark Way, Apt. 115  
Westminster, MD 21158

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At our place in time, retirement homes are offering a more attractive way of living.

Al and Hazel Board Guyer are adjusting to a Quincy Village cottage near Waynesboro, Pa. Al is recovering from successful heart surgery. Hazel is the constant church organist.

Oak Crest in Baltimore is home to Doris "Lubby" Lubking Bechtel and Fran Dillaway Tompkins. Fran is recovering her strength after bypass surgery. She is a great-grandma now.

Annette Hutchings Wilfong stays fit and contented with life at Asbury-Solomons home.

Mary Lou Asbury Briscoe has settled in an Episcopal Retirement Village in Atlanta. Her daughter is near as well as Alice Vollmer Applegate. Mary Lou plans a trip to Madrid and the Canaries to celebrate her 80th.

Eleanor Prescott Vergis is ready to sell her house to move to a life care community. Believing that these are the golden years, Scotty opts to work while still hale and hearty.

Ted Bowen continues to move on his book of memoirs of his life as a Methodist minister. He appreciates living in the international and interracial atmosphere of the Hermitage in Alexandria, Va.

It was good to hear from Francis Grumbine. Bing is mobile and energetic although a bit more limited in endurance.

Anita Twigg Slama makes time caring for young grandchildren and helping with her husband's antique clock shop.

Bill Robinson enjoyed the Ocean City reunion with Neil Eckenrode. As our class agent, Bill thanks all who helped our class reach 99% of our goal for the Annual Fund.

Margaret Rich Brown doesn't travel as much without Jesse, but she did spend five days in Myrtle Beach with a seniors group.

Elinore "Zeke" Jameson Deakney's greatest joy is seeing the grandchildren grow up. Two are in college, and two are in high school.

Kathleen "Katie" Coe Walters had a quiet year with family and friends.

Virginia Bortner Shull has a new address in Murrells Inlet, S.C.

Alice Vollmer Applegate thought the Passion Play was awesome and overwhelming. There were additional stops in Italy and Austria to complete her tour.

Jane Cowperthwait Read also was in Germany and several eastern capitals. She keeps in touch with her WMC buddies by phone and round robin.

After visiting all 50 states, Jim and Phyllis Dietsch Farris, of Largo, Fla., have now seen 46 capitals. Thirty-five years of square dancing as a hobby have helped them compete in the challenge level. She recently met with

Mildred St. Clair Thomas in Maryland.

Arnold and Mildred Gebhardt Raninen made a very special voyage to Tahiti and Bora Bora with children and granddaughters. There was an earlier cruise in the Caribbean last March.

Harper LeCompte traveled to Kiev in Ukraine to find a friend that he met in Vietnam.

Isabelle Zimmerman Martin's latest jaunt was to Netherlands and Belgium to see the tulips at their peak. There is a Canadian trip and a western Mediterranean cruise in the offing.

Leigh and Margaret "Peggy" Moss '43 Venke have not stopped yet. This year it was a two-week intensive tour of Egypt, including the temple of Philae. They came home via Paris, viewing it from the top of the Eiffel Tower. In October they expect the Glacier Express to take them to the base of the Matterhorn. In Italy, they intend to stay in the Lake Country and visit Venice. An added joy is that daughter Mary and family have moved close in Arlington, Va.

Joe and Lillian Bennett Mulvey celebrated a family anniversary in New Jersey. They rented a double kayak to ride rapids on the Delaware River. Although the river was five feet above normal, Joe was able to conquer the rushing waters when Lillian tired. Another reunion in San Antonio and ours next year are on their calendar.

Most of those mentioned above hope to attend our 60th reunion next May. However, some of us will not be able to get back where we once belonged. Helen Joyce Hoke Voso asks us to "be grateful for what you have as little as it is because it could be worse."

Mary Hastings Phillips sends her thoughts and best wishes to those who will attend the reunion. She has many pleasant memories of our days at WMC that have affected her life.

Elizabeth Rankin Corbin was honored by Air Force Chief of Staff office for her 33 years with 10,000 hours as a volunteer. Every week she is found at Bolling AFB family services. Along with the certificate, she received a crystal clock and special pin.

Joanette Brannock Pomeroy will stay in Cambridge for health reasons. She is able to do gardening and church activities and entertain those grandchildren.

Bo and Norma "Nicky" Nicodemus '40 greet us from Augusta, Ga. They don't travel but let children visit them.

Jeannette Wigley Thomas made the pilgrimage back to Maryland from Missouri last year. She enjoys the wholesome life on the farm.

Jane Toomey Russell has hopes to move to William Hill Manor in Easton in the fall. She has recovered from

heart surgery in February. The newest member of the family is a cockapoo puppy, her constant companion.

Madelyn Flickinger Maust has been battling Parkinson's for 15 years. He hopes to enter the University of Pittsburgh Hospital in August for a program which will make her life more comfortable. She appreciates the support of three loyal WMC friends.

Joe Rouse lost his beloved wife in December. He is dealing with his grief by continuing to work at JAG claims at Fort Meade. Five cruises with family has helped, too.

Rachael Green Marsey has had a stressful year caring for her sister, Joan lost her battle with cancer in January while Rachael was having a carotid artery surgery.

Violet Younger Cook has moved to Eden, N.C., to live with her sister Ruby. After John's death, she is happier being near brothers and sisters.

Bill and Margaret "Mickey" Reynolds '42 Adolph are enjoying their child after retirement. Both have had successful knee replacements. Travel projects include Spain in November and three weeks to England and France with Don and Marty Hodgson '43 Honeman.

*After 35 years of square dancing, Phyllis Dietsch Farris '41 and husband Jim compete at the challenge level.*

Charles Earl won't be with us in May due to his deteriorated physical condition. He spends waking hours in a recliner or wheel chair. A pacemaker has helped. In addition to Marina's care, he has a home health aide three times a week. He reminds me that he was born in old Sibley Hospital in D.C. when his father was a minister in Falls Church, Va.

I also was born in old Sibley and now live near Falls Church. I attended my 29th Annual Violet convention in Omaha. My knee replacement has mended, but a hamstring pull caused me to use a walker for a month. I recovered in time to attend a grandson's wedding, another's graduation and a granddaughter's wedding in September.

We regret the loss of these '41 members. We have been told of Bob Hahn's death in 1998. LaRue Cronan's granddaughter, Allison Morris, is in the Class of 2003. She remembers his death in 1992. Rev. Paul Cummins left us in July 1999. He attended the Westminster Seminary when it was on our campus. He was pastor of several Methodist churches until 1990. He was active in the Citizens Advisory Committee to improve public schools in the Edgewater-Galeville area serving PTAs at all school levels. More



recently in August, **Ruth Billingslea Weller** died in Carroll County. She had been active in day student reunions and local alumni events. She took advantage of many WMC travel opportunities.

As always, thanks for your help. Stay well. I will see you in May.  
**Elinor Culligan Skelton**  
 3910 Larchwood Road  
 Falls Church, VA 22041

**1946** Make a note on your calendar that our 55th reunion is the weekend of May 4-6, 2001!

**Fred Morgan** will be unable to attend. Rosemary has had some health problems, but her spirits are great as always. We really miss you and Rosemary.

**Vernelle Ports Long** has just completed "Liturgical Prayers for the Christian Year" and is looking for a publisher. She and her daughter spent some time in Italy this spring and particularly enjoyed Assisi and Venice.

**Joan Burris** spends the winter months in the other Venice—Florida, that is. She still enjoys living in Leesburg, Va.

**Dotie Bost Waddy** was made an honorary member of the Class of '44 at their 55th reunion. She and her husband travel extensively. They winter in the Florida Keys and in 2001 are moving into Homewood at Williamsport, Md. She visited with **Audrey Donaldson Baker** this past year.

**Eleanor "Fanny" Higgins Green** keeps busy with family, church and volunteer work. It must keep her young because she babysat her 23-month great-grandson for eight weeks.

**Marie Wilson Litterer** and her cat have moved into a retirement community in Brunswick, Maine. She will be near her daughter Sue and three grandchildren.

**Henrietta Jones Moore** is looking forward to our 55th reunion. She still operates Henrietta's Cafe in Salisbury, Md. One of her grandsons will be a freshman at Frostburg this year.

**Sophie "Toby" Jones Sterling** visited her daughter's family in Los Angeles. She got a pink feather box for her 75th birthday, selected by her 15-year-old grandson. She also spent two weeks in England in July. She would welcome letters.

Our condolences go to **Catherine "Cassie" Schumann Kiddoo**, who lost her husband Dick on Dec. 10, 1999. She spent the summer at Gibson Island where she saw the tall ships go by. In September she was to return to Naples, Fla.

Living in the Westminster area, **Erna Young Gubb** enjoys the art, theater and sports events at the college. She took a cruise to the Norwegian fjords and the Baltic Sea.

**Sally Moffett Dwyer** is looking forward to the 55th reunion.

**Ruth Horan Youngblood** is sorry that she will be unable to attend our 55th reunion.

**John Soney** sends greetings from Bequia, the major Grenadine Island.

This is where Capt. Blye of the Bounty planted the breadfruit tree that he brought from the Pacific, which has become a staple in the West Indies diet.

**Edna "Perk" Haller Beglin** and her husband walk two miles every day, which includes twice around the college track. Sometimes they hear the chapel bells playing the alma mater at 8 a.m. Tracy and her husband still teach in Pittsburgh, Pa. Bill and family are in Carmel, Ind. He is vice president of Universal Flavors, Universal Foods. Earl and Nina live in Wyomissing, Pa. He is GPU Energy as director of systems accounting.

**Charlotte Suddith West**, who has a fabric shop with her daughter Karla in Charlottesville, has just opened another shop in Richmond, Va.

**Edward A. Newell, M.D.**, otolaryngologist, head and neck surgeon, and clinical professor at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas, has retired to his estate in the Casino and Beach District of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

A card arrived from **Rev. John Dorsey**, who is still very active in church work in India. He is senior pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, president of the Christian Education Society, president of the board of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, consultant to the Faith Academy and on the boards of a number of schools.

**Rev. Doris Hines Leitzel** is still active in the Methodist Church, acting as visiting minister where needed, visiting the sick and officiating at weddings and funerals.

**Dr. George Savitsky** reports that he is in good health and handsome as ever—ha, ha. He has retired to Ocean City, N.J., and does a lot of traveling. The latest trip was to Tahiti—like heaven. He sees a lot of his five children and numerous grandchildren. He was looking forward to the reunion.

**Lucy Jane Stoner Nasser's** big news is that Sally will have her fifth child in April, and that will make nine grandchildren. Her family will all be in St. Louis to celebrate her 75th.

We were saddened by the death of **Barbara "Bobby" Randall Pease** in 1999. She did a great job of putting together the news of Class of '46.

We also got word that **Robert E. Wimbro** died Oct. 28, 1999. Condolences can be sent to Hedy Wimbro, 8050 Old Ocean City Road, Waleysville, MD 21872.

More recently, **Mary Reese Haines** died on Aug. 28, 2000.

**Winifred Shauck Pool** died Sept. 25, 2000.

**Patricia Barrett Klove** lost her 102-year-old mother in March. Her big trip was to the Passion Play in Oberammergau—fantastic. Daughters Kathy and Martha live nearby, and Nancy is in Florida. Church and her garden keep her busy.

This year has been a difficult year for me (**Ruth Hagemann Hiltz**). My husband, who has Parkinson's, was diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease also and lives in a nursing home. I keep busy with friends, Bridge, theater

## BLAST FROM THE PAST



and the opera. Pat and I have seen

**Ethel Dunning Brillhart** for lunch. **Barbara Richter Glick** and I keep in touch for birthdays and Christmas. She is still enjoying living in her oceanfront house at Townsend's Inlet, N.J.

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 and  
**Ruth "Toots" Hagemann Hiltz**  
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**1956** As we approach our 45th reunion in 2001, I hope all of you are looking forward to seeing one another again and visiting the campus. There have been lots of changes, but our class spirit is still there.

**Phil '55 and Jean Vantz Lawyer** are enjoying their retirement in Westminster. Daughter **Michelle Lawyer Gribben '87** is teaching math this fall at WMC. Her husband Scott was in Brazil this summer ministering to their youth from his Bible Church. Their daughter Amy is in fifth grade, and son David is in second grade. Jean and Phil's son Kevin is busy with his orthodontics practice. His wife Suzie cares for Joshua, 4, Mayson, 3, and beautiful twins born on Dec. 13, 1999. All six grandchildren are close by, so they see them often. Phil and Jean have no exciting travel plans because he really enjoys his job at WMC.

**Lyman Seemanns** and wife Micki are retired. They headed West in their new motor home in August with plans to go as far as Seattle, then south to Los Angeles, then back east in October. They do a lot of biking and antiquing. He is looking forward to our reunion.

**Dorothy Rach Fred** retired from teaching in August. She plans to work with an alumni association at Baltimore Lutheran High School. She and husband Vernon went on a cruise

to Alaska in August.

Due to health complications, this has been a year of ups and downs for **Nancy Walton Singleton** and her husband. She and Alan were both diagnosed with cancer the same week in October 1999. As of July, they had completed their treatment and Alan has had a good interim report. Nancy's cancer was more confined and a complete recovery is expected. Their oldest son, Alan Jr., was marrying a lovely young lady in August on his 41st birthday—first marriage for both. Al and Nancy hoped to do some traveling in the fall. Nancy's mom is 97 and was moved to the nursing section of her apartment complex following a recent stay in the hospital. She is unlikely to return to her apartment, even though her sister shares it with her.

**Fred and Nancy Kemmer Learey** travel extensively and love it. Nancy has a love of music, and it is her 22nd year of conducting the Garrett Choral Society of 64 voices. They do oratorios, opera and musicals. Nancy and Fred also entertain in their home in the music room with chamber orchestras groups and promote young musicians by presenting them to the public through performances. They would love to have any and all visitors who come to Deep Creek Lake to visit, as they have room.

**Mary "Mollie" Hargett Williams** is still enjoying retirement and traveling. She had a trip planned to Utah in September. She has also been doing some day trips. The trip to the Women's Memorial in D.C. was especially interesting as her mother was a World War I veteran. She also visited Three Mile Island, the tall ships in Baltimore harbor and toured the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

**Rev. Stanley Bick** retired in July from the First United Methodist Church in Laurel, Md. The church had completed 80% of a \$2 million renovation. Stan was to host a group going to Oberammergau but could not

# WMC REUNION 2001

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## WHAT?

Reunion Weekend 2001

## WHEN?

Friday, May 4, through  
Sunday, May 6, 2001

## WHERE?

Western Maryland College  
campus

## WHO'S CELEBRATING?

All classes whose graduation year ends in "1" or "6" and the first-year out and senior classes. This includes: 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2000 and 2001.

## WHO'S PLANNING MY CLASS EVENT?

It could be you! Each reunion class forms a committee to organize class-specific events in addition to the weekend's all-alumni activities. Call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 410/857-2296 or e-mail reunions@wmdc.edu to get involved.

## WHERE WILL I STAY?

It's not too early to make reservations. Rooms have been blocked at the following Westminster hotels:

Best Western  
(formerly Comfort Inn)  
1-800-528-1234  
Boston Inn  
1-800-634-0846  
Days Inn  
1-800-336-3297

## WHERE WILL I PARK?

The college annually hosts large events and is adept at handling parking for large groups. Shuttle buses from Westminster hotels will be provided, as well as on-campus transportation.

## WHO'S INVITED?

Reunion Weekend is being planned for alumni who are celebrating a reunion. However, any alumnus who would like to attend events is welcome to register.

go because he had total hip replacement in January. Stanley and wife Churalene have moved to Heritage Harbor in Annapolis.

**Bill Clem** and Churchill McKinney were married on Jan. 14, 2000. She was previously at the University of Miami School of Medicine and is now a full professor of medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Their "honeymoon" included attending immunology conferences in Hawaii and Australia in June and July. Bill continues as professor and chairman of Microbiology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**Kathryn Chamberlin Flanagan** was pleased to be able to take in the Bach 250th Anniversary Festival in Leipzig in July. She also attended the annual Prague Musical Festival in May—two wonderful concerts each day. Kathryn lives in Kermorran, France, in north Brittany.

**Bill Tribby** plans to be at our reunion and has offered to help with it. He retired from the North Carolina School for the Arts in the summer of 1999. While reserving sufficient selfish time to stay in trouble, he is serving as a volunteer at Grenier Children's Hospital as a board member and volunteer with AIDS Care Service and as a founding board member for GLSEN Winston-Salem. He is even getting paid for work with the Keenan Institute for the Arts. Bill's wife Sylvia retired from Summit School.

**Dick '55 and Joanne Sielher Durst** plan to spend Thanksgiving in Sanibel, where sons Steve and Jeff will join them and then head north for Christmas. Dick had bypass surgery last July, and Jo was amazed at the strides they have made as he was only in the hospital for five days. In June they got together at the beach with Jim and Kaye Phillips Jones.

**Marilyn MacLennan Baumeister's** mother died in May 1998. All three of her grandsons are doing well. Their parents are getting a workout with their rambunctious pre-schoolers.

**Jack Morton** still enjoys being fully retired after seven years of part time. He returned to Hagerstown to attend church where the interim pastor is **Harold "Pete" Posey '55**, who lived next door to Jack in McKinstry. They had an enjoyable luncheon reunion. He still goes to St. Petersburg Beach in the winter, has two antique cars and collects old (pre-war) trains. Recently he built a radio-controlled boat that the grandkids also enjoy. He is looking forward to the reunion.

**Marilee Hodsdon Quesada** and **Charles Luttrell** enjoyed spending a week in London and a week in Paris last March. Charlie is playing lots of tennis, a little golf and a few hours in the gym each week. His four grandsons are all doing well, and he has the oldest two on the tennis court. He wants to thank all who sent gifts to WMC this year.

**Nancy Pennypacker Howard** and husband Ron traveled to Austria in February as Ron is an avid skier. They enjoyed Innsbruck and Salzburg. Their children and grandchildren from

Missouri visited them for three weeks in July. They spent a week in Ocean City since the grandchildren love the beach. Nancy continues to work for the Carroll County Public Schools two days a week as a career counselor.

**Dick Batters** lost his beloved step-daughter Denny in July from cancer. She was 48, a teacher in Montgomery County and had her master's from George Washington University. Her two sons will be with Dick and his wife Mary now. Charles will be going to the University of Maryland and Rick to Montgomery College. Our sympathy goes to Dick and his family as this was

## Kathleen Holt '56 was to sing in the Berkshire Choral Festival in Austria.

such a sad loss to all of them.

The beginning of 2000 started the second year of retirement for **John Batista**, **Suzanne Dorsey '55** and **John** have been so busy that they don't remember when they had time to work. During February and March they traveled to Florida and South Carolina and met the Urquharts and Edingtons in Beaufort, S.C. Then they went to New Hampshire to visit their son and family who just moved back to Ohio. Then onto Suzanne's 45th reunion at WMC. While in the area they visited with friends and their son Mike and family who now live in Skyville. In July they had a reunion with all of their family at Bethany Beach, Del. John enjoys staying in touch with **Walt Sanders** and **Dave Edington '59** by e-mail and planned to get **Gus LaMar '55** and me online soon. I must admit that e-mail opens up a whole new adventure.

**Howard and Barbara Hunt** devote most of their time to their four children and 13 grandchildren. Howard still enjoys working part time for Nova Southeastern University, coordinating their program in eastern Pa., Del., N.J., N.Y. and Long Island. Howard looks forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

**Bob and Marilyn Hazelp '59 Green** are staying close to home for most of 2000 as Bob stays busy as the president of the Hilton Head chapter of the Retired Officers Association and Lyn is captain of the tennis team. They did take a trip to Spain and Portugal in January and went to the annual family reunion on the Eastern Shore over the Fourth of July holiday. They are planning to travel more in 2001, but Bob at times wonders why, as Hilton Head has so much to offer.

**Kathleen Holt** is beginning to get used to retirement. She says there is more time for golf and choral rehearsals. She was looking forward to singing with the Berkshire Choral Festival in Salzburg, Austria, this fall and expected to extend the trip for sightseeing. Cleaning out her office



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containing 40 days of "stuff" was not easy.

**Don '53 and Barbara Hoot Stanton** have been enjoying their retirement from Oglethorpe University a year ago. They had planned to travel and see more of their families and combine the two when possible. The summer of 1999 included trips to the Canadian Rockies with one daughter and grandson and to see family in Fairfax, Va., Lancaster, Pa., and Charlotte, N.C. Then they met with old friends for an Alaskan cruise and visited with Don's sister in Anchorage. This year they travel to Florida with a Bahamas cruise and to Israel and Egypt with their older daughter. They were in Hawaii with their son's family before they departed for Nova Scotia this summer. They have added to their home at Lake Janaluska, N.C., and they appreciate each day in their great community and mountains. They would enjoy hearing from alumni in the area.

Last December the **Carroll Sun** reported that after 20 years this would be the last year that **Fairy Frock Flickinger** would play the organ at the annual Advent/Christmas concert at Grace United Church of Christ in Taneystown. The program has grown over the years and last year they had 40 people representing 17 churches. This was also the last concert for the choir director, Anna Mott.

**Charles '54 and Charlotte Davis Wheatley** went on a 40-day trip around the world to locate new cancer testing for Charles' company. They went to 10 countries and 20 cities, crossed the international dateline, equator, oceans and visited five continents. They saw many wonderful places and people. They enjoyed Israel, Egypt, Greece, China, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, Germany, Australia and New Zealand. Charles has been serving as president and CEO for Cellworks, a biomedical company that provides a blood test for circulating cancer cells. Charlotte is teaching part time at a business school. They are enjoying their married children and their spouses (five of whom are WMCers) and five grandchildren. Charles and they are both busy, healthy, happy and couldn't ask for more than that.

**Kathryn Mehl Miller** can't believe that soon she will be 45 years out of WMC. She doesn't feel any older, maybe just a bit wiser. Last July she had a wonderful trip to Seattle for a reunion with two women friends, and they solved all of the world's problems ("Kidding, of course"). Kay was going to New York City, and then in January she will spend six weeks in Hawaii. Kay lives in San Jose, Calif., and son Steve has bought a condo there, where he lives with his partner.

**Jon '55 and I** had a busy year. Last January we unexpectedly bought a condo four miles from our home, sold our house in two days and were moved in by March. Even though it was hectic downsizing, the timing was right and we are quite happy and fortunate to again have great neighbors. Earlier we were able to get in a very enjoyable trip to San Diego where we had

delightful weather, enjoyed the famous San Diego Zoo, Coronado, La Jolla and San Juan Capistrano. For Christmas we did something different and spent it at Disney World with Mickey and Minnie, and my daughter Susan and her husband.

I hope that all of you have put May 4-6, 2001, on your calendar to celebrate our 45th reunion together. There will be two main events on Saturday, May 5, for our class only. The reception and dinner should be lots of fun as we reminisce and catch up on each other's lives. See you there!

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**1961** This year more than half of my replies came via e-mail. Who would have thought 40 years ago that so much of what we do today would be via computer? Which brings me to our 40th reunion weekend, which is May 4-6, 2001. Hope to see you all there.

In case you missed it in the spring 2000 issue, **Brenda Stevens Meyer's** husband **Jynn '58** passed away on Sept. 30, 1999, from A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig's disease). According to Brenda, he handled the disease with humor and grace, and she likened him to Morrie in the book "Tuesdays with Morrie," which she recommends reading. The many friends they made at WMC were there for support: "Truly lifetime friends through thick and thin—angels from God." While her job with Becton Dickinson keeps her focused and happy, Brenda is also dealing with assisting her parents in giving up independent living following her dad's neurosurgery after a fall. Brenda's sons and two grandsons live in Maryland, near her home in Sykesville.

**Eleanor White Brown** also sent sad news. Her husband **John** passed away on April 17, 2000, following two strokes and spending the last two months of his life in hospitals and nursing centers. Eleanor lives in Timonium and is looking forward to our reunion, as are many other classmates who wrote.

"We always knew that she was a great teacher, but now she has been recognized by the education community!" That was from **John W. 'Jack' Fringer Jr.** on **Barbara Horst** being one of 20 private and public educators named as winners of *The Washington Post's* 17th annual Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Awards, given to teachers "who have shown initiative, creativity and an exceptional degree of professionalism." Nominations came from colleagues, students and parents. Barbara said she was overwhelmed and that it was an awesome and exhilarating experience. Barbara teaches 11th-grade English at Patuxent High School in Calvert County. She plans to retire after this year. For the New Year's weekend, Jack and Barbara, daughter **Julie Fringer Palekas '84**, son Craig, and their spouses and children (total of

10) piled into a rented 15-passenger van to travel from Maryland to Gainesville, Fla., to ring in 2000. They also attended the Jan. 2 baptism of **Scott Fringer '90** and Kelly's twins, Connor Matthew and Gage Wilkes, born Sept. 21, 1999, two months premature. In her July note, Barbara reported that the twins are growing and flourishing. Julie and her family are scheduled for reassignment in spring 2001 and expect to move from Springfield, Va., to Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Al Katz** wrote in July that after one week of retirement he loves it already. He is volunteering for his life partner Helen at Stella Maris Hospice in Timonium. She is coordinator of volunteer and bereavement services. Al also volunteers at the Baltimore Zoo. They took a trip to Alaska and hope to do a lot more traveling. Daughter **Lisa** still works in Los Angeles as a lighting designer for Disney. Daughter **Mara** is coordinator for domestic violence and hot spots programs in the mayor's office on criminal justice in Baltimore. **Joan Hesson Myers** retired in 1994 after teaching for 30 years in Carroll County schools. She has been church organist and choir director for over 30 years. She enjoys activities with husband **Jim**, sons **John** and **Jeff** and their wives, and five grandchildren, ages 3 to 9. She also enjoys gardening, sewing and traveling.

In June 1999 **Doris Simmons Sandoval** retired after teaching for 38 years in the Montgomery County school system. Husband **Pete** retired last November from the Howard County school system, where he was an administrator. Doris continues to work part time as a full service stockbroker with Ferris, Baker Watts, Inc. in Columbia. They sold their home in Columbia and are living in their Bethany Bay condo in Delaware until their dream house on White's Creek is finished. After their late summer vacation, they began volunteer work for the church in the fall.

From Columbia, Mo., **Connie Arvin McCallum** joined the education department at Columbia College. **Bob** is still assistant dean for student programs at University of Missouri Medical School. Daughter **Kathleen** is the manager of Streetside Records in Kansas City, and daughter **Karen** is the English instructor at the University of Missouri Columbia High School.

In October 1999, **Don and Judy Ellis '60 Rembert**, along with **Tony and Rhea Ireland Willes**, hosted a gathering of more than 40 WMC 1959-1963 alumni in Dewey Beach, Del. **Bill Moore** and his wife served whole lobsters as their special contribution. Don is working with the alumni office to plan our reunion and make it a well-attended affair. The Remberts live in Reston, Va., as do the Willes. The Moores live in Rehoboth, Del. **Goodwin and Chris Beckner** Boner spent five weeks this summer on a trip to France, Switzerland, Germany and Austria, with one of the highlights being the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Living in Sykesville, Goswin still drives a school bus while **Chris** is an

instructional assistant.

**Patricia 'Pat' Lakin Lemkuhl** is in her 40th year of teaching. Since she enjoys her students, she has not yet made the decision to retire. Taylor still volunteers at school by teaching photography, matting artworks and setting up exhibits. Daughter **Yvette** and **Kevin** built a new house on the farm and are parents of Hunter, 5, and Hadley, 2. Pat and Taylor enjoy having them close to their home in Boonsboro, William, 4, is the son of daughter **Yvonne** and **Russ**, who live in Oakton, Va. He enjoys coming to the country to stay with Mom and Poppy, and to play with his cousins.

The Lemkuhls spent a weekend last spring with **Richard 'Dick' and Jean Jeffrey Carter** and enjoyed reminiscing with an old yearbook. **Dick** and **Jean** live in Bryn Mawr, Pa., in a wonderful 125-year-old stone house which they are restoring. They are happy to be back near their married children, Heather and Richard, and three grandchildren. Theatre, travel and an acre of gardens will keep them quite happy as retirement approaches.

From Baltimore, **Charles 'Chuck' Bernstein** says practice of law is still fun but demanding. He is trying to get enough time off to spend more time riding his bike.

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*While in Japan, Gary Tyeryar '61 collaborated with a poet and published a book as a result.*

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from **Baine Yates** in Snow Hill: "All quiet on the Eastern Shore."

**Sue Garretson Daniel** hopes to be fully retired in about two years. That is how long she and husband **Jim** expect it to take to finish the present case load for his law firm. Sue has been his office manager since 1978. Youngest son **Tom** has taught English in Japan for two years. Sue plans to meet him in April and travel with him to China. Daughter **Jenny** was married in November 1999. Her husband already has a son, **Matthew, 9**, the Daniels' only grandchild. Oldest son **Doug** was conferred a Ph.D. in mathematics by the University of Tennessee and joined the faculty at Wake Forest University. Now that Sue and Jim have both lost their parents, they are beginning to respect the "silver" years.

**Lloyd 'Jerry' Brown** is enjoying his retirement so far. There is no end of things to be done, and there is always a project in his woodworking shop. He has four "bright and healthy" grandchildren. During the past two summers he helped a friend build a log cabin in West Virginia in beautiful mountainous country where he had the best water he had ever tasted. He hopes to get to Minnesota to visit an old friend next year. Jerry lives in Leonardtown.



From Englewood, Fla., **Jim Brown** keeps busy with tennis, swimming and singing. He even bought a basketball to learn how to play the game. In April, Jim and Linda traveled to Wilmington, Del., to celebrate his mother's 90th birthday. In May and June, they had visits from both sons and three granddaughters, who are all less than 3 years old.

Two weeks in eastern Europe, a tour in Grenada, a tour of Idaho, Durango, New Mexico and Italy. Those are the recent travels of **Ozzie Stewart** and his wife Aimee. Ozzie also keeps busy taking classes at Muhlenberg and Cedar Crest colleges. Daughter Dina and two grandchildren live in Dix Hills, Long Island. Since Ozzie lives in Allentown, Pa., they visit often.

**Gerald "Jerry" Bluehorn** and his wife spent most of March and April cruising the Greek Isles and touring Greece, Turkey and Egypt. The rest of the time he goes daily around Diamond Head and Waikiki with swimming afterwards. Sundays he hikes in the mountains with the Sierra Club and

## Lloyd "Jerry" Brown '61 helped a friend build a log cabin in West Virginia.

the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club. He restored a '79 Mustang Indy pace car, and his next big project will be remodeling his kitchen and bathrooms. A warm "aloha" from Honolulu to Class of '61 friends.

To celebrate their 40th anniversary, **Clarence "Jack" '58 and Malinda Burgess Fossett** took their families on a cruise in July to Grand Cayman. Their two children and spouses and two grandchildren went along for a great family week. Jack is working less, and they hope to travel more. They still see lots of WMCers in their area (they live in Potomac) and some from out of state.

Also in July, **Don and Nina Linzey** took a three-week vacation to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. On July 21, his textbook "Vertebrate Biology" was published. It is for college-level courses in vertebrate natural history, vertebrate biology and wildlife biology. Each year, Don must make three one-week trips to Bermuda as principal investigator for a long-term project looking for reasons for the declining amphibians. The project which was begun in 1995 involves parasite identifications; soil, water and tissue analyses for pesticides and heavy metals; acid rain studies; and pathological and immunological studies. In the Great Smoky Mountains he is in charge of all mammal work for the 15-year all taxa biological inventory currently underway. This project attempts to discover all species that occur in the park; i.e., protozoans, fungi, plants, insects, fish, amphibians,

reptiles, birds, mammals, etc. It will produce a web page for each species with information on range, relative abundance, ecological niche, associated species and other data. It will also have photos, video and audio of many species. If interested in volunteering, contact Don. In 1992, he organized the Blue Ridge Highlands regional science fair, and he continues to serve as the director. Each year there are 200-225 projects from seventh through 12th grades in 12 counties. He and Linda accompany the two top students and their teachers to the International Science and Engineering Fair, this year in San Jose, Calif. This is Don's 13th year as professor of biology at Wytheville Community College in Wytheville, Va. In October 1999 he was named Virginia Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He and his wife have developed two online human anatomy and physiology courses for the Virginia Community College system. Their home in Blacksburg, Va., is on 35 acres in the mountains with deer, turkey, foxes, raccoons and songbirds, and a one-acre pond with fish, ducks and geese. He invites any WMC alumni traveling in the area to make contact and visit. "Other than this, I don't do much!"

Greetings from Herring Golding. **Jim '60 and Peg Horrell Golding** bought a country home near the mountains in Bonnie near Jim's work with HCJB World Radio moved them to the area. They love it.

**Ann Weller Norvell** enjoyed a relaxing weekend after daughter Susan got married in June. All five grandchildren are doing well.

**George and Judy Vargo** are happily settled in their new house on Marco Island, Fla., and are enjoying retirement. Their first grandchild, Madelyn Rose Varga, was born April 2, 2000. She is beautiful and already quite obviously a genius.

As soon as school let out in May, **Gary and Marcia Will Tysar** traveled to Europe for three weeks, moved most of their time in countries and areas which were behind the old Iron Curtain. Gary also took a day-long excursion to Auschwitz and Berkenau concentration camps to gather information for a class he teaches. In July, Gary went on a UMC Volunteers in Mission trip to help refurbish a boarding school and orphanage in Pyatigorsk and carry financial and material help to the church in Stavropol, Russia. Marcia remained at home and visited their mothers. As one who has felt that teaching should be his primary thrust, Gary did have time while in Japan to collaborate with a Japanese poet. The resulting book was published in early 2000. Daughter Karen will receive her master's in reading supervision from Shenandoah University in December. Her children are ages 4 and 1. Daughter **Kristen '88** graduated from the University of South Dakota School of Law in May. Gary and Marcia live in Harrisonburg, Va.

Also still in the academic world is **Lorena Stone**. She has been promoted to vice president for academic affairs at Wesley College in Dover, Del. It is quite a challenge and she loves it, but now has to work summers. For fun with antiques and collectibles, she has a little space in an antique mall in Lewes but just not enough time to really put into it. "Maybe after I retire ..." Lorena has five grandchildren now. Lore and her family of Michaela, 4, Zachary, 2, and Christopher, 6 months, have moved to Chicago, where Michael is beginning a Ph.D. program in Eastern Orthodoxy. John and his family are still on the farm in Frederick County. He works at Space Telescope in Baltimore, and Lorena's podiatry practice continues to grow. Their children are Carson, 3, and Clarissa "Clair," 1. Lorena lives in Bethesda, Md.

**Marvin "Bud" and Sondra Nystrom** have lived for five years in Montgomery, Ala., where Sondra is entering Alabama Reading Initiative, a tutoring reading program where they work with second graders to have them all reading at grade level by third grade. The trainer is a true professional, and the materials are exceptional. It is a challenge which she hopes works. Last October, she attended the Women's International Conference at Crystal Cathedral, an exciting experience. In September, Bud and Sondra spent 12 days in the lower part of Sweden looking for and at her grandparents' homestead and archival records.

**Boa Ackerman Sherill's** temporary secretarial assignment ended in August, giving her plenty of time to love (not spoil) their newest grandchild. Middle daughter Bonnie and her husband Karl welcomed Timothy Charles Soistman on Aug. 11. Big sister is Megan, 3, except for a May trip "downy ocean, hon" and an October excursion to the Virginia mountains, the Sherills stay close to home and quite busy in Forest Hill.

At the occasion of **Bev Schott Myers' '60** 40th reunion at WMC, Jon and the Beverly and Jon Myers Scholarship for students majoring in either biology or sociology and based on merit as well had an article on them. Jon and Bev spend summers in Vail, Colo., hiking, biking and playing tennis and Bridge and two months in the winter skiing. The rest of the year they reside in Owings Mills, Md. Their sons and five grandchildren are doing well. The oldest son Jeffrey is now writing the dissertation for his doctorate, having passed the oral exam. His family, including two of Jon and Bev's grandchildren, lives in New Hampshire. Their middle son Michael's investment advisory business and fund management operation continues to grow. He lives in Baltimore, so they get to see lar basis. The youngest son David is setting up a winery, actually called a meadery since the wine is made from honey, in Boulder, Colo. Jon's new news

is that his dad, the founder of London Fog, passed away on Dec. 26, 1999. An article about him appeared in October 2000 in *Fortune: Small Business* magazine.

**Martha Woodward Davis** is back in the classroom at Berkeley Preparatory School after spending weeks working on sixth grade advisor and teacher duties. She plans to teach for several more years. We had dinner with Martha and Dick shortly before she left for Alexandria, Va., to spend June with daughter Heather, husband Tom and Henry Lee, grandchild number five. He was born on Feb. 29 with some lung problems because he was six weeks premature, but he is doing well now. At the end of June, Dick and Chris (their 10-year-old grandson who lives in Lakeland) flew up to Alexandria, and they all returned to Tampa on the auto train. Chris spent July with them, attending a program at Berkeley during the day. Dick continues to play a good deal of Bridge and some golf.

In Herkimer, N.Y., **Jim and Lou Matousek** continue to be active with community, church, conservation and family members. In June they went to Tadoussac in Quebec to study whales and local culture/archaeology. It was also a great opportunity to practice their French since no other language is spoken. In September they spent three weeks in Alaska on a combo land and inside passage cruise. In April 2001 they are booked for a two-week visit to Munich, Prague, Budapest, Auschwitz, Krakow and Vienna.

**Ted and Sue Wheeler Goldsborough** are happy that daughter Jenny and her Japanese husband, Keishi are living in Potomac for a few years. Keishi is the vice principal of a language school for the children of Japanese diplomats and other professionals in the D.C. area. It is only a three-hour drive from Bala Cynwyd, Pa., so there is a lot of visiting back and forth.

**From Roanoke, Va., Lawrence "Max" Beyer** has slowed down a bit. He is financial manager for the regional Head Start program. Penny continues as a seniors programs coordinator. Jeff, Karen and Mike, and their families are located close to coast from New York City to Dallas, San Diego. There are 9 boys and a rose. "Between jobs, church, community activities, family and travel, Max and Penny stay busy. They have taken annual cruises, visiting Hawaii and the Caribbean, and a Mississippi paddlewheel trip. Next year they will go to Egypt and the Middle East.

In summer 1999, **Judy Kerr** and **Wally Sizer** traveled to Ireland with friends, then spent a couple of days each in England, Brussels and Amsterdam before going to Germany to visit their goddaughter and her family. This summer found Judy at Towson State University and Wisconsin College of Missions leading the United Methodist Women's School of Christian Missions study "Children of Africa." She was also on the leadership team for the Dakotas Five Day



# CREATIVE BUZZ

## BOOKS



### Grandma's Wartime Kitchen: World War II and the Way We Cooked

Joanne Lamb Hayes '61  
St. Martin's Press, Inc., 2000

This look at women on the home front in the 1940s includes more than 150 classic recipes (updated for today's kitchens) along with anecdotes, advertisements, advice and archival recipes. With tips on substitutes for rationed sugar, stretching staples, baking for the troops abroad, and government food rules and ration books, Hayes highlights a unique and defining period in American history through a portrait of the contributions of the women who stayed behind.

Available at [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com), [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and local bookellers.

### Vertebrate Biology

Donald Linzey '61  
McGraw Hill, 2000

He's done it again. Another comprehensive text on the natural world—this time vertebrate biology, written in a student-friendly style with practical taxonomy, behavior and historical detail, and material on wildlife and protection laws and conservation.

Available from McGraw-Hill Higher Education at 1-800-338-3987.



### The Genealogical Register of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence

Rev. Frederick W. Pyne  
(and Ann R. Pyne MED '68)  
Picton Press, 1997-2000

Pyne has compiled the first register ever published of all known descendants of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. This massive, seven-volume genealogical work has been in preparation for a decade, and Pyne's wife, Ann MED '68, has been his right arm in much of the work.

Available from Picton Press, P.O. Box 250, Rockport, ME 04856-0250.



Walt Michael '68 (second from left) & Company

### Dear Principal

Betty Dixon Moreland '49  
Independent, 1999

After 40 years in the school system, 28 as an elementary school principal, Moreland retired with a bundle of funny episodes, stories and slip-ups that she had been tucking away in her desk drawer. She turned them into a self-published book of schoolhouse humor.

Available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), P.O. Box 255, Galesville, MD 20765, 410/867-0459 or email [MBDMoreland@aol.com](mailto:MBDMoreland@aol.com).



## MUSIC

### Live in Scotland: Legacy

Walt Michael '68 & Company  
The Tradition Bearers, 2000

Recorded in concert at Dean Castle in Kilmarnock Scotland, this CD captures the quartet in top form, with Evan Stover on fiddle, guitar and mandolin, Frank Orsini on fiddle viola and vocals, Tom Wetmore on bass, and Walt Michael '68 on hammered dulcimer, guitar and vocals. Michael says the twin fiddling must be heard to be believed. The recording has been included among some of the UK's finest traditional artists on The Living Tradition series.

Available at [www.waltmichael.com](http://www.waltmichael.com), 410/857-2771 or write to Walt Michael & Company, Common Ground on the Hill, Western Maryland College, Westminster, MD 21157.

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Academy for Spiritual Formation. In August they visited Judy's siblings and some of their children and grandchildren in Denver, then drove west to see the Oregon coast. They enjoy seeing and photographing lighthouses. Judy and Wally live in Moorhead, Minn.

**Fred Dilkes** still loves "professing" accounting each fall at the University of British Columbia. Fred and Sharon spend spring, summer and early fall at their home in Vancouver and winter in Palm Springs, Mexico or Phoenix. Their grandchildren visit frequently. They have wonderful memories of the mini-reunion with friends, teachers and coaches during the weekend in November 1998 when he was inducted into the WMC Sports Hall of Fame.

From Frederick, **Jane Williams Ward** notes that when their triplet grandchildren moved to Iceland, their stress level went down. It goes back up again when they come to visit. Her activities are mainly sewing, crafts and genealogy.

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**Mike** and **Ursula Bird** made their move to Sun Lakes, Ariz. Mike feels like a kid in a candy store with 14 tennis courts, four swimming pools, 27 holes of golf (he doesn't play yet) and a clubhouse with restaurants and other amenities right across the street from their new home. They spent the summer in Colorado Springs where Mike taught the summer session. Son Chris married Kelly on Memorial Day in Ocean Springs, Miss. Their wedding was on a big lawn backing up to a beautiful bayou, with lots of great jumbalaya, gumbo and crayfish. They met when Kelly was teaching elementary school in Dallas and now live in Redondo Beach (L.A.), Calif., where Chris is in health consulting with Deloitte Touche. Daughter Andrea moved to Tucson in January and was there long enough for her and Mike to play tennis together and reach the semi-finals of a national father-daughter tournament in Salt Lake City. Now she is in Taiwan for two years where her husband Craig is in charge of a major project for ADP Marshall. For some fun economics, Mike recommends "The Fatal Equilibrium" by Marshall Jevons, a thriller with economics painlessly integrated into a novel. He used it in the microeconomics class he taught this past summer. "I'm not sure what Ralph Price would have thought of that!"

"We are traveling more and more and loving it more and more. We stop at home to visit with friends and care for family." At the end of July, Doug

and **Carolyn Powell Walking** had just returned from a two-week trip through Switzerland with **Judy Meredith Reichard Magnusson**. The Walkings live in Rockville.

**Mernette Houk LeFevre** retired in January and Chuck has cut back, hoping to retire completely by the end of the year. Living in Davenport, Fla., they play a lot of golf and just enjoy the Florida sunshine.

"If retirement is a time to enjoy new things that work precluded, then I'm retired. If it's having loads of time on your hands, then I'm not." **Beth Butler Sansbury** has three contracts with different parts of the agency which she juggles to have some free time. After an intensive six-month training course in Asian art history, she passed her qualifying tour to be a docent at the Sackler and Freer Galleries of Asian Art (part of the Smithsonian). Prior to starting her docent training, she and Dave vacationed in Turkey in June 1999. They started with five days in Istanbul, then a drive along the Aegean stopping at the major archaeological sites, including Troy, Pergamon and Ephesus, and ending at a luxurious hotel overlooking the harbor and crusader's fort in the town of Bodrum. In August, Beth met younger daughter Lori at Pompeii where Lori was doing an archaeological field school. Afterwards they spent a couple of weeks touring Sicily. Daughter Kerry is working on her M.A. in Education at Towson University.

**Joanne Lamb Hayes** wrote that the big news at her house was the marriage of her daughter Claire on Sept. 2, 2000. As a free-lance writer in New York City, Joanne is doing something different all the time. She edited a single-issue magazine, *Woman's Day Holiday Baking*, which was on the newstands Oct. 31. Her book "Grandma's Wartime Kitchen" came out Oct. 1. She does a two-hour syndicated radio show for Talk-America that is on 12:00 to 2:00 daily. In areas where it is not on a local station, it is on computer at [TalkAmerica.com](http://TalkAmerica.com).

**Vernon "Bob" Ripperton** "promoted" to REP at Glade Valley Golf Club, where he sets up the games for the seniors. Bob says MISGA is a lot of work but a lot of fun, too. He and Mae Retha enjoy going on the MISGA golf outings. Grandson Ryan, 3, the son of Rick '91 and Teresa, is instant joy. Little sister Elena Louise arrived Aug. 3, 2000, weighing 7 lbs. Bob enjoys fishing and handyman and yard work.

**Al and Nancy Smith Stewart** moved to Marion, N.C., where they are building their dream house on the lake. While they are struggling with the construction and all the decisions involved, they figure their priorities are in order since they already have the boat and the dock. They now have a fifth grandchild and have been to Phoenix to see her. Their godson, Scott Holter, was married Sept. 25, 1999, in Pueblo, Colo. Scott is the son of John and Diane Kanak '82 Holter. Ken and Joanne Moffitt '82 Gill also attended the wedding.

No big news here. Most of our trav-

eling this year has been family-oriented, i.e., to North Lauderdale for daughter-in-law's surgery in May, grandchildren's birthdays in June and August and Wilmington, Del., in September.

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**1965** Thanks to all who answered for news in our reunion column. As always, I have enjoyed reading your news.

After working for a newspaper for 20 years, **Connie Bue Schlee** retired to pursue her art. She works part time at an upscale gallery while painting in watercolor and selling her work. She is also enjoying her first grandchild, Cory Mathew, born Dec. 3, 1998. She traveled to Europe in the summer of 1999 and took 1200 pictures to use for future paintings.

**Susan Snodgrass Case** retired from teaching sixth grade and now works for WMC as a supervisor for student teachers. The job is flexible and gives her time to spend volunteering. Her daughter Sarah gave birth to their first grandchild Anna. Sarah and her husband live in Silver Spring. Her daughter Lauren and her husband live close by in Washington, D.C. Sam '83 continues to enjoy teaching and doing research.

In the winter and spring, Susan and **Rob Robertson** took some long weekend trips to attend custom knife shows in cities across the country as Rob has become a serious collector. He traveled to the Bahamas twice on business and was able to stay on Paradise Island in the Atlantic. Another long weekend last summer took them to New Orleans for another knife show and antiquing. In October they spent three weeks driving through the Southwest, including Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. Rob continues to practice law in Howard County, Md. He encourages classmates to visit his web site at [roblaw.com](http://roblaw.com)

## Ben Laurence '65 is restoring the homestead where he was born, which dates back to the late 1800s.

**Bo Knepp** is in excellent health and spirits and is the only classmate to describe his job as "a total gag." After being laid off from his writer job and goofing off for four months, he is teaching Spanish to young children at a private school in Middlebury. Though he wrote me in below zero weather, he must be enjoying life in Vermont. He was excited about his daughter Tanya's wedding and her

adventurous backpacking honeymoon through Tunisia and the Greek islands. The newlives have now taken off for two years in India. Daughter Veronica graduated from Wesleyan University and is exploring medical schools in Europe. Son Dan is doing well at NYU after wandering the wilderness for six years.

**Ed Welch**, of Charleston, W.Va., is in his 12th year as president of the University of Charleston. He was trying to enjoy his sabbatical while the university is constructing a new residence hall.

**Charlie and Barbara Hirsch Owens** are the proud and happy grandparents of Morgan and Mallory Owens, the children of Chris and Bonnie Owens. Charlie and Barbara live in Hanover, Md.

**George Harmeyer** retired from the Army after over 34 great years of active duty. Phyllis and he are back in West Virginia while their son Will finishes high school. George is working as a defense contractor and enjoying retirement.

After living in Saudi Arabia from 1993-1995, **Fran Sybert Barach and Jerry '64** moved to Sarasota, Fla., where they enjoy golfing, tennis, boating and traveling. They ski in Colorado each winter, recently with **Fran and Barry Lazarus '64**. Son Patrick lives in Seattle and works for an Internet company. Daughter Amy lives in New York City and works for the Children's Television Workshop. Jerry retired in 1995.

In the span of five months, **Carole Fey Stank** was blessed with two grandchildren, one to her daughter and one to her son. Carole continues to teach piano, play the organ at church and direct children and adult choirs. She is still fighting cancer and walks with a cane, but in her heart she says she feels as young as she did while at WMC.

**Joan Smith Garvin and Ron Garvin** are in Forest Hill, Md., where Ron is active in the youth wrestling program in Harford County and with the National Auto Dealers of America, which keeps him involved with his other loves—cars and trucks. Joan is a full-time realtor. Both sons are married, one living in South Carolina and one in Oregon. No grandchildren yet.

**Eather Thompson Perne** says hello from Maine where she and her husband Eril Morse are immersed in skiing in the winter and lake life in the summer. Eather is busy as a free-lance writer specializing in resort-oriented publications. Eril spent the 2000 season guiding a blind skier in races across the country. Cassie, 15, an excellent student, was heading to Europe for the summer. Dana, 13, is the athlete and loves fishing. The family enjoys their horses, dogs and cats.

**John Trainor** has been in Memphis for 28 years. His wife Margaret keeps sanity in the house. The kids are grown, gone, successful and raising their families around Frederick, Md. John keeps in touch with **Frank Kidd** in Beantown. He sees **David Selikowitz '63**

in Paris and talked with **Dave Blizzard** '63 up at the Hague. John says it has been a fast-paced schedule with Fed Ex for 27 years. His wife Margaret works with boys and girls clubs, and his Harley keeps John going. He invites folks to write or drop in anytime.

**Colin Thacker** moved back to Illinois in July 1999 and divorced in February 2000. The health department which Colin directs won the prestigious Samuel Crumrine award.

July and **Stan Makover** have been married 36 years. Their three children are all married, and Stan and July have three grandchildren. Stan has been teaching physical education for 35 years in Port Washington on Long Island and will retire in four years. He still runs a day camp in the summer and plays as much tennis as time allows.

**Gil Smink** has been with State Farm Insurance in Littleton, Colo., for 31 years. He and wife Sharon traveled to Germany when their daughter Kelly was married. Kelly is a flight attendant with Lufthansa. Sharon took early retirement from State Farm, and they enjoy frequent trips to Mexico. Gil still enjoys skiing and outdoor life in Colorado.

**Mary Ellen Graybill** says hello to her sorority sisters in Sigma Sigma Tau and wants her classmates to know that she transferred off "the Hill" to graduate from Towson State University. She has become a feature writer and piano teacher, and is still looking for that perfect major.

In June **Ben Laurence** completed 15 years with *USA Today* as vice president of advertising sales. Their third child graduated from Gettysburg College. Ben's big project is the restoration of the homestead where he was born and dates back to the late 1800s. It's their getaway place in the country. He and his wife enjoy spending time with their three grandchildren.

**Harvey Lempert** has been with the Maryland State Highway Administration's real estate division for 30 years and is president of his union chapter. He keeps busy taking care of his ill mother and relaxes with tai chi.

**Gary Colangelo** is in his fourth decade as a dentist and has become the dental director for Carl First Blue Cross Blue Shield. Previously he was in private practice and spent 15 years on the faculty at the University of Maryland. He continues his efforts as an advocate for children's healthcare legislation. His hobbies include sailing, gardening, travel, cooking and computer games.

**Carla Smith Moxon** is still working hard as a physical education teacher. Her husband Rick is a lawyer. They have three children and one son-in-law. They love southern California and enjoy hiking in the local mountains.

**Patricia Mullinix** and Bud have moved permanently to their vacation home near Deep Creek Lake in western Maryland. Bud is enjoying retirement. Pat was fortunate to get a job with the Garrett County schools as coordinator of research and evaluation. They love the rural lifestyle.

**Marjorie Engel** continues as president of the Stepfamily Association of America and is an author, speaker and media consultant specializing in families complicated by divorce and remarriage. Daughter **Beth** '91 is in Baltimore with the Laser Center. Their daughter Jenny was in Newport, R.I. Marge and Steve continue to enjoy sailing and overseas travel.

**Elaine Gardiner Taylor** was disappointed not to be able to attend the reunion since she was spending two weeks hiking in the U.K. In January she completed 30 years of service in the Boulder Philharmonic and is retiring.

Nancy and **Bill Cowden** are living in Williamsport. Mr. Bill still works for Allegheny Power as director of operations. Their daughter Christine is a librarian at UMBC in Catonsville, and Susan is a teacher in Winchester, Va. In late 1999, while watching "The Thomas Crown Affair," Bill immediately recognized his freshman roommate, **Tom Bloom**. Tom's very visible part was near the end of the movie. (Hint: He has a scene on the docks with Rene Russo.)

Bill and **Gordon Bateman** are enjoying an empty nest and spend much of their free time traveling. Their favorite spots are Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Gordon is dean of admissions and enrollment management at Elizabethtown College, where he has worked for 31 years. Jill continues her work as elementary school librarian where she dedicates her energies to inner-city children. Daughter Julie teaches fourth grade in Hershey, Pa. Son Jeff is starting at the Culinary Institute of America.

All is well with **Barb Petschke Broadbent**. She is teaching at Franklin Middle in Baltimore County. **Streott** '41 is director in engineering at Black and Decker. They have been enjoying their summers cruising the Chesapeake Bay in their boat. Their son Ken is living and working in the D.C. area as an industrial engineer for Bright Options. Sandy and her husband Matt live in Eldersburg, Md. Sandy also teaches in Baltimore County.

**Bob and Char-Lou Swenson Dinger** are in San Diego where Bob works at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center as a radar engineer. He hopes to retire in the next year or so. Char-Lou retired from her job as head librarian at the Naval Personnel Research and Development Center but now works part time as a contractor in the library where Bob works. Bob is the U.S. Navy representative on an international radar panel that requires travel to Australia, Canada and the U.K. After Bob's retirement, they plan to move to northern California to be closer to their children and two grandchildren. Two of their three sons are married. Keith, father of Maia, finished up his Ph.D. in seismology at UC San Diego and moved to the San Francisco area. Geoff, father of Andrew, is a firefighter in Mountain View, Calif. Eric is a graduate student in aquatic biology in a desert environment at Northern Arizona University.

Bob's hobbies are mountain biking, hiking and backpacking. Char-Lou's passion is genealogy.

**Carole Price Frederick** retired from teaching music after 31 years. Her son and family live next door and are the "love of my life." Carole enjoys bike riding and playing social and tournament Bridge. She has been known to play Bridge all night. She is working part time editing *WV* manuals, adjudicating choral/vocal features and teaching piano lessons.

**Leabab Winter** has lived in Monroe Bay for eight years. She is on the city recreation and parks commission and is working on adult day healthcare for frail elderly and disabled younger adults. She went to Alaska and cruised the inland passage on a naturalist cruise. Her husband Barry is a psychiatrist in San Luis Obispo.

**Rex Walker** retired as athletic director of West Windsor-Plainsboro High School and is selling real estate on Long Beach Island, N.J.

Pat and **Bonnie Bennett Dyer** are now empty nesters. Their daughter Julie married Eric Clontz on July 3, 1999. They were married by Julie's brother Jeff who is youth pastor at Straudwater Christian Church in Portland, Maine. Bonnie and Pat were to celebrate their 34th anniversary in Maui in July.

**Neal Hoffman** is still practicing law in Westminister. He and Nancy were blessed with their first grandchild, Lindsey, in May 1999. David, Lisa and Lindsey are living in Chicago where David, who is also an attorney, is a CPA. Nancy and Neal are avid Maryland Terrapin basketball fans and last year traveled to Knoxville for the "Sweet 16." They also follow the Orioles and now the Ravens. For pure relaxation, they love the beach. They also enjoy Disney World, where everyone can be a kid once more.

I stay busy as manager of automated systems at the Wicomico County Free Library in Salisbury, Md., where as part of my job I manage an automation consortium that includes Worcester, Somerset and Wicomico county libraries. One of the branches we automated is managed by **Jan Hazelton Bucciarelli** '67. My daughter Julie is in Hagerstown, and son Ben is still in Ocean City. I enjoy gardening and quilting when I have the time.

I hope many of you were able to attend our 35th. I look forward to hearing from you and reporting your news in the next column.

Victoria Weber Greene  
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1966 Greetings. Hope this note finds everyone content and in good health. I really enjoyed hearing from you all.

**Karen "Candy" Clark Criss** enjoys teaching fifth grade, especially science. Her students are having fun raising sea grasses in the classroom and planting them in the Chesapeake Bay. She and her husband have been traveling a lot

to Hawaii for oceanographic research. Son Chad is a senior at Bucknell, and daughter Kelly, '24, is a consultant with KPMG. She lives in Arnold, Md.

**Betsy Murphy Schuele** got back from South Korea in August. She went to an intensive ESL course in Madison, Wisc., during September. She returns to Korea in February, before school starts in March. She loves teaching there—"Every class is like teaching an honors class. But now that I've said that, I'll be bound to meet a class of a different caliber!"

"Contrary to rumors, I'm not running a brothel in Rio, but am happily married to Luciana, a Brazilian singer," writes **Gary Crowell**. They have three children, Julimar, '4, and "Big Fil," 1. Gary is retired, and they live six months in Rio and six months in Hilton Head.

Life is very busy for **Dr. William A. Falkler** and his wife. Their daughters are married, and they are grandparents of twin girls. He teaches at the University of Maryland at Baltimore

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**Bob Scott '66** has a vineyard of over an acre and makes his own wine.

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and has several research grants which call him to travel to many parts of the world, including a recent trip to Nigeria.

After 13 years as a health care and non-profit corporate CEO, **Danny Myers** purchased a national property inspection franchise and has been a home inspector for six years. He has received national awards for three years in a row.

As of October 1996, **Linda Bryson** **Truitt** officially retired from her position as a vocational rehabilitation counselor with the Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services. She spent nearly 28 years providing vocationally related services to persons with disabilities in Cecil County. "It was a most rewarding and challenging career, but it was time to move on." Her husband retired from Daimler Chrysler Corporation in March, and they hope to find the time to pursue her lifelong love of history by traveling. She enjoys time with family and friends, including frequent lunch dates with **Bette Weaver Sanders** '67 and **Mary Lynn Engelbrecht Decker**, and a newly developed hobby—making silk floral arrangements.

**Bruce and Anne Spencer '67** Knowles continue to defy the odds by remaining happily married. They are in their third decade living in Julian (rural southern California), where they have made big local news by fighting with neighbors over the cellular telephone site being installed on their property by Verizon wireless. Ever the capitalists, they are also developing land where they will build a fourplex. Anne enjoys music, gardening and nurturing



her cats. Bruce continues to practice law and search for the Universal Rule of Law. Their daughter Gareth is a project manager for IntelliQuest in Austin, Texas. Son Randall and his wife live in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., where she is a district reading specialist and he teaches while planning his escape to his own business in the private sector. Bruce and Anne continue to travel, having returned home on Aug. 13 from their weekly trip to San Diego (a road trip of 55 miles).

**Dr. James R. Hook** is the superintendent of schools in Calvert County, Md., the state's fastest growing county. The current school year marks his 35th year in the school system as a teacher, coach, principal, director of personnel, director of instruction, assistant superintendent for administration and finally superintendent. He plans to retire at the end of the current term, June 2002. He still spins records at parties like he did for fabulous Bachelor fat parties of the 1960s. In August, he celebrated 33 years of marriage to Bonnie Floyd Hook. Their son Kevin just completed University of

Carroll County General Hospital.

**Paula Cullen Vey** retired from the Bureau of Economic Analysis in July 1999 after 33 years and has been busy ever since. "I don't know how I managed to work and do all the other things that I needed to do. I guess the truth is that I left a lot undone." Oldest son Ian, 25, is doing well. He works in construction and lives close to her, which enables her to see grandsons James, 3, and William, 1. Chad will be 17 in September and has two more years of high school. "One of the pluses of retirement for me is the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom."

**Richard Eigen's** daughter Melissa is entering B. U. Graduate School in communications—following in the footsteps of Tipper Gore and Madonna Lieberman. He started his retirement job coaching the girl's high school team at Newtown High School; they were 13-5 last year.

**James Smith "retired"** from CSX Transportation and is now working for a shortline railroad, Jim and his wife Ann live in the Jacksonville, Fla., area. Their daughter Melinda and son Matthew also live in Florida.

**Trish Stahl Reese** continues as library director at Coyle Free Library in Chambersburg, Pa., her 22nd year in that library system. Husband Ron, after retiring from the State of Pennsylvania as a social worker, is now manager of the Adams County Office of the Association for the Blind. They spend as much time as possible (never enough) in Florida. Daughter Lauren, a Messiah College graduate, works for the Social Security Administration in the Baltimore area, serving Spanish-speaking clients. The Reuses enjoyed lunch in York with **Charlie and Carole Roemer Hickey** in April.

An associate professor of English at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., **Dr. Joyce Neff** was elected Secretary of CCCC, a national professional organization. She married Bob Ake, a chemistry professor at ODU, in 1997. They love to travel and birdwatching—most recently in Santa Fe, Belize and Venezuela. Between them they have three grandchildren.

**Warren and Ann Marling Vose** are doing well. He is still flying for Delta to Europe, Russia and India as a 7678 captain. She works part time at a local bank and runs a kitchen gadget business from home. They have been motorcycling across the country during about 10 weeks of vacation over the past several years. They visited with **Carolyn Jennings Cole** in Altadena this spring. Son Stuart and girlfriend live in Cambridge. "All is well!"

**Irene McGill Finnegan** can't believe how long it's been. Last year she saw two of her three sons married within nine weeks of each other. The first wedding was July 31 in Bear on San Francisco. She and her son Bill then flew to Fairbanks, Alaska, for a much-needed vacation. They are both avid fishermen and birders—a wonderful spot for both activities. They took the train down through Denali Park and then a cruise from Seward to Vancouver. The next

wedding was in October in Bayhead, N.J., much closer to home. After receiving an undergrad degree in Environmental Science, their third son has gone back to get a degree in Elementary and Special Education. They're enjoying the almost empty nest. Summer finds lots of visitors. They're glad they have a garage apartment for the spellers.

**Thomas E. Bageant** retired after being an anesthesiologist for more than 25 years. He has been married to Nancy for 34 years and has two daughters, one married with an 11-month-old son.

**Don and Rebecca Lord Holliday** retired in 1995 and have been busy since. They love their ranch-style home in the woods and are enjoying their grandchildren. They're doing photo collections on PC, and Don is a busy Shriner, enjoying taking kids to Philadelphia's Children's Hospital for free treatment.

**Roger Alder** continues to live in Brooklyn and practice law in Manhattan. His most recent "high profile" criminal case involved defending Polish caviar smugglers arrested for evading U.S. endangered species laws. He and his wife Renee were able to break away for a summer weekend down to Annapolis and a trip across the Bay to St. Michaels.

**Dick and Susan Ambrosen Cody** have just begun a new adventure. They've bought a bed and breakfast in the Berkshires in western Massachusetts. After much research and soul-searching, they decided to leave their corporate jobs in New York City and their dream into reality. So far they love it! "Come see us—Federal House Inn, South Lee, Mass."

**Bill and Barbara Schwartz Sears** are enjoying their retirement from teaching. They now travel in the cooler seasons of spring and fall. She has been ordained an Episcopal deacon for five years, and her parish ministry keeps her busy. She is also a hospital and hospice chaplain, finding the ministries full of joy and very satisfying.

**Bryan and Mary Lee Warren Fisher** retired in January 1999 and love it. She had great little "long time no see" visits with old roomies **Barb Law and Judy Rowe-Antosik** last fall. Recent travels include Alaska, the Panama Canal transit, London and a tour of the British Isles.

**Bob Davis** took early retirement from Conrail in June 1999 after 31 years with the railroad. He and Judy sold their house in Pennsylvania and "It's beautiful out here in the Rockies." They get a lot of snow, 170 inches last season, but they say the sunny, pleasant summers make up for it. He's enjoying retirement, doing a lot of fishing and building a new model railroad. They plan to do a lot of traveling later this year.

**Carolyn Seaman '67 Scott** reports that **Bob** is too modest to tell us he is still straightening teeth after more than 25 years and has done dental missions in Costa Rica, Ecuador and Morocco. "This year he's going with

Operation Smile to Kenya. He also has a vineyard of over an acre and makes his own wine. They sell about 3/4 ton of grapes to Elk Run Vineyards each year. In his spare time, he has developed an independent living retirement community in Manchester for which Carroll County Chamber of Commerce named him "Entrepreneur of the Year."

Life is constantly changing for **Kaye Stevens Thomas**. She and Jim were moving to a new home about one mile from Ocean City, Md. They're leaving their home of 25 years and moving on the water, surrounded by golf courses and no garden. Their daughter had her wedding reception in their garden last summer for 300 people! Jim has been heavily involved as president of the American Consulting Engineers. Plus, he has had his own firm for several other partners. They've traveled all over the U.S. and parts of the world over the past three years and still travel quite a lot. Their son heads up the Discovery truck for Land Rover North America. Their middle daughter is married and is a meeting planner for an engineering association in Washington, D.C. Their youngest daughter is an assistant movie and film producer living in the heart of New York City. Kaye and her husband were married 34 years on August 21. She has never worked since the kids were born but has volunteered for every organization on the Eastern Shore. They hope to be at the reunion and can't believe it's been 35 years!

"I'm guessing my last contribution for news was for our 25th—yikes," writes **Lynne Marck McDonough**. She left the educational field and worked as both a trainer and/or pre-convention coordinator for dissemination service agencies, including the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. In 1994, she went back to university life as conference coordinator for Rutgers University. Busch campus. During that time, her two children, **John Olish II '92** and **Kristen Olish Benjamin '97**, graduated and settled down in Westminster. After 21 years of being single, she married Jack McDonough in 1996 and acquired a big family—five stepdaughters, all married, and 14 step-grandchildren. During a vacation in 1999, they found a great house in Bradenton, Fla., bought it and sold their in New Jersey in eight hours. Jack retired from his management position at Lucent Technologies, she left her job, and in one month they became Florida residents. They are in the Tampa Bay area, 10 minutes from the Gulf of Mexico. They both play golf and enjoy the beach, especially the beautiful sunsets. She volunteers for Meals on Wheels and Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Kristen was married last November. "I would love to see any of my friends from WMC if they happen to visit this area."

The final Navy move from Hawaii to the countryside near Reading, Pa., for Peter and **Lyn Smith Misiaszek** when he retired two years ago. They spend their days singing the

## Lyn Smith Misiaszek '66 and her husband Peter grow and sell hybrid daylilies over the Internet.

Baltimore Law School.

**Jo Ann Henklein McCann** reports she was in Australia for two weeks last year meeting on deaf cultural issues. This summer she was in San Diego, Calif., where her daughter Cathy, a Navy Lt. Commander, was recently married. Her son Ralph, a design engineer for Rehrg International, Inc., and educator/columnist **Trudi Omansky '68** also attended the shipboard wedding. Jo Ann reports that things are really happening at the U.S. Department of Education now that the FCC has mandated video description for television, as well as captioning. Jo Ann is the key person responsible for the department's efforts in those areas.

**Jan Ivins Innes** moved to Cambridge, Mass., to be near her son and his fiancée. She works part time doing marketing on the web and is also a Reiki therapist. In June, her WMC roomie, **Charlotte Twombly Lim** came from Maryland and the two of them spent a long and delightful weekend with **Lyn Peterson Ahern** at the Ahern family's summer home in Rockport, Mass. What a talkfest!

Reporting in from Colorado Springs, Colo., **Joe Brock** is still working for Lockheed Martin, flying satellites for the Air Force and looking forward to retirement and working on his golf handicap in two more years. He has renewed connections with Westminster and visited Baugher's Restaurant a couple of times in the last year since his son is now a doctor at



"old country blues" while they grow and sell hybrid daylilies over the Internet. Her four-year roommate, **Susan Ambrosen Cody**, visited this spring.

**Bill and Mary Lynn Engelbrecht Decker** are still at the same place in Salisbury, Md. Their girls are each married: Becky is in Richmond, Va., and has decided to get another degree at VCU; Emily is in Dover, Del., and is a stay-at-home mom to their first grandson, born in December 1999. Mary Lynn is an especially devoted

## Lawyer Roger Adler '66 recently defended Polish caviar smugglers arrested for evading U.S. endangered species laws.

grandmom and is positive Shawn is the sharpest, most pleasant little boy alive. Bill is IT manager for a small bank on the Eastern Shore and spends a lot of time commuting and commuting. She is still substitute teaching in two local elementary schools. They still get together with **Dave and Peggy Horton**, who have two granddaughters. Dave retired from the Seaford, Del., school district, bought a place in Wrightsville Beach in North Carolina and had a pacemaker installed. Mary Lynn visits with **Linda Bryson Truitt and Doris Weaver Sanders '67** in Dover, Del., at least four times a year. Linda has retired from Vocational Rehab in Elkton, Md., and Doris is working part time in social services in Elkton.

**Hans Himler** retired in June after more than 20 years with Durham County Mental Health and has been busier since retirement. He is still an avid marksman. His wife Dianne continues to work in the library at Duke University. Her spare time is spent writing—her poetry and short articles are published in several small press magazines—as her rife days are pretty much behind her. They look forward to a visit with **Sherriel Mattingly** in October and invite anyone passing through Durham, N.C., to give them a holler.

**Karen Myers Schutz** and her husband spent their time between homes in Albuquerque, N.M., and a lake house in Elephant Butte, N.M. She retired from teaching math in a middle school in 1999 and has traveled to Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Scandinavia since April. One son lives in Mesa, Ariz., and is an engineer for GM Proving Ground, and the other is in Manhattan, Kan., and works for KSU doing research in their vet school.

**John and Nancy Emens** moved to Georgetown last summer. He is president of the Washington region of Allfirst Bank. Their nest is empty except for two golden retriever puppies

acquired just before the move. Their son Chris started a web hosting technology company (SiteSmith) last October in Santa Clara, Calif. He moved to London to "crank up" their European activities. Daughter Lissa graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City in December and is working for CIBC-Oppenheimer as a recruiting coordinator. John returned to campus in November to co-host "Top of the Hill." **Barbara Smith Love and John '65** still live in Clarksville, Md. They recently replaced the roof on the house they built from scratch. Daughter Jessica moved to St. Louis with her husband Eric. Barbara is an assistant director at Howard County DSS. She plans to retire in one year. John is working for Durrett Sheppard.

**Charles "Chuck" Kable** retired in 1995 after 30 years with the CIA. Chuck and Helen enjoyed those years, including 19 overseas. He is working full time as a contractor working on the CIA's declassification program. Their oldest child is a newly minted FBI special agent assigned to San Francisco. Their middle child works with the CIA in Washington and is also a WMC alumna. Their third, their only daughter, is with the Department of State and is currently assisting our embassy in London. Just a little catch up on the **McGoldricks**: I've been working as a PI for quite a long time for retail outlets in the California/Arizona area. Once our daughter went to college, I decided to really try and make a go of this business. Well, it has far exceeded my hopes and now I have no life other than Las Vegas (which I love, don't get me wrong). It has been an exciting ride. Who would have thought I would be so proficient in craps and blackjack at my age! I have contracts with a number of the hotels in Las Vegas and my company does work with employee theft and customer service (somebody has to check those spas out, and it might as well be me). Dan has had three heart attacks, but is doing very well—full recovery with implant of stent. Our daughter Shannon was married last year and lives in Las Vegas with her husband (nice for me since I'm there all the time!).

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**1971** I know you're all just drooling over the prospect of reading the latest juicy tidbits, but first I want to take you back to the first time you really focused on the year 2001. It brings to mind space odysseys (You can still hear that theme music in the background can't you?) ... things ethereal ... talking computers ... spacing out ... the back row of the movie theater ... Whoops, my stream of consciousness is getting away from me here! If you've been feeling a strange draw toward all things WMC lately, then my cosmic messages must be getting through—even to those of you gallivanting

around the galaxy.

**Herb Frantz** appears to be floating out there somewhere. His cryptic message said, "While lost in the ozone for a while, please keep me updated." What in the h... does that mean??? Hey, at least he wrote!

In addition to the free-floating Mr. Frantz, record numbers have checked in, and even more are, I'm sure, making plans to beam down to campus in May for our (GASP!) I can hardly say it!) 30th reunion. ACK! Lucky for us, space travel has kept us all from aging at the same rapid rate as mere earth dwellers. (Yeah, right!)

Class President (not a pretty job, but somebody had to do it!) **Charlie Moore** says we owe him for saving us from having to be prez. He expects us all to put May 4-6, Reunion Weekend, on our calendars right now. Okay, so I put a few words in Charlie's mouth. He did say, "Please put May 4-6 on your calendars."

This is a change for us, accustomed as we are to reunions in the fall. It doesn't get any better than slogging through the mud in that chilly, late October rain. Wait a minute, maybe it does! Reunion Weekend is going to be a GREAT time. Our reunion committee—a scary bunch if ever I saw one—is planning several gatherings for us, and the college has some great stuff on tap as well. If you haven't been on campus lately, you'll love seeing what's new—and what's still the same. (I had lunch there last week and had no idea what I was eating! Sound familiar? I promise the food at the reunion will be recognizable.) And how can you resist the chance to see how little we've all changed in 30 years? That's worth the price of admission.

Now, on to those promised tidbits. First, the "stills." Lest you think we have a bevy of moonshiners amongst us, I will get on with it posthaste.

**Darryl Burns** is still in practice in the "golf capital," Monterey Peninsula, Calif. He says he is still not married, still raising wolves and still dying. Guess this is what passes for boring in California. Darryl was so excited about our reunion that he showed up at WMC last year! He's not sure he can make it again this year, but I'm sure we can convince him.

Spoiled by those dry years in South Dakota, **Jerry Johnson** is still trying to deal with lots of leaves on lots of trees and humidity—even New England humidity? She's still having fun in Children's Services at the hopefully air-conditioned Fitchburg (Mass.) Public Library. Jerry is having a grand time discovering the cultural and literary history of New England.

Over in Medford, N.J., **Jack Hartshorn** is still busy inspecting imported fruits and vegetables. He doesn't say what he's looking for, but when not inspecting, Jack is still playing left field on his church's softball team and still enjoys working on cars and doing yard and landscape work. Wife Kitty is still teaching first grade. Heather graduated from Penn State in May with a B.S. in chemistry and is now at the University of New Haven

working on a master's in forensic science. Sounds like she's taking dad's inspecting skills in a new direction! Andrea will soon be a Penn State alum as well, graduating this year in business administration. Jack and Kitty are getting used to being empty nesters and are planning to start traveling. First trip: Reunion Weekend! Jack says they are looking forward to it.

Got my first missive from the **Carews: Hugh and Sue Ball** are still married after all these years (30 at last count), and he is still with the D.C. Police Department after 28 years. In a similar vein, son Hugh, 25, is with State Department security. Kim, 27, is married and teaches in the Greensboro, N.C., public schools. Sue wins awards for her cross-stitching when not at work in the defense industry. Hugh plans to retire this year and says if "anybody needs a physically fit old guy with lots of experience," they should let him know.

Enjoying the laid back lifestyle and the beautiful scenery, **Susan Schull Anderson** is still in Vermont reveling in all the crafts and learning to make pottery. Kristy is a second-year med student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and Bill is a freshman at Gettysburg College. The Andersons aren't quite empty nesters yet. They still have a 13-year-old at home.

**Tom Sherrard** is still working for the same company in the same job—on Maui! A partnership in a scuola rental/repair enterprise took them to the islands in 1986. When they sold the business in 1991, Tom stayed as a community pharmacist with Waliluku Professional Pharmacy. He stays in touch with **Roy Brown and Shirley Stroup**, who keep him up-to-date on East Coast news (Hey, guys. How about some news for me!) and hopes to see us all at Reunion Weekend. Now, if Tom can make it all the way from Hawaii ...

Reporting that his name is indeed still **Dave**, **Dave Brown** is still assistant editor of the *Germania*, based at Duke University, where he went to grad school. In the "excitement" category, Dave finally got to see Peter, Paul, and Mary in concert. How, he wonders, did they get so old?

**Coe and Jeannie Castle Sherrard** celebrated 29 years together in August, and they are edging closer to that empty nest. Erin started at Virginia Tech this year under the watchful eye of big brother Coe, who knows the ropes as an upperclassman. (In the small world department, I seem to remember that he roomed with **Phil Emmons** (son of one year!) They really don't have much news, says Coe, owing perhaps to the fact that he and Jeannie have no mid-life crises to report. He is still (Yes, he did get that word in!) gainfully employed in the theme park industry, and life is good. I'm sure there are a million stories at Dollywood. Coe is probably just being discreet!

Another one reporting a "relatively boring" year is **Leon Crounce**. He and Betty have been focusing on work. They are about to become surrogate

grandparents. Ho hum. Sounds exciting to me! Now before you try to figure out how that works physiologically, Leon explained that the exchange student from Denmark that they hosted in 1989 is expecting a baby. By the time you read this, the Cronces will be planning their summer trip to Scandinavia to visit and drive over the bridge from Denmark to Sweden. Leon sends a hello to everyone and a special greeting to all Preachers, especially Somezky, Diet, King, Fred K., Ue, Buh, Roker, Tuch, Hunt, et al. Given our age, I hope you guys all remember who you are!

**Kathy Warrenfelz Keeney** says living with eight cats and a dog makes for never a dull moment. A K-5 media specialist, she began her 20th year as an educator. And speaking of excitement, she reports that her house is now mortgage-free! As for the inside of that house—thats where Kathy has constructed technology heaven. Multiple computers, digital cameras

*Mmmm. Chocolate.*

**Donna March Zeller '71**  
works in sensory research  
at the Hershey Tech  
Center. Husband Kent is  
a flavor chemist.

and scanners feed her addiction. If you've had trouble getting in touch, you'll be glad to know she now has a system that lets her know if someone calls while she's surfing the Net. Kathy spent some time in Norfolk at Tech Trek 2000, which she claims is an intensive training program run by PBS for educators. Sounds like a space odyssey to me! Serving as co-director of vacation Bible school and church clerk get Kathy out from behind the keyboard.

**Candy Cooper Fairbanks** is "still alive" and working in the pharmacy department at Wal-Mart in Pinehurst, N.C. She manages to play golf a couple of times a week, but wishes she had more exciting news. This summer she and John made it to West Virginia for a family visit and to Virginia Beach to see the tall ships. John has had a tough time of late, what with pneumonia and shingles. By the time you read this, the Fairbanks hope to have traveled somewhere/anywhere. And they are planning a trip north for—yes, you guessed it—Reunion Weekend.

If you're wandering the Northern Central Railroad bike trail, keep your eyes peeled for **Dorn and Nancy Decker Wagner**. They hit the trails as often as they can, and the Northern Central is their favorite. Sounds like she and Dorn may be headed for the reunion. She asked if a bike rally could be part of the festivities. What do you think? I

bet **Richard Anderson** would be up for it.

Still teaching engineering at the University of Maryland and running Gagnon Engineering, **Bob Gagnon** is completing a textbook on the subject. He is proud to say he completed simultaneous terms as president of three engineering organizations and lived to tell about it. Martha is president of her own firm, Dr. Martha Gagnon & Associates. Daughter **Rebecca Gagnon Tacchetti '88** attended WMC for a year and has since received her master's at American University. She is now married with a 5-year-old of her own, Alana, and works part time for Gagnon Associates. Bob travels a lot for work, but turns trips into vacations at every possible opportunity. He is also looking forward to—yes—the reunion.

She loves it. That's why **Wesley Mummet Michaels** is still teaching math in Anne Arundel County after 30 years. Chair of a department with 14 teachers, she teaches three different classes and does a lot of teacher training. Her oldest daughter graduated from UMBG last year with degrees in math and computer science. She agreed to Viv's offer to teach—as soon as Viv could match the salary she is getting at the Health Care Finance Administration. Despite the frustration of losing good folks to the private sector, Viv isn't thinking retirement yet. She's too busy being a frantic mother of the bride and shepherding her younger daughter through Towson State as an accounting major. Viv says math must be a "genetic thing."

As the news started coming in for this column, a really weird thing happened. I call it the **Pete McGlaughlin '70** effect. **Sue Campbell Davis** wrote that she and **Jeff '70** are still in Garrett County, Md., but are in the process of building further out in the wilderness. Their new land adjoins the Savage River State Forest and their "new neighbors are a herd of deer, several turkeys (after your heart out Pete McGlaughlin!) and a bear or two."

Okay, so we surmise that Pete had a thing about turkeys. Back to the Davis family. Their sons Eli and Zachary are both at West Virginia University while Chelsea is in the eighth grade.

Now one mention of **Pete McGlaughlin** might be overlooked, but read on.

First, an e-mail comes stating: "This is a test. I want to turn myself in but want to make sure this is getting to **Pam Zappardino**, class reporter, and not the FBI." Joy details of **Jody Waters'** life were promised if I responded. How could I resist? Jody's next message asked me to "raise my right hand and repeat: I promise to write the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me Pete McGlaughlin! (a la *Pizza Man*)." Now where did that come from? Either Pete has a great agent or there is something whirling around the cosmos! Anyway, Jody can't believe it's been 30 years.

"Seems like just yesterday we were just frosh in Dr. Stevens' English class." Now there's a flashback for you! After a 24-year career in banking, capped off

as chairman, CEO and president of Mellon Bank (Del.), Jody started Oxford Sailing Charters in 1996 in Oxford, Md. He captains charters on his Pearson '33 sloop, the Cary. After doing it full time for four years, he took a real job—his words, not mine—as a consultant with the Small Business Development Center at the Perdue School at Salisbury State University. He's finding it "scary" to have to get up, get dressed and go to the office every day. (That conjured up a vision of unclothed sloops captaining, but I digress again.) After all of the above, Jody slipped in a little "breaking news." He got married! **Ruth Rhynalds Waters** is the director of group sales for the Harrison Group that owns and operates hotels and restaurants "down the ocean." Jody and Ruth are living right outside O.C. on the Saint Martins River. Sounds like the wedding was a WMC reunion in the air right with **Tom Mavity**, **Bill Westervelt**, **Roy Brown**, **Jim Nopoulos '72**, **Jesse '72**, **Frank Fields '73** in attendance. Jody also talks about a party where **Mike Hunt '72** and his band, the Gonzo Cowboys, were the entertainment. He says, "regardless of the reports to the contrary, Mr. Hunt is a fine musician and singer. And if you don't believe me, ask him!" Jody and Ruth have also done some traveling. Jody swears he up in the clouds when he tried to speak French in France. They also toured a few islands Jody discovered when he was delivering a boat a few years back. He also mentioned that daughter Beth is a Phi Beta Kappa at Mary Washington College, and son Conner is a junior at Salisbury State and working down the ocean. Hmmm. Now that I wrote all of this I noticed Jody's caution that I lock all this info in a vault and only release it after his passing. Whoops. So much for my top secret clearance!

Another newsworthy amongst us is **Dave Clark**. He and Colleen Magrangelo honeymooned on Lake Champlain last summer, right after Dave got his pilot's license.

Speaking of **Bill Westervelt** (I think I was—back there somewhere), he writes that he is doing well. "Wire" and "Hobie" (**Jim Hobart**) are playing this fall made it with their team to the sectional in Virginia Beach. Wire is among the growing horde looking forward to Reunion Weekend in May.

For 27 years **Joe Powell** has survived junior high students as the vocal and music teacher at Oaklyn School in New Jersey. Back in the 1970s he got his master's at Glassboro State College, which has morphed into Rowan University, and in 1989 he had the opportunity to conduct the South Jersey Elementary Chorus. Joe and Linda have been married since 1972. A kindergarten teacher in Philadelphia, "spent many a weekend at WMC." Son Tim graduated from Rutgers and manages a hotel in Orlando. Dan '00 was in the band at Rutgers and the tennis team at WMC, and Adam is at

West Chester University. Joe says the most fun he has "that he can write about" is coaching the boys' tennis team at Collingswood High School, his sons' alma mater. Dan and Adam both played on the team, and Adam was MVP for two years. Joe still plays socially. For those of you who don't believe we can be influenced by the media, Joe reports that he got the fly fishing bug since seeing "A River Runs Through It." He enjoys trying the flies as much as fishing them. Small wonder. Joe says, "I catch more trees behind me than fish in front of me. I got a real nice poplar once, but it got away! Big one, too!" Joe has not toured foreign countries or headed up large companies, but is putting these on his list of things to do. For now, he's just excited to get an e-mail address. He's also looking forward to reading his life story in *The Hill*. His picture appeared as a freshman with alums and their kids, but he says, "They got my name wrong!" Joe says "hi" to the Phi Dels—but don't call him for money! (After all this, Joe told me his life is boring. You be the judge!)

Like Joe, **Marshall Adams** has been in the same line of work for 27 years. While Joe makes music, Marshall makes tea—Bigelow Tea. Despite a wet summer in Connecticut which translates into "little use of the beach and boat, all is well with the Adams family." **Leslie Hohn '73** teaches while daughter Summer is a triple major at Tufts and loves Boston. Tiffany, a high school sophomore, swims and plays centerfield and catcher for the softball team.

All is well in Fallston, too. **Gloria Phillips Wren** reports that her family is "great and busy." Son David is working, and Gloria is obviously thrilled—"Finally! One out!" Erik is in college, and James is a senior in high school. James is the family saxophonist, playing in jazz band, marching band, and heaven knows what else. Gloria says she and Ken mostly work so the kids can play. Sound familiar?

Some of us are changing venues. I don't have news from them, but I know that I mailed words of greeting to **Gene Gresh** in Texas and **Melissa Marton Pecora** in South Carolina.

I do have news from **Dottie Ansell**, who says she and her husband Bill moved from Florida to Oklahoma—on purpose! She sold her publishing and consulting business to the University of Oklahoma and joined the staff of their National Resource Center for Youth Services in the College of Continuing Education. "It was an ideal merger, except for having to relocate to Tulsa." After a year and a half, though, Dottie is getting to like the "wide open spaces of the Midwest. Now if only the oceans would just move a little closer..."

Way back when, **Dan Schenk** decided to complete ROTC. He's a bit amazed that the decision (and a few other things) led to his being promoted to—drum roll, please—Brigadier General. That's one of those guys with stars on his uniform! Quite an accomplishment. Another Midwest resident,

DJ is doing the general thing in Troy, Mich., where he lives with Janet and their two boys, Joshua, 9, and Zachary, 6. Don says things are hectic, but he expects the grandparents in the Class of '71 know all about that stuff.

**Grandparents?? Ha! Not Richard Anderson.** Nicholas Harriman Anderson arrived on Sept. 28, 1999, making Richard and his wife, Valerie Kutche, the newest parents among our quickly graying ranks. When I last saw Richard, shortly before Nicholas was born, he was quite excited about imminent fatherhood, and I bet Nicholas has his first camera and bicycle already. The photo on the birth announcement was adorable. So, next time the very thought of having the grandkids over makes you feel tired, just think of Richard and Valerie and smile.

You might also think of **Glenn Hopkins.** He has a daughter who is almost 4, as well as a 27-year-old son. I don't think Glenn has ever had a boring year. While he's still living in Santa Monica, Calif., and still writing plays, this year Glenn reports that he has "just returned from 80 acres in Oregon—a spiritual gathering for Radical Faeries. With the pagans, I'm the Christian and vice versa," he says. Glenn's Methodist Church just built a \$7.5 million shelter for the homeless and produced his play about David, Saul and Jonathan. He also mentioned being in the same job for 23 years. He's just never told me what it is!

Another guy who could make you feel tired is our resident runner, **John Skinner.** By now he has run in the Marine Corps Marathon and is training for the Nashville Country Music Marathon. (Am I the only one who thinks that's a strange combination?) John says he's "still" running after all these years "albeit with a few more pounds." Aren't we all?

Hearing that **Harold Baker** retired from the Department of Defense last year made me think we could start

Maryland and the Independent College Fund of Maryland. His biggest recent commitment is chairing WMC's campaign to fund the renovation of old and new Lewis Halls. Work is well underway and the project should be finished by fall 2001. Charlie is "more than happy" to talk with anyone interested in helping. Chas also mentioned that he and **Carol Hoerichs '70** are among the cadre of happy empty-nesters.

**Gary Scholl** checked in from Bel Air with news of two 20-year anniversaries—marriage to Kathy and principal of John Carroll School. When Gary was young, someone must have whispered "Go West, young man" into his ear as he slept. He and family keep going back! During their eighth trip, they hiked in the Bear Tooths and Black Hills, went to pow wows in Lame Deer, Montana and Porcupine, S.D. (You gotta love that name!), and visited Hot Springs in Thermopolis, Wyo. Gary and Kathy have three daughters. High school senior Sarah, who plays field hockey and lacrosse, is wrestling manager and an avid reader. Emma, grade 10, plays field hockey and lacrosse like her older sister, but also plays basketball and is a colonial re-enactor. Anna, who is in the eighth grade, continues the lacrosse tradition and also plays soccer and basketball, and helps Kathy raise the chickens. Chickens? Enquiring minds want to know!

Writing from Hagerstown, **Darlene Richardson** and **Steve '72 Robinson** didn't mention chickens, but they did celebrate their 28th anniversary. They had a grand time at the "Lion King" on Broadway and being tourists in the Big Apple. They began their 15th year at Oberlin United Methodist Church—Steve as senior pastor and Darlene as director of music ministries. The church continues to grow rapidly in size, activities and spirit. The kids, on the other hand, are "grown, and on their own," so Darlene and Steve get to enjoy them and the empty nest at the same time.

Another pastor, **Chuck Horn**, made it back to "the Hill" recently. "The place looks good, but sure is different from 30 years ago!" While waiting for his return trip for the reunion, Chuck says his new congregation at the First Lutheran Church of Apollo (east of Pittsburgh) keeps him very busy. No words of boredom from Chuck—he even used the word "excitement."

When God provides a rainbow at the same time as the Bible school kids are learning about Noah and the ark, that's pretty exciting! Team teaching is a great thing!

**Sue Sherman Seovers** was surrounded by Scotland without leaving Maryland. Her oldest daughter Laura married Andy last year, and he brought a whole heritage with him. Andy's mom and dad are both world-renowned bagpipers. (They played for Sean Connery when he was honored at the Kennedy Center. Must be some great pipers!) The wedding was full of kilts and pipers, and the honeymoon was—where else?—Scotland. Daughter

## BLAST FROM THE PAST



Ellen, who is at York College of Pennsylvania and close to getting her B.A. in graphic design combined with an A.A. in mechanical engineering, interned this summer at the Smithsonian helping design displays. As for Sue and Eric, they are still at the Department of Defense, working at Ft. Meade. Sue's group, the Federal Women's Program Council, won the Baltimore area team award, the first for her agency. She sends "baskets of blessings!"

Competing with Sue for most information you can fit onto one postcard is **Susan Seney.** Boy, can she write in tiny little letters! Susan just returned from her second round of intensive Spanish study in Mexico at the Instituto Hispano Americano. She says historic San Miguel de Allende is excellent but has too many retired gringos. Sue works with refugees from Bosnia, Kosovo, Cuba, Somalia and other countries, providing mental health services through the Texas Health Department and the University of Texas School of Social Work. Guiding students toward international work is exciting, too. Susan and her partner Dorothy just celebrated their fifth anniversary and began their 10th year in an amazing, love-filled, hard-working relationship. It's tough for Susan to see both her sons at the same time unless they come to her; they live on opposite coasts. Nathan and his partner Wendy live in San Francisco and have just announced their engagement. Ethan, 19, is at the University of Maryland. Susan says he is a real Renaissance man, multi-talented and, like his architect/carpenter older brother, "one of the sweetest, dearest, youngest people I know." So life is good in Austin. Susan and Dorothy have a

guest room there in the live music capital of the world, so y'all come!

"My first name is still **Corinne Klein**, but the last name has changed (I got married last year) to **Vinopol** to protect the innocent (either me or ex-husbands, depending on your favorite point)." How's that for an intro! Anyway, Corinne has had a busy year with lots of travel for work and pleasure. She and Ron deposited the kids back in college and took a belated honeymoon to Greece and Turkey. They also made it to Cancun and Chichén Itzá, a Mayan ruin. Corinne insisted on scaling the 91-step-high pyramid on all fours, and then found that coming down the double-high, narrow steps was so terrifying she had to devise a new means of locomotion—she descended on her butt! She says her legs were killing her afterwards, but her rear end felt fine. Lest you think that is enough galvanizing for one person, Corinne and Ron took the kids to Phoenix, Montezuma's Castle, Sedona, the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park and Salt Lake City. Then, she, Ron and her daughter Marissa took off for the National Association of the Deaf conference in Norfolk and American Society for Deaf Children conference in Washington to sell her company's CD-ROM for deaf children and adults. Then Corinne and Ron went to the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials conference in Boston to sell their training package to help 911 telecommunications respond to TTY callers. Product sales are going great. She is developing more with the help of the U.S. Department of Education. On the home front (and I find myself wondering when she might be there), she is trying to adjust to the dreaded empty

## Marshall Adams '71 makes Bigelow Tea.

talking about relaxation. No such luck! Harold started off teaching part time at James Madison University. He liked it so much that he accepted a full time associate professor position and moved to Harrisonburg, Va. (This is retirement?) Harold did present a paper in Edinburgh and then took the family on a self-guided motor tour of France, Holland, Luxembourg and Germany. Now, that's more like it!

**Charlie Moore** is also busy with a new career. He's working in executive recruiting and is involved with two start-up ventures in telecommunications and the Internet. Somebody better come up with a new definition of retirement! Chasmo is also busy as a WMC trustee, a board member of the Council on Economic Education in



nest syndrome. Her foster daughter Rachel is 29 and "doing her thing at Best Buy." Marissa is at Maryland Institute College of Art, and Jury is in his third year at Frostburg State.

Corinne's biggest trauma is carting Marissa's art projects back and forth in her car (like the life-size hermaphrodite made of chicken wire and pantyhose or the life-size man made of razor blades) and trying to ignore the stares of other drivers on the highway. She has managed to gracefully accept the compliments from people who viewed Marissa's series at a recent art show highlighting some of Corinne's old X-rays titled "Mom's Spine I," "Mom's Spine II," etc.

Mary Lou O'Neill Hoopes also saw a

## Pat Callbeck Harper '71 describes trees exploding like bombs as the Montana fires came to within five miles of home.

bit of the country this year. She and 12-year-old Rachel spent three weeks in northern California and Oregon visiting cousins and the gorgeous scenery. They also made it to San Francisco, "definitely a fun city!" Back in Maryland, Mary Lou and Jim are active in leadership at their church and have a weekly Bible study in their home. Mary Lou shows her versatility by working with both the worship ministry and a building expansion project. Sen. Nancy Jacobs' accounts are all in good order thanks to Mary Lou's work as campaign treasurer (ditto for the family business). And there is a 23-year-old Hoopes at Towson State. Mary Lou concludes that life is rewarding, interesting and never boring. That's the spirit!

"How does one fill in 30 years?" wonders Donna Stawski Wilson. "Well, in the words of that famous English poet, **D. H. Ray Stevens '53**, 'Clear writing is concise.' [Did you notice Dr. Stevens is rivaling Pete McLaughlin for number of mentions? Everyone who thought Pete and Dr. Stevens would be competing at anything, please raise your hand!] Since leaving WMC, I completed an MS from Johns Hopkins and an MBA from Temple. In 1989 I started my own marketing company, Image Ink, in Narbeth, right outside Philadelphia." In her spare time she lectures on marketing to companies and trade groups. Noting that many of us are working on grandchildren, Donna says she is a late bloomer, "change that to reproduce!" (Well, not as late as some!) Erin is just off to Yale, giving Donna and Pat more free time to spend at their home on the Choptank "sailing, crabbing and just relaxing with a glass of wine and watching the great sunsets." The travel bug has bitten the Wilsons, too.

They go to Switzerland and France twice a year to visit friends. Donna says she thought the hills at WMC were bad in the snow until she tried navigating an Alp! She loves the wine and cheeses around Lake Geneva, but has discovered that heights are not a thrill, especially the ones involving icy roads with hairpin turns and no guardrails. She says the number of tourists who disappear "over the edge" must be one of the Swiss' best kept secrets. So far, no Swiss bank accounts have her name on them. Donna says she thinks about WMC often and what a great place it is. "This became evident looking at colleges for our daughter. The quality of life there—the interaction with the professors, the location, the other students, everything—is something you can't put a price on or express in words. Maybe it's just advancing old age, but I really feel nostalgic to see it again." She's expecting to get her chance at Reunion Weekend.

Whining and groveling really work. **Susan Clarke Scarpaleore** has never written before but couldn't get his pleas out of her mind. Living year round on Long Beach Island, N.J., she says "Spring is cold, the summers are fun, fall is the best, but winter is tough! (She's survived so far.) Sue works for a national, nonprofit, the Trigeminal Neuralgia Association. (It's amazing where you find them—on a barrier island in the tiny town of Barnegat Light.) Trigeminal neuralgia is a type of severe facial pain. Susan coordinates patient support groups throughout the country and helps run the office. She found her job through someone she met when her kids were competing in a life-guard tournament. Sue, kids can be very useful at times! Susan and Tom raised their kids in Medford, and both are now in college—Thomas at Flagler College in Florida and Sara at Salisbury State.

Life is great, according to **Cathy Staley Brown**. She is a five-year survivor of breast cancer and is very optimistic about the future. Way to go! Cathy is also recently divorced, a "very positive move." In early 1997, after 23 years investigating major felonies and internal personnel issues, she retired from the Montgomery County Police Department. In 1988 she achieved a goal from college days and graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law. She practices in Annapolis and focuses on elder law issues—living and care alternatives, estate planning, probate and guardianships. To stay sharp on the estate end of things, she's taking courses toward a master of law in taxation back at the U of B. Cathy lives close to work, in the Maritime Republic of Eastport, just across Spa Creek. Fearful that we might think she never has any fun, Cathy notes that she has a 31-foot sailboat which she takes out every chance she gets and follows the wind. This year she spent two weeks sailing along the coast of Normandy, visiting various historic spots and the wonderful villages along the way. She has also sailed in the Hebrides Islands off the

coast of Scotland, the Caribbean, the East Coast from Maine to Florida, and, of course, the Chesapeake. Wow! She got started sailing about 15 years ago by competing in races and still does one or two a year, but she likes the cruising and touring parts more these days. She has her sights on the canals of Europe and the upper West Coast of the U.S. Cathy would love a visit from any alums who wander through town, by boat or otherwise. She hopes to see everyone next May at Reunion Weekend.

Excuse me while I turn green with envy. **Donna March** and **Kent Zeller** have what must be the world's best jobs, at least as far as my fantasy life is concerned. Donna works in sensory research at the Hershey Tech Center in Hershey, Pa. I can only imagine what that means, and most of my thoughts have at least a billion calories in them (and a few are downright X-rated). Kent is a flavor chemist for Hershey. I can't stand it. I'm drooling on my keyboard. Where was I when they were handing these jobs out? Donna says the work is interesting and has "its rewards!" When not fueling my fantasies, the Zellers have gotten used to Megan being out of the nest. She's at Goucher playing field hockey and lacrosse (and presumably studying!).

**Ed Smith and Wilma Van Hart '70** have lived in "Hotlanta" for 14 years and only see college folk when they return to the Baltimore "WMC ghetto!" Underemployment has allowed him to try stupid things like starting a soccer team at their kids' high school. Since few people have seen lacrosse down there, he knew his experience at WMC would be the perfect background. "I drew on my association with the best to teach these young people the finer points of the game. From **Ron Cristy '72**. Before the game, the goalie should hang his head into the wall until his vision is so blurred he can't get out of showed how playing without shoulder pads could instantly cure a low draft number. From the net and jump up and down and maybe the ref will give you the call. **RD Smith** can smack someone in the head 12 times and shamelessly tell the ref he never touched the guy. Eggman proved you could drink a case of beer Friday night and still play at peak efficiency on Saturday. (We save this tip for graduating seniors!) We are looking forward to a great season!"

In the same vein, **Bill Colvert** was visited by a concerned government upset that he (he means your illustrious columnist here!) were spreading rumors—that he may be true—about alien abductions and the FBI Witness Protection Program. Though I cannot confirm or deny any of this, Bill says, "It seems that the FBI may be cooperating with the alien powers to improve the effectiveness of the witness protection program." Bill was confused until he read my first epistle in *The Hill*. Lucky for me he gave the feds the slip

and denied any knowledge of wrongdoing. But wait—Bill is a fed! He works for the FDA as director of the Epidemiology Division in the Office of Surveillance and Compliance. (Is he making this up?) "We look at the total picture, from farm to fork, of the care and feeding of food animals." Prior to this position, our intrepid scientist was part of the leadership of the Office of Postmarketing Drug Risk Assessment. He was in the thick of the Fen-Phen thing a while back. Bill reports that **Gill Conley** also works for the FDA in blood. (I don't even want to know!) Bill is married and has three kids (ages 10-15) and for fun is trying to put an abandoned farm back into a productive state. The family is into music and performances. His wife just completed a concert series with a semi-professional capella chamber choir. The family stopped at Baugher's for dinner one night when returning from marching band competition at North Carroll High. Bill drove through campus to show them where he spent four years of his life. (He doesn't mention if they were impressed.) While it seemed "different," they didn't get lost. Bill says he doesn't know what all the fuss over being 50 is all about. He's just "getting warmed up!"

**Joan Collier Fogg** also wonders why everyone our age is retiring when she's just getting started. When she turned 50, Joan had a lawn party on the grounds of Tanglewood. She had planned it for five years, down to the loaves of bread shaped like a 5-0 and the purple balloons. It was a beautiful night with a full moon. Following a long search, Joan (who is contemplating writing a book on how "not to give up") found her dream job as an elementary school principal. She admits there have been "exasperating moments," like when lightning hit the school phone system, all-call system and computer router. Then there was the time Joan set off the alarm system and no one had given her the password for the security company. When not principal-ing, Joan is on the other side of the desk as a second-year doctoral student in educational leadership at Duquesne University. She expects to have a lot more gray hair very soon. Jim is still mowing a church in Uniontown, and the kids are launched. Samantha and JD graduated from Portland State University and the Berkeley College of Music respectively. Sam is now in a master's program in Health Science Administration. In closing, Joan says she hopes to make it to the reunion.

**Pat Callbeck Harper's** daughter Molly has a wonderful singing voice and is seriously considering Western Maryland's music department as she fills out college applications. In Montana, the family spent much of the past year working in a wild political campaign. Pat's brother-in-law, Hal Harper, ran for Secretary of State in Big Sky Country. They have also had to deal with the Montana fires. Pat describes trees exploding like bombs as the fires came to within five miles of home. The air quality was awful for

months and having to pack up what they would take when given two minutes to evacuate was a truly sobering experience. At one point there were enough acres on fire in Montana alone to cover a one-mile strip from Washington, D.C., to Albany, N.Y. Molly's older sister Robin is studying molecular biology at Pitt and served as home base when Pat and Molly were doing the college visit thing at Oberlin and WMC. Rusty is deputy state auditor for Montana and is up to his ears monitoring the fire damage across the state. Pat continues to work as a consultant in her own firm, does some expert witnessing in Title VII employment cases and is getting a bit homesick for the East Coast. I know she and Rusty will be at Reunion Weekend.

**Phil Esch** writes that nothing is really new at his house. Drew is in his third year at Virginia Tech. He loves it and plays club lacrosse, which gets him around the country a bit. Tyler is beginning the college hunt, but wants an engineering school like his brother. Phil and **Gail Chance '73** just celebrated their 27th anniversary. Phil says it doesn't seem that long to him, but he wasn't willing to speak for Gail. They're not looking forward to being empty nesters next year. Wait 'til they try it! If you look around the political landscape these days, you find that folks from our generation are suddenly showing up all over the place. Could WMC be any different? I think not! We now have a friend in high places. Phil is president of the WMC Alumni Association. (And don't forget about WMC trustees **Charlie Moore** and **Mike Weinblatt**.) Phil has also been active with the committee that developed the Reunion Weekend concept, and he is serving on our class reunion committee. No doubt he'll be there! As if that much influence from the Class of '71 weren't enough to scare everyone out of their WMC T-shirts, I've joined Phil as president-elect of the Alumni Association. We're working on getting lots more folks actively involved in all sorts of fun stuff, so don't be surprised if you hear us calling.

Things in my life are always interesting. This year they've moved so fast they're downright confusing at times! I launched my own business, PlanWorks Consulting, and I am having a good time doing facilitation, organizational development, strategic planning, diversity work, conflict reconciliation and problem-solving. The nonviolence work also continues. Charlie spent the spring at WMC on sabbatical (He's declared himself the charter member of the WMC Sabbatical Alumni Association) from the University of Rhode Island researching nonviolence, doing a lot of writing and spending a lot of time with **Ira Zapp '52**. Charlie, Ira and I are working on a book about nonviolence today, in terms of everyday life, as well as larger social change issues. We do nonviolence training with kids and adults, which helps folks see how such an approach could reduce the level of violence they have to deal with and make solving conflicts more productive. We had a great time

teaching this summer at Common Ground on the Hill and were back for a return engagement during Jan Term. We're also working with folks at Western Maryland who are looking at conflict, cooperation and nonviolence as a focus area for study.

Speaking of Common Ground, if you folks haven't made it up to "the Hill" for some part of this experience, you have no idea what you're missing. The "Western Maryland Mafia," as Ira calls us, at Common Ground continues to grow: **Walt Michael '68** is the grand poolah in charge of courses, and **Gordon Shelton '68**, **Richard Anderson** (one of us, of course), **Linda Barry Van Hart '68**, **Ralph Wilson '68** and I are on the board of directors. At this year's gathering in July, Ira was there, and **Bill Tribby '56** made it back and taught an incredible acting class. I know, I was in it. WOW! If you had been here, you also would have seen **Ellen Von Desehen** (and her incredible watercolor) and **Don Elmes '69**, **Dave Carrasco '67** (who co-taught the flagship course In Search of Common Ground), **Gary '69** and **Jane Butterbaugh '70** Shapiro, **Julie Kline '72**, **Larry Eisenberg '68** (who premiered a new film about Holocaust survivors), **Norm Sartorius '69** and his amazing carved spoons (and I'm not kidding—they are incredible), **Steve Davis '68**, **Cary "The Red Rooster" Wolfson '68** and the Gonzo Cowboys themselves, **Mike Hunt '72** and **Charlie Bean '72** (They're not bad). Not to mention **Eric Byrd '93** (from a bit after our era, but still a great guy and a mean musician). Of course we were joined by about 400 others all teaching and taking classes and learning and losing sleep and having one hell of a good time. Try it; you will like it!

Claiming the usual scarcity of news, **Lorraine Lamaine Misket** met with **Pam Baldwin** when her youngest son graduated from Wesleyan University in Connecticut. (Pam lives in the Nutmeg State.) They had a great visit, and Lorraine says she loved having Pam be part of the full circle, so to speak. Other than exciting reunions, Lorraine is still a school counselor and still travels a lot. (I don't know where!) She did mention that about 25 staff members at her school have been trained to teach peaceful conflict resolution to grades 3-4! Sounds great! Life, Lorraine concludes, is good!

In January **Steve Kaplan** and **Joan Rudrow '72** spent 10 days in France. They were in Paris for a week, then went to Clermont Ferrand as delegates to a sister cities exchange. French was Steve's biggest challenge at WMC, but he says his command of the language got him around the country. Pas mal! Steve has also given up "boring transportation" and has "reverted to a white convertible sports car." You go, Steve!

On the home front, **Charlie** and I are about to become in-laws! ACK! Our Daughter **Siana**, 26, is planning a wedding for next fall. She is also working as a health communications coordinator for Blue Cross of Rhode Island. David, 24, is happy and working for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in Boston. I have been on "the Hill" a

lot this year—and still keep going back and forth. Nothing like residences in Providence and Westminster. How la-di-da! It felt a little weird to be back at first, but that old WMC feeling is still there, and I have loved every minute of it. It is a wonderful place—and is still growing and changing—just like us! I really want to see you all there for Reunion Weekend. We'll have more fun than you can possibly imagine. I've invited the alien abductors and the feds who have been secreting you all away, so you have no excuse. And if you're not willing to come just to indulge me (and remember, I know where you live!) do it for yourselves. You will feel so great—just like you're 20 again—except you know a lot more! It doesn't get any better than that!

Time to wrap this up. I'm sitting in a B&B in Quebec City, and it's time to get out into the city! Write to me. Call me. E-mail me (those of you whose e-mail addresses have changed—e-mail me again). My e-mail list is growing, but I know there are still more of you out there. You get the list in return. Those of you I haven't heard from yet, I'll make it worth your while. (Now doesn't that pique your curiosity?) Enjoy, and keep smiling! The Zinapator Pamela Zappardino 30 Sargent Avenue Providence, RI 02906 E-mail: pzappar@aol.com

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Thanks for your many responses. More than half came via e-mail. I am sorry to inform you that **Bob Matthews** died in a car accident on Feb. 20 of this year. After WMC, he went on to earn his juris doctorate at the University of California and practiced law in the field of probate litigation. He resided in Huntington Beach, Calif., and is survived by his wife Kathy, three sons and three daughters.

**Robin Cumberland Henshaw** retired from her family business after 20 years, but decided to put her music degree to good use by opening her own private music studio. She serves as music minister for her church, singing in a gospel trio and a 17-piece swing orchestra. She and husband **Mike** live in Sunderland, Md., and celebrated their 17th anniversary on a hiking tour of the Canadian Rockies this summer.

**Judith Warfield Price** retired from practicing law in 1996 to work in Easton, Md., as executive director of the Waterford Festival, raising funds for wildlife conservation. She has two sons, 15 and 13, who take sailing lessons with **Steve Wheeler's** children.

**Linda Bergofsky** spent time in Iceland and Costa Rica as a last hurrah before going back to school full time to get a master's in social work. She'll continue consulting at Mercer in Baltimore as time permits.

**Dave and Robin Stiffer '77 Cooney** live in Hunt Valley with their girls, 19 and 16. David finished his Ph.D. in religious and theological studies and graduated from the University of Denver/

Illiff Seminary in May. Robin is a special education department chair at a middle school in Baltimore County.

**Fred '75 and Jean Campbell DiBlassio** celebrated their 20th anniversary with a trip to Bermuda. Their oldest son will be a sophomore at Salisbury State, while Jean is continuing to home school the two younger teenagers as she has for 10 years. Fred still teaches at University of Maryland School of Social Work, and they all remain involved in sports and boating. They occasionally run into **John "Chip" '73 and Norma Hamilton '74 Graber** on the sports field, and **Dave '78 and Beth Silvis '78 Dietrich** on the rivers.

**John '73 and Barbie Voss Armstrong** live in Frostburg where "Shug" is a high school math teacher. This year he has the pleasure of teaching their 14-year-old daughter. Their son is a freshman at Randolph-Macon College where he will play golf and study in the honors program. Barb is busy juggling family activities and working in the family insurance agency.

**Sue Bolender Fortune** and **Bill** live in West River, Md., where Bill continues as a senior environmental protection specialist with the DOE. Their son is a high school senior who plays ice hockey and lacrosse, and snowboards. Their daughter, 13, stays busy with dance, lacrosse and playing the bass drum for the school band while her sister, 6, tries to keep up with her. Sue stays busy trying to keep up with everyone's schedule.

In Ellicott City, Md., **Ken '77 and Laura Hayner Barnes** celebrated their

**Martha Kitts Skovenski '76** has the Green Terror tattooed on her leg.

22nd anniversary. The "thug" of their life is sports. Their daughter, 16, is on Mt. Vernon's varsity lacrosse team, ranked #1 in the U.S., while their sons, 13 and 11, play soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Laura spends her time driving them everywhere, but she did travel to Paris with her daughter this spring for her 16th birthday.

**Karen Valentine Spicer** and her husband of 10 years live in Frederick, where they competed in bike races and triathlons this summer. Karen switched from working with pre-schoolers to activities coordinator at a retirement center, which she loves. Her daughter is now in college.

**Ann Moore** lives in Cockeysville, Md., where she is responsible for taking care of her invalid mother since her two siblings live on the West Coast and her older sister passed away in 1998. She keeps busy designing greeting cards and studying naturopathic medicine while working as a cashier at a local hardware store.

**Corynne Coupas** and husband Scott Markle live in Westminster where she

is in her 13th year with Carroll County Foods. She is in sales, specializing in health care, and combines her MBA in marketing with a little of the old biology degree. She and Scott spent August in Los Angeles for their third consecutive Democratic National Convention.

**Theresa and David Mowry** live in Baltimore and celebrated their 23rd anniversary. They traveled to Oklahoma in the spring to visit **Steve Pearson '78** and his family. They visited Florida in the summer. David works in orthopedic surgery and completed his master's degree with the University of Nebraska Medical School.

**Jim Lathroum** and his wife Tish celebrated their 25th anniversary. I'm sure you remember that they married before senior year. She's a first grade teacher, and Jim has been a physician's assistant for over 20 years. He works with **Dave Mowry** and provides health care in the Reserves. Their three sons, ages 20, 18 and 16, play in a Christian ska band (check out their web site at [www.everydayjoe.cjb.net](http://www.everydayjoe.cjb.net)).

Best wishes are in order to **Debbie Baird**, who married Morgan France on Feb. 18. They live on the southern shore of Deep Creek Lake where Debbie enjoys riding her motorcycle, photographing national parks and gardening. She is still with Friends Aware, Inc., but on a part-time basis. She has three children—20, 13 and 11—and the oldest just graduated from Lehigh University.

**Tom '75 and Kathy Hamilton Trezise** live in Montok, Md. Last year she embarked on a new career as a professional organizer. She started her own company in which she helps small

## Kathy Hamilton Trezise '76 embarked on a new career as a professional organizer.

businesses and homeowners in the Baltimore area organize their homes and offices. (Let me know if you expand to Rockville.) Their son is a freshman at Dickinson College, and their daughter is in ninth grade at Notre Dame Prep.

**Jeff and Cathy Clayton '77** Heinbaugh live in Burtonsville, Md., with their daughter, 12, son, 9, and two retired racing greyhounds. Jeff has been with GE for 16 years and is managing an organization of computer system engineers. He and Cathy traveled to

Hawaii last year as an award for a successful project, and they found it difficult to leave such a beautiful place. Jeff keeps busy playing volleyball, golf and coaching basketball, as well as with all of the other kids' activities. He's looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

**Jan Parisi Montoya** is a candidate for her MHRM from the Keller Graduate School of Management. She has

undertaken a new position with the Food and Drug Administration as personnel staffing specialist after working on a presidential task force. Her 21-year old son is a business major who hopes to become a restaurant owner in his father's company, Peru. Jan works out and rides her Jet ski as much as possible. Her hope is to move from Bethesda, Md., to Florida with her significant other and continue her career in human resources with the federal government.

**Rob Flatty** lives in Takoma Park, Md. He works in Annapolis with the governor's office where he hired **Dave Ryker '97**, one of Herb Smith's Poli Sci majors. His wife Robin retired when her father, her employer, did the same. She now volunteers at church, summer swim team and other kids' activities. Their daughter is a freshman at Elon College in North Carolina, and their son is in 10th grade. Both Rob and Robin, as well as Robin's parents, all went to the same high school as the kids. Rob hopes to see everybody at the reunion!

**Bernie Gallagher** has been with the Smithsonian for 21 years, the last 15 at the National Museum of American History. He's working on a project that will allow everyone direct Internet access to the museum inventory, a virtual tour concept. He lives in Laurel, Md.

**Donald 'Skip' Chambers** lives in Williamsport, Md., with his wife Karla and their three children. Karl's brother is **Dave Cole '74**. Skip teaches high school basketball in Boonsboro. He also coaches basketball at a private high school in Hagerstown. It is the same school from which his son just graduated and where his daughter is a sophomore who plays soccer and basketball. His older son also played basketball and will be going to Salisbury State University. The younger son is in seventh grade. The family takes an annual three-week vacation to Florida where both sets of parents live in the same community. Skip stays in touch with **Craig Silbert '75**.

**Brian Tuillman** received his master's in applied behavioral science at Johns Hopkins. He spent several years working in the mental health field, did consulting in organizational development and now works as an organization development specialist at the EPA. His wife Mary is self-employed as a desktop publisher. Together they publish the NF Journal for intuitive, feeling people ([www.nfjournal.com](http://www.nfjournal.com)). They live in Bethesda, Md., with a daughter, 3, and a son, 2. Though they live in Redskins' territory, they are Ravens season ticket holders and get to WMC during training camp.

**Bruce Jones** is a pastor of a Methodist church in Rockville, Md., where his dad was pastor when he started at WMC. His wife Dawn works for Marriott. Their daughter is in first grade. Bruce's oldest daughter is a junior at WMC (the only legacy from those of you who have responded), while his second daughter is a freshman at the University of Rhode Island. His third daughter will be a

sophomore in high school. Bruce stays active in basketball, softball and golf.

**Sue Ogilvie Luchey** lives in Bel Air but commutes to Baltimore where she is director of student involvement at the University of Baltimore. She's working on her second master's in negotiations and conflict management, with her first being in counseling. She and Dennis have three daughters, 16, 14 and 11, who are active in basketball, lacrosse and community theater, as well as the national touring company of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Sue also tries her hand at fame by appearing in one or two shows a year and finds it fun if she and the girls are in a show together. See **Sue Snyder LaHatte '77** and **Leta Ritchie** occasionally.

**Jim and Brenda Manahan Sears** live in Perkasie, Pa., but are already building their retirement home in Cape Cod. Their daughter, 11, is a voracious reader and strong swimmer.

**Chris Hannaby** moved from Chambersburg, Pa., to New Freedom, Pa., in 1998 so he could go back to working in downtown Baltimore with Allfirst Bank where he's been for 24 years. His wife Donna has continued her own business of custom window treatments. Both of their children are now in high school where they keep busy with dance, gymnastics, soccer and school plays. They spent time this summer at Disney World, Ocean City and camping in North Carolina.

**Diane Spick Czar** lives near Allentown, Pa., with her husband Bill and two daughters, 16 and 9. Diane works at the county assistance office, getting people from welfare to work. This summer she went to Westminster to visit her brother, **Rick '74**, as well as **Caroline Babylon** and her husband.

**Susan Blackman** writes from Pittsburgh that her life is not what she expected 25 years ago—it's better. She took a six-week trip through Europe with her sons, 13 and 8, and daughter, 11. She left her 16-year job with a museum of contemporary art and started her own consulting business, doing development and planning for non-profit organizations. Susan performs with a women's early music ensemble and writes award-winning erotic poetry. She volunteered at the 1998 and 2000 National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Conference, this year held in Atlanta.

**Susan Pollit Knowles** lives outside of Wilmington in West Chester, Pa. Her son is a junior at Penn State, and her daughter is a freshman at Washington College. She sees her job as a mom coming to a close and may be looking for new work.

**Dennis and Virginia 'Ginny' Ace Miller** live in Camp Hill, Pa., where they are still involved with their McDonald's restaurants. Ginny is also learning landscape design. Their older son is a sophomore at Elmira College in New York where he plays ice hockey and studies psychology. Their younger son is in eighth grade. They vacationed this summer in California and Vail.

**Susan Robinson Gibbons** and her husband Bill moved back to her hometown of Tunkhannock, Pa., three years ago. She has been teaching for 24 years, currently sixth grade reading. In her spare time she drives her daughter, 10, and son, 8, to their activities.

**David Stout** lives in Philadelphia most of the time, but has a small home on a remote Bahama island which he uses to fish, scuba dive, golf and drink. He admits that he has a marvelous life and can't imagine it being better. When working, he's with SmithKline Beecham, putting together a mega-merger as head of their North American business. When complete, he will be co-heading the U.S. business in GlaxoSmithKline. David is also on WMCI's Board of Trustees and regularly sees alumni there and on an annual golf trip to Myrtle Beach.

**Cherie Thomas Masias** and **Pepe** have lived in the Hershey area for eight years after many Navy moves. He has his own practice in gynecology. They have four daughters—a freshman in college, 11th, ninth and sixth graders. They are active in sports, and two of them play in tournaments against **Linda Ackley Rick's** daughters. Cherie's mother lives in Westminster, so she gets to see the changes at WMC.

**Joe and Cheryl 'Sherry' Martin White** moved to Monroeville, N.J., five years ago. She teaches high school math locally. They have two sons, 18 and 11, and are involved in soccer. Joe has had time to restore a '75 Porsche and has taken the family on vacation to the Colorado Rockies.

**Martha Kitz Skovenski**, living in Oneida, N.Y., sent news to us for the first time. For the past 20 years, she has been teaching instrumental music in the Camden Central School District, starting there when her son was 6 months old. She also taught nine years of January term saxophone classes at Colgate University, as well as giving private lessons at home. Every February she gets together with **Beth Ann Schmickel Gil** in Daytona Beach. I am awarding Martha the WMC Spirit Award for this column, since she is proud to have the Green Terror tattooed on her right leg!

**Kris Pike Hadinger** is a lawyer in Princeton.

**Brian Schofield-Bodt** is in his sixth year as Senior Pastor of a Methodist church in downtown Bridgeport, Conn. He and his wife Cindy are celebrating their 20th anniversary this month. Their older son is in 10th grade and plays soccer, and their younger son is in seventh grade and is active in Scouts. In the past year, they have enjoyed trips to Bermuda and Canada, as well as a driving trip from California to home this summer. Brian still enjoys trains, both full-size and model.

**Lynn Harrison Pope** and **Roger** have been married for four years and are kept busy with a 3-year-old son. Lynn teaches middle school art and still makes time for the beach, craft festivals and puppet shows.

**Carol Sandhofer Sweetser** now lives



# BLAST FROM THE PAST



in Springfield, Va., and claims that this is the last move after nine in the past 20 years. Her husband Al has a Ph.D. in economics and is doing research analysis at the Pentagon while Carol is a counselor in disability services at Northern Virginia Community College. They have a son, 16, who is a junior in high school.

**Glenn 73 and Cindy Keller Scheib** celebrated their 25th anniversary. They live in Ft. Monroe, Va., where he is an Army chaplain and Cindy is a psychiatric nurse who travels to different emergency rooms to do crisis intervention. Their oldest son graduated from college in April and is in the Army in Germany. Their daughter is a sophomore at the University of Alabama, while the two youngest are 13 and 12.

**Barry Watson** and Gail just moved to Vienna, Va., where he is a senior vice president at ITT Research Institute. Their daughter just graduated from Salisbury State University and is a middle school math teacher in Maryland. Their son got married September 10.

**Ember Davis Wright** and Dan live in Arizona where she is a private school kindergarten teacher and he is a dean at DeVry Institute. Their son is a pre-med student at the University of Arizona and their daughter is spending her senior year of high school as a ROTC exchange student in Germany.

**Steve and Patti Burch Rankin** live in Virginia Beach, where she is in her 25th year of teaching high school math. She says to contact her if you ever need tutoring for your children as she spends a lot of time helping her daughter's friends in math. Their daughter, an eighth-grader, is a strong student who plays soccer and is active in her church youth group. She got to see Jeff and Sue Wagner McCoy when they came to Virginia Beach for their youngest son's AAU basketball team. Sue's older son has been out of college and working for a couple of years while her daughter is a freshman at the University of Delaware. Patti also visited Heather Humphries Law, Ken and their three boys in Connecticut, where Heather still runs her business, which

has grown with leaps and bounds. She visited St. Michaels with her three sisters in June and ran into Steve Wheeler in Easton. He lives on the water with his wife and two children and stays in contact with Alfred "Bruz" Truitt and Craig Hughes. He says that Craig experienced great success in the com world and is spending a year in Europe.

**Brad Grant** is alive and well in California.

**Bob and Dell Wogsland Elias** live living at Lake Tahoe, Nev., with their daughters, 15 and 13. The girls are involved with sports, school leadership and academics, and Dell is active in the PTA and Sunday school. They all find time to enjoy the snows in the winter and hiking and swimming in the summer. This summer the family visited Scandinavia and Norway and found it incredible.

**Scott McCrea** is a real estate broker in booming northern Colorado.

**Bob Cahill** and his wife Robbie have been married for 18 years. They now live in West Covina, Calif., after St. Louis and Houston. Their older daughter, 17, is a senior in high school who swims and is vice president of her class. The younger, 14, is a volleyball player. Their son, 10, is a baseball player and Bob's little buddy. Bob commutes between Seattle and Los Angeles as he has been with Jiffy Lube since leaving the airlines in 1986. They plan to move to Seattle in 2001 after high school graduation. He hears from many WMCCers via e-mail and sees many at Jiffy Lube conventions.

**Jeff Chircus** moved with his wife Robin and three children—14, 11 and 9—to Paradise Valley, Ariz., in 1998 to settle his mid-life crisis, the need for a dramatic change. He claims he has nearly retired from his urologic surgery practice, although he travels back to Baltimore about 20 weeks a year for two days at a time to continue working. Otherwise, he travels throughout the Americas and Europe teaching prostate cancer treatments he helped research and co-found, as well as golfing and hiking.

**Guy Royston** is single and living in Newport Beach. He rides his bike to

Laguna Beach every day to play basketball. When he's working, he's CFO of a national construction company. He says happiness may be fleeting, but this fleeting period is wonderful.

**John Norment** also lives in California in Santa Ana with his wife Marilyn, son and daughter. John is involved in a start-up business there, but still finds time to stay active in sports and the kids. They came back to Maryland in September for a family wedding.

**Jim and Elizabeth Peterson Anderson** retired to northwest Florida, where Jim is a carpenter's helper and Beth is a substitute teacher and an excellent sailor. They have two daughters in high school and a 10-year-old basketball star, so life is busy and good for all.

**Patsi and Bob DuVall** live in Atlanta where Bob has been in private physical therapy practice for 16 years. Patsi is involved in sports medicine. Last year they traveled with the U.S. Olympic Shooting Team to Finland, Egypt and Italy, and they went to Sydney with the team this fall.

**Jim and Sandy Owens Snead** moved to Charlotte, N.C., for his job with First Union. They spend their summers at the local swim and tennis club with their three daughters, and the school year involved in basketball, soccer and dance. The oldest is in 10th grade in a private local school while the two youngest are in seventh and first grades in public school. Sandy stays involved with the three PTAs, as well as the Junior League. She's looking forward to rendezvous-ing with classmates at the reunion in May.

**Bill and Robin Rudy Dennis** are living in Atlanta where Robin sometimes feels that she is providing a fraternity training station for her three boys—16, 13 and 10—and their friends. She stopped writing professionally, but may resume it when she is caught up on laundry. Bill flies for Delta, and overall, she says life is fast-paced, hectic and very good.

**Bob 73 and Rhonda Dahl Buchanan** live in Louisville, Ky., where Rhonda has taught Spanish at the University of Louisville since 1984. She just received their Distinguished Teaching Professor Award and a promotion to full professor. In May, Rhonda traveled to Mexico and then to Cuba where she gave lectures. She and Bob just celebrated their 25th anniversary.

**Frank LaFauce** has been president and CEO of the Bank of St. Petersburg in Florida since 1994, having moved to Tampa in 1990.

**Mark 77 and Pat Gunden Scott** live on a horse farm in Brandenburg, Ky., where they raise sport horses. Mark practices law and Pat teaches middle school. Their older son is a freshman in a Kentucky school which she says is smaller than WMCC, and their younger son is a sophomore in high school.

**Diane Johnson Cass** and David live in Statesville, N.C., where she has taught for 10 years, the last five as an ESL teacher in elementary schools. David is on the local school board and gets input from his daughter, 17, and son, 15. They enjoyed a land and cruise tour of Alaska in 1999 but

stayed closer to home this year. Diane stays in touch with her former roommates and their families.

**Anna Wirt O'Flaherty** and Tom are partners in a law firm in Swisher, Iowa.

**Sharon Snow** married Marilee Weidmann in 1996, and lived in San Francisco for two years, exploring California and the Bay area while there. They then moved to Boston, where a snow shovel became well used. Sharon does correspondence for a Boston nonprofit while Maurice works with a real estate developer in New Mexico, traveling a lot. They spent their vacation this year in Hawaii, and they return to Maryland annually. She sends her best to all class members.

**Sharon and John Schutt** are celebrating their 23rd anniversary in Fort Wayne, Ind. Their oldest son is a sophomore at Taylor University, while their younger four children, 15, 11, 8, and 5, are home-schooled. In John's spare time, he enjoys doing nature photography.

**Dale** and I just celebrated our 21st anniversary, with the past 18 years spent in Rockville. He is CFO of a division of Marriott, and I consult on a very part-time basis for former associates. Our three boys are 16, 13 and 10. The oldest is in a private boys' school while the others are in public school. Like almost all of you who wrote, life revolves around sports and their social lives, though we have traveled some this past year, including an all-family Caribbean cruise to celebrate my parents' 50th anniversary.

If you would like to receive my current list of classmates' e-mail addresses and have yours sent, e-mail me. If you didn't get your news in, you can always tell everyone at the class reunion during Reunion Weekend, May 4-6, 2001! I'm looking forward to seeing you.

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# 1981

Since next year is our 20th class reunion, we sent cards to everyone. Thanks to all of you that used e-mail. We received many responses: **Mildred Artis Alexander** wrote from her vacation in Virginia Beach. She continues to enjoy her job with the Passport Office and live with husband  **Mitch 30, MEd '86** and children Blake, 9, and Paige, 2.

**Hugo Arias** lives in Arizona and works for American Airlines as a manager for flight attendants. "Greetings from Hawaii," wrote **Steve and Sue Dean Aszof**, who were there celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary while their two boys (9 and 11) were at a two-week camp. During recent travels to Spain they spotted a young man wearing a WMCC T-shirt. I guess our students are well traveled.

**Steve Awalt** raced the Annapolis to Bermuda sailing competition and "finished in the money." His wife Debbie and children Mitchell, 9, Madison, 7, and Meredith, 4, keep him busy, as well as his law practice in Towson. He



The Joseph R. Bailor Award, presented each year to a master's degree recipient who has made a significant contribution to the field of education, was given to **Jeffrey A. Potteiger MS '84** (center), director of the exercise physiology laboratory and associate professor at University of Kansas. A fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, he has earned nearly \$2 million in funding for his lab. Also pictured: Rick Carpenter, graduate program coordinator and professor of exercise science and physical education, and Interim Provost Sam Case.

keeps in touch with **Regan Smith, Rich Desser '79** and **Joann Peroutka**.

**Kathy Kinklin Baldwin** has a new job as a biochemistry associate in protein science at Pharmacia in Michigan. Her children Libby, 11, and Thomas, 8, are doing well. In her spare time she is active in the Kalamazoo chapter of the Embroiderers of Guild where she serves as publicity/advertising chair.

**David Binckley** writes from California where he lives with wife Gigi and new baby Matthew. He works with the local cable company and the junior high youth at his church.

**George Boinis** is enjoying life in Bethesda with his wife Cindy and their sons Christopher, 4, and Clark, 1. He works for Motorola in the emerging technologies/business development area. George loves to play golf and recently formed a hunt club on Maryland's Eastern Shore with **Rick Morani, Wade Heck** and **John Patrick '80**.

**Carol Bouzoukis** received her doctorate from New York University in Education Theatre/Dramatherapy. Her new book, "Pediatric Drama-therapy: They Couldn't Run, So They Learned to Fly," is being published in 2001 and is based on her research with chronically ill children. She has a private practice in Delaware and is the director/founder of the Child Drama Workshops. Carol also continues to direct plays and is working on a project with PBS.

**Robert and Connie Thompson** Bowman live in Glenwood, Md., where Rob and **Jim Selfridge** are partners in a car wash in Clarksville, Md. Rob also coaches Glenelg High School wrestling. Connie and her daughter

Caroline, 12, joined **Robin Seiland Trenner '79** in a play with the Heritage Players and can be seen in an upcoming movie called "Jumpers." Their son Bobby, 8, enjoys football and baseball.

**Kristine Milker Brockman** writes that her life is pretty much the same except for a few more gray hairs. Her son Will is a freshman at Woodberry Forest School, and son Paul is in fifth grade.

**Lisa Potocki Brown** loves her job as a computer specialist at Social Security. She is divorced from ex-husband Keith.

"I am back in Maryland!" writes **H. Jane Carstensen**. She works for First Union Securities in Lutherville.

**Barb Bailey Collins** and her husband just celebrated her 10th wedding anniversary and renewed their wedding vows at a marriage conference called "I STILL DO." She looks forward to home schooling their 5-year-old and leading a Bible study at her church.

**Michael Esley** got married in August to Wendy Tanabe, whom he met while working at Hewlett-Packard in Palo Alto, Calif. **John Spear, Scott Frazer '79** and **Scott Lohman '83** attended.

When I started this column several years ago, I heard from **Mark Franklin**. The news may be old, but here it goes. Mark is enjoying his career in the Army. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in April 1998. He was working with the commemorations staff on the 50th anniversary of the Korean War at the Pentagon. He enjoys life in Virginia with daughter Tara, who is a cellist with the local youth orchestra, and son Matthew. His wife Kathy keeps the family running. He keeps in touch with **Pat Clarke '79** and has seen **Wayne Winterling '80** a few times in the Pentagon.

As one of our non-traditional students, **Lucille "Luanne" Leatherman Frebretshauser** is now collecting Social Security and utilizing Medicare. She writes that life in her sixties is still exciting. Her husband Bob and she enjoy spending three winter months in their RV on North Hutchinson Island with the ocean in front of them and the Indian River behind. She is enjoying being a grandmother, especially enjoying the woods with her 5-year old grandson. She continues to do private case management for persons with mental retardation.

I also received this postcard two late for the last column, so the news is at least a year old. **Jeff '82** and **Debbie Bessman Funk** decided to stay in Wisconsin, so Jeff resigned as a vice president and started his own agency. They enjoy life with their four children: Kaitly, Kelsey, Keil, and Johnny. Deb tries to find a quiet corner to paint.

**Betsy Walsh Geiger** has been practicing her quarters game for our reunion. She continues to do well in Cumberland with her children and all their sports and activities.

**Marcie Allan Glinecki** works at Aether Systems as an operations manager who provides software for handheld devices. Her husband Roy and

daughter Grace, 2, live on Middle River and enjoy boating and swimming.

**Mary Hoyle Gottlieb** moved to Boyds, Md. She works at the Treasury Department where she has been for 12 years. Her daughter Julia was starting first grade. She sees **Lynn Rothacker Dowd** occasionally.

**Tim Hackerman** still owns an appraisal company. He is recently divorced and has custody of his daughter Jenna. While last year was tough, he is doing great and looking forward to the reunion.

**Della Butler Hager** moved to Myersville, Md., and is keeping busy with Dotie, 2. She teaches student development courses at Frederick Community College. Della and her sister **Donna Butler Nichols '82** walked 60 miles over three days, from Frederick to D.C., for the Avon Breast Cancer Walk. She saw some familiar faces on the way, and it was a great experience for her.

**Maria "Maggie" Mules Herman** assures us that Rochester, Minn., is a great place to visit. **Moore Noonan** visited her on spring break, but it snowed! Her husband Michael is the new section head of medical physics at the Mayo Clinic. Maggie volunteers at

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son Bridger's, 4, preschool. He is a constant joy in their lives.

"I can't believe it's been almost 20 years," writes **John Hines**. His wife Lynn and his children—Kelly, 10, and Matt, 7—live in Burtonsville, Md. John was made CEO of Envision EMI, a management and marketing company specializing in developing educational products and services for high achievers. It was recently selected by *Washingtonian* magazine as one of the 50 best places to work. John keeps in touch with Dr. Herb Smith and **Russell Johnson**, who is working in Baltimore and living in Elkhart, Md.

**Valerie Enfield Hockstra** writes from Northfield, Minn., where she has been with her husband Al for 16 years. Her three children—Bret, 13, Garrick, 8, and Bonnie, 2—keep her busy, as does her part-time job as a school psychologist. She hopes to get to one of the reunions. Well, Valerie, our 20th is next May!

**Rebecca Weller Helderread** gave herself a baby! Helen Michelle was born in October 1999, joining Emma, Barry and Rebecca are enjoying their family. Rebecca resigned her CFO position and is transitioning with some contract work. They hope to remain in Atlanta.

**Scott Kallins** vacated in Utah, skiing with **Steve Asroff, Joe Monendez**, and **Randy Heck '82**. They all survived!

Scott writes that Joe nearly fell off a 100-foot cliff but thought better of it. **Hunter and Katie O'Dwyer '82** Steadley visited Scott in Florida, and they went to a Devil Rays game.

**Paul Kinsey** is living in Millerville, Md.

The postcard caught **John Lathroum** just as he was moving to Corpus Christi, Texas. Good luck, John!

As a pilot for American Airlines, **Pamela Owen Leone** hopes to get time to see **Sherry McClurg Burkowski**. Pamela continues to live in Texas.

**Dawn Sweeney Lindsay** still lives in southern California and loves it. She is the matriculation coordinator for Sheddback College and was near finishing her doctorate in organizational leadership from Pepperdine University. While back for a visit this past summer, she met **JoAnne Campitell Nelson** and **Jan Mosser Hunt**. Both have three children and want to plan an annual women-only weekend. Dawn's son is 12, and they are planning a trip to England for the wedding of a relative of her husband.

**Mary Beth Gibbons McCullough** lives in Denton, Md., with her three children: Rachel, 12, Seth, 9, and Jesse, 5. She works with her husband in his environmental consulting business. She is also a substitute teacher and teaches an aerobics class in the evening. Her family vacationed in Costa Rica this summer. Mary Beth enjoys running and was to do another marathon this fall. She keeps in touch with **Debbie Gibbons Eyster**.

Still living in Garden City, N.Y., with her husband Thomas and children Katy, 7, and William, 4, **Jill Kortevels Mennicken** works in Manhattan four days a week selling staffing services to businesses. Jill and her husband went to Southeast Asia to ring in the new millennium, joining 130 people from around the world to celebrate Y2K. Then they spent a few days in Bangkok.

**Rick and Ginni Brown Morani** live in Ellicott City, Md. Rick has run his own computer company for four years and is doing great with 20 employees. Ginni is working at home part time and golfing. I have seen her play, and she is great! They went to Jackson Hole and Yellowstone this summer with their two daughters.

**Peggy Muth** published several articles on the placement and employment of deaf persons and has headed important committees in the American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association.

**Mark Mylin** and wife **Marti** have been living and working in France since 1994. Mark is pastor and working towards starting a new French church. He writes that many old InterVarsity friends are on their support team, but only **Leigh Broderick** has visited.

**Carl "Skeeter" and Nan Sadler '82** Neely are living in Williamsburg, Va., and had a second daughter, Colleen, in August. Carl is still in the Army but is planning on retiring next year and moving to the Baltimore area.

**JoAnne Campitell Nelson** works for Ciena Corporation, a fiber optics

telecommunications company. She puts in long hours but loves it. Her three children—Jessica, 10, and sons, ages 3 and 4—keep them busy. Her daughter is playing travel soccer, where she may run into **Jan Mosser Heath**, who also has a daughter playing soccer.

Just completing the Danskin Triathlon in Denver, **Moore Noonan** lives in Arizona. She still teaches and coaches at Ironwood High School. She spent the summer in Steamboat, Colo.

**Douglas Otto** is a business analyst for Carefree Blue Cross in D.C. He lives in Hyattsville with wife Stephanie, daughter Devin, 7, a dog and a cat.

**P. Maurice** and **Beverly Packard '82** Pitzer reside in Hanover with their four children, whom they home school. The oldest will graduate next year. They started their own business as sub-contractors to local Sears stores for delivery and appliance repair, which has been very successful.

**Donna Regnor Rizzo** lives in Denver and works at Merrill Lynch as a manager of financial communications, marketing and advertising for institutional clients west of the Mississippi. She invites fellow classmates to visit her in Colorado. Donna hopes to be back for the reunion.

**Dwain Rouse** represents buyers and sellers of commercial property from his position at Columbia-based Manekin, L.C.C. He spent two weeks touring Ireland with his wife and nephew and planned a vacation on the Outer Banks this fall. He sees **Lou Boeri '82**, who works for competitor Merritt, LLC, as well as **Hunter Steadley**. Owen resides in Baltimore City with his wife Anne and their two labs.

Living in South Carolina, **Laurie Morstein Rovin** keeps busy with their children, 12 and Hannah. They celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary in Baltimore. Laurie is clinical director of a group home that works with female adolescents who have been abused.

**Louise Herrera Scazzi** and husband **Michael '85** reside in Westminster with newborn Christopher and big sister Madeline, 3. They are beginning to see the challenge of having two children. Louise is on a leave of absence from her teaching position with the Carroll County Public Schools.

**Mary Beth Webb Schmalzer** has been a Christian lay counselor for the past five years. She also does individual and marriage counseling, co-leads a Bible study and volunteers at her church and her children's school. Her daughters Amy, 12, and Jenny, 9, continue to keep busy with various activities. They vacationed in Hilton Head this summer.

**Kathryn Sheridan** works at WMC's Biology department part time as a lab preparator. Her husband, Dean Camlin, runs his own architectural firm and teaches at Carroll Community College. Her children attend the Montessori School of Westminster. They keep in touch with **John Springer**, **Doug Otto**, **Nina Blecher '83**, **Allison Coffey '81** and **Meleah Becker '83**.

**Tom Sinton** was made a principal in the Frederick law firm of Nicklas, Prete and Sinton. His practice is litigation, concentrated in criminal and family law.

From down the ocean, **Regan Smith** is now a partner in the law firm of Williams, Hammond, Moore, Shockey and Harrison. He manages the Ocean Pines office. Daughter Meegan is in fourth grade, R.J. is in second and Maura starts preschool.

**Bob Snyder** is an associate professor of political science at Southwest University in Georgetown, Texas. **John Springer** writes that when people ask how long he has been raising children, he replies "three to life." He has been reading books on history and working professionally at using history to solve and reconcile divisions between people today.

**Carla Fifer Staub** writes that when she attended WMC she was 41. Now, at 59, she has eight grandchildren. She has been married to the same man for 40 years and recently went to Rome for a celebration. Professionally, Carla went on to graduate school and is a clinical social worker in Maryland and Pennsylvania. She was recently

licensed in Maryland as a marriage and family therapist. She has maintained her private practice in Gettysburg since 1989, which consists of hospital employees, seminarians and clergy. She is a part-time student in the Spiritual and Pastoral Care Program at Loyola.

**Hunter and Katie O'Dwyer '82** Steadley are busy with Hunter, 10, and Cameron, 6. Hunter started his own home improvement company, Renaissance Contractors. They went to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, for Katie's 40th birthday.

**Lisa Brandan Stickle** retired from the work force temporarily to stay home with her daughters Alison, 5, and Jill, 3. She is a substitute teacher and teaches Sunday school.

**Anita Coud Stonebraker** writes that her husband Glen's parents came to live with them in September 1998. Their children—Gabriel and Garth, 12, Annelise, 9, and Laurel, 4—continue to do well in school and with their activities. Anita works at Ameritrol Corp. and serves as youth choir director at their church. Glen is now a CDR in the U.S. Public Health Division at NIH.

**Deanna Taylor** has been living in West Jordan, Utah, since 1997. She is a special education teacher at a local junior-high school. She lives in a 100-year-old house with her partner, Tom King, and her three children—Greg, 16, Brian, 14, and Emily, 11. They do a great deal of gardening. She continues to enjoy playing the piano and, more recently, the flute. They enjoy concerts, hiking, camping and rock climbing.

**Lyn Keener Totty** relocated back to Hagerstown from Atlanta in May. Her husband and she are renovating an old stone house built by her grandfather in 1952, around the corner from where she grew up. She is adjusting to small-town living after life in the big city. Lyn hopes to involve herself in the

community and plans to get back on the golf course.

**Jeff Vinson** is still true to his Bachelor calling. (He says no girl will put up with him.) He lives in Pasadena and works for Northrup Grumman. He bought a place in Ocean City where he can be found at any of the following places: Greene Turtle, Fager's Island or B.J.'s. He still goes to his timeshare in Cancun every year and is looking for guests for next year. Perhaps a mini-reunion or maybe Hell Week!

**Barbara Forrey Wahlbrink** and husband **Jeff '80** were happy to see 1999 end. Jeff was in a serious car accident and spent many months regaining his mobility. He is doing fine except for some residual effects. Their children—Grace, 11, Hope, 8, and Nora, 3—keep them busy. Barb is working four days a week at Avaya Communications as a global account manager. Jeff runs the family Heavenly Ham business. Barb has seen quite a few of her Phi Alpha friends and looks forward to the reunion. We are all glad that Jeff is better.

You'll find **Craig Walker** teaching elementary physical education and coaching golf at North Carroll High School. His wife Judy is the principal at Cranberry Station Elementary in Westminster. His sons—Joshua, a junior at Elon College; Andrew, 12th grade; and Alex, sixth grade—are doing great. Craig often drives by the campus remembering all the good friends and times he had there.

**Craig Wheatley** is working in the biomed career field and is still buying and selling guns. He is married to **Elaine Lippy '83** and has two boys, ages 9 and 11. He sees **Andrew Chang '82**, who has a framing gallery on Main Street in Westminster.

**Ann Sowers Zimmerman** lives in York, Pa., with her husband Walt and her sons Kyle, 5, and Jared, 2. She enjoys being a stay-at-home mom and helps her husband with his practice.

Thanks to everyone for writing. I apologize to all of you who could not e-mail me with the first address you received. I had a problem with my Internet server, but all is well now. Bernie and I continue to live in Woodstock, Md. His company, Weber Merritt Company, merged with two other companies to form one of the largest public relations/public affairs/investor relations firms in Washington, D.C. We are truly blessed with our daughters Caitlin, 12, and Casey, 8. I am still working on getting my graduate degree from WMC in counseling to be a guidance counselor. I am halfway there!

Please keep the dates of May 4-6, 2001, free for our 20th reunion. More details will follow as the plans are made. Thanks to everyone for writing! Nancy Marlowe Merritt 10340 Wetburn Road Woodstock, MD 21163 Phone: 410/750-1462 E-mail: njmerritt@home.com

**1986** Thanks to all who returned their postcards filled with their exciting news. A unanimous congratulation goes to **Robin Adams-Brenton** on her new job as director of Alumni Affairs at WMC. We are proud to have her represent our class. Also, a big thank you to Robin for serving as our class reporter for the past 14 years. It's a little scary following such a great opening act! I was thrilled when she called to ask if I would take it over for her. I love being back in touch with so many old (Did I call that?) friends. Here's the current scoop from the Class of '86.

From Richmond, Va., **Ellen Knisely Bareford** and husband Steve celebrated the millennium by getting ready for the January 4 birth of second daughter Elizabeth "Libbie" Potts. Libbie joins big sister Grace, 3.

**Doug and Kathy Eichelberger '85** Barna, along with their four kids, have moved to a bigger home in Mt. Airy, Md. Doug's company did some restructuring, and he is now district operations manager for Exide, covering Baltimore, Alexandria, Va., and Richmond. Kathy is now the director of youth and children's ministry at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church and is working towards her certification and a master's in Christian education. Their oldest, Amanda, is starting middle school. "It should be quite an experience for us all," Doug writes.

Staying at home with her three "wild boys" is "crazy but fun," says **Laura Smith Baum**. She and husband **Mike '84**—along with sons Cody, 6, Kyle, 5, and Travis, 3—live in

**Blackbelt Josie Colliflower Webster '86 teaches kickboxing and Tae kwon do.**

Columbus, Ohio, but traveled back to the Jersey shore for a few weeks this summer.

**Valerie Willey Berg** is in her 14th year with Mercantile Bank (part time since 1996) as an AVP in cash management. She keeps busy with her kids—Drew, 7, and Lindsay, 4—and all their sports activities. Husband John and **Dru Salvo '87** coached her son's baseball team this past spring. They also visited Disney World last November and had a blast.

**Randy Blair** is enjoying his position as an attorney with the FBI, despite having to spend half of his summer in Waco, Texas. Randy writes that he and his wife, **Kathy McNiff Blair '87**, are busy with their growing family.

**Susan Neely Bower** reports that life in Arizona is wonderful. She's a stay-at-home mom to Elizabeth, 6, who just entered first grade, and Sarah, 3, who enjoys being home with mom and



playing with their four dogs. Susan ventures back East each summer to spend some time on the Outer Banks with her family.

Nothing much new with **Robin Adams Brenton** ... NOT! Robin, as I have reported, has been busy in her new position as director of Alumni Affairs for WMC. She writes that she "can't wait to work with more alumni and get everyone involved." Robin and husband **George '85** finally finished renovating their home in Hanover, Pa., and are now enjoying their second decade. George still owns, operates and serves as president of Ardon Lighting.

The beach is where the Butlers spent most of their summer, writes **Bob and Karyn Untler Butler** (although Bob admits he spent most of his time traveling back and forth on the weekends). "Our three boys are becoming quite the little surfers," jokes Karyn. She and Bob were really looking forward to the school year as they were going to home school Robert, 9, Bryan, 7, and Zachary, 5.

**Angie Tissue Carlton**, husband Pete and son Alex, 7, welcomed baby Jenna on June 6, 2000. "Alex," Angie writes,

## Nairy Ohanian '86

*served in an orphanage and taught Bible clubs in Nicaragua.*

"keeps us very busy with his varied activities." Angie is now looking forward to staying home for a while.

**Leslie Stinchcomb Dolan** started her 12th year of teaching special education in Prince George's County, Md. The Dolans welcomed Sean Michael in March 1999. Leslie adds that "Sean joins big sister Elizabeth in ruling our home and hearts!"

Soccer is the sport of choice for the Donegan family—Sean, 9, Katie, 6, and Brian, 3. **Karen Butting Donegan**, when not shutting her kids out of their respective soccer games, teaches first grade in Howard County.

**Bryan Geer** is still with the DEA (13 years now) as a forensic chemist. He hopes to get back to "the Hill" to see the new Science Center soon. Bryan, like all of us, wrote that he's sorry to see Dr. Chambers leave.

**Nora Kane Graham** reports that she and husband Rich have been busy with their two boys, Brian, 4, and Michael, 2. She still works two days a week ("to keep my sanity," she says) and tries to get to Baltimore often to see old WMC friends.

**Kevin Groner** was the corporate representative to the National Congress on Medicaid and Medicare, working on ways to assist in our underserved communities. He and wife **Karen Schmidt '87** Groner are busy with kids Sam, 4, Ella, 3, and Jack, 1.

In Princeton, N.J., **Joan Lemeshow**

**Horton's** daughter Sarah, 8, is in third grade, and son Jack just started kindergarten. She spends most of her spare time taking the kids to tennis lessons, soccer practice and drama lessons. Joan, too, has started taking up tennis. She says she's officially retired from ice skating. "It was causing way too much pain!" Just watch that net, Joan!

A new addition was the new mom from **Stewart and Jeaneane Owens Johnston**. Griffin Willmet, born on Sept. 28, 1999, "He is awesome!" says Jeaneane. Can't you just hear her say that? joined big sister Taylor, who just finished first grade and "did great," boasts mom. They are very active in their church, and Jeaneane is involved in many different activities with other mothers of young children. Stew continues to work at MBNA in Delaware. The Johnstons see and chat often with **Sarah Burton '86** and **Bill Boling**.

**Sarah Jahnies Kenyon** and her husband Ted have accepted new positions at Northfield Mt. Hermon School in Northfield, Mass. Sarah writes, "It is the second largest boarding school in the U.S., and we are thrilled with our move."

"Still in Baton Rouge," writes **Laura King King**. Husband Mark is working on his Ph.D. at LSU, while Laura is busy freelance editing for three publishers and taking care of Katie, 2. When she's not working, Laura can be found in the pool with Katie.

**Debbie Cooke Kleinsorgen** is a stay-at-home mom to daughters Alyson, 3, and Jackie, 1. She and her girls enjoy going to the pool and playgroups, and she is involved in a local Mom-92s group.

Settling into their new home in La Plata, Md., kept **Steve Knott** and wife Melody busy this summer. Steve still works for the EPA in downtown D.C. and looks forward to seeing everyone at the reunion in May.

After 15 years with the same company, **Wendy Bartko-Libert** has started a new job. She is now in charge of all moving services at the International Monetary Fund. She still lives in southern Maryland with her husband and daughter Brittany. "Work, boating and horse showing keep us all busy," she adds.

**Lucy Purcell Lutche** and husband **Steve '87** still live in Fallston, Md. Lucy quit her job as a paralegal to take care of new baby Stephen Lawrence and his big sister Brigitte, 3. "Life is good, but very hectic," she says.

"All is well here," writes **Roli Gladhill Mark** from Adamstown, Md. Since her kids, Emily, 7, and Sarah, 3, have a busier social life than she does, they keep Roli hopping. She adds that the girls are doing all the things that kids are supposed to do—especially challenge their parents! In June, Roli graduated with honors from Stonier's Graduate School of Banking. She still works at FCNB Bank as vice president, product development.

**Mike McInerney** is still living the "bachelor life" in Springfield, Va., and working in the D.C. area. On weekends he enjoys riding his Harley with his motorcycle club and going to the

shore and mountains.

**Warren '84** and **Cindy Herr Michaels** moved to Ellicott City, Md., in April. Kids Josh, 12, and Jenny, 10, keep them busy with lacrosse, soccer and basketball. Cindy still works out of their house with her company, Software Resources Group, and Warren is the athletic director at Centennial High, where he also teaches computer science.

"Each year, I think my life can't get more hectic, but it does," says **Ann Kessler Miller**. They are very involved with their three kids and Cub Scouts, and she is coaching daughter Terry's all-girls soccer team. The Millers were in Disney World in July ("It was hot, but worth it," says Ann) where her daughter danced. Ann changed jobs and is now an accountant with the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, Md.

For her 10th wedding anniversary, **Cindy Rasberry Minnich** and husband Scott went on a snorkeling trip to Cozumel, Mexico. Scott continues to pastor the church that they planted in 1993 in Toms River, N.J. Cindy is a full-time mom to Sara, 4, and Rachel, 2, and part-time helper to Scott at the church. Cindy adds, "I am constantly amazed and thankful for the Life God has given to me."

"I still thoroughly enjoy staying at home with Mary Elizabeth, 2," reports **Linda Strandburg Morrison**. They are involved in their church teaching Bible studies and coordinating outreach to the shut-ins. She had a great visit over the summer with **Missy Arhos Katsoulas** (visiting from England), **Lorie Schanze Quinn**, **Wendy Zervitz Schenker** and **Linda Bancroft Pyle**.

**Meg Packard Motter** still lives in Hanover, Pa., with husband David and their three kids—Jordan, 7, Jennah, 4, and Julianne, 1. They continue to home school the kids and are active in their church. Meg works in a mental health clinic in Frederick, Md., two days a week.

"The real estate market is great," says **Stephanie Shantz-Myers**, who works for Long & Foster in Westminster/Taneytown. She just finished a term as the president of the Carroll County Association of Realtors and is currently the district vice president for the Maryland Association of Realtors. Kids Nick and Lauren, both 11, are "growing up fast," she adds.

**Pam Dachille O'Dell** reports that she is married with children: Timothy Daniel, 6, and Anna Elizabeth, 1. She saw **Barb Abel '88** (visiting from Denver, Colo.) over the July fourth holiday and says they are trying to track down **Amy Elbert Ellison '88**. If you read this, Amy, Pam is in the phonebook and living in Abingdon, Md.

This summer **Nairy Ohanian** directed a project to Nicaragua where they served in an orphanage and taught Bible Clubs. After that she went on an inspiring two-week study tour of Israel. She reports that she has left the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship after 10 years as a missionary. "I think I have been to 28 countries thus far," she

says. Now she is back in Maryland trying to decide where to serve next. She keeps in touch with lifelong WMC friends **Cindy Rasberry Minnich**, **Liz Henry Bennett '87**, **Mark Johnson** and **Jeff '85** and **Valerie Wiedner '85 Rickert**.

**George Peck** is still with Susquehanna Bank, and **Lee Ann Ware '85** is still teaching at Westminster High. They enjoyed their summer with kids Lauren, 8, and Kevin, 5.

"With the twins (Will and Jerry, 5) starting kindergarten and my traveling as division sales manager for ABC School Supply, I'm sure Linda will enjoy some well-deserved peace and quiet!" reports **Tim Pyle** on his family's fall activities. Of course, he is referring to wife **Linda Schanze Quinn**.

**Lorie Schanze Quinn** is still teaching sixth-grade math in Clarksburg, Md. "Never a dull moment with middle school kids," she quips. Son Patrick, 11, began middle school this fall, and daughter Kelsey went into fourth grade. Both have been successful in school and sports. In fact, Patrick played for the Maryland Cardinals, a metro league team, traveling to Mississippi, Ohio and Pennsylvania without mom! Kelsey made the Frederick United soccer team and was the first girl to get a spot on a boys' allstar baseball team.

**John Robinson** writes that he is still an associate professor of biopsychology at SUNY Stony Brook. Wife **Alice Cialella '85** Robinson and daughter Zoe, 2, reside with John on the north shore of Long Island, N.Y.

Grace Mae Rockefeller became daughter number three for **Kathy Boyer and Rick Rockefeller** on March 20, 2000. "What a wonderful way to start the new millennium," writes Kathy. Rick's NAPA store is doing well, and Kathy spent her summer at the pool with Rachel, 8, Sadie, 5, and little Grace.

**John Rosenquist** reports that he is now outnumbered 3-1, and daughters Lillian, 5, and Julia, 1, have daddy wrapped right where they want him. (John's sure that other fellow dads can relate.) John spent some time this summer with **Colin McCollough** tubing down the Delaware River with his 10th annual float down. He also got some R & R in the green mountains of Vermont and on the shores of Rehoboth Beach, Del. He is looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming reunion. John says that The Police are still looking for their lead singer, **Chris Brown '85**, who apparently has dropped of the face of the Earth.

**Wilma Spartan Rowe** is living in Towson, Md., with husband Todd '84 and sons Anthony, 10, Nicholas, 8, Peter, 4, and Kenneth, 2. She is working at Mercy Medical Center as the associate residency training director and as a hospitalist in its department of medicine. Todd is still making the daily commute to Newark, Del., where he is a senior vice president at MBNA.

**Carol O'Brien Sauter** says she is "quite busy living here in Catonsville with my children Eric, 11, Katie, 4, Megan, 3, and Danny, 2." Carol still teaches first grade in Carroll County.



**Laurel Dollar-Seivold** had a baby boy, nicknamed **Quin**, on May 5, 2000. "His real name is kind of long," Laurel explains. She loves being a mom.

Having received her doctorate in clinical psychology, **Susan Scharf** is now working as the coordinator of mental health services at an adolescent substance abuse facility. She is looking forward to enjoying life now that her dissertation is done.

**Wendy Zerwitz Schenker** is still practicing law with her dad. Her son **Robbie** keeps husband **Gary** and her busy driving him to baseball practice and soccer practice. They brought him up to campus to see the Ravens practice. "I think he was impressed," she says. Wendy said she had a great time getting together with some old friends and their children at **Lorrie Schanzle Quin's** house this summer.

Word from **Nita Shank** is that she should be in her new house as we speak. She continues to coach and train Special Olympic athletes in Frederick County as she has for the past seven years.

**David and Drew, Amy Farrell Stern's** 2-year-olds, keep her and her husband running and laughing. She was looking forward to spending some time this summer with **Eve Al-Ansari Angers** and her husband **David** and son **Ben**.

Big news for **Joe Thomas** and his wife **Leslie**. Amanda Michelle was born in April. Joe is still teaching and coaching girls' track at Long Reach High School in Columbia, Md. In fact, Joe's girls won the state championship for the third year in a row. Joe also says that he has a Caribbean jerk chicken stand in the summer that was booming! Where, Joe? Where?

In Middleton, Va., **Joanne "Josie" Colloffower Webster** is still freelancing for the Virginia Council for Private Education. She earned her black belt in Tae kwon do in April ("April Fools Day," she jokes). Josie works for Gentle East Martial Arts teaching kickboxing and Tae kwon do, and manages its office. Husband **Ted** is still with Overnite Transportation. Their girls—**Mandi**, 9, and **Sami**, 6—are the best, Josie writes. Josie admitted in her postcard that she was watching the finale of "Survivor" as she was writing.

Since her wedding last August, **Lisa Abbey Wilking** and her husband have been busy selling both of their houses and buying one together. They moved in to their new house in Windsor Mill, Md., in May. "We absolutely love it," she writes. Lisa adds that they have lots of land and their back right up to a state park. "A very nice atmosphere after a hectic day at work," she explains. In between all the house selling and buying they were able to travel to St. Lucia where they chartered a sailboat with another couple and sailed for four days.

Come and **Cathy Horsley '87 Younger** continue to enjoy their home in Freehold, Md., with their sons **Jim**, 10, and **Courtney**, 8. Cole is still with ADP Dealer Services as director of sales, while Cathy manages the kids' activities.

**Frances Ward** is still ice skating, liv-

ing in Towson, Md., and working as a public information officer for the State Highway Administration in Baltimore. She had a busy summer traveling to England, New York City and a few local places. While in London, Fran's old roommate, **Susan Wallace Argbright**, caught up with her and the two trekked to Cambridge and Birmingham. She enjoys keeping up with old friends such as Susan, **Amy Barnes Elliott '84**, **Denise Kennedy '85**, **Lisa Pelton '85**, **Pam Hipsley Kowalski '85**, **Sandra Michener Lazar '85**, **Charlotte Barber Letourneau '85** and **Helen St. John Curry '85** (whose spring wedding Fran, Lisa, Sandra and Dee attended).

I continue to work part time as a writer for Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md. My husband and I tag-team taking care of our two girls—**Molly**, 3, and **Annie**, 15 months. I'm home by noon every day to spend the afternoons and evenings with them. I wouldn't trade it for the world! I have thoroughly enjoyed reading everyone's postcards and trading e-mails with the people with whom I shared a lot of great experiences. Please feel free to e-mail me with any news. I will hang on to it for the next Hll or pass it on to the Alumni Office.

Thanks! Don't forget REUNION WEEKEND 2001 in May! Watch your mail!

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**1991** Newlyweds **Paul Borynek** and **Mary Carmen** are building a house in Sykesville, Md. Paul is a self-employed real estate appraiser, and Mary is a cardiac nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Also in Sykesville, **Melanie Tull Conley**, husband **Mark** and daughter **Emily**, 4, welcomed a new addition, **Molly Eliza**. She is taking time off from teaching to spend time with the girls. They are looking forward to completing this job as a municipal bond analyst at Bloomberg Financial Markets.

**Mike Alagna** is also a partner in a new start-up business. He has spent time with his family—wife **Wendy** and 6-month-old son **Zach**—and seeing a bunch of Sig Eps. The Alagnas reside in Colts Neck, N.J.

**Deanna Dailey** quit her job, sold her house and moved to Fort Collins, Colo. She is in the pre-vet program at Colorado State University and hopes to attend vet school in the future. She loves being near the mountains.

**Carolyn "Cubbie" Dahl Ingraham** enjoys spending time with daughters **Allison**, 3, and **Carla**, 1. She lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

**Jennifer Hannah** married Stephen Fletcher in July on family attended the Ninety-fifth birthday. Jennifer is the human resources director for an apparel company in Lancaster. Stephen is the head swimming coach and aquatics director at Franklin and Marshall College. Jen

sends a "hi" to **Amy Zonay '90** and **Tara Prugh Evans**.

Wedded in July, **Bonnie Grady** and **Ted LaPierre** live in Westminster. **Tammy Norwood Collins '91** was a bridesmaid. Bonnie continues to teach math at Francis Scott Key High School and is beginning her second year as varsity soccer coach.

After eight years at Maryland Public Television and one year as a TV station manager, **Bonnie Grady** is enjoying the more relaxing life of a free-lance producer. She is also the president/CEO of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. Bonnie sends a "hi" to **Chrissy**, **Wendy**, **Michela**, **Deb T** and the rest of WMIC-TV.

**Brian Haight** is still working in the family funeral business. He has traveled to Vegas and Bermuda. He still sees many alumni in Carroll County.

"The stress of four years of final exams pales in comparison to one day of two 2-year-olds," writes stay-at-home mom **Stacy Hermann Austensen** from Mt. Airy, Md. Her twin boys are riding through the Terrible Twos. Her 10 years since WMC have been great thanks to a great job, great family and awesome **Phi Sigma Sigma** friends.

New mommy **Melissa "Missy" Cote Borucki** writes that Rachel Alexis, who joined their family in January, looks just like her daddy **Craig**. Missy still works for the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine as a grants and funding information administrator. She plans to return to WMC this fall in the Human Resources Development master's program.

**Tamara Mahan Cursey** was promoted to vice president of acquisition, development and construction lending at The Columbia Bank in Ellicott City,

Md. She and husband **Douglas** live in Fox Ridge.

**Tara Prugh Evans** enjoyed a summer off from teaching seventh-grade science in Montgomery County. She and husband **Mike** have a daughter, **Emily**. She writes that **Emily**, 22 months, and their three dogs keep her busy. Tara was to start grad school in the fall at Hood while Mike is in school to become certified as an interpreter for the deaf.

The Gardella family moved to a new home in April and are working on renovations in their spare time. **Colleen Christmas Gardella** is the office administrator at her father's law firm. She is also taking care of Casey, a first grader, and **Richie**, a kindergarten. **Rich '90** is vice president of business development with MBA Management, a search firm in Virginia.

**Allison "Lamb" Coffey** and husband **Greg** have added to their family. **Mallory**, who was born in December, joins brother **Mitchell**. They are temporarily living in Virginia Beach while **Greg** is opening up a new Silver Diner. They planned to return home to Jjamsville, Md., in November. **Lamb** is working part time as **Greg's** office manager. She was an attendant in **Kate Covell Flaherty's** wedding last October and gets to see **Amy Fowler Granato** when visiting home in Pennsylvania.

**San Francisco** is still home to **Kim Hildebrand**. She is a midwife who is starting a home birth practice. The free clinic that she co-founded just celebrated its one-year anniversary. **Kim** spent New Year's Eve 2000 in Brazil visiting her boyfriend's family and improving her Portuguese skills.

**Sean Dunn** is teaching at his alma mater and coaching football elsewhere. His wife and two boys are doing well.

Sean sends a "hi" to his friends that he hasn't seen in a long time and to the Sig Ep brothers.

**Beth Palmer Klees** and husband Don welcomed their first child, George Thomas, in October 1999. They are happy to be back in Maryland after living and working in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Germantown, Md., is home for **Chris "Drappo" Campbell** and wife Chanon. The Campbells have two sons, Bailey, 4, and Ethan, 1. Chanon retired from the work force and is loving life being with the boys. Chris is making significant headway both as a professional recruiter specializing in the accounting/finance area and as an entrepreneur developing a B2C e-commerce enterprise. He runs into **Rob Welsh, Frank Mantua, Pat Stokes '90** and **Pat Crain '90**, as well as many other alumni Bachelors.

**Lauren Brumback Rothmel** and husband Drew had a baby on Oct. 11, 1998. Their son is named Bailey. She keeps in touch with **Todd Diamond**.

**Wendy Skidmore Harris** is in her fifth year of working for Intel. She is working part time now so she can be at home with her daughter, Kylie Michelle, 2. She travels frequently for work and pleasure. Recent trips include Germany, Japan, Ireland, Disney World, Texas and Maryland. She and husband Steve have been married for six years and reside in Phoenix, Ariz.

**Lori Perugini DeMatte** in Vineland, N.J., enjoyed the beach this year with Kelsey, 2. She had a great time with WMC people at the summer party.

"Wheezy" is what **Nora Green's** friends are calling her since moving to "a deluxe apartment in the sky" on the seventh floor. She has been working at Villa Maria for six years. She is dancing three to four times a week and loving it. She competed recently in Virginia and was working on a routine for a fundraiser in November.

**Drista Henry Bowser** works at New Windsor Middle in Carroll County teaching seventh-grade math. Her husband Steve works for Carroll County Schools for Information Technology. They have two daughters—Lyla, 4,

Mass., in December 1998. They recently renovated the kitchen and added a family room. Mimi loves her job as human resources manager of a textile manufacturing plant, especially her role as trainer. She misses Baltimore and visits a couple times a year. During her last trip she visited with **Alecia Janney Saah** and **Michela Patterson Cannon**. She and John have been enjoying visiting new places. They went to London last year and were planning a ski trip to the Canadian Rockies this winter.

**Tracy Snyder Follis** and husband Rick moved into their new home in June 1998. On Feb. 29, 2000, Tracy gave birth to their first child, Faith Lynn. Tracy has stopped teaching and coaching to raise the family while Rick works for Allstate Lending Corporation.

Lisa could not be better these days for **Paul "Gooch" Gaccione**, a.k.a., "The Goocher." After marrying sweetheart Tiffany on April 8, 2000, in Clearwater, Fla., they were off to California's Napa Valley for an eight-day honeymoon. After working at Tech Data for nine years and traveling the country, he started a new job as a major account manager for EMC Corporation, based in Tampa Bay.

Gooch wants to give a "shout out" to all the Bachelors past and present, especially the survivors of the infamous "Big Night Out" party. You know who you are. He also gives a special thanks to all the brothers who made it to Clearwater for his special wedding day, especially **Rob "Shoverus" No Today's** **Welch** and **Mike "Westminster"** I live in Westminster! We were standing by his side and made a great time even greater.

**Elizabeth Palmer Klees** got married on Oct. 4, 1997, and gave birth to her son George on Oct. 16, 1999, a big boy—8 pounds, 13 ounces. She and husband Don lived in Ann Arbor, Mich., where they were buyers for Borders, Inc. They are now back home with family. Beth works one day a week for Borders, specializing in children's books. She still goes and talks with **Chris Covell, Dave Britt, Doug Gauld** and **Michela Patterson Cannon**.

**Malissa Lechman** recently returned from a fantastic camping trip in the Colorado Rockies. She also went to Cheyenne, Wyo., where she attended the famous rodeo. She is keeping busy with teaching and athletic training at WMC. Missy is also the adviser for Phi Mu, which has been a lot of fun. To fill up whatever free time she has left, she works for DJ Orthopedics as a service rep. She teaches classes for people who want to become personal fitness trainers. She says "hi" to all of her Phi Mu sisters and hopes everyone is doing well.

**Mary Bashoff McCarthy** and husband **Bob '90** live in Frederick, Md., with daughters Sarah, 6, and Molly, 2. Mary has an office in downtown Frederick where she does writing as a newspaper columnist for the *Frederick Gazette*, as well as historic preservation work.

**Andrea Pinkham Martz** is enjoying her job as a full-time mom in her new home. Son Robert James was born on

Dec. 4, 1999. Andrea does part-time statistical consulting work and tutoring in math/statistics.

**Katie Ruppenthal Michaelson** gave birth to her daughter Annalise in May 1999. She and husband Rob are having fun watching her grow and learn. Katie recently stopped working full time to take care of Annalise, but she continues to work from home as a columnist for *Inside Annapolis* magazine.

**Carolyn Miller** is still enjoying work as a grassroots community organizer. Her husband David is the marketing director for Christian Caine Jewelers. They are spending lots of time kayaking and traveling.

**John Pasquarello** has been happily married for three years to his wife Lisa. They just welcomed a new addition to their family, John Robert, born on June 20, 2000. John continues to work as a Philadelphia police officer and extends a big hello to his Alpha Gamma Tau brothers.

**Kent Pearce** is a vice president of investments with Merrill Lynch and Company in Towson, Md. He and wife Bridgette live in Timonium, Md.

**Alice Smith Rau** married Chris on July 1, 2000, in Hagerstown, Md. **Bonnie Gruch LaPiere, Shawn Young '88, Deb Shockley Zachar '92, Denise "Dee" Beyton Gonzalez '90, Denise Spangler '95, Tracy Snyder Follis, Kim St. Clair and Becky Martin '90** were present to share in their special day. Alice is still teaching and coaching basketball and volleyball at Francis Scott Key High School.

**Alissa Rock** and **Jim Wade** have been married four years and have a son, Connor. Alissa is a freelance marketing received her MBA from Johns Hopkins University in May. Jim is an equity analyst with Deutsche Banc Alex Brown. She keeps in touch with **Joelyn Martin Stewart** and **Sharon Landis**. Alissa and family live in Baltimore.

**Beth Clarke Roe** started her ninth year of teaching fifth grade in Calvert County, Md. She obtained her master's degree in curriculum and instruction through WMC in December 1997, just before son Jake arrived on Feb. 24, 1998. On Robert John "R.J." soon followed on April 28, 2000. Beth and husband Jeff bought a vacation home in Chincoteague Island, Va., in 1995 Omegas.

**Lauren Brumback Rothmel** is a stay-at-home mom to her 2-year-old son Bailey. She also teaches part time during the school year and is enjoying life.

Since college, **Michael Sabo** has been busy working in the film and television industry as a prop master. He worked on "Homicide" for seven years and other shows such as "Young Americans," "Arlington Road," "My Fellow Americans," "Major League II," "Gettysburg" and "Pelican Brief." He also got married and has two sons.

**Alecia Janney Saah** is a technical editor for SAIC, a research and engineering company in Frederick, Md. She and husband Sam celebrated their one-year anniversary last spring. They purchased a new home on the outskirts

of Frederick and are busy getting settled in and entertaining friends and family. She keeps in touch with **Mimi Kideckel Brunelle, Darlene Kramer Kerr, Carolyn Appleby Cusick '90** and **Laura Beckoff Miller '90**. Alecia sends a big "hello" to all the Phi Mu alumni out there.

**Christine Houlihan Soloway** enjoyed her position as a training facilitator with the University of Pennsylvania

## Certified massage therapist Candace Craig '96 is building a practice in Hagerstown, Md.

Health System but decided to take the more challenging and rewarding position of mom at home. Her daughter Chloe Veronica was born on June 20, 2000. Christine says that Chloe is a gracious boss and the fringe benefits of parenthood are wonderful.

**Scott Senior** and wife **Jeanne** had their first child, Tracy Scott, on Nov. 24, 1999. Obviously, they had a lot to be thankful for on Thanksgiving! At birth, Tracy weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces, a very happy and healthy boy. Scott and family moved into their new home in Upper Saddle River, N.J., the town in which Scott grew up.

**Eric Springmeyer** is looking forward to the 10-year reunion and invites his classmates to check out his work at [www.blackstonegarage.com](http://www.blackstonegarage.com).

**Lia Jackson Stone** and husband **John '92** moved into their newly built home in Columbia, Md., in February 1999. After celebrating their second anniversary in April 1999, they welcomed their son Andrew John on Aug. 4, 1999. They recently added another addition to their family, their golden retriever puppy Cheyenne. He was a joint birthday gift for Andrew and John. Lia is still a consultant with Lexis-Nexis, where she works at home and in D.C. She also started a business with her neighbor, Name That Bead, selling sterling silver name/mother bracelets. Business is booming, and they have a web site at [www.name-that-bead.com](http://www.name-that-bead.com). John is operations manager with Sprint PCS in Beltsville, Md. They regularly see **Mary Mahoney Pearce '92, Leona Sevik '92 and Grant Disharoon '93**. Lia also keeps in touch with **Christy Wasko Dillon**.

**Kristina Stephan** is living in Gainesville, Fla., and pursuing a master's degree in forest resources and conservation at the University of Florida. She sends a "hello" to her Phi Alpha sisters and friends at WMC.

**Jennifer Letterer Stewart** and husband **John '90** have been living in Canton, Mich., since June 2000, as John accepted a promotion to GMAC's executive office in Detroit. They like Michigan, but miss the South since Charleston, N.C., was their home for nearly six years. Children Hunter, 6, and

## Midwife Kim Hildebrand '91 started a home birth practice in San Francisco.

and Hayley, 2. She keeps in touch with **Joyce Restar Abbott**, who is teaching in Howard County.

**Steve Greene** married **Vasilike Hronis** on Sept. 11, 1999. They were married at the Lighthouse on Long Beach Island, N.J. The mayor of Barnegat Light performed the ceremony on a beautiful, warm sunny day. **Coleman Stump, Jim Warren and Jim Secker** were present.

**Mimi Kideckel Brunelle** and husband John bought a house in Shrewsbury,



Kayle, 4, are doing fine. Jennifer stays busy as a full-time mom and decorator, as well as with school related activities. She asks that everyone in the area please look them up.

**Greg Street** attended graduate school at the University of Texas at Port Arkansas, Texas, and received his Ph.D. in marine science in 1995 by studying the effects of pollution on the DNA of benthic organisms. He was assistant research professor at the University of South Carolina for two years. Greg enjoyed teaching, but he found research a bit tedious and lonely and soon became tired of spending all of his time on grant proposals instead of in the field. He wanted to do something creative, so when the "dream job" of being game designer for top computer games "Age of Empires" at Ensemble Studios in Dallas came along, he took it. Greg married wife Jennifer on Oct. 1, 1999, in Clinton, N.J. They live in Dallas.

**Julie Cohen Tinney** and husband **Scott** welcomed their daughter Casey in August 1999. Scott finished law school and is practicing in Baltimore City. Julie completed her residency in family medicine and is working in private practice in Bel Air, Md.

**Laura Hensley Walsh** has two children, daughter Casie, 5, and son Ryan, 2. Laura works part time in the evenings while her husband is at home. They built a new home in Westminster, Md.

**Kevin Wright** left the Baltimore County Police in August 1999 to begin his new career as a special agent with Diplomatic Security Service, Department of State. His office conducts passport fraud investigations and provides protection to the Secretary of State and visiting foreign dignitaries. They are also in charge of embassy security when posted overseas. He was in Portugal and Moscow with President Clinton and Secretary Albright in May. Kevin and wife Kris will live in Los Angeles for the next two years and then overseas they go. Kevin rubbed elbows with Hollywood sorts (Gere, Hawn, Brosnan) when his office protected the Dalai Lama. He stays in touch with **Ray Carbone**, **Jim Mitchell** '99, **Paul Borynek** and other Sig Eps.

**Danielle Trent Zeyher** and husband Matt had their first child, Zachary Matthew, on Oct. 12, 1999. They also bought a new house in Wilton, Conn. Matt is a marketing manager with UST, and for two years Danielle has been a practice fellow with the Financial Accounting Standards Board representing her firm Deloitte & Touche.

Thanks for the updates everyone. Keep the information coming. As for me (Elise), my husband Mike and I purchased a home in Bel Air, Md. Our son Andrew 3, should have a lot of fun running around in a much bigger house. I'm still working for USDOT Office of Inspector General, keeping very busy, while Mike remains an overworked, underpaid but extremely dedicated teacher in Harford County, Md. Life is going very well and I look for-

ward to seeing everyone at our 10-year reunion. "Hello" to all my Phi Sig sisters!

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# 1996

The year 2000 has been a good one so far for the Class of '96. We've had plenty of homes, jobs, marriages and children to celebrate. It's hard to believe that our five-year reunion is less than a year away.

**Susan Foreman** is beginning her third year as a special educator in Baltimore County Public Schools. She still keeps in touch with **Larissa Beaven** and **Rick Wegman** '91.

**Lisa Bencke Warner** and **TJ Warner** were married in May 1999, and they are living in Littlestown, Pa. The wedding party included **Mary Vulliamy**, **Heavly** '95 and **Emily Moser** '01. She is still in touch with **Michael Calabria** '94 and looking for e-mail from **John Gazzell** '84 and **Rochere Whitaker** '95. Lisa is now working at home restoring vintage dolls and writing a book (fiction).

**Sara McCracken** continues to work in Fairfax, Va., as a psychologist assistant. She was to begin a five-year Psy.D. program this fall at the American School of Professional Psychology in Arlington. She also just bought a great condo in Germantown.

The big news for **Chiara Berlingo Fox** includes a new home and a new job. She and her husband live in Ann Arbor, Mich. In her position as an information architect for Argus Associates, she advises large companies on how to best organize their web sites.

**Katryn O'Donnell Valladares** married **Gui Valladares** '95 in August 1996. They bought a house in Glyndon, Md., in February 1998. So **Lucas O'Donnell Valladares** was born in July 1999. Katryn works part time at UMBC coaching diving, and Gui is the director of finance for GBMC.

**Chuck and Heather Smith Mader** keep in touch with the Valladareses and the **Wraases**. Heather stopped teaching to stay home with their children.

A beautiful daughter, **Olivia Jane**, was born on May 16, 2000, to proud parents **Jennifer Nash Herman** and husband **Danied**.

**Michelle M. Zepf** is teaching middle school music, as well as high school marching band and indoor guard programs in Carroll County. She is working on her master's in curriculum design and administration at WMC.

Also back on "the Hill" for her master's degree is **Amy Laughman Shermeyer**. She married **Anthony** on Oct. 10, 1998. They live in Hanover, Pa., with their golden retriever **Riley**.

She has been teaching chemistry at Liberty High School in Carroll County since graduation.

**Julie Kissel Remo** and **Keith Remo** '97 were married on May 27, 2000. Julie is an internal medicine intern at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Keith is enrolled in a dual degree program at GW in physician assistant studies and public health. They have six babies: two bunnies, two guinea pigs and two kittens!

**Dorel Harris** received her MSDE teacher certification and continues to run her own business in Westminster, Md. We Can Help provides educational services and reading program resources.

Fellow entrepreneur **Julie Mullin** runs her own custom furniture and textile design business in Boston, Mass.

**Karen Beamer** passed the Pennsylvania bar exam last summer and is now beginning her second year as a practicing attorney and a tax consultant with Ernst & Young LLP.

The final year of physical therapy school at Shenandoah University began for **Amy Swenson**. She will graduate in May 2001.

**Danielle Miller** is living in Baltimore and attending dental school at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery.

**Sandra Elman** left Montessori teaching to become the director of special projects for Gold Coast Builders Association in Boynton Beach, Fla. She also purchased her first home in Jupiter, Fla., with **Randy Hoyle**. She is looking forward to seeing old college friends **Rachel Snyder MacDougall** '93, **Bonnie Miranda** '96, **Char Gaylin** '96, **Kath Walker**, **Samantha Dwoisnik** '97 and **Aaron Rosen** '95.

**Bruce Tol** is in Malaysia working for Intel as a capital equipment buyer. After graduation, **Candace Craig** spent nearly a year living in Scotland with a work abroad program. While there she sang quite a bit with a local guitarist at a songwriter's showcase.

She moved to Baltimore upon her return and worked at Council Travel, a student travel agency, for several years. She attended the Baltimore School of Massage, became a certified massage therapist and is now building a practice in her hometown of Hagerstown, Md.

Her current project is recording a CD of her own music with the help of some great local musicians.

**Aimee Dickinson** moved to York, Pa., where she is working on her MBA at York College. In September **Andrew Dziengeski** was promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army. He will be assigned to Fort Benning, Ga., as an instructor at the Officer Candidate School. Andy wants to say hello to all the Bachelors.

**MaryEllen Sheehan** has been working for a radiology facility for three years, presently as a senior biller. She shares a duplex with a big chocolate lab, Jake, and still keeps in contact with **Holly Roback Plank**. Marie says "hello" to all Phi Mus who may be reading this! Holly graduated in May from the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy with a master's degree in public policy. At the end of

July, she and her husband Steve bought a townhouse in Burtonsville, Md. She is now a senior research analyst for a defense contractor in Washington, D.C.

In North Carolina, **Kathy Gaston Bihari** and John celebrated their first wedding anniversary this summer. They are both working on their Ph.D. theses.

**Christopher Lee** still lives in Germantown, Md., and works for WMD & Co., a regional accounting firm located in the D.C. metro area.

**Amie Gavin Glasgow** was working as the national production director for Liberty Works Radio Network, doing free-lance voiceover work and co-hosting one of the network programs. She is now on the air at Eagle '97 in the Rehobeth Beach area.

I joined **Julie Kuerner, Blair St. Amand, Cara Dito, Jennifer Evans, Teatete Louderback, Greg Hedding** '97, **Sophie Furr** '97, **Amy Rice** '97, **Cindy Vandernat** '97 and **Nikki Kasselios** '99 at the wedding of **Jennifer Light Leiby** '97 and **Jeremy Leiby**. The Annapolis ceremony was almost a mini-reunion in itself with **Barbara (Disharun) Horneff** '84 and **Dr. Skip Fennell** also attending.

**Jennifer Evans** lives in Pittsburgh, Pa., and teaches at a private school for students with learning disabilities.

**Cara Dito** resides in Cockeysville, Md., and works as the supervising

## Julie Mullin '96 runs her own custom furniture and textile design business.

counselor/administrator at SARC, a domestic violence and sexual assault center providing individual and group counseling in Harford County.

Last August **Amy Eggors** stopped working at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she was doing research in the medical genetics lab, to try something a bit more relaxing—teaching. Last year she taught Spanish at Francis Scott High School, and this year she is teaching Spanish and science at North Carroll High. She is still the varsity girls' lacrosse coach at North Carroll High, and this is her first season as the assistant field hockey coach at WMC. In May she graduated from Johns Hopkins with a master's in biotechnology. Now she is going back to school for an additional master's in education.

Thanks again to everyone who responded with an update. Please keep in touch and remember to update the alumni office with any address changes. I hope that many of you will be able to make it back to "the Hill" next year for our reunion. See you then!

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Technological revolutions are ornery things. They dissolve the traditions and relationships that people have built over time, replacing them with new organizations and new cultures.

Four thousand years ago the Agricultural Revolution put to rest the life of the hunt and enabled a new kind of civilization that lived in one place and produced its own food. Three hundred years ago, the Industrial Revolution put away the life of the farm and enabled a new kind of civilization dedicated to the production and consumption of goods.

Today the Information Revolution puts away the life of the factory and enables a new kind of civilization in which communication networks touch everyone's lives and computers provide instant access to the world's data.

The Agricultural Revolution made us healthier; the Industrial Revolution made us wealthier; the Information Revolution is making us smarter.

What might this mean for Western Maryland College?

Higher education is an artifact of the Industrial Age. In agricultural times, knowledge was passed individually from parents to children, from master to apprentice. With the advent of mass production came the need for mass learning, and this gave rise to the schools that eventually became school systems and the colleges that eventually became multi-campus universities.

As we would not have expected the first farmers to envision the urban metropolis that would grow from their weeding and irrigation, nor the first industrialists to imagine that their water wheels and looms would lead to interstate highways and global warming, we should not expect at this point to see the future of the Information Revolution.



Nonetheless, certain trends are beginning to appear. Many of the methods of the new economy are applicable to education, and the fact that they are effective and relatively inexpensive argues for their eventual adoption.

We now expect professors to organize particular sets of information, called courses, and then to guide their students through the material. While professors may continue to create some of their course materials, the content of others may be outsourced from a remote college with the local professor conducting discussions, assigning homework and grading performance.

Colleges already outsource parts of their curricula to part-time faculty. With the advent of online courses, we might foresee large universities offering online Freshman Composition and World History for sale to smaller institutions.

As professors put what used to be their lectures online, we should see residential colleges move to smaller, more interactive classes. To keep sizes small without increasing the size of the faculty, classes will have to meet less often, perhaps once a week for two hours in groups of eight to 10 students. Supported by online discussion boards and e-mail, such courses should

prove to be more informative and more interactive than today's standard lecture courses.

Online courses will allow all colleges to offer a wide variety of upper division courses. We will probably see groups of colleges partnering with one another to share their online catalogs.

Publish, which used to mean "make available in print," is coming to mean "make available via the Internet." Because the Internet supports a wide range of communication media—audio, video, interactive graphics and the like—a wider range of intellectual activity will be accepted under the rubric of published research. Eventually, especially as people with advanced degrees begin to time-share their careers with multiple employers (or, from the other point of view, as colleges outsource more of their curricula), the faculty itself may dissolve into the network.

In the long run a good argument can be made for a future in which most high school graduates go directly to work, enrolling in college courses as part-time students and acquiring their degrees over a period of seven or eight years while simultaneously gaining career experience. Their employers would pay for the education, most of which would be done online, with occasional course work taken at local campuses.

A smaller number of students would surely elect to participate in the different, but more expensive, residential college experience. The colleges that compete in this market will need to marry access to a high quality online curriculum with an excellent on-site teaching faculty, a strong student life support staff and superior facilities for social interaction and personal growth.

Western Maryland College seems well positioned to join in this competition, but of course, only time can tell if any of this will come to pass. •

*Rick Dillman, associate professor of communication, uses e-mail for philosophical discussion, as well as a tool for expanding classroom discussion.*



GEORGE WELTY

### Victory on the Road

Senior linebacker Aaron Bartolain, Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Year, cheers a 38-14 defeat against Virginia's Emory & Henry in the Green Terror's fourth straight NCAA playoff game—the first winning road playoff game in school history. The team ended their playoff season with a 32-10 defeat against Hardin-Simmons in Texas.

## HILL HAPPENINGS

### DECEMBER

- 23 *Kid's Christmas*, a special holiday show for parents and children featuring the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 11 a.m. (Tickets \$20 per person; sponsored by the Office of Alumni Affairs).

### JANUARY

- 30 Flutist Erin Kirkpatrick, McDaniel Lounge, 7 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 11 *Chamber Music on the Hill*: "Two Pianos, Four Hands, Multiple Music" with Don Horneff and David Kreider, Alumni Hall, 3 p.m.  
19 *Monday Night Music*: The Jon Seligman Trio, McDaniel Lounge, 7 p.m.

### MARCH

- 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10  
Theatre: "Little Shop of Horrors," Alumni Hall, 8 p.m.  
17 "Tale of Two Cities: Before the Revolution": Music in the cities and the courts of Paris and London, Alumni Hall, 7 p.m.  
26 *Monday Night Music*: Bo Eckard explores the influence of punk rock, new wave, roots and rockabilly on music of the 1980s, Decker Center Forum, 7 p.m.  
30 *Maryland Boys Choir*, Baker Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

### APRIL

- 1 *Chamber Music on the Hill*: "Celebrating Centennial Composers," McDaniel Lounge, 7 p.m.  
2 *Evelyn McKenzie Performance Series*: South Indian classical music featuring U.K. Sivaraman, Baker Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.  
8 *Children's Choir of Carroll County*, Baker Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m.  
16 *Monday Night Music*: Jazz piano trio music featuring Mike Connell, McDaniel Lounge, 7 p.m.  
17 *Yale Gordon Residency*: Composer Lorraine Whittlesey, McDaniel Lounge, 7 p.m.  
21 *Inauguration of Western Maryland College's Eighth President*, Joan Develin Coley, Baker Memorial Chapel, 2 p.m.

### MAY

- 4-6 *Reunion Weekend*. Class Reunions for '26, '31, '36, '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '00.

Please call ahead to confirm date and time of events. For more information on art, music and theatre events, call 410/857-2599. The EventsLine offers weekly updates on campus events, and the SportsLine carries game times and daily reports. Both can be reached at 410/857-2766. Or check out the latest events calendar by clicking on News and Events at [www.wmdc.edu](http://www.wmdc.edu).

All alumni and their guests are invited to Alumni Association events. Contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 410/857-2296 or [alumni@wmdc.edu](mailto:alumni@wmdc.edu).

**Correction:** In last issue's cover story, "Campus Beauty Secrets," Elwood Grier was mistakenly identified as Eleanor and Ruth's father. Their father was Chester Grier; their cousin George's father was Elwood.



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**NEW COLLEGE PRESIDENT ELECTED**

Joan Develin Coley, hugging Megan Martin, accepted the post of president of Western Maryland College at an all-campus assembly Oct. 24. Unanimously elected by the Board of Trustees, she becomes the college's eighth president in its 134-year history. Turn to page 3 for more.