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INAUGURATION CELEBRATION

Chalkboard artist Tom Holder of Westminster piqued students' curiosity about Inauguration festivities, which began with an academic procession of faculty and delegates dressed in full regalia and ended with the colorful bang of fireworks and an all-campus party (see page 10 for more about the event).

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NEWS

from the Hill

Honorary Degrees Go to Loren Pope, Alice McDermott

Western Maryland College conferred the Doctor of Literature honorary degree upon National Book Award winner **Alice McDermott** and **Loren Pope**, former education editor of *The New York Times* and author of *Colleges That Change Lives*, at the April 21 ceremony celebrating the inauguration of President Joan Coley.

McDermott, a two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist, won the 1998 National Book Award for her most recent novel, *Charming Billy*, which tells the tragic story of the late Billy Lynch within the complex matrix of a tightly knit Irish-American family.

Like many Long Island families, McDermott's was Catholic, Republican and Irish. Although her recent novels focus on Irish-American lives, the author did not grow up with a strong Irish identity.

After earning a B.A. in 1975 from the State University of New York at Oswego, and her M.A. in 1978 from the University of New Hampshire, she

FACTS THAT WON'T FIT

According to a 1998 National Presidents' Study conducted by the American Council on Education: One in four presidents is recruited from within his or her institution • Twenty-five percent are women • Education is the most common field of study • The average age of newly hired presidents is 55 • They spend most of their time planning, fund-raising, dealing with personnel issues, and budgeting • The tenures of presidents of private institutions average 7.1 years • One-quarter have most recently been presidents at another institution • Half of recently hired presidents have been recruited by search consultants; the search process averages five months at private institutions • Twenty-six percent of presidents of private colleges teach a course • Thirty percent have never been a full-time faculty member.

began a career as a lecturer in English at the University of New Hampshire in Durham and was a fiction reader for *Redbook* and *Esquire*. She also worked as a consulting editor of *Redbook's* Young Writers Contest and as a lecturer in Writing at the University of California, San Diego.

Her first novel, *A Bigamist's Daughter* (1982), was published to wide acclaim. *That Night*

(1987), her second novel, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, and for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize. In his cover review for *The New York Times* Book Review, David Leavitt called *That Night* "an original, a work that revels in a rich, discursive prose style that belongs entirely to Alice McDermott." A film version of *That Night* was produced by Warner Bros. and released in the spring of 1992. *At Weddings and Wakes* (1992), her third novel, became a *New York Times* bestseller.

For McDermott "the hardest thing I had to do even to become a writer was believing that I had anything to say that people would want to read."

She began with short stories, she explains, because "I felt I had to apologize for wanting to write fiction for a living, and with a short story there was this, it's just a little 'bitty thing.'"

She traces the origins of this feeling to her childhood in suburban Long Island, "a place where writers were all dead people, not knowing anyone who was even close, who even worked as a secretary in a publishing house. It just seemed so remote. I remember discovering the *New York Times* Book Review when I was at Oswego [campus of the State University of New York], sitting out there on Lake Ontario with the *Times*, which we had started getting because we all realized we were going to have to begin thinking about jobs."

The recipient of a Whiting Writers Award, McDermott is currently writer-in-residence at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. She lives in Bethesda, Md., with her husband, David Armstrong, a research neuroscientist, and their children.

Loren Pope, former higher education editor of *The New York Times*, first began writing about education in 1952 for the Gannett Newspapers. Troubled by the lack of consumer information about colleges, as well as the growing dropout, transfer, and failure rates as a result of uninformed choices, he launched the College Placement Bureau in 1965 to help families make the right decisions for their college-bound children. He continued his work as a contributor to professional journals and as a speaker at meetings of the National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC).

Pope has written numerous articles on higher education as well as three books (*The Right College: How to Get in, Stay in, Get Back in; Looking Beyond the*

Alice McDermott



Loren Pope



JOE RUBINO

Ivy League: Finding the College That's Right For You; and Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools You Should Know About Even if You're Not a Straight-A Student).

Following Pope's view that a broad-based, wide-ranging liberal arts education is the optimal track for today's dynamic professional environment, these books encourage students to be "hard-nosed" consumers and to go through a critical self-evaluation process in order "to evaluate a school in terms of [one's] own needs and strengths," and consider the enriching and empowering effects of a liberal arts college experience. •

Stranger Than Fiction

Hoover Librarian Jane Sharpe has heard some Pulitzer Prize-worthy excuses for books that are late, lost or in limbo.

Not long ago a mortified faculty member produced three tattered volumes that had been chewed up by her dog. Others in the college community have confessed to discovering long-forgotten works in their car trunks, during annual couch cleanings or after a particularly stubborn drawer became unstuck.

And professors are often embarrassed to admit to losing track of which books on their office shelves belong to them and which are on loan from the library.

"People do make up stories, but the facts are sometimes stranger than fiction," says Sharpe, a vigilant, 30-year veteran of the battle to reclaim borrowed books.



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One unsolved mystery involved a carton that arrived from the University of Delaware. When she looked inside she was shocked to discover about 20 copies of various economics texts and reference books. Apparently, they had been liberated from Hoover Library years before and ended up at Delaware's annual book sale, where some conscientious soul decided to return them to their right-ful owner.

"That was the biggest ache we've ever seen and we were lucky to get them back and return them to the collection. Some of them were old and out of print and couldn't be replaced," says Sharpe. "When you find long lost books you experience the euphoria of recovering something important and it makes you feel good about people."

Those people who steal or selfishly squirrel books away on the wrong shelves are another story. "They need a lesson in library etiquette, which I give to all first-year students," Sharpe says.

The housekeeping crew finds literary treasures in the trash at the end of each semester when students are finished clearing out their rooms. And the *Roe v. Wade* section of the Supreme Court Report was ripped out, so now campus scholars have to make due with a photocopied version Sharpe put in its place. Hoover's most commonly copied book is the *Rand McNally Atlas*, which must be replaced about three times per year.

Procrastinating professors, students and alumni with overdue library books are encouraged to return them to their rightful home at Hoover Library. "There's no room to the rumor that we're going to have vicious Rotweiler's stationed at the door," assures Library Director Dave Neikirk. •

This year Hoover Library celebrates the 10-year anniversary of its dedication. Go to www.wmcd.edu and click on Library to check out its virtual holdings.

Hoover Librarian Jane Sharpe has collected a book's worth of excuses for late returns.

Case Named Provost

A specialist in coping with extreme environments, Sam Case, professor of exercise science and physical education, has had no problems transitioning from the classroom to his new position as Provost and Dean of the Faculty. Officially named this winter, he has been serving temporarily in the position since last April when Joan Develin Coley, then Provost, stepped into the role of acting president.

Case will also lead academic planning and direct upcoming self-studies as the college prepares for a Middle States accreditation evaluation scheduled for 2003. He will continue to teach courses in physiology and extreme environments as part of an instructional team.

"Sam is a role model for us all," Coley said. "His teaching earns his students' admiration and his scholarship earns respect among his academic peers."

Case helped to lead curricular reform in the 1990s while developing and teaching new courses in his department. His contribution to the study of human physiology in extreme

Sam Case



MARK SPOUSER

Tinted windows, re-tiled floors, and updated classroom and office spaces are part of the \$7 million, two-stage project.

environments is highly acclaimed, including his research on participants in the Iditarod and Iditaspot ultramarathon in Alaska. His scientific research in Antarctica has been funded by the National Science Foundation, which recently awarded him the Antarctica Service Medal.

Case earned his bachelor's degree in physical education and biology from Western Maryland in 1963 and a master's degree in physical education in 1966. The Ohio State University awarded him a Ph.D. in exercise physiology in 1971. After joining the faculty in 1965, he rose rapidly through the ranks from instructor to full professor. He twice won the college's Distinguished Teaching Award and has received two Fulbright nominations to the former Yugoslavia. Case also coached wrestling and track. •

Lewis Hall Facelift Near Completion

Physics Professor Bill Pagonis used to suffer from new-Science-Center envy. His department had to stay behind in the outdated Lewis Hall of Science when the chemistry and biology departments moved to new digs in the sparkling \$13.4 million laboratory building in the fall of 1999.

Now, classrooms in old Lewis Hall of Science have gone high-tech, too. Renovations completed this fall creating state-of-the-art lab space and computer connections for the physics, mathematics and computer science departments allow Pagonis to guide students through hands-on experiments



via interconnected computer monitors that glow from beneath their desks.

"We're pretty happy here," Pagonis says. "We've made our classes hands-on. At the same workstation we have the computer and the experiment. The same space doubles as a lecture room and a lab room."

Tinted windows, re-tiled floors, and updated classroom and office spaces are part of the \$7 million, two-stage project that, when finished later this year, will have completely rejuvenated the interior of the college's oldest science buildings, Lewis Recitation Hall, built in 1914, and its 1966 addition, Lewis Hall of Science.

The renovated Lewis Recitation Hall also includes faculty suites designed to promote faculty-student interaction, and reception and common areas for students.

Work began on the older Lewis Recitation Hall in December to prepare it for the departments of communication, economics and business, and sociology. Since it is one of nine campus buildings and structures on the Maryland



Physics Professor Bill Pagonis no longer suffers from new-Science-Center envy now that classrooms in the old Lewis Hall of Science have gone high-tech. Pagonis can guide students through hands-on experiments via interconnected computer monitors that glow from beneath their desks.

Historical Trust, approval from preservation officials was needed before work began. Only the outdoor character needed to be retained, while the inside can be redesigned for modern needs, says Ethan Seidel, vice president of administration and finance.

In keeping with the building's historic character, chimney-like structures will be added to the roofline. The third-floor chemistry lecture hall, notable for its decorative wrought-iron desk supports that date back to the campus' first science building, Yingling Hall, will be updated with new writing tablets and seat spacing for modern student comfort. •

Following footsteps of freedom marchers

BY MARY GAIL HARE
SUN STAFF

As she walked across the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., Linda Van Hart of Westminster said, she could not hold back her tears.

For Van Hart '68, who was in the fourth day of a tour of civil rights landmarks led by Bernard LaFayette Jr., a friend of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the walk brought to life the events of March 7, 1965.

On that day, known as "Bloody Sunday," civil rights activists, or freedom marchers, tried to walk across the bridge—and were beaten back by angry citizens and armed Alabama state troopers. The marchers had planned to walk to Montgomery, the state capital, to protest the treatment of blacks when they tried to register to vote.

"Bloody Sunday gathered the attention of the nation to the atrocities in its heart," said Van Hart, a 54-year-old Western Maryland College art professor. "I cried because I was walking with Bernard and I was thinking of what it was like for him, as a young man working for voting rights in this town."

The bridge was the last stop of the Historical Civil Rights Tour of the south that Van Hart and four others from Western Maryland College joined the weekend of Jan. 5.

They saw the Birmingham, Ala., church where four young black girls were murdered in a fire bombing. They visited Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta where King, whose birth is commemorated today,

his father and brother preached. They sat at lunch counters once marked "whites only" in Nashville, Tenn., and they stopped at the museum in Montgomery that honors Rosa Parks, who was arrested for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white person.

Before walking the four-lane concrete bridge, the tour participants visited Marie Foster, a Bloody Sunday marcher. Foster invited them into her home, recounted her role in the events, and showed the group a bright orange vest she wore that day to make herself more visible.

The vest is covered in signatures of famous black activists, among them King, Hosea Williams, Andrew Young and Julian Bond. Over the years, many other people have added their names, including President Clinton.

As a 21-year-old student, tour leader LaFayette took a room in Foster's home and helped organize events in Selma. He often leads the historic tours, encouraging people to walk the bridge in silence, holding the hand of a stranger.

"You can almost feel what the people went through," said LaFayette.

"This bridge is symbolic of the changes that took place. When we press the top, we feel it is a new day and things will never be the same again."

Such tours provide participants with a living history, said Taylor Branch of Baltimore, the Pulitzer Prize-winning civil rights historian and author. He marched the 54 miles from Selma to Montgomery last year with a group of high school and college students.

"There is power in the phrase 'living history' and being in somebody else's shoes, even in different circumstances," Branch said. "The experience connects back to a time of miraculous purpose, when ordinary citizens—people with no access to power—changed history. It was profoundly satisfying to cover that ground."

Western Maryland included the \$400 tour, run by DDK Tours of Decatur, Ga., in "Nonviolence: Idealism and Practicality," a course the college is offering during the holi-

day semester break. Instructors Charles E. Collyer and his wife, Pamela H. Zappardino '71, of Uniontown expected the tour to give students a first-hand look at sites that brought national attention to the civil rights movement.

"We saw places where major things happened," said Rob Caswell, a 19-year-old Western Maryland College sophomore from Germantown. "We met people who are the civil rights movement, whose lives have been spent doing this work, people who are really this country's history. Things

changed because ordinary people exercised what democracy is all about."

Said Van Hart, "As informed as we think we are from a scholarly point of view, I learned that it is arrogant to think we understand. I had epiphanies of enlightenment mixed with tinges of horror. Much of this struggle was about getting the right to vote in the face of brutal beatings and atrocities."

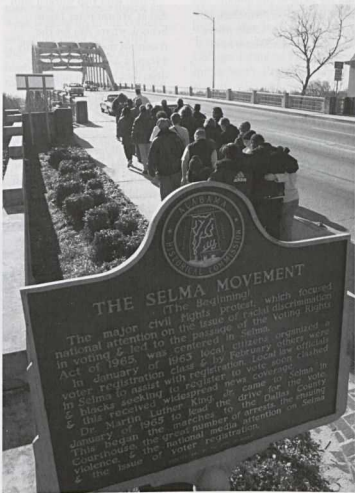
LaFayette, director of the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies at the University of Rhode Island, asks tour participants to talk openly with those they meet who made history. Many of those visited along the tour were close to King, who led the civil rights movement.

After Bloody Sunday, King put out a call to ministers across the nation, asking them to travel to Selma for another march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. Two weeks after Bloody Sunday, thousands led by King marched peacefully across the bridge and on to Montgomery.

One of last week's participants, 77-year-old Frank Wright '01 of Westminster, returned with a message he said he would not find in the history books.

"Don't say that you feel guilty about what has happened; that's a waste of time," he said. "Do something for these people who are still struggling. This is our national problem. We must create justice for all."

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WMC group sees where King, others fought for rights.

JAMIE MARTIN, SPECIAL TO THE SUN

Champion Jumper is Long on Work Ethic

BY JULIE DEVELIN '01

Ask Afeyani Ani to jump and he'll go a long way. The numbers prove it.

Ani set the Centennial Conference record in the triple jump last year, winning the gold medal and breaking the school record in the process, with a leap of 47 feet 1 1/2 inches. That's the length of half of a basketball court, and it qualified him for Nationals.

The same day he won a gold medal in the men's long jump with a mark of 22 feet 8 1/2 inches — a full 6 1/4 inches better than the runner-up. He also helped the team win a silver medal in the men's 4x100 relay.

And he did it all as a freshman. "We've had a good history of jumpers, and to get a record as a freshman says a lot about Afeyani's talents," says head track and field coach Doug Renner. "He has an incredible work ethic."

Ani, now a sophomore, came to the United States from Nigeria in 1994 and has been soaring past the competition in track and field for six years. He spends his time away from the track working out to prepare for the next season, although he has been sidelined with a hip injury that has kept him out for most of the indoor track season. Nevertheless, he rarely misses a practice where he helps his teammates hone their form.

He will be the first to tell you that sometimes his coaches yell at him for working too much. But it is the drive to succeed at whatever he does that pushes Ani to work so hard.

"I've gotten so much positive input growing up, and I've been taught that you cannot plan to fail," he says. "My motivation is to be the best I can be in whatever I am doing."

Ani attributes much of his success to assistant coach Dick Estes, partly because "even when you are down, [Estes] places so much confidence in you that it helps."

Estes, who also worked with Ani at Westminster High School, where Ani set the record in the long jump with a leap of 22 feet 2 1/4 inches, describes him as a unique individual who knows what he wants and stays focused on his goals.

One of those goals is to set a mark of 50 feet in the triple jump event. "I think he is able to do it," says Estes. "He is an incredible kid, and he is so humble. He would even help the person who is jumping against him."

Estes recalls a time at the state high school track and field championships when Ani noticed that one of the other jumpers was not getting the proper jump off of the board, which is used to help propel a jumper. "Afeyani noticed something missing and he helped the other guy out," he said. "That jumper has gone on to be the number one qualifier in the United States in Division I. Afeyani would help anyone."

Which may be the reason that Ani, a biochemistry/chemistry major, is planning on entering the medical field after

graduation. This past January Term, he interned in the interventional radiology department at University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, an experience which he describes as a lot of fun. Although he is not sure what kind of doctor he would like to be, he says that he might like to become a pediatrician.

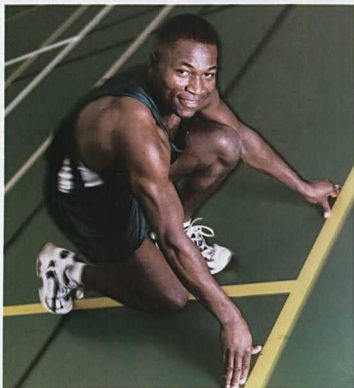
Clement Ani, Afeyani's father and a senior accountant at the college for more than 10 years, says that his son sets goals for himself and then tries his best to achieve them. "Anyone who follows Afeyani might benefit from his determination," he says.

This season, Ani is determined to qualify for nationals again and to become an All-American. And you can bet that with his work ethic and drive to succeed, it's not a long shot to say that he will do it. •

WMC Joins Eastern College Athletic Conference

The 2000-2001 sports year has proven that there's more to the postseason than just the NCAAs. Green Terror teams have found additional action after the regular season with Western Maryland's entrance into the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

The ECAC, the nation's largest athletics conference, conducts 106 championships in 22 sports and also coordinates awards, administration of affiliate organizations, conventions and meetings, marketing, officiating, playing leagues, public relations and special events for its membership. As of the fall 2000 season, 308 institutions



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Sophomore Afeyani Ani set the Centennial Conference record in the triple jump last year.

from Maine to North Carolina were members. WMC joined the ECAC on Sept. 1, 2000, along with Juniata College, La Roche College, St. Thomas Aquinas and the University of Illinois-Chicago.

As the Green Terror football team qualified for the NCAA playoffs via its Centennial Conference title, several other top-flight programs found postseason action in the ECAC after solid league finishes.

The women's soccer team, which finished second in the conference with a 16-4 overall record, finished as the ECAC Mid-Atlantic Region runner-ups after falling to rival Johns Hopkins in the title game. The men's soccer team advanced to postseason play for the first time in school history when it was awarded a berth into the ECACs, but fell to Penn State-Berthend in the opening round. The volleyball team earned a trip to Carnegie-Melon University in Pittsburgh for the ECAC tournament before dropping its first-round contest to Grove City College. •

Spring Sports Highlights

BY STEPHEN PEED '01

The Terror was off to a fierce start in 2001, with freshman athletes blossoming into marquee players to complement a seasoned corps of performers in nearly every sport. Here are the highlights, midway through the spring semester.

MEN'S LACROSSE

The club opened eyes nationally when it knocked off 13th-ranked Washington College on April 4. "Shock the Shoreman" was the Terror theme all week leading up to the contest, and shock them is just what they did, nabbing the first lacrosse victory over Washington College since 1932. Sophomore Attackman Joe Ellis scored five goals and notched three assists in the affair, earning honors as the 360 Lacrosse.com NCAA Division III player of the week.



BREKIDAN BUSH / CARROLL COUNTY TIMES

HOT SEATS

The addition of a set of bleachers close to the playing floor in Gill Gym creates a raucous new cheering section for students to Terrorize the opposing men's and women's basketball games. "We want to win here, and we'll take all the help we can get," said Men's Coach Daryl Brooks.

Ellis had scored 86 career goals at the season's midpoint, putting him on pace to break the 178 career high-water mark, set by Bill Hallet '90. Junior Attacker Tom Brown hit the career hundred-goal mark back on March 23, when the Terror knocked off Messiah College during its Florida spring break. Rounding out the explosive Terror offense is Senior Captain and pre-season All-American, Brett Sweeney, who has tallied 77 career goals and 69 assists.

SOFTBALL

The class of 2004 was a welcome addition for the softball squad, led by first-year student Samantha Abrams. Abrams, who threw seven no-hitters and one perfect game in her prep career, tossed her first collegiate "no-no" in a March 13 victory over Villa Julie College. She is the centerpiece of a pitching staff that claims seven one-hitters and seven shutouts at the season's midpoint. Abrams and fellow freshman, Kim Camponelli, have each earned Centennial Conference Pitcher of the Week awards. Abrams leads the explosive Terror offense in home runs, while senior Lauren Henry leads the squad in doubles and RBI.

BASEBALL

The Western Maryland baseball nine got off to a quick start in its 2001 campaign, scoring a school-record 14 runs in one inning in its season debut at Lincoln University. Senior Dan Elbaz strung together seven straight wins to highlight the Terror rotation, while junior Kevin Culbertson and senior Kacy Jenkins were the leaders at the plate.

TRACK & FIELD

Jamie Falcone '01 continues to run as if she is gliding on water. In her wake were a series of individual and relay meet records. The women's squad placed first at the Lebanon Valley College Invitational and two home twilight meets, and earned second place at the Washington & Lee Invitational. On the men's side, David Hose '02 took first in the shot put at LVC Invitational and the Bridgewater College Invitational, where he also established a new school mark in the hammer throw. The men's team swept both home twilight meets and took second at the LVC invitational. •



The women's soccer team found postseason action in the ECAC.

DAVID SINKELAR

PEOPLE

Workplace Peacemaker

Celebrating a landmark 25 years on the faculty, Associate Professor of Social Work Dan Rees has established himself as a leader in the field of human relations. Rees teaches courses focusing on the family as well as human relations issues that surface in the workplace. Away from WMC, he works as a families and couples therapist and as a private consultant, with the White House among his recent clients.

Rees advises organizations on how to deal with very difficult employees, people with "a unique and highly problematic

personality type who display a pervasive pattern of manipulation, abuse of power and egocentrism." Rees predicts, explains and develops strategies to effectively counter these extremely difficult personality types and helps his clients avoid impending trouble. He also advises criminal defense attorneys who defend those who end up reacting to such people.

During the past year he has also been called on by the White House several times to help enhance team and organizational effectiveness in the nation's highest office. "Individual and group workplace concerns and problems are relatively the same from organiza-

tion to organization," he says. "However, at this level, the expectation for positive outcomes is much more intense."

Rees says working in the field allows him to more meaningfully relate models to social work and sociology majors. It also earns him the expertise to be quoted in publications nationwide on everything from napping in the workplace to the disconnect between parents and teenagers. •



Colette Henriette, associate professor of foreign languages



Howard Orenstein, associate professor of psychology

community. As professor of music emerita, she now lives in her hometown of Acton, Ill., on the Mississippi River, where she continues to be involved in music, rating and critiquing piano players as a judge for the National Guild of Piano Teachers and gathering monthly with a group of piano teachers to play for each other. She also travels often to visit friends. "It was a good gig," she says of her 39 years at Western Maryland.

After completing a workshop through the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Colette Henriette, associate professor of foreign languages, will be licensed to test basic and intermediate oral language proficiency in French. As a certified tester she will have access to updated requirements which will help her incorporate changes into the curriculum and counsel job-seeking students on the level of proficiency they need for advertised positions.

Ron Miller, associate professor of theatre arts, went back to the classroom to study drama therapy during his spring sabbatical at San Francisco's California Institute for Integral Studies. "I've always wanted to use the techniques of acting and theatre to work more intensively on real issues," Miller said. Drama therapy is increasingly used to help a variety of populations, including couples in crisis, high school students, drug abusers, battered women, prisoners and patients with personality disorders.

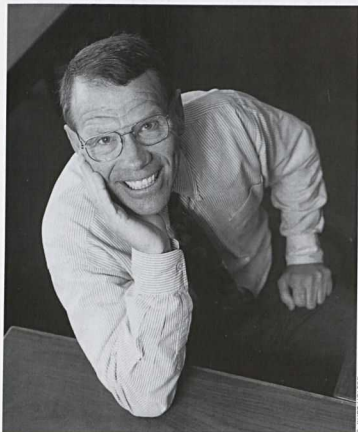
Howard Orenstein, associate professor of psychology, says you shouldn't blame yourself if finding that big report for your

Classroom Currents

"The Trident and the Fork: Disney's 'The Little Mermaid' as a Male Construction of an Electrical Fantasy," a journal article by Assistant Professor of Sociology Lauren Dundes and her father Alan Dundes, a well-known folklorist and scholar, was published in Psychoanalytic Studies. "There are a lot of adult themes woven into what are supposed to be children's movies," says Dundes.

Mohamed Esa, associate professor of foreign languages, attended the conference of the Northeast Modern Language Association while on sabbatical. He presented his paper "Suggestive Power of Symbolism: 'Triumph of the Will,' 'The Sound of Music' and 'The Lion King,'" a look at subtle and not-so-subtle hints of Nazism in these movies. He also chaired two sessions on the theme of ecology in German literature.

Fifty years ago, Arleen Hegge meier seated herself at the grand piano in Levine Hall and played the first note of Bach's "Prelude and Fugue, B-flat minor" as her official introduction to the college



Dan Rees associate professor of social work, was called upon by the Clinton administration to help enhance team effectiveness.

boss causes a search-and-rescue operation on your desk. The culprit could be your work space, not your work habits. Fortunately, there's hope for even the messiest desk. He is working with a colleague at Haworth Furniture in Michigan to test three desktop filing prototypes to see if office furniture makers are spending their money wisely to create pieces that help an employee make the best use of his or her time.

Professor of Physics **Bill Pagonis** heads to his native Greece this summer for the International Conference on Solid State Dosimetry. He will present a paper he co-authored with sophomore Hezekiah Carty on whether heating quartz, which is used for dating archaeological and geological finds and is the main ingredient in ancient pottery, can alter age calculations.

Assistant Professor of Sociology **Jean Shin** will present "The Role of Work Alienation in a Changing American Labor Force," at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association in Fort Worth, Texas. He will also discuss his participation on the national advisory board for the Preparing Future Faculty program in sociology.

Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts **Elizabeth van den Berg** and 17 theatre students nearly brought home the gold in the Quick Costume Change event at The Tech Olympics, one of the featured programs at the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Region II Festival in Pittsburgh in January. In addition to the "games," five students performed scenes from campus productions which earned them nominations for the Irene Ryan Schol-

arship, a national award honoring the year's best theatre students. Van den Berg, who taught a workshop on pros and cons of joining actors' unions, also judged the competition of more than a hundred students. •

Hard-Boiled Fan

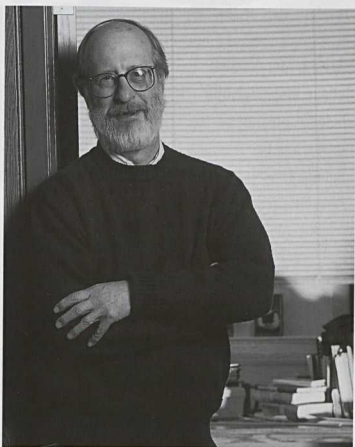
"Down these mean streets a man must go who is not himself mean."

It ain't exactly Shakespeare, but English Professor LeRoy Panek argues that the hard-boiled detective novel has lasting literary value – especially classics such as *The Big Sleep*, by Raymond Chandler and *The Maltese Falcon*, by Dashiell Hammett.

"It's an indigenous American style that is recognized as such around the world," Panek says. "I can't pretend to read tarot and predict who will stand the test of time. But I think it's notable that Raymond Chandler, who is the father of hard-boiled fiction, is now in anthologies."

According to Panek, hard-boiled fiction has enjoyed a renaissance of sorts over the past couple of decades, with writers such as Sue Grafton, Carl Hiaasen, Earl Emerson and Sara Peretsky taking the torch. In his fifth book about detective fiction, *New Hard-Boiled Writers: 1970s-1990s*, Panek explores ways in which 10 new-generation, hard-boiled writers identify and present serious issues that are both contemporary and universal.

"It has always been my contention that reading detective stories can indeed help to make one a learned person – even though it may take a bit more conscious effort than reading



English Professor LeRoy Panek stands up for the hard-boiled detective novel.

writers with avowedly more 'serious' pursuits," Panek writes in his introduction. "The best writers in every period and every subgenre of detective fiction use their works as a means of confronting readers with the same issues one finds in 'regular' literature."

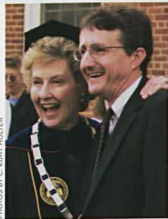
Since the birth of hard-boiled fiction in the 1920s and '30s, the issues have become more bleak and complex. Today's stories involve child abuse and gruesome sexual crimes, racism, sexism and commercialism. What remain consistent, according to Panek, are the story's distinct narrative style and the hero's indomitable spirit.

Hard-boiled fiction is characterized by short and declarative statements, hyperbole, wisecracks and "startling similes," according to Panek. Legs are "as thin as a folding chair," a person's voice is "squeezed out sharp and flat like sheet metal," and an academic building looks "like the corporate headquarters for White Tower Hamburgers."

These days, hard-boiled heroes might be black, Hispanic or even female, but they all have the same objective: "They know that their victory is going to be inconsequential in the scheme of things," Panek says. "Nevertheless, it is the honorable thing to do to protect and defend the weak." •

INAUGURATION 2001

The April 21 Inauguration of Joan Develin Coley as the Eighth President of Western Maryland College brought 1,000 students, alumni, faculty, and community leaders, as well as representatives of colleges, and universities. About 130 academic delegates dressed in full regalia to participate in the formal procession that preceded the 2:30 p.m. ceremony.



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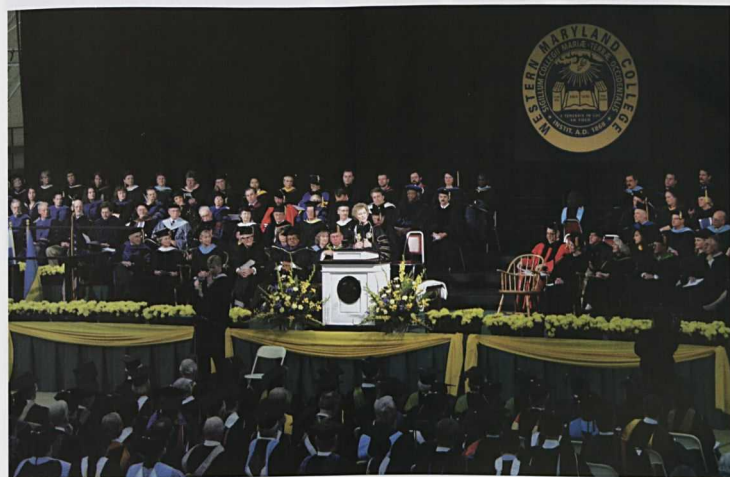
The campus crew worked overtime to make sure the Hill sparkled during all Inaugural events, including a pre-investiture luncheon hosted by College trustees.



Among the day's special guests were authors Alice McDermott (center photo, far left) and Loren Pope in his signature black-framed Ray-Ban glasses (see page 2 for more on these honorary degree recipients).



SGA President Steven Sharkey calls the processional to form with the ringing of the Old Main bell.



Biology Professor Bill Long pronounced the President 'anatomically correct' (See page 17 for details).

(Below) Trustees Wayne Curry, Lee Rice and William Dulany stand to recognize the new President. (Right) Hundreds of well-wishers turned out to congratulate President Coley.





No one was more proud than First Mom Lillian Stiles.

(Middle row on the left) Board Chair James Melhorn and Vice-Chair Dolores Snyder celebrate their choice of Joan Develin Coley as the College's eighth President.



After a spectacular fireworks show, the all-campus party revved up, featuring live music by student jazz musicians and the student rock band "Hank".



WE

She arrived at Western Maryland as a neophyte faculty member and rose through the ranks to become the college's eighth president. Here's how books, teachers, and her liberal arts education made all the difference for Joan Develin Coley, and her vision for a powerful future.

CHANGE

LIVES

PHOTO BY JOE RUBINO

An inauguration signals a beginning of a new era, and beginnings are important. As someone whose life has been transformed by books, I pay careful attention to beginnings. I am fascinated by first lines. How does an author seduce me to enter a novel with only three words: "Call me Ishmael?" How does the first sentence of a book set a mood that carries me into history? "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

One of my favorites is the evocative opening of the book, *An American Childhood* written by Pulitzer prize winner Annie Dillard. She begins her memoir with this meditative first sentence: "When everything else has gone from my brain — the President's name, the state capitals, the neighborhoods where I lived, and then my own name and what it was on earth I sought,

and then at length the faces of my friends, and finally the faces of my family – when all of this has dissolved, what will be left, I believe, is topology: the dreaming memory of land as it lay this way and that.”

As Dillard suggests, topology is not just the physical dimension of a place, but the spiritual dimension as well – the part of a place that locks away in memory. The physical landscape of Western Maryland College is one of the most breathtaking of any college in the country. At sunrise on the ridge where we now sit, you can see mornings get lost in the valleys of the Catoctin Mountains. In the evening, you can watch the shadows collect in the angles of our graceful buildings. I am awed by the college's physical beauty, and I know that many of you are as well.

But there is more to the topology of Western Maryland College than our physical landscape. There is also our spiritual topology, our link to the past. All seven of the former presidents have left their imprint on the topology of Western Maryland. They altered the physical landscape through new buildings and renovations, and they changed the spiritual landscape through their own humanity, vision, and their unflinching allegiance to our mission.

I'd like to tell you about my own topology. Books, teachers and learning have transformed my life. The first book I remember owning was given to me by a beloved family friend, Edith Herbst. It was a biography of—believe it or not—Wild Bill Hickok, and I devoured it. Before long, I had read every one of the young-adult biographies on the shelves of the Vernon Park library. Those stories enthralled me; they let me travel beyond my neighborhood in Philadelphia. They started my conversation with the outside world. They allowed me to talk with the most dynamic group of people I had ever known.

I cried with Jane Addams of Hull House; I cheered along with the troops of George Washington; and I was inspired by the

bravery of Harriet Tubman.

In high school, a single person helped alter the course of my life. My family was one of modest means. Not one of us really knew anything about applying for college, much less how to pay for it. During the spring of my senior year, Mrs. Butler, a guidance counselor found out that I had not applied to any college. The very next day, she drove me to Albright College where her sister was the registrar.

It was April, too late to apply, but Albright College took a chance and admitted me. The College helped with several scholarships and loans, and I helped myself with three campus jobs. I'm certain that loading stacks of dirty dishes up my arm, stamping the college seal on official transcripts, and signing young women in and out of the dorm are skills somehow transferable to my presidency. At any rate, all of those provided a means for me to continue my real work, embarking on my thrilling intellectual journey.

Albright College gave me the world.

Four years later, when I was a graduate student at the University of Maryland, one man, Dr. Robert Wilson, instilled in me the passion to spend my professional life working to improve literacy and strengthened further my commitment to teaching.

After graduate school, when I arrived at Western Maryland in 1973 with my newly minted Ph.D. tucked under my arm, I was definitely a work in progress – a half-writ-

“Joan is one of the most competent and committed people we have. She has integrity for what she does and she has done just about everything at WMC. I have the highest regard for her leadership.”

—Dr. J. Elizabeth Garraway,
president of the Maryland
Independent College and
University Association



ten manuscript, if you will.

Dean Stan Bowsley, bless him, selected me over several more seasoned applicants to direct the graduate program in reading.

Almost from the beginning of my life at Western Maryland College, President Ralph John told me repeatedly that I would be a good administrator, and he predicted repeatedly that I would end up in higher education administration. I assured him repeatedly that college administration was not for me. So much for my unflinchingly accurate career instincts!

Then Del Palmer, Dean of the Faculty, wisely used the word “challenge” when he asked me to become Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs. You see, I’ve always considered a “challenge” to be the equivalent of a dare, and I’ve

never been able to resist a dare. I took the bait of each administrative “challenge” that Del put in front of me, but I always went back to teaching.

When President Robert Chambers “challenged” me in 1993 to become Provost, once again I took the dare. Bob, a consummate teacher, showed me by example how to be an academic leader, and what it means to be part of a superior administrative team. After 27 years of escalating administrative challenges, I finally learned that I had never left teaching. I was simply teaching in a different classroom. So, when the Board of Trustees initiated its search for a new president, no one had to dare me to apply. I was ready.

Now it is a time for a new chapter, a new first sentence, our vision: Our vision that within this decade Western Maryland College will be recognized as one of the finest

small, private, liberal arts colleges in the country.

But aren't there hundreds of small, private, liberal arts colleges in the nation? Yes! Are we simply one of the pack? Absolutely not! And if you think we can't reach that goal in this decade, you are wrong!

We are already in a distinguished group of only 40 colleges nationwide who appear in the book *Colleges that Change Lives*.

Loren Pope, the esteemed education writer who authored that book got it right when he selected Western Maryland College for this honor. That is who we are; Western Maryland College changes lives. We change lives.

We are deservedly proud of who we are. We are excellent at what we do, and we will become superior. In fact, right now we are a better college than many people know. We are justifiably tired of being a "hidden gem." Western Maryland College does not deserve to be hidden. As the vision states, we will be "recognized" for our excellence.

We cannot expect the outside world to take our word for our own excellence. We must be willing to do more than tell our compelling story; we must document and substantiate our claims of excellence and we must spread the word of our accomplishments. The means by which we will improve an already excellent college can seem mundane, dare I say tedious. We will need systematic feedback from committees, student assessments, benchmarking, alumni surveys; the list goes on. The results of these measures will help us both document our current strengths to the outside world and provide a baseline from which we can move forward to become a superior institution.

Let me highlight briefly the four areas that we will address immediately in order to achieve our vision.

First, we will focus intensely on our student living and learning community. Students are rightly concerned about

President Coley Pronounced 'Anatomically Complete'

Biology Professor Bill Long first met Joan Develin Coley in 1973 when they both arrived on campus as new faculty members. He brought greetings to the President from the faculty.

Each one of the Faculty is known as an expert in something, and I will apply my own expertise to the subject of the afternoon. Among other things, I'm the guy who teaches anatomy here on the Hill. I want to tell you about the anatomy of our President.

Our President has feet, feet that are firmly planted on the basis of reality. Yet, they are quick to march toward increased excellence, and nimble enough to dodge the pitfalls of uncertain educational fashion.

As an aside, here's a little story about her feet. My wife, Chris, and I bumped into Joan Coley at a soccer game one Saturday last fall. Now, Presidents frequently attend football games on Saturdays, but we had never

seen one at a soccer match. There were other events as well on this particular Saturday – a women's soccer match, a field hockey game, and a women's golf match. Some were surprised that this President's feet carried her to all of them. I wasn't. I know good feet when I see them.

Our President has a heart, hard enough to resist the easy path when necessary, yet soft enough to embrace the needs of those of us who are troubled.

Our President has a backbone, a strong one, to carry us into the new Millennium, sometimes even when we kick and scream in opposition. Our President has a digestive system, able to gather diverse ideas and blend them into a mix from which to draw the nutritious elements that keep the College healthy.

Our President has a brain, endowed with intelligence to analyze large quantities of data, and with wisdom to separate the wheat from the chaff.

And so, as an expert in the field, I pronounce our eighth President anatomically complete, fully functional, a fine specimen whom we should prize and support.



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classrooms and learning, but also about quality residence halls, a more functional pub, state of the art athletic facilities, the infamous fourth meal, and meaningful student activities. These are crucial elements of campus life.

Another crucial element is our continuing commitment to a diverse campus community. But if any of us interact exclusively with people who share our own cultural background, we have missed the point of diversity. We've missed a crucial opportunity to enrich our lives. Therefore, we will focus on ways to strengthen our entire community, and in turn, our students will venture into the world's community equipped to be leaders in an ever-shrinking universe.

Second, we will encourage and support excellence among our faculty. We will accomplish this through means such as endowed professorships and endowed chairs; increased budget support from the College; the strengthening of our sabbatical program; the expanded use of our WMC-Budapest campus for international travel and research.

In addition, we will determine our current areas of academic excellence – both graduate and undergraduate and build on those strengths to explore interdisciplinary initiatives that could further distinguish us.

In turn, I challenge us as faculty to recommit ourselves to interaction with our students, inside and outside the classroom, to reassert our important role as student advisers, and to re-examine our graduate and undergraduate curriculum as well as student achievement. Only then can we know how well we meet the lofty educa-

"Her greatest strengths are commitment to the liberal arts, her facility to exercise appropriate authority and her comfort in delegating authority, and her skill at relating to all sorts of people with integrity and sincerity. ...

Anyone who meets Joan is impressed with her humanity, balance and reason."

— Ira G. Zopp, Jr., professor emeritus of Religious Studies



We'll make our excellence more widely known: to foundations and corporations nationwide; to the Washington/Baltimore business community; and to individuals committed to our mission. I can assure you that this effort has already begun in earnest, but there is still much hard work that lies ahead.

Fourth, we will focus attention on our human resources. One person can make an enormous and permanent difference. Look around this campus at our physical landscape:

tional standards we set for ourselves.

Third, we will triple our endowment by 2010. The endowment is like a savings account from which an institution draws interest to finance its priorities. The higher the endowment, the greater number of worthy projects funded. No college can reach its potential without a healthy endowment. By any measure, Western Maryland's endowment is woefully inadequate. Of the 40 Colleges in Mr. Pope's book, Western Maryland's endowment is dead last. That is simply not acceptable and we will not allow it to continue.

To address this problem, we will need to tell our story more often, to more people, more convincingly.

Hoover Library, Hill Hall, Peterson Hall, Baker Chapel, Gill Center, the Rice Gallery, Decker Center. Each reserved space is the result of an individual commitment to the college. Many of you have established scholarships, or have participated in the annual fund, or have given your valuable time as alumni volunteers. Without this level of support and dedication, this College simply could not and will not achieve its potential.

The vision that I have shared today is not my vision alone. It is a vision that has been shaped and crafted by all of us – those who plant our flowers and serve our breakfast; those who shovel our walks and balance our books; those who teach and those who learn; those of you who made this Inauguration a reality. And those alumni who come back to the Hill literally and figuratively to support Western Maryland College. Collectively, we all define our excellence, both physically and spiritually.

This is the same vision that changes the lives of incoming freshmen so that they leave as assured, well-educated, and capable graduates, the very same vision that enables a neophyte assistant professor to grow and develop into a college president. We surely do change lives. We know that here on this Hill we educate and encourage our students to pen their own first lines and become their own authors. Here on this

Hill we work actively to build a dynamic and inclusive community. Here on this Hill individuals are inspired every day to strive for their own personal excellence. We now must work collectively to reach our communal vision of excellence. It is a worthy challenge.

Join me — I dare you. •

"Dr. Coley will lead WMC to great heights because of her outstanding knowledge and grasp of issues facing the institution. We have selected an outstanding person."

— Ms. Diane Rehm, host and executive producer of "The Diane Rehm Show"

Quick Study

Joan Develin Coley

Reading specialist, education expert, book lover, and Western Maryland College's Eighth President

■ **Balancing eight plates** on one arm is something to be proud of. I put myself through Albright College with scholarships, loans and three campus jobs. I worked in the dining hall and I was good. We served tables of eight. My claim to fame was I could clear a whole table of eight on one arm. That was a little show-offy, but I considered it an athletic feat.

■ **Before you can teach**, you have to find a way to engage students. John was an eighth-grader, a poor reader and a difficult student. I got the tape *John Henry* by Tennessee Ernie Ford and had him transcribe the lyrics. He loved it and spent many classes learning vocabulary from that song.

■ **The way to get better** at reading is to read. The same can be said for every other skill you want to master.

■ **I've never been able to resist** a dare.

■ **A good teacher** can make anything interesting and a bad teacher can make the most interesting thing dull.

■ **Heaven** is going out for a wonderful dinner and going to the theater to see a really good play.

■ **I have no idea** how many books I have. I can part with my paperbacks. My hardbacks are my friends.

■ **When you can give back** your talents, whatever they might be, and give almost as much as you get, that is success.

■ **We really do** strive to place students at the center of a humane environment. That is the first part of our First Principles statement at Western Maryland College, and it's true.

■ **Three years wasn't enough** time here, after all. I came to this college thinking I would only stay three years because I should be at a big research university. But by the end of the third year, I had fallen in love with this institution and its values and had come to understand that here I had more latitude to express myself professionally than I would at Harvard.

■ **The liberal arts** have a philosophical base that is unchanging but the content evolves. We no longer require everybody to take Greek and Latin because it isn't relevant. It's too easy for the curriculum to go stale. Especially now, when the pace of learning is so incredibly accelerated.

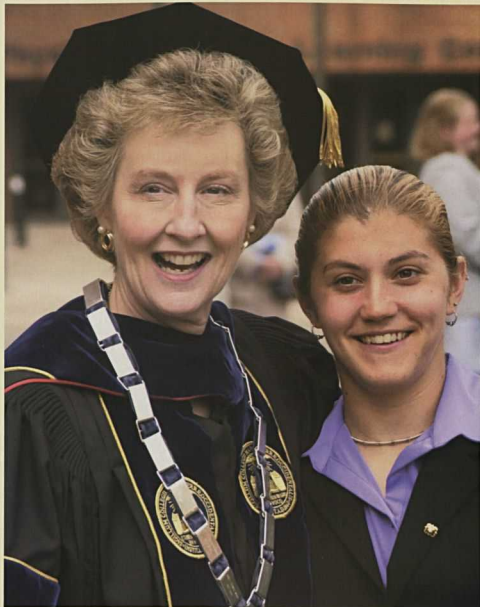
■ **Students need** to be challenged more. That's how we ratchet up our curriculum.

■ **One individual** can make an enormous and permanent difference. Just look around our campus: Hoover Library, Hill Hall, Peterson Hall, Baker Chapel, Gill Center, Decker Center, the Rice Gallery.

■ **I could never sell** something I didn't believe in. I believe wholeheartedly in Western Maryland College.

■ **I'm meant to be** here right now doing exactly this.

President Coley shares more than family ties with niece Julie Develin, who will graduate from WMC May 26.



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The Light-Gatherers

Il faut cultiver notre jardin.

—Voltaire, *Candide*

Let us affix our lens on the evening skies,
and sift from the funneling darkness star-
glitter, so our telescope clarifies,
pierces the deeper realms spiraling far

beyond us, where vast clouds of natal dust
swirl in nebulae. This moment, a mote
in astral time—already these words rush
outward, scatter toward heaven to float

in the bright river of our Milky Way.
There constant Cassiopeia reigns. Queen,
she perches on her royal chair, arrays
a five-star, studded *W* between

her King and daughter. Each myth—of hero,
goddess, fabled beast—spins a human tale
as it wheels above us: pride, courage, woe,
betrayal, love. As mortals, we prevail

by gleaned truth from shadow; we await
the glint of answers racing through the night.
Now *our* Story unfolds. Let us navigate
by the beam of its clear, outlasting light.

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The Story Behind the Stanzas

BY KIM ASCH

John F. Kennedy elevated poetry in the eyes of the nation when he asked fellow New Englander Robert Frost to deliver the first inaugural poem, *The Gift Outright*, in 1961.

Bill Clinton revived the grand tradition when he invited Arkansas native Maya Angelou to read *The Rock Cries Out To Us Today* at his inauguration in 1993. What better way to celebrate the inauguration of Joan Develin Coley, Western Maryland's eighth president, than with a poem written specifically for the occasion? Kathy Mangan, the college's own prized poet and first recipient of the Ralph and Dorothy John Professorship in the Humanities, shares the creative process behind *The Light-Gatherers*.

For the record, this is not the way English Professor Kathy Mangan typically makes a poem. Normally, she says, "the callings of a poem sort of bubble up" when one of life's details evokes a fresh idea: tent caterpillars swarming a plum tree (*Filament*); a junkie's discarded syringe nestled in the ivy of her Baltimore home (*St. Paul Street Seasonal*); how the act of peeling and slicing apples reminds her of her late grandmother (*Making Applesauce*).

The Light-Gatherers is a different sort of poem, a distinct critter known as the occasional poem. Writers describe the occasional poem as uniquely challenging, for three reasons.

First, the creative process is reversed. Instead of bubbling up, the poem is dictated by the event, and the poet works backwards from there to find an idea to inspire it.

Worse, there's the audience's expectation that the poem will be lofty, important and – no pressure! – profound.

"I can think of no better way to sink a poem when you're writing it than to think, 'Yes, this is one for the ages. How lofty I

am and how sage I sound,'" Mangan explains. "I had to acknowledge the significance of the inauguration as an event, but I didn't want the poem to be weighted down or laden with heavy, abstract language – because that's the prohibition I always give my own creative writing students. I tell them they have to pack a poem with concretion and specific images."

Vivid verbs and hard-edged nouns provide "something for the eyes and ears to zoom in on," she says. Notice these active verbs in *The Light-Gatherers*: "sift," "swirl," "funneling," "scatter," "wheels," "spins."

Finally, "perhaps selfishly," Mangan says, "I wanted a poem that spoke to the occasion, but that could stand on its own after inauguration day. I might want to include it in my second book!"

Mangan has taught creative writing and American Literature at WMC since 1977. Her poems appear in several anthologies and the best literary journals, including *Shenandoah*, *Ploughshares*, and *The Gettysburg Review*. Her first full-length collection of poems, *Above the Tree Line* (Carnegie Mellon University Press, 1995), earned her much praise. In 1999, she was awarded the first, five-year Ralph and Dorothy John Professorship in the Humanities.

And still, Mangan was nervous about her assignment to write the inaugural poem. Flattered and honored, but anxious.

She looked to the evening skies for inspiration. "Poets often look to the skies for inspiration, so I thought a celestial theme appropriate for this," Mangan says. She also wanted to play off of the College motto, "I Call You Out of Darkness Into

Kathy Mangan,
Ralph and Dorothy
John Professor in
the Humanities



Light." Telescopes are light-gathering instruments that assist stargazers in exploring the heavens at night. So the title, *The Light-Gatherers*, refers both to telescopes and to learning.

"Knowledge is illumination and light, and those of us who have devoted our lives to the liberal arts experiment try to shed light where there's been a darkness of ignorance," she explains. "So taking the twin themes of light and dark, knowledge and ignorance, I used them as my concrete image the idea of a telescope."

The poem is about the inauguration, but about even bigger things, too.

"What I wanted listeners to understand is that the gathering on April 21 in the historical spectrum was just a dot in time. Those kinds of events are temporary, but something significant brought us all together on that day – that is to honor President Coley, to celebrate this important rite of passage in our institution's history and to acknowledge that we are the links to the past and the future," Mangan says. "So I wanted to convey this idea that we are perched at the beginning of a new story of the college's history. Our story is a new light that we will navigate by qualities of honesty, commitment and scholarly dedication."

Poet Elizabeth Spire, a distinguished writer and English professor at Goucher College, commends her friend Mangan's achievement. "Kathy did more than succeed," she says. "The occasion is within the poem, but the poem has this deeper level. She transcended the assignment."

WRITING IS CREATIVE WORK

The act of writing – Mangan prefers the verb "making" – *The Light-Gatherers* involved more than 50 hours of thought, research, writing and re-writing. The week before the inauguration, she was still tinkering with the last stanza.

"Writing is creative work," she says. "The lightning bolt theory of inspiration, or the notion that a muse taps you on the shoulder and hands you a poem, is pure fiction."

A cup of coffee or herbal tea by her side,

Mangan spent many hours on *The Light-Gatherers* alone at the desk in her third-floor study, the whirl of the washer in the laundry room next door her only company. She stole away for an entire afternoon to explore astronomy books at the Johns Hopkins University library. Most of *The Light-Gatherers* was written at the cabin she and her husband, Secretary of State John Willis, built in the mountains of West Virginia five years ago. She'd go up a couple of days ahead of him on weekends and stay a few days after, so she could have the place to herself.

"There, it's just me and the deer. I love nothing more than a stretch of open time. No errands to run or immediate chores to do, just time to write," she says. During her time on sabbatical this spring, Mangan says she has been able to "live and think as a writer."

She can relate to the remark Henry James once made about the distinction between a real writer and everybody else: "He said a real writer needs to plaster one word on his or her forehead – loneliness."

But for Mangan, writing is also a creative process that involves collaboration. Just as she teaches her creative writing students to critique each other's work, she relied on her peers to help her put the finishing touches on *The Light-Gatherers*.

Longtime friend Ann Weber, recently retired from the English faculty at Carroll Community College, read and responded to the poem at several crucial stages, Mangan says. The consummate grammarian, she helped clarify the meaning of the first line of the fourth stanza by suggesting Mangan insert the word "of" after "myth."

Though Mangan mostly writes in free

"You have to have
firm ground under
your feet in order
to reach the stars
and that's what
Western Maryland
provides"

verse, she felt the formality of the occasion called for a formal structure. Plus, she wanted the rhymes at the end of the lines to pull listeners along. She decided on five rhymed quatrains

(a,b,a,b) with 10 syllables per line.

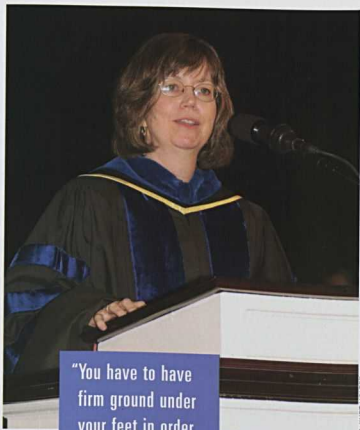
And then she got stuck. The poem's penultimate line, "Now our Story unfolds. Let us navigate" was 11 syllables.

Spire, who last year published Mangan's poem, *An Arithmetic*, in the issue of *Ploughshares* she guest edited, helped her to rationalize breaking from the rigid structure she'd decided on and worked so hard to maintain.

"I felt it was an important place in the poem, so you could justify a kind of departure," Spire says. "And the wording Kathy wanted to use was so perfect, it added emphasis and drama."

Mangan also consulted campus colleagues to verify factual aspects of the poem. Sandie Stempel, a part-time instructor of astronomy, confirmed that one of the poem's key images, the constellation Cassiopeia, would be visible on Inauguration night. She wanted to point to the place in the sky where the audience should look for the five-star, studded W after the sun went down.

"There are several reasons why I love



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Cassiopeia. For one thing it's a queen. I realize that the occasion is not a coronation, but an inauguration. But I love the fact that it is a woman. Joan is our first female president, which I think is wonderful, and Cassiopeia the constellation is five main stars and they form a W. I love the idea of a W stamped in the sky. In my mind the W is both a W for Woman, but also the signature first letter of our name — WMC."

Associate Professor of Foreign Languages Martine Motard-Noar helped clarify the translation of the epigraph, which is taken from the last line of Voltaire's *Candide*. The translation doesn't appear in the poem, but Mangan shared the story behind the epigraph before reading the poem on inauguration day. In English it reads, "We must cultivate our garden"

The line appeared in a "wacky, wacky question" on a French Lit. final exam when she was an undergraduate at Denison University. It was just after Christmas break. That Christmas Eve of 1968, Apollo 8, the first manned mission to the Moon, entered lunar orbit. During a live television broadcast, the astronauts took turns reading from the Book of Genesis.

Monsieur Joseph, the professor, instructed students to consider the last line of *Candide* and apply it to the space program and the fact that the astronauts, while circling the moon, read from The Bible. Mangan was the only one in the class to interpret the meaning broadly. She explained that "We must cultivate our garden" means that what they were doing was apt, that our garden is the whole universe and that it's our job to explore it. Everyone else in the class responded more negatively, that our garden is here on Earth, that the space program was a waste of money.

When she got the exam back, the professor had written a note to her: "You're the only one who saw it this way and agreed with me. Thanks for the company."

More than 30 years later, Mangan still remembers how rewarded she felt that she and her professor were simpatico. She says, "It has always stayed with me as a lesson to tell students when they're doing something right."

HOW 'WAY LEADS ON TO WAY'

Mangan credits Paul Bennett, her creative writing mentor at Denison, for telling her when she was about to do something wrong. She was in the last semester of her senior year, uncertain of her next steps after graduation. She told him she was thinking of applying to a graduate program in library sciences.

"He figuratively grabbed me by the collar and said, 'Kathy, if you study to become a librarian you'll be dealing with things. If you study literature, you'll be dealing with ideas,'" recalls Mangan, who went on to Ohio University to earn an M.A. and Ph.D. in English. "Paul has been one of the touchstones in my life. He knew the right direction for me and told me to do whatever I had to do to get myself onto a campus and not to delay. He knew from Frost's *The Road Not Taken* how 'way leads on to way,' that it was crucial for me to start my graduate work right away."

Looking back, Bennett can still recall what impressed him about the young poet. "I saw that Kathy was a keen observer of the natural world and was eager to see things authentically. I saw that in her poetry early on," he says. "When students begin to dream their ideas alive, there's no holding them back."

Mangan has been a teacher now almost as long as she's been a poet. Her students speak of her with the same kind of respect, affection and gratitude she expresses for Bennett.

Melissa Engel Hartman says that, at times, Mangan believed more in her than she believed in herself. And she credits her for caring enough to be critical when necessary.

She recalls her first meeting with Mangan for an independent study in poetry. Hartman had shown so much promise in a poetry writing class that Mangan suggested they work together one-on-one.

"I showed up with two really bad poems. Really bad. I hadn't done anything Kathy taught us in workshop: the poems were filled with abstractions and sappy, sentimental, flowery language — all the stuff I had learned not to do. Not surprisingly, Kathy wasn't kind to them. Of those 30 or

so lines, she found three worth salvaging."

She went back the next week with something much better, and, every week after that, she left with ideas for how to make her poems stronger. "Teachers in high school emphasized the 'creative' in creative writing — the ideas, imagination, feelings. Because I have a lot of ideas and feelings and a fairly active imagination, I thought I was a great creative writer. Kathy taught me the other half: writing — which is art, craft, and discipline."

Hartman graduated in 1990 with departmental honors in English and was awarded the Philip & Azalea Myers prize for creativity in writing — "Thanks to my independent study with Kathy," she says. After an unsatisfying year as an advertising copywriter, she returned to campus to tell Mangan she was ready to go to graduate school for creative writing.

"I can still see the look on her face — it was like she knew all along that I would come to this realization. Again, she gave me the confidence that I could do it," says Hartman, who was accepted to the graduate program in creative writing at Johns Hopkins and was awarded a teaching fellowship. She's now teaching Mangan's fiction writing class at WMC while she's on sabbatical.

"I can't guess how different my life would be if I hadn't ended up in Kathy's poetry workshop," Hartman says.

Mangan, too, often reflects upon Frost's knowing words about the branching quality of life and how 'way leads on to way' down the path of one's life.

"Where you locate yourself determines who your nearest and dearest are. Western Maryland College has really provided me with friends, a husband whose family has extensive college roots, and an extended family. It has been my own universe," she says. "You have to have firm ground underneath your feet in order to reach the stars and that's what Western Maryland provides." •



Formerly the dark-paneled den, this spacious room has been transformed into a light and airy conservatory that seats almost twice as many guests. Bookshelves were built and moldings added with architectural details to match the neo-classical style of the rest of the house. Showcased on the walls are several brass rubbings on rice paper donated by the Nygren estate.

Welcome to the President's House

If Baker Chapel is the soul of the campus, and Hoover Library is its brain, then the President's House is the right hand, perpetually extended in greeting. Several nights each week, dinner parties are held there to bring faculty, staff and students together with members of the community, pundits, artists, politicians and other dignitaries.



Right: Interior Designer Susan Underwood Leahy taught in WMC's education program before launching her second career.



Below: Now that the official entrance facing Alumni Hall has been restored and made handicapped accessible, the front parlor can be used for its intended purpose as a formal sitting room. The burl walnut secretary against the far wall was a gift from the Eaton estate. Artwork is from President Coley's private collection. The plantation shutters were selected and used throughout the house to enhance the natural light and are a permanent architectural feature.



The stately Victorian, built in 1889 with a \$4,000 gift from the Baker family of Frederick County, Md., has always served a dual role as both the president's primary residence and the central gathering place on campus for special occasions. Only a few days after President Thomas Hamilton Lewis and his family moved in, the president and his wife hosted students for a reception and supper where, for the first time, young ladies were escorted by young gentlemen.

So it's no surprise that when it was time to begin renovating the house last fall, President Joan Develin Coley instructed interior designer Susan Underwood Leahy M.Ed. '79 to be sure to include plenty of seating in her creative vision.

"We were also careful to use fabrics that could take wear and staining," adds Leahy, who worked with Coley in the graduate education department for 10 years before returning to school to earn a bachelor of fine arts degree at Parsons School of Design in New York. "Right now, with

the house looking much more open and uncluttered, it actually seats 52, 53 if you use the piano bench. It used to seat only 40."

For the past eight months, Leahy, and Ed Sell, director of facilities planning and capital projects, have worked as a team to transform the President's House into an elegant showplace.

"I came up with the ideas and Ed Sell made it happen. We complemented each other," says Leahy. "We're both perfectionists."

The stunning results were achieved through group effort, Leahy is quick to add. Westminster architect Dean Camlin designed the addition of a two-car garage and breakfast room. Joe Bentz, director of building operations and maintenance, directed the college's own plumbers, electricians and carpenters on the construction projects. Art Professor Wasyli Paliczuk contributed a watercolor, and Art Professor Sue Bloom gave three hand-tinted photographs, to help decorate the house.

Director of Grounds and Special Events

Phil Boob and his crew arranged – and rearranged – the furniture and wall hangings until every piece was positioned just right. They cleaned up and replanted the lawns surrounding the house after construction was completed. Executive Housekeeper Marcella Shoemaker tidied around the work crew. Ladies from the Carroll Garden Club volunteered their time to make dramatic flower arrangements for Inauguration weekend.

And then there are the contributions of generous benefactors, such as Edward Nygren and Thomas and Catherine Eaton, who bequeathed fabulous pieces of furniture and art to the college through their estates.

"How much fun I had discovering all of these exquisite pieces in storage, it was like Christmas," says Leahy, who chose a neoclassical style for the house because it complemented the furniture and suited President Coley's simple-yet-elegant taste.

"She also likes a touch of the Orient, which worked out perfectly because the college owns so many Asian treasures." •



The Charleston Regency sofa, formerly in the Front Parlor, was reupholstered with tone-on-tone celadon damask. In addition to the Picasso and Turner (not shown) artwork that adorn the walls, a watercolor by Art Professor Wasyl Paliczuk hangs between the two windows and three hand-painted photographs by Art Professor Sue Bloom brighten the wall above the sofa.

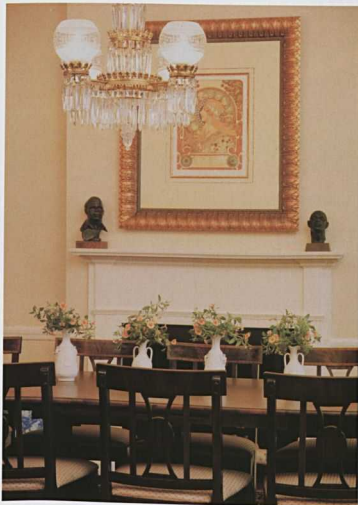


Above: The President's House was built in 1889 as a result of a \$4,000 gift from the Baker family of Frederick County, Md. Within days of moving in, the Lewis family hosted students at the college's first co-ed reception and supper.

Right: Architect Dean Camlin of Westminster designed exterior improvements to the President's House, which include a two-car garage and breakfast room connecting the garage to the kitchen.



STUDIO TWO SEVENTY



The Dining Room's Oriental Toile wallpaper (above) was replaced with a neoclassical, camel-colored tone-on-tone wallpaper to brighten up the space. Bronze busts on either end of the mantel were gifts to the college from the Joe Brown art collection and the four bisqueware vases on the table were donated from the Eaton estate. The chandelier was faux-painted to give it a period-correct luster.



A Viking stove, stainless steel appliances and durable countertops made of granite-look Formica were installed in the professional kitchen, which is command central for the many catered events the president hosts each week.

Training a Nation of Readers, One Teacher at a Time

She was in the first grade. Her teacher was Mrs. Betty Long. The school was Central Elementary in Lonaconing, a small town nestled in the mountains of western Maryland.

Open in front of her was "The Little Red Book."

Like magic, young Debra Miller was able to make out the names of the characters: Spot, Puff, Dick and Jane.

"I will never forget the feeling. It was simply 'Wow! I can do this, I can read!'" recalls the associate professor of education.

Not everyone can remember the precise moment when a jumble of letters came together to form meaningful words and sentences. But then, not everyone goes on to make a career of that moment, to making sure all children experience the amazing "Aha!" of realization that they are reading for the first time.

"I have witnessed the same expression with many, many children in the context of successful learning environments," says Miller. "It feels good when what you've been doing to teach a child works."

As coordinator of the college's graduate program in reading, Miller helps educators develop teaching tools that will "work" with their K-12 students. Effective reading isn't just a matter of decoding words, but also of comprehension, and some of her most interesting work has involved training students to reap more from what they read. A certified reading specialist who taught for years on the primary and secondary levels, Miller most recently provided reading support services to a number of schools in Howard County, Md. before joining the college as a full-time faculty member.

In her estimation, only a very small proportion of children just can't learn to read, "maybe 3 percent," Miller says.

The "strugglers" simply require more support, one-on-one attention with reading materials chosen to match their skill level. "With them, it's really a step-by-step process, rather than an 'Aha! I get it!'" she adds.

Miller loved working on that process as an on-site reading specialist. But after 23 years, she yearned to share what she'd learned in the classroom with other teachers, and to help shape the future of literacy instruction. Her position at Western Maryland College allows her to do both.

WMC's graduate program in reading has advanced in size and reputation since it was developed in 1968. Enrollment has more than doubled to 140 students who are on track during any given semester to earn master's degrees in reading, as well as state certification as reading specialists in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

College President Joan Develin Coley was hired in 1973 as the program's first full-time director and its only full-time professor. The program now employs two full-time and 10 part-time instructors. Sharon Craig directs the undergraduate coursework. Miller directs the graduate program, as well as the Western Maryland College Reading Clinic, an intensive, four-week summer workshop Coley founded for children who read below grade level. The clinic is staffed by WMC graduate students who provide individualized student instruction and in turn gain valuable field experience.

In 1995, University of Maryland joined in a partnership with WMC to offer doc-



Miller's Top 10 List of Children's Literature

First as a child, then as a reading specialist, and now as a teacher of reading specialists on the undergraduate and graduate levels, Associate Professor of Education Debra Miller has devoured hundreds of children's books. Here are some of her all-time favorites:

- **Trouble with Trolls**, by Jan Brett. An outstanding illustrator, Brett also writes this fun story about a bunch of mischievous trolls. Miller's favorite line: "I want dog."
- **The Phantom Tollbooth**, by Norton Juster. This is a fabulous fantasy about knowledge and learning and what is most important — words or numbers, rhyme or reason?
- **Pink and Say**, by Patricia Polacco. A poignant, heartfelt tale based on the true story of the friendship between two Southern soldiers during the Civil War, both 13, one black and one white. Miller's favorite line: "This is the hand, that touched the hand of Abraham Lincoln."
- **Maggie Maggie**, by Beverly Cleary. A real school story about Maggie, a third-grader who refuses to learn to write in cursive. "I love when she finally overcomes her problem," Miller says.
- **A Day's Work**, by Eve Bunting. The story of a grandfather who does not

speaking English and a grandson who assists with obtaining a day's work. The grandfather displays the wisdom of age even when he is unable to communicate the language and really has no experience as a gardener, the job his grandson found for him.

- **Tuck Everlasting**, by Natalie Babbitt. A thought-provoking story for upper elementary children about eternal life. The characters face a real dilemma after they drink magic water that allows them to live forever, causing multiple problems.
- **When I Was Young in the Mountains**, by Cynthia Rylant. Miller's favorite children's writer recalls her childhood in the mountains.
- **The Snowy Day**, by Ezra Jack Keats. The simple story about Peter's wonderful adventures on a snowy day won the Caldecott Book Award in 1963 and features one of the first African American main characters in children's literature.
- **A Lion to Guard Us**, by Clyde Bulla. The courageous adventure of a family of three children who travel to America to meet their father who is making a home for them in the early days of Jamestown. This is a realistic and well-written picture of early travelers' voyages to America.
- **The Polar Express**, by Chris Van Allsburg. A charming story of a train adventure to the North Pole especially appropriate for those of us adults who still "believe" in Santa.

toral courses for an Ed.D. in reading literacy on the Westminster campus. Although open to all qualified candidates, most of the students are graduates of WMC's reading program. The first group of students is on track to earn doctorates this spring.

Miller, along with Craig and adjunct faculty member Jan Knight, recently rewrote the entire undergraduate reading curriculum and redesigned six graduate reading courses to meet the new Maryland reading standards for elementary and secondary educators. Elementary educators are required to successfully complete 12 credits in reading and secondary educators are required to successfully complete six credits. Western Maryland's courses were endorsed by the Maryland State Department of Education in August 2000.

"We are consistently engaged in program improvement and, more specifically, our coursework within the program is

designed to build upon the students' cumulative knowledge in a logical and sequential manner," says Miller. "Our program is very thoughtfully constructed and has been since its origination under President Joan Coley."

Miller doesn't have to focus much of her attention on recruiting students — most are drawn to the program through word-of-mouth.

"We get our students by running the best program you can possibly run and by constantly evaluating it and making it better," she says, adding that WMC's students are much in demand when they graduate. "I told my colleagues from Howard County that I would find them the best potential teachers and send them over. But I have to

also look out for our home county of Carroll County."

It stands to reason that Miller would have become an educator, since so many of her family members are committed to teaching. Her father was an elementary school physical education teacher and spent the majority of his career as an elementary school principal in Allegany County, Md. Two of her aunts have teaching degrees, as well as several of her great-aunts. Miller's brother is also a teacher in Harford County, Md.

"My dad was definitely an influence in my becoming a teacher, and also more specifically in my becoming a reading specialist," Miller says. "I still remember the day in my sophomore year of college that I was sitting in my dad's office and he says, 'Deb, I think you should consider going into reading. It seems like the right job for you'. My dad was always right about educational decision making — he is an outstanding model."

A 100-percent product of Maryland's public schools, Miller earned a B.S. in elementary education with a 24-hour concentration in reading from Frostburg State College in 1977. In 1980, she earned her master's degree and teaching certification as a reading specialist from Frostburg while teaching full time in Salisbury, Pa. Finally, in 1986, Miller became a "Dr." with a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction, emphasis in reading, from the University of Maryland College Park.

Of course, the story of her education isn't over. As Miller prepares her adult students to become "lifelong learners" she, too, is learning all the time.

"I like this job so much because it offers a lot more opportunity to learn from a larger variety of people," she says. •

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Student Has a Major Plan to Help Kids Read

BY JULIE DEVELIN '01

Working with real kids at a local elementary school taught junior Adrienne Doerrmann two things: she still wanted to be a teacher but she wanted to change her major.

One problem: the major Doerrmann hoped to declare didn't exist at Western Maryland College. So, with the help of Education Professor Skip Fennell, she designed her own major in Reading and English Language Acquisition.

"I didn't want to leave WMC because the major was not available," says Doerrmann, a New Jersey native. "So I researched the requirements for similar programs at other colleges and submitted a proposal, which was passed."

Enterprising students are encouraged to design their own major or minor if they can prove its academic merit. Doerrmann's major incorporates several graduate courses she takes for undergraduate credit, such as Children's Literature, as well as courses in English, communication and education.

She'll graduate with a certificate to teach in the first through the eighth grade in Maryland and Pennsylvania and plans to go on to graduate school to earn her reading specialist certification.

Doerrmann's current adviser Sharon Craig, an assistant professor in the reading program, applauds her initiative as well as her career choice. Reading specialists are in great demand, both in Maryland and nationwide. Craig, a certified reading specialist who trained elementary school teachers and helped coordinate literacy initiatives in Carroll County public schools before becoming a full-time college faculty member, sees a need for more reading specialists at all grade levels – even in high school. Teenage students go to reading specialists for help with text processing and comprehension, she explains.

Doerrmann, who tutors two high school students each week, in addition to a second-grader and a fourth-grader, admits she wasn't always a bookworm.

"I didn't have a rich experience with reading in elementary school. I can remember being in class and not understanding what I was reading," she recalls. "That motivated me to want to become a reading specialist and to help children."

In fact, it was a high school English teacher who made all the difference for Doerrmann, showing her that reading and discussing books could be quite fun. Her favorite is still "Jane Eyre."

Craig predicts Doerrmann will have the same positive influence on her students. "Adrienne is drawn to her students and it's evident she cares deeply for all of them," she says. "She is constantly growing as a teacher."

Junior Adrienne Doerrmann (right) is working to complete her student-designed major in Reading and English Language Acquisition with the help of adviser Sharon Craig.



MATT SPANGLER

Belize in January — For Credit?

They snorkeled in crystal-clear water, lunched on over-stuffed lobster burritos and returned to Maryland in mid-January with killer tans. For 20 students enrolled in the January Term course “Fishing and Diving in Belize,” going to school over winter break was — to borrow a Belizean phrase — “No problem, *mon!*”

The learning vacation in Belize was one of 35 Jan Term courses offered between the end of the Christmas holidays and the beginning of the spring semester

Political Science Professor Herb Smith and Assistant Professor of Chemistry Brian Wladkowski led the excursion to the tiny Central American country of 250,000, formerly a British colony that has come to be known as a haven for tolerance. The group explored Mayan ruins dating before 1500 B.C., went fishing and diving along the world's second-longest barrier reef, and examined the country's English-speaking, Creole-dominated culture that one travel guide describes as “so laid back it's almost comatose.”

Along the way, students gained much more than two credits and an appreciation for Belikin, Belize's only brand of beer.

“I know I leave the place a changed person,” senior Erin McGrady wrote in her journal. “I've never been an environmentalist. My family doesn't even recycle. But ... my stomach dropped when [Smith] told us that global warming is threatening the coral reefs of the world.”

Students were required to record their impressions of the day's activities, in addition to attending lectures and conducting research before the trip to prepare for two papers they would later write on a marine vertebrate and an invertebrate they observed in the water.

The learning vacation in Belize was one of 35 Jan Term courses offered between the end of the Christmas holidays and the beginning of the spring semester. The intensive, three-week courses have been offered at WMC since the 1960s, though now students are required to take only one instead of two before they graduate. Not every course involves travel, but all are designed to give students the opportunity to engage in a period of concentrated study beyond the range of conventional coursework.

In recent years, students have conducted research on substance abuse at a local rehabilitation center, researched how ultraviolet rays passing through the Earth's damaged

BY KIM ASCH

ozone layer are affecting trees in natural areas of Maryland, and helped disabled children develop common motor skills at a local elementary school. Recent Jan Term destinations include Cuba, where students learned about the international food market, politics, and culture, and England, where Shakespeare lovers explored the Bard's old stomping grounds.

Smith, a veteran Jan Term teacher, is a firm believer of the concept. "It's a course, but it's more than a course," he says of the Belize trip. "It's really an adventure in multiple environments. Students weren't passive consumers of lectures, they had to get in and observe starfish, sea cucumbers and nurse sharks."

The ultimate "liberal arts man," Smith gave impromptu lessons on Belize's history and current culture, but the political science professor spent most of his teaching time turning students on to his favorite hobby: fishing.

"My father took me fishing when I was four. I taught my children how to fish and it's a tremendous joy to introduce the sons and daughters of other parents to the sport," he says. "You share some of their excitement when they catch their first barracuda."

Students were encouraged to interact with the country's people, as well. Many had never traveled outside of the United States and they became a little more worldly during their 10 days abroad.

"I learned that talking to the locals is the best way to get a feel for the culture, that renting bikes instead of taxis proves far more interesting and adventurous," wrote McGrady, who's from Damascus, Md. "I learned that although our country is technologically and economically superior, it does not make it a happier place. The people of Belize truly live in paradise." •

Beyond Sun and Fun

Students were required to keep journals during their Jan Term trip to Belize. Beyond their adventures snorkeling and fishing in the Caribbean, students got a chance to observe the culture and to compare it to their own American way of life. Here is a glimpse of senior Erin McGrady's impressions:

"It bothers me that some of the people are so poor. I almost feel like an asshole for wearing nice clothes into town, and for actually worrying whether I match or not when most of the people here wear clothes with holes in them and colors bleached by the sun.

I always wondered what would happen if inner city kids were given a quality education – I know we would find some brilliant minds and the same is true for Belize. I wonder whether they can use a computer or not. Do they know how e-mail works, let alone know what it is? Maybe my ignorance is a slap in the face, but I can't see the schools in San Pedro being outfitted with Apples and Gateways.

Then again, if that's the case, then the people of Belize are lucky. Today, you can't walk five minutes down the street without hearing cell phones. The United States is so fast – the pace of life, the competitiveness, the emphasis on material possessions and obsessions over weight and fame..."



Students who traveled to Belize during Jan Term learned to fish and snorkel and played soccer with the locals.



Dennis Sisco '68 Wants Your Money and He's Not Afraid to Ask

He doesn't wear construction boots or a hard hat, but venture capitalist Dennis Sisco is a builder of sorts.

Using cash for bricks and his 30 years of entrepreneurial experience as a blueprint, he invests tens of millions of dollars on behalf of his private equity partnership to help promising companies expand, succeed, and maximize their growth potential. Sisco '68 intends to do the same for Western Maryland College — and he plans to do it with your money.

Oh, the new Annual Fund chairman is investing his own cash, too, and plenty of sweat equity to build that portion of the College's yearly operating budget to twice its current size. But he's going have to convince thousands of classmates and colleagues, parents and friends, to become investors, as well, if he is to reach his ambitious goal of \$2 million by 2002.

Which brings us to Sisco's second — and equally ambitious — goal: by the same year, he wants to see at least 40 percent of alumni contributing to the College's annual fundraising drive. Well, really, he believes all alumni should make a place for their alma mater each year in their financial planning. Even graduating seniors should contribute the cost of a new pair of jeans, a night at the movies, or a pile of Dominoes pizzas, he says. But, he keeps reminding himself, "40 percent is a good first step."

A strong Annual Fund allows the College to continue and improve upon its academic and extracurricular programs from year to year. Gifts to the fund are a line item in the College's operating budget and support such essentials as faculty salaries, scholarships, athletics, and library acquisitions. Sisco is pleased to point out that last year,

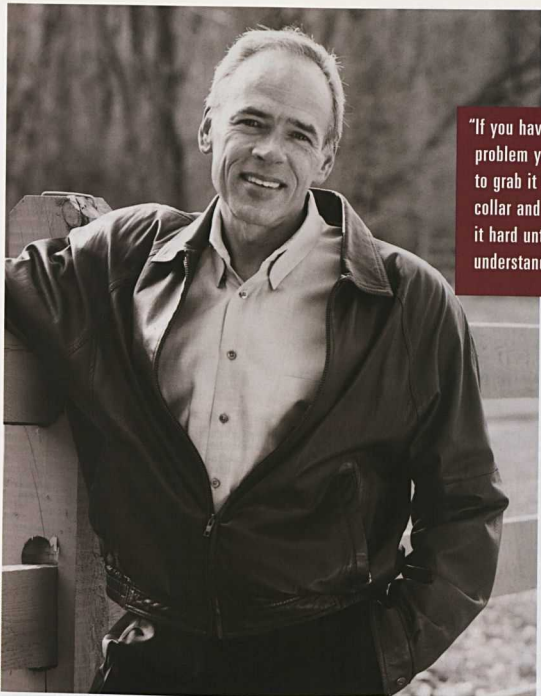
the Annual Fund met its goal of \$1.5 million and 32 percent participation, but he's far from satisfied.

Accustomed to the fast-paced business environment of the information technology sector in which he specializes, Sisco sometimes becomes impatient with academe's less aggressive style.

"My approach is that if you have a problem you need to grab it by the collar and shake it hard until you understand it, and then you need to solve it," he says during an interview at his office on the 27th floor of a Midtown Manhattan skyscraper. "And we really have a problem — the current level of giving is unacceptable, both in terms of the amount and the level of participation by our alumni. We can do better."

There's no doubt that, with Sisco at the helm, we will. His wheelings and dealings in the business world have taught him what it takes to get people to buy into a good idea. "You need to believe in what you're doing. You need to make rejection your friend. And you need to be outrageously persistent," he says.

At 54, Sisco is tall, trim, and meticulously well groomed. He runs five or six miles every day but looks like he never breaks a sweat. Perfectly in control, he speaks in smooth, articulate sentences unbroken by the uncertain pauses that betray less confident men. The few occasions emotion creeps into his steady cadence during the hour-long conversation are when he speaks of his wife and two young daughters and when he talks about the future of Western Maryland College.



"If you have a problem you need to grab it by the collar and shake it hard until you understand it."

explaining his fascination for computers. But he wasn't able to take a Fortran class until his senior year when the College finally bought a comput-

er equipped to run the program. (He notes with pride that the College has come a long way over the past five years to bring its technological capabilities up to speed.)

After he graduated, he "pretty much forgot about Western Maryland." He didn't return for reunions, or submit news to the class notes section of this magazine. In fact, when he attended his first meeting as a College Trustee in 1999, it was the first time in more than 20 years that he'd stepped foot on campus. Worst of all, he rarely contributed to the Annual Fund.

"It wasn't until I put some time into thinking about it and, frankly, someone asked me to think about it, that I re-engaged with this institution," he admits. "I think those of us who are engaged with this College have to get more people to think about it."

Sisco speaks with the passion of the newly converted when he explains why he's now willing to volunteer his own money and precious spare time to help strengthen WMC. His busy schedule hasn't exactly eased up. Sisco and his wife of 25 years, Alexine Lesko, have two daughters: Shelby, 9 and Maddie, 4. Sisco also has a daughter Kimberley, 32, from his first marriage. He commutes two hours into New York City from his Newtown, Ct. home, leaving at a little after six o'clock every morning and not returning to his family until after seven. About 12 days a month he's out of town on business. He's also active in his local parish.

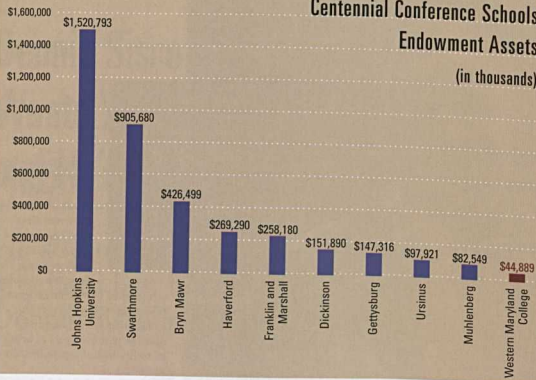
"There are thousands of people out there whose lives have been touched by the school, its faculty, its student body, and its place in the community," he says. "There's no reason why all of us can't help the kids who are coming through now and are going to be coming through in the next five, 10, or 15 years by putting the school on a sounder financial footing."

Surprisingly, Sisco was never the sort of gung-ho Western Maryland College student — or graduate — you'd expect to become so fervent about college fundraising.

"Frankly, while I valued my time at Western Maryland, while I learned a great deal, while it has made a big difference in the adult that I became, it wasn't a Rah! Rah! great time for me," he says. "I didn't come out of four years at Western Maryland really super-enthused about the institution."

An economics major who developed a passion for computers as a high school student in Greenbelt, Md., Sisco was frustrated by the College's lack of initiative on the technology front. He was eager to learn more about Fortran, an early programming language. "It just kind of grabbed me that you could teach machines how to deal with a large variety of circumstances," he says,

Centennial Conference Schools Endowment Assets (in thousands)



SOURCE: 1999 INACUO ENDOWMENT STUDY

HOW WMC'S ENDOWMENT COMPARES

The endowment is the financial foundation of an institution, providing investment income that allows a college to be less dependent on tuition as a source of revenue. Large endowments allow colleges to provide more need-based scholarships, to recruit star faculty and to plan strategically for campus growth. As Western Maryland College strives to define itself in the 21st century—and compete against sister institutions—the endowment must increase dramatically to meet rising financial needs.

But, looking back, Sisco couldn't deny the role his four years on the Hill played in his current success. He credits his professors for providing him with the strong foundation upon which he's built his career:

Jim Lightner, professor of mathematics emeritus, "taught me that I could overcome my fear and loathing of advanced math," and therefore other intellectual challenges.

Ira Zepp, professor of religious studies emeritus, "taught me that spirituality has a role in all things."

Ralph Price and Al Law, both economic professors, "taught me how to think and how to articulate and defend my ideas, and that's very important."

He continues: "Western Maryland College is a great place. It's got something severely lacking in larger institutions and that is this passionate devotion to teaching young people what they need to know to be successful in whatever their fields are."

From the time he was a kid, Sisco knew he wanted to be an entrepreneur. He started a newspaper route as a savvy 11-year-old and in high school and college worked as a lifeguard, upselling swimming lessons to earnest parents. "We used to generate outrageous fees for teaching little brats how to

get across the pool without drowning," he jokes. Not even the Viet Nam war was going to interfere with his career plans, though he believed it was his duty to serve.

Patriotism wasn't the fashion on college campuses in the late-60s, but Sisco felt the responsibility to enlist, whether or not he agreed with the war. He just intended to do it on his terms. So he enrolled in Western Maryland's ROTC program, figuring it was better to enter the Army as a lieutenant rather than as a private. After graduating with honors, he went to work at IBM to train in the computer programming analysis division. He also went to work on finding out what the Army had planned for him.

"I called up the Pentagon, I just kept calling and getting bounced around from person to person until I found some clerk somewhere who had my records," he recalls. The clerk had bad news: he was to be sent for training in the adjutant general core – the War Department's management branch – and then he'd be a personnel officer assigned to Fort Gordon, Ga., which was known to be one brief stopover along the path to Viet Nam.

Sisco's ability to articulate and defend his ideas immediately kicked in. "I said, 'Wait a

minute! Wait a minute! I can spell computer, I know all this good stuff and I'm getting all of this wonderful IBM training and the Army ought to take advantage of that. What can I do?'" he recalls.

He was advised to get some letters of recommendation. "I ran around and got my manager and his manager and all of the people who would talk to me to write letters. Sure enough, when I did get my orders I was posted to a computer systems command in Germany," he says. "That was better than going to Saigon."

In the Army from 1969-70, Sisco worked on the precursor to the modern portable computer. They were large IBM Model 40s mounted on semi-trailer trucks that processed information about who got hit, who was in the hospital, and who needed supplies.

After two years in the service, Sisco returned to the States ready to do combat in the business world. He decided against pursuing an MBA, mainly because he didn't want to take any more time "off the field." And, though many of his colleagues have master's degrees from top-brand business schools such as Harvard and Wharton, Sisco says his liberal arts education at Western Maryland has proved more than sufficient.

After a brief stint in a stodgy corporation where he quickly discovered that "before you opened your mouth you had to be 50 years old," he joined his first information technology startup. Computers were just learning to talk to one another and the Internet was a nascent government project. On the weekends, he wrote deep-level operating system code, went out and sold systems during weekdays and spent all night trying to get them installed and running. More than one time, he wrote checks out of his own bank account to help meet

the payroll. But Sisco preferred to work smart. He convinced the principal owner that if they were ever going to get any value out of the company, they had to sell it to a larger partner. Two weeks after he negotiated a sale with an application service provider called National CSS, that company was bought by big gun Dun & Bradstreet.

Suddenly, Sisco was regarded as a financial genius. "I insisted in the terms of our sale that we didn't want cash, we wanted stock," Sisco explains. "So the deal I negotiated became worth multiples of what it had been worth."

He'd also sufficiently impressed the people across the bargaining table to garner a job offer. It was a dramatic difference for a kid who for seven years earlier had "all my body parts to the grindstone" trying to make a go of that first business. Now, he was in the big league, buying and selling pieces of Dun & Bradstreet's new company. After a while, though, the young and ambitious Sisco got itchy.

Since then, Sisco has had many successes and a few failures, which he values equally. "You've got to take chances and stretch beyond what you're comfortable with in order to succeed, and if you do you're going to fail sometimes," he explains. "You can't succeed without failing."

By assuming intense, hands-on managerial roles as well as higher-level financial engineering and corporate development responsibilities, he's gained both expertise and respect. He returned to Dun & Bradstreet in the late '80s and by 1995 was one of a handful of people involved in restructuring the \$5 billion organization. Sisco accomplished the mission, but disagreed with the CEO about where to take the new-growth division they'd formed together. He decided it was a good time for a sabbatical.

In 1997, Sisco took 10 months off to catch his breath and build his daughters a tree house. Not that he's especially handy: "I used it as a learning experience," he says. "And I had some help from a friend who is an excellent carpenter."

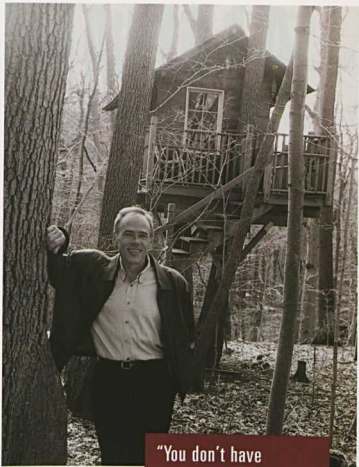
Rested and reinvigorated, Sisco joined Behrman Capital, a private equity firm with \$11.7 billion under management, as a partner in 1998. In any given month, he works with half a dozen different management teams problem-solving and exploiting opportunities to improve their bottom lines.

"Philosophically, what's underpinned my business career has been the idea that by building companies you create something that wasn't there before. That is like the proverbial dropping a pebble in a pond, in that the waves that that produces spread out and have lots of virtuous impact on lots of people and lots of things," he says. "I've been able to create lots of jobs and the wealth that has been generated from all of those efforts does everything from feeding back into the economy to paying for scholarships at WMC. So I think this is a way to help build a little bit better world."

Which brings Sisco right back to the Annual Fund, to building a better Western Maryland College – and to your money.

"You don't have to have fallen in love with this institution to realize that if you were a part of it and it's a part of your life, then it's time to give something back," he declares.

Consider this fair warning: Sisco is not afraid of rejection; he's outrageously persistent, and he believes wholeheartedly in what he's doing. •



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News from ALUMNI

Minority Alumni Chapter Founded

Twenty-two alumni returned to campus in December to explore their role in improving the WMC experience for African Americans and other people of color. Their discussions gave birth to the Minority Alumni Chapter of the Alumni Association.

The chapter will work to further increase diversity on the Hill, a primary goal of the college's strategic plan. Currently, there are 10 full-time minority faculty members and 14 percent of students are African minorities.

Ed Procter '84, a founding member of the alumni chapter, is pleased with the progress the college has made. "On a recent visit, I saw more African Americans in the library in 15 minutes than I would in a typical day when I was enrolled," he said, adding that he wants to help those students make the most of their time at WMC and to encourage prospective students to attend his alma mater. "When I look back 15 years, I realize that I only scratched the surface of the resources that were available during my stay at Western Maryland. I can't think of any reason why I wouldn't want to share my positive experiences with others."

The college is already working on several programs to encourage minority students to consider attending Western Maryland. Project Excellence gives scholarship funds to D.C. metro students. Outreach with City College has now expanded to Randallstown High School and Bell-Multicultural High School. Students are invited to

campus for tours and student panels. Also, application fees are waived for National Merit Scholars.

Multicultural groups on campus created by students have also created an atmosphere of richer diversity on campus. The Black Student Union has grown to more than 100 members and groups such as the Asian Community Coalition and the Hispano-Latino Alliance provide support and an opportunity to explore other cultures.

Preliminary plans for the chapter include mentoring students, helping to make the WMC experience better for minority students and funding a scholarship. Chapter mem-

bers will welcome accepted students at Minority Student Weekend March 31, a weekend of activities for high school students who plan to attend WMC in the fall. There are also plans to network with current students this spring at the Multicultural Banquet May 6.

Those interested in getting involved with the chapter should contact Eric Byrd '93, coordinator of African-American Alumni Programs, at 410-857-2635 or ebyrd@wmdc.edu.

Trio Earns Trustee Alumni Awards

A high school English teacher, a Baltimore attorney and Zion-ist, and a research chemist have been honored with Trustee Alumni Awards.

Mary Katherine Nevius-Maurer '74, MLA'80, has chaired the English Department at Westminster High School since 1992 and has been a teacher there for 28 years. She has earned a reputation for being both extraordinarily tough and

and talented in the classroom and is respected by her students as well as her peers. WMC seniors selected her for the Distinguished High School Teacher Award in 1987 and she was honored as Maryland's High School English Teacher of the Year by the Council of Teachers of English and Language Arts in 1988.

Other awards include: Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Teacher Award, 1991; Carroll County Teacher of the Year, 1992, and College Board English Teacher of the Year for Advanced Placement, 1994. She was also honored by USA Today when the national newspaper named her to its ALL USA Teacher Team in 2000, based on her impact on student achievement and learning, her commitment to students and the teaching profession, and her master teacher and leadership abilities.

Nevius-Maurer is listed in *Who's Who Among American Educators*. She has conducted workshops on the writing process and has worked with the Carroll County school system's central office to develop countywide English courses, as well as with the state of Maryland to build a strong language arts curriculum that incorporates the goals of the Maryland School Performance Program. For 11 years, Nevius-Maurer was the adviser to the National Honors Society. She graduated *summa cum laude* from WMC in 1974 and received her Master of Liberal Arts degree in 1980.

Allec Albert Resnick '47 entered WMC in the fall of 1941, but his academic career was temporarily interrupted while he served in World War II. He was captured by the

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The Gospel Choir represents the diversity of students choosing to attend Western Maryland College.

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Nazis in Germany and survived in a Prisoner of War camp until he was liberated by the Allies at the war's end. Victorious, he marched back onto the Hill to resume his studies and has tirelessly worked on behalf of WMC and Israel ever since.

He served as national president for the Zionist Organization of America and in 1978 received the Brandeis Award, the highest honor presented by the organization. He has also served as Chairman of the Jewish National Fund, was a board member of Associated Jewish Charities and has been recognized with numerous awards for his work toward strengthening the American commitment to Israel's security and economic stability. In 1979, Resnick was honored with the Prime Minister's Medal, the highest lay award given by Israel, which he has visited 34 times.

Resnick has devoted equal amounts of energy and time to his beloved alma mater. He was the WMC national alumni president from 1956 through 1958 and was national alumni fund chairman for the 1971-72 campaign. In 1977, he became the tenth recipient of the *Alumnus of the Year Award*, given to graduates for outstanding service to the community, the College and their professional field. He was elected the College's first Jewish member of the Board of Trustees in 1972 and received the WMC honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law in 1981.

Along the way, Resnick has been a vocal champion of the College and active participant in the campus community. He rarely misses a football game and is responsible for bringing many stimulating and celebrated speakers to the Hill.

Philip Lacy Meredith '66 is Director of Chemical and Biological Sciences in DuPont Central Research and Development. He earned a Ph.D. in 1970 in chemistry from Duke, where he specialized in cryogenic, spectroscopic analysis of single crystals of transition metal complexes of amino acids. He joined DuPont as a research chemist at the Experimental Station in Wilmington, Del., where his research in flame-retardants for polymers led to receipt of a United States patent.

Meredith's rise through the ranks of management at DuPont has taken him to Delaware, Ohio and New Jersey. He has managed research groups working on products for DuPont businesses in titanium dioxide, hydrogen peroxide and other inorganic chemicals, as well as various products for the healthcare and medical research communities. Meredith co-founded DuPont's corporate program called SEED, or Dollars to Encourage Entrepreneurial Developments, aimed at inspiring individuals within the company to develop business ideas.

Meredith's own entrepreneurial instincts led to a program to commercialize alternative products to replace chlorofluorocarbons. In 1993, he received the Enterprise Researchers of the Year Award by the Technology Council for Greater Philadelphia. Meredith has put his creativity and energy to work for Western Maryland, as well. He was a leading member of the Western Maryland College Science Building Campaign Committee and served as Chair of the WMC's Founders Campaign Committee in 1998-99. •



Dan Welliver '50 will continue to make a difference in the lives of students through the scholarship fund that was established to honor his dedication to the campus community.

Scholarship Fund Honors College Physician

From his childhood on campus through his 40 years of service as college physician, Dan Welliver '50 was a key player in the Western Maryland College community. An endowed scholarship fund established by his family, friends and colleagues will ensure that Welliver – who died Christmas Day 1998 – will continue to make a difference in the lives of students.

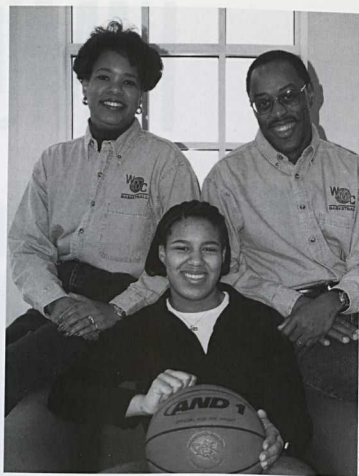
An outpouring of gifts after Welliver's death created the scholarship fund, which became a permanent endowment when contributions reached \$25,000. As fundraising continues, its value has increased to \$50,000.

Welliver grew up in Fortlens House when it was home to the Theological Seminary, where his father was president. He pursued Western Maryland's pre-med program as an undergraduate and earned his medical degree from University of Maryland. After interning at the University of Michigan, he returned to Westminster to establish a practice as one of the youngest physicians in town.

Welliver brought his benevolent bedside manner to campus, where he wrapped sprained ankles on athletic fields and treated various student ailments at the infirmary located first in Thompson Hall and later in Smith House.

His service as an alumnus was recognized with a Meritorious Service Award and a Trustee Alumni Award. He was named *Alumnus of the Year* in 1984 and received a Doctor of

Celeste and Doug White rarely miss a chance to watch their daughter Erin '03 (center) play for the Green Terror. They are forming a new Parents' Fund Committee to help other parents become active players in the college community.



Humane Letters degree in 1998.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a junior or senior majoring in one of the sciences with preference going to a student pursuing a career in medicine or one of the allied fields, such as nursing, physical therapy, sports medicine or athletic training.

For information about making a gift to the Daniel I. Welliver, M.D. '50 Scholarship Fund, please call the Development Office at 410/857-2250. •

New Parents' Fund Chairs Cheer WMC

BY BETH HARLOW
BUCKALEW '89

Since their daughter Erin '03 began playing basketball her freshman year, Celeste and Doug White have rarely missed a game. But their role in the WMC community is much more than that of spectators.

The Whites are familiar faces on campus — even though they live more than a two-hour drive from the Hill. And when the Terror Maws Basketball Team competed at Bryn Mawr near their home in the Philadelphia suburbs, the couple invited all of the players, the coaches, some parents — even the bus driver — for dinner.

"We truly enjoy being involved in any way that we can," Celeste explains.

As parent chairs of the college's Annual Giving program, the Whites are working to recruit more parents to become active participants in the WMC mission. They know how distance can be a deter-

rent and want to help 1,200 parents of current students feel connected to the vibrant community on the Hill.

"We feel WMC is a very close-knit place where parents really are heard," Celeste says.

The Whites are forming a new Parents' Fund Committee to help plan events and to produce a bi-annual newsletter, as well as to develop a program to welcome new parents and families to WMC.

The committee will also help parents to understand how their support of the college extends beyond tuition payments. Full tuition covers only 71 percent of the cost for a student to attend WMC, and the endowment is considerably smaller than other schools of similar size and stature.

"It's up to parents, alumni and friends to make up the difference," says Celeste. "We consider our support an investment in Erin's education."

Find out how to get involved with the Parents' Fund by calling Beth Harlow Buckalew '89 at 410/857-2224 or e-mail give-back@wmc.edu. •

Development Team Adds Members

Director of Major Gifts Toni Condon joins the Development staff from the Johns Hopkins University's Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, where she served as associate director of

Toni Condon, Director of Major Gifts



development, major gifts. With a proven track record of exceeding fund-raising goals, she will help the college expand the number of personal solicitations for major and planned gifts undertaken each month and play a critical role in the planning and implementing the next major campaign.

Assistant Director of Annual Giving Jennifer Fisher joins the staff from radio station WJHU, where she served as a marketing specialist, and the development office of George Washington University. Fisher graduated from Hood College in 1996 with a degree in mathematics and worked in Hood's Office of Alumni Affairs. She will work with young alumni to increase Annual Fund participation, as well as manage the faculty/staff campaign, assist with the telemarketing and mail programs and working closely with Alumni Affairs to educate current students about the importance of giving back. •

Jennifer Fisher, Assistant Director of Annual Giving



The Reading Challenge

To read or not to read. That is the question for our nation's school-age children and adolescents. For many it is a matter of learning to read, but for just as many it is a question of choice, say 1992 Joseph R. Bailer Award winners **Thomasina Piercy M.Ed. '79** and **Jan Knight M.Ed. '88**.

"Often children can read, but they choose not to," says Knight, an eighth-grade reading teacher at Westminster's West Middle School. "It's up to us to motivate them through interesting choices and by giving them the tools and strategies they need to become successful readers."

Tools and strategies, however, are relatively new terms for reading instruction that came about in the early 1970s as part of more creative comprehension-based methods. Western Maryland's new president, Joan Develin Coley, was a major contributor in developing and fostering this new reading philosophy. Motivated by her leadership and guided by innovative techniques while graduate students at WMC, both Knight and Piercy have devoted much of their careers to reading instruction, Piercy at the elementary level, and Knight with elementary and middle school students.

As an elementary school teacher, Piercy says she felt that she was doing a fine job of teaching reading before enrolling in the graduate program in education, but still her students did not seem to enjoy reading. Knight was having a similar experience, and in fact left teaching for seven years. "It just wasn't fun anymore," she recalls.

It was the graduate courses taught by Professor Coley that sent both Knight and Piercy back to the classroom with renewed enthusiasm for their craft, and a brand new way of teaching.

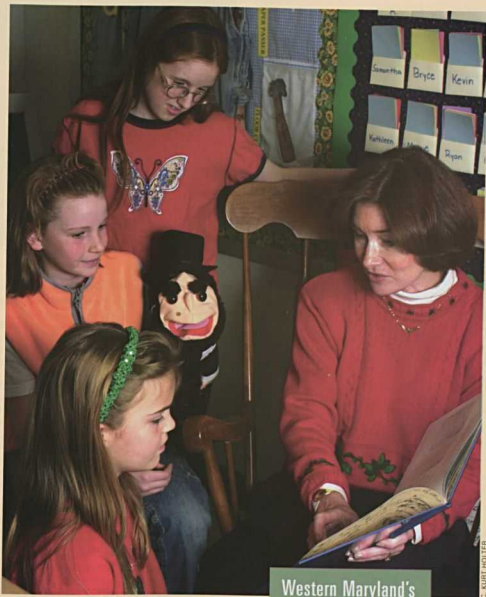
Reading instruction had undergone an overhaul since the days they began teaching. Gone were the basal readers and the standard workbook questions.

"We began to think about what the children were thinking as they were reading, not just their ability to answer questions after they read a story. The new methods allowed students to read more deeply, connecting thoughts as they were reading and

retaining the knowledge," says Piercy.

Some were skeptical. "People didn't want to trust these new techniques," she says. "While there was scientific research to back them up, there was no proven track record or standardized assessments to support the changes."

But Piercy knew it was working. She could see improvements in her students even before formal assessment. As she offered her students real literature to read



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Thomasina Piercy
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and taught them skills, such as predicting, vocabulary, questioning and summarizing, they grew excited about reading. Her reading instruction methods and classroom experiences have been documented by the State Department of Education. In addition, they have earned her the State of Maryland International Reading Association Award and the honor of being named one of five expert reading teachers in Maryland.

With the advent of statewide assessments, Piercy's success is now evident in the numbers. Since becoming principal of Mount Airy Elementary three years ago, the school's scores in reading have increased by 25 percent and, in turn, writing scores have begun to dramatically improve by nearly 20 percent as well.

She has worked closely with her faculty in developing programs to ensure that all of the 750 students in her school are reading at their grade level. And, calling upon the advice of her mentor Coley, she is not afraid to stray from the mainstream to achieve results.

She recently instituted a new approach to help students struggling with reading. Called *double directed reading*, this method brings two teachers into the classroom to, in essence, teach the lesson twice, but in different ways. "Typically, we teach a lesson and assume the students got it. But, some students need to hear things more than once or in a different way before it comes together for them," she says. Though the program has just begun, teachers are already reporting amazing results.

At the same time, Piercy is committed to providing excellent instruction to good readers. "In the past we have seen a minimal growth in good readers as we have concentrated on helping poor readers improve. My philosophy is in helping both groups, not one at the expense of the other," she says.

Both Piercy and Knight have made special efforts to interest boys in reading, whose assessment scores have lagged behind those of the girls. They believe this is more a problem of interest than ability and have instituted changes at their schools.

Piercy has started after-school reading clubs and hired male teachers. Knight has made an effort to motivate her male students by introducing them to science fiction, sports and adventure books that they may find more compelling.

Still, it's tough to compete in a world of fancy computers, digital TVs, CD players and outside activities, Knight says. "I know that for many of my students, if I don't give them the time to read in my classroom, they may not pick up a book on their own," she says. She hopes that their experiences in her classroom will help them to develop a lifelong interest in literature.

"I have to be more than just a teacher, but a guide as well, offering students a variety of choices and a lot of feedback. My goal is to make my students independent readers," she says. "I like to help them find their path, or the types of stories that

would interest them, and direct them to these books."

Knight regularly holds "book talks" in her classroom to introduce her students to new books and topics they may not have explored. Her use of response journals—a book club in writing of sorts—provides a non-threatening forum for Knight and her students to correspond and exchange thoughts, ideas and questions about the books they are reading. The method has been the focus of several published articles and earned her recognition from the Maryland State Department of Education.

The innovative methods used by Knight and Piercy have positively impacted reading and writing assessment scores and earned them both accolades from the education community. For them, however, it is not enough to provide an ability to read. Their goal is to instill an excitement about literature that leads to a lasting desire to read.

Piercy recalls a life-changing moment when she discovered generations-old letters in the coat pocket of her deceased great-grandmother. "I wish everyone could have a similar experience," she says. "These writings were historical, passionate and as intriguing as any novel I have ever read. In today's world of cell phones and e-mail, I worry that the only thing we will have to pass on to our children are phone bills."

In Memoriam

Mrs. Margaret Phillips Foard '18, of Jarrettsville, Md., on December 2, 2000.

Mrs. Magdalena Lawson Speicher '24, of Hagerstown, Md., on October 22, 2000.

Miss Joy C. Reinmuth '27, of Gaithersburg, Md., on October 26, 2000.

Mrs. Anna Ely Nelson '29, of Fallston, Md., on December 16, 2000.

Mrs. Marianne Engle Browning '30, of Mt. Airy, Md., on November 29, 2000.

Mr. Richard S. Coale '32, of Westminster, Md., on October 23, 2000.

Mrs. Helen Whitcraft Dixon '34, of Westminster, Md., on October 16, 2000.

Maj. Harry J. Luman '37, of Virginia Beach, Va., on March 18, 2000.

Mr. Leonard C. Graham '38, of Catonsville, Md., on December 19, 2000.

Dr. Everett D. Jones '38, of Baltimore, Md., on October 31, 2000.

Lt. Col. Carroll E. Cook Sr. '39, of Sykesville, Md., on November 23, 2000.

Mr. James L. Shreeve '40, of Ocean Pines, Md., on December 29, 2000.

Miss Jane T. Harrison '42, of Westminster, Md., on November 18, 2000.

Mrs. Emma Marks Smullen '42, of Salisbury, Md., on August 8, 2000.

Mrs. Dorothy Bolles Swanson '46, of Suffield, Conn., on December 19, 2000.

Mr. Jesse L. Starkey '48, of LaPlata, Md., on June 23, 2000.

Mrs. Doris Rothaupt Fream '53, of Glen Burnie, Md., on September 12, 1999.

Mr. Charles W. Calary '54, of Palm Harbor, Fla., on September 16, 2000.

Mr. Bruce A. Drenning Jr. '63, of Waterford, Va., on September 18, 2000.

Miss Patricia A. Moore '70, of Reisterstown, Md., on December 17, 2000.

Mr. Brian R. Benson '98, of Millers, Md., on October 14, 2000.

Rev. Joseph W. Sabo MEd '76, of Randallstown, Md., on November 29, 2000.

Dr. Ervin L. Szilagyi, faculty emeritus of Dr. of Baltimore, Md., on October 21, 2000.

Marriages

Elizabeth Yingling '89 to Stephen Hossler on September 2, 2000. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Sharon Landis '91 to Mike Saks on October 14, 2000. They reside in Hatfield, Pa.

Beth Longenecker '93 to Ronald Norton on September 2, 2000. They reside in Greenville, S.C.

Joseph Crossney '96 to Claudine Kavanaugh on October 28, 2000. They reside in Columbia, Md.

Sarah Belt '96 to Andrew Long on October 2, 1999. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Brandy Mulhern '97 to Kenneth Putnam Jr. on October 28, 2000. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.

Stacey Glacken '97 to Christopher Czech '97 on October 21, 2000. They reside in Ellicott City, Md.

Laurel Carichner '97 to Kevin McCarthy on October 21, 2000. They reside in Federal Hill, Md.

Crystal Ecker '98 to Denny Tichnell '99 on August 12, 2000. They reside in Aberdeen, Md.

William Kane III '00 to Maria Taylor on August 19, 2000. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Kristi Thayer '00 to Christopher Yowell on September 3, 2000. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Births

Joseph Brazis-Eberle, on September 12, 2000, to Barbara Brazis '80 and Patricia Eberle MEd '81.

Trevor Timothy Christmas, on November 17, 1999, to Tim and Julie Coss '83 Christmas.

Rachel Danielle Miller, on February 14, 2000, to Shanne and Elizabeth Smith '83 Miller.

Mariel Leigh Frith, on November 9, 2000, to Ralph '84 and Char Wirts '84 Frith.

Carson Michaela Pennings, on July 19, 2000, to Francis and Laura Snyder MS '90 Pennings.

Ryan Leo Cursey, on October 20, 2000, to Douglas and Tammy Mahan '91 Cursey.

Sophia Watkinson, on January 8, 2000, to Eric '91 and Jennifer Watkinson.

Samuel James Weaver, on April 8, 2000, to David '91 and Susan Parker '92 Weaver.

Olivia Vanda Welsh, on May 6, 2000, to Robert '91 and Maria Welsh.

Helena Rose Ruggiero, on August 12, 2000, to Dominick and Majia Strenger-Ruggiero '92.

Gavin Alexander Ward, on April 14, 2000, to Kenneth Ward and Mary Beth Craig '92.

Riley Marie Cleveland, on June 27, 2000, to Tony '94 and Alison Quigley '92 Cleveland.

Alec Justin Cornett, on September 4, 2000, to Claude and Kelly Berg '94 Cornett.

Madeline Elaine Zink, on February 25, 2000, to Matthew MS '99 and Jill Zink.

Faith Lynn Folio, on February 29, 2000, to Rick and Tracey Snyder '91.

Caitlyn Buckalew, on April 26, 2000, to Barry '88 and Beth Harlow '89.

Master's News

Donald C. Nicholson MEd '82 is associate professor of manufacturing engineering technology and department head for Wor-Wic's newly-created department of technology. He received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Maryland in College Park.

Jeffrey A. Pottzeiger MS '84 received the Joseph R. Bailor Award, presented each year to a WMC master's degree recipient who has made a significant

contribution to the field of education. He is associate professor and director of the exercise physiology laboratory at the University of Kansas. A fellow at the American College of Sports Medicine, he has earned nearly \$2 million in funding for his lab. He also has a bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a doctorate in exercise physiology from Auburn University. He taught at Indiana State and Indiana University School of Medicine. He has written for more than 100 publications on sports medicine and other topics and has

authored two books on physiology. In 1999-2000 he earned the University's Outstanding Undergraduate Instructor Award for the department of health, sport and exercise sciences.



Cat Tales

As the college transitions to a new president, one question remains on the mind of many recent graduates. What happened to Siouxsie?

Siouxsie is former President Robert Chambers' intrepid—often grumpy—calico cat notorious for wandering into classrooms to rub on a few legs or hop onto desks in search of attention. She's no longer a furry campus fixture. She has found a happy home with Vera Jakoby, assistant professor of philosophy, and her husband, Grogan Ullah, in a farm house on an acre and half in Gettysburg, Pa.

"She marched into the house, took a spot in my room, and that was *her* room," Jakoby says. "She sits on the piano, and from there she rules the rest of the household."

Siouxsie joins seven cats and three dogs at the homestead, most of them strays. She has taken to one kitten from campus given to Jakoby by Dana Jacobson '00, who made it her mission to take care of the numerous stray cats that wander onto campus.

A regular campus wanderer, Siouxsie now prefers to stay indoors, but Jakoby remarks warmly that she's still "her nasty old self." •



December they spent three weeks in England with their daughter Mary and her family with a side trip to Ireland. She misses her former roommate, **Fonda Boyer Randall**, who remained a cheerful inspiration to the end despite her MS. Jean asks that we contribute to MS research.

Travel must be **Betty Joy Morris DeHoff's** middle name. She and Harold were in Hawaii, Wisconsin, Norway (on a mail boat) and Holland.

In his 74th year, **Herbert Doggett** still rides the C&O Canal as one of the volunteer trailblazers bike patrol assisting fellow bikers and hikers. Once a week he rides the bike with his brother **Carroll '45**. He meets the most interesting people and members of the animal kingdom: snakes, turtles, hawks, owls, deer, horses and even llamas. In November he and Florence celebrated their 10th anniversary.

Nan Austin Doggett and husband **Carroll '45** are happy, healthy and busy in their retirement. Nan says she gardens in a big way. They took their oldest daughter and her husband on a cruise to Bermuda in June. In August they guided 13 people on a trip to the Passion Play via the Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria and Germany. She is planning trips most of the year or arranging for 14 groups in the Great Decisions foreign policy discussions.

Phyllis and **Simon '51' Ehrlich** enjoy themselves by doing staged readings of new plays at Los Angeles art museums and libraries. They also attend classes at the University of California, Irvine, Academy for Lifelong Learning.

Ann Fullerton retired after nine years as chapter treasurer of Delta Kappa Gamma. She is historian for her P.E.O. chapter. She enjoys South Bethany Beach, Del., in the summer and Nags Head, N.C., in September with three classmates.

It was four months in Cocoa Beach, Fla., for **Bill and Mary 'Jackie' Jackson '43 Hall**. The plan is to visit

them there and that they come to see us.

"Thanks go to our retiring class agent **Fern Hitchcock** for his years of service. We appreciate what you did. He and wife Julia are now settled in a retirement community in Lancaster, Pa. He is busy gardening, fishing, carving birds and meeting new people. He asks that we continue to support the Annual Fund.

Frank Jaumot is vice president and tournament director for his men's golf association. They have a new grandchild, so there are six ranging in age from 19 to five months.

Working full time, so if you are in Ocean City, Md., stop to see her at Seacrets. She tells me that it is the most popular and unusual place there. She is now a great grandmother and has a new granddaughter, bringing the total to five (three boys and two girls). One daughter is a criminal lawyer and the other is a nurse in ICU at Peninsula General Hospital in Salisbury, Md.

"Greeting to all WMCers," says **Betty Miller Leichter**. Another great traveler, she has been to Panama, Israel and Egypt. She took a cruise on the Star Clipper for two weeks to Barbados and all the Caribbean Islands and spent her annual two weeks in Nags Head with her WMC classmates.

"With a satellite, the Internet, computer games, my grandchildren, country life, community interests, hobbies overflowing—life is sweet," says **Helen Frantz Loper**. She still treasures the memories of WMC, especially the great teachers.

We all can envy **Carlton Mendell** and his continual winning in marathon racing. In the Ocean State marathon in Providence, R.I., he won the 70-plus age division. He has run 138 of them since 1977.

Betty Powell Norman and **George** enjoy living in Westminster. George

says they occasionally go to "the Hill" and savor the memories of wonderful bygone days. Betty is wheelchair-bound, so George is chief cook, dishwasher and shopper.

Tom O'Leary reports he currently is not working for money, only love: the census, then parish church support of six Sudanese people. He gave up softball for playing catch and walking.

After 10 years of reporting, **John Price** returned his card with "What class column?"

Al Resnick said it was a thrill to present his granddaughter her diploma when she graduated from WMC.

Thanks again to **Mary Lee Beglin Scott** for her wonderful family Christmas card. Husband **Fraser '43** is still into golf, and she is a politics and C-Span junkie. It has been a quiet year, Lee says, and she just enjoys family, friends and home.

Marjorie Cassen Shipley had her gall bladder out and got along well. She does a lot of volunteer work and, like the rest of us, she cannot believe it has been three years since our 50th reunion.

Bob Snyder says he is mostly retired but still goes to the office every day unless he is in Florida or Nova Scotia. He highly recommends NS.

It was Thanksgiving in London for **Anna Lee Butler Trader**—again. She still plays the organ and is active in the community theater group.

Shirley Jones Wiesand and husband **Vernon '43** say that living on the Eastern Shore provides "no stress" living and is probably why they are so healthy.

Janet Breeding Yost and husband **Arvid** are avid bridge players, Life Masters and play all over the U.S. She has entered the business world and life is exciting.

What a life **Violet Carr King** and husband **Don** have. They spend a total of six weeks a year on the Outer Banks as **Don** is quite a fisherman. One week in early spring, two weeks with their family of 18 in the summer and two weeks in the fall with **Natalea Humphrey Thumel**, **Betty Miller Leichter** and **Ann Fullerton**. In between they managed trips to Ireland, London, New England, Prince Edward Island and one more week at Nags Head.

Anne Klein May has been working on a genealogical research project, which she swore she would never do. I think she enjoyed it thoroughly. She and Stan went to their 27th Elderhostel in Ocean City, Md. and the Holiday branch at WMC.

Fred Holloway was in Naples, Fla. when my card arrived at his home in Ohio—but he sent news as soon as he returned. They closed the school he ran for 14 years. At almost 77, he still is a choir director.

In all the years I have written this column, my first answer was always a phone call from **Betty Blades Neves**. Not this time. **Violet Carr King** told me the sad news, and then I heard from her daughter, Joanne Neves Cotton, that Betty had passed away on October 20. To make it even harder for me, that is my birthday. She was Violet's

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roommate for three years, "a loyal friend and I shall miss her" were Violet's last words in her letter to me.

Little did I know when I ended my last write-up with "Stay well, take care and make every day count" what 2000 held for us. **Bob '49** had rotator cuff surgery in June and in pre-operative testing prostate cancer was found. Further examinations discovered colon cancer for which he was operated on October 18. He had a very difficult time, in and out of the hospital three times. Between his chemo treatments we went to Ohio to spend Christmas with our girls and their families. Five days before we left, I spent two days in the hospital.

I think stress finally got to me! We are taking one day at a time. God bless you all and thanks for writing.

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1953

Thanks to so many of you who sent in news when the Christmas season was in full swing. Now as you read our class column the winter has past and, lo!, spring is upon us bringing memories of the glorious, balmy days on "the Hill" so many years ago. However, one should realize that age is truly a matter of mind over matter—if you don't mind, it doesn't matter! Here's all the news that's fit to print.

Dick Hockstein has been retired from active medical practice for five years. He says, "My wife Marilyn and I have been enjoying our time together. We spend the winter in Florida and the remaining nine months in Cheltenham, Pa. The time sure does

Carolyn Grant De Arte

'53 runs her own counseling center, Sword of the Spirit.

fly by. Hopefully we'll all be able to get together for a 50th reunion in three years." His son Michael is a physician in D.C. and is married with two children. Daughter Gail is married and works as a legal secretary in Philadelphia. His youngest daughter is an attorney in Philadelphia.

It was a pleasure to get a card from **Carolyn Grant De Arte** who wrote, "I am married to a wonderful minister, have four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. I have my own counseling center (S.O.S. Sword of the Spirit). We live on the top of a beautiful mountain in north Georgia and enjoy the deer, bear, wild turkeys and a beautiful view all the way to Atlanta. My husband is a Christian author, and I am finishing my first Christian novel."



Kay Gates has finally made the move from California to Towson, Md., where she is enjoying retirement near the grandchildren.

Jayne Hsieh Hohman's first great granddaughter arrived in April of 2000 just after she and Elmer returned from Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. "If we were younger we'd move to Queenstown, N.Z.!" In September we enjoyed Germany, Czech Republic, Hungary and Austria. We were blessed to be able to attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau. This November we returned home from Virginia Beach and O.C. We're home until spring. Life is good."

Barbara Long Craig and her husband took a Hawaii cruise and a trip to the Passion Play. She also took two trips to Florida with her husband and another with her daughter to see her granddaughter's national dance competition.

Barbara Wilson Kohlmeier and her husband Lou continue to spend spring and summer months at their home on Cape Cod and in between numerous trips to Charlotte, N.C., to visit their daughter and their two grandchildren. Their son is with Discovery Communications in D.C. Barbara talks with other WMCers **Audrey Phillips Langrall**, now in North Carolina, **Jo Althouse Hisee**, **Li Topalian Dalton** and **Nancy Wagner Phillips**.

Nancy Wagner Phillips still works at the Bowie Senior Center. "We opened a new building in June (the largest in Maryland). It's been very exciting getting the new classes and programs going. We average 200 a day coming in. There are a lot of us still very active seniors out there wanting to do fun and interesting things. I've taken two trips with the grandkids—one week at the beach and one week at Disney World. I took several trips to visit with college friends in April and August of 2000."

Betty Waltes ventured into Big Sky

Country last summer. In October she went to Italy and says she "discovered the joy of a comfortable pair of shoes. I have, however, NOT discovered the mystery of life. I am still searching."

Ruth "Rudy" Lee Roberts and her husband now have six grandchildren—three of each ranging in age from 1 to 16 years. She has had several major heart surgeries but enjoyed a cruise to Alaska in 2000. She still keeps in touch with her cousin, **Carroll "Pete" Warner**, roommate **Ruthie Cahlander Marmel**, **Karin Nowack** and **Bev Warner Hensler**.

Richard Dix is still president of the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He continues to teach computer fundamentals at the local senior center and fiddle fundamentals at the Continuing Education branch of the North Arkansas College. He and his wife enjoy travel as time permits. They were planning to take a cruise in the Gulf in January.

Donald Stanton and his wife **Barbie Hoot '56** live at Lake Junaluska, N.C. He retired as president of Oglethorpe University in June of 1999, receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from the University. They recently traveled to Kauai, Bahamas, Israel, Egypt and Nova Scotia.

Stu Abrahams says, "Luckily no significant changes from the last note. Busy running back and forth every three months from Greensboro, N.C., to Jackson Hole, Wyo. Looking forward to our 50th."

Priscilla Johnston Angotti and her husband Tom enjoyed a trip through Europe last summer. They attended the Passion Play and visited Prague, Budapest and Vienna. They traveled with a group from Towson, Md., including some old friends. In August they joined Priscilla's extended family for a reunion in Wisconsin. She wrote, "This was a rare treat for we live in six different states. We met a grandniece and grandnephew for the very first

time. Life is good!"

Paul and Fran Paul '54 Farham are alive and well in Minnesota. In

September 1999 Paul retired after 29 years teaching geology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. "I really enjoy life in the slow lane! For both of us, our health is excellent. Our two sons, Logan, 30, and MacDonald, 27, live in Minneapolis. Our grand adventure of 2000 was the last week of September when we joined **John and Nancy McMath Clayton** at a timeshare in eastern Wisconsin. We spent the whole week searching out lighthouses along Lake Michigan and Green Bay. Because they are not indicated on any signposts, we made a lot of U-turns! It was great fun! We always look forward to class news in *The Hill*."

Looney Jones Stehli's granddaughter, **Connie Heisey '00**, graduated from WMC in May and now teaches physical education in Howard County. Her other granddaughter **Melinda** is looking at colleges, and grandson **Timmy** is in first grade. "I am busy, busy, busy—aren't we all!"

Harold "Mac" McTeer and his wife saw **Roland Fleischer '52**, who visited Delaware to authenticate several paintings for the Delaware State Museum. They also visited with **Corinne Schofield Lee-Callette '52** and had a mini reunion in Salisbury, Md. Harold frequently sees **Shirley Jarvis Butler**, who was instrumental in starting the "Hosts" program (volunteer mentoring program) in the Seaford area. He saw **Ernie Makowski '52** at a veteran's ceremony. The computer keeps them in touch with **John Isaac '52** and **Roger Ault '52**. He was looking forward to the next reunion.

Marian Martin Hall and her husband **John '57** took a cruise to Greece, Turkey, Odessa and Yalta on the Black Sea. They have been retired for six years—John from Maryland

Emergency Management and Marian from the music department of Baltimore City School system. She had taught for 30 years and now stays busy with a few students and her web page for teaching opportunity to play the piano: www.keynotes.com.

Raymond Faby enjoys participating in the Maryland Senior Olympics every year and seeing classmate **Tom Page**, "who is an outstanding athlete," he says. "Tom is good enough to compete on a national level." Indeed Tom has participated in 100m, 200m and 400m dashes and a one-mile race-walk in October's National Senior Games in Orlando, Fla., placing eight out of 26 men in the 70-74 age bracket. He is active in community affairs, church and Mason, Meals on Wheels and FISH driving patients to doctor appointments. His wife Billie is active in her art guild, exhibiting three times a year. They enjoy their grandchildren and their many activities.

Mary-Ellen Earl Perry is a textile consultant to small historical societies in western New York. She gave a slide talk on period costumes at the annual Jane Austen Society in celebration of Jane's 225th birthday. She was planning a day trip to Toronto in January to see "The Lion King."

Betty Herbert Saltmarsh has taken two more trips—one to Norway on a coastal steamer from Bergen to the Arctic Circle and back to Oslo. **Dottie Steinhilber** was also on the trip. The second trip was to Seattle, Vancouver Island, and then to the Canadian Rockies, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper and Glacier National Park. She wrote,

Nell Hughes Ogden '53 was chosen by the local Chamber of Commerce as one of the "Beautiful People" of Maryland.

"The scenery was great!"

Ann Trice Moore is settled in her house in Cambridge, Md. **Lucille Hall Malone** and I have been spending time together and catching up on our lives since WMC. How fast the time has gone!

Nancy McMath and John Clayton keep busy with volunteer work for Hartford County. John sings in two barbershop quartets. They do a lot of traveling to visit their children and their families at the seashore and the West Coast, and of course there was the trip with the Farnham! Nancy comments that the country is so diverse and interesting.

It was good to hear from **Dorothy "Dee" Friedrich All**, who wrote, "Larry and I are both in good health. We enjoy traveling—this year to Alaska and New Hampshire. We are enjoying our six grandchildren—two in Massachusetts and four in North

Carolina. I still love to knit (Dee's yearbook picture shows her knitting), and I do counted cross-stitch. I am still active in the DAR—my 50th year."

Li Topalian Dalton writes, "Biggest news is the arrival of our first grandchild, Mia, in June of 2000, born to our son Stephen and his wife Deborah. What a happy time John and I are having with her! Our daughter Irene received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Georgia State and is doing her post-doctoral at Georgia Tech. She was recently married. We have been traveling, most recently to Alaska. While on the cruise we saw whales, porpoises, bears, seals and bald eagles. Our country is so amazing and so vast!"

Carroll "Pete" Warner's two congregations on the Susquehanna Charge of the U.A.C. call him "Pastor Pete." He wrote, "It is good to be pastoring again as an interim after eight years in retirement. Less time to see my children and grandchildren is my only regret. Before we know it, 'May 2003'!"

Ed Shattuck seems to stay busy as ever even after nine years of retirement. "The tax business keeps growing despite efforts to shrink it (Not very good efforts, I guess.) Our grandchildren are now 10, 7 and 4. The only bad part is that they live in Alabama, while Shirley and I live in Massachusetts. They keep wanting to know when we are going to move down there! Our other son is a massage therapist and lives in Montana. See you all at the 50th."

From **Jack Urton**, "Say 'hi' to all our classmates. I am well and ready and plan to stay that way! We enjoy being able to spend quality time with our six grandchildren. We love to travel and have just returned from the Canadian Rockies."

For **Jane Logan Kearney**, "Life at this stage is full of variety and fun with five grandchildren and lots of love. My husband Ed finally retired after four attempts. We divide our time between Bucks County, Pa., and Vero Beach, Fla. Travels this year took us to Athens, Istanbul, Sicily, Sorrento and Jackson Hole, Wyo., and twice to Windsor, England, to visit our daughter Jean. We are at home for awhile!"

Jean Wilkes Arnold still teaches two education programs for children's Music! Words! Opera!, in conjunction with the Washington Opera. She also teaches English as a second language to adults in a country program. "It is very time consuming but most rewarding." Her grandchildren live nearby, so she and her husband Hank spend a lot of time with them. She still finds time for theater, opera and three book groups.

Mike Rentko sent his usual newsy missive from across the Bay Bridge. He wrote in part: "All is well here on Kent Island. The main problem is that too many people want to move here! There is much controversy regarding over-development. I keep busy fishing, biking, golfing and dancing. Visited Martha's Vineyard, Lexington, Concord and other historical sites last summer. Enjoyed seeing classmates

Dwight Scott, Ashby Collins and Ted Samakouris at the reunion of football players in October. The older guys, our mentors, reminded us of so many happy memories. Our first home away from home was the Gill Gym, which was the full football camp dormitory. The "veterans" helped us adjust to college life. We owe them so much. I attended the induction of **Ron Jones '55** into the WMC Sports Hall of Fame in November. **Ron, Ira Zapp '52, Fern Hitchcock '47** and I had many stories to relate! It was a happy time." Mike enclosed a picture of four of the best looking senior citizens I've seen in a long time: Ted Dwight, Hizzell and Ashby!

Art Shanklin and his wife Gina purchased a winter condo in Naples, Fla. "We really do enjoy the warm climate in those winter months. **Dan Macleae** lives in Naples year-round. I see him more now than I have in years. I'm still enjoying retirement. Now I have the best of both worlds—Florida and Maryland at the right time of the year!"

Dan is delighted to see Art in the winter months. He and his wife flew to Tahiti and cruised around the islands, including Bora Bora. In September they toured Vienna and Eastern Europe. In 2001 they were planning to visit England and Italy. In Italy they will visit the factory that is producing the new organ for their church.

Tom Pearce gave us good news. "On the first anniversary of my lung surgery, the x-rays discharged me! I still must get the surgery every six months, but I feel real good!" He and **Katharine Wiley '52** had a nice trip west last summer. They visited with **Ella Maie "Skip" Edwards Richardson** in Cody, Wyo., and toured the mountains in the area. They see **Dave Rhoads** and his wife regularly and enjoyed a sumptuous Thanksgiving with them in Kitty Hawk, N.C.

Ashby Collins appreciates having the time and good health to volunteer at church, a nursing home and the local food bank. "It is satisfying for Doris and me to observe our grandson, a freshman at WMC, enjoy life there as our daughter, son-in-law and I did. We have been able to visit with classmates and friends as we travel to see him play at a Green Terror! If my classmate follows a WMC team to see them play at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., give us a call. Perhaps we can meet and enjoy a little together."

Beth Witzke Barnes and Estelle Zies Edwards have each become grandparents of twins this past year. Beth and Jack's daughter, **Amy Barnes Elliott '84**, gave birth to a boy and a girl and sister to Estelle and Bill's son Steve and his wife. Estelle wrote, "We are enjoying retirement, our first home and keeping out of trouble!"

Nell Hughes Ogden and Bill celebrated their 45th anniversary at the Greenbriar Resort in Wise, Virginia. She was expecting both of their children and five grandchildren to celebrate Christmas in Maryland. She was pleased that four of the five grandchildren went to Camp Wright last sum-

Key Mitchell

Kantorowski '59 and her husband invested in new mountain bikes and are making their way through the Rails to Trails on the East Coast.

mer, the third generation of her family to be a part of that camping experience. Nell was busy organizing a chorus to participate in a Christmas sing-along for the Adult Day Care Foundation of Queen Anne's County. She was chosen by the local Chamber of Commerce as one of the "Beautiful People" in Maryland. We congratulate you, Nell! We are proud of your involvement for so many years in the caring for your fellow man.

Elizabeth Kuhn Clarke and Bob sold their 1721 house, "Old Castle," on the Virginia eastern shore and their condo in New Jersey. In August, they moved to a solar home with a view of the mountains on all sides in Santa Fe, N.M. Elizabeth says, "The weather is sunny and dry, the town is impossibly eclectic, and the opera glorious." They are involved in camping and archeology tours and had a reunion of 15 sons, daughters, and grandchildren at Christmas. Elizabeth sends an invitation to anyone who is traveling West to give them a call.

We had bittersweet news from **Becky Lewef Calmer**. She and her husband had a five-month motor home trip during the spring and summer of 1999. "We went from our home near San Diego across to Key West and then up the coast to Pennsylvania. I got to see many old friends and attend my 50th high school reunion. Our goal was to go all the way to Canada, but my husband's ill health forced us to head home. He passed away in October 2000. I still keep very busy working part time, sewing a lot and I'm active in church work. My latest adventure is learning to play the hand bells."

Janet Pyrtle Calary wrote of her husband's death in September 2000. "Charles '54 and I have had a wonderful life here in Florida for 10 years. I plan to stay here for a while, but will probably move back to North Carolina near the children."

Also, **Low Downs Bower's** husband David died before Christmas 2000.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to our friends. May their memories of love and happiness sustain them.

Even though you all have been notified by mail, I wanted to let other college friends who read our news column that three of our classmates have died: **Doris Rothbaum Fream** in 1999, and **Nancy Knoll Chesser** and **John Edwards** in 2000. John and Nancy were always very much involved in the planning of

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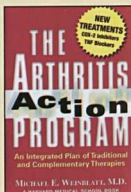
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East End Journal

Scott Carter '91
Amphibious Music, 2000



Carter won the most prestigious emerging artist honor in folk music last June, the Kerrville New Folk Award, joining the ranks of such past winners as Steve Earle, Joe Ely, Lyle Lovett and Nanci Griffith. His CD is inspired by his new neighborhood after leaving the Baltimore area—East Nashville and its characters.

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our reunions. They will be greatly missed.

So until the next column enjoy each and everyday, each and every blessing. Sally Fisher Cartwright
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1959

Thanks to everyone for the great response to the cards. Perhaps the quick deadline was a factor for all the procrastinators among us!

Retirement, travel and grandchildren seem to be a common theme. Some of us, though, are still working and enjoying it. John Waghelestein, of Newport, R.I. teaches at the Naval War College and Brown University. His daughter is at St. Anselm's College via ROTC and will enter the Army, while his youngest son is at Holy Cross via ROTC. He says he will probably have to be carried out of the War College rather than retire.

Ed Thigpen celebrated 46 years in the ministry in June. He keeps busy with church, home and family. His daughter was married with Ed walking her down the aisle and performing the ceremony.

Ginni Pott Braunwarth's three children live near them in Summit, N.J., and she spends much time babysitting four grandchildren. She and her husband are active in their church, and she says they are so blessed.

Tom Miller is enjoying his retirement but is involved in the Carroll County Choral Society and his church choir. He also does volunteer work and has been church treasurer for 31 years. He enjoys his five grandchildren, who all live near him. He has traveled a great deal—Italy, Alaska and the Panama Canal have been among his destinations. He also spends time in Florida and at his summer home in Ocean City.

A new grandson, travels to Italy and Germany and a month-long boating trip to Canada highlighted the year for Manfred Joeres and his wife. He works one day a week and his wife plans to work half time until her retirement next summer.

Senja deBey Alcon writes that "these Golden Years are pretty special." She and her husband have three children, three grandsons, three granddaughters, good health and energy and many activities associated with their Masonic and volunteer schedules. She has been included in several "Who's Who" anthologies this year and sings solos for church and other organizations. A trip to Australia was scheduled for late fall.

Ron Lito and his wife live in Margate, N.J., where he practices dentistry with his daughter Alyssa. His younger daughter Rhonda, who is a pharmacist, was recently married. Ron planned to retire in January when his daughter was to take over the practice.

A 29-day tour of the British Isles was a highlight of the year for Don D'Angelo and his wife, who live in

Sunnyvale, Calif. Travels will continue in 1991 when they tour Australia and New Zealand, performing the Berlioz "Requiem" in Sydney in July. They also plan to cruise Europe's waterways with WMC alumni in the fall.

Carol Pettersen Willen writes that the first year of retirement was absolutely great, especially with the arrival of their first grandson. They made three trips to Brussels, one to babysit for a week. She loves traveling when school is in session. She was elected to a trustee position in her village of Shoreham, N.Y., and is enjoying politics.

Eileen Richmond Sauerberg spent the past year chairing the Bush-Cheney campaign in Maryland. She plans to be in Shanghai after the New Year where she has been invited to speak about the American political system.

Elaine Copes Hart and her husband moved to Sanford, N.C., in September. Their son and his family live nearby in Siler City. Their other daughter and her family live in Mansfield, Mass.

Karen Helbig Whiteside and her husband also moved to North Carolina. He retired from C&F, now F&M National Bank in Frederick, in March. Their daughter, Karen and her husband, Bill Campbell (**Peggy Van Dyke Campbell's** son), recently returned to INM from Seattle and live in Woodbine. Their other daughter also

A seven-year lung cancer survivor, Ken Giddes '59 travels the nation speaking for cancer causes.

lives in North Carolina. Karen had successful total knee replacement surgery in January. She's in her third year of retirement and doesn't miss teaching a bit.

Evie Lallas also retired from teaching and now has time to travel, garden and volunteer in church activities and the National Flag Day Foundation. As a community activist, she spent most of the last year trying to preserve property rights in Baltimore by organizing opposition to a Senate bill. She says that their victory made all the hard work worthwhile.

George Schaeffer traveled to Guatemala and Mexico for vacation and to do research on a book he is writing. He is active at the college greeting new students, is an elder at his church and is busy with Masonic activities. His son continues with his Air Force career. George says it's always good to travel but nothing looks better when you return home than the lights on "the Hill."

Dick and Natalie Warfield '58 Palmer live in a 200-year-old house on South Mountain in Middletown, Md. Dick is the business specialist for the Applied Technology Program at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

He loves his job but the heavy flying schedule is a "pain." They enjoy seeing **Barb Willis '60** and **Bob Butler '57** on occasion. They travel a lot to Texas to see their children and five grandchildren and took a tour of New England in the fall. Natalie is an avid gardener, sings in three church choirs and continues with her antiques business.

Dorothy Gross Grim, in Granbury, Texas, writes that a highlight of the year was her 45th high school reunion and a wonderful visit with **Betty Bailey Cain** and **Helen Twining Kadlec**. She and her husband returned from a trip to the Panama Canal in November.

Betty Edington Haworth and her husband live in Jupiter Beach, Fla., where they are enjoying semi-retirement, traveling and taking classes. Their granddaughter won first place in a drum major competition in Cary, N.C. Their daughter Janice teaches at Bemidji State University in northern Minnesota.

Gail Armstrong Peterson moved across town in Muscatine, Iowa. A one-floor house seemed a good idea, as her health is not good. She still makes her handmade cards, which she sells to a shop for resale. Her husband teases her that she only loses 50 cents on each one.

There was sad news from **Sue Furlford McAdams**, whose husband George of nearly 40 years passed away in July 1997. They had moved to Mandeville, La., from the San Francisco area. She stays busy with church and volunteer work, serving on the board of the Northlake Newcomers, gardening and traveling to see her grandchildren in California. In the fall she is in Baltimore and had a wonderful visit with **Helen Twining Kadlec**.

Harriet Olsen Berens and her husband went to Wyoming and South Dakota in the spring, on a Mediterranean cruise last summer and to Nevada and Oklahoma in September. They enjoy their granddaughter. They also hope to spend some time in Florida this winter after skiing in January.

Kenneth Day lives in Columbus, N.C., and says retirement is great—he's busier than ever. He has six grandchildren age 9 and younger, and they live close enough to that he enjoys them often. Last summer he worked in Yellowstone Park for seven weeks. It was great experience—a beautiful place to be.

There are no thoughts of retirement for **Sloan Stewart**, who has just completed 33 years at Merrill Lynch as first vice-president in sales and says that the investment business today is quite fascinating. He and his wife live in Haddonfield, N.J., and many weekends are spent at the Jersey shore golfing and jogging. One of his sons works as a financial consultant with him at Merrill Lynch, and his other spent the last few years as a player-coach of the Washington Generals, playing against the Harlem Globetrotters and traveling all over the world.

Don and Shirley Ream Dewey's daughter Jennifer graduated from

Virginia Tech and received a master's and doctorate from Southern Illinois University. Their other daughter **Jo Dene** is the artistic director of Jouvence, an upscale beauty salon in Reston, Va. Shirley is completing 20 years with a firm that provides airline scheduling and flight planning software to regional airlines worldwide. This involves much travel, and she says she arranges her itineraries to include warm climates during the winter months and vice versa. Don retired in 1999 as director of human resources for the MWR activity, U.S. Marine Corps, at Quantico, Va. He was an accomplished tennis player at the A level for many years until knee and shoulder problems caused him to switch to tournament bass fishing. He is also a successful woodcarving artist, creating fish sculptures for which he has won many competitions. His work is in several galleries in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. They plan to build a retirement home in Lake of the Woods near Fredricksburg, Va., and look forward to becoming country folk.

Ken Giddes writes from Dunwoody, Ga., where he and his wife live. His daughter and her family, including two grandchildren, are nearby, and they spend much time together, some of it on their boat on Lake Lanier. His son, who has an MBA, lives in Connecticut and is employed in the Internet business. As a seven-year lung cancer survivor, Ken spends much time traveling throughout the states in the Caring Ambassador Program, sponsored by Republic Financial Corporation, where he still works. He speaks in person or by phone for cancer causes. Much of his time is spent in the D.C. area, either with the Cancer Leadership Council or with the National Cancer Institute.

Dave Edington retired from McCormick and Co. in 1996, and he and his wife, **Joyce Lee '61**, spend much time traveling, especially to warm places such as Arizona and Florida. This year they plan to go to Palm Springs. They also spend time with their three children and six grandchildren. Two of the families live in the Baltimore area and one in North Carolina. They often see other WMC alumni in the Baltimore area: **Jim Lewis**, **Tom Davies**, **Mary Lou Dorsey Urquhart '58** and **Dick Crawley '58**. Dave says that they also have a place at Fenwick Island where they often see **Tony and Rheal Ireland Wiles '61**, **Don '61** and **Judy Ellis '60** Rembert, and **Ron '61** and **Jackie Cook '61 Sanders**. He extends an invitation to any of us visiting Fenwick or Dewey next summer to give them a call. They are in the book.

After 40 years in ministry, **Clarence Kayler** retired last June. He says that between them, he and his wife Jean have five children and eight grandchildren. Retirement has given him the opportunity to travel and see family. They have just returned from Illinois where they visited his daughter, Lore Cooper, and participated in the dedication of his youngest grandson. There is also time to do projects around their

house in Damascus and visit his son John and his family at his farm in Keymar, Md. Tom and his wife took an extended trip through New England, especially enjoying Prince Edward Island. They also have been to St. Croix, where his stepson works for the University of the Virgin Islands. He is serving on the Washington West District Committee of Ordained Ministry with **John Warman '63**, whose father, **Bishop John Warman '37**, was his home pastor when he received the call

Kenneth Day '59 worked in Yellowstone Park for seven weeks last summer.

to ministry as a teenager.

Retirement also agrees with **Ray '58** and **Ruth Ann Wilson Stevens**. They have, as she says, completed their teaching careers. Ray's involvement with the H.L. Mencken Society as national president and the Joseph Conrad Society (book in progress) have given them many opportunities to travel from Tennessee to Texas, England and South Africa. They will be back in Poland in May 2001. Ruth Ann works at Pier One in Westminster and at the Frizzellburg Antique Shop. Other hours are given to church work, following bluegrass and gospel concerts, auctions and flea markets. She also does sewing of quilts and has a dollhouse collection. It is so great, she writes, to have time to play.

Kay Mitchell Kantorowski, of Cooperstown, N.Y., has retired from being director of volunteer services at Bassett Healthcare. Her husband retired four years ago, and they still enjoy outdoor activities. They invested in new mountain bikes this summer and are making their way through the Rails to Trails on the East Coast, as well as the C&O Canal Trail that runs from Pittsburgh to Georgetown. They have also hiked in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. One son works part time for the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and the Moore County Sheriff Department. His wife is a physician in private practice. Their other son works as a factory store manager for L.L. Bean in Concord, N.H.

"Greetings from sunny Florida—retirement heaven!" was the start of a long letter from **Bruce and Melba Neims Lee**, who are living in Spring Hill when they are not traveling in their new motor home. They put 11,500 miles on it from May to August, touring western Canada and much of the U.S. while visiting friends and family along the way. They ended up in the Smoky Mountains area in a rented chalet on top of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Their grandchildren are all under 7 years old. Daughter Cheri and family live in Texas, one son lives near them in

Florida, another son lives in Glenwood, Md., and Melba's 91-year-old mother also lives near them. They keep busy with church and community activities and are grateful for the good health to enjoy them.

Ralph McCallion, of Temple, Texas, is the division director for Marketplace Ministries Industrial Chaplaincy. He also served on the Exploration 2000 program in Dallas in November for the chaplaincy program for the Methodist church. His son is in Frankfurt, Germany, with Nortel. Ralph and his wife traveled there to be with their granddaughter on her second birthday. They went on a Caribbean cruise to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

Jim Lightner is enjoying retirement but is busy with counseling, writing, serving on two local arts boards, the Rotary and working on several WMC committees, including chairing the inauguration of the eighth president. He is also doing much traveling—several Elderhostels each year, a tour of Ireland and a cruise through the Panama Canal. He is planning a trip to Nova Scotia and a cruise through the Mediterranean and the Greek Isles in 2001. We need to extend thanks to him again for all the work he did for our great 40th reunion and for hosting the after lunch get-together at his home.

Warren Schwartz has given up coaching after 40 years and for the first time was able to visit Ocean City in the fall. He and his wife took their annual ski trip to Tahoe in February and their golf trip to Sunset Beach,

Robyn Kramer Talbott

'77 has earned six cars and eight diamond rings for Mary Kay Cosmetics sales and recruiting.

N.C., in May. They celebrated their 25th anniversary.

Dan Hale retired from Atlantic Casualty Companies last February, and he and his wife, **Ellen Snyder '60**, built a new home, pier and boathouse on a lake in northern Alabama. It is near Little River Canyon, which is the longest canyon east of the Grand Canyon with great scenery, waterfalls and hiking trails. They also bought a 24-foot pontoon boat and have mastered riding jet skis. Their two sons and their families, including five grandchildren, live a few hours away, so they visit almost every weekend. They are also busy with church activities.

After 24 years of teaching in Belton, Texas, **Janita Selman** still enjoys the challenges and is not ready to retire. Her son works in Houston in computer graphics, one daughter lives in Lewisville, Texas, where she works for

Verizon, and another daughter lives near Chicago working as an account manager for a division of International Paper. Each family has presented her with a grandchild. She attended her 45th Westminster High School reunion in the fall and had a marvelous time seeing old friends, especially **Dottie Mathias Arseneault** and her husband **Maurice '61**. She feels blessed with good health, a lovely place to live, a wonderful family and challenging work.

The next two items are truly sad ones. **Phyllis Emig Benner** died this past April after a long illness. We extend our sympathy to her family. Between them, she and her husband had seven children, 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Joan Crimmins Bruce, who was my WMC roommate for two years and a wonderful friend for more than 40 years, died last January. Joan and I were close during all that time. She and she and her husband Bob, and Dan and I spent many happy weekends together visiting in the Philadelphia area where they lived or here in the D.C. area. She will be truly missed.

I am still among the working—not yet ready to put down the chalk for the last time. I'm teaching English as a Second Language in Montgomery County at a very international elementary school and a middle school. Dan, who is officially retired, still works as a substitute principal in Montgomery County, filling in as needed in various elementary schools. Our son John is a manufacturer's representative, working primarily in home improvement stores such as Home Depot. He and his wife, who works for Choice Hotels, and their family live in Gaithersburg. Our other son Mark and his wife, both State Department officers, have returned to this area after two years working at the American Interests Section in Havana, Cuba. He is at the State Department in D.C., and she is on a leave of absence to be a stay-at-home mother. Our daughter, Mary Beth McCabe, is also a stay-at-home mother living in Mt. Airy with her husband and family. Her husband teaches high school math in MCPS. We now have six grandchildren ages 3 and under, and a step-grandson who is 8. Add in our 3-year-old Labrador and you can imagine what the get-togethers are like. We all had the third annual family vacation in Rehoboth this past summer, which really was great fun. Having all those little ones around makes you realize why you have children when you're young!

Again, many thanks to all who responded to my cards. It's always good to hear from everyone.

Joanne Trabacco Shaheen
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Rob and Betsy Elaine Andrews have lived in Massachusetts for 19 years. Betsy is at Social Security in Framingham, and Rob is with Liberty Mutual. Last summer he was promoted

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to vice president and manager of Reinsurance Operations. He coaches multiple sports and serves as president of the local baseball program while Betsy is taxi driver and biggest fan. Son Brian, 18, has been doing well in both soccer and baseball and will head to college next fall. Son Kevin, 14, has been doing well scholastically and athletically (football, basketball, baseball). On a sad note, Betsy's father, **Joseph Elmer '52**, passed away suddenly last February.

John Barnes is a vice president in the Baltimore Commercial Banking Group at Bank of America. He has been with the bank (and all of its predecessors) for over 23 years. He and his friend, Janice Dent, bought a house in Timonium in 1999. They enjoy golf and travel. John's sons are nearly grown. Bryan, 21, is a senior at University of Maryland (College Park) and will graduate in the spring of 2001. His younger son Michael will graduate from Franklin High School in the spring and is in college search mode. John sees a number of Phi Dels on a regular basis, including **Chad Graber '73**, **Dan Dulaney '74**, **Randy Dove '74**, **Mark Higdon '75**, **Larry Schmidt '75**, **Tom Trezise '75**, **Dave Stout '76** and **Steve Vaughan '76**, who all go on an annual golf trip. He is also in touch with **Steve and Holly Sewell** **Schonberger**, who live in Finksburg with their three children.

Ken and Laura Hayner Barnes '76 write that between their three children, the overriding theme in their household is sports activities. Heather, 16, runs track and plays for the number one ranked Mount Vernon girls' lacrosse team. Kenny, 13, plays basketball, soccer and baseball. Tommy, 12,

plays year-round soccer and lacrosse. Ken works for Fannie Mae investing their billions, a job which has allowed him to travel to South America, Europe and the Far East. Laura has been a stay-at-home mom for 11 years. She substitute teaches in public and private schools in Howard County, serves on the executive board of two PTAs, is secretary to their neighborhood association and is a church deacon. They see many WMC alumni, most of whom are related, between Ken's brothers, **Rick and Doug Barnes '79**, Laura's sister, **Marta Hayner '82**, and others like **Ed Ginsberg '82** and **Ron Rhodes '79**.

Rick and Kim Hockenberry Barnes, in Towson, Md., are busy raising four daughters (ages 16, 14 and 8-year-old twins). Kim keeps their home life and schedules in order. Rick practices law, coaches soccer and helps out with family transportation. The family is involved in various aspects of teaching, study and small-group activities at their church. They enjoy spending time with family, friends and neighbors.

After many years, **Rolanda "Loni" Meyers Bechen** and her husband finished building a house on their farm and moved in. They love their pool, which they can use year round in Florida. **Betsy Elaine Andrews** visited while **Rob** attended a conference in Orlando. **Jan Wilder** and **Judy Wood** plan to visit soon. Loni still teaches English and training, breeding and showing dressage horses. She doesn't need to go to the gym; she just does three hours of farm chores every day to keep in shape!

Dale Brenneman and his wife Cheryl live in Laurel, Md., with their four

children. Dale says he continues "to thank God more each day and year for His great love for every person, expressed through the Lord Jesus Christ." Dale works in the software industry at McCabe & Associates, which provides an analysis and test tool for developers and testers. Cheryl continues her school nursing work. Their eldest son is in his junior year at the University of Maryland, College Park.

For the past 11 years, **Jack Buckley** has been living in the Netherlands, where he is a news wire journalist. He is an editor in the Amsterdam bureau of *Bloomberg News*. He and his wife Mary have two children, Paul, 10, and Sophie, 6.

Dave '76 and Robin Stifter Cooney live in Cockeysville, Md. Robin is a middle school special education department chair in the Baltimore County Public

Beth Heckert Tevis is in Westminster where she works at WMC in the education department. She had her gall bladder removed at the end of the summer. Beth is active in the PTA and her church.

Terry Holland is in Washington, D.C., with the Department of Agriculture. She continues to travel to exotic places as part of her assignment and purchased a townhouse in the D.C. area. In October, Nancy and her family relocated to Carlsbad, Calif. (just north of San Diego). Tim, 11, and Megan, 8, are adjusting to their new school.

Schuyler and Margi Voelkel Grant still live in San Diego. Their oldest daughter began college this year at UC Santa Cruz. Their middle daughter, an 11th grader learning to drive, spent 10 days in Eastern Europe last summer, then sailed from Cyprus to Israel and toured there for four weeks. Their youngest daughter had her Bat Mitzvah last summer and is in the Science Olympiad again this year. (Margi is coaching in the event again.) Schuyler and Margi took a trip to Malaysia (mostly Borneo and Kuala Lumpur) in 1998 and to Australia and Fiji in February 2000 with their running group. They are planning a trip to China for the Great Wall Marathon in May 2001 and a trip to India, Nepal, Thailand and Hong Kong for an international running event in the fall of 2002. Schuyler works for SAIC, and Margi is an at-home mom. She is still a leader for La Leche League and does lots of volunteer work with the school and youth group.

Nancy Shepherd Green lives in Cary, N.C., with her husband David and their two children, Peter and Jill. Now that the children are in school, Nancy

is considering going back to teaching. David works for VIOS, a software company, making the web more accessible through a 3-D world presentation.

Leonard Greig is in the Coast Guard, working at headquarters in Washington, D.C., as the CG Sponson's senior aviation representative on an acquisition program named Project Deepwater. The job is fun, but the commute is less than desirable. He and his wife Pat have two sons, Carl, 9, and Andy, 4. Pat works as an RN and does volunteer work with their church and the Cub Scout pack. Len is a Webelos den leader. The Greigs have lived in Silver Spring, Md., since September 1999. It is the first time in over 20 years they have lived within a 1,000 miles of relatives. Their last duty assignment was at Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen on the western end of Puerto Rico. In their yard hedged by hibiscus they had a mango tree, two coconut trees and 40 banana trees. The Greigs experienced Hurricane Georges and the resulting lack of electricity and water for over a week. One of their favorite activities was to walk through the jungle down to the beach and tide pools to view the whales and tropical fish up close. Since moving to Maryland, Leonard has taken up beekeeping. He worked a booth at the Montgomery County Fair last summer as a member of the Montgomery County Beekeepers Association, and he makes a point of attending the Carroll County Honey Festival.

In December, **Scott Hancock** celebrated his fifth year as executive director of the Maryland Municipal League, the association of Maryland cities and towns. His job keeps him touring the state, constantly meeting WMC alum-

Jack Buckley '77 is a news wire journalist and editor at the Amsterdam bureau of Bloomberg News.

ni. He continues to enjoy his new-found hobby of flying general aviation aircraft and is working on his instrument rating. He would like to connect with WMC graduates who also enjoy flying. Scott is involved with a gospel quartet that recently made a CD and tours when they find the time. His wife Ellen has returned to the workforce now that their children, Alex, 9, and Carrie, 8, are busy with school. She works in the floral design department of Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville, Md.

Carlton Harris, his wife Susan and their three kids, Mac, 12, Maeve, 10, and Grace, 8, live in southeastern Pennsylvania. They recently got their first family dog, a female Brittany named Goldie. They spend about a month a year at a house they bought on the southwestern Gulf Coast of Florida. Most other vacations are spent with their families in Ohio or Maine. Carlton left the capital management business in August 1998 and hooked up with a small private company in the plastics/rubber industry. He has been buying companies for them, nine total.

Dave and Donna Zaryeranski Hartman's daughter Laura, 10, is busy with traveling soccer and pursuing her musical talent on the baritone horn.

Chris Okenica Jensen '77, deputy mayor of Hillsborough, N.J., was named as one of the up-and-coming politicians to watch in the state of New Jersey.

School system. David completed his Ph.D. program in June. Their daughters are 16 and 20. The oldest attends Franklin & Marshall College, and the younger one is starting the college search.

Rosemary Jones Dietrich lives in Greensboro, N.C., and recently became an English as a Second Language teacher after teaching deaf students for 21 years. She misses signing and the deaf culture, but she enjoys the challenge of her new job along with improving her "rusty" Spanish.

Andrew "Jack" Eckles lives in Atlanta with his wife Cindy and their two children, 4 and 5. He says that as president and professional mad scientist at Atlanta Technology Group, he is busy developing new technologies to help the chemical and environmental industries.

Chris Edwards joined the Foreign Service many years ago and has had assignments in Saudi Arabia, El Salvador, southern Africa and is now off to Ukraine.

Nancy Schwarzkopf Gaffney had a chance to visit classmates this fall at the Boonsboro home of **Brenda Eccard Dellinger '79**.

Natalie "Nan" Hollinger Gangler lives in Garrett County, Md. She teaches physical education/health at Southern Garrett High School, coaches youth league soccer and is the head coach of the Garrett County Swim Team. Nan's daughter is in her first year of college in South Carolina.

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Daughter Kate, 13, made the Distinguished Honor Roll and is involved with field hockey. The Hartmans have two retired greyhounds, Pam and Austin. Donna's work has provided many opportunities for travel, the latest to Germany and Hong Kong. Her only complaint is finding "spare" time for extras such as Parish Council and keeping up with reading. Donna met with **Jane Trafton '78 Winch** and her family during summer vacation in Texas. Jane is doing well and may move back to Seattle.

Jeff '76 and Cathy Clayton Heinbaugh send greetings from Burtonsville, Md. Their children are in the fifth and eighth grades enjoying school and sports. Jeff still works in the information services component of GE. Cathy is a "professional volunteer." In addition to school and church work, she does the newsletter for Fidos for Freedom, a volunteer assistance dog training and therapy dog organization. They have two retired greyhounds.

Gary and Mary Frank Honeman continue their social work careers in Westminster. Gary is clinical director

a vice president at Merrill Lynch & Co. working on risk management and control. Her husband is an antique dealer specializing in 19th century American primitives. Four years ago she became concerned about land use, controlling residential growth and protecting the environment. She joined a citizens' watchdog group but became frustrated because she never agreed with the decisions made by local government. In 1999, after campaigning hard for a few years to elect responsible public officials, she decided it was time to do her part. She ran for town council and won. She is now deputy mayor of Hillsborough, N.J. She was recently named as one of the up-and-coming politicians to watch in the state of New Jersey by www.politics.com.

Bill Johnson lives in Dayton, Ohio, with his wife Mary and their children. They are involved with soccer, basketball and dance. Bill is still busy building his insurance and financial agency. He got back to Baltimore last summer to see **Peter Blauvelt**.

Alan and **Cynthia Longley Kehr** are empty nesters. Lianne, 18, is attending UMBC. Emily, 21, is living on her own and working as a customer service representative for a company that builds fiber optic test equipment. She attends Montgomery College part time. Cynthia is a government contractor at Fort Detrick building a new web application. Alan works with the Montgomery County government in Frederick.

Bob Kresslein lives on South Mountain in Middletown, Md., with his wife Mary. In 1999 he joined **David Severn** in the law practice of Severn, O'Connor, and Kresslein, P.A. Bob regularly attends Ravens' games with **Jay Dorsch** and **Randy Dove '75**. He was appointed by Gov. Glendening to the Maryland Aviation Commission (his third term) to oversee BWI Airport. He attended the Democratic Convention (his fourth time) with **Jim '53 and Nancy Caskey '54 Voss**.

Sue Snyder LaHatte is a writing resource teacher in Baltimore City and a private tutor. Sue and Bernie celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last June. Bernie has been with Whiting/Turner Contracting Company for 20 years. Their son Kevin, a high school senior who is passionate about soccer, is college hunting. Their daughter Jenny, a high school sophomore, also plays soccer. Dan, 12, plays soccer, basketball and baseball.

After living nearly a year in Minnesota, **Jerry and Cathy 'CL' Dannenfeldt Landsman** realized that they were Marylanders at heart. Jerry managed to get transferred back to the St. Paul Insurance Company's Baltimore office where he is a premium fraud manager, and they returned to Boonsboro. Their oldest, Danny, is now a freshman at Salisbury State University, enrolled in the Honors Program and the Perdue Business School. Sophomore Andrew, 15, runs cross country and indoor track and plays baseball. Amy, 11, is active in soccer and plays trumpet in the band.

Schuyler and Margi Voelkel Grant '77 have been literally running all over the world, including Malaysia, Australia and Fiji. They were planning a trip to China for the Great Wall Marathon in May.

of Carroll County Youth Service Bureau, and Mary is the program director at Change, Inc. Sons Justin, 17, a senior, and Chris, 14, a freshman, attend Westminster High School. They are in their 20th year in their home in downtown Westminster and have watched the growth of "small town life." Gary enjoys running with the Westminster Road Runners Club, biking and playing indoor soccer. Mary followed the boys in karate school and earned a black belt in 1999.

Loring 'Joe' Hosley is a design engineer for Lucent Technologies. He and his wife Judi live near Morristown, N.J. They like to take trips to holidays and visit family and friends. Their interests include softball, golf, billiards, skiing, choir and reading. Loring lives according to the following three philosophies: "Work hard, play hard," "Life is short, enjoy it while you can," and "Save for the future, the worse thing is to be old and poor." He says "hi" to his old Gamma Beta Chi fraternity brothers.

Chris Okenika Jensen lives in Hillsborough, N.J., and now goes by the name of Christine because she married a man named Christian. She is



Cathy works at the Washington County Historical Society in Hagerstown, cataloging museum inventory on the computer and assisting genealogy research.

Gregg Mason, of Mt. Airy, is finishing up his teacher certification program and plans to teach high school biology by 2001. He is happily married to Stephanie. They have three children (Drew, 11th grade, Gregory, 9th grade, and Margo, fourth grade). The Masons saw **Keith and Susan Burgess Metzler** before the Metzlers left to be missionaries in China.

Curt '75 and Nancy Dean Mattingly's son Greg, 17, has begun his college application process. Their daughter Megan is 14. Nancy volunteers at Thomas Jefferson High School in the career center and front office and helps with their church's youth group. Curt works for Accent, a computer firm in Vienna, Va.

Margaret McCraw started her own consulting business more than six years ago to provide customized assistance to organizations in change management, strategic planning and leadership development. In essence, she helps organizations identify and achieve their dreams. She travels to all parts of the country and retains a team of consultants to work with her since her company has grown. Margaret and **Ellen Pierce** planned to go to Hawaii for 10 days for a New Year's Eve Celebration/Spiritual Retreat on the island of Kauai. Last spring they went to a vegetarian conference in Asheville, N.C., and had a blast.

Karen Miller Miller is enjoying her

second year at Friends School of Baltimore as the first upper school learning specialist in its history. She misses being in the classroom as a Spanish teacher but is energized by the change of pace and the challenges of administration. She is still doing the confirmation circuit speaking about teaching foreign language to students with learning disabilities. She went to a regional conference in Albuquerque, an independent school symposium in Maryland and the International Dyslexia Association's Conference in D.C. Kathy and husband Todd enjoy country life in White Hall, although they are concerned about the overdevelopment of rural northern Baltimore County.

Karin Keagay Muhlemann keeps busy with her three children (ages 10, 9 and 5). She has her office at home and does bookkeeping. She still skates and is a member of a synchronized skating team. She participates in shows and competitions in Switzerland. Her last trip to the U.S. was in 1999.

Chris and Deb Peeler celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary, and Chris says they are more in love now than ever. Their daughter Hope is 20 and is involved in church ministry and missions. Joy, 18, works as the church secretary. Twins Charity and Faith are now 8. Chris' church, which he has pastored for 18 years, is about to move into a new building.

Many of the activities of **Dave and Cheryl Collins '79 Reinecker** are linked to sons Andrew and Jonathan. Andrew '04 is an undecided science major at WMC. He was enjoying his season as

an OL on the Centennial Conference championship team and looking forward to playing in the NCAA Division III playoffs. Jonathan completed his senior football season as a two-way starter for Bermudian. Cheryl continues to teach and be involved in student government activities. Dave still farms and is ready to begin his 15th season as a basketball official with about half at the college level.

The oldest daughter of **Wona Vanadit Silbert** attends Radford and

Kent Galvin '83 is the chief instructor at the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico.

plans to be a nurse like her grandmothers. Daughter JoJo will graduate from high school this year. Dara, 13, plays soccer and lacrosse. Jarren, 10, plays goalie for his ice hockey team. Wona has seen **Scott Schneider '78** and **Robert Dowd '78** at the lacrosse field and lives next door to her brother-in-law, **Craig Silbert '75**.

Debra Greenstein Sober is busy in Towson with Title Baltimore, a real estate title company, and practicing law. Her law partner is **Joanne Coakley Mott**, who also spent her freshman year at WMC on Whiteford's fourth floor. Deb's husband Gary and their daughter Molly, 11, are doing well. Deb has been serving as president of the Baltimore County Commission for Women and the Exchange Club of Baltimore, Inc.

Robyn Kramer Talbott is a senior sales director with Mary Kay Cosmetics. She has been with the company 15 years and has earned six cars and eight diamond rings for sales and recruiting. Husband Guy still captains sports fishing boats while running Boatworks, his boat repair business. Guy IV is 17. Robyn has been home schooling him for two years. Ryan, 14, is at Ocean City Christian School where Robyn is vice president of the school board. Ryan has won several skateboarding competitions in Ocean City.

Debbie Simmons Tasky and her husband celebrated their 20th anniversary by taking their children, Tiffany and David, on a Disney cruise last summer. Deb received a promotion at the Census Bureau to oversee the processing of current economic surveys. She attended an international conference last June and ran into **Terry Holland**.

Loretta Thornhill teaches at Hagerstown Community College. She enjoys traveling and went to Italy last summer.

Sara Waldron is the associate dean of students and the director of the campus center at Hood College in Frederick, Md.

Jane Wettig is celebrating 15 years

with the federal government. She started as a secretary, moved into the program manager position at the arts/crafts facility, then on to marketing the leisure services on the base. She was downsized from there and moved into the computer industry where she's been picking up skills for the past four years. She now markets information technology/enterprise management strategies to other government agencies. Her office is 10 minutes from home. She travels a bit and loves her job. She recently returned from visiting her son, a radar technician with the Marines in San Diego. Her oldest daughter, 22, lives nearby, and her youngest daughter, who just graduated from high school, is moving to Baltimore with friends and taking the cat. Jane says she feels good, keeps in shape, enjoys hanging out with friends and appreciates the simple things.

Scott and Sallie Remson '76 Whitney live in Catonsville, Md., with their four children, ages 8 to 18. Scott is in his 20th year with the Office of the Public Defender. He still plays basketball a few times a week and coaches soccer year-round for their younger kids. Their oldest son Amos is applying to WMC for admission in 2001. Scott's brother **Bruce '75** is in the Army stationed in Germany.

Jim '78 and Sally Marshall Wogsland have three children. The eldest, Brad, is married and lives at Georgia Tech where he is a senior majoring in physics and math. His wife Cara took a few years off to raise Jim and Sally's identical twin daughters, Alora and Brittan, who turned three in October. Cara is now a freshman at Georgia Tech and takes classes part time. Patrick, 19, also attends Georgia Tech. He is a sophomore majoring in building construction and architecture. Jaime, 16, is active in drama and music at the local high school. Jim and Sally keep busy with work. Jim still works for an insurance firm, AIG, and Sally works part time as an RN. She got her second bachelor's degree in 1997.

They spend as much time as possible in Hilton Head where they've purchased a house (if you're interested in renting it, let them know). They play golf, spend time on Lake Lanier on their boat and babysit a lot.

The **Glicker** household is always full of activity. After nearly 10 years, Ken changed jobs. He now works in Vienna instead of Rockville. Becky was married in Maine last summer. Polly moved to Maine to take a break from this area for awhile. Jacob is in his third year in the Air Force and loves the travel. Anna, 14, and Katie, 12, are a blessing to me. I am thrilled to be able to continue home schooling them. Bethany, 5, is a joy to teach. She is learning to read. Joel, 3, is all-boy and loves trains with a passion. I keep busy with the schooling, doing the newsletter and database record-keeping for the local crisis pregnancy center, making wedding cakes and doing the administering and accounting for a monthly food co-op of about 15 families. I do the bulk mailing (1,000 pieces

a month) for a local missionary group to the Suffering Church. I have also started digital photography. I spend lots of time working with photos on the computer.

It has been wonderful to hear from so many of you. Please keep writing. See you at our 25th reunion just around the corner.

Donna Armstrong Glicker
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My on-the-spot reporter at Homecoming was **Kaki Brusca Wydn**, and boy did she have a lot to report. Kaki continues to travel around the country selling software. It is fun and challenging, but she misses her family when she is gone. She and her husband Patrick have two children, Colleen and Brian, who take after their father in the height department.

Rixey Leberher Hoult and her husband Chris have two children, Nicholas and Jessica. She and her brother run Leberher Insurance Agency, Inc. in Frederick.

Kaki had lots to report on the Techs. **Dave Knies** has twin daughters. **Jack Knies** also has two children, but no twins yet.

Mike Meister and wife **Beth DeVries '82** have two children, Den and Jenna. He is still enjoying memories of his trip to Zion, Iyyee, Arches and the Grand Canyon.

Scott 'Killer' Kohr sees the Techs as often as possible. They keep in touch through a fantasy football league. "Killer" still teaches math at Liberty High and now also teaches driver's education. He reports that he and **Lynn Stone '88** are still doing fine.

Steve 'Sports' Ports and I should run into each other since he now lives in Severna Park, Md. He is on sabbatical from his job as chief of staff to Sen. Mike Miller, president of the Maryland Senate. He is working on his first CD of original music. Steve is the commissioner of the Tech fantasy football league, and "Killer" was in the lead.

"Sports" is also a member of the board of directors of the WMC Alumni Association. He says you can direct any comments, complaints or advice to him! Good work, Kaki.

Ginny Brault is working on her master's in counseling psychology. Her internships are in a middle school and a women's center. Her husband works for BP. They have two children, a son and a daughter. They would love to hear from anyone visiting the great state of Alaska.

Shawn Warner Denton is back at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., teaching freshmen comp. She took a two-year leave to teach two-year-old preschool. Why don't I think those are so much different from one another? She also helps with her husband's home-based business. They have a high schooler, a middle schooler and a 4-year-old. She spends a lot of time in the minivan.

Tammy Montor Ramos and her husband **Gary '81** have adopted three chil-

dren in the past three years. That brings their grand total to five—four boys and a girl. Tammy home schools the oldest two and tries to keep up with the other three who are under the age of 3.

Anne Glaeser and Kurt Hubach are back in the States in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. They have five children. Kurt works in a rural family practice, and Anne home schools their four girls. She also coaches high school volleyball and summer swimming. They invite everyone to come visit them.

Toni Epstein still lives in Bel Air with Fred, the world's best dog. She is active in a community theater and bowling league and started yoga classes. She has been project manager at Sander Systems, Inc. for four years.

Beth Smith Miller added Rachel Danielle to her family on Valentine's Day, 2000. Beth says her 8-year-old daughter Sarah prayed her sister into this world. In August they moved to the mountains in Middletown, Md. where her husband Shane is facilities manager of a Christian Conference and Retreat Center.

Mary Barker Bachinger and husband Chris live in Columbia with their two children, Matt and Kathleen. She continues to commute to D.C. and is a tax policy analyst for the National Association of College and University Business Officers. She keeps in touch with **Jennifer Gill Guy** and **Cindy Wilcox Pascal '84**. She says a special hello to the gang from Blanche third and fourth floors 1982-1983.

Doug Pinto lives in Mt. Airy and is busy with an internal medicine practice associated with St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore. He and his wife Wendy

Suzanne Herbert Forton '83 exhibits artwork in craft shows up and down the East Coast.

have two children, Ben and Sarah. They celebrated their 10th anniversary with a trip to Bermuda. He enjoyed seeing **Dave Engel**, **John Seiler '84** and **Jim Francis '84** at the Sports Hall of Fame Banquet in November.

Nancy DeCaspari says busy with three children—Stacy, Will and Dana. Husband Bill coaches them in soccer, and she sees **Elizabeth 'Noot' Mathias Cahill '82** at the games with her daughter. Nancy is a fitness instructor at the Maryland Athletic Club and Wellness Center and a part-time corporate wellness representative.

Denise French has been teaching at Feathered Lane Elementary School in Baltimore County for 11 years. She is active in her church choir, swimming, playing softball and soccer and taking piano lessons.

Rob and Sue Lucy Maseth have two daughters, Ashton and Emily. After 16

Roxanne Benjovsky McClanahan '89 began her own company graphic arts consultant company, Above & Beyond Communications.

years at Frederick High. She is now at Urbana High. Rob is in sales with Carlton Cards and is looking to make a change in the new year.

Last July **Steve Sturiale** and wife Kristen celebrated the birth of their third son, Nicholas. He joins his dad and brothers Zachary and Christopher to make a terrific foursome. The Sturiale family moved to Relay, Md.

Lisa Stahl Gastelle says you know that time is flying when two of your children are in middle school. (She still has one in elementary school.) She enjoys her busy life as a mom, wife and working woman. She teaches at the Maryland School for the Deaf and loves it. Her family life couldn't be better, and she says hello to all her WMC friends.

Darryl Grant and wife Susan have two boys, Jacob and Avi. Avi was born at 23 weeks, weighing 1 lb. 5 oz., but now is growing with leaps and bounds. Darryl is a contracting officer for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality in Rockville, Md.

Suzy Seger married Robert Zach in 1999, and in 2000 they became proud parents of William Robert. They live in Lovettsville, Va. Suzy works for Cole Haan and is enjoying motherhood.

Jeff Kuzemchak and wife Amy have two children, Hannah and Blake. Jeff is a project manager for a national environmental company and handles large-scale projects involving facility decontamination, chemical fires/explosions and site remediation.

I hope everyone can stay with me on this one: **Peg Houghton**, now known as **Maggie Kelly**, became **Kathleen "Casey" Crooks Kelly's** sister-in-law. She married Casey's husband's identical twin and says, "Yes, we can tell them apart!" Peg—or Maggie—is working on her master's in education and guidance and counseling. She plans on becoming a school guidance counselor in Howard County. She has two children, Jared and Melissa.

Steve Goon is the father of three teenagers and two elementary school children. He left Salomon Smith Barney last year to become the manager of financial services and registered principal for Prudential Individual Financial Services covering Utah. He got a surprise visit from **Dan Moeszulski '84**, who he hadn't seen in 16 years.

Stacy Proctor Shaffer went back to work full time at the Juvenile Court in Carroll County. She is active on the board of the Arts Council. The old movie theater on Main Street has been

purchased by the City of Westminster, which plans to turn it into a community arts center. Stacy has two daughters, Kelly and Katie. She ran into **Ed Kilcullen '81** at a conference on juvenile-child abuse cases. She also gets together with **Erin Bell Danz**, who works full time and has three children, and **Carrie Miller Parker '85**.

Mark and Melissa Pruitt Cockerill celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. Mark enjoys practicing interventional radiology in Virginia Beach. He plays golf and recruits their three boys as caddies.

Paul Cale says all is well in San Antonio where the Army and Army recruiting are outstanding. His wife Kim is a substitute teacher at the elementary school of their children Anastasia and Nicholas. He still follows WMC football.

Ellen Nash Martin works full time as a piano technician for Baltimore County Schools. Her daughter Mary Ellen is in first grade. Most of Ellen's many activities are music related.

After moving from Massachusetts to Arizona to Texas and back to Arizona, **Marzi Darowiczella** is now in Westminster. She and her husband Armata have been married 15 years and have a son, Cyrus. They visit with **Donna Troxel '82** and **Trevor Smith '81** and their four children. They also enjoy time with **Bill and Linda Kulick Spence** and their two children. She would love to see more WMC friends, especially at the football games.

Dale Dutton loves life in Boston with his wife Kathy and their daughters Avery and Jackie. Working for the FBI is fun and exhilarating with every day bringing something different. He keeps in touch with **Dan Fieldner** and **Wayne Keen**.

Cathy Hosley Wattenberg and husband Mark have two children, Joanna and Steven. The gang—**Ellen Schaefer Saline**, **Karen Messick Street**, **Nina Blecher** and **Meredith Zimmerman**—is planning a WMC long weekend to the Outer Banks to celebrate their 40th birthdays.

Hillary Wilson Cosby works part time on the Johns Hopkins transplant floor and full time trying to get her yard in better shape. She has three children—Ellie, Sam and Will. She saw lots of WMCers at **Karen Yochim's '82** memorial service, which was a bittersweet time. Hilary says a special hello to **Cynthia Baxter Bowden**, who has entered Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary to begin studies for diaconal ministry, which is a ministry of word and service.

Joyce Johnson Kelly has two children, Rachel and Mark. She is a Brownie leader and works with her husband in his ENT office in Drexel Hill, Pa.

Robin Hoff Skrtic lives in Rochester, N.Y., with her husband Steven and two children, Steven and Suzannah. She works part time for E.D.S. so that she can be home to get her kids off the school bus.

Heidi Brelsford Barnes works two days a week at an investment advisory firm. She enjoys her two children,

Emma and Colin. They moved to a new home and added a golden retriever puppy to their family. The puppy named Poo is causing trouble by eating mushrooms in the woods behind the house.

Suzanne Herbert Forton does theatre in Baltimore and artwork that she exhibits in craft shows up and down the East Coast. She and her husband Ray celebrated their 17th anniversary.

Bill McKegg and wife Meg live in central Florida with their two sons, Phillip and William. He works for Synetics Industries as senior vice president of accounting and has been with the firm for 13 years. He and his family enjoyed Thanksgiving with **Quin Shea** and his wife.

I was nervous when I got a letter from an attorney, but I am happy to report that it was from **Rob Collison**. He and his wife Cami live in his hometown of Cambridge where he has a private law practice and serves as the city attorney. Things have been busy at home with the birth of their first child, Carly Elizabeth, and at work with the development of a major Hyatt Regency resort in town. He keeps in touch with **Tom Newcomer**, who has one daughter and has taken over the family business, Carsons Jewelers of Hagerstown. Rob also sees **Charles Clark**, who is an attorney with the Securities and Exchange Commission. He has three children and lives in D.C.

Bob Wassman is in his 10th year with the same company helping the Army destroy chemical weapons. He sees **Matt Baker** and **Margaret Powell** and their family. He saw **Gary Harris**, **Jamie DeGraff '85** and **Mike Pagione '84** at a Redskins game.

Kelley Blodger and husband Frank Spone Jr. live in Kalamazoo, Mich. She is an admissions and financial aid counselor at Michigan Career and Technical Institute, a vocational training school for persons with disabilities. Her husband works in the Kalamazoo Public School system.

Kent Galvin had a great summer coaching and traveling with his daughter Ali's softball team and coaching her high school team while running after his 3-year-old son Jackson. Kent is the chief instructor at the Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico. He says he unloaded his "ball and chain" and that life as a single parent is hectic but the most rewarding thing he has ever done.

Peggy Stonebeck Beardmore enjoys her hospitable home with her husband Paul and their two boys, Drew and Michael. She is a regional account executive for Advo. She works in her home and has been traveling a lot.

I see enjoying Peggy and gang as often as we can. I also get together with **Kaki, Shelley, Michele, Patsy, Rixey, Carol Resnick '82** and whomever else we can drag along for our bi-monthly dinners. I also see **Nancy Zuidema Radcliffe '82** and **Corie Simmons Tarlton '82**. My family is doing well. Valerie attends high school at Broadneck High School where I teach special education social studies. She doesn't see me in the halls but knows

where my office is if she needs something. This summer I finished my master's equivalency and became certified in special education and social studies. My two younger children, Niko and Emma, are in middle school. My husband Brad and I are not looking forward to the financial drain of college in three short years. Brad's band, Bobby and the Believers, is going strong. My daughter Valerie is following in dad's footsteps and has a Christian rock band that plays for youth functions. She sings and plays electric guitar. We have been enjoying time on our boat. My brothers bought a cabin on Raystown Lake, where I grew up, and we get up there as often as possible. Thanks to everyone who gave me words of encouragement for continuing to be the class reporter. I enjoy it. Keep those cards and letters coming.

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1989 It was great hearing from so many of you so many of you. I really appreciate all of you that returned your cards. I can't write this column without you! Next time I would love to hear from even more of you. Remember we are not able to print news of engagements or pregnancies. Please let us know after the big day. Here is the latest scoop on our friends.

Theresa Bernhardt Ballinger still works at the Department of Energy in the CFO's office with **Mindy Reader**. They have each been there for 11 years. Theresa, **Bob '88** and their boys Trey, 5, and Will, 2, get together with **Mindy** and her daughter Alex, 5. **Brady Bangus** lives in Easton, Md., with his wife Ildiko and their children Samantha, 6, and Jackson, 2. He is a senior policy analyst for the Maryland State Department of Legislative Service.

Hal Brandenburg is the squadron executive officer for the Fourth Squadron Second Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Polk, La. His children Nick, 11, and Erica, 9, are home schooled by his wife, **Laura Schwab '86**. Hal still flies helicopters and does "Army things." They are looking forward to their next move, maybe overseas.

Beth Harlow Buckalew, her husband **Barry '88** and their daughter Cassie welcomed another daughter, Caitlin, into their family last April. They bought a new home in Eldersburg, Md. Beth is working part time at WMC as associate director in the Office of Annual Giving.

Harry Cohen is an ophthalmologist specializing in cataract surgery. He and his wife, **Piper Luce MS '90**, live in Marshfield, Wisc., with their sons Lane, 4, and Gage, 2. They make it out to the East Coast once a year to visit friends and family.

Patrick Dail started a new job in January 2000 as a training manager for the manufacturing training division of the Community College of Baltimore

County. He managed George W. Bush's campaign in Baltimore City.

Jennifer Engle Deitrick graduated from pharmacy school with a degree in clinical pharmacy. She is in a primary care residency program on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Matt Donner and his wife enjoy the sunny weather in south Florida where they live. He manages a physical therapy clinic and treats area athletes. He is still active in football and baseball.

Eric Fairfield and his family live in Chesterfield, Va. He and his wife Lisa enjoy spending time with their sons Brad, 4, and Davis, 1. They had a visit from **Beth Harlow** and **Barry '88 Buckalew** and their two daughters last summer. They were looking forward to ringing in the New Year with **John** and **Becky Barlow '90 Fitzsimmons** in their new home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bev Megenhardt Flowers enjoys being a stay-at-home mom for Jack, 4, and Maggie, 2. She substitute teaches part-time and teaches a few aerobics classes. Bev and her children get together with **Tammy Fewster Mirabile** and **Kim Lohmann Giebel** and their girls.

Kim Lohmann Giebel graduated in May from Johns Hopkins University with a master's in marketing. She and her husband Mark were blessed with daughter Morgan in August.

After four years in California, **Sandy Ferrell** has moved back home to Harford County. She still shows horses and spent this winter competing in Palm Beach, Fla. She is glad to be back East and looks forward to seeing WMC friends.

Katherine Ertz Gloyd enjoys being at home with her son Liam, 18 months. She spent many weekends this summer in Bethany Beach, Del. She keeps her "artsy" side alive by freelancing to local special event companies. She and her husband Bill were planning a winter get-away in February to Hawaii. Aloha!

Lauren Williams Greenwald and her husband **Larry '88** had their third child, Jacob Ryan, last April. Jake joins brother Shaun, 7, and sister, Mollie, 4. Lauren still works full time as the director of clinical services at Magellan Health Services. She loves her job, which she says is a good thing. The more kids she has, the more she'll have to keep working. She hears that college tuition keeps going up, up and up!

Terry Dripps Grothmann and her husband **Bob '93** live in Towson, Md., with their two sons, Mark, 2, and Tommy, 1. Terry is having fun staying at home with the boys and enjoys the WMC play days. She and Bob enjoyed a quick vacation to the Bahamas in December.

Steven Hegna is president of Allen Envelope and Printing Company. He and his wife Mette, son Jakob and daughter Sara moved into a house that they built. After years of searching, he finally found his long lost roommate, Joe Iovino.

Beth Yingling-Hossler married Steve Hossler on Labor Day weekend. **Cresson Walsh**, **Chris and Jennifer Manger Dolch**, **Debbie Reynolds**, **Kim Bechtel Stonebraker**, and **Barry '88** and **Beth Harlow Buckalew** were all there

to celebrate. Beth and her husband moved into a house on historic Willis Street in Westminster. She is still with the family business and working on another branch expansion this year.

Heather Smith Ivy and her husband moved from south Florida to Virginia thanks to job transfers. They are excited to be closer to their families in Baltimore. Heather hopes to get together with her Phi Alpha sisters and college friends soon.

Beth Jones lives near Salisbury, Md., with her husband Jerry and their daughters Rebecca, 1, and Susannah, 6. After teaching English for 10 years and serving as department chair at a local high school, she has joined the legions of stay-at-home moms. She teaches part time at Wor-Wic Community College.

Twins keep **Elizabeth Burkitt Hoves** and her husband Tom busy. Kelly Anne and Connor will be 2 this spring. She enjoys getting together for "play days" with **Katherine Ertz Gloyd**, **Terry Dripps Grothmann**, **Barb Pierantozzi McCaughey**, **Mary O'Hara Zorback**, **Lynn Johnson Ikle** and their children. Elizabeth and Tom enjoyed a two-week cruise to Alaska last summer and were looking forward to traveling to North Carolina, California and Florida with the children this winter.

Bryan Lynch has taken the plunge! In November he married Kerri Kurek and took a two-week honeymoon to Hawaii. Kerri works for Revlon in research development. Bryan is still a trooper with the New Jersey State Police. They will reside in Toms River, N.J.

Lynne Enoch-Mathis and her family live in Forest Hill, Md. She and her husband have two boys, Jack, 2, and Sam, 1. Lynne stopped working at MCI after eight years when her second son was born. She now enjoys life staying home with the kids.

In November, **Roxanne Benjovsky McClanahan** and her family moved from a townhouse into a single family home in Crofton, Md. Shane, 5, and Ben, 3, are happy brothers that keep Roxanne and her husband Dan on their toes. In May 1999 Roxanne began her own company, Above & Beyond Communications. She works as a graphic arts consultant. Roxanne's husband works for Maryland Pennysaver. Unfortunately, last February Roxanne lost her father after a long battle against multiple sclerosis. With everything going on in her life, she still finds time to see her Thirty Thursdays!

Marsha Enoff Nushbaum and her husband Paul welcomed their fourth child, Jonathan, into the family in August. Marsha is busy home schooling the other children: Josiah, 8, Hannah, 5, and Bethany, 3. Home schooling has been just as exciting and challenging as classroom teaching and comes with immeasurable rewards. She keeps in touch with **Wendy Gardland Hundertmark '90**.

Barbara Pierantozzi McCaughey and her husband **Rich '90** were to move from Port Deposit, Md., to Fallston, Md., in the spring. Barb works part

time at King's Court Family Dentistry in White Marsh. Rich is busy with his company, Mark Tree, Inc. Their children, Collin and Erin, keep them running in all directions.

Debbie Reynolds is a nurse at shock trauma in the resuscitation unit. She plans to do some traveling nurse assignments beginning in San Francisco. She is excited to work and live in cities that she has always wanted to visit.

"Things are going well in New Jersey," writes **Michelle Giangrandi Rooney**. She and her husband **John '88** were enjoying their son Michael, 3, and looking forward to an exciting spring.

Chris and Laurie Lutche '92 Scannell are settling into a new house and getting used to parenthood. They welcomed Erin Nicole into the family in October, and she is looking forward to meeting all of the other WMC babies!

All is well in Paoli, Pa., with **Debbie Leopold Stern** and her family. They had their third child, Emma, in August. Things are crazy with school and all of the kids' activities. She loved seeing **Kim Lohmann Giebel** and her daughter recently.

Beth Eidenberg Van Pelt spent two fantastic weeks in Hawaii last August. The trip included her first snorkeling adventure, stargazing at the top of Mauna Kea and freestyle to hula. She still teaches in Frederick County but transferred to a wonderful elementary school in the county.

Heather Williver-Fair is a part-time record archivist at the American College of Physicians in Philadelphia. Her children, Benjamin, 4, and Mackenzie, 2, keep her busy. Heather, her husband Steve and family live in Jenkintown, Pa.

Renee Yeager Yingling and her husband Ed live in Finksburg, Md. They have two boys, Ryan, 4, and Craig, 1. She enjoys her family and her part-time work as a physical therapist at Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster. She keeps in touch with her sister-in-law Beth Yingling Hossler.

This past year was exciting for my husband Chuck and me. We welcomed a baby boy, Kevin Francis, into the world. I was able to take a few months off to be with our son before finishing up the year with my second grades. At the end of the school year I decided not to return to teaching, and I am now staying home and loving every minute of it! This summer we spent a lot of time in Bethany Beach, Del., and ran into several alumni there. Kevin and I visit with other WMC moms and their kids as often as we can. Each day is a new adventure.

I hope that 2001 is a wonderful year for everyone. Keep the news coming. For those of you who don't return your cards, we'd love to hear from you. Stay happy and healthy.

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WE DARE YOU

Attention graduates of the 1990s. If you haven't given to WMC's Annual Fund recently (or ever), your contribution is now worth \$100 more than you thought.

Three fellow alumni have issued a dare to the Classes of the 1990s through the Young Alumni Challenge Fund. Thanks to them, your new or renewed gift of any amount is worth an additional \$100 to the College and will help WMC secure \$30,000 in Challenge Fund money.

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In.au.gu.rate *To invest with an office in a formal manner.*

In.au.gu.ra.tion *The act or ceremony of inaugurating.*

Western Maryland College inaugurated its eighth president on April 21, 2001, following a long-standing tradition in the academic world. Indeed, over the past 80 years, the College has formally inaugurated five of its presidents (Albert Norman Ward at Commencement in 1921, Fred Garrigus Holloway on April 25, 1936, Lowell Skinner Ensor on Nov. 8, 1947, Ralph Candler John on May 5, 1973, and Robert Hunter Chambers on Nov. 10, 1984). It never occurred to James Thomas Ward, the founding president, to be inaugurated since he was much too busy trying to get a college started. And his successor, Thomas Hamilton Lewis, was too involved in trying to erase considerable debt and move the fledgling 19-year-old college forward to consider such a ceremony in 1886. (His remarkable 34-year presidency would be lauded in several ways later in the College's history.) But twentieth-century America saw the rise of such events in colleges and universities, especially in well-established institutions such as Western Maryland.

Why an inauguration? Clark Kerr, former president of the University of California, has commented that such public events are "a way of bringing together all elements of the community — alumni, faculty, students, board, townspeople. Inaugurations are a chance to think of the institution in its entirety as compared with its constituent parts. They mean a lot to a lot of people." While these events require much preparation and expense, almost everyone agrees that they are well worth it since they remind us of our academic heritage and that the College and all of its constituencies are part of an age-old tradi-

tion. There is a need for ceremony in our lives occasionally.

The common element of traditional inaugurations is the academic procession of trustees, faculty, and visiting delegates from other collegiate institutions and the learned societies, with the new president bringing up the rear. Everyone is dressed in costumes that originated in the Middle Ages and they march to music providing suitable pomp and circumstance. Typically, representatives of the various constituencies — government, faculty, students, alumni, and the visiting delegates — bring greetings to the institution and the new president. The focal point of the ceremony is the formal investiture of the president with the chain of

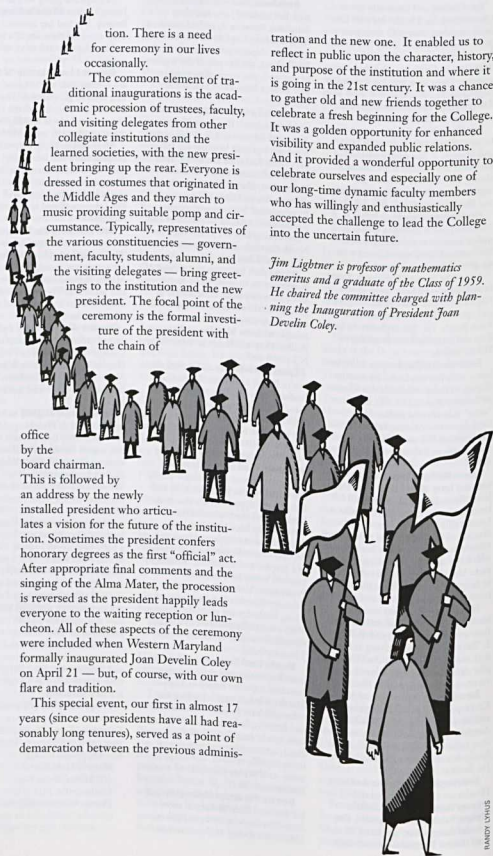
office by the board chairman. This is followed by

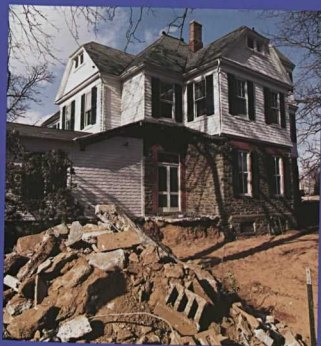
an address by the newly installed president who articulates a vision for the future of the institution. Sometimes the president confers honorary degrees as the first "official" act. After appropriate final comments and the singing of the Alma Mater, the procession is reversed as the president happily leads everyone to the waiting reception or luncheon. All of these aspects of the ceremony were included when Western Maryland formally inaugurated Joan Develin Coley on April 21 — but, of course, with our own flare and tradition.

This special event, our first in almost 17 years (since our presidents have all had reasonably long tenures), served as a point of demarcation between the previous adminis-

tration and the new one. It enabled us to reflect in public upon the character, history, and purpose of the institution and where it is going in the 21st century. It was a chance to gather old and new friends together to celebrate a fresh beginning for the College. It was a golden opportunity for enhanced visibility and expanded public relations. And it provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate ourselves and especially one of our long-time dynamic faculty members who has willingly and enthusiastically accepted the challenge to lead the College into the uncertain future.

Jim Lightner is professor of mathematics emeritus and a graduate of the Class of 1959. He chaired the committee charged with planning the Inauguration of President Joan Develin Coley.





MATT SPANGLER

Refreshed and redecorated, the President's House, built in 1898 as a gift from the Baker family, is more inviting than ever to the various college guests who dine there each week. In addition to new interior appointments to showcase some of the college's finer furniture and artwork, as well as a first-floor powder room, the president's living quarters were expanded on the second and third floors to allow for formal entertaining on the ground level. The formal entrance to the house, formerly facing McDaniel Hall, was relocated to its original position facing Alumni Hall. A permanent ramp was added for handicapped access. See page 24 for more on the details of the redesign.

ALUMNI EVENTS

All alumni and their guests are invited to alumni events. Those living outside the sponsoring chapter's zip code may make reservations by calling the Office of Alumni Affairs at 410/857-2296 or e-mail at alumni@wmde.edu.

APRIL 30

Alumni Council meeting, 7 p.m., WMC campus.

MAY 4-6

Reunion Weekend, Class Reunion for '26, '31, '36, '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '00.

JULY 3

Young Alumni Orioles Bird Bash 2. Pre-game party at Camden Yards and tickets to see Orioles vs. Yankees.

SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 12

"Green Terror" Tour of the Legendary Waterways of Europe (Spaces filled).

OCTOBER 20

Homecoming

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KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Maya Redfearn '02 wrote and acted in a dramatic narration of the history of the civil rights movement to celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The program began with the 1955 death of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old northerner who was brutally murdered while visiting relatives in Mississippi. The killers went unpunished, but Till's mother, Mamie Bradley, made sure the rest of the country and the world saw her son's mangled body. "His death was a spark to the movement," Redfearn said.

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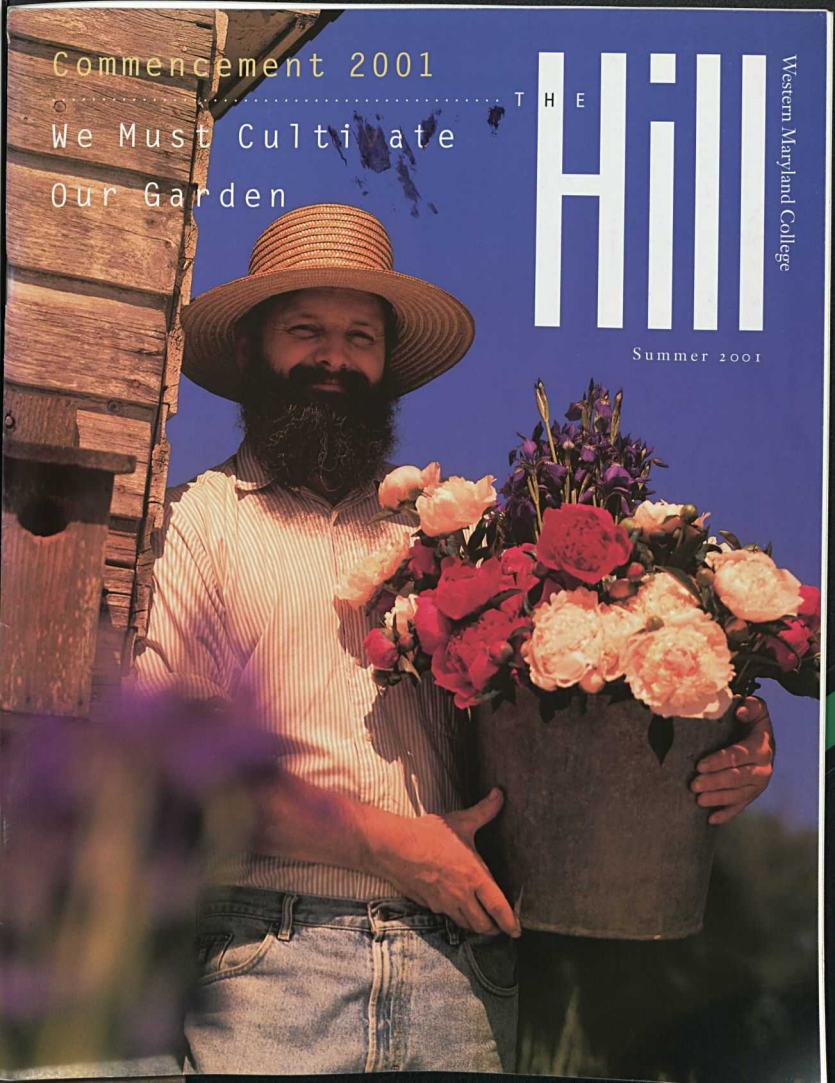
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It took 50 years—and the gift of his college yearbook—for Thomas Howard Eaton to return to his alma mater to reunite with his classmates. After earning his bachelor's degree in chemistry, Eaton successfully followed a career that took him from New Jersey to California and from Ontario to Louisiana, his bride Catharine Welker Eaton by his side. Seven decades later, a bequest of more than \$8 million from the Eatons' joint estate has been donated to Western Maryland College, making this couple the most generous donors in the College's history. (See story on pg. 19)

"...being the kind of teacher I wanted to be would be difficult in a large research university."



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Eye on the Ball

With a Ph.D. from one of the top sociology programs in the country, Jean Shin had his pick of faculty positions. Here's why he chose WMC.

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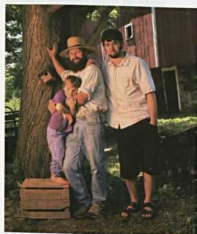
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They came. They saw. They reconnected. Find familiar faces in the crowd at this year's alumni get-together.



Recent graduate and Phi Beta Kappa inductee John Carty (middle) farmed and cared for his five kids while aching the pre-med program.



50th reunion revelers proved they aren't over the Hill.

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NEWS

from the Hill

WMC Hits HBO in New Reality Show

The Hill's graceful summer setting provides a radical juxtaposition to the tough, rough action of HBO's new reality show, "Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Baltimore Ravens." The weekly series features an uncensored, insider's view of life with the defending Super Bowl champs as NFL hopefuls attempt to make the team's cut.

Cameras have unprecedented access to practices, meetings,

dormitories and dining halls. The Ravens bunk and eat at the College-owned Best Western Hotel, but do their grunting and sweating on campus, where fans routinely flock to catch a glimpse of the action and grab an autograph during the signing sessions held after practices.

At press time, the show was to debut Aug. 1 at 11 p.m. and was scheduled to continue airing Wednesday nights for six weeks, with replays on Thursdays at 8 p.m. The final show was scheduled for Sept. 5.

While College officials will have little chance to plug the seven liberal arts or even our own Green Terror's gridiron success, it's appropriate that the new program will at least give the beautiful campus some moments of glory.

"The phenomenal success of the Baltimore Ravens this year

"The phenomenal success of the Baltimore Ravens this year started right here on this campus," said Ravens owner Art Modell (right).

FACTS THAT WON'T FIT

In 1951: Senior class totaled: 143 • May Queen: Janet Hering • Vice-President of the Junior Class: Ira Zepp, professor of religious studies emeritus • Head gear worn by freshman men: beanies • Future classic published: J.D. Salinger's Catcher in the Rye • Movie sponsored by sophomore class: Henry V • First-ever jet airline passenger trip: Jan. 10 from Chicago to New York • Indispensable academic aid invented: Liquid Paper •

started right here on this campus," Baltimore Ravens owner Art Modell said at Commencement, where he was awarded an honorary degree. "The teaching, the coaching, the chemistry, the conditioning, everything started here." •

Students Vote Lemke Faculty MVP

She was the first female faculty member ever hired by the sociology department and was

assigned to teach the senior-level theory class her first semester. Anxious to find ways to make the sometimes-dry material more relevant, Debra Lemke used scenes from popular movies, such as *The Lion King* and *Toy Story*, to illustrate the theories of August Comte, Max Weber and Karl Marx.

Seven years later, Lemke, 40, is still innovative in the classroom and finding ways to engage students. The straight-talking, charismatic redhead was chosen by juniors and seniors to be the latest recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award.

Associate Professor of Sociology Debra Lemke joined the faculty in the fall of 1994, just as a class of campus teaching celebrities was retiring, including Sociology Department Chair Glen Ashburn. Ashburn said he knew after their first phone conversation—even before the formal interview—that Lemke was the best of 100 candidates to fill the post left vacant after the beloved Charles "Chap" Herrman retired the year before.

After short stints in full-time temporary faculty positions at Western Carolina University and University of Northern Iowa, and as academic adviser



to 160 sociology majors at Iowa State University, where she earned her Ph.D. in 1992, Lemke was eager to become part of an academic community that values teaching above all else. Mid-way through her first year on the job, she declared that she'd found the right fit at WMC, where students are "bright and interested" and the culture is "a type of solidarity."

"When you realize students really are first and that no one is going to penalize you for spending time with them," she said, "it's liberating."

Lemke has devoted countless hours helping to liberate the minds of students. From the First-Year Student Seminars, to courses in Social Stratification, Gender Roles, Urban Sociology, and the grueling Research

Methods for Social Work, Lemke keeps students engaged through her conversational teaching style and her own contagious passion for the subject.

She always starts class with this icebreaker: "Does anyone have anything they'd like to talk about?" and invariably they do, from someone's fraternity losing its campus housing to the latest news event. Sometimes, Lemke will use the discussions as a springboard into the day's lesson, but often the five-or-10-minute conversations just work to get students participating.

Since that first semester when she experimented with film clips to illustrate sociological theories, Lemke has gained

Professional communications students gained real-world experience designing free websites.



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recognition among her peers for her creative teaching technique. She's been invited to other colleges to demonstrate how *Pocobontas* can be used to teach ethnocentrism and cultural relativity, how *Norma Rae* illustrates Marx's theory of class oppression and how *Dances with Wolves* can be used to explain George Herbert Mead's development of the self.

"It allows students to see the theory as applicable," she says. "They say, sometimes lamenting this to me, that they never watch movies again in the same way."

Outside the classroom, she continues her interaction with students. She has served as co-adviser for the national sociology honors society, Alpha Kappa Delta, Kappa Chapter of Maryland. She also served as co-adviser for Gamma Sigma Sigma, a service sorority. Since 1997 she has been the adviser for the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, and has advised the WMC Soccer Club since 1998.

Lemke, who has served as the sociology department chair since 1995, has helped to rebuild the College's most popular major, hiring equally committed professionals to fill the department's four other full-time positions (see related story on page 6). Most importantly, her willingness to reach out, to listen, and to connect with others is evident in the classroom, the department and the broader campus community. So is this obvious fact: she really gets a kick out of teaching.

"I come to work every day because I love what I do and I believe what I do," she says. "I do think sociology has some-

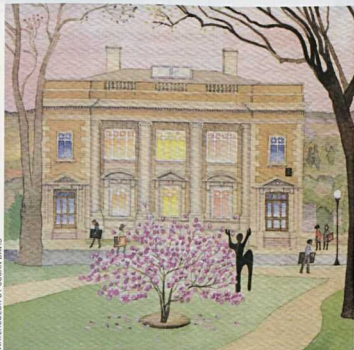
thing to offer students, not just so they can go out and change the world, but it'll make their day-to-day lives better because they can understand what's going on around them." •

High-tech Community Service

Erin Smith's professional communications students have gone high-tech with their community service. The class designed working websites for several area non-profit organizations, including the Baltimore Salvation Army and the Carroll County Humane Society.

English professor Smith launched the class in 2000, but gave this spring's students the "real-life" experience of working with a client on a site that will actually be uploaded to the Internet. She solicited non-profit groups and received wholehearted support. The groups, after all, were getting a functional, well-designed site for free. The students get website production experience fit for a resume.

Tony Halloran, a business-econ. major, learned much more than HTML, the code language for programming, working on the Humane Society web team. His research ranged from pet adoptions to reunions. "They even have emus," he brags. To see students' work visit the web at <http://2212.terrorenglish.net/projects>. •



WATERCOLOR BY SUSAN DAVIS

WISH YOU WERE HERE?

Now you can get nostalgic and reminisce with former classmates by sending an online postcard from WMC at wmc.edu/postcard/postcard.cfm. Choose from several of illustrator Susan Davis's whimsical depictions of the Hill and its special places, including Peterson Hall, home to the Department of Art History and the Rice Gallery.

Quick Study

Jackie Hering '51 of Westminster

Member of 50th Reunion committee, former home economics teacher, active volunteer, married for 49 years, mother of two, grandmother of five

■ **People laughed** about Home Ec., but to major in Home Ec. you ended up with a minor in science. So you studied biology, chemistry, physical science, bacteriology and geology.

■ **If you wanted to graduate** with a degree in home ec., you had to live in the Management House with six other girls and Daisy Smith, our professor. When it was your week, you were given \$1 per person and you had to plan three meals per day that fed everyone, plus we had to entertain two guests one night and several people another time for dessert. We had to do the marketing and we had to keep a record of every penny we spent, and when we handed in our worksheet, it had to balance. If you dropped a penny you wrote that you dropped a penny and lost it, or you put it in, because there was no room for a penny error. It was an experience.

■ **You hear about** people who have maxed their credit cards. Well, you didn't max anything in the Management House. You had this much money and when you got down to the last dinner you better have something acceptable on the table.

■ **Both home ec. teachers** were unmarried and I always thought this was most interesting.

■ **I dust lightbulbs** and my girls think that is just the craziest thing in the world, but by crackie, that's what Miss Smith checked.

■ **There were four of us** at our 50th reunion from the Management House and we had plenty to laugh about.

■ **Serve to the left**, remove from the right. I still try to remember to do that.

■ **The reason** I've chaired the reunion committee all these years: I like organizing, I like to get together with people, and it became obvious that, because most of my classmates live in other states, if I didn't do it nobody else could.

■ **Boys need to learn** how to sew on a button and cook a meal because there's much more of a shared responsibility in the household today.



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■ **My daughter** Diane who teaches first grade doesn't tell a misbehaving student to sit down quietly, she says, "I like the way Jane is sitting quietly and paying attention, can you do that, too?" I suppose that's OK, but it just seems that in today's classrooms there is a lot of verbiage to make the same point.

■ **I still like rules.** I'm much more comfortable living in a structured setting than a looser one.

■ **Young people today** feel stress far more than I did at their age. I'm concerned about them.

■ **Truly**, I don't think there's as much a problem with children today as with their parents.

■ **We rarely** miss a performance by our grandchildren. Youngsters need to know we are interested and they are supported.

■ **I'm heartened** by the differences in current WMC students, as opposed to maybe 10 years ago. Those who helped at the

50th reunion were charming, dependable and seemed to really enjoy interacting with the older alumni.

■ **My father told me:** It takes a long time to build a good reputation but it takes no time to ruin it.

■ **My husband Bill** fell and broke his hip in January. They waited three days to pin it and he developed pressure sores on his right foot that wouldn't heal. They amputated his lower leg and he is in a wheelchair. It's been a major change in lifestyle for both of us.

■ **If you have the chance** to go on a trip or to do something wonderful, and there's anyway you can manage it, do it now.

■ **We've speculated** about what makes our generation so different about commitment—that many of us have managed to stay married all these years (four of our friends have already celebrated their 50th anniversaries). We're still speculating. •

Hill SPORTS

Track Star Sprints Through Graduation

When the rest of her classmates were marching across the stage to collect their diplomas, Jamie Falcone was sprinting in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and 4x100-meter relay for the final competition of her terrific college track career.

She didn't have to miss out on Commencement, either. A few days earlier, she donned her cap and gown for a private, six-minute graduation ceremony arranged just for her so she could make her third trip to the nationals. Falcone holds 11 school track records and is ranked second in the country in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.9 seconds.

Falcone, who is the first in her family to earn a college degree, considered skipping the championships to go to graduation.

"I know how much my parents have sacrificed to get me here," she told a newspaper reporter from *The Sun*, who covered the quickest Commencement in the



Track star Jamie Falcone didn't have to miss graduation to attend her third and final national competition May 26. The College held a solo commencement for her a few days earlier.

College's history. "Academics come first."

But she couldn't feel comfortable about the idea of missing her last meet. So, Athletic Director James Smith suggested the scaled-down graduation. President Joan Develin Coley and Provost Sam Case supported the idea and congratulated Falcone during the ceremony.

"This is very special," said Coley, who added that she's not worried that Falcone's solo graduation will set any sort of a precedent at the school.

"Jamie, it's an honor to celebrate you today." •

Just Call Them Globe-Trotters

It's not always about winning or losing, but *where* you play the game.

Sure, the women's basketball team lost both games they played during a 10-day tour of France, but their main goal was to see a foreign country, tour historic sites and experience another culture. Coach Becky Martin led 11 team members, nine parents and some faculty from the beaches of Normandy, to Marseilles, to the Riviera, to Paris. Along the way, they were hosted by two basketball teams in Aix-en-Provence and Nice.

"Certainly, the competitor in you wants to win, but that's not what this trip was about," said Martin, pointing out that it was the first time abroad for many of the players. "It was an amazing experience."

Besides, Martin added, the team hadn't touched a basketball since March and had to get used to playing according to International Rules.

"There's a significant difference in the traveling rule with how many steps you can take with the ball in your hands," Martin said. "Their rule allows them to 'take a walk downtown.' We kind of would wait for the whistle to blow and then realize that the extra steps were allowed."

Generous alumni of the women's basketball team donated between \$25 and \$500 toward the \$1,985-per-person cost so players could participate in the team-building experience. •

New Florida Foe Highlights Non-Conference Slate

Four intriguing non-conference games join a six-pack of Centennial Conference showdowns to make up the 2001 football schedule. The 10-game lineup includes the College's first regular-season trip to Florida, when WMC battles the University of Jacksonville Nov. 3.

Western Maryland exits a 9-1 regular season and fourth-straight trip to the NCAA Playoffs. WMC is one of just three programs that can boast NCAA bids in 1997, '98, '99 and 2000. The Green Terror also carries its 28-game Centennial Conference unbeaten streak into the 2001 campaign.

Jacksonville, a non-scholarship NCAA Division I-AA school, enters its fourth season of varsity football under the leadership of former Ursinus head coach Steve Gilbert. The Dolphins finished 3-8 in 2000 and will enter the Pioneer League for the first time this fall.

2001 WMC FOOTBALL

(all games begin 1 p.m. EST)

Sept. 1 @ Bridgewater

Sept. 8 Susquehanna

Sept. 15 @ Gettysburg

Sept. 22 Ursinus *

Sept. 29 @ Muhlenberg

Oct. 6 William Paterson

Oct. 13 @ Dickinson

Oct. 20 F&M **

Oct. 27 idle

Nov. 3 @ Jacksonville

Nov. 10 Johns Hopkins

* Families' Weekend

** Homecoming

Other non-conference opponents include a rematch with Bridgewater College on Sept. 1, the home opener against Susquehanna University on Sept. 8 and a home contest against William Paterson University on Oct. 6.

Bridgewater handed WMC its only regular-season loss of the past four seasons when the Eagles stunned the Green Terror 19-7 to open the 2000 season. BC finished the regular-season 9-1, winning the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and earning a berth in the NCAA Playoffs.

Susquehanna, 7-3 overall and 6-3 in the Middle Atlantic Conference, features record-setting quarterback Mike Bowman, who has set school standards for attempts, yards, touchdowns and total offense.

William Paterson University posted a 2-8 record last year and finished 1-5 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference. Head Coach Larry Arico enters his second season.

WMC will play six conference games this season, compared to seven in years past, because Centennial Conference rival Swarthmore College dropped its football program after the 2000 season.

"We look forward to the challenges that lie ahead in 2001," said Tim Keating, WMC head coach. "This schedule is one that our team, our college and our fans can really get excited about." •

Eye on the Ball

Third baseman Jean Shin was on the losing side of the annual faculty-senior softball competition. But the assistant professor of sociology wrapped up the academic year feeling like a winner.

The game, traditionally played in the final days leading up to Commencement, was one of the culminating activities of Shin's second year on the Hill. More than just a chance to level the playing field with his classroom subordinates, the lively contest offered the kind of casual interaction between tenured professors, new faculty recruits and students that could only happen in this unusually close-knit community.

So what if the Class of 2001 prevailed 8-7? For Shin, an expert in work alienation, the well-attended event was more confirmation that he'd made the right decision to launch his career in academe at this small liberal arts college.

"My experiences over the past two years have exceeded my wildest expectations about being on the faculty here," said Shin, 31. "This is a great place to work."

After earning a Ph.D. from Indiana University, which boasts one of the nation's top graduate programs for sociology, Shin could have gone to a number of institutions. And he might have set his sights on a position at a big research university, were it not for the Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) program, a national initiative that is reaping more respect for college-level teaching and turning on its ear the notion that the best and the brightest should devote themselves solely to research.

Sponsored by the Council of Graduate Schools and the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the eight-year-old program involving 43 doctoral degree-granting institutions transforms the way aspiring faculty members are prepared for their careers. The program provides a

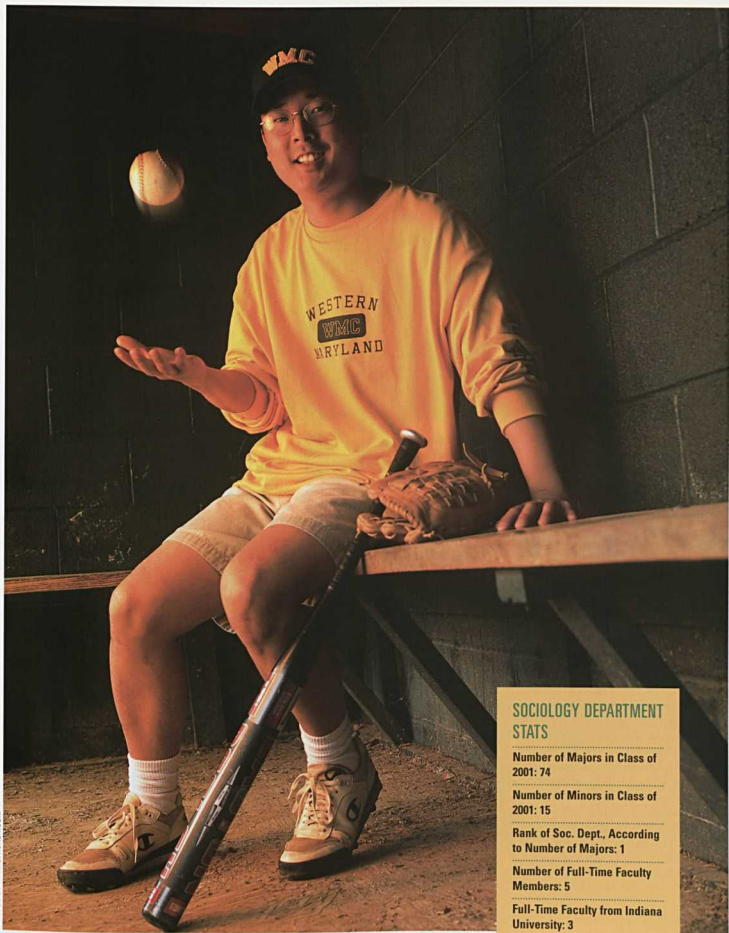
glimpse into life on the job at a variety of academic institutions with varying missions, diverse student bodies, and different expectations for how professors spend their time.

Through the program, Shin learned that "teaching was always going to play second fiddle to research at large universities," and that, "I could still do good research in the right liberal arts college environment, but that being the kind of teacher I wanted to be would be difficult in a large research university."

What's more, his mentors supported his desire to work at a small liberal arts college. A decade ago, graduate advisers coached the stars of their programs to aim only for big-name schools with large departments and teaching assistants to deal with undergrads.

Now, "our position is that there are many different routes to success—success is a matter of finding the right setting," said Brian Powell, Indiana University's director of graduate studies in sociology and co-coordinator of its PFF program. "It's ludicrous to think that a setting in which you can really have some sort of influence on students and be part of a community is somehow less. Yet, graduate students have been made to feel like losers if that's what they aspired to."

While WMC is not officially involved with the PFF program, it has benefited from it in a big way. The sociology department has hired three Indiana hotshots in the past two years to fill slots left vacant by faculty retirements, prompting some back at Indiana's Bloomington campus to jokingly refer to WMC as "Indiana University



SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT STATS

Number of Majors in Class of
2001: 74

Number of Minors in Class of
2001: 15

Rank of Soc. Dept., According
to Number of Majors: 1

Number of Full-Time Faculty
Members: 5

Full-Time Faculty from Indiana
University: 3

Full-Time Faculty 40 or
Younger: 5

Indiana University grad Jean Shin had his pick of jobs. He chose WMC because of its student-centered culture.



"It's amazing how he's at everything... he's so supportive of all we do."

—Stephanie Gulbin '04

East" or "Indiana University, Maryland Campus." Joining Department Chair Debra Lemke and Assistant Professor Lauren Dundes are Indiana grads Shin, Brad Smith and Roxanna Harlow, each of whom sought out the sort of student-centered culture in which tenured faculty would spend one of the first afternoons of their summer break competing against seniors on the softball field.

"It was definitely a gut feeling that this was the right place," said Smith, the tech-savvy teacher of research methods and statistics who Lemke describes as "a genie in a bottle" because he always seems to magically appear when she needs him.

Carla Howery, deputy executive officer of the American Sociological Association, observes that having three faculty from the same graduate program in the same department is rare, even at a large institution. She sees it as a boon for Western Maryland.

"The department has a very congenial group that works together and plans together as whole, so students feel that there's not just one terrific professor here and another one there, but a unified program," said Howery, whose Association provided support to Lemke as she worked to rebuild the department over the past few years. "Deb deserves a lot of credit for her

leadership in hiring these bright, talented faculty members."

Their energy and enthusiasm translates to students, who have flocked to the ever-popular sociology major in even greater numbers. This year, the department graduated 74 majors and 15 minors. Lemke, who at 40 is the oldest of the five (though you'd never know it on the softball field), describes her sociology department as a dream team.

"In most sociology departments, there's the typical turf wars: the Marxists against the structural functionalists; the applied verses the theoretical; the specialist verses the generalist. We don't have any of that," she said. "We eat lunch together, we watch each other's kids. We like hanging out together."

In fact, others on campus have been moved to tease that the sociology faculty "travels in a pack" because of their penchant for showing up at faculty meetings and other events together.

Community is especially important to Shin, a Korean-American whose father is an academic and held positions at various U.S. colleges before accepting a post at a large university in Seoul. He has never lived in one place more than five consecutive years and is eager to set down roots.

On a recent summer morning, Shin sat in his spacious office on the second floor of Hill Hall with a view overlooking the still-quiet town of Westminster and the rolling hills of Carroll County. He had just finished working a guidance day for Admissions and was waiting to meet with a former student who called to ask for his advice. Shin has quickly gained a reputation for sparing no effort when it comes to students.

"It's amazing how he's at everything—every thing—every dinner, every event—he's so supportive of all we do," said

Stephanie Gulbin '04, who often spotted him in the bleachers at her hockey games.

She credits Shin with her decision to come back next year instead of transferring to another school. "I met with him once a week and we had a lot of talks. That's what kept me at WMC. By the time the semester was over, I was crying because I didn't want to leave," she said.

Other students speak of Shin with similar familiarity, citing deeds that go above and beyond his responsibilities as their professor, from calling to check on sick students to helping seniors craft their resumes. Though he commutes from the home he shares with his wife Diem in Leesburg, Va., Shin is typically on campus from early morning until late at night during the academic year. He eats lunch in the dining hall every day, greeting students by name and inviting them to stop by his office to chat.

"It's not just the students who are having problems," said Gulbin, "He's like that with everyone."

Shin, who is now working with the American Sociological Association to bring the Preparing Future Faculty program to other institutions, said he picked a winner in WMC.

"I came here expecting to find an environment for students that emphasized learning and growing with the help of faculty members and administrators. What I've found is that the process works the other way, too," he explained. "I have really appreciated the chance to constantly learn and grow through my interactions with students." •



We Must Cultivate Our Garden

Almost 250 years after the 18th-century French writer penned the last line of *Candide*, the message continues to resonate. Success and personal contentment, Voltaire suggests, come from intellectual curiosity coupled with hard work. This year's bumper crop of graduates—from a social activist, to a French major headed for grad school at American University, to a 41-year-old farmer and single father of five—has put that philosophy into action over the past four years. Here's how some members of the Class of 2001 cultivate their gardens.

—VOLTAIRE

Med School Next for Former Welfare Mom

Organic Chemistry is the crucible of the pre-med program and **Roseann Freundel**, 44, could muster only a "D" the first time she took the dreaded course. She was all too aware that her chances of gaining admission to medical school were diminished if she didn't improve the grade, so she enrolled again and earned a few points shy of an "A".

Her perseverance—and marked improvement—impressed Chemistry Professor Rick Smith. "On average, I have about one or two students per year who retake to increase their grade. Most raise the grade by one, but to go from a 'D' to almost an 'A' is highly unusual," he says.

But not surprising, given all of the other challenges Freundel has conquered in her life. Formerly a stay-at-home mom, Freundel realized after her divorce that she'd need more *(continued)*



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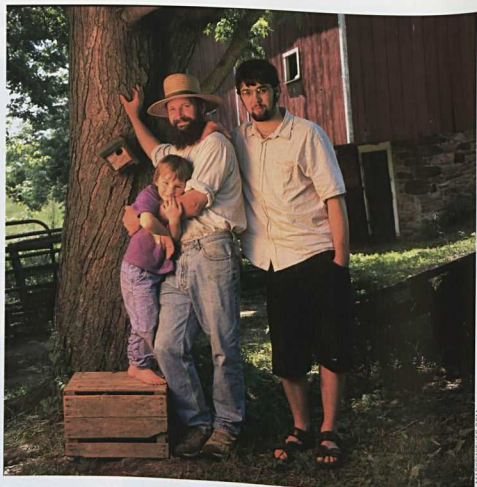
"The Class of 2001 has distinguished itself from its contemporaries academically, through leadership and athletics (especially with this year's Senior Week softball victory over the faculty). And it is through this distinction that we have brought a renewed vigor to this Hill, set the example for other classes to follow, and become a class this institution will remember with pride."

—Jeremiah Kelly,
President of the Class of 2001

than a high school diploma to provide for her two children. She'd always wanted to be a doctor, but decided that was not a practical goal. So she went on welfare, enrolled in nursing school, and emerged with an associate's degree and a well-paying job. Years later, her skills and her salary helped her to care for son Benjamin when he was diagnosed with leukemia. He died in 1994 when he was 15, but she carried on—she still had daughter Jaime to raise.

"I went through my periods of feeling sorry for myself, but then I thought, 'So, where is that going to get me?'" she says. "How could I waste what Benjamin taught me by grieving for the rest of my life and not moving forward?"

Just before her 40th birthday, Freundel remembered her dream. The obstacles to becoming a doctor no longer seemed insurmountable. First, she needed a bachelor's degree. "I came to Western Maryland College and said, 'I can't afford you guys, but is there any way that I can afford you guys?'" In fact, she could. More than 60 percent of WMC students receive need-based awards—from \$200 to full tuition—and her package brought tuition below what she paid for a semester at UMBC.



Recent graduate and Phi Beta Kappa inductee John Carty (middle) did his best not to embarrass son Hezekiah '03 (right).

Jaime, an archeology student at the University of Liverpool, England, encouraged her mother to go for it. "With all of the stuff that we've been through over the years, the both of us have come to learn that there's always a way," says the 20-year-old. "I believe in her and she believes in me." During their daily phone conversations, the mother and daughter often shared particularly complicated passages from their textbooks, asking each other, "Tell me if this makes any sense to you."

Besides conquering organic chemistry, Freundel discovered a hidden talent for sculpture and plans to continue her art work when she's not in classes or studying. She has been accepted at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, ranked number 22 of the Top 50 primary care medical schools in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. Freundel plans to sell the family home in Hampstead this summer before moving to Lewisburg, WV, to begin classes—and a new chapter—in the fall.

"It's amazing the satisfaction that comes when you learn what you're made of and you can do your heart's desire," she says. "Life is for the courageous."

Late Bloomer

Farmer Father of Five Makes Phi Beta Kappa

Compared to the challenges of farming, carpentry and becoming the single parent of five children, John Carty, who graduated with a 3.64 GPA and made Phi Beta Kappa, says WMC's rigorous pre-med program has been "a piece of cake." Known as a "non-traditional" student on campus because of his age, the term "non-traditional" could also apply to most aspects of the 41-year-old's life.

The son of a military man, Carty has lived all over the United States, including Hawaii, and in Australia. The adventurous, straight-A student dropped out of high school, picked up his G.E.D., became a carpenter, and hitchhiked to Alaska where he lived briefly on an Indian reservation, hunting and fishing to feed himself. In 1988, he and his wife bought a 15-acre farm in Westminster and struggled to make a living growing flowers and produce to sell at various markets around Washington, D.C.

Four years ago, Carty, an avid reader and amateur chemist around the farm, decided to cultivate his intellectual garden by pursuing a college degree. His mother Jane

"Someone once said, 'It takes a village to raise a child.' I would also add that it takes a village to educate one."

—Barry Wyche Sr., father of Rasheeda George '01 and Barry Wyche Jr. '98, MS'01



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Carty of Chevy Chase, Md., couldn't have been prouder. "We were very saddened that he didn't go earlier, but he wasn't ready," she says. "You never give up on your kids—you always have secret hopes."

Carty snagged an academic scholarship at WMC that paid half of his tuition. He almost dropped out in his sophomore year after he and his wife separated and he became the primary caregiver to their five children. But with encouragement from his professors and the support of his parents and brothers, Carty made it through the year.

Over the past two years, the iconoclast with the long, bushy beard and the easy laugh has tutored classmates through organic chemistry, the pre-med program's toughest course, and impressed professors with his hard work. Chemistry instructor Marilyn Kroeger Smith describes him as the "ideal" student. "With all he had on his agenda, he took the time to bring beautiful plants to the science building each year, watered them, and pointed out their names and types of flowers they produced," she recalls.

And, of course, Carty has done his best not to embarrass son Hezekiah, 19, also a student at WMC who is making his own mark on the physics department. Hezekiah, Rebekah, 17; Jedediah, 15; Joshua, 6; and Susana, 4, were at Commencement to cheer for their dad. Carty saluted them, too. "I couldn't have done it without my children," he says.

Next on his agenda: either University of Maryland School of Medicine or teaching; taking his flowers to market.

Growing Up Together

Best All-Around Students Helped Each Other Blossom

Don Todt was the serious, slightly stodgy student who graduated at the top of their class in Dillsburg, Pa. Amanda Cline was the socially conscious free spirit who excelled in extracurriculars but was bored by the academics.

Coincidentally, both Northern High School graduates chose to go to the same college. It's not such a coincidence that they graduated with honors as best all-

around students of the Class of 2001. Todt, a French and History double major and Theatre Arts minor, was awarded the Bates Prize, given to the member of the graduating class with the best undergraduate record as a college man. Cline, a sociology major and campus activist, received the Lewis Award for the woman with the best undergraduate record.

Each served as a role model for the other. "Don is, honestly, a mentor to me academically," says Cline. "I was not a serious student in high school. I was bored. I would bring novels to read in class. And



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It's no coincidence that Amanda Cline and Don Todt, both of Dillsburg, Pa., were recognized as best all-around college man and woman. They inspired each other.

then, when I got to Western Maryland, it was like, 'Wow!' I loved everything I was learning. After the first semester of my freshman year, my GPA was high enough for me to be admitted into the Honors Program. But I was nervous about it. Don really helped to reassure me that it was the right place for me."

Todt, meanwhile, learned from Cline and his professors to open his mind to new ideas about the world and his place in it.

"I grew up in a very conservative town, in a very traditional family and was comfortable with the status quo," he says. "In

college, the most valuable thing I learned was to think for myself, to question everything, and to investigate the facts. Basically, I've been instilled with a BS detector."

Todt and Cline arrived as freshmen on campus knowing only

each other. In high school, they were rivals, competing for time with Cline's best friend, whom Todt was dating. But at WMC, they were each other's support system. "We totally relied on each other. We'd get together for an hour or two every week and process what we were going through, laughing and crying," recalls Cline.

It was as if they had entered an entirely new universe. Compared to Dillsburg, the college community of 1,600 undergraduate students from 30 foreign countries, 23 states, and various ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, "was like a teaming metropolis," Cline says. Adds Todt, who attended WMC on an academic scholarship, "It was uncomfortable at times, but I loved it. I tried to embrace everything new and different as quickly as I could."

Todt's personal motto, "We Must Cultivate Our Garden," comes from the last line of *Candide*, which he has read both in English and the original French. "It means we have to keep learning, to remain optimistic and to make the most of our life," he says. After his father died when he was 12, Todt followed the example of his older sister and mother and strived to "look for the bright things." He played trumpet in the college brass and jazz ensembles, was a member of the student activities planning committee, the history and French clubs, and a French tutor. He also honed his performance skills through his involvement in theatre productions and has gained a reputation around campus as a gifted actor.

"Through theatre, Don has been able to loosen up and express his inner self. He's fundamentally free-spirited and loves to tell corny, corny jokes," observes Cline.

Last summer, Todt spent three months studying in France to fulfill a requirement of the French major. One of his most satisfying lessons: "Once you get past the smell, all the cheese is delicious." He became fluent in the language by listening to locals converse on the streets, then writing down

"The college marshalls allow each speaker only three minutes. So when my speech ran 25 minutes at rehearsal—Dr. Lightner, he's the tall guy over there with the big stick, said, 'Cut it down. Nothing you have... can't be shortened to three minutes.'"

—Theatre Professor
Ira Domser



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snippets of their conversations in the International Phonetic Alphabet so he could practice speaking like they did.

"Don has full control of the language, from the most sophisticated levels of literature and history, to the use of street slang," says his French professor, Martine Motard-Noar. He's been accepted in American University's graduate program in French studies and will move to D.C. in the summer with his girlfriend and two friends.

Cline has already been accepted into two different master's programs. She was even offered a full ride at one of them. But she has decided to defer graduate school because she wants to teach in the Baltimore City public school system, to use some of what she's learned over the past four years to empower minorities and disadvantaged youths.

"Trust me—I don't have any 'Dangerous Minds' illusions," says the fair-skinned blonde, referring to the movie about a white teacher who transforms a ghetto classroom. "Honestly, I know I won't be able to personally relate to the experience of living in poverty or being oppressed. I can't change who I am, all I can do is offer what I know."

Cline didn't let her skin color—or lack of it—stop her from helping to establish and then becoming president of the Asian Community Coalition, even though the rest of the group's 16 active members are of Asian descent. "I wanted to learn about the Asian culture and I, in turn, brought my activism. The Asian population on campus was underrepresented," she says.

The young woman with the "Impeach Starr" bumper sticker on her car feels she is called to community activism and has been answering that call all four years on campus. Cline wrote for the student news-

paper, led the Christian Fellowship women's prayer group and participated in student government. Off campus, she volunteered as a youth mentor and volunteered at Westminster's Domestic Violence Services.

She knows first-hand about self-empowerment. When family illnesses caused financial hardship at

home, Cline assumed the responsibility of paying for half of her tuition. She waitressed, became a Resident Adviser, and recently began working with mentally disadvantaged adults.

Both Todt and Cline say they'll miss "everything" about WMC and the community they have become so much a part of. Each say they leave as much better people—and friends.

"I'm really proud of Amanda, she really took this place by storm and has really found herself. She has matured immensely



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and has become the person she wants to be and needs to be," Todt says.

Says Cline about Todt, "He is a totally different man—and I say *man*. Don isn't just playing the game anymore, doing whatever is expected to get by. He is in a place where he can accomplish whatever he wants on his terms." •

Grads Head Back to the Classroom

TOP GUNS

Don't close the curtain on the **Matt Burger** and **Jeremiah Kelly** show just yet. AKA Goose (Matt) and Maverick (Jeremiah, below) after their fave Top Gun film characters, the friends are both headed to George Washington University's grad program in public policy. Matt hopes to work as a higher ed.



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GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

After finishing up her student teaching next year, **Carrie Newman** (below right) will seek a classroom to call her own. Prerequisite for her chosen school district: It must be close enough for dinner visits with Dean Barb

Horneff. Carrie, a regular in Horneff's kitchen for homemade Italian and other dishes, already has the lesson plan for a hands-on field trip for her elementary students. Let's see...there's math in the recipes, a thank-you note for writing practice, all of the Italian words would touch on spelling, a quick history of Italy takes care of social studies and there's a lot of science in eating and digestion. But just in case she can't get by for special dinners now, Barb and husband Don presented her with her very own potato ricer to make gnocchi, one of Carrie's favorites. (Pick up your own copy of Horneff's cookbook in the College store.)

MISSION POSSIBLE

President of the Women's Issues Group at WMC and peer mentor for freshmen who needed help finding their way, **Rasheeda George** (opposite page, 2nd from left) hopes to move from helping college students to a job that puts her in touch with high school seniors who need help with the high school/college transition. She'll share the lessons she learned through years spent with the Black Student Union and Multicultural Students Association—when you work together as a team, anything is possible. And she had a great team with her Commencement day, as dad Barry Wyche Sr., was the undergraduate parent speaker and brother, **Barry Wyche Jr. '98**, picked up his master's degree in human resources development.

WINNING FORMULAS

Triple major (mathematics, political science and German) **Clint McKay** took the summer to



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decide his future. McKay completed his senior honors project on orthogonal polynomials. He employed the residue theorem from complex analysis to find the generating function for the orthogonal family with respect to bound function

$w(x) = \text{one on the unit interval. Wow!}$ His other honors project was "The Heirs of Dr. Strangelove: Does America Need a Nuclear Missile?" Clint is accepted into the Maxwell School of Syracuse U for a Ph.D. in political science and has a job offer from the NSA as a mathematician. Four years at WMC wasn't enough for this savvy time-manager to pursue other interests like P-chem and "to make par on the golf course."

BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE

Bianca Locke-Wilson (below, right), left behind a butterfly for the Multicultural Services display case. The college years brought necessary changes in her life, she explains. "I was a caterpillar and now I'm a butterfly." She'll look for a job in human resources and will head to grad school in the near future.



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FINDING THE WORDS

Her parents were the first to hold her diploma, says English major **Kara Wnukowski** (above). "They've sacrificed a lot for me...gotten me out of college debt-free," she adds. These four years flew by for Kara who has quietly gathered strength as a future writer and had fun along the way, especially poolside as a four-year varsity swimmer. "I love the campus in the spring, on the first warm day, when it suddenly comes alive." Sounds like a great first line.

BEHIND THE SCENES

She desired to be an artist, a writer, then an astronaut, but found her passion in directing. Theatre major **Joy Thomas** has taken nearly



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all of WMC's theatre classes, performed or worked behind the scenes with nine productions and, this spring, directed *Impossible Marriage*. With her trademark black wardrobe packed, Joy is

Georgetown-bound where she will teach and direct at the National Conservatory of the Dramatic Arts. Also packed will be her favorite lipliner (which she says can always double as an eyeliner).

STANDING OVATION

Cassandra Domser (bottom row, far right), daughter of Theatre-on-the-Hill Director Ira Domser, practically grew up on campus. She played the daughter of lead actor in *End of the World, Symposium to Follow*, at age 6. Her line: "Daddy, can you fix this?" Theatre arts major, art and art history minor, Cassie has been stage manager for TOTH; light designer for *Impossible Marriage*; set designer for *The Dining Room*, and costume designer for *Marat/Sade*. Her next call is planned for grad. studies at Rutgers U or the National Shakespeare Company.



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WATCH WHERE YOU PARK THE TANK

Paul Lebo (far left) will head to Fort Knox, Ky. in October to learn to operate a tank, a U.S. Army assignment he requested because "I thought it looked like the most fun," he says. "Tanks look like a grown-up's toy." This graduate of WMC's ROTC program has already been taught to parachute from a plane and to repel from a helicopter, but he's never set foot in a tank. He doesn't expect to get claustrophobia, though: as the officer in command of the armored vehicle, he'll get to ride with his head outside of the tank.

LAW AND WATER

Amanda Leshner has spent the summer directing camp for the Anne Arundel Dept. of Rec. and Parks and will begin law studies in the fall at U. of Md. Law school. Her planned focus is contracts and copyright law. "Who knows what fascinates me," she says. Also, **Rana Razaque** heads off to law school at Michigan State.

OHIOGAZAMOS, MISTER MANNA

Mike Manna knows a little Japanese (such as the above phrase which translates to "good morning"), and he'll know more when he heads to the island nation to join the Japanese Exchange Teaching Program to teach English as a second language to junior high students. After studying in Budapest last year, he says he longed to experience yet another culture.



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REUNION WEEKEND 2001

They came for one-day workshops on everything from genealogy to financial planning, to party N'awlins-style and to ride the "jolly trolley." But the biggest draw for the 410 alumni ranging in age from 22 to 90 who returned to the Hill May 4-6 was the other alumni—and future alumni—in attendance. Our photographer didn't once have to prompt these happy revelers to smile.



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Steve Ports '83 (far right) and his band Klassixx entertained alumni.



Don Rembert '61, College Provost Sam Case '63 and Ken Gill '61.



(from left) Joe Menendez '81 catches up with classmates Steve Asroff and Susan Dean-Asroff.

Mike McDonald '86 showed daughter Maddie, 4, the fun spots on campus.



News from ALUMNI

Crowe Joins Alumni Team

Katie Crowe '00 who served in various student leadership roles, has been named assistant director of Alumni Affairs. She joins the Alumni Affairs staff directed by Robin Brenton '86 and will work with selected alumni classes celebrating reunions, coordinate and assist with the annual Sports Hall of Fame banquet and serve as liaison to the Admissions Office in support of alumni-admissions initiatives. She earned a B.A. degree in sociology with a business concentration and participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

Prior to joining the staff, Crowe handled business operations for Maxim Group of Columbia, Md. •

Students Benefit from Rise in Scholarship Giving

Endowed scholarship funds provided 263 students with

financial assistance valued at more than \$1.4 million for the 2000-01 academic year, while annual scholarship donors contributed funding for an additional 92 awards totaling \$358,000.

Scholarships help the College to recruit talented students like Steve Sharkey '02, this year's Gerald Hopple Scholarship recipient, who is intensely involved in student government and has assumed other leadership roles on campus. At a recent appreciation luncheon, he emphasized the uniqueness of the WMC experience and repeatedly thanked donors for helping to make the experience available to other students. "I would not have been able to attend WMC without the financial support I've received," he said.

About 85 percent of students receive some type of financial aid, many of whom are inspired to help younger generations of students once they are established in their careers. While the amount of financial aid provided to students through annual and endowed scholarship funds has increased significantly in recent years, it

Belize Trip Not Just for Students

We would like to profusely apologize to past generations of WMC graduates for not thinking of our "Fishing and Diving in Belize" January Term sooner. To compensate for this grievous academic oversight, we are planning an alumni version of this popular offering for 2002 in late May or early June. The trip will be for one week and will feature extensive opportunities to snorkel, fish and explore Mayan ruins. The cost for air, lodging, and tours will be in the range of \$1,200-\$1,400. If you're interested, e-mail Herb Smith at hsmith@wmc.edu or call 410/857-2413.

*Herb Smith, professor of political science
Brian Wladkowski, assistant professor of chemistry*

represents only about 12 percent of the \$15 million Western Maryland provides in annual scholarships.

Want to make a difference? The College welcomes inquiries from potential donors who are interested in, as Sharkey puts it, "leaving the woodpile a little higher."

Call Toni Condon, director of major gifts, at 410/857-2258. •

Australia Tour Set for February, Canadian Rockies Fall 2002

John "Jack" Baile '62, M.Ed. '73 has signed on as your alumni host for an amazing tour through Australia and New Zealand Feb. 6-27, 2002. Baile, an antiques dealer and retired Carroll County teacher and administrator, knows how to have fun abroad—he and wife Carole have traveled to England and Paris, as well as all over the United States and Canada.

This tour will take participants 22 days "down under" in Cairns, Melbourne and Sydney, Australia; Christchurch, Queenstown, Rotorua and Auckland, New Zealand; with optional three-night extensions in the Outback and/or Fiji Sheraton Denarau Island Resort, Nadi. Highlights include: a deluxe catamaran cruise led by marine biologists who will lecture on the vibrant marine life of the Great Barrier Reef; a behind-the-scenes tour of the Sydney Opera House, and a visit to the famous Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve and Rainbow Springs.

An 11-day odyssey through Canada is planned for September, 2002. Alumni Affairs Director Robin Brenton will host the tour through: Vancouver and Kamloops in British Columbia; Banff National Park; Jasper National Park; Alberta and Toronto.

For information on either of these trips, call the Alumni Affairs office at 410/857-2296. •



Former student leader Katie Crowe '00 will continue to motivate classmates in her new position with the Alumni Affairs office.

\$8 Million Gift Boosts Endowment

It took 50 years—and the gift of his college yearbook—for Thomas Howard Eaton to return to his alma mater to reunite with his classmates. After earning his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Western Maryland College, Eaton successfully followed a career that took him from New Jersey to California and from Ontario to Louisiana with his beloved bride Catharine "Kitty" Welker Eaton by his side.

"Both Tom and Kitty understood the need to support private higher education and were committed to the strength of a liberal arts background"

—President Joan Develin Coley

Seven decades later, a bequest of more than \$8 million from the Eatons' joint estate has been donated to Western Maryland College, making this couple the most generous donors in the College's history. This bequest is earmarked for the College's endowment, which is a top priority.

"Both Tom and Kitty understood the need to support private higher education and were committed to the strength of a

liberal arts background," said President Joan Develin Coley, who announced the Eatons' bequest as the books closed on a record-setting fundraising year.

"No college can reach its potential without a healthy endowment," added Coley. "As our endowment grows so does our ability to fund educational projects and additional scholarships."

As of May 31, the College's endowment was \$56.5 million, double its size from five years ago. In the last decade and prior to this \$8 million gift, the College has received more than \$13.4 million in bequests and trusts which have been of critical importance in building the endowment, reducing physical plant debt and funding academic programs.

"In making this planned gift, the Eatons demonstrated their steadfast devotion to this College and amply expressed exceptional stewardship," Coley added. "They recognized how important the endowment is in helping to educate future generations."

How fortuitous it was that former WMC President Ralph John located the 1927 yearbook and forwarded it to his friend, Tom Eaton, prior to his 50th class anniversary. Tom had never attended a reunion and was anxious that he wouldn't remember any of his classmates, but a copy of the *Aloha* from his senior year piqued his memory—and his curiosity. Dr. John's widow, Dot, remembers



Catharine and Thomas Eaton left \$8 million to WMC, making them the most generous donors in the College's history.

that both Tom and Kitty arrived on campus for Alumni Weekend and immensely enjoyed themselves. Visits were frequent after that reunion; the Eatons traveled often to campus and loved being guests in the President's House. "If Kitty were alive today, she would be dancing with joy," said Dot John, noting that several antiques from the Eaton estate are now residing in the president's home.

As for Tom, the corporate executive, grain farmer, conservationist, world traveler, and devoted College trustee, his yearbook profile is particularly prophetic. It reads, "...to us he is known as 'Tom' and he shall always be enshrined in our hearts as a friend." •

The Eatons: Devoted To Each Other, Generous To Their Many Friends

Thomas Eaton was born in 1904 in Reedy, W.V., and graduated from Western Maryland in 1927 with a degree in chemistry. Catharine Welker Eaton was born in Bethlehem, Pa., in 1907 and graduated from the Moravian Seminary and College in 1924. Tommy and Kitty, as they were known to their many dear friends, married Nov. 24, 1930. The couple lived in California, Louisiana, Canada and New York during Tom's 38-year career with the Johns-Manville Corp., where

he worked as a chemist, quality control supervisor, superintendent of quality control and plant manager. From 1955 to 1969, he served as vice-president of the company.

Following Tommy's retirement, the couple moved to Royal Oak, Md., where he launched a successful second career as a grain farmer in Talbot and Caroline counties. They resided in Three Chimneys, a classic country estate Kitty fell in love with the first time she drove down the long, tree-lined driveway to the large, white house. She and Tommy would stand on the front portico to welcome guests, many of whom were friends they met through the College.

The Eatons enjoyed a long and continuous association with Western Maryland College. They loved to travel, and one of their favorite places to visit was the Hill. Tom was elected as an honorary member of the Board of Trustees in 1978 and received an honorary degree from WMC in 1986. Later that same year, the Eatons' generosity was recognized at a dedication ceremony naming the Eaton Lobby of the College's new Physical Education Learning Center in their honor. Kitty's civic and community contributions, her encouragement and support of Tom and his environmental activities, and her love and adoption of the College as her own were recognized in 1990,

She learned to love—and master—the unexpected.

When Catharine Mary Welker said "I do" to Thomas Eaton on Nov. 24, 1930 she promised to love, honor and obey—and to be mobile. Little did she know that her commitment to her husband would require her to become an expert at relocation: the couple moved 33 times in their first three decades of marriage as a result of Eaton's success as a corporate manager.

Kitty learned by experience to meet the challenge of moving and honed her house-hunting skills as the couple moved coast to coast. Twice during stays in California, once in 1945, and again in 1958, the Eatons built new homes and two days before they were to move in—with the furniture already on the vans—Eaton, a longtime executive for Johns-Manville, was transferred to a new location.

"It takes me about one week to settle in a new home," she was quoted as saying in an article published in the *Toledo, Ohio, Blade* in 1962. "In fact people have visited us two days after we moved in and said it looked as though we had lived there for months."

At times Kitty was forced to auction off valuable antiques which she had spent years collecting, many of which were inherited from her mother who was a buyer for the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. It's no wonder that she cherished their final move to Royal Oaks, Md., where together they shared two decades at their classic country estate both serving active roles in the Easton-area community.

"They were very modest, unassuming people and were devoted to each other in every way," said Woody Preston '44 who served as Eatons' attorney.

"Kitty left the decisions to Tom but, privately, I think he always consulted her on most everything."

Kitty was known as the more outgoing of the pair, and friends all tell the story of the couple's 60th wedding anniversary to illustrate her unflappability and graciousness. The clubhouse of the Talbot County Country Club burned down the day of the big celebration. Preston remembers how Kitty deftly relocated the party to the Tidewater Inn and stood in the club's driveway so she could personally redirect guests, then magically appeared at the new location to greet them.

"The party went on; she never missed a beat," recalls Preston. •



Tom Eaton in the 1927 *Aloha*. The write up aptly notes "he shall always be enshrined in our hearts as a friend."

when she was elected an honorary trustee and awarded an honorary master's degree. In gratitude for the many years of devoted service that both Tom and Kitty gave to the College, the Thomas H. and Catharine W. Eaton Fund for Campus Enhancement was established by the Board of Trustees in December 1998.

At home, the Eatons were equally generous with their time and money. The couple was honored for their donation to the Nature Conservancy of an unusual 190-acre tract in Caroline County. The property near Denton, named the Eaton Wetlands Preserve, has a series of saucer-shaped ponds called whale-wallows that are flooded seasonally.

Some scientists think these watery depressions were created by meteors, but others have hypothesized that they were created thousands of years ago by stranded whales that wallowed like hogs and created depressions in the earth. The wallows are home to colonies of green and blue heron, black ducks, mallards, wood ducks and the carpenter frog.

The Eatons were unpretentious, good-natured people who enjoyed cruising with WMC alumni, throwing lovely birthday parties for one another and hosting dinner parties to celebrate their wedding anniversaries. Kitty did everything with enthusiasm and class—even crabbing. During the season, she retrieved at least a half-bushel a day of the

crustaceans from the pots near the pier at the back lawn of their home, then cooked, cleaned and picked them.

Tommy was active in many service organizations, including the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, as well as the Royal Oak United Methodist Church. Kitty was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Easton Women's Club, The St. Michael's Women's Club, the Edge Creek Boat Club, the Izaak Walton League, the Talbot Country Club and the Royal Oak United Methodist Church.

The couple had no children, and Tommy and Kitty were devoted to each other. Kitty carried the load as Tommy's health began to decline. She handled moving from Three Chimneys to a new, large "cottage" in William Hill Manor. She worked with the plans and decorator while visiting Tommy in the Manor Health Care Center. In a letter to a friend, she wrote, "I'm very worried about Tommy—each day I notice a change..." Yet, she was able to add: "I'm very grateful for everything so far."

When Tom died May 15, 1995, the couple had been married 64 years. Soon after, Kitty met with friends from the College in the sunroom of the couple's cottage at William Hill Manor and rocked in the WMC chair she loved. When asked how she was, she said, laughing, "Happy as I can be for an old lady in her rocking chair!" Kitty died in her home July 12, 1999 at the age of 92. •

Bernice Beard, '74, MLA '81; a longtime College employee and friend of the Eatons, contributed to these stories.

Tom Eaton salutes his alma mater, which awarded him an honorary doctorate degree in 1986.



In Memoriam

Mrs. Adele Owings Clark '25, of Owings, Md., on January 11, 2001.
Mrs. Edith Case Stem '29, of Westminster, Md., on June 22, 2000.
Miss M. Virginia Stoner '32, of Westminster, Md., on April 15, 2001.
Mrs. Blanche Hurd Morison '33, of Salisbury, N.C., on January 28, 2001.
Mrs. Harmeine von Eiff Kenney '34, of Frederick, Md., on January 27, 2001.
Mr. William B. Jones '34, of Bel Air, Md., on January 15, 2001.
Mrs. Margaret Witherup Long '35, of Cumberland, Md., on January 10, 2000.
Mrs. Edith Forney Cameron '35, of Rising Sun, Md., on October 4, 2000.
Mrs. George H. Armacost Jr. '36, of Hunt Valley, Md., on February 14, 2001.
Mrs. Nellie Hoffman Lantz '37, of New Windsor, Md., on February 6, 2001.
Mr. Charles Froehlich Jr. '37, of Baltimore, Md., on May 3, 2001.
Dr. A. Lamar Cooper '38, of Dallas, Texas, on May 17, 2001.
Mrs. Jane Long Fulk '38, of Lenexa, Kan., on December 2, 2000.
Mr. Joseph W. Drugash '39, of Seaford, Del., on February 17, 2001.
Mrs. Beulah Griffin Curtis '40, of Pioneer, Calif., on December 30, 2000.
Mrs. Grace Giltner McLaughlin '40, of Madison, N.J., on February 15, 2001.
Mrs. Mildred Miller McGrew '41, of Westminster, Md., on January 5, 2001.
Rev. Lawrence L. Brown '42, of Stewartstown, Pa., on July 15, 2000.
Mrs. Mildred Hoke Renshaw '43, of Annapolis, Md., on January 5, 2001.
Mr. Emory F. Gross '44, of Towson, Md., on February 22, 2001.
Mrs. Thelma Morris Strohmaier '44, of Upper Marlboro, Md., on October 18, 2000.
Mr. Dennis F. Blizard '45, of Lutherville, Md., on May 7, 2001.
Mrs. Olive Jones Culison '46, of Sykesville, Md., on January 11, 2001.
Mrs. Betty L. Bowman Butcher '46, of Severna Park, Md., on April 12, 2001.

Mrs. Frances Wahmann Zapf '46, of Sarasota, Fla., on February 18, 2001.
Mrs. Betty Blades Neves '47, of Boynton Beach, Fla., on October 20, 2000.
Rev. Otto G. Brewer Jr. '48, of Laurel, Del., on January 27, 2001.
Mr. Ellis H. Bruner '48, of Wolcott, N.Y., on January 26, 2001.
Miss Betty L. Day '50, of Sarasota, Fla., on January 16, 2001.
Mr. Thomas H. Sands '50, of Hanover, Pa., on February 5, 2001.
Mr. James R. Handler '50, of Manchester, Md., on April 23, 2001.
Rev. N. Elsworth Bunce Jr. '51, of Baltimore, Md., on May 4, 2001.
Mrs. Dorothea Schmidt Rettew '52, of Phoenix, Md., on May 23, 2001.
Mr. Donald M. Salganik '54, of Baltimore, Md., on September 11, 2000.
Rev. J. Richard Huffines '56, of Edgewood, Md., on September 8, 2000.
Rev. Paul B. Stevens '57, of Randallstown, Md., on January 12, 2001.
Ms. Priscilla Von Eiff Beck-Steinber '59, of Deerfield, Fla., on May 20, 2001.
Mr. Kenneth B. Giddes Jr. '59, of Atlanta, Ga., on January 27, 2001.
Mrs. Carolyn Markle Hoome '59, of Seaside, Ore., on March 2, 2001.
Mr. Paul T. Stretton '60, of Columbia, Md., on December 8, 2000.
Mr. Daniel D. Schaeffer '95, of Westminster, Md., on April 9, 2001.
Mrs. Chrystal M. Clifford '90, of Reisterstown, Md., on February 17, 2001.
Dr. Julie O. Badiee, professor art history, of Westminster, Md., on May 20, 2001.
Dr. Leon E. Hickman, honorary doctor of laws 1958, of Mt. Lebanon, Pa., on June 10, 1999.
Rev. Merrill W. Drennan, honorary doctorate of divinity 1970, of Chevy Chase, Md., on November 1, 2000.
Mr. William A. Hoffman Med '57, of Wilmington, Del., on January 19, 2001.

Mrs. Elaine Tomko Geisz Med '75, of Phoenix, Md., on April 3, 2001.
Miss Polly A. Schultz Med '75, of Manchester, Md., on April 26, 2001.
Mrs. Susan P. Bare Med '81, of Woodbine, Md., on December 25, 2000.
Mrs. Doris Solder Walker Med '86, of Brodbeck, Pa., on February 24, 2001.
Mr. Frank W. Carman Jr., trustee emeritus, of Towson, Md., on April 20, 2001.

Max Andrew Grossguth, on April 12, 2001, to Jay and Heather Roy '95 Grossguth.
Owen Alexander Buede, on February 12, 2001, to Paul and Jessica Casalapso '97 Buede.
Aron Laszlo Lanza, on April 18, 2001, to Andras and Nicole Lehmann '99 Lanza.

Master's News

Last fall, Congress bestowed a parting gift on retiring U.S. Congressman **William F. Goodling Med '57** providing \$6 million to launch a family literacy institute in his name at the Pennsylvania State University. The retired Seven Valley Republican, principal supporter of the Even Start literacy program, said he expected to play a role in the management of what will be called the William F. Goodling Institute for Research in Family Literacy. The Goodling Institute will be part of the Penn State College of Education, not a separate organization. Bill has joined a Washington-based lobbying and public relations firm, Sagamore Associates. He will consult with its clients on education, child nutrition and workforce training issues.

Vernon Smith Jr. Med '76, assistant superintendent of administration for Carroll County, will retire after 30 years as a teacher and administrator in county schools. He has supervised building a number of schools in Carroll County. He was the director of school support services from 1987 until 1998, when he became the assistant superintendent.

The Carroll County Board of Education recognized **Elissa Mattheis Streaker Med '78** as the county's Teacher of the Year. Elissa, who has worked in education for 27 years, teaches English and serves as the alternative education service learning coordinator at the Gateway alternative school.

Congratulations to **Leo Totten MS '87**, who was inducted into the Carroll County Sports Hall of Fame, April 11, 2001. Leo was a three-sport athlete at Westminster High School and West Chester State College. He coached volleyball, track and field, gymnastics and tennis in Carroll County, guided Francis Scott Key High School to 1996 state volleyball title and is its current athletics director. He was the head coach for the U.S.A. weight lifting team at such prestigious meets as the world championships from 1989-91, and is a three-time head coach at the U.S. Olympic Festival.

Cheryl Warfield McDonough MS '95, a first-grade teacher at Winfield Elementary, was named along with seven other county teachers as a Carroll County Outstanding Teacher. **Kara Sommer MS '98** has joined the staff of Carroll Community College. Her responsibilities include academic and career advising and transfer counseling.

Marriages

Jennifer Veteto '94 to Will Bain on January 27, 2001. They reside in Colorado Springs, Colo.
Michael Hardesty '82, MS '88 to Sheila Nickles on October 14, 2000. They reside in Littlestown, Pa.
Melissa Hallmark '90 to Chris Kerr on December 16, 2000. They reside in Annapolis, Md.
Wendy Wilson '90 to Paul Leatherman on July 1, 2000. They reside in Myersville, Md.
Kim Andrews '90 to Kevin O'Connor '88 on April 1, 2000. They reside in Severna Park, Md.
Tania Huzarzewicz '90 to Forrest Baumhauer on October 7, 2000. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.
Mare Sheehan '96 to John Gallen on December 2, 2000. They reside in Turnersville, N.J.
Sandra Elinman '96 to Randy Hoyle on November 1, 2000. They reside in Jupiter, Fla.
Kathleen Snyder '99 to Jamie Shambaugh on September 16, 2000. They reside in Newport, Pa.
Deborah Bland '00 to Kevin Roberts on March 24, 2001. They reside in Jacksonville, N.C.
Jessica Stickle '01 to John Wilson Jr. on January 6, 2001. They reside in Westminster, Md.

Births

Carmyn Petra Cumberley, on October 12, 2000, to Eric '86 and Julie Cumberley.
Ryan Wilson and Sydney Virginia Nolley, on January 20, 2001, to George and Sharon Eimer '86 Nolley.
James Doyle Boggs, on October 5, 2000, to James and Carolyn Bentz '90 Boggs.
Kira Elizabeth Barth, on August 25, 2000, to Scott and Kristen Mowery '90 Barth.
Benjamin Cleveland, on November 22, 2000, to Michael '90 and Laura Brown '90 Cleveland.
Jessica Grace Geisler, on May 14, 2000, to Todd and Judith Leister '90 Geisler.
Kyle Joseph Kunzer, on December 25, 2000, to Mike '90 and Debbie Camara '90 Kunzer.
Rebecca Marianne Lang, on September 3, 2000, to Gregory '90 and Colleen Dolan '90 Lang.
Alyssa Chesney, on July 14, 2000, to Ron Chesney '93 and Denise Sarver '96.

Emeriti Trustee Frank Carmen Dies

Frank W. Carman, emeriti trustee who worked his way from bank teller to executive vice-president of The Savings Bank of Baltimore, died April 20 at the age of 82.

A graduate of Baltimore College of Commerce and the Graduate School of Savings and Banking at Brown University, Carman also served in the Army during World War II and achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was elected to the WMC Board of Trustees in 1976 and elected to emeritus status in 1991. Carman gave generously to the College over the years and was a leading contributor to the Physical Dimension Campaign, which culminated in the construction of the Physical Education Learning Center. In 1980, President Ralph John recognized him for his distinguished service as chairman of "Operation Renovation." His commitment to WMC went beyond his substantive financial contribution. Over the years, he continued to recommend dozens of student applicants for admission to WMC. He is survived by his wife Ruth, his daughter Carol Mettman, step-daughters Carol Grossmann, Vicki Petings and Mary Rozzell, his sister Doris Stockbridge, grandchildren Whitney and Holt Mettman, and great-nephew, Scott Hendrick '04.

CLASSNOTES

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Adolph and Bill '41, Libbie Tyson Koether, Ethel Hale Talbert, Kathryn Tipton Kerr and Margaret Daughton '44, and Jim Elliot '48, who started with our class and then joined the Armed Forces.

Esther Roop Hough sorted, categorized and boxed her collection of over 400 cookie cutters, some of which get used almost every week. She has a one-year-old great-granddaughter.

Bill Vincent, recovering from a fractured hip (last spring), is still hanging onto their boat but using it less.

Dotie Attix Meyer Woods has married her first husband Duffy. Since he is a Pearl Harbor survivor they plan to visit for the 60th anniversary December 7, 2001. On the same trip they plan to visit Australia and New Zealand. In June they plan a steamboat cruise on the Columbia River.

Wes Sheffield and Luise Grow '43 vacationed in Ireland last summer and are back to teaching weekly classes—women's intuition for Luise and creative writing and tennis for him.

Don Griffin is still playing the flute. He played in a concert in February.

Zach and Agnes Ebaugh are rather adventurous for their age. They are building a home closer to Agnes's relatives and friends. "Besides, there is a lot more activity there."

Celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary was **Mary Crosswhite** and **Owen Ringwald's** biggest news. Then seven of them took a trip to Hawaii—two children and spouses and Mary's sister.

Jim "Pete" Townsend had open heart surgery in July to replace an aorta valve and a couple of bypasses. "Lost most of the rest of the year recovering ... Glad to report all went well as I am now back to playing tennis three times a week and golf one time. Spent Thanksgiving with daughter and her family at Galveston Beach, Texas."

David Osborn has come to value more highly than ever the fruit and vegetables that are grown and prepared with little salt, sugar, oil, and strong spices. "In my 80th year I rely heavily upon diesel for spraying of fruit and vegetable gardening because the

acreage is so taxing otherwise. If health permits, I aspire to continue writing, horticulture and gardening for a while. I am hoping to learn more heavily on computers and related attachments to make life easier."

Charlotte Hauser Mullendore thinks I have a difficult job but I look forward to your cards—just wish there were more of them.

Ed and Louise Young Thomas are still busy with their church activities. They are planning a family gathering in July with their five children and families to celebrate Louise's big 80.

Jane Fraley Robinson reports that **Robbie '41** is very active at WMC—especially the coming reunion. Their sons and their wives are working hard at their careers. Hope we will see them at our 60th next year.

Mickey Reynolds Adolph and Bill '41 have had knee replacements in the past year and hope to get back to golf this Spring. They are happy in their new condo—a change of pace. They spent time at Point Clear, Ala. with **Donald '41 and Martha 'Martha' Hodgson '43** Honeman in January, and a week at their time-share in Williamsburg in February. In March they were in Newport Beach, Calif. for a week and in May they plan to go for a week each to Paris, London and Scotland with Mary and Don Honeman.

It was great to hear from **Edna Triesler Jess**. Her brother **Henry '41** visited her for Christmas. (He is really enjoying life.) "My faithful little dog and I are both hanging in here and taking care of each other. It keeps me busy trying to knock out all the forces who want us to give up."

Since **Mollie Wheatly Roemer** had nine close relatives attend WMC after her, she visited the Hill often. Mollie's husband died in August 2000 after 58 years of marriage. Now she is looking forward to getting active again playing her saxophones, clarinet and bassoon. "I'll be 80 years old in July and hope to be playing for the next 20 years, be the good Lord willing."

Janice Ventsen Ellenberg's husband's health doesn't allow for much traveling ... but Janice gets to an occasional art workshop—in March to Charleston, S.C. Mostly she is involved with their cooperative gallery which is doing well ... but her painting. They see **Rudy Caltrider Frank and Janke** once or twice a year when they go to Alabama.

There was a delightful letter from **Lynn Bertholf Westcott** who hopes to return for our 60th reunion. "A lot will depend on Daddy. He is 101 and in

pretty good physical condition." Lynn's mother died in 1999. Dr. Bertholf recovered nicely from a quadruple bypass in late December 1998 until January 8 of this year when he had a "small" stroke. Since then Lynn has been staying with him. She has a part-time job as parish nurse for First United Methodist Church of Normal, Ill. and loves it. "We have about 1,600 members and it is a very active and exciting church with which to be associated." Her son Jon and his wife plan to adopt a toddler Chinese girl—hopefully by next November or December. Lynn's daughter Anne Bailey lives in Massachusetts and is the mother of Lynn's only grandchild who is "7", going on 17.

Nathan Niles wrote that he and **Margaret Rudy Niles** had to sell their boat in July. He misses it. I know how he feels because Jack and I sold our sailboat about four years ago and he still misses it a lot.

Besides the "real fun things" at their retirement home **Lee Kindley** and **Mary** both do volunteer work at the nursing home which is attached to their independent living facilities. Their son and family live only about an hour from them so they see them often. Their daughter and family live in Oak Ridge, Tenn., so they travel to see them a couple of times a year. Lee still does some bicycling on the trails around Washington and swims in the indoor pool at the retirement center.

Glady's Crowson Crab was saddened by the deaths of **Lawrence Brown** and **Jane Harrison**. She had visited with Jane not too long before she died and talked to her frequently while she was in the Care Center at the Charleston Retirement Community in Catonsville. The year before last Jane compiled letters that she had written to her dad and grandmother over the years when she had been in the WAC and various other jobs. She compiled them with narrative and exposition into a book—a copy of which she gave to the WAC museum. "The book is truly inspirational." Glady's has spent time visiting grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Colorado, California, and Tennessee. She helps the church secretary, reads to first-graders, teaches stories for the college TV channel, swims and works out at a fitness center.

Frank Tarbuton's family has been traveling. Both daughters spent Christmas with him. Then **Lynn Tarbuton Cummings '72** and family vacationed in Spain while their older son Kyle spent three weeks in Costa Rica with his high school Spanish class. In May Lynn went with Frank to Europe for a "nostalgic" last reunion with members of the 76th Infantry

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Division. Carol Stoffregen Tarbuton '43 (since deceased) and he had made a similar trip for the 50th anniversary of D-Day in 1994. Frank is still trying to maintain Carol's flower gardens and greenhouse plants "as well as my growing vegetables for the neighborhood." He reports that his ex-roommate **Wilbur Kidd** is in poor health and in a retirement home in Waynesboro, Va., where they have lived since the late 1940s.

Jean Lamoreau and **Dick Baker** have lived in Naples, Fla. for 15 years and love it. Their daughter and son-in-law bought a home in Naples about five years ago and live there eight months of the year. Since Jean has overcome seasickness they have enjoyed cruising—the South Pacific; Tahiti, Bora Bora, the Panama Canal, a South Caribbean cruise. In April they expect to go to Chicago to greet their first great-grandchild.

The major event in **George and Elizabeth Marshall's** past year was acting as delegates to Atlanta's first selection site for an International Salvation Army Congress. After preparation for more than two years there were in excess of 20,000 delegates from just over 100 countries where the Salvation Army serves. "I am now 81 years of age and in good health. My wife is 82 but somewhat handicapped by arthritis in her knees. Nevertheless, she is a wonderful happy grandma with our four nearly grandchildren ages 7, 6, 4, 2."

Jane Flegle Frisell says, "The most exciting thing in my life is that my younger son is moving next door to me in April. Also I have a new friend. Several young Japanese women belong to my group who make monkeys for the children at the hospital. One of them is very friendly to me and I like her very much."

Gloria Salerno Adams says that things are fine on Cape Cod for her and her little dog Tia.

Elmer Evans and his wife visited their daughter in Florida. Since he has hit the big 8-0 he has bought a tiller to help with the garden and the marina

does most of the heavy stuff on the boat.

Our neighbors and friends accuse Jack and me of being in our second childhood because we bought a used bright red Mazda Miata convertible with a black roof. They all laugh at us but we don't care. We are having fun with it.

Hope we will see lots of you at our 60th reunion next year. The 50th was so much fun.

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1948 From Amherst, Mass., we've located **Harry Beall**, who's remembering **George Hankins '49** and **Bruce King** (now deceased), and **John Johnson Barrick '49** on our freshman year. Harry's been in New York City since 1950 as manager of classical musicians like Ciltburn, Fiedler and Pons. Great to find you!

Elderhosting may someday bring you all together—**Mary Ruth O'Kelly Chlad** was at the University of Alabama. **Janek Anzlovic Shaw** was in Pocanons (driving her new P.T. Cruiser), **Donal and Sara Lamore '50** Brown have been in programs in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, New York and Texas "learning a lot and meeting wonderful people." Now they're off to Prince Edward Island.

Others of you should plan to golf as a "48 Team" at our 55th. **Mary Binky Dexter Tompkins** plays golf and tennis, and volunteers at church and hospital in Rehoboth Beach. **Bette Mason Fissel** chaired her 16th Hoopie Golf Tournament in Gettysburg, after a \$20,000 event in 2000. **Mae Langrall Mealy** plays in Hutchinson Island, Fla. and on the shore.

Marian Meredith Bellamy continues to write and direct plays in Pennsylvania.

Virginia Dodd Wells travels from Connecticut to visit **Mary Dodd '49** and **Ira '52 Zepp** in Westminster. She wrote from overlooking 18 inches of snow.

Louise Scott Widdup overlooks the golf greens in Florida and enjoys their Heron Point retirement home in Chestertown. We visit annually in Sarasota, Fla.

Also in a retirement complex is **Audrey Clendenen Foster** who is busy with her music ministry and substitutes as an organist. Their family, which includes four grandsons, lives nearby in Pennsylvania.

Traveling along the Hudson, the Potomac and the mountains with their



How time flies for **Bill Adolph '41** (left) and **Don Honeman '41**, who had fun traveling to London in May with their wives **Mickey Reynolds Adolph '42** and **Marty Hodgson Honeman '43**. We know, **Big Ben** looks much smaller in person.

Send a photo of yourself on your latest adventure showing off your WMC spirit (check out new Terror gear at 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.

entire family are the **Bob Wagners**. Bob and **Jane Conaway '49** sang with a choral group throughout Maryland. Bob has received numerous plaques of recognition for his volunteer efforts.

Bill Anderson's daughter paid him a wonderful compliment on his marriages — "Dad, you picked two winners." Congratulations!

From Asbury Village, Md., **Betty Jean Ferris Morgan** reports that there are so many WMC residents there other people feel "outnumbered." Her visitors include **Irma Enay '49** and **Jesse '49 Myers**, and **Betty Reamer Harbold '48**.

Wayne Cowan's wife says "he's three inches taller, 20 pounds lighter and looks 10 years younger" after double-knee replacement. He is still conducting writing seminars at Smith College, Amherst, Mt. Holyoke, etc.

Our urology pro, **Rowe Moore**, is still doing his thing in California, but due in Maryland in May.

The **Luther F. Sies Radio** Collection has been established at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts in Lincoln Center. Impressive!

Celebrating her 75th (along with most of us), **Mary Frances Keiser Bradley** will be with family in Branson. "M.E." still comes east to reunion with **Dotty Wilder Williams** in Maryland and **Dotty Under the 2000 Blanche Ward Luncheon**.

Discovering the "secret to longevity" is **Naomi Harper Morgan**, whose 22-year-old grandson moved in with her.

She is "now seeing the world through his young eyes."

Coaching girls' softball and basketball is **Bill Hawkins**, who's a primary recruiter for WMC—including his granddaughter.

A Hawaiian vacation fulfilled a lifetime dream for **Phyllis Houck Smith**. At home in Maryland she has staffed the food bank for a decade.

Dorothy Scott Atkinson will close her accounting business this year and stay involved with Women's Federation and church work.

Writing genealogy for his children and working at the National Defense University keeps **Ed Cushman** busy. From Ohio, **Clarelle Blaney Price** tells us she is dedicated to conservation projects. While in Charlestown on a Maryland visit, she enjoyed seeing **Mary Alice Hershfield**.

Eleanor "Bobbie" Lee Kunkel hopes to see **Anne Murphy** and **Joe Wilson** in Florida. She recently had a walking tour of the Hill, the first time in 50 years when she returned for our 55th.

Joining many of us in "downsizing" is **Harry Christopher**, who boasts of "less maintenance, less work, more joy" in North Carolina.

Joan Kelbaugh Sagan and **Eleanor "Carrots" Schilke** Worton find one another in Virginia or Texas. "Carrots" is still energetic enough to be teaching biology and keeping up with five granddaughters—only one is a red-head!

and her husband, who reside in Woodline, Md.

Speaking of energy, **Helen Walker Schley** competes in 5K and 10K races and still has time to travel through Russia. On a Volga River cruise she may have seen **Pat Brown Zello** and **Andy**. When home, Pat's with the hospital auxiliary.

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Cruising up the Rio from Buenos Aires and up the Amazon were **Lyle Johnson Willson** and husband. She heard WMC President John Coley on public radio either in Arizona or Washington.

Josh '43 and I lunch with **Mary "Toddy" Todd** and **Bill Griffiths** in Florida. She's floated up and down the Mississippi, on the Delta Queen, munched in Newfoundland, Labrador and Canada, and reunited with Bill's Navy group in San Antonio. Toddy also volunteers at Vero Beach, Fla., hospital. As she says, "There's always

WMC REUNION 2002

MAY 3-5

WHAT?

Reunion Weekend 2002

WHEN?

Friday, May 3, through
Sunday, May 5, 2002

WHERE?

Western Maryland College
campus

WHO'S CELEBRATING?

All classes whose graduation year ends in "2" or "7" and the first-year and out senior classes. This includes: 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 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 Alumni Office at 410/857-2254 or e-mail reunions@wmc.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)
1-800-857-1900 or
410-876-0010

Boston Inn
1-800-634-0846 or
410-848-9095

Days Inn
410-857-0500

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.



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so much interesting to do, it's hard to resist."

Charles and Edna Fleming cruised the French Polynesian Islands and then did Norway and on up above the Arctic Circle. He says it's all "spectacular."

Robert "Pete" and Ruth Horan '46 Youngblood summer in Alaska with their son. They celebrated their 54th anniversary.

"Active boaters" describes the **Jan Ganz Greenwood** family. From their usual Chesapeake Bay sailing, they are returning to Florida via the Intercoastal Waterway.

Looks as if **Betty Sauter Garlock** was off to Rome and Las Vegas. Her worthwhile endeavors include 4-H children's gardening courses.

Next generation: **Betty Little Morey's** granddaughter was married last July. **Betty and Earl '45** vacation in France and Switzerland from their son's home from their home in Pinehurst, N.C.

The western Mediterranean lured **Mary Dom Brown** on a cruise out of Rome.

Other parents visiting their children are **Jim and Ruth Doherty**, traveling to England. Then there's **Annabel Glockler Liebelt** who leaves all her Asbury Retirement Home activities to enjoy Bermuda, northern Italy and a journey through Europe on the Danube-Rhine rivers and canals.

When not "downsizing," **Harry Christopher** cruises the Caribbean and crossed the Atlantic to be with three grandsons in Vienna, Austria. His latest writings include data on colonial settlements and the Civil War. His old buddies, **Ernest McFadden, Fred Eckhardt and Lee Rice**, still gather together.

In the "winners circle" is only **Lucile Olson Soper**, with five great-grandchildren. She also "downsized" to a home with a beautiful view overlooking South Mountain, "a great blessing."

The most often used word in the over-50 responses was "blessed." **Jean Silcox Cahill**, of Red Bank, N.J., counts hers daily with good health and family nearby. **Roy Carter** agrees he's been really blessed, as he enjoys retirement, after 33 years in the Maryland education system and 56 years of a happy marriage. Then there's "**Witter**" (**Martha Witter Hawkins**) who got more information on one card than anybody!

Her big news: She got a hole-in-one down in Annapolis at her Heritage Harbor Retirement complex. She recently cruised five Caribbean islands, noting each to be unique. She's in touch with **Betty Armerig Maas**, when in Severna Park and not summering in Maine. Marty spoke with **Pat Chatterton Knapp**, who swims, takes

long walks, visits sons in D.C. and Texas, and is, like so many of us, involved with her church.

Mary Jane Corbett Mason had lunch in Florida with **Kitty Brown Ross** recalling the "good old days" on the Hill. Our sympathy to you and your family on the recent death of your 42-year-old son, Doug.

You have all been active, accepted health set-backs and carried on! So have **Josh '43** and I. We are also "richly blessed." Our entire family (21) were reunited last summer and have cherished pictures of the gatherings. Our youngest son is in Spokane retiring from the Air Force after 22 years. Now that makes us feel old, but we're "young at heart" and enthused about our move to a two-bedroom home in Westminster on the "nest hill," Carroll Lutheran Village. Florida friends laugh when I say we're going to the "old people's home." Their comments range from "you're not ready for that" to "they're not ready for you!"

Gratitude for your outstanding percentage of responses and, as always, "Thanks for the Memories."

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Volunteer work, travels, hobbies and 50th high-school reunions are the hot topics of conversation. Sounds to me like the golden years are keeping us all very busy.

Life is extremely busy for **Nancy Caskey Voss** as she prepares to be president of the Maryland Retired Teacher's Association for 2001-2002. She looks forward to seeing many alumni as she travels around the state to local unit meetings.

Bobbie Plasket Toman and **Lee Gungloff Callender** took part in a choir tour in July 2000. They sang in cathedrals in England and Scotland. We send heartfelt sympathy to **Bobbie** whose husband, **Ed Toman '52** passed away on August 30, 2000.

Dick Titlow and wife Tove, had a delightful trip to Egypt. They sailed the Nile all the way from Alexandria to Abu Simbel near the Sudan border. They also attended a family reunion in Denmark last summer and traveled to Stockholm, Sweden in March for the wedding of their son, Christian. Dick taught a course at WMC on the history of China last year and completed another course on the history of Japan during the January term of 2001. He also substitute teaches in Bethesda, Md.

Ed Kelly coaches age group swimming and manages a swim club in New Orleans. He and **Mary Lou Arnie '55** have five children and 10 grandchildren who live in North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Mary Lou works as a paralegal for Galloway Law Firm.

Ava Ann Spears Vecchioni is still successfully dodging hurricanes on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Ann says business is very good for husband Pete, who works for Beach Realty. They are now the proud great-grandparents of Savannah Blaine, 2.

In Millersville, Md., **Dorothy Krug Bond** keeps very busy with church

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activities, square dancing, visiting the elderly and genealogy. She highly recommends her late Elderhostel trip through South and North Dakota. It is part of Elderhostel's Lewis and Clark series.

David and Claudia Hottenstein continue to stay busy with church volunteer work and traveling. In October, they went on a Wesley Heritage Tour in England.

Frances Paul Farnham and Paul '53 drove from their home in Minnesota and met **Nancy McMath '53 and John '53 Clayton** at their time-share in Michigan. Wisc. Son Mac is at graduate school at the University of Minnesota working on an MS in veterinarian medicine and son Logan works for a manufacturing company.

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Alma "Jo" McKeldin Brody works as a public health nurse in Baltimore

County. Husband Jim is fighting a return of lymphoma. Oldest daughter Sally and grandsons RJ, 16, and Brendan, 11, live with her. Son Stephen teaches physical education at Georgetown Day School, and daughter Maureen was married in June '99.

Harry Grander is enjoying the beach and warm weather at his new condo in Pensacola Beach, Fla. He has been busy remodeling and has finally settled in. Harry likes it in Florida but misses the ballgames in Frederick, Md. with **Art and Sara Gernand and Paul and Truby Lambertson**. He volunteers at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola. He is in the phone book and would love to be contacted by alumni visiting the area.

Mary Ann Kifer Closson says no one will remember her because she was and **Esther Gross Campbell** left in the second semester of sophomore year. We beg to differ because many of us remember you well. They both graduated from the University of Maryland. Mary Ann received her MA in music from Western Colorado State and taught for many years. She loves living in New Mexico.

The greatest joys of life for **Patricia "Pasty" Herman Douglas** are her six granddaughters. Her three sons are all graduates of WMCC. Pasty, **Pat Shaw Kiker, Betty Niemann Lohr and Janet Snape** meet once a month for lunch in the Rockville, Md. area. Several times a year they join **Janet Cross Berends, Betty Norwood Smalley, Dot Krug Bond, Lois Cermak Runnels** and me for lunch, chatter and lots of laughs. Anyone interested in joining our lunch bunch, please give a call.

Sadly, we have lost one of our lunch group, **Carol Bauer Shattuck** passed away on November 19, 1999. She finally lost her valiant battle with breast cancer. Those of you who attended our 45th reunion will remember that Carol provided the comical musical rendition of our days at WMCC. Carol was a very talented musician and choral group director who will be sorely missed.

We have lost two other classmates. **Donald Horowitz** died November 30, 1999, and **Charles Calary** died September 16, 2000. Our sincere condolences go to the Shattuck, Horowitz and Calary families.

Ethel Coffman Trevethan reports that she is great—a great-grandmother, that is, to Jessica Reyes. Ethel reminisced about former classmates who happen to be on the '54 school list. One was **Judy Bloom** who died of cancer in '99 and the other was **Jackie Temple**. I wrote back to Ethel and asked for Jackie's address. To my delight **Jackie Temple Border** responded with a very

informative letter. She says that my communication via Ethel was a voice from the past that stirred long forgotten memories. At the end of her sophomore year she transferred to Ohio University and graduated in '54 with a degree in psychology. She and her husband Sam live in the central coastal city of Arroyo Grande, Calif. Jackie worked as an adoption agency counselor before raising two daughters. One is a psychologist in Ventura and the other owns a company in Atlanta, Ga. Jackie and Sam enjoy hiking, speedwalking, weight-training and tai chi classes. Their major retirement activity is recreational travel in their large motor home. Having a daughter on the east coast gives them an excuse to make frequent cross-country trips. They are going to make a special effort in the future to come to Maryland and perhaps tour the WMCC campus. Jackie sends best wishes to all.

David "Nick" Gwynn says retirement is slowly setting in. His daughter Ann was married in April. Nick visited **Dick and Doris Luckwood '55 Linton** at their home in Florida. The '99 winter edition of *The Hill* had a very nice write-up on Dick who was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame.

Betty Walt Dahlhoff is enjoying life at her beautiful lakeside home in northeast Texas. Husband Frank works on a part-time basis and Betty keeps busy with church activities and volunteering. They both look forward to more camping, travel and a visit to WMCC in June.

Jane Hutchison has written a new book: *Albrecht Dürer: A Guide to Research*, New York and London, Taylor and Francis/Routledge, 408 pp (Artist's Resource Manual Series, Wolfgang Freitag, General Editor).

Donald Erb's coronary artery repairs and replacement knees continue to serve him well. Don serves on the advisory board of the Idaho State University Accelerator Center. Recent travels have included Idaho, Utah, Arizona, New England, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. His remaining time in Gaithersburg, Md. is devoted to antique cars, motorcycles, snowmobiles, trapshooting, fishing and crabbing.

The earthquake in Washington left **Adeline Allen Parker** shaken but unharmed. In September 2000 Adeline traveled from Tacoma, Wash. to Virginia to celebrate her 50th reunion from high school. She also had a mini-reunion last summer with **Pat Herman Douglas, Faye Carkner Deering and Lois Cermak Runnels**. Lois also wrote about enjoying this mini-reunion. She is enjoying the laid-back lifestyle at Bethany Beach, Del. Since husband

Bucky retired they are enjoying the things that seniors do, such as early movies, daytrips and visiting grandchildren. Lois stays very active with the Sweet Adelines.

Nancy Bayliss Fogler returned for her 50th high school reunion in Mt. Kisco, N.Y. Other fun times have included Ocean City with **Lois '55** family and multiple trips to the Outer Banks, N.C. Nancy stays busy with water aerobics, some mentoring/tutoring, Sunday school, vacation Bible school and Women's Aglow International.

Shirley Woodruff Hicks attended her 50th high school reunion but did not return to the former Panama Canal Zone. It was held in Tampa at the same time as the annual Panama Canal Society of Florida's reunion. She had a successful knee replacement in October 2000. Shirley has four children, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild born in February. Her youngest is a very successful alto saxophonist at West Point.

Joan Barkewell and Ed '53 Coffman spent the month of February in the Dominican Republic where they played lots of golf. They are looking forward to an active golf season in both northern Virginia and Williamsburg where they have a second home at Ford's Colony. Joan is still on the Junior Girls' Committee of the USGA and serves as a rules official at the U.S. Women's Open. Ed is president of the Virginia/West Virginia Seniors.

Our travel extraordinaire is **Betty Norwood Smalley**. In the year 2000 from January through July she and husband Mel cruised the Caribbean, attended two Elderhostels in Myrtle Beach and traveled to Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Holland, France and Belgium. The passion play in Oberammergau was one of the highlights. Then in August they attended courses at a cultural institution in Chautauque, N.Y. Betty has a trip to Spain and Portugal planned for this year.

William and Doris Joiner '51 Hancock are enjoying life in beautiful Sedona, Ariz. Many happy hours are spent at their home watching deer, javelina, coyotes, small game and birds that have wandered into their backyard. They have taken several cruises and utilized their time-share in St. Thomas and Kauai. Bill says he really enjoyed his 50th high school reunion in Baltimore.

And speaking of reunions, it is not too early to remind you that our 50th reunion is only three years away. Having attended **Ernie's '50** 50th in

2000 I can guarantee an experience you won't want to miss.

Cheers to all that answered my request for news. Hearing from so many of you has made my job of reporting very rewarding. Until you hear from me again stay happy and healthy. God's blessings to all.

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This is the first time I have received alumni news via the Internet, and I am pleased with the response. So now I can write, "Keep those cards and e-mails coming in!" Thanks to all who responded, snail-mail and otherwise.

Lloyd Musselman says "Hi to all" from Oklahoma City, Okla. He has had fun e-mailing with **Bob Cole** and **John Karrer**. He says it has been very nice to get back in touch with them. When John called him on the phone and began with, "Hey Muss, this is your left fullback," he almost fell out of his chair. Lloyd is still very busy at Oklahoma City University, coordinating their 10-year self-study. Nancy and he look forward to some travel after the self-study is completed. He writes that they may just show up on John's doorstep!

John Karrer writes that he is getting married in September to a retired Junior High School Science teacher. She loves golf as much as he does, and consistently beats him at the game. They plan to remain in the Cincinnati area. He hopes to go to Oregon this summer after his third grandchild is born. He closes his card with this note, "Have been in touch with Muss, world's greatest retired soccer goalie!"

Bob Cole e-mailed me from Pleasanton, Calif. that he retired three years ago and has thoroughly enjoyed "doing his own thing." He seems to be as busy as ever, but doesn't have to commute or catch airplanes anymore. As he expected, the list of things to do gets longer each day, and he notes that it is great to be able to be "selective." According to Bob, his wife Jean insists on continuing in the work force, declaring that he would drive her crazy if they were both at home. When she does finally retire they plan to reduce their travel habits as there are places that they haven't seen yet. Their two sons and one granddaughter live nearby and are doing very well. Bob and Jean live close to San Francisco; they have lots of room and he gives a pretty good "Bay Area Backroads" tour. Everyone is welcome. He is also

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an avid Internet browser and would welcome e-mail at: colero@msn.com.

E-mail from **Vern Johnson**, Fayetteville, Ga., reflects Internet interest, as well. He writes that he has been keeping busy in retirement helping to establish a new internet company called Comics Infinity with some friends, which has proved quite successful. He suggests it's a great site for grandparents to visit. He has also been writing and has had some poetry published. He closes by writing, "If anybody should want to read them I placed them on the internet in Poetry.com under my name."

I received a new packed postcard from **Carol Westfield Rabush**. She and **Don '62** wintered in Cathedral City, Calif., and are in Locust Grove, Va. the rest of the year. Despite the unusually cold and rainy weather in the California desert, they enjoyed socializing with many WMC friends, including **Phil Med '52** and **Ruth Uhrig**, and **Pat Hill Chopp**. Pat and Joe were in the area for the month of February. Prior to going west for the winter a group of WMCers got together to play bridge. The group included **Jill Brown Huribink**, **Esther Uppercro Gap**, **Sharon Board Chilcoat**, **Bev Schott Meyers**, **Helen George Rettberg**, **Jackie Sapp Skarbek**, **Pat Hill Chopp** and **Carol**.

I also got a postcard from Harwood, Md. from **Pat Hill Chopp**, and she remarks that **Carol Westfield Rabush** and **Don Rabush** made them feel so welcome during the month they spent in Palm Springs, Calif. Pat is busy doing limited remodeling on their beach house in Lewes, Del. She and Joe look forward to enjoying the summer there with frequent visits from their two young grandchildren Daniel and Elizabeth.

Bob and Lani Stange '62 Anderson are enjoying their four grandchildren. He writes from Pittsford, N.Y. that they summer at Keuka Lake, N.Y., and get to St. Petersburg, Fla. during winter for a break.

Bob Harris notes on his card that he will be retiring at the end of May from his Methodist Church in Shamokin, Pa. He will continue working for Kirby-Smith Associates, a church

financial ministry. He and Janet hope to travel, as well as to continue to add gardens and other improvements to their home in Sasquehanna, Pa.

Joy Keller Kaplan writes from Baltimore, "We're enjoying life and planning a trip to California to enjoy the wedding of our daughter Katharine, who will be married in September on a beautiful spot overlooking the Pacific Ocean."

Ed and Barbara Long Gross write to say they are sorry they couldn't come to the reunion but health reasons prevented them from doing so. That is now behind them and they recently spent two weeks in Florida with their granddaughter at Disney. She is a youngster, and they saw Disney through the eyes and energy of a 4-year-old. Great fun, they say. At the time they mailed their card, spring was coming to the mountains in Waynesville, N.C., where they live.

I received a quick note from **Mary Hendron Schumacher** in Boulder, Colo., "First granddaughter, Tess Sara Schumacher, born to son Barrett on February 7, 2000."

Richard Grubb writes from Newark, Del. that he and wife Pat are in good health, and still working for the Federal Government. Pat is with the VA in research and he is with DHHS, shipping medical supplies worldwide. He notes that both jobs are very interesting. He also emphasizes that they enjoy their grandchildren, ages 1-15, who live at least two hours away.

Gene and Starr Beauchamp '63 Arbaugh continue to enjoy Florida life in Boca Grande, ironically the new winter home of George W. Bush. "Boy," they write, "do they have security for a few weeks a year — otherwise a sleepy fishing village!" They have a year-old grandson, and they write that "life is good."

Jim Thomas writes that he will retire from the National Center for State Courts this June after almost nine years of the consulting business for the court system. He and **Millie Dickey '62 Thomas** will spend about three months at Bethany Beach, Del. and come home to Littleton, Colo. at the end of September. They have no definite plans yet for winter 2001.

Ruth Weer Hutchins returned to Knoxville, Pa. to a foot of snow after a week in Florida. Even so, she writes, they still enjoy the seasons in Pennsylvania and don't want to add to the crowds of people and cars in the south. They now have five grandchildren and are busy with family activities. Ruth is still playing in a string quartet for many weddings, receptions and parties, and has a large garden in the summer.

Joe Bender sent me an e-mail from Springs, Pa., in which he wrote: "We are at the same place doing the same things—just a bit slower!" He is still working with a community action agency in Cumberland, Md. and doing some volunteer work at church and with the local historical society. Their four children are scattered—one in Seattle, Wash., one in Portland, Ore., one in Germantown, Maine and one at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. They have three grandsons and two granddaughters. He closes by writing, "We have lots of room and would welcome all."

Larry Chase attached a photo of their home in Sierra Vista, Ariz. to the e-mail he sent me, and wrote, "Larry Chase and wife Jeannie remain retired and enjoy their beautiful view of the Hauchuca Mountains and Coronado National Forest. Their home is located about five miles from the Mexican border in Cochise County, Ariz. The happy couple attended the final wedding of their adult offspring in March, 2001—the third such wedding in year. With all the excitement now a memory, we look forward to simple pleasures of watching the coyotes, quail and rabbits cross our land. That will be enough activity for awhile. Anticipated pleasures will be visits to grandchildren in the Phoenix vicinity in the next few years and the 200-mile drive to see them." Larry sends greetings to all from the Southwest.

Don Lowe sent a long postcard from Alexandria, Va. After 37 years in the United Methodist ministry he retired in June 2000. He is still working part-time with the agency, Safe Passage, a program for at-risk youth (court-appointed for offenses in Prince George's County). He is developing a one-on-one mentoring program for them. He is also teaching care-giving to para-professionals. He took two trips to Europe during summer 2000—one he hosted to the Passion Play in Germany; the other was a three-week trip to Romania with a good friend who is a Romanian Orthodox priest.

Toni Steinacker notes that my postcard caught up to her in Washington, D.C., where she is working at George Washington Medical School for the winter. She still spends from May to September in a lab at the Maine

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100-year-old Shares Lessons Learned in the Dining Hall

BY KIM ASCH



Helen Ditman Harbaugh was the assistant dietician from 1944–1966.

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She became the assistant to the dietician in 1944 and supervised the dining hall staff until she retired in 1966. Now, 100-year-old Helen Ditman Harbaugh tells others do the kitchen work at Carroll Lutheran Village nursing home, but she's still eating right: she takes a saucer of fruit every day and indulges in just one cup of coffee in the morning. "I'm not fond of beef, I'm a salad eater," she said, later confiding: "I love candy, most any kind, and I like cookies."

Harbaugh's specialty fruit dish was a favorite of the college's fifth president, Lowell Skinner Ensor, who annually hosted every member of the freshman class at his home for dinner. He routinely requested that Harbaugh handle the event herself so that everything went smoothly.

"He would have them over 25 at a time, five or six groups of them, and we always served the same menu," she recalled. "Steak, whatever the vegetable was in season, and fancy ices for dessert in the shapes of roses, lilies, and daisies."

But the most unusual of the courses was the first: grilled grapefruit. Ensor called it, "Mrs. Harbaugh's specialty," though Harbaugh explains that she clipped the recipe out of the newspaper.

"You cut the fruit in half, sprinkle brown sugar and butter over the top and a little bit of rum – we had to use artificial at the college, but it's even better with the real stuff," she says. "Put those in the oven and they are delicious."

With an impressively intact mind and an outlook as bright as the lavender suit she wore to have her picture taken, Harbaugh – who dropped out of school in the eighth grade – spoke about her memories of the college and what she learned during her time on the Hill.

On the summer months: "Summertime was chaos – we had to feed faculty, students, the Colts during their training camp. It was a nightmare sometimes."

On the Baltimore Colts: "They were birds. Artie Donovan always came to the dining room in his pajamas. The football players would get steaks and we'd ask each one how he wanted it cooked. Every one of them wanted them different. We had one man who wanted his steak taken right out of the refrigerator."

On work: "If you have a job, you better be there on time."

On finding good help: "I'm not an educated person, but I observed people and saw what they could do and the ones I could depend on. Those are the ones who got overworked."

On the secret to staying young: "I've stayed interested. I guess you could call it nosy. I wanted to know what's going on." •

After 16 years in the Maryland Legislature, 12 as a Senator, Gerald Winegrad has returned to working full time in conservation as vice president of the American Bird Conservancy in Washington, D.C.

our liberal arts education required art history."

Becky Lord Holliday and husband Dan are thoroughly enjoying their home on a wooded hill in Columbia. They have 14 grandchildren, nine of whom live nearby. Don will be head of the Washington Shrine next year and his various activities and clubs keep their schedule busy even though they are both "retired." Becky does a lot of graphics and photos on the PC.

Jackie Baer Bennett and husband Dan are both retired and into camping. They have three grandchildren. In June '99 they made their first trip to Paris, where Jackie was a student spring semester of 1965, to see the International Air Show and to café-crawl. In June 2000 they hauled a pop-up camper to the Grand Canyon for 10 days with their youngest daughter and family. In December 2000 they flew to Paris again for the museums, a Charles Aznavour concert and more café-crawling. Jackie volunteers with the hospital auxiliary. They hope to move to Mobile to be closer to their grandkids. Jackie says, "Will miss the 35th reunion: you can't get there from here." (Alexander City, Ala.). Greetings to all."

Jack and Louise Nelson Ballard are happy to report a wedding in the family: oldest son, Chris, married Lisa on March 31st, just 34 years after Jack and Louise's wedding in Baker Memorial Chapel. They are planning to go into the mission field upon Chris' graduation from seminary. On a sadder note, Louise lost her mother, **Anna Ely Nelson '29**, just before Christmas. Louise continues to teach music to middle schoolers and Jack does accounting for service agencies in Baltimore City.

After 16 years in the Maryland Legislature, 12 as a Senator, **Gerald Winegrad** has returned to working full

Biological Lab in Woods Hole Maine—a tourist mecca in the summer. Anytime visiting Falmouth should stop in and see her, she writes.

Jim Warden writes that there has not been much change since his last report. He is enjoying Colorado-style recreation: snowboarding with son, Jim; four-wheeling with son, sons-in-law and grandsons; sailing their boat within sight of Pike's Peak. Son Jim will graduate from high school this spring.

Life is always a challenge — in March, while "collecting" news, I had to switch ISPs (I'll list my new e-mail address at the end of this column.) I hope I got all my mail! In November 2001 I retired from full-time work in order to have more time to tend to the needs of my elderly mother, who lives with me. Mom is sharp in mind, and good-natured in spirit, but frail in body. This February her four children hosted a 90th birthday reception in her honor at my daughter's home. It was well attended by many relatives, friends, neighbors and acquaintances. My life is somewhat constrained now, but fortunately many of my interests are home centered — working in the yard, bird watching and genealogical research. Mom is a great source of information for family history and enjoys sharing in the e-mail exchanges with "distant cousins." Now, after many months of research and documentation, I am a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (Connecticut Chapter). And yes, I am still belly-dancing.

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1966 **Bob Davis** attended WMC for three semesters. He finished college at Upsala in 1970 and is currently at Boeing Company in Philadelphia. He has been married for 30 years, and has two daughters. Bob enjoyed his time at WMC tremendously and has many enduring memories of fellowship and friendships of several classmates especially **Joe Spear '63** (now deceased).

Robert Bayse reports after 35 years he is "still alive — how about you?" He sends greetings to all for a happy 35th reunion.

Robert Scott and Carolyn Seaman '67 are enjoying their first grandchild, Dalton Drew Gladden (class of 2018). They planned a walking trip through the wine country of Tuscany in May. They will also visit Florence, Rome, and Milan. Bob says, "It's a good thing

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time in conversation as vice president of the American Bird Conservancy in Washington, D.C. He co-coordinates national and some international conservation efforts through an 86-organization coalition. Gerald says he is "still a recovering politician, but left undefeated and only slightly brain-dead." Jobs have taken him to Spain, Hawaii and Midway Island, Mexico City, Blaine, Wash., Boise, Idaho and Rome, Italy several times. He plans to visit his daughter and Ireland in June.

Kaye Stevens Thomas has volunteered to serve as the '66 news reporter. Since class columns will now appear every other year her first column will appear 2003.

Mary Lee Warren Fisher enjoyed a spring visit with daughter Jennifer, son-in-law Lee, and new granddaughter Hannah in Clayton, N.C. She combined that trip from her home in St. Petersburg, Fla. with the '66 Reunion, and a visit with **Barb Smith and John '65 Law** in Clarksville, Md. Mary Lee says, "It's really great to touch base with 'old' classmates!"

(cards sent to the Alumni Office; column written by the Alumni Office)

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As always, thanks for your prompt response to my cards requesting your news. I hope that you enjoy reading the following updates!

Linda Aguiro Welte, is keeping busy with Christopher, 9, and Matthew, 6, and their PTA, soccer, baseball and music lessons. Linda says that she should have taken more time management classes in school! She enjoys reading *The Hill* and sends on congratulations to WMC and its new President.

Ed Gingsberg's children are growing fast. Stephen, 15, is an honors student and member of the soccer, basketball and lacrosse teams at Pikesville High. Laura, 18, graduated this year and will be attending Princeton in the fall. His wife, Jeannie, is a guidance counselor at Beth Tfiloh High School. Ed opened a second Pediatric Dental Practice in Ellicott City and continues to see many children of WMC alumni.

Craig Merkle and family live in Baltimore. The practice of law remains very busy and for the most part enjoyable. His sons now 14, 11, and 9 are great fun and growing up much too fast. His family spent a week in London earlier this year and had a super time. They thought it was a great city and took in all of the usual attractions.

John and Sally Seitzer Kantzes and their daughters Katie, 13, and Kim, 12,

have been living very happily in Wilmington, Del. for 12 years. John works for Sachem, Inc. in technical sales for the eastern U.S. Sally has been with the Winterthur Museum as a part-time school program guide for 6 years and loves it. The children are both students at Wilmington Christian School. They are all involved with their church, Brandywine Valley Baptist, as well as with the local Y and summer league. Sally is in a Bible study with 10 other women who meet at her home once a week. She sees **Karen Pilson** and **Patty McGuinnis Vorel '79** at least once a year.

Chris Dryden and **Jamie Mosbergs'** second son, Jason, is off to college next year. Jake, their eldest, is at Loyola in Baltimore. They hope that the dot.com for which Jamie now works turns a profit and stays in existence! Chris is still having fun teaching Algebra II and Precalculus at Sanford School, where their son Josh is a freshman.

Phil Masters is continuing his work as an Associate Professor of Medicine at Penn State's College of Medicine – a nice mix of patient care, teaching and research. His wife, **Becky Bloyer '75**, continues her practice at one of the Medical Center's satellite clinics. Their son Benjamin is an active 7-year-old who keeps his parents young! They live in Hershey, near the chocolate factory and amusement park.

Karen Keenan Good and her family live in Westover on the Eastern Shore. Karen is a social worker at the Somerset County Department of Social Services. Keith teaches Agriculture at the Tawes Technology and Career Center. Katie, 17, and Kristen, 13, are students at Holly Grove Christian School.

Dawn Reedy Leaf loves working in Washington, D.C. She recently accepted a new job as Director of Architecture in the Office of Information Technology at the Smithsonian Institution. Other highlights are her daughter Sharon's high school graduation in 2000, her daughter Stephanie's two children, Robbie and Lynn, and vacations in Italy and Germany. She also had successful Lasik surgery by former classmate, **Dr. Catherine Smoot-Hasselopoulos '77**.

Ken Sterner sent me a nice letter. Here are a few highlights – he and wife Barbara are living in Jarrettsville after 11 years in the Bel Air area with their mean ole' cat, Peepers. After 19 years in the eye and tissue transplantation industry, Ken began a second career in Information Technology in 1997. Two years ago he took a position with ViPS, a software development firm in Towson that has been develop-

Sally Seitzer Kantzes is in a Bible study with 10 other women who meet at her home once a week.

ing products for the health insurance industry. He works in a division headed by **Jan Claypoole Neel '79** and also works with **Deb Weber '90** and with **Teresa Baummer**.

Barbara Meister Krobeger recently completed her master's of social work degree from Maryland University. She writes that it has been a long three years! Her children celebrated their 16th birthday in March and now the real fun begins.

Nora Kerstetter Drake has been teaching piano privately for 22 years. She has an art sideline called "Just Fun Fun." She completed an undersea mural in a pediatric office in Auburn, N.Y. this year. Nora recently moved to Virginia Beach, Va. where her husband works as a financial investment broker. Their son Jim, who is West Carolina majoring in metals and jewelry design, and son Tim plans on starting college this year in Virginia or North Carolina.

Glenna Jean Horne Graves lives in Georgetown, Ky. with her husband Will, and their daughter, Katherine, 17. Glenna is a history professor at Morehead State University, Morehead, Ky. She has recently presented papers on Appalachia and cultural issues in community development in Costa Rica and Guatemala. She is currently a consultant for Children of the Americas – Guatemala, and a cooperative University of Kentucky and USAID Russian community development project. She took research trips to Guatemala and Morocco in 2000.

David L. Rae is retired from the Army, but was recently recalled to work in the Pentagon on their Marketing and Advertising initiative. He recently married and is living in Aberdeen, Md.

Denise Giangiopla Courboun and Mike are doing well having celebrated their 3rd anniversary in February. He is a sales manager with H&C, Inc. in Laurel, Md. and Denise recently moved into a new Project Manager spot with Baxter Healthcare's Vaccines Division in Columbia, Md. They live in Eldersburg, Md. Steve, 14, and Gabrielle, 9 are growing like weeds. Denise is one-third of the way through a master's program at UMUC.



ACCOMPLISHED ALUMNI RECOGNIZED

Research chemist Phil Meredith '66, high school English teacher Mary Katherine Nevius-Maurer '74, MLA '80 and Baltimore attorney and Zionist Alleck Resnick '47 were honored with the Trustee Alumni Award for their professional accomplishments and work on behalf of their alma mater.

Marcia Polk Meyer is still enjoying her public affairs job for FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health. She is pinch-hitting for one of the FDA-TV and radio press officers while she is on maternity leave. Setting up on-camera interviews will be something different, although medical devices and radiological health are Marcia's subject matter. **Dave '79** shaved his beard off last summer and Marcia was introducing him as "her new husband" for a while because no one recognized him. Marcia sings in her church choir. Life revolves around soccer as 15-year-old daughter Beth plays and Dave coaches two girls' teams. The Meyer family is excited that the new women's pro league has a Washington team – the Washington Freedom with Mia Hamm on the team.

Karen Pilson lives in Annapolis, Md, in a 1933 house a mile from the city dock. She has been employed as a writer and editor with the Bureau of National Affairs covering labor issues since 1987. She enjoys sea kayaking in her spare time.

Bruce Bell is living in Reston, Va, and is getting ready to retire from the Army this year. He is coaching little league and soccer. His children Erik, 8, and Sadie, 6, both play. Erick won the batting championship and made the all-star soccer team. Bruce keeps the team with **Beth Silvius** and **Dave Deitrick** and **Brian Trumppower**. He sat with them at **Coach Ron Jones '55** WMC Hall of Fame induction.

Chris Mehr Reider and family live about 20 minutes west of Reading, Pa. She has three sons, Tim, 16, Nicholas, 14, and Robert, 12, who keep her hopping. Both Chris and her husband, Roy, are in the Food Services Industry. Chris is a Production Manager, for Hershey Chocolate USA – Luden's Plant. They make York Peppermint Patties, Luden's Throat Drops, 5th Avenue, Zagnut, and Tastations. She

is also the coordinator for the "Quality Through Excellence Program" and has organized a Training Group at her plant. Roy is a Q.A. Tech with Turkey Hill, so the Reiders have plenty of iced tea, lemonade and ice cream at home. Chris' next challenge is teaching Tim to drive.

Lolly Lloyd Bennett had a baby shower for **Judy Thompson Jacob** in June 2000. Judy's daughter Kate was born in September 2000. The shower was a reunion for **Alison Nicoll Martin**, **Helen Kiefert**, **Esther Siegal Jacobson '79**, **Robin Max Townsend**, **Beth Silvius Deitrick**, **Mary Ellen Thornton Deitrick '79** and **Deb Nash Mazzullo**. Lolly lives in Potomac, Md.

Robin Max Townsend is teaching Spanish at Atholton High School in Columbia, Md. Her husband Jay is teaching Earth Science and Biology at Pikeville High School in Baltimore, County, Stacey, 18, is a freshman at the University of Maryland College Park. Sam, 18, is a senior at Pikeville High School. Ben, 17, is a senior at Dulany High School, and Michael, 16, is a junior at Beth Tfiloh High School. Sam and Michael are in a band, "Spinfire," and they play all over the area (www.spinfiremusic.com).

Will and Heidi Higbie '80 Holmes and daughters had a great two-week vacation in Tuscany, Italy during the summer of 2000. Debi is working part time at Montgomery College as an Academic Advisor. Their three daughters keep them busy with their various activities, so much so that Will and Debi missed Homecoming 2000 for the first time in several years. Aubrey, 16, is now driving and helping out with the transportation requirements. Will enjoys coaching Legacy, 13, and Brinley, 10, in basketball.

Norm Koehler and **Marjie Baker** are still selling real estate like mad in Tucson, Ariz. They recently moved into a home with eight rain barrels and a perfect rocky slope for herbs. They

had a big 4th of July party to celebrate.

David Dickcherhoff and **Janice** are the proud parents of their first son, Reese David born on May 26, 2000. They live in Spring Lake, N.C. August 2001 was the five-year anniversary of the "Spring Lake Dental Group."

Sandy Evans Delenick and **Al** are still enjoying Atlanta, Ga. after 15 years. Sandy home schools their daughter, Christy who is in the first grade. In addition to teaching, ballet, ice skating, basketball and tennis round out their busy days.

Lisa Hellstrom is the chairperson of the science department in a large private school in Charleston, S.C. She directs an a cappella vocal group, the Charleston Renaissance Ensemble.

Christopher Lorber was promoted to Vice President of Sales at the BF Rich Co. in Newark, Del. in 2000. He lives on a small farm setting in Jarrettsville, Md. Chris recently completed a two-year term as President of the NWDA, the largest independent window and door trade association in the U.S.

Trudy Walton Schwarz is putting in more hours as a Planner for the City of Gaithersburg now that her sons Michael, 7, and Alan, 9, are in school all day. She continues working part-time so that she can volunteer at their school and be a "Mom." Stepson Sam finished at Duke University and should be starting Medical school this fall. Dave and Trudy continue to be involved with Cub Scouts and Children's Church/Good News Clubs. The Schwarzs spent time during the Summer of 2000 with Trudy's brother **Kip Walton '77** and sister-in-law **Ellen Scroggs Walton '78** and family in Michigan. Kip retired from the U.S. Coast Guard and is now a pilot for Northwest Airlines. Trudy's dad recently celebrated his 80th birthday!

Mike Gibson recently took on a new coaching job in the Canadian Football League with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. The team made it to the Divisional Championship last year, one win away from the Canadian Super Bowl. Mike and wife Melody celebrated their 11th anniversary in May. He produced two coaching videos (total of 5) in 2000 and is happy to say that they are doing well.

Ann Weigel Dixon is still keeping busy at work. She recently celebrated her 10th year with MCI Information Systems – a governmental contractor. In January 2001, she was promoted to Senior Vice President/Deputy General Manager for Civilian Operations. Ann and her husband recently took a three-week vacation to Peru and Ecuador.

Susan Berkowitz is a social worker in Carroll County. She is in a private practice, "Transformations

Psychotherapy Services, LLC" and also works for the public school system. Her children, Laurel, 14, and David, 9, are wonderful, bright and healthy. Susan has discovered that the WMC golf course is for more than sunbathing!

Ginny Smoot is a Partner at Arthur Andersen in Vienna, Va. She recently celebrated her five-year anniversary at Andersen. Ginny is looking forward to spending more time on the Eastern Shore at her new house in Bethany Beach as an escape from the D.C. rat race. She lives in Annandale, Va.

Ben Lowe is an Associate Professor of history at Florida State University in early modern European History. He is teaching undergraduate and graduate courses and publishing in the area of Tudor political culture. He lives in Boynton Beach and professional engagements have enabled him to do a lot of overseas travel. Ben spent the fall 1999 semester in London on sabbatical. He is also active in St. Paul's Episcopal Church and various social ministries.

Dawn Bennett keeps busy with teaching piano and voice lessons. She recently directed "Annie." Dawn hopes to move this year either to Massachusetts or back to Pennsylvania. Dawn has heard from **Kay Wilson '79** and **Rosalie Kaspar**. She reports that they both caught Ravens Fever this year.

George Metz and **Earlene** recently celebrated their fifth year in West

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Central Ohio. George is currently serving as Director of Financial Aid, Records and Student registration at a two-year college. He defended his Ph.D. dissertation in March 2001 at the University of Toledo and received a national grant to complete his research.

Adele Weinberg Connolly is a Rehabilitation Supervisor for the Maryland State Division of Rehabilitation Services. Her daughter Heather, 13, is very involved in the Girl Scouts and basketball and son Patrick, 8, is in Cub Scouts and soccer. Adele is a Cub Scout Den leader,

A Celebration of Art History Professor Julie Badiee

BY THOMAS DEVENY
PROFESSOR OF FOREIGN
LANGUAGES

Julie Oeming Badiee, College Fellow and former professor of Art History, died May 20, 2001, at the age of 54. At her memorial service, many people shared memories of Julie. I thought it would be impossible to choose just one memory from 23 years of dear friendship, and the night before her burial, it occurred to me that her name was a sort of acronym in which each letter stood for one of her qualities.

J stands for joy of living, for Julie had a zest for life that continued even in the final days of her life. Although she was bed-ridden the final weeks, her sense of humor continued unabated. Eight days before she died, after she took her medicine, her son-in-law brought in some fudge that a friend had brought, Julie beamed and said, "I love chocolate! Death by chocolate—that's how I want to go!"

U stands for understanding—of people and peoples. Julie's life changed when she went to Germany as a high school student and she became an inveterate traveler. Julie truly had a global perspective on things. She knew German, Persian, French, and a smattering of other languages. Julie combined her love of travel with her professional interests not only in her scholarly activity, but also in her teaching. She spent a semester teaching at Harlaxton College in England where she received a

"Favorite Professor" award. For the 1998-99 academic year, she took part in the University of Pittsburgh's Semester at Sea program, traveling around the world while sharing her expertise with those enrolled in the program. She was selected to teach in our Budapest program this past fall, but her illness, unfortunately, precluded that experience.

L is for loquacious. How many wonderful conversations on a wide array of topics did we have over the years? And did you ever meet anyone who could tell a story like Julie?

I is for her intellect, which manifested itself in her scholarly writing, her classes, and in everyday conversations. She was an internationally recognized authority on Islamic Art. As testimony to this, she was frequently commissioned to write dictionary and encyclopedia entries on this topic. Furthermore, she was a frequent contributor to scholarly journals, and her list of presentations takes up several pages. Her several books have also been given much critical acclaim.

Julie's administrative contributions include the organization and maintenance of the College's collection of 15,000 slides. She also produced a catalog of the Western Maryland College art collection that analyzed over 175 pieces. Additionally, she served as chair of the Art and Art History Department from 1984 to 1992. During this time period there was extensive growth in all phases of the department from



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E is for enthusiasm and energy. Julie particularly excelled in the classroom. Students appreciated her enthusiasm for the material and her ability to relate the subject matter to other fields. At the graduate level, she was a frequent and popular contributor to the Master of Liberal Arts program. In recognition of her outstanding teaching, she was the first recipient of the Ira G. Zepp Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1996. In addition to this prestigious award, Julie was also listed in *Who's Who in the East, Who's Who in the Humanities*, and in *Outstanding Young Women of America*.

But I want to return to the center, to the heart of her name: the L.

L also stands for loving, because at her core, Julie was a loving person, whose love touched the lives of everyone that she came in contact with, both here and around the world. Being a Bahá'í was central to Julie's life. Three

days before she died, Julie signed a book contract for her latest monograph, *A Tapestry of Beauty*, a study of terraces at the Bahá'í World Center in Haifa. It will be published this summer. At the very hour of her burial, some 7,000 miles and seven time zones away, the ceremony marking the formal dedication of those terraces took place in Israel.

WMC was privileged to have Julie Badiee as a professor for 22 years. I celebrate her friendship, her love, and her life.

Gifts in memory of Dr. Badiee may be sent to the Development Office c/o WMC.

September 2000 saw
Patty McLaughlin
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 drive of 500 head of
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 Wyoming range.*

which has been an interesting and entertaining challenge. She still sings barbershop in her "spare time" with the Clustered Spires Chorus of Frederick and sings in a barbershop quartet called "Mom's Nite Out."

Patty Gillam and family spent two weeks in Israel and Egypt in February 2000. Her sons Matt, 16, Sam, 13, and Peter, 11, had a great time in spite of the fact that they spent 15 days straight with their parents. Patty has gone back to classroom teaching and has 12 fourth-graders in her class. She is teaching in a small, private school. Her other responsibilities include teaching music to the entire student body of 95! She is also the part-time Director of Music at church, playing at services and directing two vocal and one bell choir. Bill is the VP of Services at Ameritex Corp., a copier and Fax dealer in Rockville, Md.

Wonderful news from **Chris Schmick Campbell!** On August 29, 2000, a judge in Novosibirsk, Russia granted Chris and her husband their petition to adopt two little boys. Luke Evgeni Campbell, 3, spends much of his time trying to keep up with his big brother, Alexei William Campbell, 5. Both boys are picking up English at an amazing rate and love playing soccer and wiffle ball in their backyard. Chris is now a stay-at-home mom after 22 years in the social work profession. It has been a big change but Chris wrote that it is the best job she has ever had.

Debbie Tut Paulsgrove has also had some recent changes. Debbie got a full-time teaching job last year at Skyview Middle School and also returned to graduate school at WMC during the summer of 2000. It is very hectic with all three children still at home. Randy, their eldest graduated from South Carroll High School in June 2001 and is headed off to college. Valerie is 15 and Becky is 12. Her husband Gary '75 continues at Social Security.

Anne Bissett Carlson still lives in Atlanta and works as a counselor at a

high school. Anne, Skip, Jay, 17, and Courtney, 14, travel in the summers and are busy with soccer. Jay and Courtney both play varsity soccer. Jay will start college in 2002.

Korby Bowman Clark is teaching German two weeks a week to home-schooled students. Her eldest daughter, Keegan, graduated from high school in June 2001. Korby and Pete opened their golf club, "The Ranet Golf Club," this summer. The barns on the property (originally a dairy farm) are being restored for use as a clubhouse and pro shop. They also keep very busy with the other two children and their dog and cat.

Carol Warehime Fearn and Tom are enjoying living on the golf course at River Downs near Westminster and spending lots of time with their family. Colin, 12, and Caitlin, 8, keep them busy with baseball, soccer and other school activities. Carol traveled to the UK this year where she presented a paper for the IWM conference. Caitlin was able to accompany her mother.

Linda Watermeier Landis and family are still enjoying living in the great Pacific Northwest. They enjoy mild winters and toboggan on nearby Mt. Baker on the 4th of July! Linda is busy with her 10-year-old and 7-year-old daughters who participate in softball, basketball, rock wall climbing and love school. She started working parttime last fall after a 10-year break. The Landis' try to make time to fly their airplane as much as possible.

After spending much of 2000 traveling to Europe and Australia (fantastic!) for business, the year 2001 has been spent focused on developing two new lines of business in environmental and infrastructure services for my company, The IT Group, in the United States. It has given me the opportunity to get more involved in volunteer activities and hobbies, which I am really enjoying. I still love to travel though and take every opportunity.

Again, thanks for your overwhelming response and good luck to you all as we wind up 2001!

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1984 **Yellott Canby** and wife Ann welcomed Ethan in December 1999. Yellott is still doing some farming, manufacturing Victorian style iron fence and freelance driving of video trucks.

Jeff and Mary Chaney Dawson are busy with son, 8, and daughter, 5. Jeff

is a chemist with USEPA and Mary is third-grade teacher in Frederick County. They are active in Cub Scouting, little league and recently took their son on his first deep-sea fishing trip.

Krystie Adams Herndon writes that all is well in Bloomington, Ind. with husband Jim and kids Matt, 12, Zach, 9, and Grace, 6. In addition to her job at Indiana University International Admissions, she is busy with church choir and the women's ministry.

Laney Fisher Howard is working at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury. The kids, Alexis, 12, and Cole, 6, keep husband Ronnie and Laney busy with dance, field hockey, softball and tee ball.

September 2000 saw **Patty McLaughlin** travelling to Wyoming to take part in a cattle drive of 500 head of cattle over 100 miles of the Wyoming range. She also visited Yellowstone Park and spotted one grizzly bear and 17 wolves. Patty is working with the Prince George's County Health Department and has 15 years until retirement!

Mike Rammeyer is happily married and the owner of three rottweilers. He owns his own business as a concert promoter, doing shows ranging from the Beach Boys to Third Eye Blind.

Becky Bankert Cook lives in Indianapolis and is a busy full-time mom to Ben, 9, Kevin, 7, and Jenny, 4. She is playing golf and is determined to consistently break 90!

Cathy Immon Inman lives in Frederick and is substitute teaching. Husband Kevin works for NIST and Devin, 8, and Bethany, 12, keep them all busy.

Ann Blizzard Dell is busy with husband Dan, trying to keep Zary, 11, and Joey, 7, out of trouble! Cub Scouts keeps the whole family busy and she is now working at Robert Moton Elementary as a one-on-one specialist.

Missy Mules Herbert is working at a children's consignment shop, but most of her time is spent running Emilee, 10, and Samantha, 8, to horseback riding and gymnastics. She and husband Dave travel to the Jersey shore in the summer and enjoy spending time with **Wesley Wagner Keyser**, **Trish Feaga Holmes** and **Julie Fringer Palekas**.

Robyn Quirk is glad to be living back in Baltimore. She is an assistant professor at Towson University, teaching theatre history and dramatic literature.

Tom Zimmer is a second-year Assistant Principal at Stephen Decatur Middle School. Things are great in Ocean City and wife **Beth Campbell '85** keeps busy working for the family business. Sarah, 14, is a budding athlete, Katie, 12, is an O.C. Recreation Department star and Corey, 8, keeps

busy with plenty of activities. Tom writes that **Greg Shockley '83** has recently moved down the street from him.

John Seiler and wife **Annette Horn '83** are living in Gaithersburg and having fun with Anna, 10, and Rebecca, 7. John coaches both girls' sports teams. He sees **Don Ledere** and **Jim Francis** regularly, as well as **Pat Luce** and **Mark Cavanaugh '83**.

Heidi Snyder Wethered and husband Bennett will be celebrating their 12th anniversary. They continue to home school Hannah (4th grade) and Rebecca (1st grade). Heidi works for The Arc of Frederick County where she is the Central Region Director. Her family is active in various ministries at their church.

Denise Humphrey has recently moved to Mt. Airy and even bought her home from a WMC alumnus. She is working for Uncle Sam and is manager for a security training team for Department of Defense.

Christina Soto has been doing conservation work since she graduated and is editing a magazine for an organization that saves farmland from development. She lives with her husband in

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Wheaton and keeps in touch with **MaryClare Denison Long**, **Jeff and Mary Chaney Dawson**, **Jessica Friedman Chapman** and **Debbie Dale Seidel**.

Katrina Davis Birkelien writes from South Carolina, where she is the head nurse of a large family practice. She is married to Brian and has children Holly, 17, and Scott, 12. Katrina is a captain in the Army and will retire at the end of next year.

Sherri Bennett Shores is a bookkeeper, 4-H leader and continues to home school children Josh, 13, and Caleb, 9. The family has been raising a yellow lab Leader Dog for the blind, sponsored by the Lions Club, where husband Steve is a member. Sherri writes that raising a puppy is more than raising a baby, as dogs are not as welcomed in stores!

Jeff Trice, wife Carol and daughters Rebekah, 9, Sarah, 8, and Katy, 5 are planning a trip to Disney World. Jeff

was promoted last year to Manager of Systems and Programming.

Beverly Packard Pitzer and **Maurice '81** continue to home school their four children. Their delivery business is doing well.

Andy Bowes and wife Anne write that the worst thing about living in Hawaii is having to go to work! Andy was recently promoted to LTC and looks forward to battalion command.

Deborah Hildebrand Hoover started a new career as school librarian at a controversial Edison Charter school in York, Pa. She is still working on her LMS degree at WMC and spends her free time with her Daisy Girl Scout Troop and church activities. Deborah

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and husband Carl are planning a trip to Ireland.

Life continues to be interesting for **Audrey Adams Bigelow**. Husband Mike is an Army Lieutenant Colonel, sons Michael Jr. (Boster), 11, David Andrew (Drew), 9, and Audrey have been living in Heidelberg, Germany for 1 1/2 years and are due back stateside July 2002. They have seen a fair amount of Germany, Denmark, Paris, and London and plan to visit Prague, Czech Republic. In Audrey's spare time, she is busy with Cub Scout Pack Committee, sings in two choirs and is active in the Chapel Woman's organization.

Jody Morrison received her Ph.D. four years ago and is in her fourth year as Assistant Professor of Communication Arts at Salisbury State. She recently co-authored and published a textbook and is looking forward to tenure. Jody lives in Lewes, Del. and is involved in campus activities. In her spare time she heads to the beach, goes to the gym or checks out the latest female singer-songwriters playing at clubs.

Myra Gregory got divorced. She moved to Boca Raton, Fla. with her two dogs and one cat, and is working as the Senior Technical Writer at CareerCenter, a software development firm specializing in healthcare applications. She enjoyed her visit with **Lisa Johnson Volz '85**.

Cynthia Lewis Hamelman and husband sold their restaurant in 2000. Cynthia has joined Davenport & Comp UC as a sales assistant and her husband is executive chef for a local country club. This fall her son starts high school!

Kids Megan, 12 and Brian, 10, keep **Bruce and Tracy Woodard Gregory** busy. Bruce is still working for the football department at Eastern Michigan University and Tracy is working part-time around the kids' schedules. They don't get back to WMC enough and love hearing from their friends.

Jeffrey D. Goette, wife Connie and boys Jeremy, 5, and Maxwell, 1, are doing well in the New Mexico sunshine. They are busy parents keeping up with skiing, soccer and swimming.

Mary Lynn Schwaab Hursey is teaching kindergarten at Hampstead Elementary in Carroll County. She and husband Bill are busy with Kristin 14, Katie, 12, and Karly, 5. The girls keep them busy with swimming, soccer and lacrosse.

Mimi Fannon Gilinsky is a busy mom to two very active boys. She just completed renovating her kitchen. She looks forward to her annual girls' weekend with **Katie Wagner Miller, Char Wirts Frith, Patty Jones Wooten, Anne Cole Heydrick, Tracy Parker Rounds, Debbie Dale Seidel, Kathy Lyhus Dixon, Beth Dorrain Carlin, and Cindy Leonard Keeney**.

Jessica Friedman Chapman lives in Bethesda with husband Mike and two daughters, Corinne, 3, and Nicole, 1. She is teaching reading part time for Montgomery County Public Schools.

Kelly Wolf Probst is enjoying life with William, 10, Patrick, 8, and husband Trent, in Concord, N.C. She recently completed her doctorate in Educational Administration at Peabody-Vanderbilt University and is principal of Irvy Elementary in Concord.

Laurie Ensor Bullock continues to be busy with Stacey, 12, Lindsay, 8, and husband Gaven, who runs Westminster Lawn Service. Their latest big project was building a house on 30 acres not far from their old residence. They enjoy several fun vacations a year and are very happy enjoying the rural surroundings at their new home.

Linda Block is now living in Houston, Texas and working as a community organizer for "Mothers for Clean Air." She works in a predominantly Latino community and is improving her Spanish skills. For fun she likes to dance, run and is taking courses in Spanish, photography, and religion. Linda enjoyed seeing roommate **Lauren Silva Reberg '85** recently.

Jack Springer, wife **Gillian Davies** and three children, David, 15, Kellyn, 13, and Hope, 6, moved to Bethlehem, Pa. after living in sunny Florida for six years. Jack continues to work for Cordis, a Johnson & Johnson Company, and is now Vice-President of Sales and Marketing. The family is busy with the kids' activities and are happy to be within driving distance of the Hill.

Regina Breuer Booy, husband Tim and kids Joshua, 5, Maria, 3, and Sarah 3 months, moved from sunny Arizona to rainy and cloudy Washington state. They have been home schooling for two years and are also involved in bible studies. Regina loves to talk about WMC days with **Chrysanthi Tegeris Himonas**.

Life is good for **Anne McDonough Lepczyk** and the boys (12, 10 and 6) are doing well in school. The family kept busy this winter with skiing. Anne's career is that of "volunteer" at the kids' schools. She has been playing tennis and enjoys talking to **Tricia Troy Cammerzell** and **Kathy Marvel Parano '85**. She often runs into **Maria Maranto Yanson** and **Nancy Reid Caspari '83** at the gym.

Ken "Chip" Fox and wife **Shelley** enjoy watching 1 1/2-year-old daughter, Morgan, grow and learn. They are in the process of buying a bigger house just to hold Morgan's toys. Ken still judges, designs, and instructs visual programs for competitive marching bands and works as a process analyst for Agere Systems in Reading, Pa.

Stacey Pfeifer has been living near The Mountain Attention Sanctuary in Northern California for five years, having become a devotee of **Adi Da Samraj** in 1984. She is the mother of Caleb, 12, and works at a web company.

Robin Garland Bair recently moved to Columbia with husband Todd, Kendall, 7, and Caroline, 5. **Beth Gray Knudsen** visited her in November 2000 and it was great to hear of her travels all around the world. Robin and family took the girls to Ocean City last summer - some have to live vicariously through Beth!

Back off the "mommy track" is **Beth Coughlin Turley** after 12 years. Now working two full-time jobs, one as a Care Specialist at Federal Express and the other as "mommy." Husband Tom and she keep busy with Jennifer, 12, Allison, 9, Kyle, 7, and Gabrielle, 4.

Dennis Olman is starting his 14th year at DB Alex Brown, Inc. where he is a Business Technologist. He lives with his wife Sharon and children Pasadena, Md., 13 and Cassie, 4, in

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with Larry's medical practice and children Jarrod, 12, Marissa, 9, and Brennan, 5. The kids are active in Boy Scouts, gymnastics, Brownies, soccer, and tumbling, so Lori spends the majority of her time playing taxi.

Major Richard King, Jr. and wife **Lisa** are enjoying their third year on the North Shore of Hawaii. They will have one more year in paradise and will depart for a new assignment in the summer of 2002. While in Hawaii they have been diving, paddling outrigger canoes, enjoying the beaches, hiking, and occasionally rescuing sea turtles. Lisa is the Director of Human Services for a food distribution company and Richard is the Deputy Inspector General for the 25th ID(L) and U.S. Army Hawaii. Also see **Major Charlie Tangiriz '82** every few months. Richard still has his silver Jeep from college, a little rusty but it keeps him from walking.

Debbie Dale Seidel is in her 10th year at T. Rowe Price as an Accounting and Compliance Manager. Ethan's daughter had a baby boy in November 1999, so Debbie is now a grandmother! Debbie often sees **Beth Dorrain Carlin, Ralph and Char Wirts Frith, Tracy Parker Rounds, Kathy Lyhus Dixon, Mimi Fannon Gilinsky, Anne Cole Heydrick, Patty Jones Wooten, Katie Wagner Miller, Lisa Wylie Arens '85, and Sue Stevenson '85**.

John Boinis has been living in Boca Raton, Fla. since graduation. He is busy running his restaurant, Pete's of Boca Raton, but did manage to marry Carolyn in 1997. They have a beautiful daughter Brooke, 3. John vacations at Nags Head with **Chris Imbach, Brian Loftus '85, and Jeff Kuzemchek '85**. His cousin **Brian Fogelsong '02** keeps him up to date on WMC spots! If you are in Boca Raton look John up at his restaurant as a special seat and cool drink await you!

Gail Leek Kinkering and husband **Jeff** are kept busy by Tyler, 1. Gail works for the State of Maryland in Annapolis as legal editor for the Code of Maryland

Regulations and Maryland Register. She keeps in touch with **Lea Ruggiero O'Shea** and **Anthony Barnes Elliott**. Gail and Amy were pregnant at the same time, Amy with her set of twins!

Lea Ruggiero O'Shea enjoyed our 15th reunion, but can't believe how much Westminster has changed. Lea lives in Berkeley Heights, N.J., with husband Donal, Conor, 6, and Timmy, 4. She teaches computer classes at a K-8 Catholic school. The last two years Lea has walked in the AVON breast cancer 3-day walk, an unbelievable 60-mile walk. Donal's family is from Ireland and the family is planning a trip in June. She is in touch with **Gail Leek Klakring** and **Pam Yurcisin '85**.

Julie Fringer Palekas, husband Ed, Brandon, 14, Joseph, 6, and Rachel, 4, will be headed to Ft. Campbell, Ky. in June 2001. Ed will take over an Infantry Battalion and Julie will get to be a "single" parent again! She is busy at home, keeping up with the kids' activities and is zookeeper of the pets. Julie was with a weekend with **Trish Feaga Holmes**, **Missy Mules Herbert** and **Missy Wagner Keyser**.

Michele Hutsenreuter Connor is a stay-at-home mom for Philip, 11, Amanda, 5, and Jeremy, 2. She and husband Mike vacationed in St. Thomas to celebrate Mike's 40th

enjoys studying the heavens with him.

For the last couple of years, **Chuck Pierpont** has been living in the very small town of Sharnsburg, Md. Last July 5, Chuck and his partner became one of the first couples in the country to have a Civil Union in Vermont. They had a reception in their church parish hall in September. WMC alumni in attendance were **Betsy Mitchell** and **Eric Henning '83**, **Beth White Werrell '83** and her husband John, and **Pete Roop**. Chuck has two dogs, and works as a contractor at the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts on Capitol Hill. Unfortunately, this requires a round-trip commute of over four hours a day.

I have had another great year living in Westminster with the kids, Zach, 9, and Lindsay, 6, along with the country air! **Bob '83** is kept very busy as manager of St. Levinson Funeral Home in Baltimore, working 6 days a week. I reentered the workforce after 8 1/2 years, substitute teaching at the kids' school, Robert Moton Elementary. My occasional assignment turned into a two-month long-term assignment in kindergarten. Bob and I both are active with Zach's Cub Scout Pack, serving on Pack Committee along with **Ann Blizzard Dell** and her husband Dan.

Our class could well only be published every two years, so please feel free to drop me news any time. Thanks for all the class news that was submitted and I look forward to our next column.

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1990 Thanks for your responses. We are keeping track of your e-mail addresses and will send electronic "cards" in addition to the paper ones to make responding more convenient for you all in the future.

Mike Adderley's response missed the deadline of the last class of '90 column, but when we heard from him he wrote that he is a Captain in the U.S. Air Force piloting B-52H Bombers. He was accepted to attend Bomber Weapons School, and flew combat sorties as part of Operation Allied Force in Kosovo and Serbia. Mike says it was the most exciting and rewarding time of his life, knowing he was helping the Kosovar refugees he saw nightly on the BBC while he was deployed. He sends out a hello to all the Sig Eps.

Lisa Brown Arnesen is enjoying her job at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant as a support leader for the access

control systems team. When not at work, she chases after Gunnar, 4, and Kira, 2. She finds time to volunteer at Gunnar's preschool and keep her scrapbooks updated. She and her husband **Roll '88** were looking forward to taking the children to Disney World.

Kristen Mowery Barth and her husband Scott welcomed a new daughter, Kira Elizabeth, on August 25, 2000. Kristen returned to her job as graphic artist for Laurel and Pimlico Race Courses, but is able to work from home part of the time. She and her family (including the dog) are looking forward to spending some time outdoors this summer. She corresponds via e-mail with **Mary Beth Steele Richardson** and **Debbie Hauser Athey '88**.

Heather Berka recently relocated to Dublin, Pa. from Maryland to be closer to her family. She has been working for her father's business from home so she can stay with her son, George, 5. She can't believe he will be starting kindergarten in the fall. She and her very significant other, Darren, spent some time in Florida recently where they took in the Daytona 500 and Disney World. She keeps in touch with **Jane McDowell Smith**, and is trying to track down **Pat Stokes**.

Carolyn Bent Boggs and her husband welcomed a baby boy into the world on October 5, 2000. His name is James Doyle, and she says that although he keeps them very busy he is a great deal of fun to have around. She sees **Heather Tull**, **Julie Biddenger**, **Chris Weber '89** and **Melanie Tull Conley '91** often.

Bob Brown has taught math for the past five years in CCBC-Essex, where he is now an assistant professor. He is also preparing his fourth CD, *The 4th Moron*, for release (Moron is the name of his one-man Christian band). His music was reviewed twice by Cross Rhythms, the U.K.'s leading Christian music magazine, and has since been steadily gaining popularity in Great Britain. One of his songs was included in a recent CD sampler distributed by Cross Rhythms. He can be contacted geocities.com/moronmusic for more information. He writes that despite his success, his wife **Julie Baile '91** keeps him humble.

Wendy Davis Cain is a full-time mom in Westminster to Ryan, 6, and Noah, 4. Ryan attends St. John's Catholic School in Westminster, not far from WMC's campus; Noah is doing well in preschool. It will come as no surprise to anyone who remembers Wendy that full-time motherhood did not prevent her from completing a consulting project recently for the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy.

David Dinges III is teaching 6th grade for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Iwakuni, Japan.

Like **Bob Brown**, **Scott Carter** is living a double life as a musician/teacher. He works in Nashville, as a songwriter and a seventh-grade science teacher. Sounds like an interesting combination, and he's probably in good company in Nashville. Scott started his own publishing company and recently released a new CD of original material. (Scott, please send us the names of your CDs next time!) He's had recent visits from **Mark Gedney '91**, **Jeff Little**, **David Cadigan '89**, **Evan Pickus '88** and **Dave Wessel**.

Jennifer Testa Clayton writes that she has been very busy since graduating from WMC. She received her master's degree in molecular biology several years ago and worked for the Department of Defense as a Microbiologist in the Virology Division. Most recently, she worked on the West Nile Virus outbreak. She and her husband, Mike, have two children, Alexandra and Patrick. Last summer Jennifer completed several triathlons, with more planned in the future. She and her husband enjoy traveling and have been to Belize, Guatemala, and Ireland; they have a trip planned to Iceland for the near future. She and her family live in Uniontown, Md., in a historic Victorian home which was once owned by WMC.

The year 2000 was a baby boom for the class of 1990—**Michael and Laura Brown Cleveland** also welcomed a new child, Benjamin, on November 22. Ben's big sister Rachel is thoroughly enjoying him. Laura writes that she works part time for the Community Learning Center at Robert Moton Elementary School in Westminster and is otherwise home with the children. Michael works at Johns Hopkins University as a project manager.

David Dinges III is teaching 6th grade for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Iwakuni, Japan. He and his wife, Valerie, and children (Seth, Luke and Sofia) are enjoying the sights and the people of that beautiful country. David recently visited with a former WMC exchange student, Shinichi Muraguchi, in Tokyo. The Department of Defense plans to transfer him and his family to Germany for

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birthday. Michele is on the school board at her kids' school and also teaches Sunday school. The family is busy with Little League and Girl Scouts.

Cindy Tanner Rawlings is a busy stay-at-home mom to a three-year-old daughter and two boys, ages 10 and 12. The boys are involved in baseball and soccer and her daughter will start preschool this fall. Last year the family took a cruise along the East Coast and this year will go to Kerr Lake for vacation.

Linda Lang Hubble and husband Larry, sons Ricky, 5, and Eric, 1, are enjoying life in Harford County. Linda is still teaching special education in Harford County and hopes to get back into horseback riding this spring. Larry is active in astronomy, so Linda

the upcoming school year. They are looking forward to more adventures around the world!

As the Dinges family arrives in Germany, **Melissa Ridgely Covelosky** and her husband, David will be leaving. She writes that they plan to travel in their Army green for corporate gray as they move back to the East Coast with their three dogs. They are looking forward to seeing friends and family on a regular basis. Melissa says hi to **Nancy VanNess Junker, Rhonda Mize Sullivan and Linda Needle Plummer '91.**

Chuck Cruise is an information systems manager with the Social Security Administration. He and his wife **Laura Balakir Cruise '91** have two daughters, Jessica and Tara. Chuck plays indoor soccer twice a week and keeps in touch with **Don Haas and Peggy Borowski Campbell '89.** He sends a hello to **Bob Hutchison '89.**

Rob and Julie Byrd '92 Dixon are staying another year in Waldorf, Md. Rob was promoted to Major in March and will complete another year at the White House Communication Agency in Washington, D.C. Next year Rob and Julie expect to head to Ft.

Dr. John Grimes finds time to coach and play soccer every night of the week!

Leavenworth, Kan. for school. Julie is a full-time mother to their son Samuel.

On March 14, 2001 **Scott Fringer** and wife Kelly welcomed their third child. Daughter Teagan Delaney was enthusiastically greeted by her twin brothers Connor and Gage, who are very excited about their new "playmate." Scott and Kelly, who live in Florida, moved their family into a new home in April.

Victoria Fulton writes that she is teaching French and Spanish at River Hill High School in Howard County. She was looking forward to a trip to France this summer.

Judith Leister Geisler works for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in Maryland as a pharmacist with the Maryland Medical Assistance Program. She gave birth to her first child, Jessica Grace, on May 14, 2000. Her husband Todd is a full-time dad and they are both enjoying the challenges of parenthood.

Dr. John Grimes is living in Hanover, Pa. with his wife Roxana and their

daughter Gaby, 11. His medical practice is also in Hanover. He writes that he finds time to coach and play soccer every night of the week!

Ken Hammann and his wife welcomed their second child earlier this year. Drew Phillips was born on February 28, 2001.

Jane Miskelly Hartlove writes that she and her husband, Brian, still live in Howard County with their son Brendan Reece, 2. After receiving her master's degree from Johns Hopkins in 1999, she began working for the Anne Arundel County public school system as a guidance counselor. She currently works about two days each week, and has a lot of fun with Brendan the rest of the time. Jane and her family are looking forward to spending as much time as possible at the beach this summer. She would love to hear from other Omegas at her e-mail address jhartlove@home.com.

Lisa Cantlie Hummel and husband **John '91** live in Kingwood, Texas, just outside of Houston. They have two children: Madelyn, 6, and Jack, 4. John works for the FBI in the Houston division. They hope to make it back east to visit WMC soon.

William Jacobs is a network troubleshooter and technical editor at NCR. He plans to delve into database administration soon. He writes that his daughters Bernadette, 2, and Vivian, 1, are growing like weeds under the skilled hand of his wife, Monica. In his spare time he stays active in local Maryland politics and, "whenever the kids give him five minutes," he reads.

Mark Jozwiak wrote a brief note that he has taken a new job at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., as the assistant football coach and assistant track coach.

Melissa Hallmark Kerr writes that she married Chris Kerr on December 16, 2000 and that he is an "adorable man." The happy newlyweds is also a Ph.D. candidate—she anticipates graduating in December 2001 with a degree in public health and health promotion from the University of Maryland at College Park.

Megan Ashe Kinney is living in Southampton, N.Y. She sends greetings to classmates, especially **Beth Harlow Buckalew '89** and pledge class **41**, and we hope to hear more details about her next time around.

John Kressler's news also missed the most recent column; he last wrote us that he is pursuing his Doctorate of Medicine in Europe. When he takes a break from his studies, he visits home in Annapolis, Md. and keeps in contact with **David Dinges**. John sends his regards and wishes he could have been part of the 10-year reunion.

Mike and Debbie Camara Kunzer had a lot to celebrate this past December. December 8, 2000 marked their 10th wedding anniversary, and on Christmas Day they welcomed their fourth son into the world. Kyle Joseph Kunzer was greeted by his brothers Aaron, 7, Ryan, 5, and Joshua, 2. It sounds like a fun crew. Mike and Debbie are currently living in Colonial Heights, Virginia next to Ft. Lee, where the Army has sent Mike to work on his master's degree in logistics management. He expects to graduate in August. Debbie is a stay-at-home mom and household taxi driver. They say "hi" to all their friends from MacLea and ROTC.

Colleen Dolan Lang and Captain Gregory Lang welcomed a new baby girl born September 3, 2000. Rebecca Marianne joins twin sisters Mary and Rachel, 2, who love to play with her. The Lang family will be relocating from Ft. Bragg, N.C. to Galveston, Texas this summer where Greg will complete a master's of public health. Colleen really enjoys being home with the girls all day in sunny North Carolina. They keep in touch with **Pat and Chris Jarkowicz '89 Feehan, Ben and Denise Berylson Gonzalez, Lisa Voketitis '91, and Rob and Julie Byrd '91 Dixon.**

Jennifer Dempsey Oberfeld was married in May of 2000. For the past year she has been working for an architectural design-consulting firm located in Baltimore. She runs the office and assists the owner with computer-related graphics and presentations. She keeps in touch with **Becky Cosentino Robertson, Kelly Sell, Kelly Wiles Loiacono, Tracey Holter Zifras, and Jenny Otto Ramirez.**

Wendy Wilson Leatherman tied the knot with her husband Paul this past July and they now live in Myersville, Md. where they are building a new home and enjoy riding motorcycles together. Wendy works for a computer training company and stays in touch with **Ted and Jessica Diller '88 Graves** and their son Charlton.

Darren LoPrinzi hasn't been in touch in a while but he has lots of good news this time around. He and his wife Amy were married alone in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; Darren claims this is the best way to get married. Since then, they've added to the family twice, with daughter Mary and son Alexander. They live in Yardville, N.J. and Darren works for a graphics supplier. He keeps in touch with **Eric Springmeyer '91, Frank Gerardi '89, Denney Vanistland '89, Mike "Fuzz" Mahoney, Marc Bouchard, Dave Snyder,** and some of the other Preachers.

Lisa Diffenbaugh Maher and her husband **Dennis '91** have been seeing mice a lot lately—the talking kind, that is. First they celebrated 10 years of wedded bliss with a Disney cruise to the Bahamas, and then they followed up with a family trip to Disney World. Their kids Ryan, Rachel, and Brennan had a great time visiting with Mickey and Minnie, and so did Mom and Dad.

Debbie Atwood Marini enjoys life as a part-time social worker and full-time mom to her children Andrew and Melissa. They spend time with other WMC alums and their kids, like **Barbara Wolf Brummett and Karen Frank Swanson.** Debbie's husband **Jorge '88** works as a financial service professional and loves his work.

Gina Woolen McDonald spends lots of time keeping play dates and attending gymnastics classes with her two daughters, Madeline and Rori Mikaela. Gina and husband **Mike '86** recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary and the whole family is looking forward to visiting the swim club and the Delaware beaches this summer.

Karen Baldrige Moskowitz remains very active with her children, Lisa and Jacob, and with her church. She is the adult choir director and coordinator of music ministries, and enjoys reading and going to the gym in her spare time. Her husband, **Dan '89**, is a banker working in the Maryland/Virginia area.

Rob Patterson, his wife **Jennifer Justh '93**, their son Robbie and dog Hershey are making plans to move to the West Coast. Rob will be working as a physical therapist with an orthopedic surgeon practice in southern Oregon. He says it's truly a beautiful part of the country situated in the Cascade Mountain Range, and anyone traveling out that way should look him up.

Shawn Russell earned his CPA in 1996 and is now pursuing an MBA at Loyola College in Baltimore. He is an Information Technology Consultant in Bethesda, and lives in Columbia, Md.

Cathi Frankzen Schaber and her family are looking forward to spending the first summer in their new house in New Jersey. Along with her three children, Alyssa, Gillian and Zachary, and her husband **Chris '89**, she'll be vacationing in Ocean Pines, Md. later during the year.

Shari Barnes Serafin and her husband Paul recently bought a home in New Jersey. It's a long commute for them into New York City every day (two hours each way!) but Shari says it worth it since she loves her job at Prudential Securities' municipal trading desk. Plus, she spends the entire commute with her hubby. She stays in touch with **Ellen Marth McCarthy** who

lives in Chicago, and **Trish Koch Ryan** who lives in Princeton, N.J.

Michèle Martin Smith and her husband Donnie built their home in Westminster and spend all their spare time entertaining their children, Michaela and Jacob.

Rebecca Britton Swain moved to Hagerstown two years ago and finally feels settled in. She recently bought a condo where she spends many nights grading homework from the seventh grade classes she teaches. She sends a shout out to classmates **Beth Sullivan** and **Jon Marsh**.

Laura Bekoff Miller was recently promoted to Business Development Associate at Kaulkin Ginsberg Company, an investment banking firm, in Bethesda, Md. She also took a part-time position as Director of marine Non-Profit Groups for Nautical Communities, an online boating website devoted to making a difference in the marine environment. She keeps in touch with Riley Cleveland, daughter of **Tony '94** and **Ali Quigley '92**. **Cleveland**, Paige Saah, daughter of **Alicia Janney Saah '91**; **Brennan**, Grace and Cleo Kerr, children of **Darlene Kramer Kerr '91**; **Mimi Kideckel '91**, and the hold-overs **Ginny West Simorelli**, **Michelle Patterson Calhoun '91**, and **Carrie Appleby Casick**. Laura's son, CJ, 9, is in the third grade and she loves keeping busy as the ultimate baseball mom.

Kim Andrews O'Connor was married in April 2000 to **Kevin O'Connor '88**. She is currently administrative facilitator at Marian Boulevard Elementary School in Baltimore County. Kim was asked to speak at the inauguration of the eighth president of WMC, Joan Develin Coley.

Lori Wieder began her own business, Wieder Communications, in March 2000 and reports that things are going very well. In addition to providing communications consulting she has been doing some freelance writing and has had two articles published in the *Washington Post*. She and husband Dave Housley recently vacationed in the Dominican Republic.

Richard and Colleen Christmas **Gardella** moved into a new home in April 2000. Rich is Vice President of MBA Consulting Services, Inc., a temporary professional staffing firm. Colleen is Office Administrator of a law firm in downtown Silver Spring, Md. They both try to keep up with Casey, 7, an award winning Irish dancer, and Richie, 6, who is already involved in school sports. The family recently returned from a one-week tour of Disney World and is looking forward to recuperating this summer at the beach.

And now for news from your reporters. **Becky and Chip** joined the "parents' club" recently when Benjamin Anthony Robertson was born on December 27, 2000. He constantly makes us laugh, and he also makes it very hard to get out of the house for work each morning. I recently returned to work at Booz-Allen and Hamilton, and Chip is Director of E-Commerce at Price-Modern in Baltimore. With the little bit of spare time we have, we continue to fix up our home in Davidsonville, Md. and entertain our three dogs.

Kathy is still adjusting to her new role as stay-at-home mom of son Alex, 3, and daughter, Sophie, 1. I don't remember any college courses that prepared me for this challenge, although the constant sleep deprivation brings flashbacks of hell week (lots of fine lines and gray hair). Thankfully, I'll be getting some much needed R&R at **Ferren Demore Bolesta's '97** annual girls' weekend at Bethany Beach with **Julia Bugg Maher '87**, among others. My husband **Tom '88** and I are also looking forward to vacationing with **John '88** and **Michelle Meehan '89** **McDonnell** and family in North Carolina this summer.

Take care all of you thirty-somethings. Our class news will be published every other year going forward, but please feel free to write or e-mail us anytime with updates. We keep a running file.

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The start of the 21st century finds the class of '96 with plenty of great news. Five years have

passed almost in the blink of an eye. Read on to see what your fellow alumni have been doing!

Tania Huzarewicz Baumhauer married U.S. Naval Academy graduate **Forrest Baumhauer** on October 7, 2000. Forrest is now assigned to an aircraft carrier in Norfolk, Va. Living in Silver Spring, Md., Tania is working as a marketing coordinator for a national commercial real estate firm. She is well on her way to getting her commercial license, focusing on office leasing in Montgomery County, Md. Still with MBNA America, **Amy Sheriff Wiggins** is now an assistant vice president managing the education

department of the customer assistance division in Hunt Valley, Md. She says that it's been great being closer to college friends in the Baltimore area.

Denise Sarver recently purchased a home in Ellicott City, Md. She keeps in close contact with **Emily Firor** and **Courtney Sullivan Chesney**. Courtney still resides in Frederick, Md. with husband **Ron Chesney '93**. She recently left her position as senior tax consultant with Deloitte & Touche, LLC to stay at home with their daughter Alyssa, born July 14, 2000.

After spending four months traveling across the U.S., **Kate Fago** has settled down in Key West. She is thoroughly enjoying the warmth, the sunshine, and the ocean in her life as an island bartender. In her spare time, Kate has been making jewelry and honing her photography skills.

Anne Larson Brakeman owns a home in Stratford, Conn. with Robert, her husband of two years, and their two dogs. She is enjoying her job as a teacher at a private school.

April 2001 marks **Noelle Alampi's** fourth anniversary as a sales associate at the Gallery of American Craft at Wheaton Village in Millville, N.J. She took a two-week tour of the British Isles last summer with **Tiffany Urbansky '97**.

Andrea Kolesar Fuhrman lives in **Baltimore** with husband **Matthew Fuhrman '95** and their daughter Anna Elizabeth. She stays home with the baby and works part time. She also recently taught a communication class at the University of Baltimore.

After cutting his teeth as part of the leadership of Segal/Dreamworks SKG, Walt Disney, and WWF Entertainment Properties, **Melvin Brennan III** encountered an opportunity and a career change. He founded and is president of Illumina, LLC, a New Jersey-based sport/multimedia company and was a delegate in Cannes, France at Football Expo 2000. He was hired by North America's confederation of FIFA, the world governing body of soccer, as head of special projects. He will be developing a variety of soccer projects for them, including a television show for Fox Sports World. Wife **Laurel** is director of child care for two integrated facilities, and son **Melvin IV** is already using two and three-word sentences and exhibiting a love for football — soccer, that is.

Kelli Bowen Short has been married for three years and teaching second grade for four years. She built a home in 1998 and is working towards a master's in curriculum and design with administrative certificate.

The Army has kept **Anne Fuller** busier than she thought possible. She

began the year at Fort Meade and moved to Georgia for her advanced course after being promoted to Captain. She took an additional course in Kansas at the beginning of 2001 and is now off to the 82nd Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C. to jump out of airplanes and work endless hours. Anne is applying to the Army's two-year physician's assistant program for the fall of 2002, and she recently became an EMT and bought a motorcycle to keep busy in her spare time. She keeps in touch with **Heather Seaburg Carroll** and **Danielle Miller**.

Gail Conway is still residing in Westminster and has found that it's a pretty nice place to settle down! She is very excited about a new position in advertising with the Carroll County Times. Gail has been spending her free time with her adorable dog Indy, boyfriend Ryan, and old WMC friends like **Kristen Olsh Benjamin '97** and **Leslie Kirkwood '97**. The tight-knit lines of communication with fellow Alpha Nu Omega alumni have also kept her in touch with other friends.

Wedding bells rang for **Mare Sheehan Gallen** on December 2, 2000 as she married John Gallen, an electrician for Local 98 in Philadelphia, PA. Classmate **Holly Roback Plank** was able to attend the ceremony, and by all accounts, everyone had a great time. Mare continues to work for a radiology facility, and the couple just bought a home in Turnersville, N.J. They also formed a corporation with Mare as president, and they are about to purchase a condo at the N.J. shore through Faltie, Inc. ("Faltie" is Gaelic for "welcome.")

Also married last year was **Sandra Elman Hoyle**. She wed Randy Hoyle in November 2000.

Kimberly Haker Retchless and **Todd '97** have finally returned from living in Germany after almost four years. They enjoyed their time overseas, especially the traveling, but are very glad to be back in the states. Right now they are stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga. as they both attend their signal captains career course. After completion around July, they will be moved again to wherever the Army sends them. Although always far from home, Kim misses all of her good friends from WMC. A special hello goes out to all of her Omega friends!

I would like to thank those of you who responded with an update. Feel free to send along news at any time, and don't forget to update the alumni office with address changes. Have a wonderful summer!

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My Walk with Martin Luther King Jr.

The photo of dome-shaped Edmond Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala. in the May issue of *The Hill* evoked memories of the most frightening and exciting day of my life. I was one of the 1,500 who responded to Martin Luther King Jr.'s call for help after the "Bloody Sunday" massacre March 7, 1965. Three of us flew out of New Jersey's Newark Airport at about 7 a.m. March 9 and were driven directly from Montgomery to Selma, 40 miles away.

Johnson Hutchins, who drove us in a Volkswagen Omnibus, stated the issue simply—the right to vote. "I don't have any trouble getting into the courthouse to pay my taxes and I don't see why they don't let us register to vote the same way. Instead they use tax money to pay those troopers to beat our heads."

Which is exactly what we expected might happen to us. The town of Selma was tense. We saw the scene of Sunday's atrocities—the sloping riverside where demonstrators were chased by club-swinging mounted possemen. We saw scores of cars occupied by state troopers. The Negro quarter was completely cut off. Motorcycle policemen barred all automobiles.

We had to cool our heels behind Browns Chapel A.M.E. Church for several hours while others arrived from all over the country. It was a lovely spring day and our spirits were high. But the tension mounted, nevertheless. Finally, amidst a smattering of applause, Dr. King took his place at the head of the line of march, flanked by several hulking men in denim overalls ready to throw themselves on top of King, if necessary. Joining King was James Forman, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee's (SNCC) executive, who was sweating in his heavy protective overcoat and wearing a hat so padded with newspapers that he could hardly hold it on his head.

As a journalist, I walked beside the front rank so I'd see what was happening. The march began, the destination uncertain. We were there to protest what had happened on Sunday, and probably few of us thought we would go far toward Mont-



gomery that day. Slowly and somberly, in low key, the column of marchers started down the almost-deserted Water Avenue.

Tension mounted rapidly as we passed a number of ambulances. Inside several stores exhibiting "CLOSED" signs, groups of whites stood behind plate glass windows straining to see what was happening. It was like the film *High Noon*, as reporters and marchers alike searched alleys, doorways and rooftops for impending trouble. King's life had recently been threatened.

The march halted abruptly at Broad Street. A U.S. Deputy Marshall handed King an injunction against the march. We turned the corner and headed up the Pettus Bridge. Suddenly I felt queasy; I could sense trouble. Standing at the crest of the bridge was the infamous, ruthless Sheriff Jim Clark, yelling through his bullhorn that anyone crossing the bridge would be arrested.

When we reached the crest we caught sight of a wall of helmeted troopers blocking the highway. Major John Cloud of the State Highway Patrol, who ordered his men on "Bloody Sunday" to attack the bewildered and helpless blacks, halted us. The marchers and the troops eyed one another warily. King asked permission to pray. During the prayer, we heard the troopers moving. One clergyman later remarked, "It was the only time I ever prayed with both eyes open."

Major Cloud had shifted his troops, opening the highway, tempting King to violate the injunction and lead the march on to Montgomery. Instead, he led us back to town, and we sang in lively cadence: "We love everybody; We love George Wallace; We love the state troopers; We love Sheriff Clark..."

Initial news reports indicated King and his followers backed down. Some near the front insisted on continuing and criticized King's leadership, but he wisely saw that any other course would have been fraught with danger.

King had come to Selma because he was confident he could dramatize the plight of his Negroes. The seat of Dallas County in the heart of Alabama's Black Belt cotton country, Selma was the first city in Alabama to establish a White Citizens' Council. Fewer than 350 of her 15,000 Negroes were registered to vote. Three out of every four Negroes were turned down during the first two months of the voting rights campaign, while two out of three whites registered without incident. King had set voting rights as the keystone for all other rights. "More than a badge of citizenship and dignity," he said, "it is an effective tool for change."

The marchers from distant places were a bit discombobulated when turned around. No march was possible without Federal support, and that could not happen immediately. Sadly, we turned homeward. We arrived in Atlanta in the middle of the night and learned that Jim Reeb, Unitarian minister from Boston, had been murdered back in Selma. Morning light was dawning when our plane touched the runway at Newark Airport. Wow, it had been quite a 24 hours. •

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Alumni Ravens Bird Bash

SEPT. 27-OCT. 12

Green Terror tour, "Legendary Waterways of Europe" (sold out)

OCT. 20

Homecoming

NOV. 5

Alumni Council Meeting, WMC campus

NOV. 10

Sports Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction ceremonies. 2001 Inductees are Nancy Hutchinson Carter '86, Earl W. Dietrich '69, Joanne Siehler Durst '56, Lisa Sullivan Harford '88, Larry J. Suder '69.

NOV. 12-13

President's Tour of Pennsylvania

DEC. 6-8

President's Tour in Northern New Jersey/New York City

DEC. 9

Holiday Buffet, WMC campus

FEB. 6-27

Green Terror tour of Australia and New Zealand (see page 18 for details)

For more information about upcoming campus events, click on **News and Events** at www.wmdc.edu for an up-to-date calendar. 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.

FORMER CLASSMATES WILL SOON BE JUST A CLICK AWAY

Alumni Affairs is in the process of updating the printed version of the Alumni Directory and will make the database available online for the first time. The directory will be accessible only to Western Maryland College alumni. Listings will include class years, home and business addresses, phone/fax numbers, e-mail addresses, and spouse names. Maiden names, if different from current names, will be cross-referenced for convenience in locating classmates. The alphabetical section will be complemented by separate listings of alumni by class year, geographic location and occupation.

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FACULTY KEEP THEIR EYES ON THE BALL

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If teaching is the name of the game at Western Maryland, then this year's MVP is sociology professor Debra Lemke. Find out her secret to turning students on to Marx, Weber and Durkheim (pg. 2) and read about why star faculty recruits like Jean Shin chose the College on the Hill above all others (pg. 6).

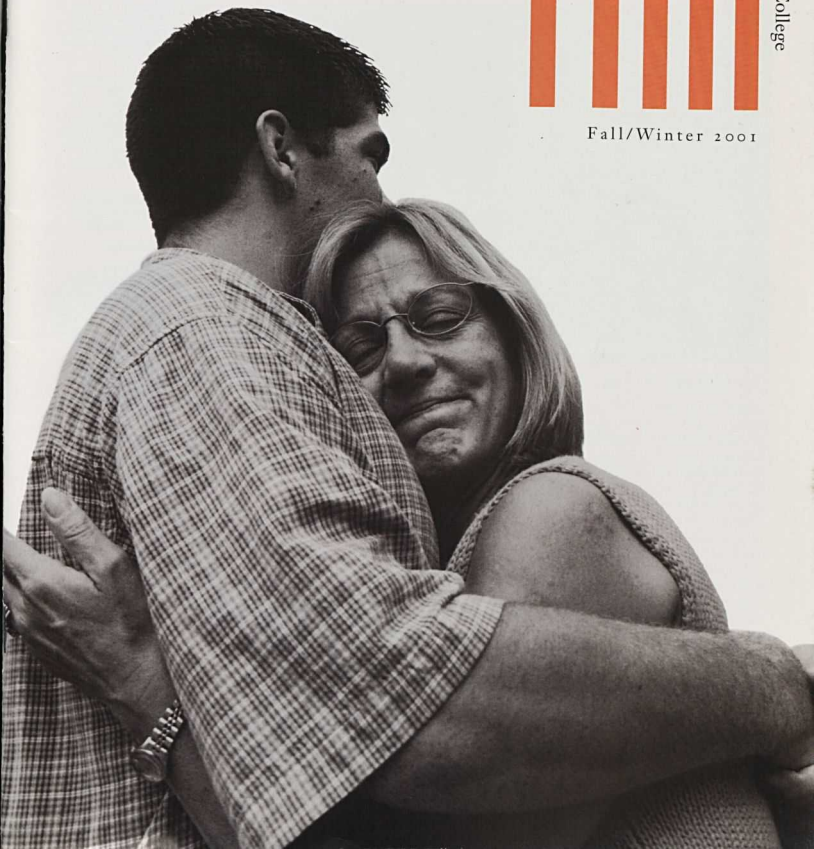
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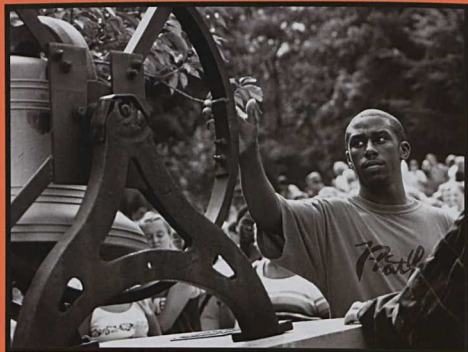
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Timothy McCallum rings the Old Main bell to signal his arrival to WMC's living-learning community



ANN GRILLO

Four Years with the Class of 2005

Alumni tell us often, and describe in many different ways, the profound impact their four years at Western Maryland College had on the people they have grown up to be. They talk about the potential they discovered and realized while working and playing on this campus. Lessons were learned not only in the labs and classrooms, they always say, but in the residence halls, the dining hall, the pub and the playing fields. Their professors befriended them and their friends taught them.

We want to watch that transformation. Starting with this issue of *The Hill* (pg. 14), we'll follow the newest members of our living-learning community all four years to Commencement 2005. In this occasional series of stories, we'll chronicle the small details of college life, the stuff of metamorphosis.

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First-year student Ethan Estevez bids farewell to his mother Virginia MS '94

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Having a brother on the team makes victory doubly sweet

"Don't die with the music still in you"



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C. KURT HOLTER

LEWIS RENEWAL

Ribbons were cut, doors flung open, and oohs and ahhs echoed from trustees and alumni who toured the newly restored and renovated Lewis Hall at a rededication ceremony held Oct. 26. Faculty and students settled into the elder Lewis Recitation Hall (dating back to 1914) and its 1966 wing, Lewis Hall of Science, this fall and have the bragging rights to the same high-tech and state-of-the-art classrooms enjoyed by their peers in the impressive four-storied \$14 million Science Center. The Center, dedicated in 1999 has been renamed Eaton Hall, in honor of Thomas '27 and Catharine Eaton whose \$8 million bequest was announced in September. All three buildings form a handsome finish to the College's academic quadrangle created in 1991 with the renovation of Hoover Library.

The College also celebrated the completion of a beautiful brick walkway that stretches from Decker College Center to Main Street and defines a pedestrian-friendly campus. The walkway is named in honor of a gift from Board of Trustees Chair James Melhorn and his wife Lora.

FACTS THAT WON'T FIT

Two weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, sociology professors Lauren Dundes and Roxanna Harlow surveyed 403 undergrads to gauge students' reactions. Here's what they found: Percentage of female respondents: 61 • Those who found the attacks to be traumatic: 75% • Those who felt that their sense of safety had decreased since the attacks: 58% • Those who supported attacking Afghanistan, but only if there was evidence to show that the country played a role in the attacks: 66% • Those who wanted to attack Afghanistan even if there was no evidence of its involvement: 22% • Those who knew or had family who knew someone who was injured or killed in the attacks: 34% • Those who experienced an increase in patriotism since Sept. 11: 72%; • Those who feel a closer bond with other Americans: 70%

Snitching a No-No Among Students

A new study shows that most WMC students don't tell on cheaters, despite new Honor Code regulations requiring students who observe infractions to report offenses to the Honor and Conduct Board.

Two years after the contract between faculty and students was revised, Economics Professor Dick Claycombe's statistics class conducted a survey of 126 randomly selected students from all class levels.

A clear majority of students said they don't think there is a great deal of cheating on quizzes and exams. More students suspected that some students plagiarized from the Internet and other sources. But while most students approved of the Honor Code, the penal-

ties for cheating, and the new requirement that students turn each other in, they said they saw no increased inclination of students to report violations.

Students did report that more faculty proctor exams than did before the change. •

WMC-Budapest Outgrows its First Home

WMC-Budapest, the first college in Hungary awarding a degree from an American institution, has taken up new digs in the city that has become the cosmopolitan hub of Eastern Europe. The burgeoning program outgrew the former headquarters of the Communist Party's education department, its home since doors opened in 1994.



MARTIN K. P. HILL

WMC-Budapest's new headquarters was built in 1870, just three years after the College was founded in Westminster. Renovators reported that original paint on the main staircase was green and gold.

The new classroom building is a downtown gem built in 1870, just three years after WMC was founded in Westminster. To the surprise of renovators, the bottom layer of paint on the building's main staircase was green and gold, the WMC school colors. So, of course, the staircase has been restored to its original green-and-gold splendor.

In addition to the students from Eastern Europe and other countries studying there this year, 11 WMC-Westminster students are in Hungary with Professor of Communication/English Robert Sabora, who plans on enjoying the goulash, paprikash, and Gundel pancakes. Students take the first two years of the curriculum in Hungary and finish their liberal arts studies in Westminster. About 60 WMC-Budapest students are here finishing their bachelor degrees. •

To the Mall, Driver!

Not so long ago, first-year students were twice-cursed when it came to shopping: they had no wheels and they had no stores worth the effort of bumming a ride.

How times have changed. These days, Westminster is a box-store mecca with both a Wal-Mart and a Target (pronounced TAR-jay by the young and chic), as well as a brand-new Kohl's department store. And, on Saturdays, a free shuttle will take them there.

The green College van, nicknamed "the pickle," runs from campus to the Owings Mills mall and metro station every 90 minutes

between noon and 10 p.m. Stops include downtown Main Street, Super Fresh, the mall in Westminster, Wal-Mart, Target, Cranberry Square and the Pennsylvania Dutch Market.

Each run averages about two passengers, according to Director of College Activities Mitchell Alexander. He says the light usage is slightly disappointing because the nearly \$4,000 annual cost could be used for some other activity. On the other hand, he says, "At least two students per run are very happy we offer the service."

For the first time last year, the shuttle service was expanded to include pick-up and delivery to BWI, Dulles and National airports and Greyhound bus and Amtrak train stations at major semester breaks. •

College Rankings Redux

Good news: the latest *U.S. News & World Report* rankings were released Sept. 10 and Western Maryland is again ranked among the national liberal arts colleges and universities.

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GLEANINGS FROM THE LIBRARY SHELVES

"The challenge in the old world, the nineties world of Bill Clinton, was to remember that, behind the prosperity and complacency, death was waiting and entire countries hated us. The problem of the new world, the zeroes world of George Bush, will be to reassert the ordinary, the trivial, and even the ridiculous in the face of instability and dread: to mourn the dead and then to try to awaken to our small humanities and our pleasurable daily nothing-much."

—AUTHOR JONATHAN FRANZEN
WRITING IN *THE NEW YORKER*,
SEPT. 24

Hoover Library celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. See pg. 23 to learn how an additional gift of \$2.9 million from the estate of its namesakes, Samuel H. and Elsie Hoover, will be used to further enhance this campus resource.

Bad news: The College still sits in the third quartile among higher education's elite.

The other side of the story: In the Aug. 27 issue of *The New York Times*, the annual "best colleges issue" and its rankings have come under fire from a woman who once supervised them. She states that the imprecise measurements gathered could mislead prospective students. According to the NYT article, "the fundamental problem with the rankings is that they substitute a slew of proxies for what really matters, students' own reflections on their experiences and their prospects for a rewarding life after graduation." •



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PEOPLE

New York Times Writer Teaches Freshman Comp.

New York Times environmental and gardening writer Anne Raver is teaching a freshman composition class this semester while re-setting on the farm in Finksburg where she grew up.

Raver, a veteran journalist, has lived most of her adult life on the outskirts of cities in an effort to retain some semblance of a rural life. When her job took her to Boston, she lived

on a salt marsh in Ipswich. When she worked on Long Island, she occupied a ramshackle cottage on the Nissequogue River. In Brooklyn, she farmed on a rooftop and then in a tiny backyard.

In March, Raver made the decision to set down roots in familiar country soil. From the 1890 farmhouse her grandfather built and where her mother still lives, the 52-year-old writes her weekly "Cuttings" column and other articles for the *Times* while overseeing the transformation of the barn into her dream house.

New York Times environmental and gardening writer Anne Raver returns to her roots: the 1890 farmhouse her grandfather built and the College where her father once worked.



JOE RUBINO

She says teaching her Tuesday night writing class is a way of re-connecting with a community she first came to know through her father, Milton Raver, a former College employee. •

Faculty Milestones

Promotions went to seven faculty members: **Robin Armstrong** to associate professor of music; **Mary Bendel-Sims** to associate professor of English; **Rebecca Carpenter** to associate professor of English; **Martine Motard-Noar** to professor of foreign languages; **Julia Orza** to associate professor of education; **Henry Reiff** to professor of education; **Brian Wladkowski** to associate professor of chemistry. Drs. Armstrong, Bendel-Sims, Carpenter, Orza and Wladkowski were also granted tenure.

Ten full-time undergraduate and graduate faculty members joined the College in the fall. They are:

Art and Art History: **Gretchen McKay**, assistant professor; Ph.D. (Univ. of Virginia; recipient of McIntire Dept. of Art Teaching Award 1995); Specialty in Byzantine art history

Art and Art History: **Susan Scott**, assistant professor; Ph.D. (The Pennsylvania State Univ.; recipient, in 1985, of Fulbright Summer Study Grant in India); Specialty in Renaissance and Baroque architecture and Spanish Baroque painting

Communication: **Christina Prell**, instructor; Ph.D. candidate (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute); Specialty in new media (computers and the Internet)

Exercise Science and Physical Education: **Stephen McCole**, assistant professor; Ph.D. (Univ. of Maryland, College Park); Specialty in human performance; current research in cardiovascular hemodynamics

Hoover Library: **Lisa Mott**, assistant librarian

Mathematics and Computer Science: **John Miller**, associate professor, Ph.D. (Cornell Univ.); Specialty in theoretical and applied mathematics; also experienced professional in technical management, system engineering and computer programming on diverse projects including air traffic control, nuclear waste disposal and space exploration

Military Science: **Brian Lumby**, assistant professor; Specialty in air defense artillery

Military Science: **Ricardo Torres**, assistant professor; Specialty in field artillery

Psychology: **Stephanie Madson**, assistant professor; Ph.D. (Univ. of Minnesota; since 1996 served as research assistant for Parent-Child Project at the Institute of Child Development); Specialty in parental influence on a teen's romance and dating habits

Social Work: **Catherine Orzolek-Kronner '86**, assistant professor; Ph.D. candidate (The Smith College School for Social Work); also experienced as a psychotherapist; Specialty in eating disorders •

Summer Intern Helped Make Ravens Happy Campers

At 6 feet tall and 150 pounds, Jason Fitzgerald might have been the least imposing guy at the Ravens summer training

Senior Jason Fitzgerald was responsible for everything from processing media credentials to rushing injured players to the hospital.



C. KURT VOLTER

camp. Good thing his position kept him off the gridiron and out of the spotlight, where he quietly tackled challenges large and small to ensure that everything ran smoothly during the Super Bowl champions' six-week stint in Westminster.

As an intern under Ravens Director of Operations Bob Eller, the senior's job was high-stress and multi-faceted. He was responsible for everything from processing media credentials to making airport runs to keeping players' mini-refrigerators stocked with water. When top running back Jamal Lewis suffered a knee injury, Fitzgerald drove him to the hospital, then returned to help the public relations crew contact newspapers and TV stations.

"This is an immense project—getting a team moving and keeping that momentum up. Just getting to be a part of that experience is such a wonderful opportunity," said Fitzgerald, a history and political science double major, adding that the organizational skills he's learned will translate well to a potential career running political cam-

paigns. "The biggest highlight for me is getting to know the players as people. These are pretty normal people who have an extraordinary job."

Another highlight of his internship: being so close to the action during scrimmages "that I had to jump out of the way to avoid being broadsided."

For the most part, Fitzgerald said he didn't have much contact with the players, but "tried to make their lives easier behind the scenes." However, he did not escape the notice of big-bellied, wisecracking defensive tackle Tony "Goose" Siragusa, whose constant teasing is legendary.

"From Day One," Fitzgerald recalled, Goose was constantly coaching him to gain some weight and get out of the office more often to work on his tan. "He handed me an extra plate of food one night and told me I had to eat what was on both of them."

Bunking with the team at the Best Western, Fitzgerald's typical work days began at 6:30 a.m. and didn't end until 11 p.m. A Westminster native, Fitzgerald rarely saw his family after he reported to camp July 18. And when he did speak with sister Jessica, a WMC junior, he had to be careful about what he said — she was interning for the summer at the Carroll County bureau of *The Sun*.

"Having a sister who writes for the *Baltimore Sun* definitely keeps you on your toes," he said. "Some things aren't exactly for public consumption."

Of course, when HBO began filming the reality TV series "Hard Knocks," almost everything became public. Not only Ravens players, but Fitzgerald

CAMPUS QUOTABLES

"Therefore, we will not allow rage, anger, and protest to be the last word. In spite of this day's events, we will strive to have the strength to love, to forgive, to utter 'Yes' to life in spite of its apparent absurdity. ... We will never again take each other for granted, and have in each other the deepest personal trust and for each other - the most profound respect."

—IRA ZEPP, PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES EMERITUS, SPEAKING TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY AT AN AFTERNOON SERVICE IN BAKER MEMORIAL CHAPEL, SEPT. 11

"We are here together to learn, and the lessons that we learn go far beyond textbooks. They go to fundamental questions of good and evil, to difficult solutions for moral dilemmas, to a basic understanding of human nature, to the historical context of modern events, and to eternal and overarching questions about what it means to be human. In the weeks and months to come, all of us on campus stand ready to tackle these questions together through dialogue and through action."

—COLLEGE PRESIDENT JOAN DEVELIN COLEY, IN A LETTER TO ALUMNI AFTER THE SEPT. 11 TERRORIST ATTACKS

"Police in riot gear, on horses, on foot were flooding the area. It was a nervous moment until we started to march. And then, the individual borders melted. It was a really cool feeling — that sense of solidarity for peace."

—ROB CASWELL '03 AFTER PARTICIPATING IN A POST-SEPT. 11 ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY ANSWER (ACT NOW STOP WAR AND END RACISM). THE RALLY DREW THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION, TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

"Projected demographics reveal that in 15 years, Anglo-whites in America will no longer be the majority. That is good news, because no group will be the majority. This will be a great opportunity to broaden our understanding of what it is to be American. ... It is an opportunity to interact with each other and understand a variety of cultures, because culture defines people, not skin color."

—RAUL YZAGUIRRE, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF LA RAZA, WHO VISITED CAMPUS OCT. 2

"This was a crazy day! I got to Ms. Sand's class as she was answering questions about Tuesday's events. I enjoyed watching her handle [students'] fears. As she was ready to move on, a mouse ran into the classroom. Do you have any idea how eighth-graders react to a mouse? It was chaos! The girls were screaming and the boys were saying it was a spy from Afghanistan. ... A couple of minutes before the class was supposed to end, the fire bell rang. ... While we were outside, one child ate a cricket and I had a bee fly up my skirt and sting me! What a day! Despite all this, I still want to teach."

—JESSICA L. ZIMMERMAN '04, IN AN E-MAIL TO HER SUPERVISOR AFTER HER FIRST DAY OBSERVING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR AN EDUCATION PRACTICUM

and the rest of the support team, had to get used to living with the constant presence of cameras. Fitzgerald actually saw some air time on the first episode.

"At first it was really spooky having cameras all around you, especially the remote control cameras without a person standing behind it," Fitzgerald said. "After a while you get used to it."

Fitzgerald credited the previous two summers he spent working for the College's conference services division under Mary Jo Colbert MS'93 for preparing him for his internship with the Ravens. "I respected Mary Jo before, but I have a newfound respect for her now," he said. "The most valuable skill she taught me was how to be multi-tasked at all times."

Experience Opens Doors for Campus Newspaper Staffers

The news was bittersweet: journalism student Claire Adams had snagged one of 40 coveted summer internships offered through the American Society of Magazine Editors, but instead of *Newsweek* or *Oprah*, she was assigned to *Modern Maturity*.

"I was not a happy camper—I imagined that I would get there and that everyone in the office would be using walkers and I worried I'd have nothing to contribute to a 50-plus readership," said Adams, 20, recalling her reaction when she first learned she'd be working for the official publication of the American Association of Retired People. "But it truly



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was a blessing in disguise."

While interns at some of the trendier magazines, such as *Rolling Stone*, spent much of their time fetching coffee and running errands, the relatively small staff at *Modern Maturity* counted on Adams to coordinate photo shoots, research story ideas and proofread articles. She also wrote some short features for the slick, bi-monthly publication, which has 19 million readers and is the nation's most widely circulated magazine.

"We really rely on our interns," said senior editor Gabrielle Redford, 35, adding that young people contribute a fresh perspective to the publication. "Claire has worked with every editor here and has helped us out with several big story packages. A lot of times you have to hold interns' hands, but Claire just goes for it."

Adams, who serves as co-editor of WMC's student newspaper *The Phoenix*, wasn't the only aspiring journalist circulating her byline at professional publications over the summer. Other *Phoenix* staffers who

completed summer internships include Jessica Fitzgerald, on general assignment at the Carroll County bureau of *The Sun*; Matt Hurff, a sports writer at the *Courier-Post* in Camden, N.J.; Stacey M. Myers, who covered the city of Gaithersburg, Md., for the *Gaithersburg Gazette* and Tammi Slater, who wrote about news, features and sports for *Ellicott City 21042*.

Each had the chance to do lots of reporting and writing while being coached by seasoned pros.

"The best assignment was going to the Phillies game. I didn't write anything on this particular assignment, I just observed and was able to see the ins and outs of working as a professional baseball writer," recalled Hurff, a junior majoring in English with a minor in communication. "After the game I went to the press room and the Phillies locker room to interview Larry Bowa and some of the players. Even though the questions I asked were not going into a story per se, it was a great learning experience."

Despite her initial disappointment, Senior Claire Adams says her assignment at *Modern Maturity* was a 'blessing in disguise.'

At the *Carroll Sun*, Fitzgerald said she finally "felt like a real reporter" when she was assigned a story and had to bang it out the same afternoon to meet her deadline. Another time, she was prompted to consult the textbook she'd just purchased for her media ethics class after the subject of a feature article offered her free tickets to his private lake (she accepted them but later gave them away).

"My actual dream job is to work in Washington covering Capitol Hill," said Fitzgerald, a junior majoring in political science with minors in French and journalism. "I do believe that journalists can make a difference in the world—that's why I'm doing it."

Journalism professor Terry Dalton said he encourages his students to "shoot high, but to expect that it's going to be tough" to land their dream jobs in such a competitive field. Internships are the first step toward realizing those professional goals, he said, adding that confidence and tenacity go a long way, too.

Dalton recalled how two summers ago, Adams talked her way into an internship at the Anne Arundel County bureau of the *Sun* and that by the end of the stint she had published a front-page investigative story. "Interns don't typically wind up on the front page," he said. "Claire has really made opportunities for herself and has made the most of her opportunities."

Ideally, Adams would like to become a foreign correspondent for a major daily newspaper. "I suffer from severe wanderlust. If they handed me a plane ticket, I wouldn't care what it said," she said.

To that end, she has become e-mail pals with *USA Today* foreign correspondent Jack Kelley, a popular guest speaker on campus who received an honorary doctorate from the College in May. He sends her e-mail dispatches from far-away places detailing the dangerous realities of investigative reporting and invited her to spend part of the day with him this summer at *USA Today* headquarters meeting the paper's reporters and editors.

But Adams devoted the bulk of the summer to her *Modern Maturity* internship, where she learned all facets of how publications come together, from brainstorming story ideas, to planning photography and design, to researching and writing the articles.

She also got a sense of how different magazines operate by talking with her roommates at Georgetown University, where she lived with the six other

interns assigned to Washington through the American Society of Magazine Editors.

To her surprise, Adams also gained a new interest in the older generation. "I had stereotyped that age group totally," she said. "I had never concerned myself with issues like Medicare and this really opened my eyes to it. Through researching the travel and lifestyle features, I've learned there really is a positive side to growing older. Retirement sounds like fun." •

Research Assignment Puts Senior on Med School Radar

Aspiring med school students get serious about the application process sometime during the first semester of their senior year. By mid-September, Temple University had already



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let Todd Peters know it was serious about him—before he'd sent his secondary application.

"It's pretty exciting," said the Elizabethtown, Pa., native, who interviewed with Temple Oct. 11 and plans to apply to all of the medical schools in his home state.

The biochemistry and biology double-major has built an impressive record of stellar grades and varied extracurricular activities, which include working as a peer mentor and helping to found the College's Ultimate Frisbee Club. But it's the internship he completed over the summer at the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center that sets him apart.

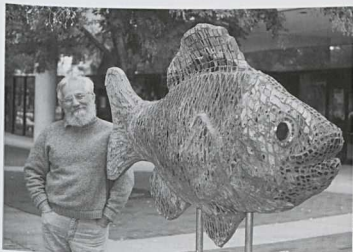
Peters assisted a group of researchers who recently discovered the BCRP gene mutation within cancer cells that codes for a protein within the cell that rejects chemotherapy drugs. The internship, sponsored by the Richard Singer Student Research Fund, provided Peters with a stipend and housing.

Thanks to his research at the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center, senior Todd Peters caught early attention from medical schools.

"He's going to go to medical school on the strength of this research," predicted Professor of Biology Louise Paquin.

In the process of studying the gene, Peters learned to use a newly purchased DNA amplification tool and then trained doctors how to operate the expensive piece of equipment. He made himself so useful, they asked him to return over January term to begin studying cancer patient cell samples. By comparing normal BCRP genes to those that are mutated, he hopes to learn more about how the gene manifests itself.

"I got to work with brilliant people who taught me so much about genetics," said Peters, who often discusses the industry with his father, Scott Peters '81, a pharmaceuticals sales representative. "The work that we were doing has never been done before." •



PHIL GROUT

GO FISH

WMC lecturer Ken Hankins is one of the Baltimore artists selected to participate in the city's highly celebrated Fish Out of Water project that placed 200 decorated plastic fish around Baltimore. With the help of his ceramics class, Hankins created a mosaic fish that was on display this summer (opposite the World Trade Center) and was rated one of the "10 Must-See" fish. Visit his website, www.shilohpottery.com to see step-by-step photos of the creative process.

Quick Study

Ron Liebman '66

Senior partner in the Washington law firm of Patton Boggs; former prosecutor who spearheaded the 1973 investigation of Vice President Spiro Agnew; author of *Grand Jury*; author and editor of *Shark Tales*, a compendium of amazing-but-true stories from the frontlines of the legal profession; drummer in a rock cover band, *The Developments*; husband and father of two daughters.

■ **A journalist named Carl Bernstein** was involved in the Watergate thing when I prosecuted Spiro Agnew. I remember having breakfast with him and his wife Nora Ephron at their apartment in New York. I remember opening up my big mouth and saying I'd really like to be a writer. And she said, "Oh really?"

■ **I can still picture** this, Nora Ephron went to the wall phone and called up this editor at Random House and said, "I've got this guy, Ron Liebman, and I'd like you to see him today." And she made an appointment. She said, "You'll see him at 2 p.m."

■ **His opening salvo was**, "Oh great, another lawyer wants to be a writer." He essentially threw me out of his office by saying, "Look, write 30 pages, send it to me, if it's crap you won't hear from me. You probably won't hear from me."

■ **I didn't hear** from him.

■ **Six months later** I got this phone call from this guy saying, "Just read your stuff, we love it, we want to give you a contract. Come to New York."

■ **So I went and got an agent**, and the agent looked at what I'd done and said, "Oh this is awful." I told her I had a contract and she said, "Oh, it's great."

■ **Without quitting my job**, I wrote the book.

■ **The book did** pretty well. It sold something like 35,000 or 40,000 copies.

■ **I love** my job.

■ **That's the only kind of lawyer** I ever wanted to be, a courtroom lawyer.

■ **I like being** somebody's champion, even if it's a corporation. If it's defense work, particularly criminal defense work, there's an awful lot at stake. And if it's white collar criminal defense work, not only is liberty at stake, but there's usually a fair amount of money at stake. That makes it very interesting.

■ **I've got stories**. Most lawyers do. I thought it might be fun to collect some of them and share them with a wider audience than just us lawyers. That's how *Shark Tales* was born.

■ **My methodology was primitive**. I wrote to lawyers and law firms mostly at random from a national law directory. I basically said, I want to solicit your story. I'm interested in the time you were proudest of being a lawyer or the time you were most ashamed of being a lawyer, the dumbest judge you appeared before or the smartest, the most interesting witness, the most embarrassing episode of your professional life and the most wonderful.

■ **The response was overwhelming**, we got something like 350 responses, some with several stories.

■ **A lot of the stories** are about lawyers' own weaknesses. There's a story in there about a lawyer who cried during his closing argument.

■ **Starting the book with a story about sex** was my call. I ain't dumb. I know how to sell books.

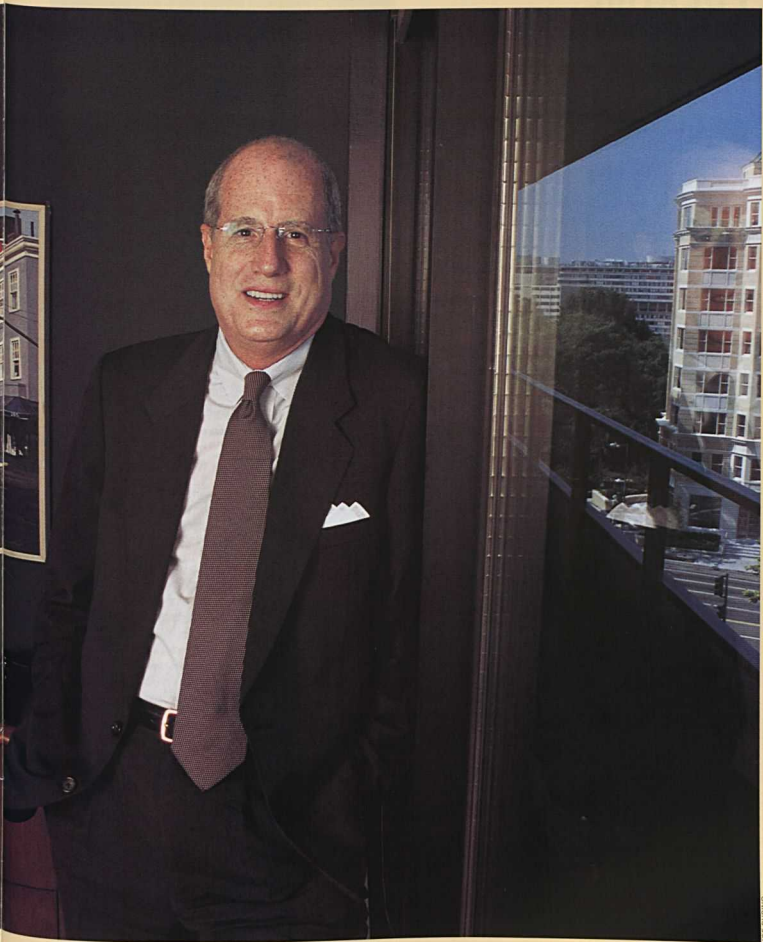
■ **Western Maryland College was a fundamentally important** passage in my life for two reasons: it really brought me out of my shell and I got a damn good education.

■ **Every two years**, guys from my fraternity ("The Bachelors") who graduated in the '60s get together. It is phenomenal.

■ **I have a deal with my wife**. If I should be sitting at home at dinnertime and Mick Jagger calls to say his drummer Charlie Watts is dead or quit, I'm out the door right there.



I've got stories. Most lawyers do,' says Ron Liebman '66.



JOE RUBINO

CREATIVE BUZZ

BOOKS

Prayer as Ballast and Rudder: A Collection of Prayers

Ira Zepp, Jr. '52, professor of religious studies emeritus
OneTree Productions, 2001

For decades, Ira Zepp has guided the campus community through times of happiness and heartache. His prayers have prodded our consciences, salvaged our souls and, ultimately, brought us closer to each other and to "the source of love and life." Here in this slim volume is a selection of prayers spanning his tenure as spiritual guide for the College. Noted religion scholar David Carrasco '67, the Neil L. Rudenstine Professor of the Study of Latin America at Harvard, writes in the Introduction that the prayers "are like a most humble but spectacular butterfly which reflects to us the incandescence and beauty of God's love." He suggests that the collection could be useful in many settings, "including the bedside, the backpacking trip, the chapel and the classroom."

Organized in three parts, or "voices," the sections offer "College Prayers," Zepp's "Personal Prayers" and "Prayers of Others From Which I Have Drawn Spiritual Nourishment." He presents a valuable guide for understanding prayer and praying in the Foreword, which ends with his declaration that, "prayer never guarantees money, health, or

happiness. But one thing is certain; prayer guarantees the presence of God and this is preferred to all the former."

All proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit Common Ground on the Hill, whose purpose is to seek unity in diversity through the expression of all forms of traditional art and music.

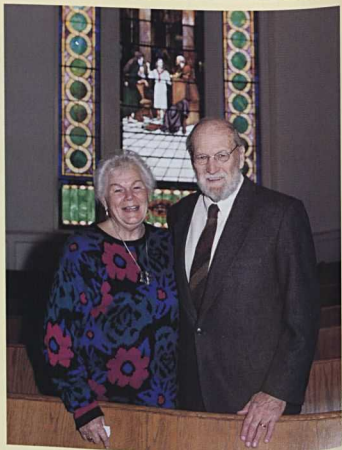
Available online, at the College bookstore or by calling OneTree Productions at 410-857-4075

The Bullfrog Does Not Imagine New Towns

Bernard Jankowski '80
Washington Writers' Publishing House, 2001



Winner of the Washington Writers' Publishing House's 2000 poetry competition for poets from the Baltimore-Washington area, Jankowski's debut collection has been praised by members of the literary community for its ability to evoke "both pleasure and dread." Jankowski holds a mas-



Ira Zepp '52, professor of religious studies emeritus, dedicates his book of prayers to wife Mary.

ter of arts degree from the University of Arizona, owns a fundraising research business in Frederick, Md. and teaches creative writing at Phillips School for Contemporary Education in Laurel, Md.

The Old Family Farm: Farm Life 100 Years Ago

George Grier '39
Publishers@TreeHouse, 2001

A Maryland native, George Grier was born and raised on a family farm in Harford County. He cut his teeth riding the old family buggy and participated in the usual egg-gathering as well as the drudgery of wrestling with a horse-drawn cultivator. When it was time to go to college, Grier's father struck a deal with WMC President Albert Norman Ward to trade trees for tuition. Realizing that our collective memory of old farm practices has begun to fade, Grier writes about

daily farm life at the turn of the 20th century through the eyes of a fictional character named Young George Shaffer.

The Hidden Muse: An Anthology of Nineteenth Century Carroll County, Maryland, Newspaper Poets

Edited by Jesse Glass, Jr. '79.
Research, editorial and production assistance by Melvin "Del" Palmer, professor of comparative literature emeritus
Writers Club Press, 2001

This, the author's second book about his native Carroll County, presents a revealing glimpse into the hearts and minds of the men and women of small-town America in the years before, during and immediately after the Civil War. It is an anthology of 19th-century poets from Carroll County which includes the work of Emma Alice Browne, a gifted

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contemporary of Emily Dickinson. Also included are the poems of the mysterious and equally gifted P. M. Deshong, a gothic writer who simply disappeared in 1848. Glass' first book, *Ghosts and Legends of Carroll County, Maryland*, has been declared a "Local Legacy" by the Library of Congress.

Available online at iUniverse.com

Nightmare on Iwo

Patrick Francis Caruso '46
U.S. Naval Institute Press, 2001

When Pat Caruso landed on Iwo Jima in February 1945 as a Marine second lieutenant, he was sixth in K company's chain of command. Within an hour of the initial assault he had taken command because his senior officers and one-third of his company's 230 men were dead or wounded. Fourteen days later, he was wounded and evacuated, one of only a dozen or so in the company to survive the campaign. From a hospital bed in Guam he began writing down his thoughts on discarded hospital reports, paper bags and anything else he could find. What emerged is one of the great memoirs of that epochal

battle of the Pacific War, where the U.S. Marine Corps suffered more casualties than they inflicted—the only time in their history—yet emerged victorious. Caruso returned to the Hill and received his bachelor's degree at a special August commencement held that year to accommodate returning veterans who completed their requirements over the summer.

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What To Do When the Police Leave: A Guide to the First Days of Traumatic Loss

Bill Jenkins '79
WBj Press, 2001

With a foreword by best-selling author Patricia Cornwell, this hopeful guide for surviving tragedy shares insights and practical advice gained from Jenkins' personal experiences after his 16-year-old son William was shot and killed while working at a fast-food restaurant. Professional caregivers and victim advocates contributed a wealth of information, but the perspective is solely from a survivor's point of view. The guide has been adopted by victim assistance

programs and law enforcement agencies across the country to train personnel and support newly bereaved families. The book is mentioned in Cornwell's novel, *The Last Precinct*.

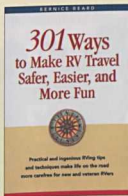
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301 Ways to Make RV Travel Safer, Easier, and More Fun

Bernice Beard '74, MLA '81,
Executive assistant to the president emerita
Arbor House Publishing, 2001

A veteran motorhome and author of three other guides to RVing, Beard has compiled valuable advice she's picked up on the road, plus lots of her own ingenious tips, tricks and techniques to make the trip go smoothly.

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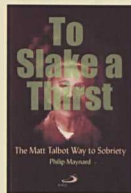


Histology & Cell Biology: Examination and Board Review

Douglas Paulsen '74
McGraw Hill Professional
Publishing, 2000

Paulsen, a professor of anatomy and neurobiology at

Morehouse School of Medicine, says he wrote this book to save medical students "their most valuable commodity: their study time." The book includes MAX Yield study questions that direct attention to key facts needed to master the material most often covered on exams. A final examination gauges students' preparedness for examination in various topic areas.



Available at local and online bookellers

To Slake a Thirst: The Matt Talbot Way to Sobriety

Philip Maynard '50
Alba House, 2000

The book shares a disciplined, Christ-centered approach to overcoming alcoholism developed in the early 20th century by an Irishman who is now a candidate for sainthood. Maynard experienced an extraordinary transformation in his own life by following the method he outlines in these pages.

Available online at www.albahouse.org

Hill SPORTS

Brothers Bring Diverse Talents, Laughter To Field

BY LISA BRESLIN

Beth and Lew Rydzewski stake out their spot on the sidelines as soon as the Bair Stadium gates open, with grills fired up and friends and relatives in tow. Having two sons on the football team makes victories doubly sweet.

The traditional celebration usually includes stopping by the house John and Joe share "and dumping off a lot of groceries," said Beth Rydzewski. "I joke with friends that I'm saving on my grocery bill while the boys are at school."

The Rydzewskis aren't the

only siblings playing football this year. Three sets of brothers bolster the Green Terror team—a unique dimension that no other team in the conference can claim (though Johns Hopkins has three brothers playing—two as offensive linemen and one as a tight end).

Coaches definitely notice similarities in facial features and hand gestures; they occasionally spy one brother signaling "good catch" or "good call" with a simple, quick gesture that only a brother can understand. But what impresses coaches, parents and teammates about the band of brothers is the distinctive personality and playing style each brings to the team.

Junior defensive back Mike Geneas leans on logic and takes time to think plays through, while his brother, Chris, a freshman defensive back, is all action—quick, aggressive action.

Mike Geneas' logic garnered an interception return for a touchdown and a blocked punt that set up a score during Western Maryland's 35-9 romp over Ursinus in September.

Junior wide receiver Joe Ellis (6-3, 205), though more shy than his brother, Mike, a 6-3, 280-pound reserve freshman offensive lineman, plays with confidence that comes with impressive statistics.

This season, Joe had averaged 17.4 four yards per catch and had pulled in a touchdown at each of the first four games before he was sidelined by a broken wrist. When Western Maryland played Bridgewater, a team ranked sixth in the country, Ellis also had four catches for 129 yards.

Gregarious and outgoing, Mike Ellis accepts (and gives) all the brotherly advice he can while he learns the ropes with a college team, and says he is really looking forward to the

Three sets of brothers bolster the Green Terror team—a unique dimension no other team in the conference can claim.

day he joins his brother in the starters' huddle.

The chance to play with a brother, or the support of having a brother on the same football team, brought the newest Rydzewski, Ellis, and Geneas recruits to Western Maryland College.

Some of the brothers had memories of winning state championship games together in high school, and they wanted to share the pride, the celebrations—a championship, together again. The Geneas brothers remember sharing the joy of a quintessential underdog-pulls-up-from-behind-victory against an arch rival team.

"Homecoming game, my senior year—we'll never forget

From left: John and Joe Rydzewski, Mike and Joe Ellis and Chris and Mike Geneas.



it," said Mike Geneas. "I was quarterback and Chris was a linebacker. We were behind 42 to 7 at halftime, but we pulled off a 45-42 victory in the end. It was great."

Western Maryland College is the first opportunity that the Rydzewskis have shared the

field at the same time—a joy they missed in high school because of their age difference. Joe is 23, and graduated from high school in 1996; John is 21, and graduated in 1999, with a late-blooming interest in playing football.



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Sophomore Dan Lyden, a 295-pound offensive lineman, plays the bagpipes with the Baltimore Police Emerald Society.

John joins the Green Terror after working as a military policeman for the Army and attending Frostburg State University first.

"Being a new player would have been a lot harder without Joe," John said. "He has made the transition easy, even though he is forever the practical joker who gets a kick out of telling me that Coach Thomas called [when he didn't] to say that I won't be starting."

Yes, with these brothers come practical jokes, and with these three families come new diehard Green Terror fans and some quirky good luck traditions.

Nan Ellis has had to give up the tradition of making Mike and Joe French toast before games, but they are all still "horribly superstitious," she said.

Both boys have their high school numbers (Mike, 77; Joe, 20), and until recently a tattered jersey given by a previous football coach was worn by Joe, then willed to Mike, and now passed down to their younger brother, Andy, who plays on their high school team in Columbia.

"Having a brother on the team definitely makes it more exciting to play," said Mike Ellis. "But I think we'd all agree that the best part in all this is playing for a good program with strong coaches and with team members that really want to win." •



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Field Hockey Team Sets New Record

The 2001 field hockey team is the best in the program's 53-year history. No squad had ever topped the 10-win plateau before the team's record-breaking victory Oct. 13. In a game that had Centennial playoff implications, Western Maryland (11-2, 4-2) increased its chance to receive a Conference Tournament berth by downing the Franklin & Marshall Diplomats, 2-1.

With 4 minutes 18 seconds left in a game that appeared to be heading into overtime, sophomore Kim Camponelli beat the Diplomat keeper for the game-winning goal. Sophomore Becky Arnold stopped nine shots, including seven in the second half. The watershed game marked the 10th time this season Arnold has held the opposition to one goal or less. •

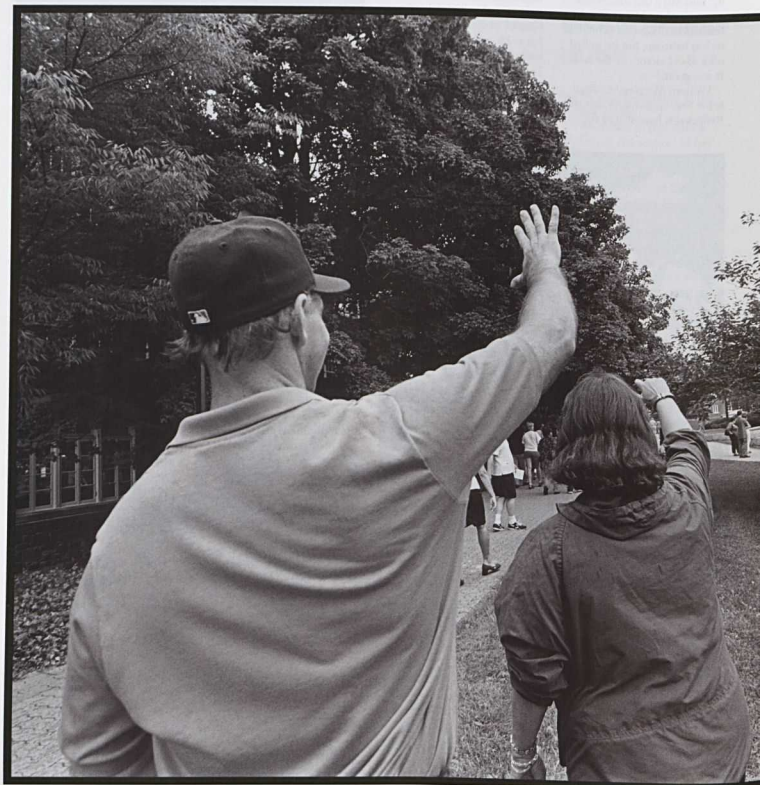
Oh Danny Boy

Dan Lyden might wear a kilt when he plays the bagpipes, but snicker at your own risk. The sophomore is a 295-pound backup offensive lineman on the four-time Centennial Champion Green Terror.

Fast approaching the highest level of amateur bagpiping, the 19-year-old currently belongs to the Baltimore Police Emerald Society, which practices in Towson. He first fell in love with the pipes while watching parades with his family in Baltimore. But the Patapsco High grad didn't take them up until much later after years of playing the tuba and trombone. Although he gets lots of requests to play on campus, Lyden doesn't practice anywhere near his dorm room. He likes his roommate and the other guys on his hall, and he knows the sound can get pretty loud.

His next big gig, he said, will have to wait until after football season. •

WMC Helps Students Grow Up, Parents Let Go



Separation Anxiety 101

BY KIM ASCH



Mothers clutched tissues, smiling through tears. Fathers, full of pride, struggled to hold back softer feelings. Despite themselves, some parents wondered, “How will my baby survive without me?” And, worse, “How will I survive without my baby?” Members of WMC’s newest class worried too. They worried about making friends, about whether they could handle the academics, and if they’d ever get used to communal bathrooms and dining hall food.

Associate Dean of the First-Year Program Barb Horneff just beamed, saying, "I feel like I've given birth to 400 children."

Orientation had begun precisely at 8 a.m. Cars, overloaded with 21-inch computer monitors and queen-size comforters for twin-size beds, queued in front of Rouzer and Blanche Ward residence halls. Upperclassmen quickly emptied the vehicles, chuckling at the freshmen excess, and hauled luggage up to the designated dorms.

Families were grateful for—and a little startled by—the help.

"At first I thought, are we being robbed, or what?" joked Frank Strother of Clinton, Md. "Then I wondered, do we have to pay?"

Neither. The help with unloading is just one detail of an enhanced effort to ease the burden of the college transition for freshmen and their families. The First-Year Student Program engages faculty, residence life staff, athletic coaches, and a supportive network of peer mentors in a coordinated initiative to help freshmen adjust academically and socially to their new environment.

At its center is Horneff, a truly bonded alumna whose sons, Eric and Grant Disharoon, became the family's fifth generation to graduate from the College in 1992 and 1993, respectively. Horneff is known unofficially as "campus mom" because of her nurturing role with first-year students. Every day, she answers at least one call or e-mail from freshmen and many stop by her office to sit a spell in her comfortable rocking chair. She hosts them for dinners at her home a few blocks from campus. She convenes weekly Dean's Chats in the dining hall. And she fields correspondence from parents who inquire confidentially about how their son or daughter is getting along.

Her welcoming remarks during guidance days—the summer sessions where students take placement tests and select their schedules—make new students and their parents feel as warm and fuzzy as an episode of *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*.

"You have always had a passion for opera ... *Goonies* is your favorite movie ... Your teddy bear, Sam, will keep you from

Advice to Parents from the Pros

At the tail end of the spring 2001 semester, rising sophomores were asked to share some words of wisdom with the parents of this year's freshmen class. Here is a sampling of their thoughts on the first year.

Communication with parents is ... very important to give them peace of mind; vital; improved with distance (I'm closer to my family now than when I lived at home. It's like I understand now what all their lecturing was about.); sometimes difficult; strange at times (Hey, they're still adjusting to the change, too.); hard when you think you let them down; nice to know you are loved.

One of the most beneficial discussions you had with your parents was ... Probably the "trust" discussion; balancing my social activities, sports, and academics; being truthful about who I am; calming my fears about being away from home; discussing my future; reaffirming my spiritual life.

Parents should place less emphasis on ... money; grades; staying up late; what we're doing every minute of the day; trying to decide what we want to do with the rest of our lives.

Parents should place more emphasis on ... teaching financial responsibility; our future; communicating as a friend; independence; trusting their children.

Parents should telephone ... occasionally; frequently; once a week; on special occasions; as often as they want.

Parents should write ... as much as possible; frequently; often at the beginning.

When parents visit, I enjoy ... golfing; going out to eat; shopping for needs; walking around campus; introducing my friends; watching sporting events; catching up on family news; driving.

When freshmen return home for the first visit, they should expect ... all their stuff to be sold; a home-cooked meal; no chores; someone to do the laundry; family time; a lot of attention; and to be pampered.

Best advice to parents of first-year students ... relax a little; talk to your children; be supportive but not over-protective; give them freedoms; miss them; let them make mistakes; be patient; let go; be encouraging; and send food.

Symona Kalar cried much of the way home to Hampton, N.H., while Philip was quiet, after leaving their son Thomas at WMC.



"We have to let him go. We have to tell ourselves, 'OK, he's a big boy now.'"

—Al Estevez about son Ethan

becoming homesick ... An electrical fire in your home left you with only the clothes on your back ...," she reported at a guidance day on June 8, quoting from every application essay to reveal "something unique" about each student.

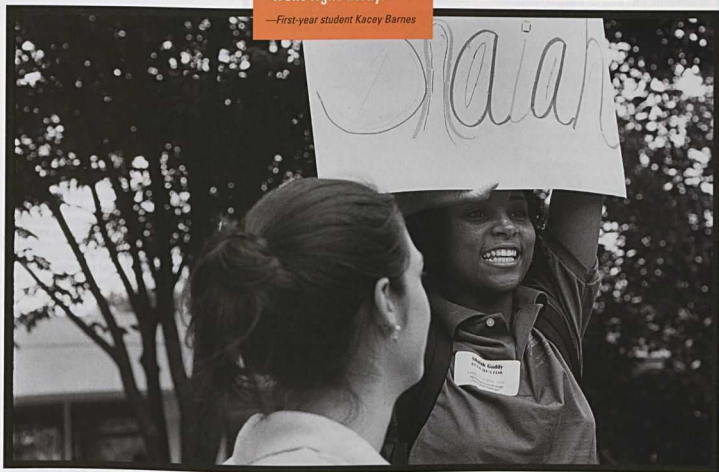
One of the program's most distinctive aspects, implemented in 1997, is a requirement that all freshmen enroll in a first-year seminar, an introductory course limited to 15 students. This year, 30 selections were offered, ranging from *Becoming American* in the history department to *Radioactivity and its Social Consequences* in the sciences. While focusing on the content specific to its discipline, each course emphasizes the skills—writing, speaking, critical thinking—that are necessary for academic success.

Seminar professors also serve as students' academic advisers. The seminar is facilitated by a peer mentor, an upperclassman whose role is part teaching assistant, part social director and part surrogate older sibling. Peer mentors attend seminar classes and hold weekly sessions for studying and socializing.

"It's all a big circle, when I was a freshman people helped me out, now I'm the big boy," said senior Todd Peters, who plans to go to medical school next year. "I run them to Wal-Mart once a week and to the bank. The big thing I always tell them is go to class. If you don't miss class there's almost no way you can fail."

"After my family went home I got a pit in my stomach, but it went right away."

—First-year student Kacey Barnes



Student retention has consistently improved since the program was created seven years ago, from 78.5 percent of freshmen returning as sophomores in 1994 to 86 percent this year.

"Not only do the percentages look better, but the campus climate feels better," Horneff observed. "Students who currently remain seem happier here. They are making more of a personal commitment. They are contributing to the community."

TEARS AND CHEERS

"Small private liberal arts colleges may be the only places left in higher education that put such a strong emphasis on community as a major part of our identity," President Joan Develin Coley has said.

Everything about the Orientation program is geared to connect students and their families to the campus community,



starting with the moving-in ritual. Programming progressed through the afternoon when President Coley made the formal welcome at the Introduction Convocation in Baker Memorial Chapel. Afterward, freshmen marched down an aisle formed by applauding faculty and

(top) First-year student Kacey Barnes of Jenkintown, Pa., right, often chats online with her little sister; (center and below) Peer mentor Shaiah Gaddy looks out for freshmen.

took turns ringing the Old Main bell, signaling their official arrival on campus.

There were many informal greetings, too.

Women's Basketball Coach Becky Martin stopped into the dorms to check on Kacey Barnes of Jenkintown, Pa., and her family. They were busy hooking up her computer and unpacking boxes, but greeted Martin like an old friend. Martin had been in frequent contact with the Barneses over the past year and got to know them long before moving-in day.

"I feel like I'm leaving her with family," said Kacey's mom Pat. "Coach Martin is like me being here, but better."

Campus More Closely Resembles the 'Real World'

A month into her first semester at WMC, Shanee Strother was craving her grandmother's barbecued minced pork and collard greens, dishes she hadn't been able to find in the dining hall. Despite the absence of authentic soul food on campus, Strother, a first-year African American student from Prince George's County, said she feels very much at home on the Hill.

"Here you get to meet all kinds of different people, not just black and white, but Chinese, Hungarian, people from all over the world," she said. "It's been pretty easy to make friends."

The WMC community has become markedly more diverse over the past decade. In 1990, minority enrollment was at 3 percent. The Class of 2005 has a minority enrollment of 14 percent. This increase in diversity has enhanced the vibrancy of the College community while improving the comfort level of minority students — two factors that aid in the recruitment and retention of students from all racial and ethnic backgrounds.

"Improvements have been made on many fronts, including in the minority student numbers, faculty diversity, and support services in general," said Grace Almandrez, the College's first full-time director of multicultural services.

While diversifying the student population is one step, Almandrez explains that integrating it is the goal. She sees her role as one that helps students discover what they have in common as well as what makes them unique. To that end, she encourages African American students to join not only the Black Student Union, but to become involved in student government and the College Activities Programming Board. She also invites white students to get involved in multicultural groups, and happily reported that many of them do. (Last year, the president of the Asian American Coalition was not of Asian descent.)

After terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon Sept. 11, Almandrez said she has been encouraged to see strong evidence of the campus community's unity when they gathered to observe the National Day of Mourning.

"It was amazing to see so many people gather to support, console and listen to one another," she said. "I was so impressed to see that our students were standing up against racial profiling of Arab Americans. I was touched that some felt safe enough to pray aloud."

In addition to support, Almandrez provides programming. Over the past two years, significant increases to the departmental budget of the Office of Multicultural Services have funded such programs as: the Sankofa Mentoring Group, in which upperclassmen of color mentor first-year minority students; African American Film Series; the Phenomenal Women Recognition Luncheon and an array of events and speakers to recognize Hispanic Heritage Month, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and others.

Other initiatives designed to support campus diversity include a Minority Alumni Chapter; the McTeers-Smothers book scholarship for one minority freshman scholar-leader in need of financial assistance, and the Jesse Ball Dupont Visiting Scholar grant, which provides funds to hire a minority to teach on the faculty for one

In some ways, the adjustment was more difficult for parents than for their offspring. After all, the freshmen were embarking on a new adventure in an exciting environment. Parents returned to houses with empty bedrooms; their new task, resisting the urge to call their kids.

Symona Kalar cried much of the way home to Hampton, N.H., while husband Philip was very quiet. For a few days, nei-



(left) First-year student Kim Boykin and her personal cheering section at Orientation; (below) Frank Strother and Ed Little were on campus to see off their daughter and step-daughter Shanee Strother.



year. There's also an array of disciplines in which to minor: Deaf Studies, African American studies, Cross-Cultural Studies and Women's Studies.

Strother said she never even considered applying to an all-black college because diversity is equally important to her. Her parents and stepfather agreed with her decision, saying they thought it was crucial that their daughter learn to get along with all kinds of people from every kind of background.

"Because, in the workplace it's not going to be all black. Nor will she be living in an all-black community. This is what it's going to be like in the real world," said Strother's father Frank.

Both Frank Strother and stepfather Ed Little came to campus for moving-in day to support their little girl. Each shrugged off the suggestion that their show of unity was commendable.

"It's all about loving your child," Ed Little said.

ther could bring themselves to go into son Thomas' bedroom. When they finally did, they discovered a note their youngest son left there for them.

"He told us what a great job we did raising him and that he wouldn't let us down," said Symona, choking up a bit. "The letter was really touching, also the fact that he'd cleaned his room for the first time in 10 years."

Al and Virginia Estevez of Abingdon, Md., admitted to being apprehensive about sending son Ethan away from home. A diabetic who requires insulin shots twice each day, he might forget to take his medicine. They felt better knowing his older sister Andrea '04 is on campus to watch out for him. And they were comfortable with WMC since Virginia earned her master's here in 1994.

The Estevezes took their first baby steps away from Ethan when they let him go on his high school senior week trip to the beach.

**"I feel like
I'm leaving her
with family."**

—Pat Barnes, about
daughter Kacey

(below) Freshmen walked
down an aisle formed by
applauding faculty in a
ritual to signal their arrival
on campus; (bottom) Pat
Barnes, mother of first-year
student Kacey checks
in with "Campus Mom"
Barb Horneff.

"We have to let him go. We have to tell ourselves, 'OK, he's a big boy now,'" Al Estevez said.

Only a few parents continue to "hold on" and stay in regular contact with Horneff for the first few weeks of the semester.

"There are some who want to continue to monitor what their children are doing," Horneff said. "I can usually come up with some good advice to them about trusting their children and WMC."

Occasionally, parents continue to intervene on a freshman's behalf, arguing grades with professors or getting in the middle of discipline issues. Biology Professor Bill Long calls them "smothers" and counseled himself against doing the same thing when son Tom became a freshman in 1999. Guidance day and orientation programs teaching parents how to "let go" have solved much of the problem.

"They're more able to help in appropriate ways," said Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Phil Sayre. "They have a better idea about when to let students stumble and when to put their feet to the fire."

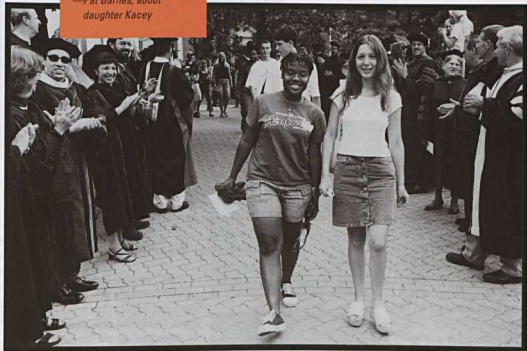
Most students and families check in with each other about twice a week. Some e-mail more often. Kacey Barnes "chats" with her younger sister a lot on Instant Messenger.

It's not quite the same as having them at home.

"You miss the everyday conversations of what's going on. In that way it's a little empty," said Pat Barnes. "But I think you have to look beyond yourself and say, this is for the greater good."

PROGRESS REPORT

At 5 p.m., administrators signaled that it was time for families to say their good-byes. By 8 p.m., the freshmen were laughing and getting to know each other during ice-breaking exercises at required floor meetings. Later that night, they would get



together with their peer mentors and attend a pizza party in the forum.

"After my family went home I got a pit in my stomach, but it went right away," said Kacey Barnes, who within minutes of the floor meeting discovered that the young woman beside her was from a neighboring Philadelphia suburb and was friends with the guy who took her to her senior prom.

"No way!" they both exclaimed. Kacey finally called her parents several days later to tell them how much fun she was having.

During the course of the five-day orientation, freshmen learned everything from how to use the phone system to how not to consume alcohol until they turned 21. They had the opportunity to rap with

the ROTC, take a guided tour of downtown Westminster, see a Step show sponsored by Multicultural Services, attend synagogue or church, and compete against each other in various sports.

"When students are busy, there's less time for them to be sitting around and feeling lonely," Horneff explained.

Still, even the most confident, outgoing, and well-prepared freshmen are likely to feel homesick at some point.

Laura Ford felt the pang in the middle of the night, when a stomach virus kept her perched over the toilet, alone. "I wanted desperately to call home. I knew that at the end of the line would be someone familiar, someone who cared, probably even the wisdom of a remedy that would cure the illness," recalled Ford.

April Gelwicks missed the breakfasts in bed her mother brought her on school days, so she could sleep a little longer and still "start her day off right."

Leon Mach got a bit sentimental when he realized his new hamper was different from the one he'd grown up with. This one didn't seem to empty itself and return his clothing freshly laundered and folded.

Many were shaken and yearned to be with family on familiar turf when terrorists

Going Home Was Never an Option

Almost 70 years have passed since Margaret Lee Nelson Tawes '32 spent her first, miserably homesick semester at WMC. She begged her parents to take her home—and she is eternally grateful they didn't.

As an only child growing up by the Chesapeake Bay in Crisfield, Md., Tawes admitted to being pampered by her doting parents. She wasn't prepared for the utilitarian accommodations offered in Old Main, then the primary residence hall on campus.

"It was just as bleak and bare as it could be," recalled Tawes, who will celebrate her 90th birthday in March. "There were just two cots, two desks and a tiny closet. That was such a desolate place, it's no wonder I got homesick."

In a decade when women had only just earned the right to vote and few had the chance to go to college, her parents were steadfast in their insistence that she continue her studies. Instead of bringing her home, Tawes' mother took the unusual tactic of joining her in Old Main for a week.

"One day, she sat me down and said, 'Young lady, your father and I are working very hard to pay for your education. You are going to have to turn yourself around and decide to like it,'" said Tawes. "I thought that was the most cruel thing. In later years I thanked her for it."

When Tawes returned home for Christmas after that first semester, she realized that her mother hadn't been heartless, but brave. Her father confided that she had been moping

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*—Margaret Lee Tawes '32
about her mother's refusal to let her come home*



she took a job teaching in Hagerstown for several years after she graduated. On the weekends, she sang in a band as a soloist.

"Long around 1938, I ran out of excuses and agreed to marry him," quipped Tawes. The couple enjoyed a long and happy life together in their native Crisfield until John Tawes died in 1987.

Tawes remains an active member of the College community. She frequently attends reunions and Lower Shore Chapter luncheons and was named an honorary trustee of WMC in 1994. She established the Margaret Lee Tawes Scholarship in 1987 for students from the Delmarva Peninsula who major or minor in music.

Old Main was such "a desolate place," said Margaret Lee Tawes '32 (left), it's no wonder she got homesick.

around the house all semester, missing her only child. The selfish decision, he explained, would have been to allow their daughter to come home.

Tawes thrived during her time at Western Maryland. A music major, she was known for her lovely voice and infectious laugh. She formed friendships that still continue today. And, despite the fact that her high school sweetheart was waiting back home,

attacked New York and Washington Sept. 11. Instead, they came together with their classmates, professors and staff for prayer and reflection in Baker Memorial Chapel that afternoon and, in the days following, for a National Day of Mourning and smaller discussions and forums.

"It was weird to be away from my family during that time," said Kacey Barnes. "But I like the sense of community I felt here."

Senior Nykole Tyson tells freshmen that it will get better. She once feared she was the only student who didn't feel completely acclimated, that she was the last remaining person without a best friend. She ran up her phone bill reaching out to her family back home in St. Croix and to friends at colleges across the country. She spent a lot of time on the Internet and looking through old photos.

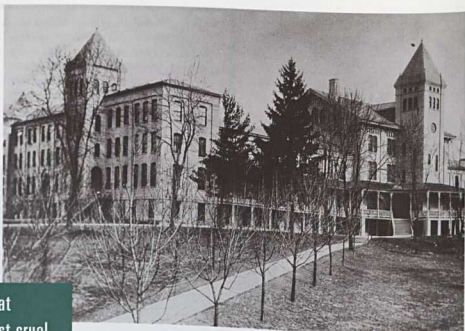
"But after a while, you get interested in your school work and what you want to do and you don't worry about who you're going to sit with in the dining hall," she said. "Everybody finds their niche."

Indeed, April Gelwicks learned to get herself to the dining hall in time to meet a friend for breakfast before her 9 a.m. classes (On the days she has class at 8 a.m., she makes do with Pop Tarts).

And Leon Mach learned to operate the machines in the basement of Rouzer—though he didn't enjoy it.

And Laura Ford made it through that sick night without calling home. "This is what college is about," she explained.

"The good days, the bad days, and the ability to get through it on your own." •



The Wright Way

Frank Wright is no stranger to hard work and struggle. He served in the Navy during World War II, nurtured two children into adulthood and was the sole caregiver for his ailing wife, who suffered a stroke and was confined to a wheelchair the last eight years of her life. At 78, he deserves a break—or at least a pat on the back. He allows himself neither.

Instead, Wright continues toiling, this time to earn a college degree. Wright's quest to complete his education is testing his mettle, as well as the patience and skill of his teachers.

"I've already asked God for wisdom and these guys aren't going to foul it up," he says with characteristic bravado.

A lifelong Methodist who chose to major in religious studies, Wright suspected his WMC courses would be tough when he transferred from Carroll Community College. Still, he wasn't quite prepared for the vast amounts of reading, the note-taking, the papers that have to be typed with bibliographies and footnotes. He spends long hours studying, "but apparently I'm studying the wrong things," he says, poking fun at himself.

"It's not that he's had a lot of terrible, terrible semesters. He just hasn't had a terrific semester," says Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Henry Reiff, who oversees struggling students. "He's pulling through with some hard-earned Cs."

Despite his advanced age and the fact that he's retired, no one is cutting Wright any breaks. Professors demand the same high quality they expect from younger students who are preparing to start their careers. Margaret Boudreaux, his professor for Music of the Western World, refused to accept a hand-written essay. Wright got himself over to the campus writing center to learn to use a computer. Professor of Philosophy Greg Alles instructed him to re-write a paper four times because it didn't effectively communicate his ideas. Wright got it on the fifth try.

Both Alles—whom Wright has nicknamed Greggie—and Boudreaux—whom he calls Margie Thatcher because "she's the Iron Lady"—say Wright also challenges them to become better teachers.

"There are two tendencies you have to avoid: one is to pat him on the head and pass him; another is to say this guy can't cut it," says Alles. "Those are both absolutely tempting, but neither does him nor the College any good."

Adds Boudreaux, "I have always had a personal philosophy that if somebody walks through my door wanting to learn, it's my job to teach them. With Frank, I've had the opportunity to develop my patience."

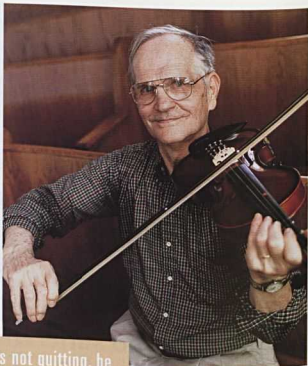
Wright, who declares that he is "getting smarter all the time," gives the faculty high marks, explaining, "You know, anybody can teach eggheads."

Alles and Boudreaux say they offer Wright the same amount of time and attention available to other struggling



PHOTOS BY C. KURT HOLTER

Despite the difficulties, Frank Wright, 78, insists there's nothing he enjoys more than his studies at WMC.



"He's not quitting, he keeps showing up. You really can't help but like and admire someone like that."

—Associate Professor of Music Margaret Boudreaux

students. But Wright is among the most motivated, coming back for every class, completing every assignment and revision on time, and attending every extra meeting his professors suggest.

"He's not quitting, he keeps showing up. You really can't help but like and admire someone like that," says Boudreaux. "He's gotten nothing out of charity. I've really seen meaningful progress."

Neatly dressed in oxford shirts, khaki pants and good walking shoes, Wright can often be found on campus toting a red backpack monogrammed with his initials. He's tall, lean and in excellent health. Last spring, he was spotted cutting up the dance floor at the International Students' Dinner. Over the January Term, he took part in a historical civil rights tour of the south that culminated in a walk across the bridge in Selma, Ala., where freedom marchers were stopped by state troopers on their way to register to vote in 1965. He rarely misses the chance to hear a guest speaker or to attend a special event.

Even with the frustrations, Wright insists there's nothing he enjoys more than his studies. "It's better than sitting in the apartment and crying over Alice," he says of his wife, who died three years ago. They would have been married 55 years. "This is my mecca."

At the Carroll Lutheran Village retirement community where Wright lives, he participates in grief counseling sessions for spouses and other social activities, but prefers to spend time on campus. "I want to drop dead in the school yard," he's fond of saying.

When not on the Hill, he devotes much of his time to homework. "One thing I cherish is running into the same characters all the time, like Hildegard von Bingen. I ran into her in music class and then again in religion class. You know, she was a woman before her time," he says, going on to describe the 12th-century female composer and theologian who advised bishops, popes and kings in a time when few women were accorded respect.

Wright has opened his mind to new ideas and broadened his perspective since he got to college. He relishes the chance

to learn about Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, and contributes his personal recollections of the civil rights leaders to classroom discussions. "Frank talked about being scared when he heard Malcolm X on the radio," Alles recalls. "It's valuable for students to hear his point of view."

As a youngster, Wright and his father spent nights on campus while attending layman's conferences organized by the Methodist Church. Wright says he's glad that the College has since taken down the crosses because they were "exclusionary," adding, "We're multicultural on this campus now."

Everyone in Wright's family graduated from college, except for him. His grandfather was the assistant superintendent of Allegany County Schools. His brother became an engineer after graduating from University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. His wife Alice majored in home economics at Muskingham College in Ohio and taught in a Baltimore County high school. She retired as chair of her department. Both of their children graduated from Western Maryland: AliceLynn Wright Getty in 1973 and Rick Wright in 1977.

"Dad feels this is his chance to prove himself," says Rick Wright, who earned a master's degree in business from Johns Hopkins University in 1984 and is a financial adviser in Savannah, Ga. He chuckles at the thought of his father locking heads with his former professors — the father is taking after the son.

"His spirit, his ability to question and his ability to think in non-traditional ways are definitely traits that he passed down to me — much to the chagrin of the faculty at Western Maryland," the younger Wright says. "And now they're having to deal with

the original source."

This is Wright's second attempt at a bachelor's degree. In 1942, he enrolled in pre-med courses at Potomac State College in Keyser, W.V., but realized he wasn't cut out for medical school. "You can't dream into science, you've got to know it," he explains. His studies were interrupted by a four-year stint in the Navy. He planned to complete his degree after he retired from his career as a medical technician in 1985. But when Alice had her stroke, he devoted all of his time and attention to her care.

"For five years after my mother's stroke, they continued to live in the family house in Catonsville, which had no first-floor bathroom. He tended to her every need," recalls his son Rick. "His ability to care for her, I'm not trying to be dramatic, but it was legendary."

Wright's thoughts are never very far from Alice. "I've got her in my pocket," he likes to say. "The honeymoon is never over."

Last spring, Wright took up the violin. He was once an accomplished saxophonist, but no longer plays because his dentures get in the way. This semester, he is continuing his lessons for fun, not credit. He likes to play and sing and imagine that Alice is dancing in heaven.

Someday he'll join her. Until then, he says he prefers to keep moving: "Like the saying goes, don't die with the music still in you." •

Hoovers Provide for Library, Students with \$2.9 Million Estate

Gifts from the estate of long-time benefactor Samuel H. Hoover will double a major scholarship fund and establish the largest library endowment fund at Western Maryland College. The nearly \$3 million bequest will be divided between a scholarship fund created in 1994 by Dr. Hoover and his wife Elsie, and the newly created Dr. Samuel H. and Elsie W. Hoover Library Endowment Fund, according to President Joan Develin Coley.

"We consider it a very fine school. After all, we wouldn't give our money to a school that wasn't."

—Dr. Samuel H. Hoover in 1988

The estate gift brings total giving by the Hoovers to WMC to more than \$5 million. The \$2.2 million given during Dr. Hoover's lifetime distinguished him as the most generous living donor. The bequest also is one of the largest ever received by the institution.

Sam and Elsie Hoover endowed their gift in perpetuity so that Western Maryland College and the values that they believed in would be provided for after their deaths. In creating a gift in their estate plans, the Hoovers became members of the Rouzer Soci-

ety. This living society is made up of alumni and friends who name the College in their wills or create a trust or annuity with the College.

"We consider it a very fine school. After all, we wouldn't give our money to a school that wasn't," Dr. Hoover told *The Sun* in 1988.

Not seeing the campus until he was 65 years old and only then at the request of a friend, Dr. Hoover fell in love with Western Maryland. He was first selected to the WMC Board of Trustees in 1972 and at the time of his death was serving as an emeritus trustee. In recognition of his service to higher education, the college presented him with an honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1979.

A philanthropist and retired dental surgeon who maintained a practice in Dundalk for 50 years, Dr. Hoover owned and operated a 116-acre farm in Sparks before moving to Broadmead. He was easily recognizable because of the light green sport coat he always wore to Green Terror athletic contests. Dr. Hoover was 97 when he died Oct. 18, 2000. Elsie Isabel Wright Hoover, also a life-long Baltimore County resident and an active volunteer with the Methodist Church and the Red Cross, died in 1995.

The Hoover Scholars program, which will receive two-thirds or \$1.97 million, offers annual scholarships to 12 students demonstrating a commitment to higher education, scholastic aptitude in their chosen field of study and genuine need. Now at slightly more than \$4 million, it is the largest endowed scholarship fund contribution to the College.



The College library was named for Sam and Elsie Hoover in 1975 and re-dedicated in their honor in 1991 following a major, \$10 million expansion.

"We have no children, so our money can go to help someone else's children," Dr. Hoover once told *The Evening Sun*. The library fund will receive one-third of the bequest or \$981,000, making it nearly five times larger than all other WMC library-only endowments combined. The earnings of the invested funds can be used for general support of library initiatives.

The WMC library was actually named for the Hoovers in 1975 and re-dedicated in their honor in 1991 following a major \$10 million expansion. Hoover Library, which has received several architecture awards, is open to the public and has nearly 4,000 registered borrowers.

Through a partnership with Carroll County Public Library and the library at Carroll Community College, patrons

of Hoover Library have access to more than 600,000 volumes.

"I am especially grateful to the Hoovers for their continued support of the library," said President Joan Develin Coley, a reading specialist. "They realized that a library is an integral part of a campus and one that needs to be constantly improved." •

Annual Fund Breaks Record, Participation Still Poses Challenge

The Annual Fund raised over \$1.6 million, setting a new record by increasing almost 10 percent.

This year also saw a record number of Annual Fund Founders, with 319 people giving \$1,000 or more. The

"This shows that we have work to do despite the record-breaking year."

—National Annual Fund Chair
Dennis Sisco '68

Founders alone contributed more than \$1.19 million to the Annual Fund.

Yet there is still much room for improvement, reported National Annual Fund Chair Dennis Sisco '68. The percentage of participation among undergraduate alumni actually dropped slightly to 32 percent.

"This shows that we have work to do despite the record-breaking year," Sisco said.

Sisco announced this year's goal of \$2 million and increased his leadership gift. He pledged to contribute \$500 to the Annual Fund for each of the first 20 new Founders for this year, an increase of \$10,000.

Members of the Founders Committee have their work cut out for them, Sisco said, but commended them for their successes so far. Chair Phil Meredith '66, and members Eric Buckner '63, Steve Davis '69, Lois Meszaros '64 Med '72, Donald Stanton '53, Pam Zappardino '71, Dickinson Gardiner '58, Randy Heck '82, and Bill McCormick '73 brought on 64 new members to the Founders Society. The committee also raised over \$90,000 in gifts this past fiscal year.

After three years of leadership, Meredith will pass the baton to Gordon '68 and Barbara Payne '70 Shelton. "The Sheltons are eager to assist in leading us to next year's goal of

\$2 million. It is an aggressive goal, and we will need to be even more creative in attracting more donors and Founders to the Annual Fund," Sisco said. •

Gift Highlights

RUBY K. LORD
\$225,000

Made from her estate to establish and endow the James Lord, Jr. and Ruby K. Lord Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Lord, who was an employee of the College briefly, designated her gift to assist deserving, non-traditional students.

JOHN R. PAYNE
\$200,000

Made through an estate bequest to be added to the Eloise Chipman Payne '38 Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Payne was a trustee emerita and an active member of the WMC community.

DORIS KEMP BOONE '46
\$107,783

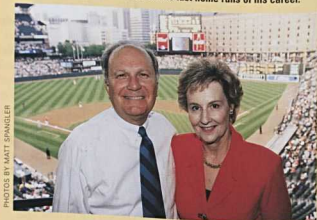
Made in honor of her 55th Reunion to ultimately endow the Doris Kemp Boone '46 Scholarship Fund. Funds will be awarded annually to students majoring in biology or exercise science and physical education.

HENRY P. HORNING JR.
\$102,768

Made to establish the Henry P. and Gretchen Stein Horning Jr. Scholarship Fund in honor of his wife. This endowed scholarship fund will assist WMC students who demonstrate financial need.

BATTING 1,000 WITH BALTIMORE'S BIG HITTERS

President Joan Develin Coley was introduced to some of the city's leading CEOs at an Aug. 15 gathering hosted by College Trustee and Orioles owner Peter Angelos. From the owner's skybox, guests watched Cal Ripken Jr. hit one of the last home runs of his career.



PHOTOS BY MATT SHANDLER



Top: Raymond A. "Chip" Mason, chairman of Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc., talks winning strategies with the President. Bottom: Next to Mason and President Coley are Frank Burch, co-chairman and partner of Piper, Marbury, Rudnick & Wolfe, LLP, and Richard C. "Mike" Lowin, senior managing director of Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc.

WILLIAM RANDOLPH
HEARST FOUNDATIONS
\$100,000

Made to establish the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship Fund. Funds will support annual scholarships to students of diverse backgrounds.

HILDA C. LANDERS
\$100,000

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

D. SUE SINGER
\$100,000

Made to establish the Richard Singer Student Research Fund in memory of her husband and to encourage students to pursue careers in scientific research. Funds will be used to award annual summer research stipends for students pursuing biological research at Western Maryland College.

WILLIAM J. BAKER JR.
MEMORIAL FUND

WMC has received a \$75,000 grant from the William G. Baker Memorial Fund. Payable

over three years, the leadership gift will support renovations to Baker Memorial Chapel. The lower level is home to the departments of foreign languages, and philosophy and religious studies. The Baker family has a long tradition as gracious benefactors of WMC. William Baker Jr. enrolled here in 1890. He fell seriously ill, but recovered during his senior year. In honor of his son's restoration to health, William Baker Sr. provided funding to build Baker Chapel (known as Little Baker) in 1895. William Jr. founded what is known today as Ferris, Baker and Watts, Inc. Like his father, William Sr., he was longtime trustee and volunteer at WMC. In 1958, William Jr.'s widow provided funding for Baker Memorial Chapel (Big Baker) in memory of her husband, his father and other members of the Baker family.

THE ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION

President Joan Develin Coley secured her first personal grant of \$50,000. She is using this gift, presented by the Foundation only to new presidents recognized as strong leaders, to fund additional faculty development and to establish the first endowed fund for faculty development. The Foundation's corporate president is William G. Bowen, co-author of *The Game of Life*, called by *The New Yorker* "one of the most important books on higher education published in the last twenty years," and of *Universities and Their Leadership*. •

Quoth the Founders, 'Evermore'

More than 230 of the College's 458 top donors attended the Sept. 22 celebration at Baltimore's Westminster Hall where they also toured the catacombs, and in honor of the hometown gridiron heroes heard "Edgar Allan Poe" recount his famous poem, *The Raven*. The dinner also served as the announcement of new committee co-chairs Gordon '68 and Barbara '70 Shelton of Baltimore.

This group of individuals, corporations, and foundations accounted for \$6.68 million of the College's total giving of \$7.2 million. Next year's Founders' celebration will again be held at Westminster Hall on Sept. 28. Will you miss it? *Nevermore!* •



PHOTOS BY DAVID SINCLAIR



Dinner was served in Westminster Hall, an 18th-century Gothic church built on arches above Westminster burying ground where Edgar Allan Poe was laid to rest. The 1882 Johnson Pipes Organ is still in use.



Founders feted at the gala included (clockwise from 12 o'clock position): Josh '43 and Pat '48 Ensor, Frasier Scott '43, Clarence '43 and Jean '44 McWilliams, Lee Scott '43, Lee Lodge '43, Pearl Lodge '43, Dotty Waddy '46 and her husband Wilson.

HOMECOMING 2001

Homecoming, By the Numbers

- 3,700 Cars carrying Homecoming revelers
- 418 Shells of fireworks for the grand finale
- 403 Post-game parties
- 100 Car horns tooting for touchdowns
- 77 Class year of official coin-tosser, alumnus Steve Spinelli
- 36 Football veterans returning to share stories of past victories
- 20 Staff volunteers who manage special events 24/7
- 10 Inflatable palm trees and kegs at the post-game party
- 9 Alumni recipients of volunteer and leadership awards
- 2 Best colors (green and gold) for body paint to win the Almost Famous School Spirit trophy



1. Whenever there's a Homecoming parade, the Phi Deltas come dancing.



- 2. More than 400 people rocked to the funk band Full Effect at the post-game party.
- 3. Students showed their patriotism by painting a flag on the hillside of Bair Stadium.



- 4. Parents of freshman football player Ray Woodall won the Kinetic Sculpture Award for their display of team spirit.
- 5. Green Terror fans are also champion tailgaters: the Jorda family showed up at 4 a.m. to roast a pig in time for the game.
- 6. Flagbearers waved the W-M-C to cheering fans.



7. Steve Spinelli '77 and College Provost Sam Case '63.
8. Who doesn't love the Pom Squad?



9, 11, 12 & 13: Students, alumni, parents and future WMCs came prepared to party.

10. The Green Terror needed only its first-quarter touchdown to beat Franklin & Marshall, but the champions kept scoring. Final score: 54-0.

News from

ALUMNI

And the Winners Are...

Jerry Baroch '64 is the 2001 Alumnus of the Year. The Osprey, Fla., resident and eight others were recognized at the Oct. 20 Homecoming celebration. In the past, WMC handed out its alumni awards at several different events. Now they belong to Homecoming, said Alumni Relations Director Robin Brenton '86.

In addition to riding in the parade down Main Street Westminister, the winners were

honored by President Joan Develin Coley at a brunch awards ceremony at the President's House, which will be featured on HGTV's "Old Homes Restored" in mid-December.

A retired deputy regional manager for Riyad Bank in Saudi Arabia, Baroch is an active College trustee and has held just about every class and alumni association office.

Other winners are: Richard Clower '50, WMC professor emeritus, Distinguished Alum-

ni Award for Professional Achievement; Sam Galbreath '40, retired USAF Colonel, Meritorious Service Award; Brian Haight '91, vice president Haight Funeral Home and Chapel, Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement; Frank Kratovik Jr. '90, assistant state's attorney for Queen Anne's County, Alumni Community Service Award; Arlie Mansberger Jr. '44, surgeon and professor emeritus at Medical College of Georgia, Meritorious Service Award; Nell Ogden '53, community volunteer, Alumni Community Service Award; Laura Russell '87, MS '99, WMC reunion giving officer, Meritorious Service Award; and Fran Ward '86, public information officer for Maryland State Highway Administration, Meritorious Service Award. Meritorious Service winners are now eligible for the top Alumnus of the Year Award. •

Harvard Snags Carrasco for Prestigious Post

David Carrasco '67 joined Harvard University's Faculty of Divinity in September as the inaugural Neil L. Rudenstine Professor of the Study of Latin America. Carrasco, formerly professor of the history of religions at Princeton University, is a world-renowned scholar of Mesoamerican religions with a wide range of interests in the contemporary and historical study of religions, ranging from Aztec Religion to contemporary issues in Latino studies.

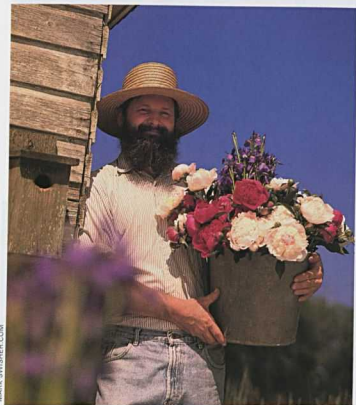


David Carrasco '67, a world-renowned scholar of Mesoamerican religions, was a service volunteer in Puerto Rico. If you participated in the SOS/Hinge program see pg. 37.

Carrasco majored in English literature and sociology at WMC. He attended the Theological School at Drew University for a year, as well as the Centro Intercultural de Documentacion in Cuernavaca, Mexico, before matriculating at the University of Chicago, where he received a master's of theology, an M.A. and a Ph.D. in the history of religions.

He is the author of four books, most recently, *City of Sacrifice: The Aztec Empire and the Role of Violence in Civilization*. He is also co-author of two books, editor or co-editor of five others, and the author of numerous articles and reviews.

Also, Carrasco is the founder and director of the Mesoamerican Archive, which will move with him to Harvard. •



FATHER OF FIVE BEGINS MED SCHOOL

Summer Hill cover guy John Carty '01 was indeed accepted to University of Maryland Medical School and began classes in the fall semester. The single father of five and farmer had been wait-listed, much to the dismay of Carty's professors, who pointed out that his GPA and entrance exam results were stellar. Some suspected his age and beard might have posed barriers.

Carty reports that med school is as grueling as he expected it to be and has no time to tend crops of flowers or produce. Still, he's thrilled to be there.

"I was the last one accepted," he says. "Beard and all."

In Memoriam

Mr. William H. Price '26, of Chester, Md., on February 28, 1996.
Mr. Nelson B. Rawlings '26, of Frederickburg, Va., on December 28, 2000.
Mrs. Kathryn Bryan Stonesifer '28, of Owings Mills, Md., on May 5, 2000.
Mrs. Doris Hoffman Lake '29, of Richboro, Pa., on August 27, 2000.
Mrs. Frances Raughley Roberts '30, of Baltimore, Md., on May 23, 2000.
Mr. Calvin S. Warner '30, of Willoughby, Ohio, on June 4, 2001.
Mrs. Catherine Hitchens Marvill '32, of Rehoboth Beach, Del., on June 25, 2001.
Miss Anna M. Baker '36, of West Hartford, Conn., on August 13, 2001.
Mr. Robert S. Bennett '36, of Baltimore, Md., on July 17, 2001.
Lt. Col. Frank L. Brown Jr. '37, of Baltimore, Md., on September 19, 2001.
Mrs. Martha Wilmer Forthman '38, of Skylesville, Md., on June 13, 2001.
Col. William L. Klare Sr. '39, of Worthington, Ohio, on July 25, 2001.
Mr. Miles S. Lefferts '39, of Arlington, Va., on May 24, 2001.
Dr. Laura Linthicum Wildman '39, of Linthicum, Md., on June 14, 2001.
Mrs. Ruth Dygert Skeen '40, of Baltimore, Md., on September 12, 2001.

Mrs. Mary Klein Owens '41, of Lexington, Mass., on December 5, 2000.
Mr. Eugene Belt '42, of Towson, Md., on August 9, 2001.
Mr. William C. Baylies '43, of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., on January 19, 1994.
Mrs. Elizabeth Ebaugh Feather '43, of Alameda, Calif., on May 5, 1999.
Mrs. Marie Crawford Lowery '43, of Gaithersburg, Md., on June 21, 2001.
Mr. Arthur F. O'Keefe Jr. '44, of Tigard, Ore., on July 6, 2001.
Dr. Linden D. Summers Jr. '48, of Hamilton, N.Y., on May 26, 2001.
Mr. Harry V. Adams '50, of Baltimore, Md., on September 5, 2001.
Rev. Jack G. Buckingham '50, of Woodstock, Md., on August 15, 2000.
Ms. Charlotte Jannet Mellett '51, of Baltimore, Md., on June 13, 2001.
Mr. John L. Acuff '54, of Hummelstown, Pa., on September 17, 2001.
Mr. Herman F. Stouffer '54, of Greensboro, Md., on September 9, 2001.
Mr. Leonard W. Pujanos Med '55, of Bel Air, Md., on October 16, 2001.
Mr. Eugene J. Paul '56, of Westville, N.J., on August 12, 2001.
Mrs. Lorena Trace Kershner '57, of Lancaster, Pa., on date unknown.
Mr. Samuel L. Bare III '58, of Miami, Fla., on September 18, 2001.

Mr. H. Davey Deffenbaugh '58, of Marana, Ariz., on August 30, 2001.
Rev. Ira D. Steckman '58, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., on June 29, 2001.
Mrs. Martha Whitehead Duck '62, of Darien, Conn., on June 2, 2001.
Mrs. Ruth Mason Maertens '62, of Carmel, N.Y., on September 14, 2001.
Mr. Kenneth F. Largent Med '65, of Berlin, Pa., on February 6, 2000.
Mr. James R. March '69, of Owings, Md., on May 25, 1999.
Ms. Karen Brubaker Olsen Med '72, of Pensacola, Fla., on April 18, 2001.
Mr. Charles P. Snyder Med '77, of Delavan, Wis., on February 18, 1999.
Mrs. Lois Wolfe Meyer '80, Med '86, of Hershey, Pa., on August 18, 2001.
Miss Barbara J. Bond '81, of Reisterstown, Md., on August 9, 2001.
Mr. Marc Lee Miller '81, of Baltimore, Md., on December 22, 2000.
Mrs. Stacy Polzin McIntyre Med '97, of Statesboro, Ga., on August 5, 2001.

June 16, 2001. They reside in Roanoke, Va.

Births

Matthew Binkley, on March 7, 2000, to David '81 and Gigi Binkley.
William Russell White, on June 27, 2000, to Harry and Melissa Biederman '81, MS'90 White.
Caroline Ruth Goldsby, on May 30, 2000, to David and Kacy Cryer '85 Goldsby.
Lauren Caroline Jenne, on August 2, 2001, to Bill '85 and Lisa Jenne.
Megan Kendall, on August 30, 2001, to Clark and Diane Perry '85 Kendall.
Chloe Katherine Mehl, on September 2, 2000, to Andy '85 and Sandra Mehl.
Delaney Lyn Bahn, on October 8, 2000, to Christian and Mary-Marta Pearl '88 Bahn.
Carl William Behm, on June 19, 2001, to Justin and Julie Younger '88 Behm.
Clair Marie O'Neil, on January 29, 2001, to Brian and Carol Boore '88 O'Neil.
Zachary Ryan Smith, on May 22, 2001, to Jeff '88 and Tracey Ann Tokar '88 Smith.
Alexander Crea Marion, on November 28, 2000, to Michael and Toni Crea '89 Marion.
Trenten Patrick Miller, on March 20, 2001, to Brian '89 and Kimberly Potter '92 Miller.
Abigail Frances Rooney, on March 15, 2001, to John '88 and Michelle Giannardi '89, MS'91 Rooney.
Nathan Seibel, in May 2001, to John '89 and Michelle Everett '85 Seibel.
Teagan Delaney Fringer, on March 14, 2001, to Scott '90 and Kelly Fringer.
Drew Phillip Hammann, on February 28, 2001, to Ken '90 and Karen Hammann.

Haley Marie Confolo, on March 6, 2001, to John '91 and Julie Confolo.
Patrick Michael Klees, on June 28, 2001, to Donald and Elizabeth Palmer '91 Klees.
Lukas Robert Michaelson, on April 20, 2001, to Rob and Katie Ruppenthal '91, MLA'94 Michaelson.
Brandon Nicolas Coombs, on January 12, 2001, to Ashton and Nicole Jordan-Coombs '92.
Robert Alexander Blackford, on February 1, 2001, to Robert and Carol White '93 Blackford.
Sarah Elizabeth Hall, on November 21, 1999, to Brian and Cynthia Tokar '93 Hall.
Jack Wickline Bayne, on May 7, 2000, to Scott and Abbi Wickline-Bayne '94.
Matthew Biscoe, on January 4, 2001, to Daniel and Janet Fenhagen '94 Biscoe.
Andrew Robert Brown, on July 6, 2000, to Robert '95 and Emily Snyder '95 Brown.
Nicklaus Isaac Kreider, on May 18, 2001, to Randall and Alison Denlinger '95 Kreider.
Sean Frederic Tromble, on September 26, 2000, to Wayne MLA'95 and Jody Tromble.

Parker Was Gracious First Lady

Elaine Ensor Parker, the College's gracious First Lady who gave elegant steak dinners for freshmen, taught English, and hosted gatherings for faculty and their spouses during the quarter-century of her husband Lowell Skinner Ensor's presidency, died Sept. 8 at the age of 92.

Born in Waynesboro, Pa., she earned her undergraduate degree in English at New York University in 1931 and a degree in education at Drew University in Madison, N.J. Also in 1931, she married fellow student Lowell Skinner Ensor and moved with him to Maryland when he became a Methodist minister.

During her 16 years as a pastoral minister's wife, Parker taught Sunday school and prepared foods for church suppers while raising her children and settling the family into new postings in Calvert County, Baltimore County and, finally, Carroll County, where her husband served as pastor of Westminster Methodist Church from 1940 until 1947. During the Depression, the couple accepted payment of chickens, vegetables and bushels of crabs for payment.

At the College, Parker instituted a series of annual dinners for small groups of freshmen to get to know each student better. She gamely agreed to teach a section of freshman English during the second semester of 1961-62. A year later, her spirit of adventure showed itself again when the Ensors volunteered to become "house parents" to five young women after the admissions yield exceeded the College's residence hall space. The students lived on the third floor of the President's House.

In 1983, she wed the Rev. Robert Hutson Parker eight years after the death of her first husband. Both Mr. And Mrs. Parker continued to attend special events at the College. •

Marriages

Teresta Pina '88 to Jeff Saff on November 19, 2000. They reside in Millersville, Md.
Melanie D'Amore '91, MS '92 to Mark Phillips on July 14, 2001. They reside in Trenton, N.J.
Chris MacDonald '91 to Patty Sanford on April 7, 2001. They reside in Watertown, Mass.
Kevin Walters '92 to Peggy Davis on July 21, 2001. They reside in Ellicott City, Md.
Christopher Zinn '95 to Aubrey Eastridge on June 22, 2001. They reside in Salisbury, Md.
Michelle Rautche '95 to Jeffrey Williams on June 2, 2001. They reside in Pomona, Calif.
Daniel Gabel MS '96 to Jill Rosenstock on June 3, 2001. They reside in Silver Spring, Md.
Dawn Downey '97 to Duan Stiles in July 2001. They reside in Hagerstown, Md.
Greg Hedding '97 to Dawn Frasca on September 22, 2001. They reside in Belcamp, Md.
Jen Light '97 to Jeremy Leiby on August 19, 2000. They reside in Jacksonville, Fla.
Amy Rice '97 to Dave Mirra '96 on September 29, 2001. They reside in Herndon, Va.
Randy Rytter '97, MS '01 to Kim Zehner '97 on September 29, 2001. They reside in Timonium, Md.
Sarah Sheckels '97 to Daniel Hendrickson on May 19, 2001. They reside in Towson, Md.
Heidi Snyder '97 to Jim Reigel on June 26, 2000. They reside in Westminster, Md.
Christiaan Abildso '98 to Laurie Cicero '98 on April 21, 2001. They reside in Boston, Mass.
Eric Gertsen '98 to Vanessa Debnam '99 on April 27, 2001. They reside in Stewartstown, Pa.
Jennifer McCabe '99 to Frank Diller on May 26, 2001. They reside in Chapel Hill, N.C.
Sarah Fike '01 to Anthony Layman on

Charles Albertson III, on August 26, 2000, to Charles '96 and Katherine Albertson Jr.

Reid Erik Stewart, on November 25, 2000, to Keith and Vanessa Gehr '97 Stewart.

Chase Cameron Estes on October 12, 2000 to Rick and Valerie Aberts '98 Estes.

Victoria Rose Heard, on May 24, 2001, to Christopher and Kendra Pulis '98, MS'00 Heard.

Lilyann Miranda Cole, on November 6, 2000, to Michael MS'99 and Lucille Cole.

Jackson Conway, on December 6, 2000, to Joseph MS'00 and Laura Conway.

Alyssa Leigh Reynolds, on May 14, 2001, to William and Kathy Taylor MS'00 Reynolds.

Abigail Renee Supplee, on November 19, 2000, to Timothy and Debbie Roberson MS'00 Supplee.

Denali Ewan Thorn, on January 31, 2001, to Brian MS'00 and Bonita Ewan Thorn.

Master's Column

Jeann Andrews MED'77 was a recipient of Western Maryland College's Joseph R. Bailor Award, which is presented to master's degree recipients who have made significant contributions to the field of education. She is currently director of graduate programs in deaf education at Lamar University and is the project director of Policy Makers and Policy Shakers, a Deaf Doctoral Leadership grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, she has directed numerous other U.S. Department of Education projects supporting deaf and minority students in deaf education and deaf studies, literacy development in deaf students, and technology to support mathematics education. She also serves on the advisory board for the Star Schools and Star Online projects and has authored several children's books. She has also taught at Eastern Kentucky University and at Maryland School for the Deaf.

Robin Stansbury MED'83 has been appointed as girls' soccer coach at Century High School in Carroll County, Md.

Joel Beard MLA'94 has been appointed as girls' basketball coach at Century High School in Carroll County, Md.

Laurene Simms Gallimore MEA'87 was a recipient of Western Maryland College's Joseph R. Bailor Award. She has directed the Deaf Education program at Western Oregon University for several years. Laurene is moving back to the East Coast as program director for the master's degree program in Deaf Education at Gallaudet University. Her pioneering work has earned her numerous other awards. She has also taught deaf students in Lincoln, Neb. and at the Indiana School for the Deaf where she also was interim assistant superintendent.

YOUR TIME TO SHINE

When it comes to Class Notes, everybody is big news. We want to hear what's been happening in your life since graduation – and so do your classmates. Class columns appearing in the spring issue of *The Hill* include: 1932, 1938, 1944, 1950, 1956, 1962, 1968, 1973, 1974, 1980, 1986, 1992 and 1998. Remember to send updates to your class reporters. Don't know who your class reporter is? Call the Alumni Office at 410/857-2296.

Longtime English teacher and administrator **Barry Gelsinger MS'88** has been named the new assistant superintendent of instruction for Carroll County Schools. He began his career in Carroll County public schools in 1975 as an English teacher at Westminster High School and has also served as the school's English department chairman, as an assistant principal and as supervisor of English and modern and classical languages.

Marianne Hazel MS'98 was the recipient of the Immaculata College Graduate Merit Scholarship Award. The award recognizes the accomplishments of graduate students in the pursuit of advanced degrees. Its purpose is to acknowledge leadership and excellence in academic endeavors, to attract and retain students of outstanding talent and potential, and to support the continuance of such achievement.

Frank Lala MED'80 was awarded the Laurent Clerc Award by The Gallaudet University Alumni Association. The award is given to a deaf person for outstanding social contributions. As a health educator, Lala has authored many publications in the field of deafness with a particular emphasis on counseling deaf substance abusers. He is one of four co-founders of a recovery program in Southern California for deaf alcoholics and drug abusers. Also concerned about physical health, Lala recently founded the American Martial Arts Association of the Deaf (AAMAD) and was instrumental in having the International Martial Arts Federation of the Deaf (IMAFD) accepted as a member of the CISS (Comite International des Sports des Sourds). Lala earned a Ph.D. in Health and Human Services, and a certification in Alcohol and Drug Counseling from the University of California, Los Angeles.

CLASSNOTES

Honors Class

1919 Frances Sidwell Benson celebrated her 104th birthday last May. She resides in Fairfax, Va. Her daughter lives nearby and visits often.

1925 Frances Merrick Hull and her husband are enjoying good health in their retirement home in Pompano Beach, Fla.

1926 Mabel Wright writes that she was sorry to miss the 75th class reunion. She's very happy that she is able to live in her own home in Cambridge, Md. with help from her family. She finds that keeping in touch with her roommate of senior year, **Serena Dryden Ashburn** has been a joy.

1927 George M. Sullivan and wife Alma reside in Columbus, N.C. He sends his greetings to fellow classmates.

1928 Roselda Todd sends greetings from her home in Gaithersburg, Md.

1929 Mary Lee Darby MacLea is still enjoying a charmed life at the retirement home in San Angelo, Texas. She also enjoys doing the Pink Lady and working as the Director of "Hospitality Hostesses" and concludes by saying that "life is beautiful."

Virginia Holland Nicoll of Salisbury, Md. sends greetings to the Phi Alpha Mu sorority. She recently celebrated her 93rd birthday. She is being wished and dined as the "wonder woman" who is still driving, swimming, walking, singing and enjoying life to the fullest of her capacity. Unfortunately, her brother and classmate Charles Holland is in poor health. Her son Fred is a realtor in Ocean City, Md. She was looking forward to visiting her grandson, a captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corp in Kansas for Thanksgiving.

Charles E. Nusbaum, Jr., of Mechanicsville, Pa. says driving his Dodge to the bank, church and grocery store. He would like to send a special greeting to fellow classmate Elise Hobbs Thompson. He is a great-great-grandfather. Finally, he would like to meet the new President

of WMC and wonders if she would accept a hug from "this old-timer."

1931 Last April, Dr. **Ralph Mark Reed** drove from San Antonio, Texas to Miami, Fla. to visit relatives. In May he drove to Duluth, Ga. He also plans his annual trip to New Jersey each October to spend a month with his sister.

I cannot thank all of you who returned their postcards. It is always a pleasure to read about you and a big honor to write about you. I really hope that I am as active when I am an honor class member.

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1937 It was great to receive so many replies from you. We, the Alumni Office and I, apologize for whatever inconvenience there may have been for our not noticing soon enough that we were passing through the date for an increase in the postage rate. Apparently some post offices overlooked it also.

Sarabelle Blackwell Steele reports that her husband, Tom, died in December 2000. They had entered a care center in 1998 and she expects to stay there. Their fourth youngest son was married in June.

Margaret Harman Fleming still enjoys living in Springdale Retirement Center in New Windsor.

Ralph Luman's big trip for the year was to Roanoke to celebrate the 80th birthday of Wilma's brother-in-law. He gives credit to the doctors for keeping him well. We extend our sympathy to Ralph for the passing of his brother **Harry J. Luman** on March 18, 2000.

Charles Herman Williams reports that he and Margaret are enjoying life at Charlestown Retirement Community but activity has been curtailed by the loss of his driver's license. He is still busy serving on several committees and tending a garden.

Louise Shipley Filion is still volunteering at three libraries and is responsible for her church library. She is eagerly awaiting the arrival of her first great-grandchild.

Everett Fogle retired from the general practice of medicine in 1986. He and wife Annie-Laurie have two sons, Kelly and Jerry, both M.D.'s in Ophthalmology.

Arline "Hut" Hudson Marvel comments that she doesn't have anything exciting to report. She considers herself fortunate to be able to go out for lunch or dinner and drive her car. She still lives in the home they built 43 years ago.

Bob McKenzie claims that nothing earth-shaking has happened except for "cussed old age." He has six grandchildren (three girls and three boys) and two great-grandsons.

Madalyn "Ruby" Blades Angel reports that the latest trip that she and Ralph have taken is to Willow Valley Retirement Community near Lancaster, Pa., where they are living in a French chateau-type villa. This is near their "number one" godson who has just published his first book after receiving his Ph.D. She hopes to be back for our class reunion in May 2002.

Lillian Moore Bradshaw keeps busy. She is involved in breaking ground for a much-needed school for retarded children, working with a grant to reduce violence, and "always Texas politics."

Louise Nickell Horn has lived in Garrett Park for 55 years and hopes to stay in her home. She still participates in hand bells and some piano. She may need to have surgery for some back problems.

Frederick Tyrrell describes life in their retirement years as including grandchildren, church, Kiwanis Club and Elderhostel. He adds a comment that college life was and still is a time of fun, learning, and service.

Carter Riefler says that he and Jean have to stay close to home. She has battled a stubborn cancer for 7 1/2 years.

Marie "Scotty" LaForge Burns moved to Crestwood Village, a retirement community in Frederick, after losing her husband and daughter in 1906. She is on oxygen now so doesn't go far from home except for groceries, to the drug store, and for trips to the doctor. Her daughter, Betty, and her husband, Ross, live in New Jersey and her son, Timothy, and his wife, Jacque, live in Arkansas.

Paul Wooden relates that his wife, Irene, died in March 1998, after 54 wonderful years in marriage. They had lived in Glyndon, Md., for 42 years. He later married Peggy Patton, who also had lived in Glyndon. They sold both their homes and moved into Blakehurst, a retirement facility in Towson. In April 2001, Paul retired as Chairman of the Board of Farmers & Merchants Bank but is still a Director of the bank. He is still practicing law and is an Officer and Director of Tay-

lor Technologies, Inc., with an office in Sparks. His granddaughter, **Kelly Patton**, is a junior at WMC.

Dottie Twigg Grumline reports that she and **Klee '36** are kept active trying to keep up with the activities of 14 grandchildren, ranging in ages from middle school to master's degree programs. They consider themselves blessed that they can still live in the home they built 43 years ago and spend a lot of time in their garden and church.

Lillian Moore

Bradshaw is involved in breaking ground for a much-needed school for retarded children.

Grayson Brandenburg Clarke and **Frank '35** have lived at Fairhaven Retirement Center for a few years. While less active now, they still participate in various activities at the Center such as sing-a-longs (Grayson at the piano), securing speakers for a variety of subjects, and an annual treasure sale. Frank helps in a resident's wood-working shop. On Aug. 24, the College gave the 13 WMC alumni living at Fairhaven a luncheon. New President Joan Develin Coley was there.

On Sept. 3, I talked to **Annie Owings Sansbury Warman**, who is still living on her farm. She does not drive anymore but can depend on her daughter, Irene, for transportation when needed. She said that their family had experienced a tragedy in recent years. The husband of Annie O's granddaughter (daughter of **John Sansbury Warman '63**) was shot and killed in Baltimore County, where he had been employed as a policeman.

I received a note from Alta telling me that **Walter Taylor** has been in the Care Center at Charleston for two years with Alzheimer's Disease. He is confined to a wheelchair but seems content and likes to sing and go to church. His illness protected him from feeling the loss of their daughter in March 2000 from cancer. They have three grandchildren.

I talked to **Frank "Bud" Brown Sept.** 3 and learned that he had cancer of the liver. He said that he had last played golf this past April and has been sick since then. Frank was concerned about our 65th class reunion in

May 2002. He passed away on September 19th.

I also spoke to **Sue Smith Wingate**. Since Phil's death, she has moved into the Methodist Country House because she did not want to live alone.

Marvin and I are still living in our cottage at William Hill Manor. This is a retirement facility that consists of cottages, apartments, assisted living units, and a health care center or nursing home. We are thankful to be as active as we are. He still sits on any level of the courts when called. I am secretary of our resident's association and we get involved in other activities here. We both drive, within limits (no Beltway). We have eight grandchildren and one great-grandson. I don't get up to the Hill as often but was able to attend the Board meeting where we elected Joan Coley as our new President and then attended the April meeting when she was inaugurated. She is great and I wish that you all could meet her and hear her speak. She is the fifth president since Dr. Albert Norman Ward, who was there for our freshman year.

As I read your messages, I kept hearing the phrase about not getting around much anymore. Should we adopt "Don't Get Around Much Anymore" for our class song? Seriously, we seem to be doing as well as can be expected for our ages except for some falls and serious illnesses.

Thanks for writing. Let's hear from others. Try to get back for our 65th class reunion if only for part of it.

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1943 First, I'll answer a question. I moved to Foxdale because Don is a Professor at Penn State and lives only a couple of miles away and I knew I had to move somewhere one of these days. I had 40 good years in Chagrin.

Virginia "Pip" Phillips is happily retired in Austin, Texas. She says **Maudie Lee Wilson Shire** while in Baltimore and keeps in touch with **Sarahelle Veale Walker**, who visits annually.

Elaine "Barney" Barnes Lawrence lives in Woldboro, N.H., near **Ginny Crusius Phelps**. They haven't made direct contact yet, but Barney visited with **Don '41** and **Marty Hodgson Hone-man** in April in Westminster. They had lunch with **Bill '41** and **Margaret "Mickey" Reynolds '42** Adolph, and **Allice Kiefer Stone**.

Walter Metger wrote from Greenwood, S.C., that she gets to Atlanta now and again and went to a wedding in Pittsburgh with her daughter. On the way home, she stopped in Frostburg.

Lee and Pearl Bodmer Lodge have called a couple of times. Lee wanted me to go over a quota of class members giving to the Annual Fund and to remind us that memorial gifts can be given to WMC, earmarked "Class of

1943 Memorial Fund." Pearl said **Tom Tereshinski** and **Bob Beglin** organized a day of golf and luncheon on the Hill. Sixteen area alumni from the 1940s had a grand time. The Lodges visited family in Canada, had a trip to Bermuda, and another to Stone Harbor.

Bert Belt Fallows told me that **Shirley Bradley McGlaulin**, **John West Gundlack-Sargent**, **Pete Neiderst Smith**, **Dorrie Jones Earl**, **Connie Jones Stehl** '53 and she met for lunch in June and July. Bert's husband had several operations and is now doing fine. They are moving into a retirement home - **Mercy Ridge** - in October.

John "Rock" Rawlins and **June** were at Penn State for graduation. Their grandson was a Marshall and was then inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. It is too bad they didn't have my address here. They have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They see Mac and Jeanne numerous times.

Marie Frances Hawkins Galbreath called me from San Antonio and we had a nice chat. **Sam '40** is in the medical section but doing pretty well. She visits with him every day. She got to Seattle to visit her son, Sam, and had an enjoyable and relaxing visit.

Jim Wrightson sent a card from Pasadena, Calif. He said he didn't have time to write. I gathered from Lee that they had a nice visit by phone earlier in the year.

Benjamin "Bud" and Joanne "Diefie" Diefenbach '44 Smith wrote that daughter, Anne, has retired as a Colonel in the Air Force. She is now coaching and teaching mentally handicapped children in Tampa. Bud and Diefie have five great-grandchildren, the latest two born in June. Congratulations! They still enjoy good health, golf and traveling. Bud is active in the Kiwanis and was awarded the Tablet of Honor by Kiwanis International in June 2001. More kudos!

Milt Huber and I had some missed communications. I did gather that they celebrated 53 years of marriage this year. He's in choir and both he and Ruth are very active.

Frank Ogden and **Bob Moore** are enjoying life on the Chesapeake River. Bob has a pontoon boat that is fun for all. They had a family picnic of 33 with four children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren at the reunion.

Had a nice card from **John "Nemo" Robinson**. He's been very active with WMC luncheons, AA Club, golf at WMC in June and attended the inauguration of President Joan Coley. He says it was very impressive. On Aug. 4, the College put on a nice continental breakfast for WMCers at the Ravens Open House at Hoffa Field. The Robinsons had a good family turnout - Nemo and grandson, Saul. Saul was commissioned in the U.S. Navy.

Bob Golder wrote that he and his wife "Tinker" winter in Ashville, N.C. They have two great-grandchildren ages 4 and 2.

A Joe from **Joe Elliott's** wife says that Joe is in Seaford Lifecare for 60

CORRECTION

Dr. Charles "Chick" Silberstein '54 conducts research on pitching injuries in baseball in The Johns Hopkins Hospital's Biomechanics Research Laboratory of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. The facility was misidentified in the summer issue of The Hill.

days for physical therapy to help Parkinson's and then he will come home.

Had a card from **Jo Daniel Bair**. She's doing well – playing lots of bridge, enjoying her yard and doing some volunteer work for the needy. She had some time at the shore with her family. Her grandson, Eric, just got his Master's degree. I see her

when I get to Mechanicsburg.

A good letter from **Joe Rowe** in Orange, Va. He says it's his once-a-decade letter. Next month he will publish two books—including a family history and genealogy of nine related families and The Greatest Generation of Orange, which profiles 70 citizens of Orange known by him and of his generation. He wonders how he got

to write a book because he was a math major at WMC.

Margaret Moss Venzke said they had a terrible auto accident in November 2000. She had five ribs broken and a punctured lung. **Leigh '41** was in worse condition. After MRIs and two doctors who advised no operation, the Orthopedic doctor found the problem between the fifth and sixth vertebrae. In emergency surgery, he had a plate with eight titanium screws put in his neck and is now in fine shape.

Yvonne Earle Link is involved in a pastor search for her church. She spent two weeks in Oahu, Hawaii with her son Jeff and his wife for Christmas 2000. He is recently retired as a Colonel in the Air Force and is now employed on Oahu, so they knew all the right places to visit!

Winnie Wareheim Conner is in Goose Creek, S.C., busy with gardening and being President of Women and Church Historian at N. Charleston United Methodist Church.

Ruth Baugher Keeling reports that she received a phone call from Lee. She was fortunate after nine TIAs and two strokes in 1999 and 2000 to now be free of those due to an expensive prescription. Her arthritis is holding her back but she still attends numerous meetings.

Bert Prouss-Jones and his wife are concentrating on retirement now. He sold his residential construction business. Their first great-grandchild is due in October. They are hoping to take a trip to the Orient in 2002, if all goes well.

Margorie Rue Cropper reported from Wilmington, Del., that she and Hal are living a quiet life. She had some surgery done in July but the scar is almost hidden by wrinkles!

Doris Harman Krusen wrote from New Jersey, where she spends half the year. She spends the other half in Englewood Beach, Fla., near her daughter. Their son is on Cape Cod, so they can visit north and south. They are celebrating the 55th anniversary with a Panama Canal cruise.

Louise Fox Dublin and Charley are in Baltimore. Their son has an upstairs apartment and their niece is nearby, for which she is thankful.

Don Buncas and **Betsy** are enjoying all the pleasures of Oak Crest Retirement Village. The most recent WMC arrival there is Warren Ledford. Don and Betsy are holding on for 2003.

Dennis '35 and **Betty Smith Yingling** have moved to Carroll Lutheran Village in Westminster. They are still waiting to see **Josh** and **Jeanne 'Pat' Patterson '48** Enzor there but do see **Florence Earp** frequently. She looks well and gets around very well. Dennis and Betty will be celebrating their 20th anniversary in October.

Bill Myers also wrote from Westminster that they have a grandson at Frostburg and a granddaughter at East Carolina. Last year, he and Irene traveled to Rome, Athens and cruised the Greek Isles. They just returned from a cruise along the coast of Norway. They expect to attend the

reunion in 2002.

Earl Schubert wrote from Annapolis that they sold their Chesapeake Bay home and are living at Heritage Harbor. Daughter Sandra Brock is vying for Visitors Com. at Naval Academy, son Bill was nominated Head of U.S. Maritime Com., son Tom is in his busy season sailing a schooner from Annapolis to Bermuda. Earl and Nancy have six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Earl is busy writing, doing poetry and judging boxing matches.

Eleanor Healy Taylor is active as always, enjoying her grandchildren, active with Historic Glyndon Inc., Baltimore County Trust, choir and Sunday school teaching at Glyndon United Methodist Church.

Willis Winter still travels to California and Florida every year and Branson, Mo., every second year. He enjoyed the Ocean City luncheon and expects to visit Arizona shortly.

Marie Steele Cameron is jumping around the U.S. In June and July, she was at her Colorado home, her grandson's graduation in New Jersey, and a family reunion in Delaware. She plays tennis three days a week and walks three. Her family had a surprise birthday party in Port St. Lucie with 66 in attendance, including some WMCers.

Had an unexpected card from **Tony Fleming** in West Virginia. He lost his wife in January. Tony had by-pass heart surgery in June. Hang in there, Tony, and please accept our sympathy.

Al Levin wrote from Arizona. They have two new grandchildren, 1 and 3, lost from an orphanage in Russia.

Harry 'Abe' Gruel is "still hanging in." He moved to a condo November 2000 after spending 47 years in their home.

Maryn Evans wrote that his wife, Kitty, came down with Alzheimer's seven years ago. Maryn cared for her for two years and then she went to a nursing home. Maryn visits her four hours each day. He says their children and grandchildren are doing fine.

C. Frasier Scott sent a long letter, which I enjoyed, along with clippings and pictures. He and Lee Begin '47 are very active.

Mary 'Jackie' Jackson Hall wrote that they moved to Cocoa Beach, Fla. They see **Josh** and **Jeanne 'Pat' Patterson '48** Enzor. They have one great-grandchild and are expecting another. Jackie has lunch with **Sarabelle Veale Walker** a couple of times a year.

Marty Hodgson Honeman wrote a nice letter, which I put away in a safe place and can't find. I remember that her family gave her a Volkswagen beetle for her 80th birthday. It's gold, "The Gold Bug," and naturally attracts a lot of attention on campus and in Westminster.

Also had a card from **Elizabeth Gable Kantruss** who's not in Wenona yet.

Luise Grow and **Wes '42 Sheffield** are mostly in Florida.

Klein Leister called. Among other things he said he'd seen **Jim Elliott** and had a good talk, as Klein and I did.



ART BALTIOTIS

Still Keeping 'Secrets' at 75

Back when she was in college, Eleanor Pearson Kelly '47 would never have dreamed of wearing a thong in public—or in private, for that matter. Nor would she have considered shaking up with her boyfriend, or piercing her tongue, or tattooing who-knows-what body part.

Kelly sees and hears it all at Secrets, Ocean City's trendy beach club, where she works as an office manager and occasional hostess. And it fascinates her.

"It's a fun job," she says, proudly describing the club's island motif with its glitzy new nightclub. "It's just really is lovely—even I came dancing on opening night."

The "adopted grandmother" to several of her young and scantily clad co-workers, Kelly says she's learned a lot from them, including "tolerance" for their non-traditional lifestyles. "Some things aren't as bad as they look," she says.

In return, Kelly offers an ear and the perspective of a widow, great-grandmother and former high school teacher who has lived at the beach for more than 50 years. During that time, she and her husband owned two oceanfront motels and helped to found the city's Hotel/Motel Restaurant Association.

"These things will pass," she assures the young people who come to her seeking comfort for relationship crises, as well as more devastating problems like a death in the family.

Kelly's secret to a satisfying life is to stay active. "I don't believe anybody should just sit back and do nothing," she says. On her days off, she still adores strolling the boardwalk, watching people and nibbling on Fisher's popcorn (she's not much on Thrasher's ribs).

But thong-wearers, beware.

"Once, when I was working the information booth on the boardwalk, we spotted a large man wearing nothing but a hot pink thong," she recalls, chuckling. "I called the police and told them, 'there's something here I think you should look at.' They came from one direction and the guy went running in the other." •

Joe Rowe will publish two books—including a family history and genealogy of nine related families.

I called Edna "Pork" Haller '46 Begin to get her down on Bob's condition after his surgery in July. She said he's coming along but not fast enough for him. It's difficult to be inactive when you're not used to it. Bob, hang in there and give your body a chance to recover and keep your spirits up—think how lucky you really are!

Hope I didn't miss anyone. Now to the Thompson saga . . . "Tommy" and I are settling in. I think it was harder on Tommy than on me. We have a nice cottage. Don has taken over my small gardens. People are great. I'm singing in the Foxdale chorus and still unpacking. Tess married Tom and he is working on his Doctorate at the University of North Carolina. Tess teaches in Raleigh since getting her Master's at Oxford where she was a Rhodes Scholar.

Thank you all for your fast replies and keep 2003 in mind. As Scotty said, "Carpe Diem!"

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1949 William Ehlers was glad to report that his nine-year search for members of his WWII unit, the 217th General Hospital, has finally come to an end. Now 55 years later, Phil continues to send a newsletter twice a year that helps to hold the unit together. He has been commended by his commanding officer and Tom Brokaw for a job well done.

George A. Coulter mentions that he and his wife, Helen, keep busy with flowerbed tending and yard work. George and his brother enjoy golf. He sends regards.

Tom Barnes and Catherine keep going although a little slower she says. They enjoy winters in Florida and golf. They are on the list for Broadmead Retirement Community, ready to give up the old house. Family is doing well.

George Pierdort reports on good results in his flower garden. Irises are the most beautiful ever. At this writing roses are budding and starting to bloom.

Tom Doolittle enjoys reading news of class members and sends regards.

Dr. Stan Abrams retired in 1995 and now lives in New Jersey. Last year, Stan fell and broke his left shoulder while racing his granddaughter. He says he thought he was back in col-

lege. Family is doing well—his son was elected mayor of Boca Raton, Fla., one daughter is a music school director and another daughter is a writer and actress.

Paul and Emily Coale Hines joined the International Bison Association on a four-day wagon trek in western Alberta, Canada in August 2000. They took turns riding horseback or in a wagon, 10 miles each day, in a million train of wagons, pulled by 90-plus draft horses, plus 130 saddle horses from the Simmonette River to the Smokey River. "Crossing the marvelous prairie, seeing thousands of buffalo, yellow canola fields, fields of blue flax, wheat and hayfields with puffy white clouds were beautiful."

Everyone was in period dress for filming purposes—eventually it may be shown on the Discovery Channel. Delicious food from fried oatmeal and haddock to buffalo rum roast and blueberries and ice cream was all prepared outside. They then spent four days in Edmonton at the International Bison Conference in a luxury hotel.

Dr. Bill Seibert reports on what a great pleasure it is for him to have his grandson Chris Seibert '04 play baseball for Bill's son, Dave Seibert '78, who has been head baseball coach at WMC for the past 21 years.

Word from Alice Brodick Scilleppi is that she and Bob are well and enjoy winters in Florida, especially when children and grandchildren visit from the cold north.

Don and Joanne Dillon Lively are well and continue to travel. They spend winters—November to April—at 39 Courtney Place, Palm Coast, Fla., 32137-8120. They would love to have Western Marylanders visit them. Give them a call at 386-446-2930.

Jim Leonard sends greetings from Delmar, N.Y., where he has been living for 40 years. Jim has been retired for 12 years. Son Mark works in TV in Seattle and son Jamie works in theatre in Manhattan. Jim says he and Dor are thriving in retirement, thankfully.

Lois Royer Macaw writes from Orlando, Fla., that she was glad to return to her 50th WMC reunion and see classmates after so many years. She and Don keep busy with church activities and visiting five grandchildren who live close by. Lois is active in the National Federation of Music Clubs having recently served as president of the local club for two years. She currently serves as second vice-president, a less stressful position.

Margaret "Betsy" Buderer Bivin visited Panama in January and October 2000. She also made several trips to North Carolina for music weeks at the Presbyterian Conference Center in the mountains and visits to family in the flatlands. Betsy was in N.C. at Christmas and after not having been that far north for forty years thought she might freeze. She enjoys life in Florida, as usual, with choir, volunteering, theater, and music in Sarasota.

Claude Libis enjoys retirement from the Methodist Board of Child Care. He is a volunteer Health Services Instructor for the American Red Cross and a tax preparer for AARP and IRS. Claude and wife Anne spend summers on the coast of Maine and enjoy an occasional Elderhostel.

Word from Jack Ammon is that he retired from the United Methodist ministry in 1986 after 40 years of service. He lives in DeLand, Fla., nine months of the year and in Pennsylvania at a church camp for three months in the summer. Jack will always have fond memories and be grateful to the administration of WMC under Dr. Fred Holloway '18 for the opportunity to prepare for the ministry. He wishes blessings for WMC in the years ahead.

Joyce Gorsuch has joined the trek to retirement communities. In January 2001, she and "George-the-cat" moved to Cokesbury Village in Hockessin, Del. Joyce says it is more than she could have imagined.

Howard Hall is still volunteering with the Maryland and Anne Arundel County Retired Teachers Associations, the Governor's Mansion and the Anne Arundel Free School, a restored 1724 schoolhouse. Howard always has time for traveling and his 10-year-old grandson.

Don Espar and Leona celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year and are enjoying retirement. Don continues to run in 5- and 10-K races in the Maryland Senior Olympics but has slipped from second to third in his age group.

Joe Maciejczyk still lives at Lake Mohawk in New Jersey. He went into cardiac arrest on December 20, 2000. His wife and sons tell him he now has "two birthdays."

Word from Bonnie Gutub Finck is of a fantastic cultural tour of beautiful Bali and theater tours of London and New York. Bonnie was anticipating a family vacation with children and grandchildren in August 2001.

John "Jack" and Doris Vansant Bladen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Kenya and Tanzania and a surprise party given by their three daughters. They had a great three-week trip to Japan and later took their grandson on an intergenerational Elderhostel. Golf is good for Jack who had a hole-in-one last year. Doris and Norma Keigler Raffel will be rooming together again after 50 years in September. They anticipated attending an Elderhostel in Bhutan while their husbands enjoy quiet time at the computer and on the golf course.

Peter Callas the "gardener" is still at work in Hagerstown, Md. Pete donates numerous hours as a volunteer supporting legislation affecting seniors, MRTA members, the handicapped, veterans and his county AG Center. He sends regards.

Dr. S. George Walters was profiled in *Maryland Who's Who in the World 2001*. He was previously profiled in *Maryland Who's Who in America 1968* and in

Leaders of the English Speaking World, St. James Press, London, 1971-72.

Gladyss Johnson Poland says that 2001 finds her employed once again. She is happy to be a docent at Old Bethpage Village, which shows 19th century life on Long Island.

Louise Stagg and George Spittel are enjoying living at Fairhaven Retirement Community in Sykesville, Md., where they moved three years ago. Louise has enjoyed drawing floor plans, decorating the rooms and landscaping the yards almost like building a new home again. Son Mark and family live in Charlotte, N.C. and George and Louise enjoy visiting their grandsons.

Lloyd "Bob" and Charlotte Goodrich Hoover are glad to be at Buckingham's Choice, a retirement community near Frederick, Md. Char continues to paint and organize art exhibits there. Bob is still involved in many volunteer activities in Frederick. They take frequent trips including a tour of Italy this past spring and an Elderhostel, their fourth, to New York City.

Word from Frank Stephenson is that retirement is great with hobbies and travel to Great Britain and cruises to Bermuda and the Caribbean. The latter was a "Big Band" cruise with Homer '50 and Dottie Klinefelt '51 Earl. They also spent a weekend with the Earls at their condominium in Bethany Beach, Del. in Maryland '48 and Sara Lee Larmore '50 Browne '48 joined them there. Plans call for Frank to cruise the Mediterranean during the fall of 2001. The Alaska grandsons were scheduled to enter the University of Alaska Fall 2001 also. Frank visited son David and family in San Antonio. Older daughter Judy's son Christopher just became a father. Frank's first great-grandson! Daughter Tracey and family are located in Accident, Md., beautiful country with lots of snow—120 inches last winter.

Helen Miles Dubel and Bob '48 continue to travel. Besides their two trips per year, they enjoy family vacations each year with children and grandchildren. Plans called for travel to Batavia and Zimbabwe in October 2001. Helen mentioned a memorable experience this past May at a reunion of the Marines who had been stationed on the U.S.S. New Jersey. It is now docked in New Jersey and will soon be open for the public.

Phyllis Alexander Ganyu regrets missing the 50th WMC reunion but was in Florida while her husband was in Hungary. They now live in New Castle, Pa., so they can enjoy grandchildren. Phyl volunteers in the school library. She and Al travel frequently, enjoying their son's exotic assignments. She keeps in touch with Ruby Williams Browning, Alice Brodick Scilleppi and Jane Pitcher Mooney '50. Phyl invites anyone who is in the New Castle or New Wilmington area to call. They are the only Ganyu in the directory.

M. Robert Gemmill has retired and tries to keep in touch with members of classes '46-'51. Bob hopes to attend

Baltimore alumni luncheons in Towson. He missed the last football teams reunion because of a bad knee. Bob hopes that **AI "Moon" Paul '50** will have a future football reunion that he can attend.

Word from **Jane Conaway Wagner** is of a busier-than-ever retirement. Jane was given a surprise retirement party at Calvary United Methodist Church in Mt. Airy, Md., in appreciation of her 24 years as organist. A new church addition was named the "Jane

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Wagner Music Room." She and **Bob '48** participate in a church mission choir, "Heirs of Joy"—Jane as pianist and Bob as tenor. This choir gives concerts at nursing homes, prison and church functions around Maryland and surrounding areas. Plans called for a family vacation at Smith Mountain Lake in July and a Kiwanis Convention in August. In October, they planned to take a "Steamboat" voyage on the Mississippi River with a group of eight friends including **Howard '50** and **Jean Daughtrey Myers**.

Word from **Nancy Greer Bobb** is that her husband of 52 years died two years ago. She has four children and eight grandchildren—four of whom live close by. Nan lives independently in a life care community in Lakeland, Fla. She is active in her church, serves on several local and state boards and volunteers once a week in a clinic for the working poor. Thankfully, she says all of her children finished with advanced degrees and three of her grandchildren are in college now. Nan would love to hear from any '49 class members who live in Florida or who visit in the area.

Jan Seau Heermann says "Ron's battle with cancer has made the phrase 'don't sweat the small stuff' more meaningful." They still golf, travel, volunteer and most importantly, enjoy their sons and their families who also live in Towson, Md.

James Ogden says not much to report except that he's older and hairs less well. Jim is still working on the history of L-346, the infantry company in which he served in Europe during WWII, and hopes to finish it this year. He continues to teach an adult Sunday School class and does lots of other church work. Jim has three grandchildren: a granddaughter who is nine and two grandsons who are five. He says all live in Georgia so he can't indoctrinate them as much as he'd like.

In May, **Mary Ada "Tata" Twigg Weller** moved to Fairhaven Retirement Community in Sykesville, Md., buying a ground-floor apartment with a patio so her dog Beebe could be with her. Tata's youngest son, Thomas and his wife Margaret, four-year-old Daniel and two-year-old Diana bought the home place. Tom has accepted a job with Merritt Corp. Tata says she feels blessed to have all four children, their spouses and all nine grandchildren within a half-hour's drive.

Caroline Benson Schaeffer says, "No news is good news." She planned time in August with their family in Bethany Beach, Del. Then she and Bill will be in Venice, Fla., in February and March, as usual.

Mary Childs Rogers writes from Lutherville, Md., that life is still full and busy just taking care of day-to-day living. Bob, who had a pacemaker implanted in 1998, is quite remarkable at 86, full of humor and wit. This summer they planned to enjoy outdoor concerts, plays, picnics and family get-togethers. Mary meets **Anna Engler Martin** and **Jan Tull Riddick '48** monthly for lunch and they are occasionally joined by Kathy Manlove Jester.

Jeann Silcox Baldwin loves being back in her hometown—Chestertown, Md. Jean says they grow roses and play bridge. She visited with **Jean Daughtrey Myers** and **Emily Coale Hines** this year. This summer was expected to be busy for the family with a high school graduation, two weddings and the birth of Jean's first great-grandchild.

Duane Boyer wrote from Australia in July and I quote from his letter: "When I was acting in Wilder's *Skin of Our Teeth*, Esther Smith's production in 1949, little did I realize it was written for the Southern Hemisphere. 'Here it is the middle of August, the coldest day of the year. My God, the dogs are sticking to the sidewalks!' Well, it certainly is cold here, although living in Australia does have some advantages. I must like it; I've been here since 1973." Duane is a personal counselor, working on his doctoral thesis on men's issues at Deakin University and planning to complete it early next year. He says he hasn't done any painting lately but has several collages and paintings in a Geelong exhibition. For several years he has been doing psychic readings for friends using American Indian medicine cards.

Word from **Joan Baker Hildebrand** is that she continues to live in Vermont. Jo visited Baltimore recently and says it was great to see so many WMC friends after so many years. She visited with **Jean Milby Malkmus**, **Joyce Hinkle Collins** and **Betty Becker Wentz**. She also saw **Mac Langrall Mealy '48**, **Morton Stoffregen Thorpe '47**, **Betty Armiger Maas '48** and **Naoimi Harper Morgan '48**.

Helen Levin Bell writes from California of two long trips. One was last Fall to Italy for 30 days. The second

trip the previous year was 30 days from Athens to Cape Town, Africa. Helen continues to paint and planned to be at the Millard Sants Gallery at the Los Angeles County Fair where she will display small works and give demonstrations.

Betty Becker Wentz still spends six months of the year in Bonita Springs, Fla., and six months in the Baltimore area.

Doris Ritter Ensminger and Bill report that all is well with them, that they enjoy living at Willow Valley Retirement Resort and travel is always a priority. Doris and Bill go to Maui February-March. Their phone there is 808-874-6003.

Louis Edward "Lefty" Elliott sends regards to his classmates from Towson, Md.

Mary Ann Thomas Staszeyk, of Wilmington, Del., sends greetings.

Fletcher and I were very glad to see alumni from his original class of 1943 at Homecoming 2000. Later in October it was great to be included in a get-together given by **Louray Wagner '50**, and **Dick '50** and **Flo Rice '50** Dunlop at Louray's home. We visited with **Harry and Lenore "Lennie" Hoffman Look**, **Howard and Sherry Donovan Schindler '50**, **Cliff Paff '50** and **Harry Adams '50**. In December 2000, we attended the Holiday Buffet at WMC, a well attended event sponsored by the Baltimore and Carroll County Alumni Association.

Thanks to all who sent news. It was wonderful to read about your activities and hear news of other WMC alumni as well.

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1955 I was glad to hear from you. Fortunately, most of you had good news but, sadly, not all.

At the time of our 45th reunion, **Craig Schnall** had just had emergency surgery due to a ruptured appendix. I'm happy to report that he has made a complete recovery. Since then, he and **Mary Lee Younger** have traveled to Turkey and Greece and, in June, to France. Craig is still practicing after 40 years. Mary Lee has taught in the WMC biology department for 37 years.

Many of you asked how **Harriett Cooley Whitehurst** was doing. Jim wrote that she is recovering from two heart surgeries and a stroke in the past three years. Jim is doing OK, trying to take care of things. His health history parallels that of Vice President Dick Cheney. After 39 years they have had to stop going to boys' resident camps. On a brighter note, they are delighted with a new grandson born to daughter **Kristen** on March 24, 2000. Son **Patrick** teaches at Fallston High School where he is a sophomore, plays lacrosse and is in the band.

Joann Wafensmith Miller was one of those who had bad news to impart.

She had to cancel her trip to California last November for another throat operation at Johns Hopkins. Also, she missed her trip to China in May because the tumor at the base of her brain has been diagnosed as terminal cancer. Her daughter has returned from Fort Riley, Kan., to take care of her and her house. Joann's advice to all of us: "Live each day to the fullest."

E. Carter "Rags" Baum wrote that WMC gave her the best years of her life. Before retiring, she had an exciting career advising congressmen and congresswomen, and even presidents, about labor laws. One of the congressmen was **William Goodling MD '57**, chairman of the Education and Labor Committee. But she repeated the best years were at WMC. Before her health prohibited it, she visited **Coach Roselda Todd '28** at Asbury Home in Gaithersburg, Md. Rags says she looks younger than she did when we were students and would like to hear from some of her old athletes. After being "tired" for about 10 years and undergoing numerous tests and hospitalizations, doctors have discovered the Rags suffers from End Stage Lung Disease with Prominent Pulmonary Fibrosis. Breath is scarce but she continues to do for herself and enjoy reading, spending money on comforts for herself, and re-establishing friendships. She misses going to her tree farm and regrets that after induction into WMC's Sports Hall of Fame she was never able to get up to play the golf course which she had hoped to do frequently.

On a happier note, I heard from **Jimmy Tone** who apologized for being out of touch for so long. Jimmy retired four years ago. He and his wife, Mase, are enjoying the freedom of retirement. Their first granddaughter to their second daughter, Emiko, was born on March 3, 2000. March 3 is the girl's festival in Japan, which is celebrated by displaying many dolls. A girl baby born on that day is said to be a very happy and lucky girl. Jimmy says she's the angel of their family and is especially loved by his three grandsons. They had a great time in March when **Dr. Joe Raveins '54** and his wife, Elizabeth, visited them in Tokyo.

Ray and **Joyce Etzler** have built a retirement home at Penn National, a golfing community near Chambersburg, Pa. Their home is on the first fairway of a new four-star golf course located at the head of the Shenandoah Valley. South Mountain is just 400 yards east of their house. Joyce retired in April after 28 years with USAA. Now that both are retired, they are enjoying the laid-back life, their children and four grandchildren. Playing a lot of golf, too. Roy hopes that regaining his three handicap is more than wishful thinking.

Another Pennsylvanian, **Bert Springstead**, retired from the Army and now owns an art gallery and a picture framing business in Carlisle. He is involved with mental health/mental retardation. He and Leni, his wife of

46 years, travel when time permits. Most of his family—two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren live in Carlisle. Bert enjoys hiking, gardening, reading, visiting Civil War areas and sometimes cooking. His son, **Gary Springstead**, graduated from WMC in 1979.

Ray Davis, who is still serving a church in San Antonio, probably won't retire for a couple of more years. His 26-year-old daughter is moving to Penn State to pursue her doctorate in speech and communication. His youngest daughter, a junior at a local college, plans to teach kindergarten. Ray still plays a little tennis but mostly stays busy with his church work.

Duval Jones and his family traveled to the Hudson Bay area in the summer of 2000. They saw a few new birds but were more excited by close-ups of polar bears and white whales.

Albert Barnes now resides in Nor-

Antonia Baxter Davis and her husband are enjoying retirement in "small town America"—Chestertown, on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Her daughters live in Baltimore County and enjoy the hectic city life. Their four grandchildren keep them busy and connected. They look forward each February to their trip to Florida with a stopover with her WMC roommate **Gretchen Pierson Brockman**.

Dick '54 and **Doris Tuckwood Linton** are planning a trip to Hungary and Budapest in September. Now living in Nokomis, Fla., they play duplicate bridge, work out at the "Y" and enjoy the many cultural activities available to them.

Charlie and Gloria Bunting Blades welcomed their granddaughters from Alaska for a summer visit in Richmond and at Bethany Beach, Del. She was able to visit all her kinkfolk who live nearby. They still call beach vacations their favorites. They plan to travel to Hungary and Greece in May with another couple. Gloria had a solo painting exhibition in April 2001 in Richmond and will have one in a Lexington, Va., gallery this spring. Charlie stays busy with golf, church and shop projects.

Mary Warner Swadell wrote from Henderson, Nev., that they are still guiding their storage business—The Boat Barn. She is finding joy in researching ancestors. Her roots are deep in Maryland and Pennsylvania. She just completed another Revolutionary War Patriot for a DAR supplement and has now found another one—more paperwork. She is looking forward to October in Maryland and her 50th high school reunion from Towson High. In March of last year, they celebrated her birthday in California.

Charley and Barbara Harding White stay busy in spite of the usual ailments—replacing Charley's knee, arthritis, etc. Charley has been re-elected Mayor of Laytonville, Md., for another term—24 years now. The town has purchased an historic home for its town hall. He spends as much time as possible supervising and working on the renovation. Their children and seven grandchildren are all doing well.

Ed '54 and **Mary Lou Arnie Kelly** are still in New Orleans. Ed coaches age group swimming and Mary Lou is a paralegal. Their five children and 10 grandchildren are spread out in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina.

Tom and Pattie Hamersley Church enjoy their trips to Deep Creek Lake, Md., and visits with their children and grandchildren. The birth of a new grandson brings the number of grandchildren to eight, all of whom keep them stepping. They had a wonderful trip to Cabo San Lucas and also to the Netherlands. Seeing Holland during "tulip time" is a gorgeous sight.

It has been awhile since we have heard from **Doreen McNeil Naish** so I was pleased to get her long letter. She has been living in England for almost 18 years. She retired four years ago

and is enjoying the freedom. Her husband, David, is also retired. He has two daughters and four grandchildren in England. She has two daughters, a son and seven grandchildren here. She visits as often as she can. England has a strong music tradition, which she and David are very much a part of. They belong to a 100-plus community choir. The Callington Singers, which does exchange visits with choirs in other countries. They have sung in Italy, Germany, Denmark, Greece and Ireland. A big thrill for Doreen was singing in Westminster Abbey. They have been invited to cover the weekend services at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle in October. Their 200-year-old home, which used to be a Salvation Army Chapel, is located in the Tamar River Valley. The river divides Cornwall and Devon. They are only a 15-minute drive from Dartmouth, a National Park. Their favorite activity is walking the cliff paths high above the sea.

Joan Walter Winkelman took a two-week trip to San Antonio and its surroundings. She toured the Mission and attended the Texas Folk Life Festival and also went to Mexico. She is planning a trip to Portugal and Morocco in the spring. Meanwhile, she's substituting in the peace schools and working as an officer of elections.

Paul and Doris Burkert '57 Galvin make trips to visit family in upstate New York, North Carolina and Florida. Paul, who has retired the second time, enjoys community volunteering and is working to restore the Elementary Counselor Mandate in Virginia. Doris, who has taught herself to speak fluent Spanish, enjoys tutoring adult Latino immigrants.

Don '54 and Jeannette Spatz James, now retired, live in Franklin, Tenn., where they play lots of golf. They often travel to Dallas and Los Angeles to visit children and grandchildren. Don had a total knee replacement in February, 49 years after an old football injury. He's now doing great.

Another golfer, **Philip Lawyer**, enjoys his job at Gill Gym, which gives him a great opportunity to golf and to indulge his reading hobby. His son's orthodontics practice continues to grow. Josh, 5, Mayson, 3, and adorable 19-month old twins keep them busy. **Michelle Lawyer Gribben '87** continues to teach in the WMC math department. Her daughter, Amy, 11, just started middle school. David is 8.

In retirement, **Ron Jones** has taken up woodworking. He has made solid cherry lamps and some small furniture pieces. There are always projects around the house to do. His big excitement was working on the committee for his 50th high school reunion from Wicomico High. He and **Suzanne Lussier-Jones '63** were pleased to have as houseguests for the three-day event **Charlie and Ginny Tull '57 Phipps**, who graduated from Wicomico High in 1951 and 1952. **Betsy Bowen Rogan** was also a member of the class.

William Bill was a tenured profes-

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mandy Beach, N.J., in the summer and Naples, Fla., in the winter. Last winter, he had a kidney removed due to cancer. He has been told that all should be fine but says his bad golf game has gotten worse. In July 2001, he took his family, eleven in all, on a cruise to Alaska. They had a great time but Alaska is too rustic for him. His kids and grandchildren loved it. He highly recommends the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, as they were fabulous.

Arthur Gould, retired since October 1998, is celebrating his 50th high school reunion and is looking forward to our 50th in 2005. He spends his leisure time traveling—Caribbean and Mediterranean cruises, going to cultural seminars and museums, working out, swimming and playing a lot of golf. His daughter, Debbie, will be joining a Radiology group. Son Steve continues as a network engineer for visiting nurses. Art says no grandchildren yet but he has high hopes.

Elizabeth Shepherd Collinson lives in Harwood, Md., where she volunteers at her church 25-30 hours each week doing much of the computer work. She also works with the acolytes and the Altar Guild. Her four grandchildren, Jarrett, 16, Johnathan, 12, Morgan, 4, and Ryland, 2, live nearby and she enjoys seeing them immensely. Morgan is the only girl. Arthritis limits Betty's physical activities but she has learned to function around it.

WMC REUNION 2002

MAY 3-5

WHAT?

Reunion Weekend 2002

WHEN?

Friday, May 3, through
Sunday, May 5, 2002

WHERE?

Western Maryland College
campus

WHO'S CELEBRATING?

All classes whose graduation year ends in "2" or "7" and the first-year and senior classes. This includes: 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 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 Alumni Office at 410/857-2254 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:

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410-876-0010

Boston Inn
1-800-634-0846 or
410-848-9095

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410-857-0500

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.

sor at Georgetown University before a stint with the federal government. Now living in Annapolis, he served on the Anne Arundel County Council and set up a security planning and crime analysis firm. He also provides expert testimony on criminal behavior. Most recently, he has been working to bring kids from Kosovo who were terrorist victims for medical treatment in Annapolis.

Jim and Janet Bolter Heins have a full schedule of activities punctuated with a lot of traveling. They enjoyed last year's trip to Antarctica so much that they are planning a more extensive return trip this year. They are taking one grandchild at a time on an intergenerational trip, starting with a granddaughter to the Grand Canyon in 2001. Jim has quite a following of fans for the slide/lecture programs he does on places they visit. Jan continues playing the violin with a local orchestra and with a quartet, as well as taking classes in painting.

Shelley Myers Willen is another painter. She works with watercolors when she is not teaching piano or being a Reserve teacher. She can see peaks of the Rockies from her home in Colorado and goes hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park and on other trails. Her older daughter, Lisa, a public school music teacher lives in Colorado with her little adopted Chinese daughter. Her daughter, Susan, lives in New Jersey and works in New York City as an executive assistant for Time Warner. Her son, Steve, is an attorney in Charlotte, N.C. Shelley was leaving the day after she wrote to visit her East Coast children and four grandchildren. She is looking forward to our 50th reunion.

Another classmate looking forward to our 50th reunion is **Rita Burket Davidek**. She would like us to have a mini-reunion of those of us who spent their freshman year on McDaniel's fourth floor. Rita stays busy with family and Republican politics but says she is close to becoming a Libertarian.

For **John '56 and Suzanne Dorsey Batista**, retirement has involved moving into a new patio home. Now they can walk out and lock up without worrying about mowing, mulching, raking, cleaning gutters or removing snow. In March, they visited John's brother in Sun City, S.C. After a quick stop in Virginia, they were on to Sykesville, Md., to see their second son, Mike, and his wife, and to give hugs to two grandchildren. Then they were back in Columbus, Ohio, to see their daughter, Elizabeth, her husband and their three children. Son, Jay, his wife and two children live just 40 minutes from John and Suzanne. After two days in New York City, a reunion in Pennsylvania in April and a visit to the American Girl Company with a granddaughter, they attended John's WMC 45th reunion in May. They also visited with **Jay 'Gus' and Priscilla McCoy '56 Lamar**. During their annual family get-together in Bethany Beach, Del., they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a

surprise party given by their children.

Roberta 'Bobbie' Ramsburg Hennick is living full time in Port San Lucie, Fla., near West Palm Beach. She is on the board of directors of their local hospital auxiliary and volunteers in a kindergarten class. Their recent travels include a cruise to the Caribbean in 2000. They have scheduled a trip to Costa Rica and the Panama Canal for November 2001. They frequently come to Maryland to visit children and grandchildren. She ran into **Nancy Sadofsky Stange** when she was visiting her mother **Margaret Kyle Ramsburg '28** at the Wesley Home in Baltimore, where she is a resident.

After spending years as a church organist and choir director, **Charlotte Thompson Hatcher** has fully retired from that and from secretarial/computer work. Now she says she is just an average housemaker. John is a bus attendant for Baltimore County Schools, riding a bus for handicapped children. They both enjoy trailer camping and belong to the Scotty Club. They have traveled to California, Oklahoma, New England and each summer to Michigan. While there in 2000, Charlotte tripped and fell on a concrete floor as they were leaving a church service. She broke a bone in her right shoulder and sprained her left shoulder. The broken bone required surgery and kept them in Michigan for five additional weeks. A year later she is still in pain. She asks that if any classmates have had similar problems they contact her to let her know how they are coping. In spite of last year's misfortune, they went back to Michigan in August.

Joe and Irma Lee Hohmann Seek live in Annapolis where they enjoy boating on the South River with their family. She continues as organist at Trinity United Methodist Church. In April, she and her daughter, Debbie, gave a concert playing organ and piano. Twice a year they visit Steve and his family in Florida. Irma Lee says she loves watching her grandchildren grow. She enjoys opera at the Lyric in Baltimore and watching the Orioles, especially Cal Ripken, Jr. She is looking forward to her 50th high school reunion from Eastern High in Baltimore. Other than some knee arthritis, her health is good.

Ty and **Barbetta Goeb Miller** stay close to home in Paducah, Ky., as they take care of her mother, who lives with them. Ty retired from USEC. He teaches part time at Paducah Community College Engineer School. They both attend classes at PCC and sing in the chorus. Barbetta also sings with the Paducah Symphony Chorus. Both are active in their church. Their five children are scattered. Gretchen works at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Ty is a professor at the University of California in Santa Cruz but is currently in Budapest, where he is Director of University of California studies there. Tom, a Major in the Army, is attending Command and Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Tom's daughter, Isabelle, 1, is



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their only grandchild. They were sorry to miss our last reunion but hope to make our 50th.

Walt and **Marilyn Goldring Rigerick** took a rail tour from Vancouver, B.C. through the magnificent Canadian Rockies to Toronto. They highly recommend such a trip. They keep busy with church and community activities. They had three grandchildren and two children with them in August for the county fair. It's a great, old-time fair, safe and fun, with animals, people, rides and sinful food. Walt fishes. The freezer is full. They have enjoyed a cool sunny summer.

We have lost another classmate since my last column. **Robert L. Haugen** died July 20, 2001. An undergraduate economics major, he received his Master's in Education from WMC in 1967 and his juris doctorate from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1977. He worked in education as a teacher, guidance counselor and pupil personnel worker in Frederick County. He later worked for the Maryland State Teacher's Association in field service and collective bargaining. His wife, Mary Lee, son **Steven '83**, daughter Lori Maze, and two grandchildren survive him. Our condolences go out to his family. You may express yours to: Mrs. Mary Lee Haugen, 6 Locust Street, Thurmont, MD 21788.

As for me, I'm still very much involved with the work of Ascension Episcopal Church here in Westminster. I'm no longer on the vestry but am now in charge of the counters of the weekly offerings. Most recently I coordinated the mailing of 12,000 flyers and 3,500 invitations for our annual three-day craft show in November—The Mistletoe Mart. I'm also involved with several community groups. I enjoy the symphony, playing bridge, eating out and especially spending time with my grandson, Robby, 7. His parents and Aunt Susan are also busy with work, church, music and school activities.

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1961 Our reunions have come and gone with lots of college ties renewed. Thanks to **Don Rumbert** and **Eleanor White Brown** for all their efforts in planning the reunions. Now we get back to the business of keeping up via the written word.

Four classmates have made major moves in the past year. After living in Florida for seven years in retirement home number one, **Jim and Linda Brown** built retirement home number two in Mooreland, Indiana, and moved in May 2001. The location is closer to Linda's family and to their three granddaughters in Ohio. Jim and Linda spent the summer painting, wallpapering, decorating and working on their acre, from which there is a beautiful view. They expect to enjoy

the changing seasons and plan to view the snowflakes from indoors. Their sons are doing well, with Tom an engineer and Jim a new partner for Deloitte & Touche accounting firm.

Aiken, S.C. is the new home of **Ray "Whitney" '58 and Arlene MacVicker Wright**. The Wrights had lived in Centerville for 25 years.

After 29 years in Ridgefield, Conn., Tim and **Audrey Arent Lambert** moved to Dallas. Their younger daughter lives there and their older daughter and her husband may return there after a two-year commitment serving a church in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. In the spring of 2001, the family enjoyed a wonderful visit in South Africa, which included sightseeing, a safari, and Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. They were impressed by the diversity of the country. The Lamberts welcome visitors.

Nelson and **Pat Piro Long** downsized and moved in early August to a condo only a mile from their previous home in Wyomissing, Pa. In May, Nelson won the primary on the Republican ticket for Berks County Treasurer, and was campaigning for the Nov. 6 general election. Politics has kept the Longs very busy.

From Greenville, S.C., **Joan Davis Sorensen** has brought us up to date. She retired from the Greenville County Library on June 30, 2000, and is enjoying her retirement. Dick is still teaching at Furman University. Whenever they can, they visit their son Trygve, his wife Janet, and their three grandchildren in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Sorensens usually find Joan and Dick somewhere in Europe.

Beth Butler Sansbury no longer admits to being retired, since she has two contract jobs at the CIA. She also volunteers at the Smithsonian's Sackler and Freer Galleries of Asian Art where she is a docent and usually gives her tours on Monday mornings. After a year in graduate school, Dave has started his new career as a methodologist with the CIA and is working on human resources statistics for the diversity office. Beth and Dave skied in Garmisch in February and took a train trip in April to Budapest, Vienna, Krakow, Prague, and Berlin. Older daughter Kerry received her master's in education from Towson University and teaches in a Baltimore inner-city school. She was married on Sept. 22. Lori graduated in May from St. Mary's College and is in marketing/graphic design at a small company in Baltimore. She is also a Ravens' cheerleader.

Chuck and Mernet Houk Lefew traveled to London and Scotland in the spring. Chuck finally retired in 2001 and they spend their free time playing golf and enjoying life in Florida. They live in Davenport.

From Bowie, Md., **Bobbi Hastings Jung** reports that she assisted her mother following heart attacks in November 1999 and May 2000 so that her mother can continue to live on her own. Bobbi is still with the same accounting firm, which continues to



SOS: Seeking Input from Hinge Volunteers

We need your help in writing a history of SOS/Hinge and in compiling a complete list of volunteers. If you were involved in either service project, please submit your name. Also, while there is much information about SOS field work, we need much more material, photos, personal stories, etc. from Hinge volunteers. We are planning a 40th anniversary program for SOS/Hinge folks in the summer of 2003 and the history will be complete by that time. Your every effort is very much appreciated. Send all materials to Ira Zepp, care of Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster, MD 21157 or email IZepp@wmdc.edu •

grow. A recent needlework project resulted from having excess baby yarn with which she knitted newborn baby hats to donate to an area hospital. Paul turned 65 in May but says retirement will be "next year." In addition to working, he bird watches and researches genealogy. Son Scott has a job with the Governor's office on the computer help desk. Dawn cleans homes with her sister. Daughter Dana is now Vice-President at Riggs Bank. Bobbi and Paul continue to enjoy their West Virginia cabin about every other weekend from March through November.

Carroll Utz has completed his second retirement, this time from Neotek Health Tech, Inc., where he continues in a part-time position. He also volunteers in his community of Union Bridge, Md.

From Westminster, **Shelbia Bixler Markley** reports they are well and quite busy, with the current project involving numerous home improvements.

Al and Nancy Smith Stewart love their retirement home on Lake James in North Carolina. They have had numerous visitors, including **John and Diane Kanak '62 Holter**, and traveled to Canada in May and St. Croix in July. They have a son with three children in Arizona, another with three chil-

dren in Virginia, and a third son in Colorado.

Writing a book on her family in Maryland history is the ongoing project of **Jane Williams Ward**. A question from her father launched her on this quest 15 years ago. Her family has been in Maryland since the 1650s and she traces them through various things that have happened in Maryland. On the main line, she is up to the War of 1812, but she has other chapters on associated families. She admits to being a terrible typist and taking forever to type the information into the computer. **Eldridge '60** is gardener and landscape man for his 4 acres in Frederick and their rental property and helps out at their son's place. Shawn is a farm manager and has little time in the summer to work around his own farm. Their daughter and triplet grandchildren are still in Iceland.

In March, **July Kerr** became a United Methodist Church General Board of Global Ministries U.S. Missionary and was officially commissioned after training in Georgia in June. As "neighborhood missionary," her role is to help the people of her church in Fargo, N.D., connect with the people and businesses around the church and become better neighbors. They visit in the neighborhood and

set up a free lemonade stand in the summer to visit with anyone stopping by. Fargo is across the Red River of the North from Moorhead, Minn., where Judy lives.

In their semi-retirement in Jupiter, Fla., **George Hall and Edie Duncan** still value property for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Florida. Their family is all well and happy in Florida, North Carolina and Oklahoma.

"Life is good, if not active," says **Baine Yates**. He does what he can physically handle thanks to his supportive wife, Marty. The Internet keeps them in touch with their three children and six grandchildren. Baine and Marty live in Snow Hill, Md., and have celebrated 37 years together.

Jim and Lou Matousek have bought an old 150-acre farm as a conservation hobby. They putter around doing ponds, tree planting, etc., in conjunction with NYS-DEC. Matthew James is their newest grandchild in Memphis, Tenn., and they spent some time in 2001 visiting the Memphis branch of the family. Lou's folks wanted to be nearer to family and were assisted by Jim and Lou in their move from Baltimore to Herkimer, N.Y. Enjoying traveling, Jim and Lou visited Labrador and Newfoundland and the French provinces of Isle de St. Pierre and Miquelon in the fall and are planning a cruise of Scandinavia and St. Petersburg.

George Varga is excited to have another Varga generation in Westminster. **Marton Varga**, one of his nephews, who lives in Hungary and is a student in the College's Budapest program, enrolled at WMC in Westminster in the fall of 2001. George lives in Marco Island, Fla.

Iceland, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Norway are the most recent travel destinations for **Ozzie Stewart**. When not traveling, he has taken and continues to take a variety of courses (history, music, anthropology, psychology and biology) at Muhlenberg College in his hometown of Allentown, Pa. Grandchildren ages three and five are great to visit.

The **Fringer** children have kept **Jack '60 and Barbara Horst** on the go this year. On Jack's birthday in March, Teagan Delaney was born to **Scott '90 and Kelly**. In June, Jack and Barbara journeyed to Gainesville, Fla., to see her and her 2-year-old twin brothers, Connor and Gage. Upon returning from Gainesville, they helped Ed and **Julie Fringer Palakes '94** with their move to Fort Campbell, Ky. Ed assumed command on July 11. They returned to Lusby on Saturday, July 14, to the news that Sydney Elizabeth had just been born to Craig and Susan Fringer. She joins sister Kelsey Marie, 3. After deciding to retire in June, Barbara renewed when some circumstances changed in the school system. She is now back in the classroom for another year. Jack continues to crab the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and teaches part time.

Chuck Bernstein reports from Baltimore that his law practice is excellent and continues to keep him very busy. From Charlottesville, Va., **Joyce Turner Kerns** checked in with no news to report. She likes her "dreadfully consistent" life.

Reading, walking, biking, lectures and museum trips, plus travel – this year to Costa Rica, Switzerland and Sanibel Island, Fla. – comprise the ideal retirement for **Doug and Carolyn Powell Walking**. They also travel to Berkeley where son Richard is working following the completion of his master's degree in Water Resources at the University of California. In 2002, Richard will travel to Bangladesh, Zambia and Egypt to study floods. Daughter Sarah is an advisor on defense, foreign affairs and agriculture to Rosa DeLauro, Democrat Congressional Representative from Connecticut.

In 2001, **Jerry Bluedorn** and his wife varied their routine of an annual trip abroad to stay in Honolulu and completely remodel and modernize their kitchen and bathrooms. In September, they traveled to Las Vegas for the first time in more than two years.

Judy Kerr became a United Methodist Church General Board of Global Ministries U.S. Missionary and was officially commissioned after training in Georgia in June.

In December 2000, **Don and Nita Lingzy** took a vacation/research trip to Peru, spending a week on the Amazon south of Iquitos and a week at Macchu Pichu in southern Peru. The trip resulted in publishing two articles concerning their findings of deformed amphibians in Peru compared to their ongoing studies of deformities in Bermuda. As a part of the 15-year all-taxa biodiversity inventory in the Great Smoky Mountains, Don is in charge of all mammal research. He is in the process of preparing 67 web page species accounts, complete with color photographs, range maps, etc. They are written for students, teachers, general public and researchers and can be seen at <http://www.discov-erlife.org>. The goal is for every species of living organism in the Park to have its own Web page. If completed, it will be the first time this has ever been accomplished in the world. Don still teaches at Wytheville Community College in Wytheville, Va. and in May 2001, he received the NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development) Excellence in Teaching Award. This is the third time in seven years that he has

received this honor. The Lingzys live in Blacksburg, Va.

Brenda Stevens Mayer enjoyed the reunion in May and was especially pleased to have **Sarah Kajdi Jenkins** spend the night at her home in Sykesville. Brenda's specialties these days are babysitting her two grandsons and caring for her parents, ages 88 and 86.

In memory of his brother-in-law, **Paul Benham** turned to his bicycle riding to benefit others. He trained for and participated in the Lake Tahoe Century Ride (100 miles, 1 day) on June 3. His goal as a member of the Team in Training was to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which has its mission "to cure leukemia, myeloma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families." Paul lives in Lancaster, Pa.

From Owings Mills, Md., **Jon and Bev Schott '60 Myers** report their family is well. Five grandchildren range in age from seven to 11. Oldest son Jeff lives in Hempstead, N.Y., where he teaches at Tufts University. Michael lives in Baltimore and manages MDM Partners, his own investment fund. Youngest son David, still single at 36, has opened his Meadery (making wine from honey) in Boulder, Colo., and has started to get his product into some restaurants and brewpubs in Denver and Boulder. Jon and Bev traveled to Turkey in the spring and to New Mexico after leaving their summer home in Vail at the end of August.

Clarence "Jack" Fossett '58 has retired and he and **Malinda Burgess** seem busier than ever with traveling, grandchildren, and volunteer work in the community. They cruised the Caribbean and through the Panama Canal and in February spent several weeks in Florida. July 2001 marked their 41st anniversary. The Fosssets live in Potomac, Md., and still see WMC friends from Maryland and Virginia.

Vernon "Bob" Rippeen enjoys using his economics to try to figure out where the market is going. Ryan, 4, and Elena, 1½, children of **Rick '92**, are a delight. The Rippeens still enjoy golfing and southern fishing trips.

Martha Woodward Davis is busier than ever with teaching at Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa, Fla. In September, the sixth-graders received their laptops, which were a good distraction from the events of the month.

For us, May 2001 included surgery for Roland to remove a 6 cm. tumor from his left kidney. Fortunately, the surgeon was not malignant and the surgery saved the kidney. In August, my family held its first ever reunion at Willow Valley Resort in Lancaster, Pa.

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1967 **Bobbie Vanderheide** **Eierman** and her husband, Fred, have both retired from teaching and plan to cruise to Alaska, as well as spend time with family. Doing all those things that working doesn't allow time for is also on their new agenda. Daughter **Laura** will graduate in May from Salisbury State. Daughter **Elaine Eierman Jahn '97** and husband **Drew '97** have moved a little closer to home from North Carolina to Delaware.

Tom Parks has also moved "back home" to Carroll County, Md., and is working in Frederick as Manager of Global Procurement for Bechtel Telecommunications. **July Elseroad '69** is teaching chorus at South Carroll High School while completing her doctoral studies in music education at the University of Maryland. They spent 10 days in Venice, Florence, and Rome last summer and participated in OPSail 2000 in Baltimore, sailing a 112-year-old Chesapeake Bay oyster boat for the Chesapeake Maritime Museum.

Dave Fisher is proud dad of daughter, Meghan, who graduated magna cum laude from Virginia Wesleyan. She will be working as Director of Outpatient Services for a drug and alcohol rehab center in Philadelphia. Although he looks forward to retirement in a few years he is saving for a wedding and so continues as a manager of the Fraud Prevention Center for Verizon. He has been re-elected to the Board of Directors for Communications Fraud Control Association and traveled to Oslo, Norway, for their international conference.

Dr. Howard Weinblatt continues to practice gynecology but has retired from obstetrics. His wife, Ann, although retired from the Cheltenham School Board, still teaches at North Penn High School and is an adviser for an award-winning newspaper there. Daughter Abby also teaches there and received her Master's of Science in Applied Technology from Chestnut Hill College. Son Richard graduated from Catholic University School of Law and now practices Patent Law in Philadelphia.

Judy Arnold has left the private practice of law to return to the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland. She is in the Opinions Division and acts as counsel to the State Board of Elections. She says, "It has been a very challenging position, especially since the 2000 presidential election."

David Christhill sends best wishes to everyone from Princeton, N.J. He works in Brooklyn, N.Y., has two girls, Jenny, 4, and Katelyn, 2, and a lovely wife, Lena.

Dr. Maggie Elgin lives in the Kensington, Md., area and says she would like to hear from folks.

Traveling to Virginia, Toronto, Canada, and a cruise from Anchorage, Alaska, to Vancouver, B.C., kept **Charlie Miller** on the move during the summer. He will be in his 33rd year as

Professor of Mathematics at Camden County College and still loves what he does. He is looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the reunion.

Carolyn Seaman and Bob Scott '66 are looking forward to the reunion, as well. They have two new grandchildren, Dalton Drew, born in 2000, and Shannon Hayley born the summer of 2001. They anticipated a good grape harvest as Bob had planted another 100 vines! Cheers!

Jim Gibson and wife Nancy enjoy retirement in Naples, Fla. For their 19th wedding anniversary, they traveled to Paris. Later trips took them to Cancun, Alaska, Idaho and Acapulco. Jim does volunteer work for the County Commissioners and local Humane Society and says he still hooks up with **Bill Chasey and Jay Sybert** for the NASCAR races in Darlington and Daytona.

Charley and Pat Foltz Moler were expecting their first grandchild in December 2001 by first son, Dan. Second son, Randy, completed his master's degree in social work and lives in Lexington, Ky., and daughter, Karen, will graduate from high school in 2002.

Miles Cole's twin daughters, Elizabeth and Susan, both study at Randolph Macon Woman's College and will go to University of Reading in England to study next year. Miles plans a trip at Christmas to visit. He is the head lobbyist for the Maryland Chamber of Commerce.

Gordon Digory writes, "Witnessed a middle school presentation of *Bye, Bye Birdie*. Good, but **Mike Kroe** was a better Conrad. Speaking of birds and Mike's—thanks, O's land, for Mike Mussina. I hope his arm is still good in October. Go Yanks—'got a lot of livin' to do. Championships are our business—business is good!'"

Patricia Shamberger Baisden and husband, Ed, have retired to a golf course community on the Carolina coast near Myrtle Beach. All of their children are out of school and live in Seattle so they have lots of room for visitors.

Donna Hann Fogle is a Media Specialist for the Duval County School Board in Florida. Her family continues to grow with two grandchildren by her daughter Suzanne, who is working on her teaching certification, and a grandson by her son, Wade, who is a Service Technician for Hobart Kitchenware. Her daughter, Gina, is a Computer Networker living in North Dakota. She sadly relates that her husband, who served 26 years in the Navy and retired in 1986, passed away in 1998. She adds happily, though, that they had lots of opportunities to travel and live in many parts of the U.S. and overseas before moving to and settling in Florida.

John Greenleaf sends his best to all from central Pennsylvania. He still holds a position at Farm Credit Leasing. His son, John, graduated from the University of Maryland Law School last May and hopes to be working for a law firm in Harrisburg

by fall 2001. Daughter, Jennifer, is starting her sophomore year at James Madison University.

Connie Vander Loy Yost is still with an independent insurance agency but has made changes to their barn house by adding a side comprising a 16' round kitchen and master bedroom with 12' ceiling and it's gotten lots of attention. Her husband, Jim, is retired from teaching but keeps up with building projects at home and missions work abroad. They went to Beijing together and Jim has been back twice by himself to teach English to teachers of English. She says she will not let him go again without her but that she had to stay home the last time to help with two new grandchildren born three weeks apart, one in Chicago and one in New Jersey. The count now is four.

Lee Asadorian and wife, Jane, did not send a card back. Instead came a newsletter they send out to their families every month. At the top was a picture of them at a local coffee shop. It sure looked like Clark Gable and Carole Lombard to me but he assured me it was they. Both have changed jobs and consequently their stress level is about 95%. Scintillating conversation at dinner now consist of computer applications. Daughter, Carol, is a Captain in the Army Medical Service Corps and had been overseas for the states at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. His son, Lee, graduated from UNC Wilmington in December 1999 and with a roommate opened a French bistro there. Although they enjoy Atlanta, with all of its culture, sports and nightlife, they plan a move to the Raleigh area some time in 2002. They have added two Chihuahua/Pomeranian pups, Anabelle and Pepper, who seem to run the place. They plan to attend May Homecoming.

Still living in California, **Anne Spencer Knowles** can hardly believe it will be our 35th reunion or that she and **Bruce '66** will be celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary. During the first half of 2001, they spent a fascinating month in Romania where Bruce, under the auspices of the State Department, delivered a series of lectures on "Rule of Law, Not of Men" to attorneys, judges and law students in Romanian Courts and Universities. The second half was spent planning a November wedding for their daughter.

Kathy Anderson will soon be retired: 2001-2002 will be her last year. She says she can't wait to be free to travel and pursue her Yoga practice.

Glen Porter is already retired from teaching social studies in Hartford County. He works part-time in the school library and continues to work on the restoration of Jerusalem Village in Kingsville, Md. His daughter, **Erin '99**, continues to teach in Frederick County.

My daughter, Nancy, hired me for the summer to baby-sit with newest grandchild, Anna Elizabeth, so she could return to work. Since I had the



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From Granola Girl to Glamour Gal

Here's Robyn Kramer Talbott's advice for keeping a youthful complexion while enjoying the outdoors: "Take 30 sunscreen and mix it with a sunless tanning lotion." The sunscreen will protect your skin while the bronzing cream tints it. Voila! After six hours, you'll look and feel like you've soaked up the sun without doing any damage to your dermis.

As a Mary Kay consultant based in Newark, a small town near Ocean City, Md., Talbott '77 has become an expert dispenser of beauty tidbits and cosmetic quick fixes. She and her network of consultants sell several hundred thousand dollars worth of merchandise each year. By meeting company goals, she's earned eight diamond rings and a year's use of six vehicles, including a pink Grand Prix.

With a closet full of fancy gowns to wear to festive Mary Kay functions, polished fingernails and a neat coif, Talbott, 46, is clearly not the "Earth Mother" her classmates once knew.

Back in the '70s, her hair hung long and straight. Flip flops were her shoe of choice, if she wore shoes at all. Her face was untouched by even a hint of blush. And she was the captain of the co-ed swim team.

"I was a major tomboy," she concedes. No longer. The former elementary school teacher, wife and mother of two, is having a ball making tenses, brides and grandmothers look and feel beautiful. Her only regret: neither of her teenage sons is interested in getting a makeover. •

opportunity to show her off I hooked up with **Susan Filbert Fagan**. Conversation, playing with Anna, and dinner filled our agenda. Susan is still working in special education with high school students in Howard County, Md. She and I spoke of how envious we are of all our friends who have retired by now. Her son, Shawn, is beginning his 4th year in New York City, pursuing his career in theatre. Last summer Susan and her brother traveled to Deer Isle, Maine, to see him in a production of *The Tempest*.

I took a week off of my "job" to spend with my daughter, Kalah, her husband, and my grandson, James, in Clearwater, Fla., to help celebrate his first birthday. A four-day summer symposium on cancer awareness at Johns Hopkins Hospital found me before Master Teacher **Art Renkowitz**

'65, who was presenting his version of how educators might use technology in the classroom—and I was impressed. The summer went quickly and since I can only contemplate retiring, I returned to teaching at Owings Mills High School, right down the street from the Ravens training camp. And if all those that live in the tri-state area and Pennsylvania as well as those who live as far away as Hawaii make it to our 35th reunion in May, you'll get to see the Hill that is now summer camp for the 2001 World Champion Ravens, besides all the rest of us. Until then, be safe, healthy and, if you are, happily retired.

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Dear Friends,
I was so glad to hear from you. Isn't the internet a wonderful way to communicate, even if we don't have time to write a letter?

Carol James Avery and her family are living in Severna Park. She has had her own office in Columbia for 14 years. Her children, Lauren, who loves music and soccer, and Andrew, who is great at baseball, keep her busy. Carol and her husband joined other WMC alumni at the Ravens game in September.

Scott Beam and Cathy have been living in Finksburg, Md. for 12 years. They have two children, Ashley and Cory, who are both musicians. The family enjoys visiting the Outer Banks, visiting lighthouses and seeking out new roller coaster rides! Scott works for T. Rowe Price as a project manager in E-Commerce. As a CPA and CCM (Certified Cash Manager) he has a tax practice of 60 clients to keep him busy during tax season.

Greg Bowen was recently elevated to the grade of senior member in the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. Only 8 percent of the approximately 365,000 members hold this grade, which requires demonstrating professional maturity, significant professional achievements, and recommendations from peers. Greg has been with Citi Cards' Technology for over six years. He is chair of the software engineering process improvement groups supporting 1000 developers at five sites in the US. Greg and Cheryl keep busy with Andrea, Rebecca and William's activities, who are each in different schools. Greg teaches Bible class for middle school students, is chair of the church's missions committee, and leader for William's Cub Scout pack, and member of the local National Eagle Scout Association committee.

Ron and Leslie McDade '80 Bowen have four children. Brett and Matt attend high school, Mickey is in middle school and Samantha is 4 years old. Ron is part owner of a Sir Speedy Store and is working hard. Leslie teaches Spanish on a part-time basis.

Douglas Bowman is regional manager at Itron, Thompkins-Beilko Manufacturing. He coaches soccer for his sons, David and Bryan. His daughter, Meghann, played soccer at Bel Air High School. She is now a freshman at York College.

Debbi Cannon Tomes teaches American Sign Language as a foreign language at the local high school and university in Palm City, Fla. She interprets at two colleges also. Her husband, Joe, bought a new animal clinic that keeps him very busy. Their children, Alex and Emma, are into tennis and golf. Alex is doing well after surgery in 1998 to remove a brain tumor.

John and Ann-Marie Cochran visited Spain and Africa in the summer of 2000. This year they stayed closer to home and went to Disney World.

John is doing a variety of management studies for the Department of the Navy and has been traveling to San Diego, D.C., Pennsylvania and New Jersey for work. John's son, Daniel, is a senior in high school, playing on the school's tennis and golf teams. His daughter is in the fourth grade and dances competitively, traveling between Connecticut and South Carolina. She danced in the Virginia Ballet Theater's performance of the Nutcracker last Christmas.

Cheryl Collins and David '77 Reinecker have sent both boys off to college. Jonathan attends Penn State as an engineering major and Andrew attends WMC as a chemistry major and offensive lineman for the Green Terrors. Cheryl was diagnosed with fibromyalgia last spring and is learning to deal with it. Their extended family was able to take a vacation to the Outer Banks during the past summer.

Alison Crispell works for Provident Bank in the Loan Documentation Review Department. She traveled to Italy in February 2001 and will be

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going to France and the Czech Republic next March. See **Sally Keck Gold '78** since Allison and Sally's daughter show on the same horse show circuit.

Elaine Denny Todd's life is still a stage as Associate Professor of Theatre Performance at Ohio Wesleyan University. She recently directed productions of *The World According to Carl Sandburg* and *Antigone*. She and husband, Rick, keep busy with their twins, Alex and Leena, 3.

Brenda Donovan Gilman is an elementary school librarian in Seattle. She just finished a master's degree in educational technology. She plays co-re soccer for fun.

Steve Dyer writes from Hilton Head, S.C. that he is enjoying his middle crisis!

Brenda Eccard Dellinger had a visit from **Lisa Mattera Crawford** and four of her children this past summer.

They were able to spend the day in D.C. with **Tracy Tittle Gauthier**. They had a great time catching up on old times. Brenda works for a computer consulting firm, K&C, Inc. in Rockville, Md. She is currently a consultant at GEICO working as an ISD Project Manager. Her family is doing well. Son Adam loves music, playing the saxophone, trombone, and electric guitar. He was promoted to STAR rank in Boy Scouts. The most exciting

thing for Brenda is an interview for the *Baltimore Sun* on her hometown of Boonsboro, Md. and people who commute a long distance to work. She had a photo shoot at her house.

Betsy Fogle Morrow keeps busy as the Renvelli Enrichment Teacher at Ballenger Creek Middle School in Frederick, Md. She's been teaching for 23 years! Betsy's husband, Ken, is an attorney in Washington D.C. and their daughters, Lauren and Emily, keep the family busy with activities.

Alice Frey Eubank writes from Hampton, Va. that her "Pampered Chef" business is going very well. She and Tom went to Cancun, Mexico, paid for by the company, and to Chicago for the national convention where she was awarded a ruby ring for her yearly sales level. The job is perfect because she can be home with son, Edward, during the day and she can win free trips!

Bev Miles and Jeff Gates write that things are going well in greater Cincinnati. Jeff is still working for the same company, but the name was changed to Cognis Corp. He is a global business director and likes the challenge. Ben works part-time as a lab tech in a medical lab and finds time to play a lot of golf and tennis. Their twins are in the 10th grade and are busy with the school marching band and school clubs. The family has been able to take vacations to San Francisco, Yosemite, Las Vegas/Grand Canyon, London and Ireland, and Germany and France.

Jean Hamilton Jewell and two of her friends started a middle school for kids with Down Syndrome last year. The school's focus is mainly academic, something which is often ignored in public schools. The first year they had four students, but this year they have eleven. Her goal is to increase the school to eventually teach job skills to students through age 21. The job is very exciting and lots of hard work. Jean's daughter attends the middle school.

Meg Hyslop Tison has been teaching at Gaithersburg High School for 12 years. Her daughter, Allison, is in the first grade. Meg and her family moved to a new home in the last year, still in Allison's activities, Meg's quilting and Dale's volleyball!

Leslie Renshaw Kempt is Network Marketing with Market America, working on a horse farm, and helping her husband at Weinstein Supply. They have been married for 22 years, and have 6 dogs and 11 cats. Leslie loves to quilt, but doesn't have enough time to fit it.

Beth Lengyel and Paul '77 Hewett have moved to Pennsylvania for Beth's position as Assistant Professor of English/Rhetoric at Penn State University. She continues research and a book about online learning and writing started during her tenure at Smart-thinking, Inc. Paul will work from home for Argonne National Labs and will travel for them as an Emergency

Systems Analyst. Their son, Russell, attends Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a major in Computer Science.

Jeff Jackson writes from Ohio that he has completed his fourth book related to golf equipment. He travels overseas to China and Taiwan as President of Dyncraft Golf.

Mary Louise Jones works in the Inspector General's Office at West Point. Her office does inspections and investigations for the Superintendent at USMA. Her daughter, Carrie Bilodeau, attends Brandeis University in Boston. M.L.'s younger daughter, Chrissy Bilodeau, set the 500 freestyle record in swimming for her high school.

Pat Koval Whittle, a stay-at-home mom, enjoys home schooling her boys, Alan and Simon. They do lots of science!

Linda Lamb Hahn lives in Minneapolis with husband, Phil, and children Greg and Natalie. She works as a substitute teacher and is active with the children's activities in soccer, swimming, piano, drums and voice.

Karen Laue McGhee has moved to Germantown. Her family bought a house in foreclosure, so there is lots of work to do. The neighborhood is great for her son, Michael, to have friends and play. Karen is in her 19th year at IBM. She works a flexible schedule so she can be home in the afternoon.

Bob and Mary Thomas LeSueur spent the summer in Sherwood Forest, near Annapolis. Work keeps them busy, but they find time for boating and entertaining with friends. They traveled to Quebec and Montreal in August.

Michael and Missy Bain Lewis traveled to Colorado and the beaches of North Carolina over the summer. Missy works at the Department of Education and Mike is retired to "house husband." Their daughter, Jessica is a straight-A student and plays AAU basketball as a shooting guard. Son Billy was awarded the citizenship award for the fifth year in a row.

John Little has been employed in the insurance industry for the last 16 years. His house in Houston is almost paid off! He sees old WMC classmates occasionally when he travels to the East Coast.

Carol Littmann Pfister still substitutes at an elementary school and is active in her church. She spends a lot of time on bleachers, sidelines or in the audience watching her three children participate in various activities. She and **Steve '78** serve on the Parent's Advisory Executive Committee at Gordon College, where their oldest child attends. A trip to London was the highlight of last summer.

Sally McCarl Moore works as a dental hygienist in her family's dental practice in Greenbelt, Md. Her real challenge is to keep track of her three teenagers' activities. Her oldest is in college, with the others in high school. Sally writes that the kids are fabulous, but she and Brian may not

live through all the excitement!

Brent "Bo" McWilliams was **Milt Eser, Kerry Wright '80, Dave Bond** and **Jim McWilliams** when they came to Arizona for a Ravens game last winter. Bo loves his life in the beautiful Southwest and is busy with his four children.

Jim McWilliams writes of his trip to Arizona also. He also keeps in touch with **Hank Caple** and **Chuck Huber**. Jim has recently changed jobs, he is still with the Navy, exclusively with the Naval Audit Service. Free time is spent boating on the Potomac River.

Dave Meyer left the employ of the Nature Conservancy after 12 years to become manager of computer infrastructure for the Association of American Medical Colleges. He manages a staff of nine systems administrators. Dave coaches competitive youth soccer and referees in his free time. **Marcia Polk '78** continues to work for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Their daughter, Beth, is a sophomore at Walter Johnson High School.

Sadly, Dave lost his father to cancer this past summer after a long struggle. **Pat Mosser-Noto** and her children, **David** and **Krissee**, own a house on 2 acres in Elliott City where they keep three dogs. Pat is a math assistant at Wilde Lake High School in Columbia. David scored a perfect 800 on the Math SAT at age 12!

Kevin Nachtrab writes from Brussels and Amsterdam where he has lived since 1986. He is a registered patent attorney specializing in biotechnology cases and practicing between the U.S. and European patent offices and courts. Since January 2000, he has been employed as the intellectual property director for Innogenetics N.V., a European biotech company. Kevin is married to a Belgian doctor and they have two sons. Since this is the first time that Kevin has sent news to the class, he sends regards to **Doug Bowman**, **Rick Fulton '80**, **Jerry Fischer** and **Mike D'Andrea '80**.

Chris Parr and his wife, **Diana**, and daughter, **Alyssa**, traveled to Moscow to adopt a little boy, almost 2 years old. His company, **Parr Financial Solutions** merged with **Financial Advantage, Inc.** in April 2001. Chris has been selected for a third consecutive time by *Worth Magazine* as one of the nation's best financial advisers.

Liz Pemberton is still teaching at the University of Delaware and has added advising undergraduates to her list of duties. Her two children, **Anna** and **Nathan**, keep her busy with their activities.

Rick Powell is still at the Christian Temple in Catonsville. He and his family get back to "the Hill" to watch their niece perform on stage.

Sabrina Recuglia is living in Arnold, Md., enjoying the water—crabbing, fishing and boating. She is changing career fields, to network engineering—setting up and maintaining computer networks.

Doug Rogan moved to Tennessee in 1995 after 13 years in Colorado. He is the VP/GM for a company that makes

kayaks and canoes. As a long-time paddler, he feels very fortunate to have a job where his passion is his profession. His family enjoys traveling, recently to Maine, Florida and Pennsylvania.

Donna Jo Rill Novick has just completed her teacher certification program and is teaching middle-school science this year. Her youngest son, **Jonathan**, won six gold medals at the Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged. Her oldest, **Andrew**, was inducted, along with his entire All Star team, into the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. He received a Hall of Fame ring and left an autographed piece of equipment to be put on display.

William Roelke lives and works in Jacksonville, Fla. He has his own business litigation practice. While he was traveling in China in 1989 he met his wife. They enjoy ocean swimming and triathlons.

Mark "Manny" Rosenberg and wife, **Carolyn**, have sold the IT services business they started in 1999. They have bought a golf vacation business in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. along with his brother, **Eric "Schwartz" Rosenberg '77**. Anyone interested in a golf vacation in Myrtle Beach is encouraged to contact him.

Maryam Rostami graduated from Medical School in May 2000. She is in her second year of residency in Family Practice in London, Ontario in Canada. She plans to practice near Toronto when her residency is completed in May 2002. Her daughter, **Saba**, is 20. Maryam looks forward to returning to WMC for our 25th reunion.

John Sweeney is in private practice at Island Primary and Urgent Care in Merritt Island, Fla. He and **Samantha** are kept busy with their children's activities. **Sean** and **Kerry** enjoy karate, baseball, music lessons and school. They can also get their yearly doses of Mickey Mouse since Orlando is so close! This summer they managed to attend a family reunion in Las Vegas and plan to visit Pennsylvania in late October to see **Samantha's** family.

Ted Twigg lives in southwest Virginia. He and **Sabrina** have five children. Ted is pilot for World Airways and flies helicopters for the Tennessee National Guard. He gets back to Maryland to visit family and go to Orioles games.

Jan King and **Mark '77 Vernon** have been married 22 years, living for the last 11 years in Clearwater, Fla. Their daughter, **Laura**, attends the University of Central Florida. Son, **Greg**, enjoys snow skiing and golfing. Jan works part time as a senior program manager/analyst in Tampa.

Myra Birchard Wagner has returned to teaching hearing-impaired students. She teaches one class of hearing-impaired preschoolers and one class of hearing children with language problems. She enjoys being part of the deaf community again and both

classes need an emphasis on language, which she has discovered is her true calling! At home, she and her husband have added to cats to their "animal house".

Amanda Walker-Wait has 6-year-old twins, **Molly** and **Reed**, and a 2-year-old, **Jill**. The family enjoyed vacationing this past summer at a ranch in the Texas Hill Country and at South Padre Island. Amanda has psychology practices in North Dallas and Cedar Hill, Texas. She is an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Dallas and volunteers with the Alzheimer's Association of Dallas. Mostly Amanda is Mommy to the three children.

April Daniels and **Mike Walter** have three children. **Jessi** is a junior at Harvard, (and my kids' swim team coach), **Sarah** is a sophomore at St. Andrew's and **Luke** is in the sixth grade at the Country School in Easton. Mike changed jobs after 21 years with USF&G/St. Paul. He is now with Atlantic Risk Management (Arthur J. Gallagher) Commercial Insurance and Security. April is active with the kids, managing their bottled water and coffee business, and working out. They see **Vince Wesley**, who works for Sun Trust Bank, and **Anita Brown**. Anita lives in Germany and works for Hagag-Lloyd.

Cheryl Jane Walter and **David Range** have been living in Ireland for the past 20 years. They will be taking an assignment in the USA next year as their eldest son, **Micah**, will be in college. This year **Micah** is taking a "gap" between secondary school and college, but is continuing to study in harp, piano and violin. Benjamin, their youngest, has completed his first year in secondary school and has discovered a love of science. His is a budding saxophonist and bagpiper. You can imagine how thrilled their neighbors are! **David** and **C.J.** continue to share the pastoring of two churches and are involved in various community groups. **David** has been active in forming a cross-community support group for the 800+ Asylum Seekers, mostly from Africa, who have moved to Limerick in the past year. He also has the pastoral oversight for 10 other ministers covering about one-third of the island. **C.J.** continues to work with community women's Bible Studies, training Bible Study leaders and running children's clubs. Both look forward to being able to attend WMC reunions once they return to the states.

Janis Weiner Wheat retired from the U.S. Army with over 20 years of service in December 1999. This allows her to spend more time with her two daughters, serving as a Girl Scout leader for two troops, and as President of the PTO at the girl's school. Husband, **George**, is also retired from the Army.

Kathy Zepp-Inhoff coordinates and teaches a two-year high school business program *Academy of Finance* for juniors and seniors in Frederick, Md. Teaching high school for 20 years NEVER prepared her and her hus-

band for raising two teenage daughters. **Kristin** and **Ali** keep them guessing!

The **Chapmans** are fine. **Carl** is teaching in Kent County this year in the Chemistry department of the high school. I am starting my fourth year as Director of St. Mark's Preschool. I also work part-time for Talbot County Schools as a home/hospital teacher. I love the flexibility to be able to be involved in the kids' activities, and boy, do they find activities to keep us busy! **Sarah** is 11 and taller than her mother! **Matt** is 9 and into every sport you can imagine. Swimming is the most important sport for both of them.

Write to me at any time. Our next column will appear in the Fall of 2003.

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As I finalize my notes for this year our nation has just experienced the worst attack in our history. I pray that our WMC family and friends are safe and well. Please keep classmates in your prayers as many are in military service and others are working on behalf of our government to keep us safe. Others are raising families and teaching our children about our wonderful country while still others are keeping our economy strong through the American dream of independent business. As you read these notes, keep our classmates in your thoughts and prayers.

This fall, **Karen Stepler Beam** began her second year as a reading instruction teacher at Clearspring Elementary in Damascus, Md. She teaches reading and language arts to first-graders. **Chuck** and **Karen** celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary in June. **Lauren** is a sophomore in high school and **Steven** is going into the 7th grade. Their summer included a trip to Myrtle Beach where a waterspout formed over the ocean, then came on shore and became a tornado. They could see the funnel cloud from the balcony. In her free time, when not taxi-mom, **Karen** works on counted cross-stitch and scrapbooks.

Ed and **Elizabeth Hedges Ripley** still live in Alaska with their two children **Emily**, 10, and **Noah**, 7. The kids keep them busy and motivated to see all that Alaska has to offer. The family enjoys cross-country and downhill skiing as well as hiking the local mountains. They encourage WMC alumni to visit for great Alaskan hospitality.

David '82 and **Gretchen Onnen Michling** and family have moved to Hunt Valley. They have been renovating a home for the last year and were happy to move in this fall. Their family has grown to four children as **Reagan Thomas** was born in June 2000.

Kristen "Kris" Nystrom Snyder has had a tough year following a car accident in February 2000. Through physical therapy, surgery and more therapy she is now walking without a brace. They celebrated 10 years of marriage with a two-week camping trip to Maine. Kris's harp business has bookings into 2002, 16 harp students and she is appearing for the 3rd time at First Night York (New Year's Eve). Their home renovations are slow but that allows her time to work on a second CD. Visit her website if you are interested: <http://handsharps.com>.

Carrie Miller Parker lives in Westminster and works for Marriott International. She keeps busy with Kamber, 6, and Alex, 3. This past Jan Term Carrie taught a class about the hotel business and really enjoyed the experience. She enjoyed a recent visit with **Laurie Peskin Marchini, Angela Veltre McNulty** and **Mary Ellen Miskelly**.

John Gomulka sends greetings from Mount Olive, N.C.

Andrew '84 and **Anne Mercer Bowes** continue to home school their sons. They are taking every chance they get to see or do something new during their last year in Hawaii on Oahu. They look forward to a trip to the Big Island of Hawaii and learning more about volcanoes.

Elizabeth Gatz Hasibek, husband Leo and daughters Carrie, 10, and Stephanie, 8, live in Derwood, Md. They enjoy their time together with sports, girls scouts, church and friends. Elizabeth continues to be excited by her work as a research scientist, which takes her around the country and sometimes overseas. It is great that Leo is a work-from-home-dad to keep family life running smoothly. Elizabeth has enjoyed running into **Eric '83** and **Sandy Blake Lehnert** and family.

Joe and Ronna Loli Cobuzio keep busy with Alysa, 11, now entering middle school and Joey, 7, now playing football. The family recently traveled to Mt. Rushmore and Yellowstone in their motor home.

George Brenton writes that all is well. His lighting company has grown and changed names to reflect that growth becoming the American Lighting Corporation currently serving customers in 40 states. The distribution warehouse is in Frederick, Md., but George still works out of the office in Hanover, Pa. His wife **Robin Adams '86** is now Director of Alumni Relations at WMC, taking over for **Donna DuVal Sellman '45** in June 2000. They are up on the Hill now more than ever. The Brenton household has expanded to include another dog to keep Anastasia (Annie) their 14-year-old Spitz/Beagle mix company. His name is Fritz, a two-year-old miniature schnauzer, whom they found wandering the property this past Memorial Day. After much effort to find his owner no one claimed him. He's a welcome addition.

Chris '84 and **Jeanne White Kane**

moved their family to Falstaff, Ariz., in January 2001 when Chris took a new position as national sales trainer for the medical division of W.L. Gore. The great weather allows them to ski, hike, mountain bike and travel around the great southwest. They toured Olympic Park in Utah and enjoyed watching athletes practice for the upcoming Olympic Games.

Greg McAllister and his partner have big news. They have adopted three siblings: Britney, 6, Vanessa, 4, and Michael, 3. They now have a family of five people, four dogs, a parrot, and lots of fish in their home along the Rio Grande.

Jenny Price Corder and husband Bob are happy and healthy, as are the kids. Gabe is 9, Becca is 8, and Adam is 4. Jenny works part time now, really enjoying having her feet on the ground. Bob and Jenny are both on faculty at the University of Maryland, her with the Department of Pediatrics, him with Emergency Medicine.

Randy Bennett took a position as associate professor at Juniata College in Pennsylvania.

He also keeps family friendly hours, so things are very non-bee-hive much of the time.

Taraneth "Terri" Taheri Tuckey and husband Brian still call Frederick home. They and sons Ryan, 3, and Evan, 2, enjoy their family time. Terri continues to work as a Guidance Counselor at Centennial High School. Brian is the clinical director and physical therapist for Physiotherapy Associates in Frederick.

Charissa Wieland is currently between jobs. In the meantime she is finishing her MBA and plans to graduate in May 2002 from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Shelly Jones and **Deb Tyler** are doing great and continue to love their home in Takoma Park, Md. Shelly is in her fifth year as Middle School Head at the Barrie School, a private school outside D.C. Deb recently passed her national acupuncture exam and is practicing in Takoma Park.

After seven years away, **Kim Groover Hughes** and family have returned to Maryland to settle in Frederick. Her husband Brian is heading up Musket Ridge Golf Club in Myersville. Daughter Lindsay, 5, entered kindergarten this fall and Caroline, 4, is in preschool three times a week. Kim looks forward to reconnecting with WMC friends and activities now that they are back.

Gary '82 and **Cathy Spivey Wingate** are great. Sons Scott and Michael keep them busy. Cathy continues in private counseling in Arnold, Md. She is also enjoying a new hobby—volunteering as an EMT on an ambu-

lance in Anne Arundel County.

Chris Gray Aiello and husband Scott continue to make their home in Cleveland. In August 2000, their third child, Joshua, was born. He joins Kelsey, 1, and Jake, 7. In September 2000, Jake was diagnosed with childhood cancer—leukemia. They are glad to report that he is doing well after many months of treatment. Her message to ALL is, "Please take time to enjoy the special things in life. Life is so short and can change too quickly." She sends a special thanks to all who supported them this year.

J. Eric Wilhelm sends greetings from southern Maryland. He is enjoying marriage, his boys and a dental practice in La Plata. They enjoyed a great spring soccer season and a summer of fishing.

Andy Mehl and wife Sandra celebrated the birth of their daughter, Chloe Katherine, in September 2000. She is keeping Andy and Sandra very busy, and happy.

Janine Meckler Framm and husband David celebrate their fifth anniversary in November. Daughter Ava Juliet was born in May 1999. They were pleased that **Lauren Ruberg Silva** was able to be present at the birth. They enjoy living in Owings Mills, Md.

Michele Everett Seibel welcomed the birth of son Nathan Everett in May 2001, 10 days after daughter Rachel turned four. Michele and family moved to Westminster this past spring and are now neighbors of former roommate **Mary Alice Eckenrode Hallman**. After three months of maternity leave she returns to teaching high school English. She also enjoys frequent visits with **George '86** and **Lee Ann Ware Peck**.

Benjamin Franklin sends greetings from the "air capital" of the USA—Wichita, Kan. He had a career change from aviator to Optometrist. He is now Chief of Optometry Services at McConnell AFB, Kan. He thoroughly enjoys the job, even though he is very busy. He sends his best to friends, family and fellow military graduates of WMC.

Jennifer MacLea Arrogancia says life has not changed much. She continues teaching math at Pikeville High School. One of her former students is a freshman at WMC this year! Daughter Christina, 3, is a joy. Husband Tano's lacrosse team from Pikeville High won the state tournament this past year and Tano was named coach of the year for *Baltimore Sun* Paper and US Lacrosse.

Lynne V. Schuller is doing well in Charleston, Mass.

Diane Perry Kendall and family had an exciting year. They moved in January to Sandy Spring, Md., where they enjoy "country" living on five acres. They welcomed baby number four, Megan, on August 30, 2001. Whitney, 11, Kelly, 7, and Ryan, 4, are all doing well. Clark continues as Asset Management Officer for Potomac underwriters at church, school, Family and Community Educators, and scouts.

Jeanne and Jeff Hayman finished their tour in the Pacific Northwest and have returned to the east coast to finish out Jeff's (hopefully) last assignment in Norfolk, Va. Although the Seattle area was a wonderful experience, they are glad to be closer to family and friends. Jeff's new job is managing the computer network for the Joint Forces Staff College (no helicopters unfortunately) and Jeanne will be returning to Oncology Nursing in the Portsmouth area. They and their two dogs invite you to visit the Tidewater area and would love to hear from old friends.

Lisa Miller Van Sutedendael finds it hard to believe that she's beginning her 17th year of teaching in Anne Arundel County. After 10 years in middle school, she has happily spent the last six years at Oak Hill Elementary in Severna Park, Md. The best thing is that she works in the school where her children attend and where she attended as a child. Three years ago, Lisa was appointed Intermediate Lead Teacher. Her husband Greg continues to work in the wine importing industry as Operations Manager at Bacchus Importers in Baltimore. They recently took advantage of one of his perks and visited San Francisco and Napa and Sonoma Valleys. When not working outside of the house, they are busy keeping up with children's activities. Caitlin, 12, and Ryan, 8, are both involved in swimming and scouts, and Ryan with soccer and lacrosse. Caitlin is taking after her Mom and is actively involved in the band. In May, they added a Black Lab puppy named Zima to the family after saying good-bye in February to Kahlia, their 13-year old Lab.

Sandra Michener Lazar is a registered sales associate with Salomon Smith focused on workshops for women. Husband Tom is a vice president with PNC Bank in the retail sales analysis division. Daughter Nicole is 4. She loved the beach this year on a trip with **Fran Ward '86** and **Susan Wallace Aragbright '86**. Two years after they built they are still landscaping and painting/decorating. They have a putting green in the backyard so all the "pro" golfers from WMC can come to putting tournaments! They enjoy seeing **Helen St. John Curry** and **Denise "Doe" Kennedy** along with Fran and Susan.

Charlotte Barber Letourneau's life changed this year when Ethan started school. Marty starting to work at home in Braddock Heights, Md., and Charlotte had back surgery in December. Now, they are winding down from a summer filled with days at the lake, swimming pool, and the beach. Ethan, 6, and Stephanie, 3, love the water! Charlotte is fortunate enough to still be at home with the kids and is looking forward to teaching at Stephanie's preschool co-op and Sunday School this fall.

Kristen Fread and **Randy Bennett** moved back East last summer after progressively moving west. Desiring to return to a small liberal arts col-

lege, Randy took a position as Associate Professor at Juniata College in Pennsylvania. They enjoy the rural town of Huntingdon, and Juniata feels a lot like WMC, so it has been going home in more ways than one. Randy continues research in Evolution and Development, and had fun making a 22-legged beetle with colleagues. He enjoyed meeting President Joan Coley, Provost Sam Case, and other WMC faculty when they visited Juniata last year. Kristin keeps busy with renovating their house (a 1930s Sears and Roebuck home), volunteering in school and church and community, and keeping up with growing children who are now ten and 13.

Katherine "Kacy" Cryer Goldsby and family recently moved to St. Louis and continue to home-school Abby, 7, and Amy, 5, while chasing after Carrie, 1.

Todd '87 Ewing and Susan McGuire-Ewing celebrated their tenth anniversary in Paris in fall 2000. They are parents of two beautiful boys, Robert, 6, and Andrew, 18 months. The family lives in Hillsdale, N.J.

Ann and Sandra Brant '87 Alvey live in Forest Hills, Md., with Douglas James, 11, Gregory John, 8, and Samantha Grace, 5. For the past four years he has worked for the DOD and makes the commute to the Pentagon every day. Thankfully, Alan is safe and continuing his work for our country. He lost many friends on September 11. For enjoyment they have been traveling to Nashville, Wisconsin, West Point, San Francisco, and Lake Tahoe. They are very active in their children's sports, scouts and church activities.

Wendy Hallam sends greetings from Hunt Valley, Md.

Jeffrey and Valerie Wieder Rickett moved to Arnold, Md., in September when Jeff accepted a call as an Associate Pastor at Broadneck Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Jeff and Val celebrate their 10th anniversary with a trip to New Hampshire and Maine in early October to enjoy the foliage. Their son Samuel, 3, and daughter Amanda Grace, 2, are a joy.

Lee Ann Ware Peck has been busy working on the leadership team for Winters Mill High School in Westminster set to open in the fall of 2002. The whole planning team went to a "High Schools that Work" conference in Atlanta in July. They are excited about the new school and have a good vision of what it will mean for students in the 21st century. Other than work, she has been busy with family things. Lauren is now in fourth grade and starting piano and instrument lessons as well as singing in the Children's Chorus of Carroll County. Kevin is now in first grade, busy in soccer this fall. **George '86 and Lee Ann** are both busy with church. "All in all, our calendar is crammed full!" Lee Ann enjoys having former roommates **Mary Alice Eckenrode Hallman** and **Michele Everett Seibel** living nearby.

Sam and Jackie Ford Frost continue to live in Stewartstown, Pa. Sam works for the Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground and Jackie is substitute teaching in their school district. They are enjoying life as parents to Ryan, 11, and Emma, 8, taking part in their various sports and activities. Once or twice a year they get together with WMC friends and love keeping in touch by email.

Vicky Ann Eliades sends greetings from Glen Burnie, Md.

Anne Hicks continues practicing veterinary medicine part-time in Essex, Md.

Ann and husband Greg Harnis have two children, ages five and seven, who are big Disney fans. The family plans a Disney Cruise this fall.

Diane Culver Borucki is a senior program manager at Citi Financial in downtown Baltimore. She and husband David keep busy with baseball, football and their boys. They enjoyed trips to Ocean City and Florida this past year. She has loved getting back to campus to see the Ravens practice.

Gail Roney is entering her 15th year of teaching deaf students. However, this year she changes from teaching middle school—all subjects to teaching first—ninth grade English and science. Gail is doing stained glass, pottery and always has a home improvement project underway in their 1812 home. She and husband Jack drive to Alaska each summer to watch grizzlies chase salmon in Fish Creek.

Robin Sullivan Sharp also had an eventful year. In March, she worked on the Iditarod dog races in Alaska. In May, she built a home in Westminster and this summer spent over two weeks in Australia with a group of student ambassadors. She is still a first-grade teacher in Howard County and single parent to two great kids.

Craig and Linda Ashburn '87 Sarsony now have three children—Clare, 5, Adam, 3, and Hannah, 1. Life is fun watching them learn, laugh, and grow at home in Rockville. Craig is a real estate agent selling upper-backyard properties in Potomac. Linda works even harder taking care of their children.

Mary Alice Eckenrode Hallman writes that she never knew, all those years ago at WMC, that she would spend the majority of her days as a CHAUFFEUR!! Children, David, 11½, Drew, 9, and Amy, 4, dictate her time. They are involved with soccer, guitar and drum lessons (plans are being made to start a rock band!), art lessons, and church activities. Life in Westminster is fun, and the boys have especially enjoyed visiting the Super Bowl Champion Ravens Training Camp several times this summer. She loves having a former WMC senior year apartment roommate as a neighbor, since **Michele Everett Seibel** moved in the neighborhood spring 2000. **Michele, Lee Ann Ware Peck,** and **Mary Alice** get together frequently, and are trying to talk me, Caroline, into moving back to Carroll

County! **Mary Alice's** husband continues his important work on national security.

Joseph "Jody" '83 and Gretchen Fesche Walter have lived in Hanover, Pa., for the past five years. This fall they celebrate their 15th anniversary.

Berret, 9, is almost as big as Mom and enjoys football. **Heidi, 7,** enjoys ballet and horseback riding. **Gretchen** is a full-time Mom and keeps busy volunteering in school and church as well as serving as dog-butler to their canine, **Calie.**

Our family is doing well. Scott, 10, is in fifth grade and happiest on the baseball field or basketball court, especially when Dad is coaching. What should have been a quiet fall professionally for Brian, following the presidential election, is now no longer quiet given recent events. We continue to be patient as we wait to travel to China to adopt a baby girl. We had hoped she would be here by now but God and the China Center for Adoption Affairs have other plans. We are learning patience. In the meantime, I love being an at-home Mom and am involved in our community association.

It was wonderful to hear from you all. Please continue to keep in touch. Now that we have a class email address you can send updates any time and I will hold them for the next newsletter, two years from now. Keep safe and treasure every day.

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It was great, as always, to hear from so many of you... especially those who sent along updates for the first time. Please remember that we can't print engagements or pregnancies. We will be printing this column every other year now, so it will be doubly important to send in those cards when you get them.

Matt Cancello is working for Baltimore based Biotech Start Up and Living in West Chester, Pa. He occasionally sees UNHAR.

Also in Pennsylvania, **Sharon Landis Saks** writes that she married Mike Saks on October 14, 2000. **Alisa Rock and Joslyn Martin Stewart** made the trek from Maryland for the wedding. Mike is a physics/physical science teacher. Sharon still works at the Vanguard Group in Malvern, where she recently took a new position as a supervisor. She is also going back to school for a web administration degree.

After six years of being an Army doctor, **Dr. Marshall E. Eidenberg** is finally in his ER residency. In two years, he will be board certified. Marshall lives in San Antonio, Texas, with his wife and daughter, but hopes to be back in the Maryland, or East Coast,

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area someday soon. He is still trying his best at triathlons and mountain biking.

Their son, Ryan, born in October 2000, is keeping **Tamara Mahan Cursey** and husband, Douglas, busy in Fox Ridge, Md.

Alicia Janney Saah is a technical editor for SAIG, a research and engineering company in Frederick, Md. A year-and-a-half ago, Alicia and husband, Sam, purchased their "dream" home in the country on the outskirts of Frederick. This past February, they welcomed their first child, Paige, and are enjoying parenthood. Alicia keeps in touch with many '91 Phi Mu's.

First time update from **Pati Blackman** finds him living in Massachusetts since 1992. He worked as a bookstore manager for five years, married Christine in September 1997, and went back to school. He is now a social studies teacher at Mt. Greylock Regional School in Williamstown. He also does freelance historical research for a computer game developer in Alabama. His wife works as a librarian at Williams College. He often speaks with **Mike Greenholt '90 and Dave Owens '89.**

"2000 was a good year," writes **Jim Kaufman** from Bel Air, Md. Jim and wife, Jennifer, welcomed a son, Jonathan, in March. He joined

POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE



Girlfriends from the class of 1994 are still running around together. In June, they took part in the Susan G. Komen Foundation's annual Race for the Cure in Washington, D.C. to benefit breast cancer research. Pictured from left: Dana Mostow Lubbe, Julie Simmons Fabula, Amy Bridgeman Fritzes, Stephanie Ross Kavanagh, Kristen Purcaro Welch, Dawn Motowidlak, Heather Beal Imirie and Karen Litishin Reddel.

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brother Alex, age three, Jim was promoted to Director of Government Relations for Johns Hopkins Medicine. He is also continuing his work on his doctorate in policy sciences at the University of Maryland.

Carolyn Moller started a new job this fall with Johns Hopkins University doing research for clinical memory study. She and husband, David, enjoyed camping trips this summer in Utah, Colorado, West Virginia, and Maryland. She looks forward to the annual "WMC Women" get-togethers with **Melanie D'Amore Phillips**, **Melanie Tull Conley**, **Nona Green**, **Julie Byrd Dixon '92** and **Janet Alcorn Yankosky '92**.

Melanie Tull Conley is looking forward to continuing her current job as a stay-at-home mom to her kindergarten, Emily, and 15-month-old Molly. Melanie, Mark and family still reside in Sykesville, Md.

Fellow stay-at-home mom, **Stacy Hermann Austensen**, feels fortunate to spend time with 3-year-old twins, Zachary and Jacob. **Blake '88** and Stacy just celebrated their eleventh wedding anniversary. They are still working on their little Virginia farmhouse in Mt. Airy, Md. They will have their own petting zoo with horses, dogs, cats, chickens and a duck that the kids love. They still see **Lynne Kirsche Costello**, **Elise Rosen Woods** and **Christine Houlihan Selover** at Phi Sigma Sigma parties.

Paul Borneyek and **Mary** are enjoying one year in their new home in

Sykesville, Md. Paul sends a hello to all of the Sig Eps out there.

Bonnie Brady has settled into her position of President/CEO of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce. She is still doing TV work on the side, including a documentary that aired on PBS this past spring. She enjoyed seeing **Chris Covell** at our 10th reunion. Greetings to **Wendy Ruderman**, **Debbie Thigpen Bailey** and the rest of WMC TV.

Towson, Md., is home to **Mary O'Connor Bruns** and musician husband, Jeff. They have three kids - Alex, 5, Sarah Grace, 3, and Rachel, 1. Mary, who is a stay-at-home mom, will begin home-schooling Alex this year. She also does freelance vocal work including weddings, parties, and radio commercials and has an active role in her church's worship team.

After a summer as canoe and kayak instructor at Piney Run's Summer Nature Camp, **Tom Harbold** is starting his second "tour of duty" as an Outdoor Educator at the Carroll County Outdoor School at Hashawha Environmental Center. He also remains active in his church, Church of the Ascension Episcopal, where he is a licensed lay preacher. He keeps busy hiking, canoeing, helping out as an assistant scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 321, and occasionally doing living history programs. Tom lives in Westminster.

Amanda Zawacke Boyadjis lives in Morristown, N.J. with husband **William '86** and daughters Paige, 3 and

Lucy, 1. She has been heavily involved in volunteer work with the Junior League for the past 10 years. She keeps in touch with **Dina Soliman**, who now lives in Egypt.

Also in New Jersey, **Lori Perugini DeMatte** and husband **Dennis '87** are enjoying spending time with their daughter Kelsey, 3. They enjoyed spending their summer at the beach, time on the boat, and a vacation to the Dominican Republic. This summer she saw **Missy Lachman**, **Wendy Cornell**, **Laura Bekoff Miller '90**, **Ali Cleveland Quigley '92**, **Beverly Templeton Wladkowski** and **Ginny West Cimorelli '90**. Lori continues to work part time at a staffing agency.

Josette Selover Goodroe and husband have a home on the Delaware Bay in Wildwood, N.J. Josette works at the Shamrock Café where **Karen Albright** occasionally comes down to help her liquidate her inventory. She reports having a beautiful niece, Chloe, whose mom is **Christine "Houli" Houlihan Selover**. Christine is married to Josette's brother.

Connie Geerhart recently bought a house in Austin, Texas, and is learning how to do house stuff. She works as a domestic violence counselor with the Austin Police Department's Victim Services Unit. She returned from a week in Cozumel and will be heading to Africa in March 2002.

"Still happily married after 10 years," reports **John Huston** from Durham, Maine, John and **Julie Wolfe '89** have two kids, Christina, 9 and Nicholas, 7. Christina is into horseback riding and recently finished her fourth big show. Nicholas enjoys bike riding and swimming. Julie still works for L.L. Bean Company and John is still doing contractor sales at Marriner Lumber Co.

Tara Prugh Evans and husband, Mike, had their second beautiful girl, Natalie, in April. They are enjoying spending time with her and big sister, Emily, 3. Mike works weekends interpreting for the deaf and stays home with the girls during the week. Tara will be teaching seventh-grade science for her sixth year at Rocky Hill Middle School in Clarksburg, Md. She keeps in touch with **Jane Hannah Fletcher** and **Jane Miskelly Hartlove '90** and looks forward to seeing more Omegas soon.

Another set of proud new parents are **Kristine** and **Rob Hess**. They had a son, Kyle, in October 2000. They are also happy to have a **Phi Delta** brother and alum **Michael Looney** and his wife, Ann, as their new neighbors in Columbia, Md. Rob is a health instructor at CCBC-Catonsville.

Chris MacDonald was married in Scottsdale, Ariz., to **Patty Sanford**. Patty and Chris met six years ago in Newport, R.I., while sharing a beach house. They are currently living just outside of Boston in Watertown, Mass. Chris has recently taken over the position of Director of Sales for Surebridge, Inc., an application management and software provider.

Tracy Snyder Folio is enjoying her

days as a stay-at-home mom. Her daughter, Faith, 18-months, runs all over the place, surprisingly. Tracy's husband, Rick, continues to work for Allfirst Bank.

Laura Balakir Cruise is an ace-certified aerobics instructor and enjoys teaching part-time for Body and Soul Ministries at Northwest Baptist Church. Otherwise, she is a stay-at-home mom and enjoys her two daughters, Jessica, 7 and Tara, 2. Laura is also a full-time soccer fan for husband **Chuck '90** and more recently daughter **Jessie**. Laura says hello to **Deanna Dailey**, **Mary Beth Craig '92** and **Jennifer "JJ" Boggs '82**.

Virginia Beach, Va., is home to **Carolyn "Cubbie" Dahl Ingraham**, husband **Duke**, daughters **Allison**, 4 and **Caralyn**, 2. Duke got out of the Navy in 1999 and has been working for Chemical Corporation. Cubbie worked the last six years at a private middle and upper school as a health and physical education teacher, athletic trainer and basketball coach. She recently stopped working to be a full-time mom and has been loving it. She took both girls to Disney World and has visited both sets of grandparents in New Jersey and Rhode Island. She planned to stop and visit **Danielle Trent** and **Matt Zeyher** in Connecticut.

Glenn and **Lisa Allwine Anderson** are doing well in the Army. Lisa is stationed in Alexandria, Va., with Army Material Command in the Acquisition Corps. Glenn is stationed in Cincinnati, Ohio, with a Psychological Operations Battalion under Army Special Operations Command. Lisa keeps in touch with **Missy Lachman** and **Andrea Amrhein**. Glenn keeps in contact with **Chuck Hammond '93**. They spend their free time running marathons and flying back and forth to see one another.

David Fyle had hoped to make the 10-year reunion but he was traveling. He is still in contact with **John Caruso '90**. He and wife **Gail** were married in October 1988. David and Gail reside in Germantown, Md.

Rosanna Barry Bryson received a master's degree in counseling from WMC in 1997. After working as a crisis therapist in the sexual abuse field for several years, she is currently a criminal investigator for the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office, assigned to the CASA (Child Abuse and Sexual Assault) unit. Her youngest daughter graduated from WMC this past May. She is also the proud grandmother of two grandsons, ages 2 and 5.

Jennifer Hannah Fletcher and husband **Steve** just moved back to her hometown area. She has returned to her "dream job" as the Senior Human Resources Representative at Advertising Specialty Institute, a trade publisher in Bucks County, Pa. She just received her PHR, Human Resources professional certification. They are living in Newtown, Pa. Jennifer would like to say hello to **Amy Zonay '90** and **Tara Prugh Evans**.

Melanie D'Amore Phillips married

Mark Phillips in July. **Carolyn Moller, Nona Green and Melanie Tull Conley** were able to attend the wedding in St. Mary's, Pa. Mark is a graphic designer. Melanie now lives in Ewing, N.J., and is closer to her job teaching high school English at the Katzenbach School for the Deaf in West Trenton.

The free clinic that **Kim Hildebrand** started in California is growing and she continues to volunteer as a clinician and on the Board (<http://www.thewomensclinic.org>). She is still a midwife doing homebirths and is also seeing patients at the county hospital's emergency room for the San Francisco Rape Treatment Center. Kim is learning to rock climb – that's the latest stress reliever. Kim wonders if there is another '91 grad that became a midwife.

Sean Vn, his wife Kelly and daughter, Eileen, 2, are still living near Denver, Colo. He recently joined the Naval Reserves (to protect the future West Coast) and completed Navy Boot Camp in Great Lakes, Ill. This was a two-week condensed version of the nine-week course that all full-time recruits must complete. Upon graduation from boot camp, he was assigned to the Denver Reserve Unit at Buckley Air Base and will be a Legal Officer for the JAG unit.

Allison "Lamb" Coffey just gave birth to her third child, Van Joseph, on August 2. He joined brother Mitchell and sister Mallory who adore him for the time being. After maternity leave, she will be returning to her part-time position as office manager at Smith & Wollensky, an upscale chophouse in D.C. She sees **Kate Covell Flaherty** and **Jamie Bugn Nazario '93** on a regular basis and occasionally gets the pleasure of having play dates with **Megan Kane McConville** and her three kids. On her trips home to Philly, she gets the chance to see **Philly** and **Philly's** **Fowler Granato**.

Karen Albright has gotten used to life on the East Coast again, after living in San Diego for seven years. She's currently living in Conshohocken, Pa., and working in the Office of Institutional Advancement at Villanova University. Karen sees **Kelly Zeager Gambone** often, as they live in the same town, and she also spends many weekends at **Josette Selover Goodroe's** bar at the Jersey shore drinking her profits.

Shelley Coates Stein lives in San Francisco with her husband. They got married in November 2000.

Sean Dunn is in his third year of teaching history at his alma mater and his sixth year of teaching overall. He and wife Kim are raising two boys while maintaining two full-time careers. He says hi to all of his Sig Ep brothers, Two-oh and Ponch.

Edward Jacod recently joined Mercedes-Benz USA full-time as an inventory representative within their Supply Chain Management Team and purchased a home in Jefferson Township, New Jersey. He recently attended the wedding of **Richard Wagman** and **Lynda Sibbern** on Aug. 4, 2001.

Dave Kieb lives in Eldersburg, Md. with his wife Julie and son Parker, 4, and daughter Sarah, 2. Dave is a fine wine consultant for a wholesale beverage company based out of Jessup, Md. He keeps in touch with **Dave Weaver** and **Jim Secker**.

Matt Levy got married on Christmas Eve 1999 to **Katie Ballentine**. They had a small ceremony with family and friends in their apartment in front of the Christmas tree. The Mayor of Doylestown, Pa. performed the ceremony. Matt and **Katie** live in Doylestown with stepdaughter Molly, 10. Matt is still the Sports Information Director at Delaware Valley College. He recently started and is the Editor of *MMC Students Magazine*, a small publication that focuses on the athletes of Delaware Valley and the other members of the conference.

After leaving **WMC, Verity Liljedahl** moved on to the University of Colorado in Boulder and then moved to New York City where she has been working as an editor for the past eight years.

Andrea Pinkham Martz enjoys being a stay-at-home mom and working part-time as a statistical consultant and high school math tutor. She and her husband Erik welcomed their second child, **Ryan Alexander**, into the world on July 10, 2001.

Lisa Yost Miller is married and living in Pottstown, Pa. She has a full-time accounting job and works part-time for the Parks & Recreation Department. She and her husband recently bought a home and are working on renovations.

Mike Orlando got married to Joann on July 29, 2000 and moved to Raleigh, N.C. Many of his Sig Ep brothers attended the outdoor wedding, too many to mention. Mike currently works for Anderson in Raleigh and plays lots of golf.

Diana Palmer has relocated herself to the beautiful mountains of Colorado and started a new job in the high tech field. She spends most of her time running, hiking, biking and learning all about nature and its wonders. Diana still plays a lot of volleyball and has even picked up some soccer. She also went to Alaska to run a marathon to raise money for the Leukemia Society.

Elizabeth Palmer Klees and husband Dan had their second child Patrick Michael on June 28, 2001. Big brother George (almost 2) is thrilled. After 8 years with Borders Books, Beth is a stay-at-home mom. Beth and her husband also just bought a house in Olney, Md. Beth would love to get back in touch with some of her old friends.

John Pasquarello enjoys being a father to his son John, 1, and relaxing at his beach house in North Wildwood, N.J., with his wife Lisa. He wants any Bachelors vacationing in Wildwood to look him up.

Kent Pearce is currently an Officer and First Vice President of Investments at Merrill Lynch and Company in Towson, Md. He and his wife Brid-

gette reside in Baltimore County with their 3-month-old son Tye.

Frank Pommert's daughter Vera Marie turns 2 on Nov. 5. He is going into his fifth year of private practice and received his L.L.M. in International Law from Georgetown University Law Center this past spring. He is planning a second run for the House of Delegates in 2002. He stays in touch with **Scott Tinney, Todd Walter, Frank Kratochvil '90, Dan and Erica Velleggia '90, Eric Hedeman '90, Jeff Faust** and **Eric Hedeman '90**.

The highlight of **Katie Ruppenthal** **Michaelson's** year was the birth of her son Lukas in April. His sister Annalise turned two in May. Katie also enjoyed being a part of **Meg Gobrecht Miller's** wedding in June. Unfortunately, the low point of Katie's year was the passing of her father, followed shortly by her kidney surgery. However, she and husband Rob are hoping for an uneventful 2002.

Mike Sherlock has one son, Ryan, 2½. He has a new job as a guidance counselor and head boys basketball coach at Bishop Eustace Prep, his alma mater. He was previously at Sacred Heart High School for five years. Mike coached an international basketball team in New Zealand and Australia during the summer of 2001. He says hi to all the Sig Eps.

Kristina Stephan is a graduate student at the University of Florida studying ecotourism and will hopefully graduate in December with a master's in Forest Resources and Conservation with a minor in Wildlife, Ecology and Conservation. She lives in Gainesville, Fla. and would love to be in touch with her old friends from WMC.

Dr. Greg Street and his wife Jennifer are busy remodeling their Plano, Texas home. They look forward to cooler weather so they can get back to their garden. Greg designs computer games for Microsoft and is happy to be back in Texas.

After graduating from WMC, **Karen Sullivan** received her B.S. in Nursing from the College of New Rochelle. She has been a nurse for the last seven years, four of which have been in the area of labor and delivery. This past May, Karen graduated from Columbia University with a master's in Midwifery. She will start practicing as a midwife once she passes her certification exam. She spent the summer in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins Hospital completing her last clinical rotation. She stayed with **Ann Kangas '90** and her husband and saw a lot of **Abby Potter**.

Kim Vermette Perdue lives in Sykesville, Md. with her husband Chip and their son Jack, born March 13, 1999, and newest addition Samantha Marie, born March 25, 2001. She looks forward to seeing everyone at our 10th Homecoming.

Jim Vowles is currently a web developer at CapuNet in Rockville, Md., where he masterminded a re-engineering of Hewlett-Packard's public sector web site. He still stays in

touch with the entire crowd from Knights of the Sexagonal Table, Jim lives in Columbia, Md.

Rob Welsh is the father of twin 4-year-old boys, Nicholas and Anthony, and an 18-month-old daughter Olivia. Rob works for Micron Government Computer Systems as an account executive covering the U.S. Air Force in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast United States. Work takes him to Boston, St. Louis, Dayton and Norfolk, Va. a few days every month. Despite traveling three weeks a month, he regularly sees Alpha Gamma Tau Brothers on the golf course, namely **Greg "Coach" Long, Ken "I am NYC" Evans, Frank "PGA" Mantua, Paul "Gooch" Gaccione, Mike "Hollywood" Sabo, Clark "Jesus" Hoshpelt '92, Paul Lomax, Ron "Pop" Chanski, Brian "Befer" Fehr, Chris "Drago" Campbell and Scott Keesey '92.**

Kevin Wright is still an agent for Diplomatic Security Service, Department of State. He is now in D.C. working in the Protective Intelligence Division. He and wife Kris bought a townhouse in Odenton, Md. Kevin has traveled quite a bit with his job, having visited 11 countries since March 2000. His most recent trip was to Romania for a week on an investigation. He still sees fellow Sig Eps **Ray Carbone, Jim "Blotto" Mitchell '90, John "JT" Turner '90 and Paul "Fez" Borynek**. Kevin says it is good to be back in Maryland and is looking forward to Homecoming.

After living in Texas for nine months, **Rob Zawtowski** relocated to Charlotte, N.C. last fall. He is working as a Plant Manager for IMO Pump. He and wife **Katherine Warren Zawtowski '90** love the area and are enjoying their boys, Ben, 4, and Matthew, 2.

As for one of your news reporters **Elise Rosen Woods**, life is going very well. I'm still working for the U.S. Department of Transportation as a criminal investigator (It was 10 years this past July). My husband Mike and son Andrew, 3½, are doing fine. Mike began teaching at a new high school this year and returned to doing what he loves, coaching football. Our new house in Bel Air, Md. is great and we are enjoying family life out there. I regularly keep in touch with many of my Phi Sig sisters and look forward to hearing from many more of you. In closing, I want to ask everyone to please take care and stay safe in these very troubling times. For those of you whose friends and families have been affected by the incidents on September 11, my heart and prayers go out to you.

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1997 Hello WMC friends! It is so good to hear from you! As you can tell from my name, I was married on May 19 to Dan

Hendrickson. Many WMC families were present, and I appreciate them making the trip to Maryland for the special day. As I finish up my master's of Science in organization development and human resources this year, I am still employed by T. Rowe Price, working in the compensation division of human resources. My husband is a behavioral therapist at Kennedy Krieger Institute. We just bought a house in Towson and will be settling in this fall. Your fellow classmates have been busy – here is what they had to say:

Greg "Pittsburgh" Hedding is currently a police officer in the Baltimore County, Md. Police Department. He is stationed in the White Marsh Precinct right near the White Marsh Mall. Greg reports that it is not nearly as exciting as North Point Precinct in Dundalk, where he worked for his first 3½ years on the force, but it is a living. He hopes to become a detective within the next year or so. Greg was married on September 22, 2001, to Dawn Frasca and lives in Harford County, Md., near Bel Air.

Jen Light Leiby and **Jeremy Leiby** were married on Aug. 19, 2000, and are living in Jacksonville, Fla. Jeremy, a graduate from the United States Naval Academy, is a Navy pilot; therefore, they live where the Navy sends them—for now. Also in August, Jen finished her Masters and advanced certificate degree from Johns Hopkins University. She is currently employed in the Software Engineering division at Tech Software Solutions, developing web-based training modules for online learning and creating web design/sites for corporate clients. Jeremy and Jen have two spoiled-rotten puppies, Madison, a beagle, and Tyler, a cocker spaniel. They follow the saying: "You treat your dogs like your kids until you have kids and then your dogs become your dogs." Until such time, they are the kids! Jen misses her family and friends in Maryland.

Eric Laurence has been living in Hermosa Beach, Calif. since January 2001. He is working in advertising and sales for USA Today.com. He recently ran in the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and is doing a lot of hiking and hiking in California. **Steve Hallowell** and **Eric** recently took part in the Mid-Atlantic Freestyle Flying Disc Championships. They did not win any medals but had a great time competing!

September 25th will mark the two-year anniversary of **Josh Wilson's** marriage to **Gwendolyn Wilson**. They live in Hagerstown and are planning to build a home this year. While his wife works in the loan department for Susquehanna Bancshares, Inc., Josh works with his father, directing a ministry called Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry—a growing national ministry that provides deer meat to food banks and feeding programs.

After graduating from WMC, **Vanessa Gehr Stewart** married

Keith Stewart, June 20th was their three-year wedding anniversary. Vanessa and Keith had their first child, Reid Erik Stewart, on Nov. 25, 2000. He weighed 5 pounds, 11½ ounces. Vanessa has been teaching fourth and fifth grades at Spring Garden Elementary since graduation. Being proud of her school, Vanessa reports that they were named one of Maryland's Blue Ribbon Schools and then named a National

Byron Druzgal received his M.D. from the University of Maryland Medical School and is now working as an ER physician in Chicago, Ill.

Blue Ribbon School. Currently, Vanessa is back at WMC working toward her graduate degree in administration.

Missy Summers Mackie and **Howard "Zippy" Mackie '96** are enjoying life in Charlotte, N.C. Missy is working at Charlotte Country Day School as a technology specialist and is getting ready to start grad school at UNC Charlotte. Zippy is now the Major Accounts HR Consultant for ADP (Automatic Data Processing). Both have enjoyed seeing many of their WMC friends at various weddings and parties over the last few months.

Having remained and honeymooned in **Carmen, Teresa "Tracey" Harwood Barnes** was to begin an MBA program at the University of Baltimore in the spring. She bought her first home in March 2001 in Owings Mills, which is a little closer to her job as a senior accountant with a Columbia-based company. Her summer was spent enjoying and working on her new townhouse with lots of flowerbeds and taking her children to camps and Rehoboth Beach.

Cathy Pech has been enjoying working as a critical care nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Towson, Md. When not at work, she is often at the top of Shenandoah Mountains in Virginia, where she loves to go hiking and camping. She recently went white-water rafting in West Virginia and is planning to see California soon. She'll be taking both trips with a special someone who may be named in a future update! She regularly keeps up with her WMC pals: **Julie Kissel '96**, **Remo and Keith, Carolyn Arnes**, and **Susanna Kuespert Aldridge**.

Heidi Snyder Reigel married Jim Reigel on June 26, 2000, in Little Baker Chapel. For their honeymoon, they hiked their way through the beautiful Grand Tetons. Heidi's younger twin sisters stepped to the altar in August and in September. Needless to say, it was a BIG year for

her parents! Jim and Heidi live in Westminster with their dog, Sky. While Heidi works as the Associate Director of Admissions at WMC, Jim works as a therapeutic specialist in Adams County, Pa. He also serves as the assistant men's soccer coach at Gettysburg College and finds time to teach a course there as well. **Amy Drebbelis** and Heidi managed to get to New Jersey in June 2001 to see **Heather O'Brien**. She also keeps in touch with **Sam Dvoskin**, **Mike Welter**, **Meredith Wisser**, and **Kim Zehner**.

Living in Fayetteville, N.C., **Heather Lee** has settled in with her husband **Jamie**, Jamie is stationed in the Army and went to school for two months in Pensacola, Fla. Heather graduated from Johns Hopkins in May 2001, with her master's in special education and a concentration in severe disabilities. She started a new job teaching first-through-third-graders with autism in a regular education elementary school. School is year-round, with three-week breaks every nine weeks.

After working in the marketing department of Farmers & Mechanics Bank since graduation, **Lisa Hill** has made the move to Marketing/Campaign Manager for United Way of Frederick County. Living in Frederick, Md., Lisa and her fiancé, **Austin Pearce**, were planning their Nov. 3rd wedding and keeping Austin's son **Forrest**, 7, out of trouble!

Bobbi Leister-Silver and her husband **Matthew Silver** are enjoying their life in Houston, Texas, where Bobbi works as a recruiter.

Randy Rytter and **Kim Zehner** have tied the knot! Kim is working for T. Rowe Price in Owings Mills. Randy recently received his master's in human resources development at Western Maryland College. He also gave up his position at WMC and accepted a position with KPMG Consulting, Inc. They are still residing in Timonium.

Brian Wyant earned his master's of science from the University of Baltimore in 1999 and then began teaching cultural anthropology at WMC as a visiting part-time lecturer. He also taught sociology and criminology at Towson University. After two years of running between schools, he now teaches a full load of Introduction to Sociology at Harford Community College. On the weekends, Brian works for the World Champion Ravens! He gets to be on the field for all home games to help with the Instant Replay Booth. Brian says that it has been very interesting and enjoyable being both a student and teacher at WMC, and from the inside, he realized how hard working and incredible the faculty at WMC truly is.

Dawn Downey Stiles is in her fifth year of teaching and is teaching fifth grade in Frederick County, Md. She was married in July 2001 to **Duane Stiles**, and they currently reside in Hagerstown.

Heather McKenzie writes from

Westminster, Md. She is currently working on a master's degree at WMC. Spending her summers traveling to Europe and across the U.S., Heather is a fifth-grade teacher at Cranberry Station Elementary School.

Living in Woodbine, Md., **Colleen Rickel Deitch** is working as academic adviser at Carroll Community College. She is married to Rick and they have three children. Together, Colleen and her husband have launched Syncretic Resources, a multimedia production company.

Matthew and Julie Helle Humphrey moved from Florida to North Carolina with their daughter, Danielle, who turns 18 months in October. Matt completed flight school and received his wings of gold in April 2001. He is now a Huey pilot for the USMC. They are stationed at MCAS New River, NC. Julie is busy at home raising Danielle and says she is "quite a handful. She takes after her dad!"

Writing from Jefferson, Md., **Brandy Mulhern Putnam** is working as an associate producer for Jack Morton Worldwide, an experiential communications agency in Washington, D.C.

Her work with corporate meetings and events keeps her on the road about one of every eight weeks across the U.S. and Europe. Brandy and her husband **Kenny Putnam** were married on Oct. 28, 2000. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion 2002!

Byron Druzgal received his M.D. from the University of Maryland Medical School and is now working as an ER physician in Chicago, Ill. Enjoying sunny California, **Rebecca Friedman** was promoted to director of operations at High-Impact Promotions in May 2001 and thoroughly loves her position. She reports that she "had a wonderful trip back East to my friend Sarah's wedding where I spent missed time with the old WAC gang." Residing in Pacific Palisades, Rebecca looks forward to an exciting fall season.

After graduation, **Joanna Lajewski** went on to graduate school and received her master's of arts degree in music therapy. Currently, she is a certified director of therapeutic recreation in an assisted living facility in New Jersey. Joanna is also involved in community theatre and sings at weddings, including classmate **Dawn Downey Stiles**'s.

Sophie Charalamambos and Fabrizio Ferronato got married more than a year ago in a small ceremony in New York City. Next year, they are planning two wedding parties in Cyprus and Brazil to celebrate with family and friends. Fabrizio got his MBA and now is getting an advanced professional degree from NYU while working for a big financial company. Sophie got her master's in corporate communications and is looking into a Ph.D. program for the spring of 2002, while working for an Internet company. Recently, Sophie caught up with **Keri Reyelt** and **Dina Awad '98** in New York City.

Dan Franko and Melissa Farrell were engaged in December 2000. Although they have not finalized the date yet, they are targeting October 2002. Dan has been acting professionally for about three years now. His recent credits include: *The West Wing*, *Commercials for AOL and Edge Pro Gel*, and *The Mechanic Theatre's 'Tina' & 'Time's Wedding'*. Recently qualifying for membership in the Screen Actors Guild, Dan will be a member by year's end. When he is not auditioning or filming, Dan works in an office job.

Living in Westminster, Md., **Amy Dreibleis** has been teaching German at North Carroll High School since January 1998. She is starting her fourth year of being the cheerleading coach there. Hoping to finish in the summer of 2002, Amy is working toward a master's degree in German. **Phil Simmerer** is busy building his business as a Nationwide insurance agent. He sells auto, home, life, health, disability, and business insurance as well as financial services. Phil reports "it keeps me very busy so I haven't really done any traveling except for my routine ski trips and weekends at the beach. Other than that my most rewarding moment was when I bought my friends' condo."

Living with WMC friends **Sue Hottel and Sue Oxley** for the past year, **Faith Walker** just finished her master's in instructional systems development with a certification concentration in early childhood education. This summer, she worked in Baltimore City in an inner-city program. Faith's adventures have taken her out of Maryland, though. At the end of August, she moved to Oregon to teach preschool. Faith reports, "It's scary, but very exciting to make such a move!"

For the past four years, **Erin Murphy** has been working on her master's in physical education. She hopes to finish the program with the completion of the 2002 summer semester. Erin is starting her fourth year of teaching in Carroll County. She has taught several subjects, trying to get her way into a full-time teaching position in elementary physical education. This year, Erin will be teaching physical education and motor development at Robert Moton Elementary and Mechanicsville Elementary Schools. Currently, she coaches J.V. soccer and lacrosse at Francis Scott Key High School. It is her third year coaching soccer and fourth year for lacrosse.

After graduating from WMC, **Michelle Menaker** received a master's degree in applied psychology. Finishing in 1999, Michelle moved to Philadelphia to start a Ph.D. program in school, community, and clinical psychology at the University of Pennsylvania. Michelle anticipates being Dr. Menaker sometime in 2003. She reports, "Who knows what I will do then; I suppose I will have to get a job!" Fellow classmate **Melissa Schaller** was to be married on Oct. 6, 2001. **Christine Pardew, Rebecca Dux** '96, and Michelle will have the mar-

velous honor of being part of the wedding.

Todd and Kim Haker '96 *Retchless* left Augusta, Ga. in July 2001. They are now living in Sierra Vista, Ariz. and are stationed at Fort Huachuca. Kim will take command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Army Signal Command in November. Todd is currently working for the 11th Signal Brigade designing communications networks for Army units deployed overseas. They spend their spare time riding horses for Bravo Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial). Todd reports "Look for us in this year's Fiesta Bowl Parade! We are enjoying the weather out here and look forward to taking in all the West has to offer."

Samantha Dwoisnik has been busy working for Johns Hopkins at the Washington D.C. center. In addition, she is working toward a master's in clinical and community counseling at Hopkins. She says, "The rest of my time has been spent planning my wedding for this upcoming November. My fiancé's name is Michael Lieberman. We are planning a honeymoon in Italy!"

Nikki LeDoux Jodibauer is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling at the University of Delaware. Nikki and Eric '98 will be celebrating their two-year anniversary in September. She reports that she "still loves spending time with my Omege Sisters!"

Writing from Herndon, Va., **Amy Rice** is currently working in Reston, Va. at the National Council of Teacher's of Mathematics and plans to begin a master's of education this year. Amy and **Davida Mirra '96** were married on September 29, 2001.

Living in Perryville, Md., **Heather Ewing** reports that she finally finished graduate school. She attended Delaware State University for a master's in social work. She is working as a social worker for the Veterans Administration in Geriatrics/Long-Term Care. Heather's daughter, Halle, has started kindergarten this year. Heather says, "Can't wait to see everyone at our fifth reunion!"

Sonia Stoy is working in Columbia, Md. and bought a home in Silver Spring. She took a month off this summer to travel around Europe, which was very enjoyable and a needed break from her job as a manager at a small human resources consulting company. Sonia has also taken up motorcycle road racing as a hobby and spends much time working on the motorcycle and her house.

Reporting from Frederick, Md., **L. Darlene Cadby** is a USA weightlifting certified coach. She is a competitor in weightlifting in the 2-hand snatch and 2-hand clean and jerk. She has set three world records and has a Maryland state title. As a physical education teacher, Darlene works at Wheaton High School in Montgomery County and is in a graduate program at the University of Maryland, College Park. **Lori Mowen Block** is in graduate school at Frostburg State University

and is pursuing a master's in education. Teaching at North Hagerstown High School in Washington County, Md., Lori and her husband, William, live in Clear Spring, Md.

Writing from Durham, N.C., **Karen Neff** graduated from medical school in May 2001. Following a post-graduate trip to Ireland and London with **Jessica Hall**, Karen recently started her pediatric residency at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Kerri Reyelt writes from New York City, N.Y. She is working for a magazine publishing company as an assistant quality services manager. Kerri reports, "It's great working with art directors and doing color alterations all day!" She plans to meet up with **Sophie Charalambous '98, Dina Awad '98, and Julie Lucas '95** and she has recently seen **Matt Roff and Ali Fink**.

Living in Auburn, Mass., **Tiffany Urbansky** received a master's in education and C.A.G.S. in June 2000. She has taken a position as a school psychologist in central Massachusetts and works in two elementary schools. Tiffany says, "It is a great job and I am learning a lot. I hope to be able to get back down to Westminster for the reunion next year."

Ryan John and his wife **Shelly** live in Abingdon, Md., with new bassett hound puppy, Daisy. Ryan is the assistant controller at Alban Tractor Co.

Reporting from Frederick, Md., L. Darlene Cadby is a USA weightlifting certified coach.

Inc., and Shelly is in his final year of a master's program in social work. For vacation, the two traveled to California wine country the last week in August. Ryan says that he has enjoyed seeing his college friends get married.

Reporting from Silver Spring, Md., **Kamali Welch** is a special educator in Silver Spring and has finished a master's in special education from Johns Hopkins University. Living with boyfriend Mason, Kamali frequently speaks with **LaVita Westbrook '96** and **Ambler Harris '99**.

Ingrid Carlson continues to work as a consultant at the Inter-American Development Bank. Recently, she had the opportunity to do work throughout the Caribbean and northern South America. She celebrated classmates **Amy Rice** and **Davida Mirra's** wedding in September, along with WMC best friends **Alison Winters Welch, Stacey Glacken Czech, and Lisa Parvis**. Ingrid resides in Arlington, Va.

Elaine Eierman and Drew John reside in Bear, Del., and are pursuing graduate degrees from the University of Delaware. Drew earned Captain rank in the Army this past spring and got out of the Army in May 2001. He is working at MBNA as a financial

analyst. Elaine is a special education teacher at Leeds Elementary School in Cecil County, Md. Currently, they are building a house in Middletown, Del.

John Green is currently serving as a medical service corps officer at Fort Rucker's U.S. Army Aeromedical Center in Alabama. He will be promoted to the Rank of Captain in October 2001. Before coming to Fort Rucker, John had been stationed in Korea on the DMZ and at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. He is pursuing a master's degree in health care administration.

For the past two years, **Jen Doetsch** has been working in the External Affairs Office of the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, directly in the Alumni Affairs department. Jen is involved in a variety of areas such as special event planning, VIP work, and development. As of July 26, 2001, Jen is branded with an MBA from the Johns Hopkins University. In August 2001, a group of WMCers including **Vicki Carromba, Amy Swenson '96, Kim Haker Retchless '96, Toni Randle** and **Jen** tore up the strip in Las Vegas! From there Toni and Jen ventured on to Los Angeles where they caught up with another alumna, **Becca Friedman**. Jen reports, "What fun we all had. Can't wait till next year!"

After graduating from WMC, **Melissa Farrell** went on to graduate school at American University, receiving a master's degree in public communication. She worked in Washington D.C. for a few years at two public relations agencies. Currently, Melissa is working at Crosby Marketing in Annapolis, Md., as an Account Executive in Public Relations. She is living in Crofton, Md., with fiancé **Dan Franko**.

Reporting from Woodbury Heights, N.J., **Jason Chessman** graduated from The State University of New Jersey on May 23, 2000, with a Juris Doctor. He is currently doing a clerkship in criminal law for Mercer County Superior Court Judge Paul Innes in Trenton.

Susanna Kuopert Aldridge writes from Lafayette, Ind. She finished her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. **Keith and Julie Kissel '96** **Remo** and **Cathy Pech** attended her graduation. Susanna has started a new job as an associate veterinarian in a small animal hospital and she thoroughly enjoys it.

Again, it was nice to hear from everyone. Going forward, our class will have a column in *The Hill* every other year. So, please continue to send updates even when I do not send you a postcard. Feel free to email me anytime at dansarah519@msn.com or sarah_hendrickson@trowprice.com. I look forward to seeing you at our reunion in May 2002. I hope life is treating you well!

Take care,
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A Fine Day for Fishing in Gabon

My eyes open to the sounds of an annoying rooster crowing outside my window. It must be morning. I raise my mosquito netting and

slide my feet into the plastic sandals I never leave bed without. Walking on the dirt floor is unwise, I've learned, due to chiggers and parasites that may burrow beneath the skin of my soles.

I slip on a long-sleeved shirt and pants. In the living room, I grab a roll of pink toilet paper off the shelf and make my way out the door of my mud-wattle house. The latrine is in my backyard, concealed by the rain forest surrounding Mikouandza.

I live in a small village in Gabon, Africa where I teach villagers to construct ponds and raise Tilapia. I am a Peace Corps volunteer. I came here thinking I could make a big difference in the lives of the people, but the truth is change happens incrementally and one person at a time. At times, it seems I have changed the most.

In the center of the latrine is a gap instead of a toilet. I listen to the termite-infested logs beneath me, checking for any telltale cracking sounds. I do not want to fall in that horrid pit. The sun hasn't broken through the misty morning sky yet. Despite efforts to swat at them, mosquitoes and biting gnats swarm to my exposed skin. I do my business quickly.

I go to mama Antoinette's kitchen. Bugs don't like smoke, so I head to the fire. Antoinette is heating water so we can have coffee for breakfast. She tells me that she wants me to help papa Joseph feed his fish today. I hesitate because I know his ponds are a lost cause. Due to his old age, he has practically abandoned them. He feeds his fish monthly, not daily. I only agree because I hope that indirectly my efforts will boost the protein intake of one child who eats a fish when the ponds are harvested.

Kids here are malnourished. Trying to stop their suffering by giving out food is unsustainable and unrealistic. There just

aren't enough cans of sardines.

Antoinette hands me a cup of super-sweet coffee and gives me Joseph's cup, too. She asks me to bring it to him. I walk over to the *corps de garde*, a communal hut where Joseph sits on a rickety chair beside a fire. I join him. I tell him I'd be willing to help out at his pond if he wants. I add that we'd better go today because tomorrow I leave for a week-long bike trip to visit other fish farmers on this road. He takes a sip of the warm, black liquid and nods his head.

I get ready for work. I put on my knee-high rubber boots. I gather my machete and leather gloves and I change into a short-sleeved shirt. The sun is out. It seems it will be a nice day, at least until late afternoon when the bright, sunny sky is instantly overcome by dark storm clouds and an ensuing torrential downpour. We leave for a brief hike into the forest. The trail is narrow, overgrown and so steep I have difficulty making my way down. The previous night's rains have left the ground slick. As I stumble and slip, I notice Joseph is barefoot and having no trouble. It frustrates me more that he's nearly three times my age, and even with his poor health he still gets around better than I do under these conditions.

At the ponds I assist Joseph in sprinkling manioc leaves and termite larvae on the surface of the water. A few fish come up to eat. Joseph asks me to help cut the thick grass that is growing on the dikes. I debate if it's worth my energy since it could be better used tomorrow in Baposo, where I

will be with fish farmers who have more potential for success. I decide to give him a hand. Machetes start swinging and grass clippings start flying. He quickly trims his section while I struggle to keep up. Blisters form on my palms and I have to stop. We return to Mikouandza.

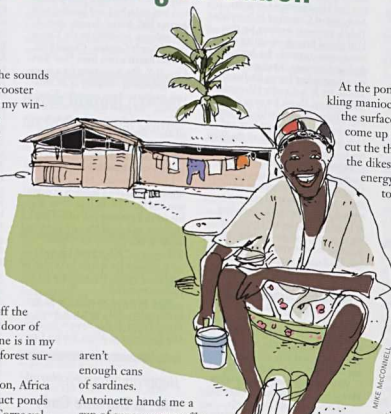
I bathe from a bucket of cold water that I pour over my body slowly with a plastic cup. I get dressed and go back to the kitchen. Antoinette has returned from her field and is complaining that groundhogs have destroyed some of her manioc plants, whose roots and leaves are food. If they continue at this pace they'll eat everything, leaving nothing to feed her family — and Joseph's fish.

She is cleaning gazelle meat. I watch closely. She cuts a piece off the leg and maggots crawl out from under the skin. She taps them out and places it in the pot. It doesn't bother me anymore to think that we will be eating rotten meat for dinner. Food is food, in this part of the world. I stay with her as she cooks and we eat the meal together.

As the day comes to an end, I think about how this experience is opening my mind to the rest of the world.

Things will not be the same for me when I return to the States. •

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HILL HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER

- 2 College Choir, 7 p.m., Baker Memorial Chapel, Free.
- 3 Student Brass Ensemble, 7 p.m., Little Baker Chapel, Free.
- 4 Student Solo Recital, 7 p.m., McDaniel Lounge, Free.
- 6 Jazz Night, 8 p.m., Decker Center Forum, Free.
- 7 College Band, 7 p.m., Alumni Hall Mainstage, Free.
- 8 Gospel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Baker Memorial Chapel, Free.
- 16 Children's Chorus of Carroll County, 3 p.m., Baker Memorial Chapel, Free.

JANUARY

- *8-9 President Joan Develin Coley visits alumni in Florida.
- *17-19 President Joan Develin Coley visits alumni in California.
- *29 Baltimore Alumni Chapter Lunch.

FEBRUARY

- *6-27 "Green Terror" tour, Australia & New Zealand.
- *Feb. 28-March 2 President Joan Develin Coley visits alumni in Florida.

MARCH

- *7 Carroll/Baltimore County Alumni Chapter Lunch, Carroll Lutheran Village. Speaker: Joan Develin Coley.
- *14-16 President Joan Develin Coley visits alumni in Philadelphia, Wilmington and Southern New Jersey.
- *26-29 President Joan Develin Coley visits alumni in Florida.

APRIL

- *12-14 President Joan Develin Coley visits alumni in Boston.

MAY

- *3-5 Reunion Weekend. Class reunions for 1932, '37, '42, '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97.
- *8-10 President Joan Develin Coley visits alumni in Richmond, Va. and Raleigh N.C.
- 25 Commencement.

JUNE

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- President Joan Develin Coley visits alumni in Northern New Jersey and New York City.

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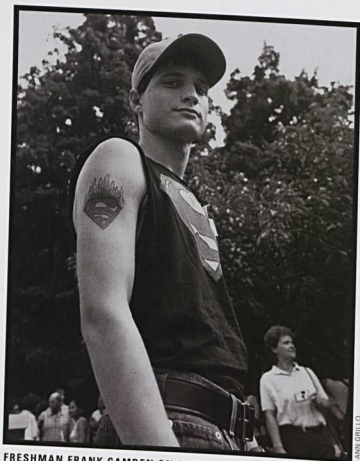
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Best thing about WMC: People don't judge you based on what you look like or how much money you have.

Worst thing about WMC: The workload. My friends go to big state schools and definitely have more time for fun.

Favorite Professor: Herb Smith - we're both civil libertarians.

Future plans: A career in the military.

Skills I brought to college: I'm a mechanic and a carpenter.

Hangout: Historic Westminster. One day, I walked all the way to the Carroll County Farm Museum, but the museum was closed. I'll have to go back to check it out.

Reading that isn't assigned: Civil War books, automotive manuals, *National Rifleman*, *The Sun*, *Four Wheeler*, *Time*

About the Tattoo: I loved Superman as a kid and I can still identify with it. The tattoo's a big hit here.