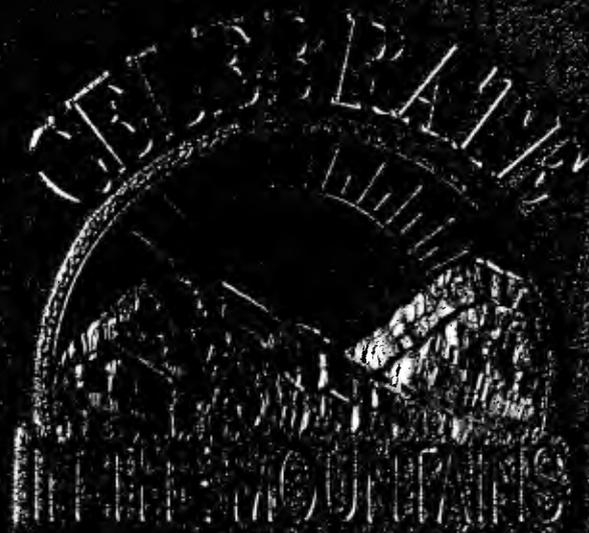


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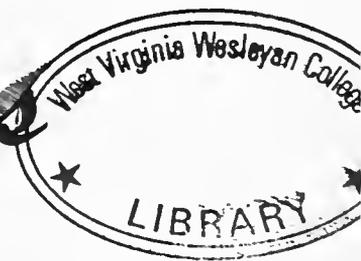


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Celebrate the Millennium

Very few people can say they saw the change of a millennium. This event is so special because it only happens once every thousand years. As the chapel clock struck midnight, Wesleyan students and staff saw the start of the third millennium and the twenty-first century. The momentous change of the calendar year was felt throughout the Wesleyan community and across the world.

The fall semester was filled with the suspense over what Y2K would bring in its aftermath. Wesleyan had become so computerized over the last decade that the campus was unsure of its fate at the year change. J-term classes were scheduled to start on Wednesday, instead of Tuesday as it was in years past, to give the school administration and local community a chance to work out any glitches that might have arisen. Late in the fall semester, students and faculty received instructions on how to return to campus in January in case something on a larger scale was to have occurred.

On January 2, the calls to Wesleyan began and students received the okay to return on January 4. The fear of Y2K had passed and Wesleyanites continued to celebrate the dawn of a new millennium without worry. January was filled with the story swapping of where everyone was at the turn of the millennium.

Speculation of what the year 2000 and beyond would bring added to the excitement of the celebration. What will the future of education, politics, and health bring? Those answers did not come with the stroke of midnight; they will only come with time. What did come with that stroke of time was the laughter, smiles, cheers, and hugs of a thousand-year celebration.

Wesleyan's family celebrated the millennium in a variety of ways. From the quiet homes to wild parties, from the fairs of Washington D.C. to the streets of New York, and from the beaches of California to the churches of Boston, 2000 was welcomed with the true Wesleyan spirit of celebration.



Above Left: New Year's Eve has always been a night of celebration, filled with excitement, parties, and fun. Stephame Cores rings in the New Millennium at a New Year's Eve party in her hometown. This new year marked the turn of the century, something so unique it will be remembered in the hearts and minds of millions whether they experienced the fun at a party or at home watching world-wide television coverage. **Above:** The U.S. Naval Academy sings patriotic songs during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in NYC. The float was one of many celebrating the dawn of the new year in NYC. **Left:** Many milestones mark life, such as graduations, marriages, and birthdays. Katie Rose marks yet another milestone in her life by turning twenty-one on December 31, 1999, making her Wesleyan's New Year's Baby.

Celebrate Wesleyan

West Virginia Wesleyan College celebrated its one hundred and tenth birthday this year. Wesleyan has had much to celebrate over those one hundred ten years and the 1999-2000 academic year was no exception. There were, of course, the traditional yearly celebrations that will live in the heart of Bobcats long after they leave Wesleyan. These are the traditions that make Wesleyan a family: Homecoming, Festival of Lessons and Carols, and Spring Sing.

Wesleyan's great athletic history has long been celebrated. Many students have won national ranking and several teams have placed nationally. A big contribution unique to this year was "100 years of Football." The Homecoming celebration was centered around this theme, and Bobcats from generations past returned to help mark this momentous occasion. Past Bobcat football players were honored at the celebration.

The non-traditional memories that are unique to individuals were perhaps the long lasting memories that students celebrate. The special bonds of friendship and the occasions that go with those friendships were celebrated on a daily basis at Wesleyan. For students, the college experience was more than just academic. Another celebrated bond at Wesleyan was the closeness that developed between students and the faculty. Donut breakfasts, Cats Claw lunches, and Audio Tapes all helped the students and faculty develop a lasting friendship.

Wesleyan's student body generated a special top ten list of the most celebrated things at Wesleyan.

Top 10 Things to Celebrate at Wesleyan

10. Sleeping till noon on weekends
9. Traveling during J-term
8. Coping with eight o'clock classes
7. Playing in the snow
6. Participating in Spring Sing
5. Getting mail
4. Leaving Friendsville
3. Enjoying Master Special Dinners
2. Going on late night Square runs
1. Greeting Grandma



Above Left: Pete Thompson and Andrea Wesp wait for a package at the mail room. College students often live a secluded life away from the trials of the rest of the world. The daily mail experience is a highlight in the students' day because it is a chance to hear from the outside world and it makes the students feel loved. **Above:** Denise Gile, Josh Roberts, Adena Gravit, and Frank Gallanza are taking a study break to make a late night Sheetz run. Who knows what would happen if Sheetz ever closed? Most Wesleyan students will experience a late night Sheetz run at least once in their college career, but it will more likely become routine. The business at Sheetz usually picks up even more around finals. **Left:** Joann "Grandma" Michael greets the Wesleyan students with a smile. Grandma is a fixture at Wesleyan and the stories of Grandma are passed on from class to class during the opening festivities of freshman weekend and again throughout the year.



Seniors

On May 14, 2000, the senior class at Wesleyan Wesleyan College, consisting of students from 21 states and several foreign countries, formed a select group of individuals. They became the first class of the new millennium. The event certainly was something to celebrate.

The senior class saw many changes take place throughout the year at Wesleyan. Perhaps the most significant change the seniors experienced was in the field of technology. They may be the first class of a technologically advanced society, but they are the last of the non-laptop classes to graduate from Wesleyan. In addition, they may be the smallest class to graduate from Wesleyan for several years.

As the new millennium dawns, the seniors are presented with a wealth of opportunities and challenges. The celebration of the new millennium is a



Top Left: Jen Morris opens her mail with an anxious smile. Today might be the day she gets news about a possible graduate school or employment opportunities. Jen has worked hard over the past four years as a Physics-Engineering major and a member of the softball team. **Top Right:** These future teachers are in training so that upon graduation in May they will be ready to face the challenges of America's education system. Nate Hassett, Bobby Judy, Dustin Carlyle, James Sarver, Frank Bennet, Jodi Dalton, Anna Stonestreet, Erin Dorsey, Stacy Nolan, Sean Coustemanche, and Kevin Jones are secondary education majors in the final stages of their block classes. Among this group are four PE-Health teachers, two social studies teachers, two math teachers, two science teachers, and one business teacher. **Left:** Deana Shuley and Stacy Nolan share some summer memories during Fall Jump. Deana and Stacy got to know each other as counselors for Wesleyan's summer gifted camp. Deana graduated in December and pursued a career in Washington D.C., while Stacy finished up in May and headed into the teaching field.



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The Road To Medical School

I missed the first day of kindergarten. Actually, I had a legitimate excuse: surgery. Like many other children, I suffered from chronic ear infections and had to have tubes put in my ears. Despite the necessity, it seemed like awful timing.

My experience on that missed day of kindergarten was really the start of my academic goal — becoming a doctor. I remember vividly the doctors and nurses who took care of me that day. Very distinctly, I remember the clown puppet they gave me to the nurse saying, "Squeeze my hand if you start to feel dizzy," as I inhaled the anesthesia.

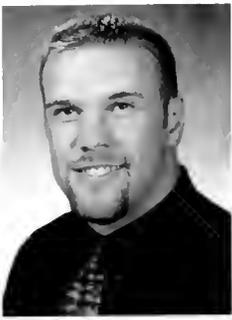
From that story you might conclude that I've wanted to become a doctor since I was five-years-old. That is untrue. Like all children, I went through many different career choices and the world was full of opportunities. In my junior year of high school, I started to seriously consider what I wanted to do with my life. After much reflection I decided that I wanted to become a physician. I entered Wesleyan as a double major in biology and music with my sights set on medical school.

Once my goals were firmly established, I tried my best to get as much hands-on experience as possible. I volunteered in the Day Surgery Unit of St. Joseph's Hospital of Parkersburg, which allowed me to work directly with patients. Little things, like showing them to their rooms or just talking to them as they waited to go up to surgery, assured me that I wanted to work with and help people. I was also an intern phlebotomist. I had no experience, but was ready to learn. For the first two days I followed the floor phlebotomists and watched them as they explained to me the details of what they were doing. Then, I was given a banana to practice sticking. After demonstrating "proper technique," I proceeded to practice by drawing blood from the phlebotomist who was training me. By the end of the first summer I was able to draw arterial blood gases, and after my second summer I was also able to do arm sticks on newborns and children.

Four years have passed and I am on my way to WVU Medical School. It was a long and interesting trip.

by Amy Thorpe '00

Top: Guy, Mick, Christina Gavrish, and Ila Hiserman are taking a class to help them find a job upon graduation. They are not pursuing a career in medicine, so instead of applying to medical schools they are beginning to apply for jobs and graduate schools. **Above:** Kellie Martin, Erin Mullins, Jessica Vilella, and Brian Dunlap prove that life is never too busy to volunteer for a good cause. They are helping with Hanging of the Greens in Wesley Chapel. Both Erin and Brian have spent much of their time filling out forms and going on interviews as they apply to medical schools.



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Academic Athleticism

*M*any words describe an athlete. Often one thinks of competitor, disciplined, dedicated, sacrifice, and hard work. These are common definitions that aptly fit an athlete; however, rarely does the word student fall into the definition of athlete. It is necessary to include student in the definition of a collegiate athlete, especially since that is usually the main focus at college.

As a student athlete, many roles and expectations fall on the individual. The student athlete carries the responsibilities of student, athlete, teammate, and leader. With these roles come well-rounded expectations in many areas, including competition, academics, and behavior. Student athletes do not only represent themselves but their team and school as well. With this added responsibility come higher expectations. These expectations are placed upon the athletes by themselves, coaches, and administration. Student athletes are expected to spend numerous hours training and practicing so that they can aptly represent the team and the school. At the same time, the student athlete is expected to spend hours researching and studying to maintain the grades needed to stay competitive both in the classroom and in athletics.

Because the very nature of athletics is based upon achievement, athletes are goal driven and strive for excellence in all areas of their lives. Student athletes push themselves to excel as students, athletes, and citizens. Student athletes take many leadership roles on campus. Being an athlete and taking on leadership roles calls for a certain conduct beyond that of the average college student. In many instances, student athletes are looked up to as the model of collegiate behavior.

Student athletes are hard working, disciplined, and excel in areas of academics, leadership, teamwork, and time management. Student athletes are more than students in the college classroom; they are students in the classroom of life.

by Kelly Van Fossen '00



Top: Working hard at mastering her chemistry is Jenn Watts. Jenn has been a member of Wesleyan's swim team since freshman year. Tonight she has decided to make academics her main focus. **Above:** Kelly Van Fossen and Joelle Rubino are four-year academic athletes. Kelly is a captain of the swim team and Joelle is a veteran track and field member. They have both taken their love of sports into the classroom as sports medicine majors. Now that practice is done for today they can concentrate on homework.



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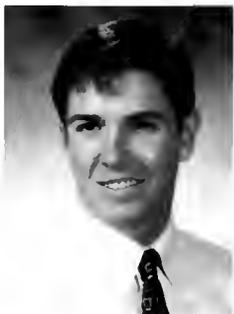
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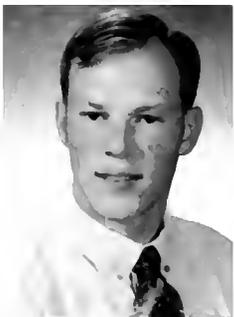
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Always Your Home

7 to the Members of Wesleyan's Class of 2000:

While you have heard this message from me before, it bears repeating here in your senior *Murmurmontis* which is perhaps your first experience with college days nostalgia. The arrival of the yearbook points out however, that you have assumed a different role in the Wesleyan family, and with that role comes a different kind of participation in the "Wesleyan Experience."

You share this new role with over 15,000 other former Wesleyan students in 50 states of the U.S., and 35 countries around the world. The former president of ESPN, a premier of Bermuda, five sitting college presidents, a special assistant to the President of the U.S. and a member of the National Security Council have walked the same corridors and sidewalks as those you have trod the last few years. The achievements of Wesleyan alumni in business, government, education, the arts, the military, medicine; and the church are significant. Your way has been paved. The standard set. While our expectations of you are high, our confidence in you is equally high. So go forth, take a stand, make a mark.

If the alumni office can be helpful to you in your professional life, or as you move to new communities or need to network in other ways, please give us a call. We will try to put you in touch with someone from the Wesleyan alumni constituency who might give a hand.

Best wishes and please stay in touch. Don't forget, Wesleyan is always your "Home Among the Hills."

by Kent H. Carpenter '63

Top: Grace Livingood and Tai Brown take a moment out of their busy schedule to catch up on interesting news in their lives. Grace and Tai have known each other through most of their college career and have a lot of memories to look back on together. The beautiful fall weather in Buckhannon gave them an excuse to stop. Above: Don Irvin and Parag Chums are braving the elements during yet another snowy day in Buckhannon. Everyone started to believe that Wesleyan turned into a snowglobe, and, if anyone moved, it would just start snowing again.



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4-Year Friends

7hird floor Holloway and Aladdin, the main settings for the beginning of our friendship. After months of scheduled meals, where we all traveled in a large unbroken freshman group to any destination we might have had, Amy got a card from her mom satirizing different groups of animals. Thus our name was born, the Herd, a group going around campus, always together. Our traditions began, Christmas parties, end-of-the-year bashes, Grateful Dinners, and the Herd pictures.

Then came sophomore year, the year we all lived on the same hall, which we called "The Red Light District." We even planned to change the hallway light bulb to a tinted one. During this year, we went to dances together, continued our traditions, and just generally bonded. There were camping trips and shared interests. We did crazy things like driving to Virginia Beach just for the day.

Junior year brought the troubles of living in two different buildings. Our third year was the first one that any of us really considered the possibility that we would not always be together. The identical gifts began with Amy embroidering us all Herd shirts for Christmas, long-sleeved blue t-shirts with smiley face letters. Then Amber made us Herd buttons to wear at graduation, which was just a year away.

The best thing about our group of girls is that we are all so different. We are represented by four states and six majors. Half of us are early to bed early to rise and the other half is the exact opposite. Some of us embody implusiveness, while the rest of us are highly planned people. We might all have different backgrounds and different interests, but we have remained friends for four years. We have done this through work, stress, and hard times. These are the people who I will remember from college. The times with them are times that I will look back on as "Golden Memories." We have cried together over freshman homesickness, celebrated over engagements, and generally laughed a lot. These people will be my best friends for life; we will just have to make new traditions: Christmas cards, yearly parties, and phone calls.



Top: Marissa Dye and Amy Thorpe fondly refer to themselves as Herd members. The history of their friendship goes back to the beginning of freshman year and continues to be written today. Marissa and Amy have been roommates since the beginning. **Above:** Enjoying the beautiful backdrop of Wesleyan's campus are friends, Amy Thorpe, Marissa Dye, Sarah Post-Calhoun, Katie Reimer, Jamie Peal, Karlene Henninger, Jodi Dalton, Joelle Rubino, and Amber Elkins. Four-year friends are one in a million, but in this case they came in a batch of nine.



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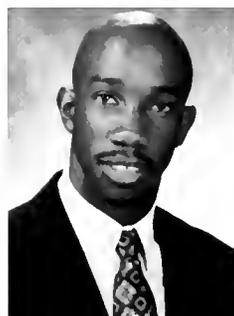
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Preparing for the Future

Looking back, I cannot believe how fast the time here at Wesleyan has gone. It seemed like only yesterday that I was moving in and deciding on what my major would be and now I have just finished my student teaching and I know what my future holds. My education internship was very rewarding, and I learned so much from my experience! It was so different to be in the "real world" as opposed to the college setting. It was so nice to be the one in charge and not the one taking tests. Even though I have loved my four years here at Wesleyan, I am definitely ready to graduate and move on with my life.

It is exciting to work on refining my resumé and cover letter and all the other necessary preparations that are involved with beginning a career. Job applications lay on my desk and the prospect of interviews is just around the corner. Being a senior, I am at a very special point in my life and I am trying to make the most of my time. It is difficult to make the transition from the security of college life to the real world. Thinking about all of the memories, friends, and special times that I've accumulated over the past few years and trying to pack that up into something that I can take with me is very hard. There are so many odds and ends that need to be tied up before graduation, and I know I may not get to them all. My Wesleyan experience has taught me so much: I have learned to be a student, a teacher, a leader, and a friend. I look forward to taking that knowledge into my future and teaching it to others.

Most importantly, Wesleyan has prepared me for the challenges that lay before me and I look forward to them knowing that my foundations from Wesleyan will guide me through anything life may send in my direction.

by Jessica Villella '00

Top: Jackie Cook-Jones assists Kelvin Young with a homework assignment during Senior Job Search class. Rebecca Frame and Sherron Sanders look on. The class is a one credit seminar for seniors trying to find a job. Many students take it so they can learn how to handle interviews and write resumes. **Above:** Jessica Villella and Jodi Dalton take time out of their application process to attend a Wesleyan swim meet. Both Jessica and Jodi are busy planning weddings and applying for teaching jobs.



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Remember This

The American way is just as healthy as ever: television, cereal, wall-to-wall carpeting, thermostats, plastic and digital numbers have changed very little. I thought it was an illusion: The landscape couldn't possibly be real. I waited for the stone wall that never ended to devour the sickening green of North Carolina. The flagstones and the cramped streets lined with art and antique galleries, and local family businesses lurked behind the landscape in every direction.

I remember the October sun glancing off of the steep wall that led up to the highest point of the city of Cortona, Italy. If I looked down over that wall, I saw small gardens that belonged to regular people. Before my painting class, I sat on that wall eating my fresh mozzarella, 'pomodoro' (tomato) and pesto 'foccacia panino' (sandwich). 'Foccacia' is a type of seasoned bread that is oiled and seasoned just to perfection.

I remember my first walk through Cortona on the night we moved in. We walked downtown and through the park (the only flat part of the city). A friend tried to teach me how to meander like the Italians. If I wanted to blend in, I had to learn to meander. It took me a long time to learn that delicate art; I often found myself speeding down Via Nazionale (main street in Cortona).

Eating dinner for the first couple weeks was traumatic. We'd huddle outside the restaurant, sitting or leaning on the cement rail that circled Piazza Garibaldi, pretending we knew what we were doing and who our friends were. I would lean, gazing over the edge and getting lost in the zigs and zags of the valley below. The sun was setting and the bats skittered across the sky.

I don't know how I could ever forget it, though it seems with each day that passes I am in more danger of doing so. A phrase here, a face there, a sunset, a tree, a tower. It is just like forgetting anything that happens in one's life; only when one spends such an unusual time in an unfamiliar place it seems much more urgent. Only, I will know that it was not just a fantasy.

by Leah Dillenback '00



Top: Loch Ness, Scotland makes a great backdrop for a tourist picture of Karlene Hemminger and Sarah Post-Calloum. Karlene spent her fall semester studying in the Czech Republic and took many weekend trips throughout Europe, including this one where she met Sarah in Scotland. The two girls got the travel bug after touring England with the Honors Program. **Above:** Leah Dillenback enjoys the fresh air and gorgeous view on a hill in Cortona, Italy. Leah spent the fall semester of her senior year studying at a University in Cortona and exploring the diverse culture of Italy.



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Elementary Education



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Looking Back

Senior year brought with it many things to celebrate and many memories to cherish. It is hard to believe four years have come and gone so quickly.

Looking back, it seems like only yesterday we were eager and anxious high school graduates ready for what college would bring us. Suddenly, we are ambitious college graduates holding our Bachelor of Arts or Sciences degrees and waiting for the world to give us another challenge.

This major celebration in our lives really started as a journey that brought smaller but equally momentous celebrations. That journey began on a rain-soaked Saturday morning in August of 1996. The day was Freshman move-in and the streams of water could not be deciphered as rain or tears on the faces of parents and students.

That first rainy day was the first of many rainy days in a place we fondly call "Sunny Buck." It was the day we made friends to last a lifetime and learned how much junk we really could fit in a room that would pass for a closet. We also received our official Wesleyan ID card.

Four years later many of us took with us our second or even third ID card (it seemed that washing machines kept eating them). Through the years we even learned to organize so our room really didn't look like a hurricane went through the "closet". Perhaps most important of all, those friends from August of 1996 stood in caps and gowns right next to us in May of 2000. We know they will always stand right next to us whenever we need something.

So, looking back at four years of college, the only memories are of those happy moments that will be celebrated in our mind a thousand times more and those silly tests that were stressed over and bad meal days will willow away and leave room for more happy memories that we will celebrate continuously.

Top: Bobby Judy, Dustin Carlyle, and James Sarver get a laugh out of the idea that they are going to be teaching students in a few short days. These guys are in the middle of Block for student teachers. **Middle:** Paul Chevalier and Parag Chitng met while trying to fit all their belongings into neighboring rooms freshman year and have been friends since. This year they fit all their belongings into an apartment they share with three other guys. **Above:** Ed Ghent thinks back on his time here at Wesleyan. His four years have been filled with great memories.

Celebrating Friends



Top: There are friends and then there are friends. Through the years of college people learn who the friends are that they can count on in a crisis or in a moment of boredom. Joelle Rubino, Kate Renner, Karlene Hemminger, Sarah Callison, Ellen Beckwith, Marissa Dye, Amy Thorpe, Jamie Peal, Josh Dalton, and Amber Elkins are those important friends. **Above:** Hollie Galloway and Annie Metz discuss weekend plans on a beautiful fall day in Buckingham. **Right:** Erin Dorsey takes a moment to help Anna Stonestreet with a project for class, demonstrating that friends are always there to lend a hand.



Top: Garvin Taylor, Rime Hmestad, and Anthony Pokri are enjoying a night out together. They are on their way back from an event in the social hall. **Middle:** Alpha Delta Pi sisters Maura Wiley, Anna Stonestreet, and Julie Godfrey are all jazzed up for their Christmas Formal. The sisters have built a lasting friendship through their years at Wesleyan and in their sorority. **Bottom:** Alicia Teel and Lara Burdock share some laughs together at the Kappa Delta Pi pancake dinner. As a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Alicia invited her friends and sorority sisters to help support the chapter's fundraiser. Friends are always there to lend a hand.

Student Life

Student Life at Wesleyan is the major part of any campus celebration. Life outside of the classroom is what most students will remember long after the streams of orange and black start to fade.

Dorm living is the biggest difference between college and the rest of life. It is one of the few times in life that your closet will actually extend through three or four different rooms and that your kitchen cupboard could probably hold more stuff than your dorm room. These are the things that make dorm living so special and so celebrated.

Theater and travel are a large part of student life at Wesleyan. The college affords students the opportunity to explore cultures around the globe for reasonable prices. Students can also express their creative talents on or behind stage in any of the productions put on throughout the year.

Student life at Wesleyan has revolved over the years, but some things can never really change. Students will always celebrate the fun and good times.



Top Left: Amanda Lokar, Christine Smith and Anne Schoolcraft enjoy a peaceful evening in the dorm. Dorm life is perhaps one of the most memorable aspects in the life of a college student. **Top Right:** Kristen Schillaci, Alyson Crumme, Nikki Novak, Emily Newman, and Anna Sidz take a break from the outdoors to pose with their tour guide. The girls are on a rafting trip sponsored by the Outdoor Recreation program. **Left:** Drama has always been a large part of student life at Wesleyan. Don Irym, Danielle D'orsi, and John Waltz have been involved in many productions as actors/actress and as production staff members. Drama production can keep them very busy, but they have found a few minutes to pose for a picture on stage.

Right: Freshmen Kristen Carnahan and Miranda Swisher bundle up before heading to class one winter morning. **Below:** Amy Semchivier tries on fire gear during a fire safety hall project this fall. The Housing and Residence Life office organizes semi-annual projects for dorm residents.



Above: Scott Kyle, Misha Smith, Stephen Rainin and Keith Rowan get together and hang out to watch movies in the dorms. **Right:** Privacy is always important, but sometimes hard to find when you have a roommate. Brianna Schroeder takes her phone call in the hall to gain some extra privacy.





Left: The CA's and AC's of Benedum, Jenkins and Aggie gather at a Christmas party. **Below:** Laura Davis and Monica DelCampo relieve stress after a hectic day of classes and activities. Most Wesleyan students juggle not only crazy schedules, but extracurricular activities as well.



Dorm Life

Living with another person in a space that at first glance only appears to have room for one, staying up until all hours talking or working on a paper using only the light from a desk lamp, talking on the phone in the hallway for added privacy, and sharing a bathroom with 30 other men or women, are all experiences offered by dorm residence.

Dorm living may not even compare to the Hilton, but to most college students it is a wonderful experience and the place that they call home for at least four years anyway. While calling it home, the rooms take on the characteristics of home with quaint couches, stuffed animals, and

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Heidi Tucker '03

overflowing closets.

Dorm life is fun, warm, and friendly. It is a golden opportunity to foster and maintain lasting relationships; however, it can sometimes be a little exasperating, especially when you are the only person on your floor who has a test the next day and all of your friends are determined to stay up until 3:00 a.m. — in your room or when you witness every morsel of your mom's cookies disappear before your very eyes, without you even getting a bite.

Though the above is often true, dorm life is much like life. It includes a smattering of negative experiences and an abundance of positive ones.

Weekend Life

You don't have a car. Your friends with cars have all gone home for the weekend. You really want to watch a movie, but you're tired of your little thirteen inch black and white. What do you do? Thank goodness for CAB, the Campus Activities Board, who is kind enough to understand that WVWC students can't always get to the movies. So they bring the movies to us!

This year alone, CAB has sponsored films like *American Pie*, *Runaway Bride*, *Girl Interrupted* and even the multi-Oscar winner *American Beauty*. These films are just as enjoyable in Hyma as they are on the "real" big screen. If you missed it in the theaters or don't have a car, then you

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Melissa Minsker '03

could just wait a few weeks to see it on campus. It was great and so convenient!

CAB also sponsored Bingo Nights. You didn't have to pay for your cards, and prizes ranged from things as small as a bottle of soda and a bag of chips, to as large as a clock radio complete with CD player. The competition is intense, but very enjoyable!

When I first arrived on campus this semester, having grown up in Buckhannon, I couldn't imagine what in the world college students did on the weekends. Well, now I know! I am so glad that CAB recognizes the lack of activity in our community and compensates with fun and friendly ways to keep busy on Friday and Saturday nights!



Above: Students sing along with the CAB sponsored DJ during a fall campus picnic. Right: Mike Lesondak, Mike Fontana and Jared Lutheran are pretty muddy after a thirty mile bike ride during the "weekend at the cabins" Outdoor Recreation trip to the New River Gorge.





Left: Freshmen Jessie Redner and Erica Milone take their first of many trips to Andra State Park one fall day. Andra is a popular place for Wesleyan students to take weekend outings. **Below:** Hanging out in Jenkins one Saturday evening are freshmen friends Amanda White and Amy Schoelkopf. Weekends give students the opportunity to catch up on homework.



Left: Chivo Matsushita tries her hand at barbecuing one Saturday in the spring. Barbeques are always a good way to get together with friends and enjoy the weekend. **Above:** Many Wesleyan students take advantage of the trips provided by Outdoor Recreation. These students rose early to go horseback riding for the day.

Right: Alan Whiteman and Khanh Thai enjoy an afternoon meal at Aladdin. **Below:** Leigh Anne Chippis and Erin Lawrence are all smiles even though they are up bright and early to work calculus equations.



Above: Ian Helmick searches for the perfect poster to place in his room. Ian had to wait until after school to go poster shopping because he spent his days teaching music to local students. He finished student teaching and graduated in December. **Right:** Nikki Novak and Dennis McNaboe wash off paint brushes after painting shelves for Head Start during the Phi Kappa Service Project. The project was a way to involve freshmen, upperclassmen, faculty, and staff in a team-oriented day that allowed all involved to mingle and meet new people.





Left: Clifton Taylor, Dr. Trina Dobberstein, Charlie Phillips, and Jeff Gudzone read over a proposal at a Community Council meeting. **Below:** Amity Malov, Bill Bandzuch, Adina Barnette, Katie Davis, and Abbey Nland attend a Tuesday morning chapel service.



Campus Life

Community Council is an organization composed of students, both elected and representing groups on campus such as Christian Life Council and the International Student Organization, as well as faculty and administration. The purpose of Community Council is "to act as a major governance body of the campus community where matters of academic, social and societal concern are discussed and acted upon," according to the Community Council Constitution. In past years, Community Council has been responsible for such achievements as open visitation (men and women respectively having the option of being allowed in one another's dorms after

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12:00 a.m. on the weekends — a privilege the campus at one time did not have), the new improvements done to the nautilus room this past year, along with a number of informative forums ranging from what one can do on the weekends to the relatively new "party system" in the Greek community. Meetings have traditionally been held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and are presently being held in the Trustees' Room. The 2000 Executive Board Officers are President Chris Pritt, an English major, Vice President Phil Hancock, a political science major, Secretary John Waltz, an English and dramatic arts major, and Treasurer Chris Kimes, a history major.

MUSIC

Practice rooms, pep band, Chorale trips, endless recitals, lessons, family, and the love of music— this is what makes up the great department that I am proud to be a part of. Throughout this past year, I have made many friends within the department. The experience was new and exciting though a little scary, but the upperclassmen wasted no time in pulling myself and the other freshmen under their wings to show us the ropes.

There is much hard work and dedication put in by the students and professors, but the end result is glorious. We form a bond, that can never be broken by the stresses of the week, and we share memories together like

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Morgan Harrison '03

no one else does. We share the bond of music and it is what holds us together and keeps us going strong.

Within the department there are two groups that work together to make music a big part of this campus and the rest of the world. These groups are Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Epsilon, and no matter where they travel, it is apparent to the audience that these are individuals who pride themselves in everything they do and never give up.

The graduates of this program are proud that they were apart of the high standards in which the music department holds, and they will forever treasure the memories and life lessons they learned.



Above: Amber Posey tunes up her clarinet prior to concert band practice. **Right:** Members of the Wesleyan Concert Chorale patiently await graduation commencement services to begin; they sang the Wesleyan favorite “My Home Among the Hills”. Chorale members are chosen through a selection process. They perform at various campus functions and go on an off-campus tour during the year.





Left: Stacy Turner and Adna Bannette take a quick break from playing their clarinets at concert band practice. Below: Autumn Burgess focuses on her music in preparation to play her sax.



Above: The West Virginia Wesleyan Concert Band performs during the Homecoming football game this fall. The group is made up of about fifty members from a number of states. They not only play at various on-campus events such as football games and graduation, but they also perform off-campus as well. Left: First chair senior flutist Amy Hoop awaits her turn to perform. Amy has balanced her love of music with a rigorous academic load in the biology department.

Right: Singer Matt Scammell for the band Vertical Horizon and his bass guitarist play for the Wesleyan Community. **Below:** At the spring concert the Wesleyan community could tell that Matt Scammell, the lead singer for Vertical Horizon, puts everything he has into his music.



Above: Clifton Taylor, Jen Fouchard, Brooke Fonerigan, Kevin Burroughs and Chris Long wear their Events Staff t-shirt with pride during the spring concert. **Right:** Waymon Boone, the lead singer of Splendour, opens the evening concert.





Left: Kyle Galer shows Jessica Price some very important papers in *The Lottery*. The two were part of a large cast of Wesleyan theater members who worked long hours in preparation for the play. **Below:** Cast members of *The Lottery* throw insults at Cindy Mullen during one of the performances.



Theatre. What is it all about? Why do you pay to watch a group of people walk around in a make-believe room, acting out make-believe stories and emotions? Why do people endure nerve-racking auditions for roles that will require time that they can't afford to give? Why do they then go to rehearsals every night and memorize their scripts and struggle with the balance of their studies and the demands of the stage? Why do they submit their faces to layers of greasy make-up and hot stage lights? What is it all about? Well, that's a good question. I suppose it is for the sliver of excitement that rushes through their stomach as the curtain goes up. Or perhaps it's for the chance to shed their shell of insecurities in a bath of golden light and thunderous applause. Then again,

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maybe they do it for the sense of pride that overcomes them, making them feel worthwhile and important amid a blur of faces. Maybe it's just for the simple joys they share with a group of people who, for a few short weeks, become their family. Theatre gives so much to the actors and to the audience. It is a form of escape from a stressful world; an excuse to ask that special someone on a date; a means of connecting and understanding greater philosophies and conflicts present in the world; and most importantly, it is bringing people together for a common bond, the bond of humanity, where we can shed our tears and laugh out loud without feeling foolish. Theatre — it is our escape to finding ourselves.

Travel

Spain was an experience not to be missed. For two weeks, twenty-seven students and two professors were no doubt in one of the most beautiful countries in the world.

In Madrid, we toured the Royal Palace, where kings and queens for generations had walked the very halls that we were walking. We visited the world-famous Prado museum and saw works by Goya, El Greco, and Velazquez. We also saw Picasso's *Guernica*, which hangs in the Reina Sofia Museum. A day trip to Toledo, and the ancient capital of Spain, was a highlight of our trip, with a beautiful backdrop and sense of history. Then we traveled to Zaragoza, where we enjoyed a night at the theatre to watch

“Flamenco shows, concerts, clubs and pubs, the Metro, birthdays, and of course, papas fritas!”

Venessa Walker '01

a genuine Spanish play, *El Gran Teatro del Mundo* (“The Grand Theatre of the World”). Two short days later, we were off to Barcelona on the Mediterranean Sea. We went to the Olympic Stadium, the Torres Winery, and the Montserrat Monastery.

Much of our trip involved visits to works by architect Antoni Gaudi, such as the Park Guell, Casa Mila, Casa Batllo, and his masterpiece, the Sagrada Familia cathedral. We also enjoyed cultural events such as concerts, Flamenco shows, and the musical *Rent* in Spanish. With all the cultural experiences and the nightlife too, our trip was full of memories to last a lifetime.



Above: One of the several January term international trips this year was a tour of Bulgaria. With Bulgarian tour guides are Kathy Swartz, Dr. Boatang, Steve Jozik, Dean Weeks, Doug Owen, Nikki Novak, Matt Bachtel, and Ailyn Yalaz. Right: The Bulgaria trip included numerous fascinating sights, such as Mt. Vitosha in Sofia. Enjoying the cold weather atop the ski slopes with Bulgarian friends are Dr. Dunlavy, Ailyn Yalaz, Kathy Swartz, and Doug Owen.





Left: Assembling in front of the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, Turkey are Brad Anderson, Becky Snyder, Anthony Giannopoulos, Hickory Gatless, Maria Gordon-Jane, Kell Gleason, Peter Krevanas, Courtney Myers, Hee Jung Hong, John Eckman, and Georgette Peterson. **Below:** Yet another exciting January term trip was an adventure to Spain. These smiling students are taking in the sights at Casa Mia, Spain.



Left: After a long day of touring the beautiful places in England, Becky Shippey, Christina Gavishi, Heather Hipp, and Liz Spedding relax in a small dormitory style room. **Above:** Standing in front of a university in England are Melissa Musker, Liz Spedding, Don Ewing, Kyle West, Cayana Wayne, Becky Shippey, Laura Daniel, Heather Hipp, Christina Gavishi, Jeff Keys, Damian Little, Cayla Lawrence.

Traditions

Wesleyan had much to celebrate this year. Not only did the campus celebrate the turn of the century, but it also celebrated another year of its rich traditions that started so long ago. The youngest of these traditions is Christmas on Campus, which started in an effort to bring the campus community together with the children of the surrounding community.

Spring Weekend has been a WVWC tradition for over fifty years, though it was originally known as the May Day Celebration. (Its meaning changed a little when it became a musical competition.) Spring Sing has now grown into one of Wesleyan's most popular traditions.

Homecoming has also been a tradition for over fifty years and has always incorporated a coronation. This year's homecoming focused mainly on the celebration and recognition of over 100 years of football memories.

The most memorable experience will probably be the one that is last experienced, Graduation, which gives all students much to celebrate!



Above Left: Fisha Christen, Scott Wall, and Jane Shelbe enjoy a snow covered campus. They had all hoped for a white Christmas; unfortunately, they had to wait until February to see this snow. Christmas itself was a rather warm season in Buckhannon. **Above:** Jen Hinkle, Anastasia Snyder, Christina Lattler, Tara Burdock, and Kristy Barnett represent the senior class while patiently awaiting the news of who among them will be crowned the 1999 Homecoming queen. **Left:** Mandy Snodgrass, Heather Jpp, Esajoh Jones, and Kelly Murphy take a break from their group leader positions during Orientation weekend to enjoy a little sun.

Orientation

Orientation '99 began with the traditional exodus of freshman (and their many and varied belongings) from overloaded cars into the dorms, their new homes for their first year at WVWC. Students were immediately thrown into campus life through the Bobcat Street Fair, Orientation check-in, and moving in. Following lunch, many freshman began to scope the campus, get all their books from the bookstore with parents (and their credit cards), and attending residence hall meetings and a beautiful reception at the President's house. This provided an opportunity for students to meet their hallmates for the upcoming year, and in some cases put names with faces and faces with places. Sunday marked the departure of parents—some managing to escape with shirts relatively dry of the anxious tears of their babies, while some left themselves shedding tears to their children's exuberant cries of freedom. Monday morning marked the advent of registration where students assessed the accuracy of their schedules, corrected meal plan information, and attended Thinkpad orientation. The afternoon was filled with The Freshman Olympics, which made life a little more lively and humorous. Everyone had at least one thing in common, the readily available discussion of one of the most popular books on Wesleyan's campus, *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*. Under the banners of the orientation theme "WVWC.ONEGREAT.EDU", the 1999-2000 academic year began with a great amount of enthusiasm, and merriment for freshman, high in the hills of Wild, Wonderful, West Virginia.

by Kimmie McConnell '03



Above: Moving days are always the funnest, especially when you have made three trips already and realize that you still can't see the trunk. A good parking space and a sense of humor make all the difference. These signs were possibly posted to offer some much needed comic relief to parents and friends of those moving in. **Right:** Emily Newman, Kristen Carnahan, and Alyson Crumme have become Best Friends during Orientation Weekend. The weekend is full of unpacking, waiting in lines, registering, buying books, meeting new friends, and possibly your roommate for the first time, not to mention, saying goodbye to your parents.





Left: Freshman Orientation Group leaders Sheila Golden, and Jenna Derby ask freshman Heather Grimm, "Are you sure you really need all this stuff?". The process of moving into your new home - dorm room is often grueling, but it all goes along with the total college experience **Below:** Freshman Aswan Morris with help from his mother and her credit card go through the task of finding and buying the first semester's textbooks



"Participating in Orientation was a great way to start off the year! I really enjoyed being a group leader and giving guidance to new Wesleyan students."

James Owrey '02



Left: Jenny Talbot and roommate Beth Bailey are testing out one of their new beds, while resting after a long day of unpacking. They are also using this time to get to know each other a little better.

Above: Freshman are put into Freshman Seminar groups for about eight weeks to make the whole college experience a little less challenging. Along with this comes a little added bonus of sorts. The Freshman Olympics. Here, Mrs. Jones group competes for nothing less than bragging rights in a game of tug of war.

Below: WVWC football celebrates its hundredth year by forming a gauntlet of former players for the present ones to run through prior to the Homecoming game. **Center:** Alpha Gamma Delta placed first in the banner competition with its rendition of the MGM logo, commemorating Weslevan's hundredth year of athletic excellence in football. **Right:** Members of the WVWC Concert Chorale serenade the campus community with its beloved Alma Mater.



"As a senior it was great to see all of my friends who graduated in past years, back on campus during Homecoming Weekend."

Craig Guido '00



Above: Sophomore Attendant Emily Strother, Junior Attendant Brienne Racer, and Freshman Attendant Jessie Redner enjoy the applause of their peers during the halftime coronation ceremony.



Homecoming

Wesleyan's '99 Homecoming in the Hills brought hundreds of alumni returning to participate in reunions, activities, dinners, and to once again walk the campus paths. This year's homecoming was highlighted by the 100th anniversary of Bobcat football. On a beautiful Saturday, alumni and students came together to cheer on the Wesleyan Bobcats in their pursuit to victory against the West Liberty Hilltoppers. Though the game ended in a loss, it was still an exciting and memorable game with former players being honored and forming a gauntlet for the 1999 team as it took the field. At half time, four men and five women stood anxiously on stage as they awaited the news of who would be crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Representing the Senior class was Craig Guido, Darian Cain, Tim Hollein, and Pete Powell; Kristy Barnett, Jen Hinkle, Anastasia Snyder, Tara Burdock, and Christina Littler. In the end, it was Christina Littler and Pete Powell who were crowned by the President and his wife. They were joined on stage by Junior Attendant Brianne Racer, Sophomore Attendant Emily Strother, and Freshman Attendant Jessie Redner. Banner Awards were also given out at half time; they lined the fences of Ross Field and were prepared by various campus organizations. The banners were judged on their creativity and awards were given to the top three. Zeta Tau Alpha took third place, the Freshman Class placed second, while an impressive rendition of the MGM logo submitted by Alpha Gamma Delta garnered top honors

by Vanessa Walker '01



Above: Homecoming Queen 1998 Megan Shriver waits patiently to relinquish her crown, with senior class representatives Darian Cain, Tim Hollein, Craig Guido, and Pete Powell. Left: The Wesleyan Bobcat congratulates the 1999 Homecoming Queen and King Christina Littler and Pete Powell.



Christmas on Campus

This year's Christmas festivities were wonderful. The children seemed to be having a lot of fun when they took over the campus one bright Saturday for Christmas on Campus, an event that has been a Wesleyan tradition for over fifteen years. The weather was not quite perfect for the day, with a few little scattered raindrops, but the students did their best to make the day enjoyable for all. Many Wesleyan organizations participated, whether it be in the form of a tour guides or as one of Santa's elves, to make the event a success.

The night of Lessons and Carols filled the air with much needed merry music when looking ahead at upcoming finals. The voices were breathtaking. The less musically inclined members of the Wesleyan family felt like they were too a part of the holiday spirit that was blanketing the campus when they attended the hanging of the greens. Trees were brought in by the fraternities and then cut by the entire community. It was a night in which evergreen trees are transformed, with the help of many loving hands, into giant garlands of evergreens. These garlands were hung throughout the Chapel as decorations. By the end of the evening, a pine scent had permeated every corner of the Chapel and had cloaked each participant in the evening's activity. The walkways showed signs of the season with their luminaries. As finals approached, a dusting of delicate snow placed the last details to this winter etching and the holiday's spirit of love. Leading up to finals, a stressful time for everyone, it was splendid to feel that Wesleyan was fulfilling, for the time, the old adage "Home is where the heart is".

by Amiti Maloy '05



Above: Every year community children come to campus to participate in games and crafts. Christy Dawes, Heather Macrow, Amber Close, and Nikki Bode assist some of them in a painting project. **Right:** Wesleyan Chapel is one of Wesleyan's main focal points, it looks especially beautiful with a fresh blanket of snow covering it.



Far Left: Tisha Christen and Suzanne Pomeroy use wire cutters to make garland to decorate the chapel during Hanging of the Greens. It is their first time participating and though they are a little nervous about using wire cutters they are doing a great job! **Left:** The Theta Xi brothers did children's face painting during Christmas on Campus. John Waltz, President of Theta Xi waits patiently as this youngster decides on a picture to be painted on his face.



Above Right: Dean of the Chapel Mary Jo Simms-Baden helps senior Amber Elkus during her final Hanging of the Greens. Amber has participated in the Christmas activities for four years. **Above:** Brooke Seelos and Tummy Ronco use teamwork in stringing garland for the chapel balconies.

"I was so excited because C-92 played 48 hours of nonstop Christmas music, and I got to see hundreds of kids invade the campus."

Damian Little '02

Right: Theta Xi brothers maintain their first place title in the fraternity category, by performing the theme from *Ghostbusters*. **Below:** Members of the Black Student Union bring down the house to take both the awards for best independent group and best overall performance.



"Who could forget the Gams' Director Katie Rose shouting 'tin roof rusted' during their performance of 'Love Shack'."

Jen LaMora '02



Above: The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha cut loose and personalized their music to take third place. **Right:** Singing their hearts out in their splattered shirts of the eighties the sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta took first place in the sorority category.





Spring Sing

The sounds of Michael Jackson, Bananarama, Paula Abdul, and other various artists popular in the 80s were heard at the much anticipated annual Spring Sing. Where time and effort went into the show, all participants have spent hours working on the dance routines and songs. Placing first was Theta Xi, opening with the theme from *Ghostbusters*; the audience's loud approval ensured their victory. Theta Chi was the *Champion* coming in second with Chi Phi placing third, although their song had a *Sweet Addition*. The sororities costumes symbolized exactly why most of us try to forget fashion in the 80s. In first place, Alpha Gamma Delta broke the tradition of mostly fast dance songs to include a more slow, candle lit number. Alpha Xi Delta took second place. Their enthusiasm and energetic style poured out from every girl in the dance. Coming in third was the creative Zeta Tau Alpha with its performance made into something more than just a song and dance. Coming in fourth place was Alpha Delta Pi with several *Nasty* moves of their own. The best overall performance was awarded to the Black Student Union. The crowd went wild when they broke out into one of the best known 80s tunes, *Thriller*. Intermission performances were met with applause as well. Japanese students performed their own version of *Country Roads*, a song well known to all Wesleyan students. The chapel was packed with students, faculty, parents, and past graduates. The hard work of all participants was apparent and well paid in the end.

by Jennifer LaMora '02



Left: The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi perform their rendition of *Sweet Addition*. **Above:** Spring Sing Court: Christina Fuller, Damon Little, Joelle Kuehnle, Marcus Gill, Jenny Zupit, Malena Hernandez, Kristy Barnett, Kyla West, and Brian Dunlap; Freshman attendant Courtney Christ; Junior Attendant Erica Bowyer; Lana Burdock; Spring Sing King Tim Holburn; Spring Sing Queen Nina Manley; Christina Gavrilish; Sophomore Attendant; Ana Grod and the 1999 Spring Sing Queen Toni Cochran.

Graduation

Four years ago graduation day seemed so far away, I could not fathom what it felt like to have all of my friends and family there to see me receive my degree. The years flew by like the speed of light and my day finally came, and now that it is over, I still can't really believe that I am a West Virginia Wesleyan alumnus.

Graduation means something different for everyone. We began to gather for line up, and it seemed like we stood outside on that walkway forever. Finally, though, we found ourselves at the entrance to the gym. The next thing I knew, the Commencement speaker was ending his speech, and it was time for the conferral of degrees. During the ceremony, I kept getting extremely teary-eyed, but I held myself together. Though as I gave and received hugs afterward, my composure finally started to crumble. It is always so hard to say good bye.

After graduation, it is the time for new beginnings, new places, new friends, and new memories. I know that I will never be able to forget how it felt to have that diploma finally placed in my hand, or the way the gym sounded and smelled throughout the ceremony, or feeling ecstatic, and at the same time so sad. I don't know which is more difficult, making new beginnings, or closing such an important chapter in my life. But now I'm off into the real world, along with the rest of the Class of 2000. Look out world here we come!

by Carrie Shannon '00



Above: Baccalaureate is the first official ceremony recognizing the graduating class of Wesleyan. Fought, Stacy Nolan, Carrie Shannon, and Kelly Van Fossen have begun to celebrate the closing of their time at Wesleyan. They are headed into the world with a wealth of knowledge and excitement that will help them shine in their individual fields. **Right:** Andy Kolly proudly displays his newest achievement, a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry. Andy was among an elite group of less than 20 graduates to earn a degree in chemistry. He earned his degree at Wesleyan while balancing his challenging academic courses with a demanding athletic schedule.





Left: Karlene Henninger and Jamie Peal became friends early in their freshman year. Today they are college graduates. The cords around their necks are a symbol of the hard work and dedication put forth by the girls during their four years at Wesleyan. Below: Sigma Theta Epsilon brothers, Craig Guido, Paul Daugherty, and Chad Burdette, are all smiles as they head for Commencement line-up. During their years here at Wesleyan, all three have been involved in numerous campus organizations and have made a significant impact on campus.



"It was the most bittersweet moment of my life. It is sad to say goodbye, but exciting to imagine the future."

Stacy Nolan '00



Above: Senior class Vice President Jenny Zipt presents the outstanding advisor award to Professor of English Dr. John Saunders. Dr. Saunders received a standing ovation from the students in the crowd. He spends countless hours advising English majors and the students in his classes. Left: Jodi Rose sits on the Senior Walk among a sea of black robes as she and her fellow classmates await the *Pomp and Circumstance*. Seniors line-up before commencement exercises on the Senior Walk in front of the Administration Building.

Organizations

Academics are not all that Wesleyan has to offer. Students can choose from a variety of campus organizations ranging from Christian life to social fraternities and sororities. These activities give students many opportunities to celebrate or host celebrations throughout the year.

The campus offers students an opportunity to be involved in clubs that pertain directly to their major such as the Student Education Association, Philosophy Club, and Benzene Ring. Christian Life Council is the main body that oversees several Christian groups such as Loveshine and Intervarsity. Those with a musical interest can also find several organizations. There are many honoraries on campus as well. The honoraries are usually discipline or leadership based.

Wesleyan has five social sororities and five social fraternities that allow students to pursue a Greek life. The Greek organizations provide an outlet for social activity along with community service and philanthropy projects.



Top Left: Student Education Association members Stephanie Cores and Jenny Davidson are making beaded candy canes for samples to show the children. The two girls helped children make this craft as part of the Christmas on Campus activities. **Top Right:** Members of West Virginia Wesleyan College's jazz band poses with their instruments on the steps of Loat Hall. The members are: *back (L-R)* Bethany Long, Josh George, John Herold, Aaron Kittle, Travis Stumeling, Adam Biser, Dr. David Milburn, Matt Skolnik; *middle (L-R)* Sara Thomas, Patrick Bertsch, Holly Hartshorn, Ian Helmick, Autumn Burgess, Sam Campbell; and *front (L-R)* Pete Thompson, Shaun McEnery, Mike Malfregeot, Brian Cavanaugh, Brian Kotowicz, Jeremy Fisher, Justin Fols. **Left:** The sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta and Alpha Delta Pi proudly crowd the car that they had fit 23 of their members into. The two groups tied in a competition that was aimed at seeing how many bodies a group could fit into the car. The competition was sponsored by the Green Club to raise awareness of the growing world population.

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Alpha Gamma Delta

Alpha Omicron Chapter

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Go Nutz!

The sisters of the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta welcomed the new millennium with much excitement. The chapter was once again acknowledged as a member of the Jewel Society, which is a great honor.

Homecoming was a wonderful time for everyone. It was a great time for sharing with alumni. The sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta participated in this special event and took first place in the banner competition. The sisters were involved in a number of philanthropic projects throughout the year. They participated in a Walk-a-Thon along with the brothers of Theta Chi, a yard sale, Hanging of the Greens, Christmas on Campus, collected cosmetics for the women's shelter and participated in a Skate-a-Thon. Any money raised by a philanthropy event went to Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation for Diabetes.

After a week of formal rush, Alpha Omicron Chapter welcomed eighteen fantastic new members into its sisterhood. The sisters were active participants in Spring Sing and Greek Week. Alpha Gamma Delta took first place in the Spring Sing competition as a group and its director Katie Rose received the first place director award. Sister Nina Manley was named Spring Sing Queen.

The sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta were proud of their accomplishments and looked forward to keeping up their traditions in the new millennium.



Top: Alpha Gamma Delta sisters Elisha Christen, Stephanie Cores, Grace Reville, Suzanne Layman, and Suzanne Pomerooy gather in the Quad during Spring Jump. Above: New pledges Jennifer Sandy and Melissa Kelly being out in their dorm room during Rush weekend. New members are involved in many activities during their first semester as pledges.

ADPI



First and Finest

Alpha Delta Pi is an international sorority that is approaching its 150th anniversary. Established in 1851, Alpha Delta Pi is the oldest sorority for college women and is deep in the hearts of every member of the Gamma Kappa Chapter at West Virginia Wesleyan College. The 1999/2000 school year brought many wonderful activities and countless opportunities to make cherished memories for the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi. This year, the sisters maintained their focus on community service and philanthropy projects and strengthened their already tight bonds of sisterhood.

The ADPI sisters enjoyed many philanthropy projects this year which included trips to the Ronald McDonald Houses in both Morgantown and Charleston. The sisters helped paint a local school in the Buckhannon area, made holiday treat bags for local children and many sisters completed individual projects on their own. The sisters also participated in the Wesleyan traditions of the Hanging of the Greens as well as Christmas on Campus. This year, Alpha Delta Pi welcomed seven new members in the fall and fifteen new members in the spring. These two wonderful Alpha classes were filled with young women who knew the true meaning of sisterhood and were willing to live up to the high standards that make ADPI the strong organization that it is. The sisters also made time for social functions. The social calendar was filled with activities such as bowling, roller skating parties, mixers, the annual Black Diamond Formal and many, numerous Breck Week events. Along with friends and fun, academic excellence is also very important in Alpha Delta Pi. The Gamma Kappa Chapter prides itself on maintaining an average GPA that is above the campus average for women. After a successful year, the sisters of the Gamma Kappa Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi look forward to the future with the goal of continuing their traditions of excellence and living their motto "We Live For Each Other."



Middle: Kerrie Mahoney, Jen Hinkin, Ha Hiseburn, Angie Kyle and Dawn Oshie spend time together during their Fall Diamond Revealing. They welcomed their new family members into their sisterhood. Above: During Rush week, Alecia Wiley, Dawn Oshie, Anna Stonestreet, Andrea Smith and Jahn Kapstin practice their skit before several of their sisters.

Excellence in Brotherhood

The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi have enjoyed an outstanding and productive year. During the fall semester, the Beta Nu Chapter added five new brothers, the largest pledge class of all fraternities for the semester. Also, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi attained the highest fraternity GPA at Wesleyan; the second consecutive semester they achieved that honor. The spring semester was also successful for Alpha Sig, as nine new members were added to the chapter. As always, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi were active in many philanthropy projects throughout the year. A clothing and canned food drive in the fall benefitted the Upshur Parish House. During the Christmas season, the brothers coordinated the Wesleyan Greek community in a toy drive, which resulted in over 400 toys being donated to Upshur Headstart for local children. Finally, the brothers conducted a 50/50 raffle in the spring; the proceeds went to Alpha Sigma Phi national philanthropy, Canine Companions for Independence. The social calendar was packed for the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi as well. Several closed parties and dances were held in the fall, and a Rave-Spring formal was held at Canaan Valley and proved to be fun for all. The brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi look forward to continuing excellence through service, academics and brotherhood in the coming year.

Below - During a Fall Weekend, Alpha Sigma Phi brothers gathered outdoors to celebrate their new pledges. Alpha Sigma Phi pledges to recruit several new members during fall and spring rush.



Alpha Sigma Phi
Beta Nu Chapter



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Raising the Roof

The brothers at Chi Phi welcomed nine new brothers this year. Eckman Endangered Species was the fall pledge class with Gabe Miller being the lone pledge. In the spring, Komodo Dragon's Snake's Slogans consisted of Drew Ellis, Josh Nease, Casey Wood, Kyle Caler, Hollis Struck, Steve Oliver, Connor Bradley, and Ryna Vossereig. With the recent pledge class Chi Phi became thirty brothers strong.

The brothers were involved in many community service projects including buying Christmas gifts for underprivileged children and in our philanthropy, Habitat for Humanity where the brothers built a greenhouse for the local high school.

We also held three major parties this year. Maui Wau'i was a huge success considering the amount of rain Buckhannon received that day. Shakedown the Street, our party during J-term, was also a huge success gathering most of the campus in J-term. Hell's Angels also drew crowds in by the dozen.

Overall this has been a great year for the brothers of Chi Phi. We had some great parties and helped several people in the way. We also buried the mortgage on our house, as it is all paid at the beginning of the year.



Center: Chi Phi brothers gather outside their house during Jump Weekend. Above: During Hell's Angels weekend, Chi Phi brothers get decked out for the special event. Students look forward to the annual event.

Below: The brothers of Theta Xi throw one of their new pledges into the air during Jump Weekend. Fraternities and sororities come together for the annual celebration. Center: The crowd goes wild as the Theta Xi brothers perform their rendition of YMCA.



Strong Unity

In its 38th year on campus, the Kappa Tau Chapter of Theta Xi fraternity enjoyed an immensely successful two semesters. The fall saw the brothers take in four new strong associate members. The brothers traveled to the New River for their fall formal and saw a record number of alumni in for a tremendous Homecoming weekend! Theta Xi's annual theme party, Hippie Friday, also enjoyed its greatest success ever, with the house packed to the Brett Cain Band. Spring semester brought even further success to the chapter, with eleven new associates participating in Jump activities and entering into the bonds. The brothers also welcomed in four new "spirit" girlfriends, and new sweetheart Joanna Steele. They roamed in Cassan Valley for the spring formal and again saw unmatched alumni numbers for an incredible Spring Weekend. Philanthropy and campus activities were key to the brothers this year. Service projects for Multiple Sclerosis, Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-a-Highway and the Parish House were all completed by the year's end. In terms of activities, brothers of Theta Xi participated in four different musical and singing ensembles, performed in and directed seven dramatic arts performances, filled three out of the four Community Council Executive Board positions, participated in track and field, cross country and many academic honoraries. With a larger brotherhood, a tighter unit than any group on campus, the Theta Xi fraternity looks to make the 39th year even greater than the 38th, and hopes to continue to succeed as the finest fraternity at WV Wesleyan.



Theta Xi
Kappa Tau Chapter



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Growing Strong

The brotherhood at West Virginia Wesleyan College's Kappa Alpha Order of the Beta Chi Chapter remained strong as it grew in numbers this year. During the 1999-2000 school year, seventeen men pledged Kappa Alpha, fourteen alone in the spring semester — the second largest class in KA history. The seventeen new brothers have found the meaning of brotherhood in Kappa Alpha, but also in joining together to help their community. The brothers have done projects in the school district like helping organize a wrestling program. On campus, they have done Christmas on Campus and the Hanging of the Greens. During Greek Week, they hosted all the Greeks at their cook-out. Kappa Alpha joined a Walk-a-Thon to help cancer patients as part of their philanthropy this year. Those are only a few of the numerous activities the brothers have been involved in with their surrounding community. Kappa Alpha Order is known for their strength in their brotherhood, which is apparent in their increasing numbers. While this year was full of parties and good times, Kappa Alpha always has their eye on the community. The turning of the millennium has seen many new brothers join into the brotherhood and is only a foreshadowing of the growth expected of Kappa Alpha for the rest of the century and beyond.



Center: Kappa Alpha brothers take a break from dancing at their formal. Above: Sean McGee, Brian Vance, and Scott LeBlanc help children of the community make Christmas ornaments with Karen Keller and Esjoh Jones. Students enjoyed participating in Christmas on Campus.

Top - (L-R) Luke Miller, Eric St. John, and Benjamin Johnson are being
 out during a special picnic. The celebration took place at the Center. (L-R)
 Theta Chi Brothers Ryan Fox and Matt Clark hold up a copy of the yearbook
 and January Day Student Book of Songs. Photo by [unreadable]



50 Years Strong

Delta Gamma Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year with a special weekend beginning on April 28, 2000. This celebration was attended by several original Charter members, Theta Chi National President James McEachern, Wesleyan President William R. Haden, Theta Chi Alumni Association President A. Graham Kemeweg, and many alumni, family members, and community leaders. It was a wonderful time to recognize the proud history of this Chapter. The 50th Anniversary also helped showcase a fraternity house that has gone through some major upgrades.

Theta Chi has continued its tradition of leadership by contributing over 500 hours of community service last school year. Projects included such things as a playground cleanup, canned food drive, cancer walk, Christmas dinner, clothing drive, Ronald McDonald House fundraiser, hunger cleanup and Stockert Youth Center cleanup. The Chapter is planning on performing much more community service in the upcoming school year.

The brotherhood of Delta Gamma Chapter has fifty members, including eleven new spring initiates. Some of the goals that the Chapter is working to achieve are providing a more responsible and safe social environment, building a stronger relationship with the community, and providing more leadership on Wesleyan's campus. *Sundial-Summer 2000*



Theta Chi
 Delta Gamma Chapter



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Mortar Board — **Front (L-R):** Protima Advani, Dr. Popson, Grace Reville, Jen Morris, Mandy Snodgrass, Trina Weisbar, Deana Shirley, Amy Andrew, Erin Mullins, Katie Hoffman, Brian Dunlap. **Back (L-R):** Kaitlin Hillenbrand, Parag Chitnis, Chris Long, Amber Elkins, Nikki Bode, Marissa Dye, Jamie Peal, Amy Thorp, Amber Close, Kelly VanFossen.



SNOW — **Front (L-R):** Hicomi Kobayashi, Jenn Conley, Michele Gardner, Jennifer Garrett, Emily Brunker. **Middle (L-R):** Charlene Simmons, Sarah Harper, Rachel Woodruff, Autumn Chenoweth, Heather, Ferreira. **Back (L-R):** Shauna Loudermilk, Stefanie White, Lindsay Wycarver, Leah Yertzell, Lisa Wittmeyer, Nicole Angelone, Kimberly Kunzelman.



C-92 — **Front (L-R):** Craig Guido **First Row (L-R):** Jenny Moore, Damion Little, Don Irvin, Dingo Gilbert, Chrissy Puddleiner, Garrie Keener, Tanya Holbrook, Tashia Small. **Back (L-R):** Richard Laird, Ehren Gross, Bill Lizer, Matt Skolnik, John Waltz, Paul Daugherty, George Jack.



Alpha Phi Omega — **Front (L-R):** Kaitlin Hillenbrand, Amy Thorp, Jodi Dalton, Marissa Dye, Sarah Grisham, Amanda Daugherty, Christopher Watson, Sara Pyles, Andrea Campbell, Lauren Ercolano, Jessica Cochran. **Back (L-R):** Amber Elkins, Vickie Guerin, David Hartley, Amy Poole, Christina Labor, Heather Ferreira, Erin Johnston, Liz Sheppard, Jeff Godwin.

"I'd encourage anyone who loves nature and cares about the environment to join Green Club ... you actually feel like you can do something to help." — Judith Vojik '03

Green Club

One of the younger organizations on campus is the Get Real Everything affects Nature Club, more commonly known as the GREEN Club. As the new millennium dawned, so blossomed an active group of environmentally concerned students who strive to inform our peers and take an active role in environmental issues of concern. One project involved campus organizations in the Car Crunch Contest to promote awareness of World Population Awareness Week, 6 billion worldwide population. In an effort to beautify campus, provide an outdoor laboratory, and restore natural habitat, GREEN Club members joined together to create an educational wetland on the perimeter of campus. Several local businesses donated materials to begin construction of the wetland, and GREEN Club members contributed sweat and manpower. The club hosted Denise Giardina an alumni, writer, and gubernatorial candidate to speak on her campaign and current environmental issues facing West Virginia. In light of the recent uproar in the state about the environmental issues surrounding mountain top removal, the GREEN Club and West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection cosponsored a Forum on Mountaintop Removal with five panelists discussing the pro and cons of the controversial mining technique. Other club activities included recycling, adopt-a-highway, plant sale, and birds of prey lecture. The dedication and enthusiasm of club members were invigorating and has contributed to a more ecofriendly campus in the Wesleyan community.



By Sara Pyles '00

Below: Jonah Long, Elin Gross and Nikki Novak prepare the soil for the wetlands built behind Wesleyan's campus. The wetlands were built by students in order to gain a better understanding of nature. Bottom: Members of the Green Club stain fence posts for a fence that they placed around Wesleyan's newly formed wetlands to give them added protection.



Green Club — Front (L-R): Gera Jochum, Judith Vojtk, Amanda Picconi, Sara Pyles, Jonah Long, Back (L-R): Nikki Novak, Richard Laird, Kawan Gordon, Helen Caldwell, Elin Gross, Josh Ray, Taylor Willis



4-H Club — Front (L-R): Jodi Dalton, Sarah Orndorff, Christina Tabor, Amy Tenney, Margaret Sisler, Middle (L-R): Sarah Snyder, Becky Snyder, Nikki Bode, Amy Cottrill, Adena Barnette, Cwaina Wayne, Back (L-R): Mathew Bachtel, Heidi Tucker, Brandy Skidmore, Erin Lawrence, Jessica Cochran, Liz Sheppard, David Hartley



CAB — Front (L-R): Amanda Picconi, Joshua Keane, Nicole Scaletta, Kelly Murphy, Joelle Rubino, Back (L-R): William Kelly, Erin Johnston, Chris Pratt, Damian Little, Heather Ferreira, Christina Tabor, Takiya Glover, Finetta Leake



Bonners — Front (L-R): Juan Phillips, Adam Gregory, Anne Thornton, Dale Coyle, Paul Chevalier, Andrea Campbell, Second (L-R): Scott Kyle, Ashley Morris, Shakeva Hockett, Carrie Keener, Kara Capandons, Angel Steve, Phil Hancock, Stephanie Cooper, Third (L-R): Katie Bowles, Maya Barnes, Emily Schoolcraft, Lee Ann Brown, Amy Cottrill, Jojoa Lee, Khanh Thai, Jamie Peal, Chris Kimes, Pam Ferguson, Back (L-R): G. Hines, Kimberly Kunzelman, Bobbi Jo Conway, Anna, Georgia, Mahoney, Chad Burdette, Paul Dugherity, Allan Whitman, Eric Kapp, Charlie Phillips, Jenn Conley



Below: During Homecoming, members of the Pep Club, Taktia Glover, Safisha Muskus and Syreeta Jones, make their way to activities on campus. **Bottom:** BSU members Madara Hetmarachin, Shaunte McKissick, Sherrica Small, Ijeoma Udohiri pose at the Snowflake Gala.

Awards and Elections — Front (L-R): Nicole Ehmman, Trinetta Leake, Carnice Day, Maya Barnes. **Back (L-R):** Adam Muney, Erin Johnston, William Kelly, Taktia Glover, Anne Thornton, Kristal Turner, Ronald Whisman.



Delta Sigma Theta — (L-R): Shakeya Hockett, Hope Dickerson, Taktia Glover, LaCrystal Lewis.



Alpha Phi Alpha — Front (L-R): Daryle Robinson, Donald Robinson. **Back (L-R):** Kelvin Dunham, Will Gray, Dante Williams.



Black Student Union — Front (L-R): Trinetta Leake, Shakeya Hockett, Sherrica Small, Shaunte McKissick, Wadoma Ryatt, Syreeta Jones. **Middle (L-R):** Maya Barnes, Nicole Ehmman, Jaam Maduro, LaCrystal Lewis, Taktia Glover, Kristal Turner, Karla Richardson, Andrene Tomlinson. **Back (L-R):** Georgette Peterson, William Kelly, Sherron Sanders, Kelvin Dunham, Kara Douglas, Damon Burman, Ronald Whisman, Ijeoma Udohiri, Daniel Whyte.



*"Joining this organization helped me to put my life into a better perspective."
— Donald Robinson '02*

Alpha Phi Alpha

As the new members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the first black Greek organization on Wesleyan's campus, we won our first steph show since we crossed over as Alpha men by joining this fraternity. A stepshow is more or less where sororities and fraternities hold something similar to a talent show. The different organizations do a few choreographed steps while boasting about their group being the best. This event happened during the last week of J-term, and was sponsored by the Black Student Union.

The chapter on campus, Rho Tau, has been on campus since the late 80s. It is a brotherhood of selected black males on campus and gives them a feeling of belonging. Members belong to a nationally known organization and participate on community service projects. Members spend time together to help them form a bond much like blood

brothers. Alpha Phi Alpha brothers participate in Christmas on Campus and Spring Sing, but since we are so few in number, we mostly did activities sponsored by the Black Student Union.

Joining this organization helped me to put my life into a better perspective. As I look forward to bettering myself, I have something that helps me cope with certain obstacles that may fall my way. I am very proud to be an Alpha Phi Alpha man.

By Donald Robinson '02



Pep Club — Front (L-R): Syreeta Jones, Georgette Peterson, Takiya Glover, Shakeya Hockett. Back (L-R): Sherika Small, Hope Dickerson, Shaunte McKissick, Brandee Norris, LaCrystal Lewis.



Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. — (L-R) Damon Burnan, Ronald Whisnant, Carlos Putney.



Special Action Committee — Front (L-R): Takiya Glover, Nicole Ehmann, Carnice Day. Back (L-R): William Kelly, Trinetta Leake.



BSU Choir — Front (L-R): Wadlena Pyatt, Nicole Ehmann, Takiya Glover, Joann Maduro, Sherron Sanders. Middle (L-R): Daryle Robinson, Trinetta Leake, Mava Barnes, Shaunte McKissick, Syreeta Jones, Sherika Small, Kristal Turner. Back (L-R): Ronald Whisnant, Carnice Day, Georgette Peterson, William Kelly, Shakeya Hockett, Donald Robinson, Andrene Tomlinson.



“IV encourage growth in Christ, and although that growth may be challenging at times, it can also be an awesome experience.” — Micah Sparacio '00

Intervarsity

We often ask ourselves, “Where is God?” and “How does the Divine fit into my life?” As college students, we generally don’t have a lot of time to just sit around formulating philosophies, yet we do somehow establish morals and standards by which we govern our lives. Helping in this process of life discovery and spiritual growth, the Intercollegiate Christian Fellowship, called Intervarsity or IV, gathered each Tuesday evening to share experiences, worship with music, and learn something new and beneficial to use in our everyday lives. The focus of IV gatherings was to praise the Lord and to have fun while doing it! Many new aspects of the organization were added, such as planned social events each weekend, and prayer meetings throughout the campus. Through this organization, people were able to live their lives in a way that made them greatly content and happy. The many events that kept IV running, such as weekend activities and praise bands, also brought many diverse people together for the common causes of worshipping God, learning His will, growing in fellowship and having pure fun. Through this organization, individuals formed their greatest friendships with people who helped each other to grow into loving relationships with Christ. The members of IV believe that humanity is one great family, and that each person is a child of God. The organization welcomed all people, including non-Christians who wished to learn more about faith in Christ. The gatherings were nonexclusive, which emphasized the truth that all people are included in God’s family.



By Christine Smith '03

Kappa Phi — Front (L-R): Sara Lynne Rieder, Amber D. Campbell, Katie LeGros, Erin Snyder, Stephanie Hoylman. Back (L-R): Susan Chidsey, Alisha Smith, Becky Shippey, Dana Mami, Lora Hott, Christina Wright, Kimmie McConnell, Joelle Rubino.



Chapel Choir — Front (L-R): Amy Tenney, Amy Sengindiver, Susan Chidsey, Tanya Holbrook. Back (L-R) Steven Hoard, Brandon Moll, Jeff Gudzone, Stephanie Hoylman.



Lambda Pi Eta — (L-R): Jennifer Mullen, Amber Close, Grace Reville, Suzanne Layman.



Sigma Theta Epsilon — Front (L-R): Gavin Lawrence, Jeff Kees, Kip Plaisted, Chris Long, Chris Pitt, Fren Gross, Evan Keeling. Middle (L-R): Keith Rowan II, Steven Howard, Thomas Morgan, Tiffany Neely, Joshua Keane, Nu Hedstrom, Micah Snyder, Charlie Phillips. Back (L-R): Phil Hancock, Chad Burtette, Jonathan Andrew, Paul Daugherty, Craig Guido, Parag Chitims, Nick Graham, Todd Vincent.

Below: Spring pledges of Kappa Phi, Monica Delcampo, Jenny Simmons, Megan Miller and Donna Veach socialize in their suite after initiation. Kappa Phi is Wesleyan's Christian women's service organization. Bottom: During their Spring Retreat, IV members gather at Dr. McCormick's home. Intersarsity met weekly on campus for Bible study.



Intersarsity — Front (L-R): Susan Chidsey, Alisha Smith, Allison Demento, Amber Mullin, Christine Smith, Kimmie McConnell, Lindsay Wascaver. Middle (L-R): Rodger McCormick, Scott Reinshagen, Christina Hart, Stephanie Hoylman, Micah Sparacio, Carolyn Henley, Katie Mahmood, Joshua Ray. Back (L-R): Tasha Small, Heather Schneider, Tanya Holbrook, Jeffrey Godzime, Keith Rowan, Eileen Gross, Stephen Ranjan.



Nurses Christian Fellowship — Front (L-R): Sarah Harper, Rachel Woodruff, Lindsay Wascaver, Chad Miller, Valerie Smith, Ferniter Garrett. Back (L-R): Ginger Wolgemuth, Charlene Simmons, Heidi Tucker, Tracy Brusso, Emily Brinker, Michele Gardner, Erin Johnston.



Loveshine — Front (L-R): Amy Schindler, Jamie Androm, Jenova Benjamin, Tracie Long, Kip Plasted, Alicia Hyton. Middle (L-R): Jodi Dalton, Sarah Axton, Jill Bowser, Heather Schneider, Tanya Holbrook, Robin Shugarts, Todd Vincent. Back (L-R): Steven Howard, Jeff Kees, Chris Long, Sarah Beth Wilson, Parag Chinnis, Jill Wiech.



Christian Life Council — Front (L-R): Alisha Smith, Amber Campbell, Allison Demento, Jodi Dalton, Stephanie Hoylman, Amber Mullin, Christine Smith, Kimmie McConnell, Lindsay Wascaver, Christina Hart. Middle (L-R): Martina Brum, Amy Schindler, Amy Tenney, Sarah Axton, Robin Shugarts, Joelle Rubino, Kip Plasted, Susan Chidsey, Carolyn Henley, Katie Mahmood, Stephen Ranjan, Eileen Gross. Back (L-R): Matt Mann, Lona Holt, Tasha Small, Tanya Holbrook, Heather Schneider, Jeffrey Godzime, Graham, Grandon Moll, Christina Wright, Chris Long, Jodi Dalton, Micah Sparacio, Joshua Ray.



SEA — **Front (L-R):** Jenny Davidson, Lauren McCollum, June Klassen, Stacy Nolen, Stephanie Cores, Tamy Heacock. **Middle (L-R):** John Riffle, April Kelly, Joann Maduro, Jane Shelbe, Marissa Dye, Jodi Dalton, Kip Plasted. **Back (L-R):** Melissa Harrington, Stacie Wanner, Christina Wright, Elizabeth Spedding, Annie Thornton, Amy Tenney, Elise Hoover.



SADD — **Front (L-R):** Tom Welshonce, Amanda Picconi, Nicole Scaletta, Gustavo Pontual Machado, Erin Johnston, Jennie Hallett. **Back (L-R):** Mike Kuba, Jenny Davidson, McKenzie Milanowski, Rhonda Mast, Tara McCartney, Esqoli Jones, Christy Talbert.



Residence Hall Council — (L-R): Nicole Ehmann, Trinetta Leake, William Kelly, Ayka Yazay.



Alternative Spring Break — **Front (L-R):** Donald Robinson, Danielle McByrne, Shakes Hockett, Laktia Glover, Jamel Williams. **Middle (L-R):** Daniel Hayle, J.C. Pugh, Davyle Robinson, Juan Phillips, Daniel Cobb, Nicole Ehmann, Lamata Kendig, Hope Dickerson, Trinetta Leake, Syreeta Jones, Kelym Dunham. **Back (L-R):** Louis Mahon, Julie Renner, Ronald Whisman, Marty Padula, Courtney Meyers, William Kelly, Kristal Turner, Ken Douglas, Steve Johnson, Stacie Wanner, Brandee Norris.

Below: Emily Evans brainstorms for ideas for the Student Life section during a biweekly Wednesday night yearbook meeting. **Bottom:** SADD member Tara McCartney shares her thoughts with fellow members during their monthly meeting. SADD sponsored several activities to promote positive choices on campus.



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— Nicole Scaletta '02

SADD

Eighteen years ago Students Against Drunk Driving was formed by a high school hockey coach who lost four of his players in a drunk driving accident. In 1997 SADD became Students Against Destructive Decisions with an even larger goal. SADD's mission today, "Is to provide positive peer pressure in helping our peers to make wise decisions over issues of alcohol, drugs, violence and suicide."

It can be extremely tough to find positive peer pressure in a society in which our age group is plagued by drug and alcohol abuse, violence and suicide. These issues affect us and our peers daily. It is scary to think that one of our friends may be abusing drugs, alcohol, or even contemplating suicide. It is also saddening to say that the consequences of alcohol abuse and drug addiction are devastating and pose a major threat to the young people of our

society. No age group is more vulnerable to the tragic consequences of this abuse and addiction than college students and young adults. That is why Students Against Destructive Decisions is here.

SADD at Wesleyan is not on campus to condemn anyone. We are a support system for the students, by the students. SADD is working to make the campus community a healthier place both physically and mentally. Our accomplishments to date are: A seat and vote on Community Council and a candle vigil in memory of those who had their lives ruined by alcohol, drugs, violence or suicide. Last, we trained to be able to present a program on harm reduction, along with implementing a designated driving program on Friday and Saturday nights.

By Nicole Scaletta '02



Pre Law — **Front (L-R):** Katie Sheridan, Rodney Dean, Phil Hancock, Jen Lamora. **Back (L-R):** Anastas Shkurti, Cwayna Wayne, Nicole Ehmann, Brandon Ward.



Community Council — **Front (L-R):** Trinetta Leake, Jennifer Foreback, Jennifer Simmons, Takiia Glover, Nicole Ehmann, Chris Kimes, Chris Pritt, Erin Johnston, Joshua Keane, Trina Dobberstein. **Back (L-R):** William Kelly, Phil Hancock, Heather Ferreira, Paul Daugherty, Craig Guido, John Waltz, Charlie Phillips, Brent Salsgiver.



Murmurmontis — **Front (L-R):** Megan Turner, Nancy Porter, Stacy Nolan, Grace Reville, Alisha Smith, Scott Kyle. **Back (L-R):** Kimmie McConnell, Angie Kyle, Mandy Wilson, Tashia Small, Nicole Scaletta, Erin Lawrence.



Wesleyan Ambassadors — **Front (L-R):** Andrea Sutton, Esajolt Jones, Amanda McComb, Nicole Leede, Katrina Ash, Heather Hardman, Tammy Ronco, Hillary Lyggett, Whitney Hitchcock, Robin Davis, Manuel Luna. **Second Row (L-R):** Anton Noland, Scott Bennett, Chad Smith, Nicole Scaletta, Melissa Crabbe, Laura Dudek, Monica Norman, Danielle McIlvaine, Chrissy Puffermer, Katie Ball, Maria McLaughlin. **Third Row (L-R):** Andrew Sleeth, Brandy Skidmore, Lisa Pirrolo, Jessica Wheeler, Tara McCartney, Abbey Stanley, Heidi Metzger, Ima Campbell, Alberta Hargis, Heather Guim, Phil Hancock, Stephanie Cooper, Kara Capandolis, Stacy Jones. **Back (L-R):** James Paugh, Greg Peters, Julie Renner, Josh Kochanski, Jim Kasso, Jerred Roth, James Phillips, Elizabeth Spiedding, Carolyn Henley, Brian Cavallari, Erin Bandi, Jason Robinson, Erica Milouie, James Namsysik.



Student Art League — **Front (L-R):** Christina Hart, Nic Hedstrom, Travis Thompson, Nicole Smith, Sara Shawger. **Back (L-R):** Brigette Thomas, Amy Snyder, Amanda Snyder, Susan Chidsey, Amy Poole, Stacy Papamichael.



Alpha Psi Omega — **Front (L-R):** Amber Close, Lewis Mahor, Stephanie Cast. **Back (L-R):** Don Irvin, Craig Guido, George Jack, John Waltz.



Sigma Alpha Iota — **Front (L-R):** Stacey Brett, Autumn Burgess, Anne Thornton. **Back (L-R):** Amanda Fagle, Amy Thorp, Amber Close.



Alpha Lambda Delta — **Front (L-R):** Helen Caldwell, Tina Gröl, Nicholas Klus, Allan Whiteman, Christine Puelleiner, Jason LaRue, Candice Rice, Sharon Miner, Andrea DiPietro. **Middle (L-R):** Carl Colson, Kara Dundas, Angela White, Mary Alice Bird, Gera Jochum, Khanh Thai, David Gilhert, Brian Camerlin, Chris Kimes, Esajoli Jones, Anne Thornton, Amanda Fagle. **Back (L-R):** Shauna Loudermilk, Sarah Harper, Rachel Woodruff, Angie Kyle, Justin Rider, Dough McClain, Brooke Seelos, Jennifer Keatles, Kate Madsen.

“Sigma Alpha Iota has been a great way to get to know the music department family.”
— Anne Thornton '02

Student Art League

“Who has more fun than the art department?” I don’t know, but how many other organizations take a bunch of crazy students to the bowling alley? The Student Art League (SAL) is designed to mix responsibility and fun into each semester: our main job is to maintain the Student Gallery. We’ve housed several student exhibitions as well as interactive shows and a French Creek Elementary exhibit. The biggest event in the Student Art Gallery is the Silent Auction. Last year’s auction was a huge success; students and professors were able to bid on artwork from local artists as well as student and faculty work. Members of the art league learned a lot about what it takes to run a gallery and earned a profit in the process.

This year’s SAL events have included going to Pittsburgh twice to visit the Mattress Factory and the Carnegie International. The ride in the van is always entertaining in itself when the professors and students join together to sing “American Pie,” or at least as much of it as they can remember. The Christmas party this year was exciting with finger-paints, stuffed fish, plastic swords, and always free pizza. SAL invited the art department to movie nights, bowling, skating, and random games of hackey sack. Though we never said that we were good at any of the above, it all comes together to make our group so unique and fun.

By Sara Shawger '00



Below: Student Art League member Sarah Shawger concentrates on knocking down all the pins during an evening of bowling. SAI met weekly to plan ideas such as the Student Art Exhibit on campus. **Bottom:** During their Christmas Party, Student Art League members, Crystal Lee, Carly Hendrix, Francis Leone, and Amy Snyder celebrate the holidays together. Student Art League held various activities for students throughout the year.



Gamma Sigma Alpha — (L-R): Jessica Vilella, Erin Mullins, Heather Macrow



Panhellenic — **Front (L-R):** Laura Scherler, Kristen Bostedo, Nema Shiley, Andrea Beeson, John Bohman. **Back (L-R):** Erika Khe, Jen Mullen, Stephanie McCauley, Chrissy Little, Jennifer Foreback.



Interfraternity Council — **Front (L-R):** Matty Padula, Kevin Jones, John Bohman. **Back (L-R):** Damon Wilde, Jeffrey Doriguzzi, Brian Dunlap.



Order of Omega — **Front (L-R):** Grace Reville, Trina Weisbar, Kevin Jones, Kelly Van Fossen. **Back (L-R):** Deana Shiley, Katie Hoffman, Nancy Myers.



Sophomore Class — (L-R): Esajoli Jones, Charlie Phillips, Lisa Pitrolo.



Junior Class — (L-R): Jennifer Schroyer, Clifton Taylor, Brianne Racer.



Math Honorary — Front (L-R): Protima Advani, Jen Morris, Kevin Jones, Thomas Morgan, Michael Berry. Back (L-R): Parag Chitnis, Jamie Ankrom, Amy Sencindiver, Jeffery Sykes, Anastas Shkurti.



Freshmen Council — Front (L-R): Brent Salsgiver, Mary Fantone, Ravnier Balciunas, Jessica Price, Heather Grim, Rebecca Chisholm. Middle (L-R): Jacqueline Cook-Jones, Celeste LeFave, Matt Sorrenoy, Sheena Bates, Lanya Hollbrook, Heather Schneider, Jessica Harvey, Dee Waters. Back (L-R): James Leard, James Namsupak, Chad Smith, Max Lewis, Bill Bandzuch, Jeremy Burnsworth.

“CCMA has really grown from an idea to an active group on Wesleyan’s campus.”
— Paul Daugherty '00

Catholic Campus Ministry Association

CCMA started off as the Newman Association, but later on changed its name to CCMA which means Catholic Campus Ministry Association. CCMA is an organization of Catholic culture that welcomes people of all faiths that allows for students, faculty and staff to find a connection to spiritual, intellectual, social and cultural interests and joins them together in a common union.

CCMA allows for students of Catholic faith to be involved with many different parts of CCMA’s programs and events. While the ministry focuses around Catholic Masses on Saturdays during the school year, CCMA’s events expand beyond with student lead activities such as retreats, prayer services, service events in the community and youth ministry.

CCMA has really grown from an idea to an active group on Wesleyan’s campus and that is why this year’s theme of “From a Spark to a Flame” was chosen. One of the great things about CCMA is that it is open to anyone and that the involvement of people and their connection to God is what brings it to life.

So as I leave Wesleyan this year, I look ahead and see that the many years to come for CCMA will be a great time and that from the hard work and dedication of many will continue to let it grow. As His Holiness Pope John Paul II says, “Remember what Jesus said: ‘I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life’” (cf. John 8:12) and that CCMA can continue to be part of that mission.

By Paul Daugherty '00



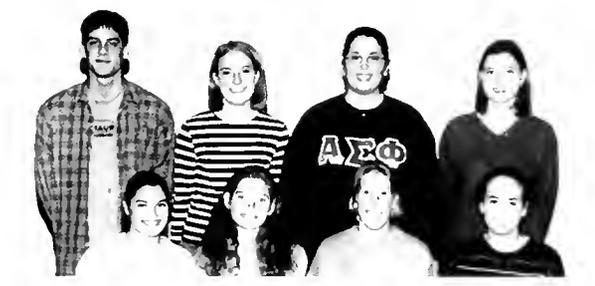
Below: Dr. McNamara, Melanie Jordan, Elisha Witt, Lori Ulderich and Dominic Ashby attend a birthday party in honor of William Shakespeare. The event was sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta, the English honorary. **Bottom:** June Klassen and Lori Ulderich talk with Stephen Coonts, an author and alumnus of Wesleyan.



Sigma Tau Delta — Front (L-R): Angela Steve, June Klassen, Lori Ulderich. Back (L-R): Courtney Meyers, Elisha Witt.



Catholic Campus Ministry — Front (L-R): Amanda Daugherty, Nicole Scaletta, Katie Rose. Back (L-R): Amanda Piccomi, Jim McCafferty, Joshua Keane, Adma Grant, Paul Daugherty.



Psi Chi — Front (L-R): Venessa Walker, Frika Ryan, Jimmie Jordan, Ha Hiserman. Back (L-R): Josh Newton, Dawn Olise, Carrie Shannon, Krista Hiner.



Phi Kappa Phi — Front (L-R): Elisha Witt, Amy Andrew, Marissa Dye. Back (L-R): Dr. Joe Wiest, Dr. Trina Dobberstem.





Benzene Ring — Front (L-R): Sara Orndorff, Tina Grof, Mandy Stodgrass, Kara Dundas. Back (L-R): Dana Maun, Joe Parsons, Lara Hott.



Physics and Engineering Club — Front (L-R): Dr. Wiest, David Hartley, Kelly Davison, Jen Morris, Jan Schelbe, Kathleen Meyer, Joshua Keane, Dr. Popson. Back (L-R): Dr. Dunne, Andy Aurelio, Anthony Pola, Parag Chutnis, Stephen Ranjan, Narayanan Srinivasan, John Metzler, David Netzer.



Computer Club — Front (L-R): Adam Muncy, Stephen Ranjan, Jeff Kulmsky. Back (L-R): Anthony Pola, Narayanan Srinivasan, Ryan Ruth.



Below Left: Hye-m Kim gives the American sign for peace at the ISO Christmas Party. Members of ISO gather each year to celebrate the various holidays. **Below Right:** ISO members Ami Tanaka, Ayaka Macno and Hyun Jun play a game of Pictionary at the home of Dr. Welliver. International students often gather at professors' homes for picnics, fellowship and other special events. **Below:** International students Ayako Agino, Mhuko Nakayama, Chizumi Kaneko, and Kayo Hamada share time together at their fall picnic.



"Becoming a part of Beta Beta Beta is a challenge within itself. It requires excellence in the field of Biology and opens doors to internships and possible careers."

— Erin Mullins '00

International Student Organization

West Virginia Wesleyan College is very proud of its diverse and talented International Student Organization. The organization has members coming from 25 different countries on four continents: Asia, Africa, Europe, and America, each bringing to this newly adopted home the most unique scent of his or her country's cultures and traditions. Besides its diversity, the ISO is also highly recognized for its fervent involvement and significant achievements in many extra-curricular activities on and off campus. Every year ISO students fundraise and volunteer to collect food and clothes for the homeless, give campus tours to primary and middle school students, and deliver cultural speeches on their countries. Perhaps the biggest and most loved event of most ISO members and nonmembers alike is the group's annual International Banquet. Members participate by cooking authentic dishes, showing off their traditional costumes in a fashion show, and performing cultural entertainment. ISO has also proved to be one of the most academically accomplished associations on campus; as a whole it has the highest GPA among all non-honors organizations at Wesleyan. Members of ISO have come to consider Wesleyan their real "home away from home." In their hearts, the name Wesleyan has become something beautiful, something sacred.

By Emilie Hoang

Right: Hacho Hatchikian and Anastas Shkurti join to celebrate a moment of relaxation in front of the Social Hall fireplace



Omicron Delta Kappa — (L-R): Angel Steve, Amy Thorp, Jamie Peal, Amber Close.



Beta Beta Beta — **Front (L-R):** Katie Hoadlev, Amy McAnarney, Amy Andrew, Mandv Snodgrass, Erin Mullins, Kelly VanFossen. **Back (L-R):** Farrell Adkins, Lara Hott, Dana Mann, Angela Steve, Amy Thorp, Marissa Dve, Jamie Peal.



International Student Organization — **Front (L-R):** Atsushi Kobayashi, Lordan Alexiev, Gustavo Pontuac Machado, Pascal Maher, Hacho Hatchikian, Chiyo Matsushita. **Middle (L-R):** Yoshi Higaki, Melissa Crabbe, Kayo Hamada, Tomoko Seo, Protima Advani, Se Eun Park, AnnaBelle Bias. **Back (L-R):** Meggie Dimitzova, Chris Kimes, Ruth Bidmead, Melena McCormack, Emilie Hoang, Chizuru Kaneko, Anastas Shkurti.



Academics

The faculty and staff of West Virginia Wesleyan College were as excited about the turn of the century as the students. They eagerly waited along with students to see what would happen to the Wesleyan community at the stroke of midnight on January 1, 2000 and they too celebrated as the clock struck and time went on as usual.

Wesleyan welcomed many new faculty members across the disciplines this semester. At the same time, they prepared to lose some of their finest and with that notion came the dreaded candidate searches. Faculty conducted phone and on-campus interviews in hopes of finding someone who would fit into the Wesleyan community.

Wesleyan's faculty and staff are one of a kind. They make students feel at home here in a place that is often far from home. The special bonds between faculty and students are what make Wesleyan a special place and that is what makes it a place to celebrate.



Top Left: English Professor William Mallory carries the cross during a service in Wesley Chapel. Mallory was asked to do this during the Founders Day Convocation, which is part of Homecoming weekend. **Top Right:** President William Haden, Alice Leigh, Alisa Lively, and Paul Clawson enjoy refreshments at one of Wesleyan's campus picnics. **Left:** The Cats Claw staff takes a break after the dinner rush. Joyce Gregory, Loretta Sandy, and Michele Koon patiently serve students throughout the day with smiles and have finally taken a few minutes to rest.



Trina Dobberstein
Dean of Students



Richard Weeks
Dean of the College

To The Class of 2000:

You represent student success in as many and varied ways as each of you is different and unique. Your paths at Wesleyan have led to diverse majors, countless student activities, relationships both richly rewarding and perhaps challenging at times, and your college experiences have likely changed you in ways that will continue to unfold in the coming years. As you go out and make a difference — in your careers, your lives and your world — do so with confidence, caring, and consideration.

Dr. Trina Dobberstein
Dean of Students



Dr. Mark DeLoe and Dean of Students Trina Dobberstein lead the Faculty procession during the Founder's Day Convocation. As Dean of Students, Dr. Dobberstein traditionally leads the processions during celebrated events such as Founder's Day. Founder's Day is one of the first official events for the administration during the school year, aside from the Orientation Weekend.



Susan Seckday
Vice President
for Student and Alumni Affairs



Mike Goins
Vice President
for Finance

William H. Haden



President of the College
1995 - Present

President Haden came to Wesleyan in the fall of 1995. In his five years as head of this institution, the President has overseen many changes. Two years after his entrance, President Haden watched the first laptop class enter Wesleyan. At commencement this year President Haden said good-bye to the last class not to be equipped with its own computers. At the beginning of his term at Wesleyan, no one could have foreseen the changes to come. Now, President Haden will steer Wesleyan into the twenty-first century with much excitement and anticipation. Five years have taught him well and experience can only put Wesleyan further ahead.



Mary Beth Angeline
Mathematics

Shauna Aurelio
Nursing

Carolyn Baisden
Support Services

Arminta Baldwin
English

Scott Bellamy
Economics

Free Enterprise

As SIFE students of West Virginia Wesleyan College, it is our mission to extend our knowledge of the business environment and our own learning experience towards others in the community. By dedicating time and effort to the residents of our community, it is our hope to provide education on the importance and understanding of business and marketing, to strive to provide a safe constructive learning atmosphere, and to interest these vital minds in the importance of education and understanding of the market economy. Through capturing the interests of these individuals we further hope to highlight the importance of an education and an understanding of how the market economy regulates from day to day. SIFE is a nonprofit organization that gives students the tools to learn the free enterprise system in a real working situation. SIFE challenges students on more than 700 college campuses worldwide to take what they're learning in the classroom and use their knowledge to better their communities. Guid-

ed by faculty advisors, who are named Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellows in honor of the late Wal-Mart founder, SIFE Teams establish a variety of community outreach programs that teach free enterprise.

Since October 1999, the WVWC SIFE team has accomplished a great deal. They created different programs to present to Buckhannon High School, Stockert Youth and WVWC students. The SIFE team went to Richmond, Virginia in April and competed against other SIFE teams at a regional competition. The rookie WVWC SIFE team won several awards, such as rookies of the year, first runner-up, and an award for a special competition called Success 2000. In being a participant of SIFE, we hope that our time and hard work will be of value to society and that each active student will leave a mark on those who come to know them and the organization.

Jena Cataldi '01



Anona Berry
Art

Michael Berry
Mathematics

Jeanne Blevins
Education

Jennifer Bunner
*Outreach
Coordinator*



Curtis Conser
GA: Volleyball



Jackie Cook-Jones
Student Affairs



Chris Coons
Admissions



Herbert Coston
History



Phyllis Coston
Christian Education



Above: Financial counselor John Huffman handles a phone call with a student regarding loans after graduation. John helps Wesleyan students who are on the brink of reality settle their financial obligations. Finally, he and the students began planning for their financial future. **Left:** Admissions counselor Jason DePoy greets one of his recruited students, Jesse Redner. Though not a direct member of SII, Jason has directed his attention to the benefit of community members and encourages those community members to attend Wesleyan.



Ben Crutchfield
Library



Margo Davis
Art



Caroline Dees
Music



Jason DePoy
Admissions



Wanda Donahue
Admissions

Gavin Donaldson
Men's Soccer

Deanna Dunlavy
Chemistry

Jeff Dunne
*Engineering/
Physics*

Elizabeth Emmert
Biology



Above: Nursing majors Rachel Woodruff and Emma Shallcross listen intently to a lecture by one of their professors. Both have spent several years in the program and have already seen the long nights and hard work that goes into this profession. **Right:** Associate professor of Nursing Jan Stout teaches her student nurses what it takes to save lives and bring compassion to patients.



Academics

James Egan
English

Rae Emrick
Athletic Training

Daniel Fisher
Mathematics

David Ford
Admissions



Tammy Frederick
Student Affairs



Jean Fruh
Athletic Training



Barbara Frye
Nursing



Jeff Godwin
Business



Anthony Gum
Business

Nurses Care

Ask nursing students what their major is like and they'll grumble about long hours, difficult tests, ugly uniforms, and getting up way before everyone else. The career path they have chosen is a demanding field that requires incredible discipline and patience. The professors and advisors of the nursing majors have been in the students' shoes and understand what it takes to be the best nurse possible. They demand excellence from their students and that is why they give the difficult tests. The nursing students are required to do clinical hours to gain first hand knowledge. The clinical hours force the nurses to get up before the sun sometimes just to get to the hospital.

Talk to the nurses a bit longer and you'll discover accomplishment, a sense of purpose, and determination. Yes, they gripe and com-

plain and, no, you won't often see them out on weekends. The complaints and missed parties are all worth it to see the difference one person can make in the lives of others.

Nurses are special and the aspiring nurses at Wesleyan are very special to the patients they serve during their clinical rotations. The department gives the student nurses special recognition during a sophomore pinning ceremony and senior capping ceremony. What nurses do is special — more than giving shots — they touch lives and heal those who are hurting. They've seen birth, death and everything in between. The nursing program is as special as the nurses themselves. It teaches the aspiring nurses the compassion necessary to deal with life.

Jennifer Garrett '01



Suzanne Haas
Academic Support Services



Kelly Hall
ESL & English



Allen Hamner
Chemistry



Jean Hawkins
Academic Support Services



Linda Hicks
*Administrative
Assistant*



Homer Holloway
Chemistry



Allison Hull
Biology



Danette Ifert
Communication



Steve Johnson
Chemistry

Support Services

In June 1999, the Learning Center became known as Student Academic Support Services. The transformation was accomplished with the assistance of many committed and knowledgeable individuals. Wesleyan takes great pride in its heritage of offering excellent support to students with disabilities and to the student body at large. A newly designed, individually structured program accommodates students with special needs. Our resources and facilities remain among the best, as we continue to offer the one-on-one academic guidance, small group classes in study strategies and skill development, the latest assistive educational software, and a proactive walk-in tutoring system to all students enrolled in the college. The walk-in tutoring allows students to come in for help in any subject area and to see a tutor whose specialty

is that particular subject. Proofreaders are also available to anyone needing assistance on term papers or class essays.

It is gratifying to hear the reviews of seasoned students and freshmen, as well as comments from visiting families — everyone is impressed with our new structure! Acknowledgement and special thanks should be given to two individuals. Dr. Phyllis Coston was the founder and director of the Learning Center and pioneer in coordinating academic services and accommodations for post-secondary students with disabilities. Dr. Shirley Fortney, Assistant Dean of the College and Associate Professor of Education, steered the center through the transition. It was her vision and dedication that led us to this new and fitting position.

Shawn Kuba — SASS



Deborah Jones
Education



Tamara Kendig
English



George Klebez
Athletic Director



Judy Knorr
Outreach



Shawn Kuba
Support Services



Alice Leigh
*Academic
Advising*



Jared Luteran
*Outdoor Programs
& Merit Tennis*



Sue Lydon
Admissions



Elizabeth Lynn
*Computer
Science*



Left: Assisting Sumie Reardon in the Student Academic Support Service department is comprehensive advisor Suzanne Haas. Students are offered a wide selection of support at SASS, including tutoring and proofreading.
Above: Jeff Kulusky is receiving some helpful advice in the computer lab from Shawn Kuba, Carolyn Kinsler, and Marjie Richter.



William Mahoney
History



Judith Mardin
Library Science



Matt Martin
Admission



Kathleen



Randy Maus
Residence Life



Rodger McCormick
Biology



Computer Literacy



Dennis McNaboe
Residence Life



Helen Mellquist
Student Affairs



Above: Religion Assistant Professor Dr. Vicki Phillips take a break from her conversation with christian education majors. One of the most valuable advantages of being a religion christian education major is the small, close knit family that develops between the professors and the students. Right: Michael Suthen, Phyllis Coston, and Nathan Smith are enjoying themselves at a party for the Christian Education and Religion majors at Dr. Hobbes' house.



Charles Miller
*Athletics/
Education*



Mary Miller
Biology



Valerie Morphew
Education



Lynne Neaves
Academic Support Services



Robert O'Brien
English



Brad Oiler
Art



Brenda Oldaker
Admission



Roger Olean
Athletic Training



Armena Oliver
*Intercultural
Relations*

Magisterial Unit

Religion, Christian Education Department, and Philosophy are joined together as a managerial unit or as we in the department like to call it a magisterial unit, because we are more concerned with teaching and learning than management.

What is the study of religion? It is not just gathering for a party with the faculty. We engage in a study of traditions, commitments and some of the most important questions human beings ask. The study of religion encompasses scriptural foundations, historical development, theological reflection, and current cultural issues like feminist theology, or environmental theology. In keeping with faith and the tradition of Wesleyan, the study of Christianity receives particular attention, but important attention is also given to other great religions in the global community, like Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. We also encourage our students to study other languages.

We think that the major and minor does prepare

persons well for further theological study and church-related vocations. It also serves students well who find they are interested in studies which ask questions of meaning and about the mystery in human existence and which encourage the development of historical perspectives, as well as those critical and appreciative habits of mind characteristic of the humanities. While studying at Wesleyan, students have the opportunity to expand their horizons and explore the cultures and religions they study through international trips.

We are pleased with our majors and minors for they are not only active in our life at Wesleyan, but they usually go on to give good account of themselves beyond their undergraduate studies. Many go on to theological schools and graduate schools; others are now teachers, poets, coaches, counselors, pastors, and parents.

~ Dr. Arthur B. Holmes



Fredrick Peterson
*Anthropology &
Sociology*



Karen Petitto
*Educational
Technology*



Bert Popson
*Engineering/
Physics*



Nancy Porter
English/Education



Berkeley Price
Music



Erin Pringle
Admission



G. Paul Richter
Chemistry



Robert Rupp
*Government &
History*



Jeremy Sibold
Athletic Training

Information Technology

The Information Technology initiative at Wesleyan completed its third year during the 1999-2000 academic year. The most tangible part of this initiative is the mobile computer. There is something very special happening at Wesleyan. The laptop, the high-speed network, and the robust information resources afford our students access to the world — from their dorm room, from their classroom, from anywhere, anytime. We are one of the few colleges in the nation who are taking advantage of the emerging technologies and capturing their power to enhance the liberal arts environment. Information Technologies allow students to come here and take advantage of the beauty of West Virginia, while accessing the world.

August 1999 equipped the third freshman class with access to their own laptop computer and all the conveniences that it affords. Wesleyan boasts the fastest network in the region, and our students have full access to that network. We provide a robust array of electronic library resources. Our direction is specifically related to how information technology can be woven into the

teaching and learning process.

The networked environment allows for easy collaboration between students and faculty. The local area network allows students to access course material 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This affords students the tools that they need to work when and where they are. Students can access their files via the Internet while at home, they can download resources while traveling, and students routinely collect data and submit laboratory reports with the convenience of the laptop. Students have their computers available to take into internship assignments and into the schools while they work as para-professionals.

The success of our program is wholly dependent on the widespread adoption by students and faculty. The professor is becoming more of a facilitator in the classroom, participating actively in the process with the students. Our students will move on from Wesleyan ready to work and live successfully as contributing citizens of the 21st Century.

~ Karen Petitto



Eileen Silbaugh
Admission



Jeffrey Simmons
*Biology & Environmental
Science*



Margie Stocking
Mathematics



Janet Stout
Nursing



Jeff Sykes
Mathematics



Victor Thacker
English



Marjorie Truster
Modern Languages



Mike Verhagen
Student Affairs



Tony Ward
Athletic Training



Left: Director of Computing Services Dwight Squires eagerly awaits student and faculty questions. He has helped build Wesleyan's computer program to its current level and is helping to maintain the program by assisting faculty and students with any problems that arise. **Above:** Bob Birch and Jeff Kees are part of Wesleyan's team of over 60 computer technology assistants. During Orientation week they help distribute laptops and give start-up instructions to the incoming freshmen.



John Warner
Sociology & Anthropology



Joseph Wiest
Engineering/Physics



Stephanie Wines
Residence Life



Ginger Wolcott
Academics

Sports

If there was anything to celebrate at Wesleyan this year it was certainly its sports teams. The most talked about celebration of sports this year was the 100 years of football that was celebrated during Homecoming 1999. Troy Schifano also brought celebration to the football team by earning a scholarship from the Burger King Corporation.

Several of the sports teams contended for WVIAC championships, including men's and women's soccer, volleyball and swimming. The women's soccer team earned the conference crown for the third year in a row while the women's swim team also took home that crown and sent a swimmer to the national championships.

The cross country and tennis teams earned rankings in the top 15 out of more than 30 teams in the Eastern Region.

All of Wesleyan's athletic teams had a high standard to hold up this year and they did so with true Wesleyan spirit and gave the campus something to celebrate.



Top Left: Midfielder Nadia Gaeggeler heads toward the goal in an attempt to score yet another point for Wesleyan. Nadia is a junior management major from Switzerland and has been strong force on the Bobcat offense for three years. She has been a part of all three conference championship teams. **Above:** Head coach Bill Struble sends quarterback Jamie Andrews onto the field with some strong playing advice. Andrews is a freshman from Buckhannon and has been a strong addition to the Bobcat defense. **Left:** Senior swimmer Kelly Van Fossen receives flowers and encouragement from friends in the stands during her last home meet at Wesleyan, as Matt Damon looks on.

Bobcats capture conference

The cross country teams triumphed at the WVIAC Championships, and Coach Jesse Skiles was named "Coach of the Year" for both teams — a feat rarely accomplished in the WVIAC.

In the men's race, Derek Finegan, Patrick Doyle, and Adam Brantner led the Bobcats to the title by finishing in the top ten, earning them All-Conference titles. The men's team underwent a huge change since the beginning of the season; in the first race of the year, Wheeling Jesuit defeated the Bobcats by nearly 100 points. The Bobcats ran hard in search of a championship, and after their great success at the Gettysburg Invite, the team vaulted to a ranking

of 8th in the region by knocking off four ranked teams, including WJU. They were ready and came out on top, winning their second championship in the last three years.

The women ran impressively with five women earning all-conference honors. This championship is the 6th straight for Wesleyan. Erika Ryan led for the women. Despite being underdogs, they came up with an easy victory. The women's team also ranked 8th in the region, after their strong finish at Gettysburg. Coach Skiles concluded, "It was their hard work and dedication that put us into the position of winning this championship."

	M	W
California, PA	7th	6th
Davis and Elkins	6th	2nd
Frostburg	8th	9th
WVWC	2nd	1st
Gettysburgh	5th	13th
WVIAC	1st	1st
East Regional	12th	13th



1999 Women's Cross Country Team: FRONT: Heather Zakrzewski, Valerie Smith, Jennifer Hartnett, Jennifer Jageman, Erika Ryan. BACK: Coach Jesse Skiles, Emily Strother, Karen Keller, Melissa Wood, Kristen Magyar, Kelly Terhune.



1999 Men's Cross Country Team: FRONT: Juan Phillips, Scott Bennett, Adam Brantner. SECOND: Craig Nething, Phillip Parsons, Derek Finegan, Patrick Doyle, Nicholas Champagne. BACK: Coach Jesse Skiles, Nicholas McGinnis.



Top Left: With runners close behind, Scott Bennett and Nicholas Champagne pick up speed trying to maintain their top positions. **Top Right:** Melissa Wood uses her speed to assure her position at the top. Wood received First-team WVIAC honors.



Bottom Left: Quickening his pace, First-team WVIAC All-Conference runner Patrick Doyle tries for a first place finish. **Bottom Right:** Jennifer Hartnett lengthens her stride, as she heads toward the finish line. Hartnett was also honored with First-team WVIAC All-Conference.

Top Right: With the ball tucked safely away, Michael Grippo heads for the endzone. Grippo gained 584 yards and made three touchdowns during the season. **Top Left:** Offensive lineman Edward Mathews rushes up the field toward the end zone.



Bottom Right: Looking for an open man, freshman quarterback James Andrews of Buckhannon, WV prepares to throw the ball toward the endzone. **Bottom Left:** Center Ronald Degory hikes the ball to James Andrews who stepped up to the starting line after injuries to the starting quarterback.

Football team looks ahead

The West Virginia Wesleyan College football team celebrated its 100th year this fall in a season highlighted by a 13-7 overtime victory against conference rival West Virginia State College.

On a very cold and rainy Saturday afternoon, the highly motivated Bobcats forced the Yellow Jackets into a thrilling battle on Cebe Ross Field. Wesleyan proved to be the better of the two teams on that day by topping the Jackets with a six point victory; the first victory of the season for the Bobcats. Unfortunately, the rest of the season was not as positive, as the Bobcats ended with a 2-8 record.

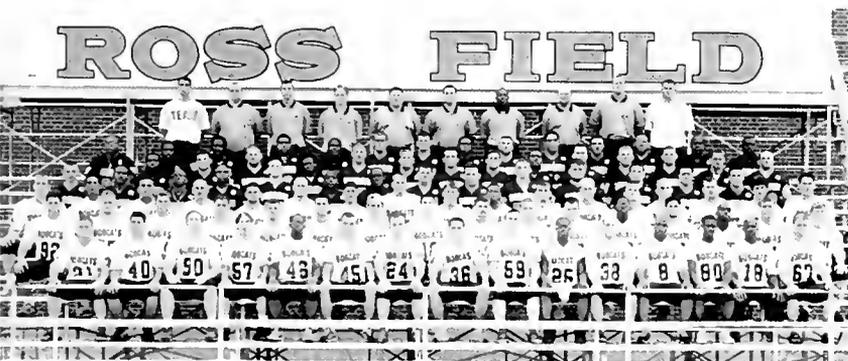
The Wesleyan Bobcats' 1999

schedule was one of the toughest in the country. In NCAA Division II, sixteen teams are able to make the post-season, and Wesleyan had the pleasure of facing three of them. Slippery Rock, Catawba, and Shepherd all appeared on the slate for the Bobcats, and all three schools continued their play into the post-season.

Wesleyan hopes to have more success next season as many of the players have now seen what it takes to be one of the best in country as they have experienced playing three of the top teams of the nation this season. A more prepared and experienced team could mean greater success for years to come.

WC Opp

Slippery Rock	3	38
California, PA	8	42
Catawba	0	36
Glenville State	7	17
WV State	13	7
West Liberty	3	28
Concord	7	20
Fairmont State	26	55
WV Tech	10	6
Shepherd College	3	55



1999 Football Team: FRONT: Chad Snow, Brian Obuchowski, Justin Rodeheaver, Chad Billiris, Donald Robinson, Chad Jones, Barton Chasler, Daniel King, James Longhurst, Eric Bowden, Jeremy Berkshire, Christopher Brown, Tommy DuBone, David Burman. SECOND: Michael Zambetti, Gary Valkavitch, Ryan Donnelly, Kevin Kenny, Ryan Dumont, Cody Phillips, James Andrews, Craig Hall, John Springer, Benjamin Frye, Eric Kinkaed, Daryle Robinson, Anthony Gonzalez, Duriel Cobb, Dustin Clawson, William Plymale. THIRD: Derek Simmons, Jesus Guzman, Braddock Watkins, Kevin Belcher, Justin Malivuk, Drew Fullmer, Christopher Claudio, Brian O'Shei, Michael Counahan, Justin Hodge, Ryan Busato, John Metzler, Robby Scott, Edward Doran, Ryan Cooke, Jack Herbert, Joshua Westfall. FOURTH: Todd Reynolds, Rico Poole, Damon Burman, Jason Matthews, Edward Mathews, Derrick Gillis, Roman Slater, Jay Jones, Keith Kuziora, Ryan Schauer, Daniel Spears, Brian Vance, Troy Schifano, Michael Grippo. FIFTH: Carlos Putney, William Dempster, Ronald Degory, Kenyarte Robertson, Ryan Agoney, Sean McGee, Troy Garner, Paul Fatigate, Marcus Jackson, Kevin Tichnell, Jason Nicewarner, Timothy Spivey, Joshua Ray, Michael Arce. BACK: Kelvin Young, Gashar Dixon, Chris Morgan, Tylanvis Burris, Allan Campbell, Michael Davis, David Edwards, Jason Dawson, Timothy Gaea, Jason Green, Dante Williams, Renard Whitfield, Edmund Ghent.

“The highly motivated Bobcats forced the Yellow Jackets into a thrilling battle on Cebe Ross Field”

Intense games shape season

With twelve freshmen and several upperclassman, led by All-American Rune Thuestad, the WVWC men's soccer team had another very successful season.

The season began with a win against Shippensburg. Two wins on the road made the team more confident. The first loss of the season was against Wheeling Jesuit. The team to beat was the University of Charleston, and Wesleyan hosted the first match with the Golden Eagles. Rune Thuestad, Wesleyan's all-time leading goal scorer, knocked one in for a 1-0 lead, but the University of Charleston scored two goals shortly after and won the game 2-1. Another loss would limit the

chance of NCAA Tournament action. The Bobcats finished the season on their way to the WVIAC Championship game with wins against Shepherd and Wheeling Jesuit and in the final faced the University of Charleston again. Wesleyan fell by a score of 3-1. The first NCAA playoff round a week later was against the U of C. With a motivated team, Donaldson traveled again to the Charleston. The big showdown ended as it did in the championship final, another 3-1 loss.

The Bobcats ended another strong season with a record of 16-4. With several returning players, the Bobcats should dominate in the conference next season.

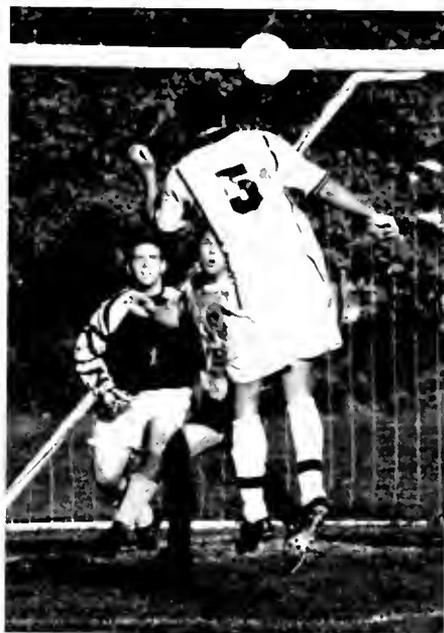


1999 Men's Soccer Team: **FRONT:** Jonathan Cuda, Travis McCormack, Michael Workman, Sean Courtemanche, Stephen Oliver, Justin Kilby, Pat Niday, Jeremy Cuda. **SECOND:** Asst. Coach Giuseppe Dornni, Kyle Caler, Afrim Fieic, Hollis Struck, Alek Filipovic, Ryan Fox, Josh Lisac, Jerrod Fox, Brian Ferguson, Kale Bushmeyer, Conor Bradley. **BACK:** Asst. Coach Jeff Cook, Andy Schoenle, Greg Bennett, Nick Jennings, John Araguren, Rune Thuestad, Ryan Vossseteg, Nick Gast, Matt Donnelly, Jonathan Atkinson, Matthew Amato, Head Coach Gavin Donaldson.

	WC	Opp
Shippensburg	4	0
Northern Kentucky	3	2
Ohio Valley College	10	0
Ashland	5	2
Findlay	1	0
Mercyhurst	3	1
Gannon	3	2
Wheeling-Jesuit	1	2
Columbia Union	8	1
Davis and Elkins	2	1
U. of Charleston	1	2
Salem-Teikyo Univ.	3	0
Alderson Broaddus	2	1
Shepherd College	6	1
California, PA	2	1
Concord College	10	0
Shepherd College	W	forfeit
Wheeling-Jesuit	4	1
U. of Charleston	1	3
U. of Charleston	1	3



Top Left: Showing his strength, Afrim Fieci battles to keep possession of the ball for the Bobcats. **Top Right:** The Bobcats' all-time leading scorer, with 98 goals, Rune Thuestad heads the ball into the net, adding another goal to his record and affirming his Player of the Year honor.



Bottom Left: Forward Jonathan Atkinson keeps the ball from the opponent with his last footwork. Atkinson received Honorable Mention in the WVAC. **Bottom Right:** Afrim Fieci, a midfielder from Ontario, makes a quick pass to teammate Jonathan Atkinson.

Top Right: Second-team All-Conference player Lene Kristiansen of Norway applies pressure to the opposing defense. **Top Left:** Sophomore sweeper Brandee Norris receives an open kick upfield. Norris was named First-team WVIAC All-Conference.



Bottom Right: Forward Kristine Martinsen battles for possession of the ball. Martinsen also received First-team WVIAC All-Conference honors. **Bottom Left:** With a burst of speed, Lene Kristiansen sprints ahead of her opponent to give the Bobcats possession of the ball once again.



Women win third WVIAC title

The women's soccer team began with an enthusiastic start. The team was poised to make a serious run at another WVIAC championship and the post-season.

For the season opener the Lady Bobcats had confident wins against Grand Valley and Northwood. The season had started the way the team expected.

Due to injuries, the Bobcats winning streak came to a halt. The Bobcats lost 4-1 against Lock Haven. The loss of three games in a row to Mercyhurst, Wheeling Jesuit, and East Stroudsburg had an impact on the team. After the third loss, the win against Gannon was a relief. However, the next two games were losses to Slippery

Rock and Ashland at home and destroyed the team's dream of reaching the NCAA Tournament.

To end the season successfully, the Lady Bobcats put every effort into capturing the WVIAC Championship. With a 5-0 semifinal win against Charleston, the women advanced to the final, hosted by Wheeling Jesuit. Spectators saw a Lady Bobcats team that could have made it to the NCAA Tournament. The ladies won in a dramatic double-overtime game and captured the third conference crown in a row.

The Lady Bobcats finished the season with a 15-6 record. Coach Linda Bauer-John was named WVIAC Coach of the Year.

	WC	Opp
Grand Valley	4	0
Northwood	6	1
Westminster	4	1
Edinboro	4	0
Carson-Newman	1	0
Millersville	1	0
University of Charleston	7	1
Lock Haven	1	4
Shippensburg	1	0
Bloomsburg	1	0
Indiana, PA	4	0
Salem-Teikyo Univ.	10	0
Mercyhurst	1	3
Wheeling-Jesuit	1	2
East Stroudsburg	1	2
Gannon	1	0
Slippery Rock	1	4
Ashland	0	3
Concord	5	0
University of Charleston	5	0
Wheeling-Jesuit	4	2



1999 Women's Soccer Team: FRONT: Amy Hawkinberry, Miranda Peters, Judith Vojik, Melissa Dunn, Kristine Martinsen. SECOND: Stephanie Petreccia, Lene Kristiansen, Wendy Yingling, Jamie Howser, Nadia Gaeggeler, Courtney Ahlborn, Meghan Balderson, Kathryn Zavada, Claudia Heim. BACK: Coach Linda John, Jessica Vosseteig, Kellie Klingensmith, Liesl Nuss, Brandee Norris, Francine Margolis, Vanessa Little, Stacy Papamichael, Asst. Coach Juli Hanrath.

“ . . . the Lady Bobcats put every effort into capturing the WVIAC Championship ”

Senior leads '99 tennis team

As the lone senior on the women's tennis team, Dawn Vighetti has watched four years of collegiate tennis quickly pass. She has had a stellar career during the last four seasons, and this year as captain led the Lady Cats to an 11-1 record and a second place finish in the WVIAC Conference.

Throughout her career, the tennis team has developed a new standard of excellence at both the state and national levels. As the number one seed for three of her four years at Wesleyan, it is obvious that Dawn was a major contributor to the Lady Cats' success. For the past two years, Wesleyan has also had the prestigious opportunity of playing in the NCAA

Division II National Women's Championship.

Dawn and teammate Kathleen Klouse have been a driving force in doubles action. For the past three years, this dynamite duo has been ranked among the top ten doubles teams in the East Region. Currently, they are ranked 6th, while Vighetti maintains a 15th place ranking in singles competition.

Wesleyan's Coach Smith recently commented that Dawn has been an outstanding player during the last four years and will be greatly missed once next year arrives. The Lady Bobcats hope to continue their success in the following years.



1999 Women's Tennis Team: LEFT-RIGHT: Dawn Vighetti, Kathleen Klouse, Jimmie Jordan, Jennifer Buza, Katie Hillenbrand, Blair Thornton, Jennifer Schofield, Emily Byrer, Brooke Campbell, Katharine Sheridan.

	WC	Opp
Concord	9	0
Bluefield	9	0
Indiana Univ., PA	9	0
Fairmont State	9	0
Shepherd College	8	1
Bloomsburg	9	0
WV State	9	0
University of Charleston	7	2
Salem- Teikyo Univ.	9	0
Fairmont State	9	0
WV Tech	8	1
WVIAC	2nd	

“... the tennis team has developed a new standard of excellence at both the state and national levels”



Top Left: Brooke Campbell, a junior from Charleston, WV, uses a steady hand to return the ball over the net.
Top Right: Senior Dawn Vighetti maintains a 15th place in singles competition in the East Region. She has also led the Bobcats to three second place finishes and one first place finish in WVAC.



Bottom Left: With her eye on the ball, Jennifer Buza, a junior from Bay Village, OH, prepares to make a return across court to her opponent.
Bottom Right: Taking a break between matches, Jennifer Schotfield and Katie Hillenbrand discuss the team's improvement. The Lady Bobcats placed second in the 1999 Conference Championship.

Top Right: Coach Curt Conser gathers his team for a quick play plan between two matches. The team ended the season with a 17-13 record. **Top Left:** During a pregame warmup, sophomore Sarah Acton perfects her serve. Acton received WVIAC All-Conference Honorable Mention.



Bottom Right: With 17 victories, members of the WVWC volleyball team smile confidently after an easy win. **Bottom Left:** Before a WVIAC match, the team gathers together for a quick picture.



Spikers avenge early losses

The Lady Bobcats volleyball team finished an up and down season with a strong showing at the WVIAC Tournament in Summersville, WV. The Bobcats finished the regular season with a 17-13 record and entered the tournament as the number six seed. They had no trouble taking care of the number eleven seed West Virginia Tech in the tournament's first round. That win gave the Bobcats a chance for revenge against Alderson-Broadbudd College, a team that had twice beaten Wesleyan in the regular season. Everything came together for the Bobcats as they played their best all-around match of the season and beat AB in three quick games.

Next was a semifinal matchup against Charleston and another chance to avenge an earlier loss. Unfortunately, Charleston proved a little too strong as they prevailed in a hard fought five game match.

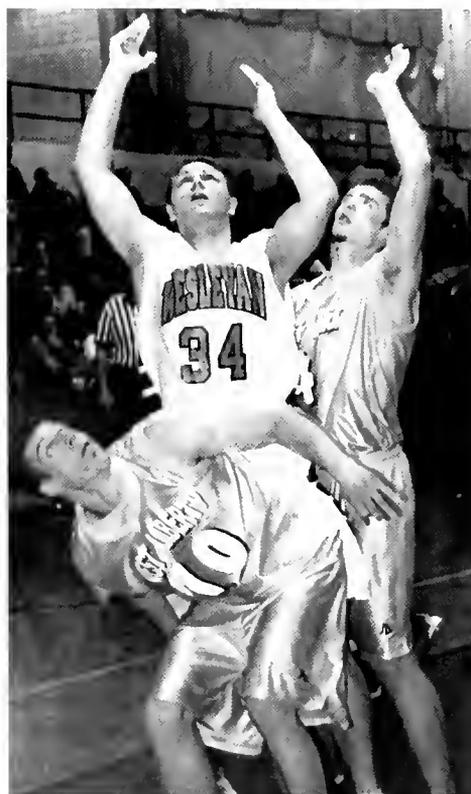
Head Coach Curt Cosner is grateful for his players sticking together and working hard throughout a season full of changes and uncertainties. He is extremely proud of the four seniors Liz Lurz, Krista Poole, Gretchen Zechman, and Jenny Zipf for their leadership and for their four years of service to the program. The Bobcats look forward to getting back on top of the WVIAC in the year 2000.



1999 Volleyball Team: FRONT: Meghann Dix, Maari Thrall, Jenny Salness, Jennifer Zipf, Elizabeth Lurz, Marla Spurgeon. BACK: Krista Poole, Leslie Frantz, Katherine Dreisbach, Katherine Korte, Rachel Kadlick, Sarah Acton, Gretchen Zechman.

	WC	Opp
Tiffin	3	0
Urbana	3	1
Westminster	2	3
Lock Haven	0	3
Rio Grande	3	2
Fairmont State	3	1
Lock Haven	0	3
Glenville State	3	0
Slippery Rock	2	3
Wisconsin/ Parkside	2	3
NY Tech	3	0
Edinboro	0	3
Salem-Teikyo Univ.	3	0
Alderson- Broadbudd	1	3
California, PA	1	3
Shepherd College	1	3
Concord	3	1
West Liberty	3	0
Alderson- Broadbudd	1	3
WV Tech	3	0
WV State	3	0
Edinboro I	3	
Slippery Rock	3	1
West Liberty	3	0
University of Charleston	1	3
California, PA	3	0
WV Tech	3	0
Ohio Valley College	3	0
Fairmont State	3	2
Wheeling- Jesuit	3	2
WV Tech	3	0
Alderson- Broadbudd	3	0
University of Charleston	2	3

season of challenges



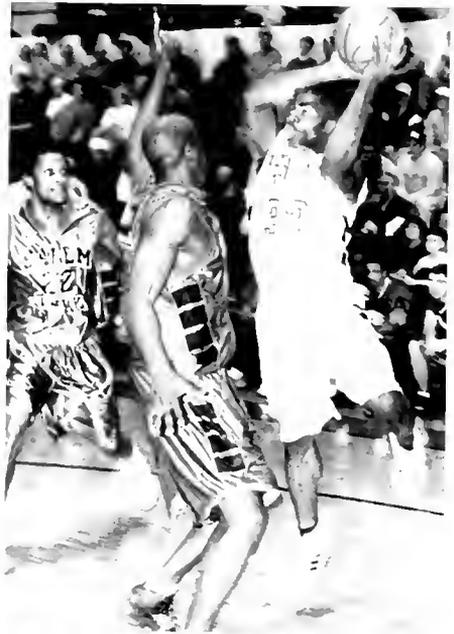
FRONT: Joseph Wojtylko, Kendall Ellis
SECOND: Head Coach Charles Miller, Graduate Assistant Tim Narrow, Brian Hastings, Jason Westfall, David Hamel, Rob Rudlen, Lawrence Ross, Graduate Assistant Chris Chavers. **BACK:** Roger Olean, staff athletic trainer, Aswan Morris, Muhammad Hamidullah, Judd Lori, Damien Jackson, Nordri Gubern-Moss, Robert Kelly, Albert Williams, Navin Hettaratchchi, student athletic trainer.

Left: Joe Wojtylko stretches to rebound the ball, while being pressured by the West Liberty defense, during a home game.

	WC	Opp
WV State	58	62
Concord	68	87
Glenville State	76	66
Winston-Salem	64	76
Millersville, PA	58	47
California, PA	48	77
Mt. Olive	90	96
Salem-Teikyo Univ.	44	77
Davis and Elkins	84	77
Wheeling Jesuit	57	60
Shepherd College	79	85
Davis and Elkins	65	58
Fairmont State	61	70
Bluefield State	78	83
Concord	69	67
WVU Tech	65	67
Alderson-Broaddus	63	66
West Liberty State	77	82
Univ. of Charleston	71	81
Fairmont State	54	65
Glenville State	75	67
Bluefield State	91	72
WVU Tech	70	74
Alderson-Broaddus	62	66
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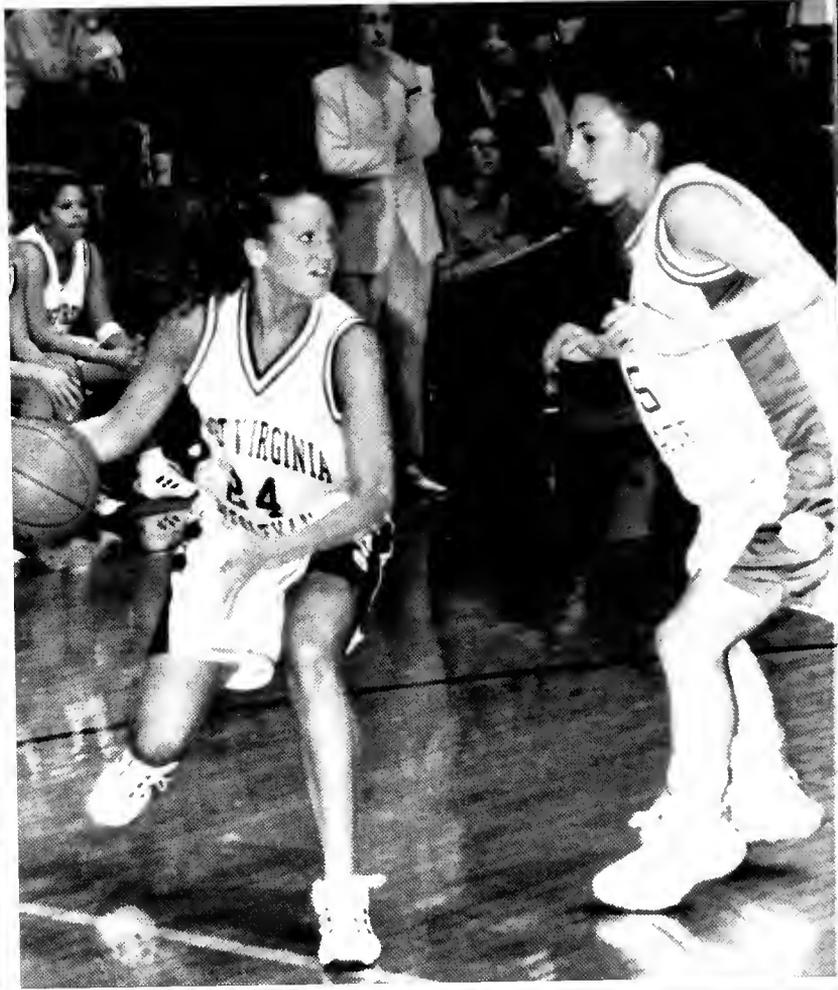


Top Left: As the Cardinals' defense tries to block Kendall Ellis' shot, he successfully throws the basketball and scores for the Bobcats. **Top Right:** Wesleyan's Damien Jackson looks for a fellow Bobcat as he is heavily guarded by two defensive players from Salem Teikyo.



Top Left: With only a few seconds left in the game, David Hamel gracefully reaches up to grab the ball. Alongside to help win the game against West Liberty is Wesleyan's Kendall Ellis. **Top Right:** Trying hard to get around the opposing team's defense to score two points is Bobcat Judil Fon.

Top Right: Guard Shelly Williams protects the ball from the Glenville State defense to get it down the court. **Top Left:** Tammy Adams takes a shot while Julie Fregetto looks on during a game with the University of Charleston.



Bottom Right: Center Shana Green defends the hoop to assist the Lady Bobcats in a huge win over Bluefield State. **Bottom Left:** Senior Julie Fregetto drives through a host of University of Charleston defensive players to attempt a shot during a hard fought win.

Stepping up to the line



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
FRONT: Erica Potter, Lydia Legg, Christina Lambert, Erin Furey, Darci Taaffe, Jessica Peterson **BACK:** Susan Gardner, Tammy Adams, Shana Green, Julie Fregetto, Kelly Howe, Sarah Meredith, Kristen Wells, Andrea Gianni, Shelly Williams



Bottom Right: Forward Kristen Wells snatches the rebound during a game against Glenville State College. The Lady Bobcats averaged 42 rebounds each game.

	WC	Opp
Slippery Rock	76	86
Mansfield	68	46
California, PA	58	87
WV State	60	56
Ohio Valley	61	75
Glenville State	67	55
Pitt-Johnstown	58	85
Slippery Rock	75	81
Davis and Elkins	74	70
Fairmont State	67	52
Salem-Teikyo Univ.	57	60
Davis and Elkins	75	73
Wheeling Jesuit	81	84
Shepherd College	67	83
Bluefield State	72	59
Concord	69	60
WVU Tech	61	68
Alderson-Broadus	74	65
West Liberty State	72	75
Univ. of Charleston	67	66
Fairmont State	60	72
Glenville State	61	66
Bluefield State	86	64
Concord	69	81
WVU Tech	94	81
Alderson-Broadus	68	73
Univ. of Charleston	85	65
Shepherd College	67	63
Glenville State	55	57

Swimmers take top place

The weekend of February 19-20, Wesleyan's swim team won the WVIAC Championship, breaking seven school records. Wesleyan placed third overall in the meet, but beat all the teams in the WVIAC participating, capturing the championship.

In season, members of the swim team estimated they logged somewhere between 25 and 30 miles a week in the pool. That meant four morning practices before most of the campus was even conscious, afternoon workouts, and weight training and conditioning on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The time and dedication added up.

Add in training over Christmas

break in St. Croix and the longest season of any NCAA sport and you have a recipe for a team.

What makes this team special? "We bonded really well and were really close," said team member Cathy Alt. "This year's team is a lot closer than last year's."

Coach Denton Quick credits their unity for much of their success. "It's been a treat working with them; they are the most personable, hardest-working team I've seen while coaching or swimming," Quick said.

In addition to hard teamwork, sophomore fly and distance swimmer Cathy Alt qualified for the NCAA national meet in the women's 200 fly.

	M	W
Shippensburg	2nd	2nd
Lock Haven		1st
Lycoming	1st	
Wheeling Jesuit	2nd	1st
Salem- Teikyo	2nd	1st
VMI	2nd	1st
Univ. of Charleston	1st	1st
Ashland	2nd	2nd
Grove City	6th	3rd
Invite		
Fairmont State	2nd	1st
IUP	2nd	2nd
Findlay	1st	1st
Bluegrass		1st
NCAA Div. II Championship		23rd



FRONT: Katie Dunleavy, Jane Bartoszek, Matt Dammond SECOND: Mary Alice Bird, Jenn Watts, Erin Watts, Emily Lecamer, Nina Manley, Tristan Springer, Cathy Alt BACK: Brandon Rannebanger, Bill Baulzuch, Joe Price, Todd Roatsev, Adam Peterson, Mike Vallette, Kelly VanFossen, Anne Campanicki

"It's been a treat working with them; they are the most personable, hardest-working team I've seen while coaching or swimming."
Coach Quick



Top Left: Having some fun in the warm sun, the women's swim team enjoys the sandy beaches of St. Croix where the team trained during Christmas break. **Top Right:** Amie Campanicki, Erin Watts, Jane Bartoszek, and Cathy Alt proudly display their new medals. All four women set new school records.



Bottom Left: With heads completely shaved, members of the men's swim team cheered for their fellow teammates. **Bottom Right:** Members of the Wesleyan swim team prepare for a competition. The team travelled throughout its conference to compete among some of the best schools in the nation.

Top Left: Eric Gooding puts all his might into striking the runner out. **Top Right:** William Gorman tags the other team's player out before he makes it to base.



Bottom Left: Jason Lantz prepares to strike his opponent out. **Bottom Right:** Jason Barton is ready to make it to the next base.



Stepping up to the plate

With 17 returning upper-classmen and two shining stars to lead the way for the Bobcats, they fell short of their expectations for the year. This year was the first since 1989 that head coach Randy Tenney and his team did not reach the final four in Princeton. While ending up 4th in the southern division conference, they finished the season with a 28-19 overall record and a 13-9 WVIAC record.

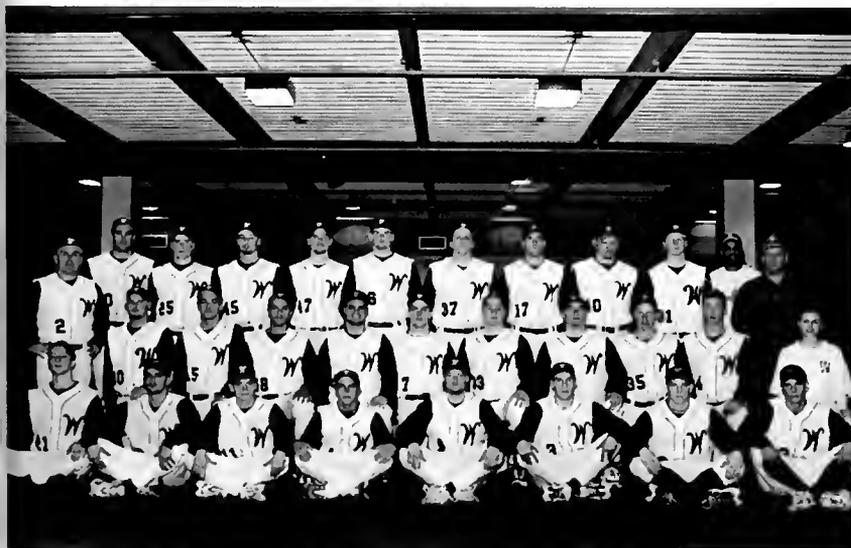
Leading the team this year was senior captain Ben Gerkin, from Grafton, WV. Catcher Gerkin finished 4th in the WVIAC in RBIs with 60, and a batting average of .431, placed him 4th overall. He was also named first team All

North Atlantic Region.

Ernie Gooding dominated on the hill and finished 2nd in ERA and 9th for strikeouts per 9 innings in the conference. Gooding also ended the season 11th for Division II for ERA with an impressive 1.90 mark for the season and was a first team All-North Atlantic Region selection.

Senior pitcher Ryan Sawyers, from Rowlings, MD, finished 8th in strikeouts and saves for the year.

Joe Honce, from Bridgeport, WV, finished 7th in the conference for triples per game, and from Verga, NJ, Greg Gasporovic tied for 2nd in saves in the WVIAC.



FRONT: Joe Honce, Greg Gasparovic, Eric Gragula, Jason Waters, John Evans, Ed Eckeurdad, Jon Tabor. **SECOND:** Head Coach Randy Tenney, Matt Surawcy, Adam Taylor, Kent Edwards, Andy Wilfong, Had Bigged, Ryan Sheterly, Shawn Greer, Jason Barion, Staff Athletic Trainer Tony Ward, Amber Elkins **BACK:** Assistant Coach Brian Nevius, Ryan Sawyers, Joel Rasor, Brant Gibson, Andy Kolb, Jason Lantz, Ben Gerkin, Ernie Gooding, William Gorman, Garvin Taylor

	WV	Opp
California, PA	2	4
	8	7
Slippery Rock	4	2
	1	18
Frostburg	12	1
	10	7
Cortland State	8	19
Concord College	11	0
Lehigh University	4	5
	8	2
Southern	7	6
Connecticut State		
Lehigh University	10	8
Embry Riddle	0	10
University		
Akron University	7	8
Embry Riddle	0	10
University		
Maryland Eastern	16	4
Shore		
Maryland Eastern	20	1
Shore		
Flagler College	2	6
	6	5
Southern	8	6
Connecticut State		
	6	10
Fairmont State	1	2
	4	6
West Virginia	5	6
State		
	4	5
Salem-Teikyo	5	2
University		
	2	6
West Liberty	15	3
	6	4
Shepherd College	6	4
	2	1
WVU Tech	9	0
	10	8
Concord College	13	2
	8	7
Bluefield State	6	0
	9	4

Softball team sets high hopes

With the majority of the team returning, the Lady Bobcats had hopes of bringing back the conference trophy this year. After a rocky start in South Carolina, they sprang back with conference wins over WVU TECH and Ohio Valley. The women traveled to Florida during the break where they met up with tough competition, bringing back a 4-10 record. The Lady Bobcats returned home for a week, only to find themselves traveling once again to a tournament in Salem, Virginia. The team won four games before they fell to IUP. After splitting with Charleston, the Lady Bobcats pulled themselves together as they continued with an eleven

game winning streak before losing two to West Liberty. The Bobcats ended the regular season with a win over Bluefield. The team won its opening conference tournament game to Concord, 4-0. Wesleyan continued having difficulties with West Liberty, losing 0-3. The Bobcats beat WV State and Shepherd before facing West Liberty once again and ending their season with a 5-6 loss. Adrienne Mertz received pitcher of the year and a spot on the All-Conference team, while Dre Kriner and Candice Rice were also named All-Conference. Nicole West received special mention, and Andrea Wesp was awarded honorable mention. *Jennifer Morris*



FRONT: Christa Shifflett, Courtney Crist, Nicole West, Erin D'Antonio, Meleesa Wohleber, Jube Gardner, Christy Dawes, Jen Justice. **SECOND:** Paynet Baloumas, Laina Gorderly, Carrie Laller, Jamie Niemczura, Jen Lazo, Bethany Horton, Jen Morris, Teri Hendricks, Candice Rice. **BACK:** Krissy McClean, Andrea Kriner, Jessica Zalek, Cheryl Walker, Andrea Wesp, Tess Crum, Adrienne Mertz, Jessica Gustovich, Stacy Bachelador, Rob Goron, Steve Warner.

	WC	Opp
Tusculum	3	6
Francis-Marion	3	5
Francis-Marion	8	9
Limestone	3	6
Wingate	2	5
WV Tech	9	0
	4	2
Ohio Valley	8	1
	7	2
Nebraska -Omaha	2	4
Queens College	8	1
Southampton	9	1
East Strousburg	3	4
Florida Southern	2	5
	3	4
NW Missouri	3	11
Binghamton	4	5
Southern	1	3
Connecticut		
Erksine	3	4
Merrimack	3	5
Southampton	8	3
Augustana	9	8
Florida Tech	4	8
Alderson-	8	5
Broaddus	4	12
South Carolina-	5	2
Aiken		
Alderson-	2	1
Broaddus		
Indiana	4	2
University, PA		
WV State	8	4
Indiana	3	6
University, PA		
Univ. of	6	4
Charleston	1	3
WV State	1	0
	7	2
Salem Teikyo	9	1
Fairmont State	8	1
	11	1
Shepherd College	9	1
	6	4
Concord College	9	1
	9	3
Davis and Elkins	8	0
	6	0
West Liberty State	0	1
	0	7



TOP LEFT: Junior Christy Dawes keeps her eye on the play as she prepares to add another run to the Lady Bobcats' score. The Bobcats finished the season with a 27-20 record. **TOP RIGHT:** With a runner on first base, senior catcher Jennifer Morris throws to second to make the final play of the inning.



BOTTOM LEFT: Bethany Horton, third baseman from Culloden, W.V., protects the base with a batter at the plate. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Shortstop Andrea Wesp gets the tag as her opponent slides into the base.

Top Right: Heading down the final stretch, distance runner Patrick Doyle moves past the competition in order to keep his top placement. **Top Left:** Using the strength of his entire body, Robert Akers throws the javelin trying to beat his personal best



Bottom Right: Clearing his second hurdle, Jesus Guzman races forward in the 400 high hurdles. **Bottom Left:** Heather Zakrzewski and Karen Keller prove that women are full of energy as they approach the last lap of the 3000 meter run



Tenth straight conference win

The women's team had an impressive season this year, closing it out with a tenth consecutive conference championship. The year started off with high hopes of another winning season, but as the time progressed, the team was plagued with injuries. The setbacks in the beginning did not effect the attitudes of the team though. Everyone on the team gave her best effort, and senior Mandy Mack summed up the season perfectly by saying, "I felt that our season went well. We had our ups and downs, but we pulled it together when it really mattered the most."

The men's team had its share of hindrances this year, but despite

these many setbacks they had many highlights. Records were broken, meets were won, and everyone gave all they had. The biggest win of the season occured at the Concord Invitational. Head coach Jesse Skiles said about the men and women, "I'm really proud of how all the athletes stepped it up this year. They represented themselves and Wesleyan well. They should all be proud of the things they have accomplished this year."

The great accomplishments of both teams can be credited to the hard work of the athletes and Coach Jesse Skiles. Coach Skiles was named All Conference Women's Coach of the Year.

	M	W
Marshall	2nd	2nd
UNC- Charlotte	11th	6th
East Carolina	8th	4th
Concord	2nd	1st
Gettysburg	5th	2nd
WVIAC	2nd	1st

"I'm really proud of how all the athletes stepped it up this year. They represented themselves and Wesleyan well. They should all be proud of the things they have accomplished this year."
Coach Skiles



Above: As Senior Pete Powell skyrockets through the air towards the sand pit, he lands the long jump for the Wesleyan team. Behind him are his fellow track and field teammates watching him sail to victory during a meet.

High honors achieved

The 2000 Wesleyan golf team finished in 3rd place in the WVIAC tournament, with a 3-day total of 935. First-year head coach John Barbour was named WVIAC Coach of the Year. Nick Mahlberg was a first team all-conference selection for the Bobcats. Anthony Redden and Jared Cost received second team all-conference honors, while Jason Robinson was named to the third team. As a result of their impressive season, the Bobcat golfers earned a berth in the NCAA Division II's North Region Golf Tournament.

The golf team will also benefit from a \$1,000 donation presented to the college by Jeff Hutchinson director of the WV PGA. Half the

donation will go to the Johnny K. Myers Scholarship, while the other half will be given to the WVWC golf team.

Individual titles in the bottom four singles positions propelled West Virginia Wesleyan to the 2000 WVIAC men's tennis championship at the Player's Club in Charleston. The Bobcats also claimed titles in two of the three doubles to outdistance second place Shepherd College 31-22.

The Bobcats finished the regular season with an overall record of 13-4 and went undefeated in conference play with an impressive 10-0 record. Jared Luteran was named WVIAC Men's Tennis Coach of the Year.

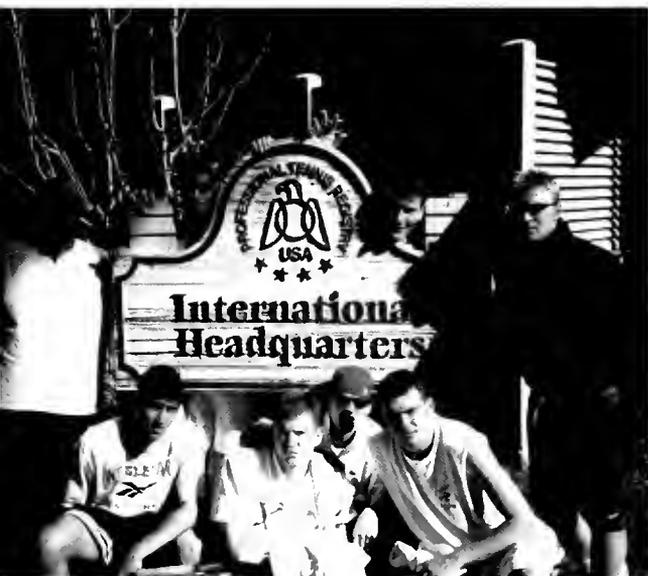


Top Right: Nick Mahlberg eyes where he needs to put his ball. **Bottom Left:** Kelly Gleason completes a full swing down the fairway at Bell Meadows Country Club. **Bottom Right:** During a practice, Brian Lucky concentrates on his ball before putting. Golf team members spent many hours preparing themselves for tournaments.



MEN'S TENNIS

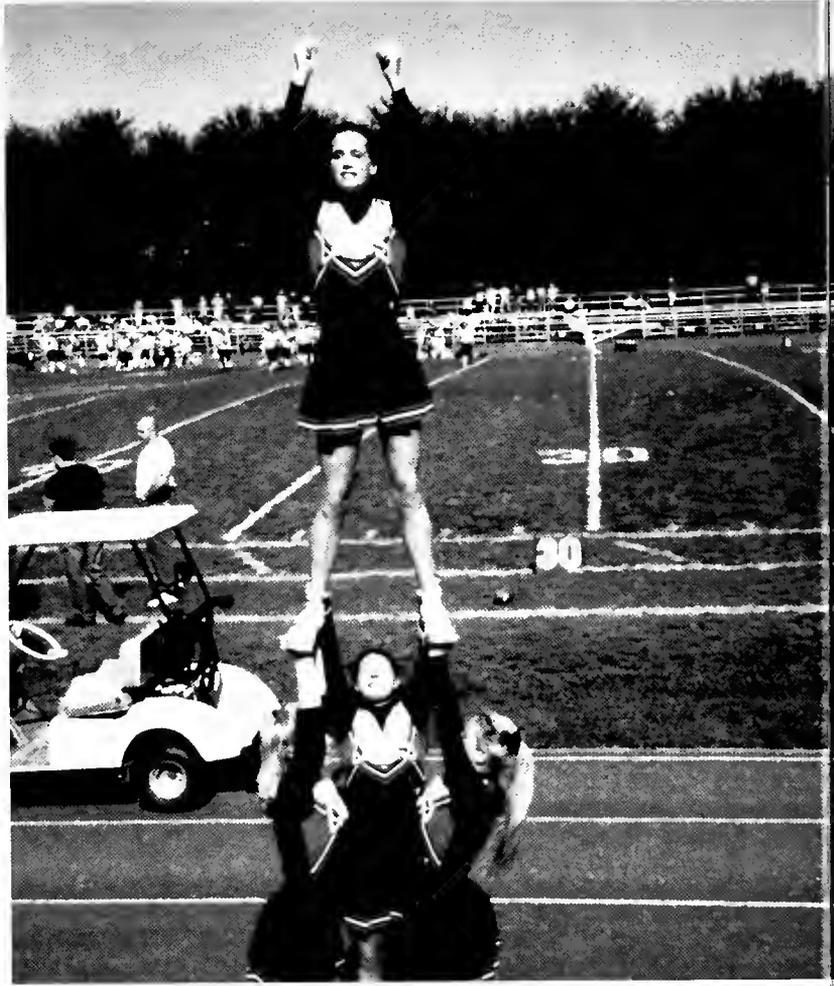
	WC	Opp
Rawlings Tournament	1st	
Franklin-Pierce	6	3
Klutznick	1	8
Univ. South Carolina-Aiken	0	9
Lawrence Univ. Shepherd College	9	0
Slippery Rock	8	1
Millersville	1	8
Davis and Elkins	8	1
Univ. of Charleston	9	0
WV State	9	0
Bluefield	9	0
Concord	9	0
Davis and Elkins	7	2
Univ. of Charleston	8	1
Salem Teikyo	9	0
West Liberty	7	2
WVIAC Tournament	1st	



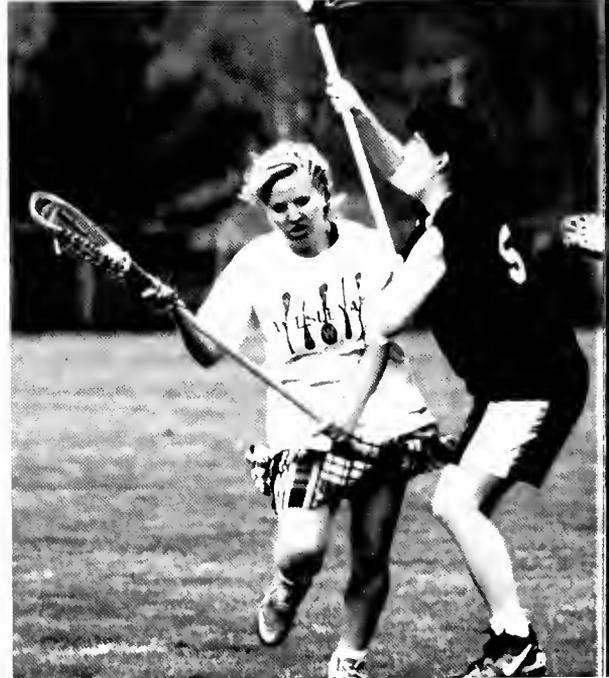
FRONT: Grant DeHaven, Devan Carr, Colin Saluja, Ryan Walker
 BACK: Nick Gungas, Jared Luteran (Coach), Eric Gallagher, Ben Springer, Zach Alby, Nate Crichton, Dana Adams

Top Left: Junior Devin Carr awaits his opponent's next move as he plays in a tournament in Hilton Head, South Carolina. **Bottom Left:** Hanging out at the International Headquarters for tennis, the WVWC Men's tennis team takes time out of their busy competition schedule to pose for a few pictures.

Opposite Page, Top: Antonia Giannopoulos stands her ground in a game against Slippery Rock. She also led the league in scoring with fifty-six goals. **Top Left:** With much enthusiasm, the Bobcat mascot helps to get the Wesleyan fans on their feet during a football game. **Top Right:** Cheering on the football team at Homecoming, the WVWC Cheerleaders pump up the crowd as the game progresses through the second half.



Bottom Left: During a hard fought win, Daniella D'Orsi and Kelly Mielecki quickly go after a ground ball trying to keep it out of the opponent's grasp. **Bottom Right:** Luckily making it passed the defender, Elizabeth O' Malley carries the ball down the field looking to score for the Bobcats.



In a league of their own



	WC	Opp
Pittsburgh	6	19
Miami (OH)	2	11
Ohio State	7	6
Purdue	3	6
Michigan State	4	6
University of Buffalo	9	11
Grove City	6	8
Slippery Rock	13	3

“We are a great group of girls that dedicated a lot of time into something we enjoy.”
Nicole Smith



FRONT: Nicole Smith, Rhonda Lovell, Becky Smith, Donna Veach, Katie Ball **SECOND:** Antonia Giannopoulos, Anne Webb, Emily Pettit, Melissa McHugh, Megan Noble **BACK:** Elizabeth O'Malley, Angie Bloss, Misti Hueth, Maria Domenick, Kelly Mielecki, Danielle Dorsey, John Bowman (Coach)



FRONT: David Gilbert **SECOND:** Amber Elkins, Meridith Lett, Anna Stonestreet, Andi Sutton. **BACK:** Nicole Smith, Kim White, Eliza Hayes, Lori Moore, Mandy Kovesses

Program receives accreditation

Found on the sidelines at all athletic events is a group of students known as the student athletic trainers. These students assist in field setup, injury prevention, and injury rehabilitation. The juniors and seniors split up continual coverage of all sports teams, while the sophomores work in rotations.

This year marked a milestone for the student athletic trainers. The program joined 115 other schools across the country as a nationally accredited program. As students move through the program, they will work on a more skill-based curriculum. They will be tested on practical knowledge as well as theoretical information. Students wanting to excel in their

profession will now be backed with the accreditation of the athletic training program.

Another exciting event for the Student Athletic Trainers Club, also called SAT Club, was the Twister-a-thon held during Fallfest. Students and athletic trainers gathered outside the Campus Center for 12 hours of Twister fun. The event was to raise money for senior gifts, T-shirts, and new equipment for the training room. A donation of \$375.00 dollars was given to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

“Wesleyan’s athletic training program is one of just a small, select group of athletic training programs located in private, liberal colleges to gain CAAHEP accreditation.”

Jean Fruh



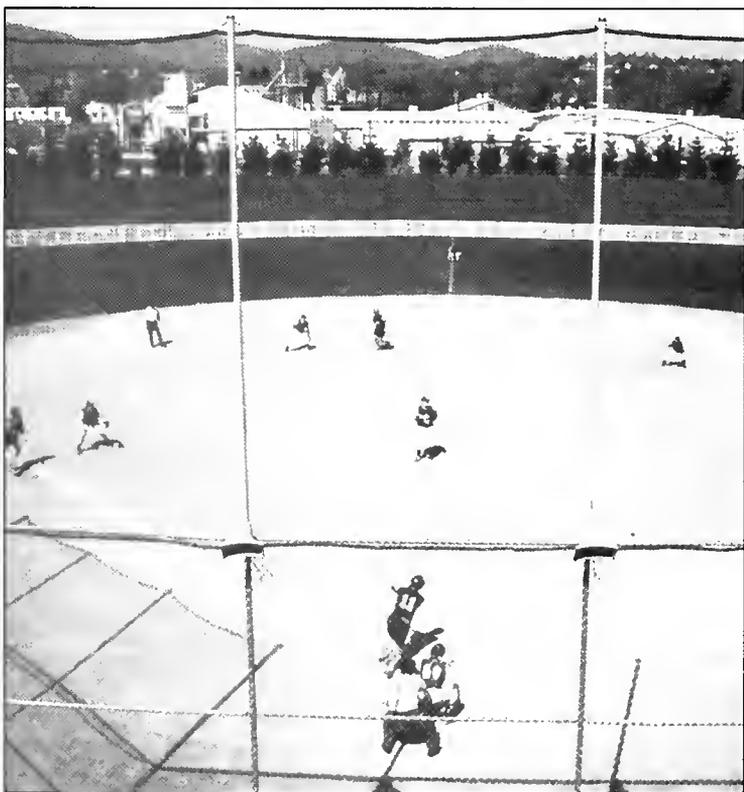
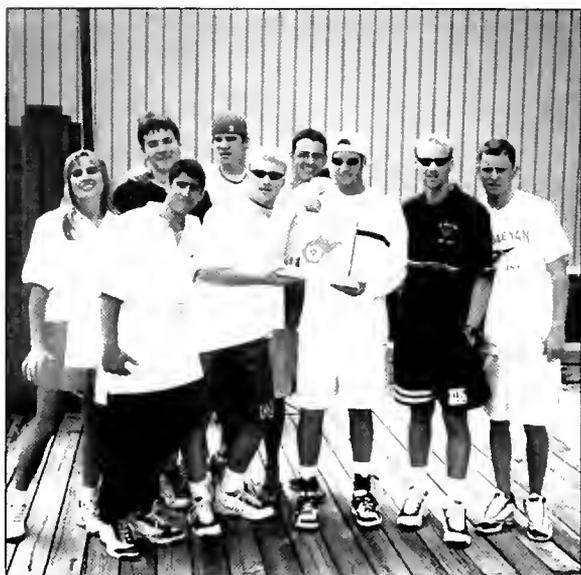
FRONT: Alicia Stickle, Nikki Bode, Sahsha Muskus, Alisha Klocek, Christy Dawes, Melesa Wohleber, Drew Mason, Kelly Van Fossen, Jeremy Sibold, Julie Carder. **SECOND:** Brian Potter, Bethany Horton, Shaunte McKissick, Laura Fantone, Amber Elkins, Joelle Rubino, Travis McCormack, Mary Fantone, Megan Jenkins, Beth Porter. **BACK:** Navin Hettaratchchi, Garvin Taylor, Jason Kidd, Jesse Thomaselli, Nick Gingras, Amie Campanicki, Carrie Tamburro, Robbie Gordon, Jason Gessel, Jill Wiech, Adena Gravit.



Top Left: Student athletic trainer Christy Dawes tapes a player's ankle as she prepares him for practice. **Top Right:** Showing true spirit, Robbie Gordon, Jean Fruh, and Tony Ward show the appropriate way to wear a neck brace at Jean Fruh's birthday celebration.



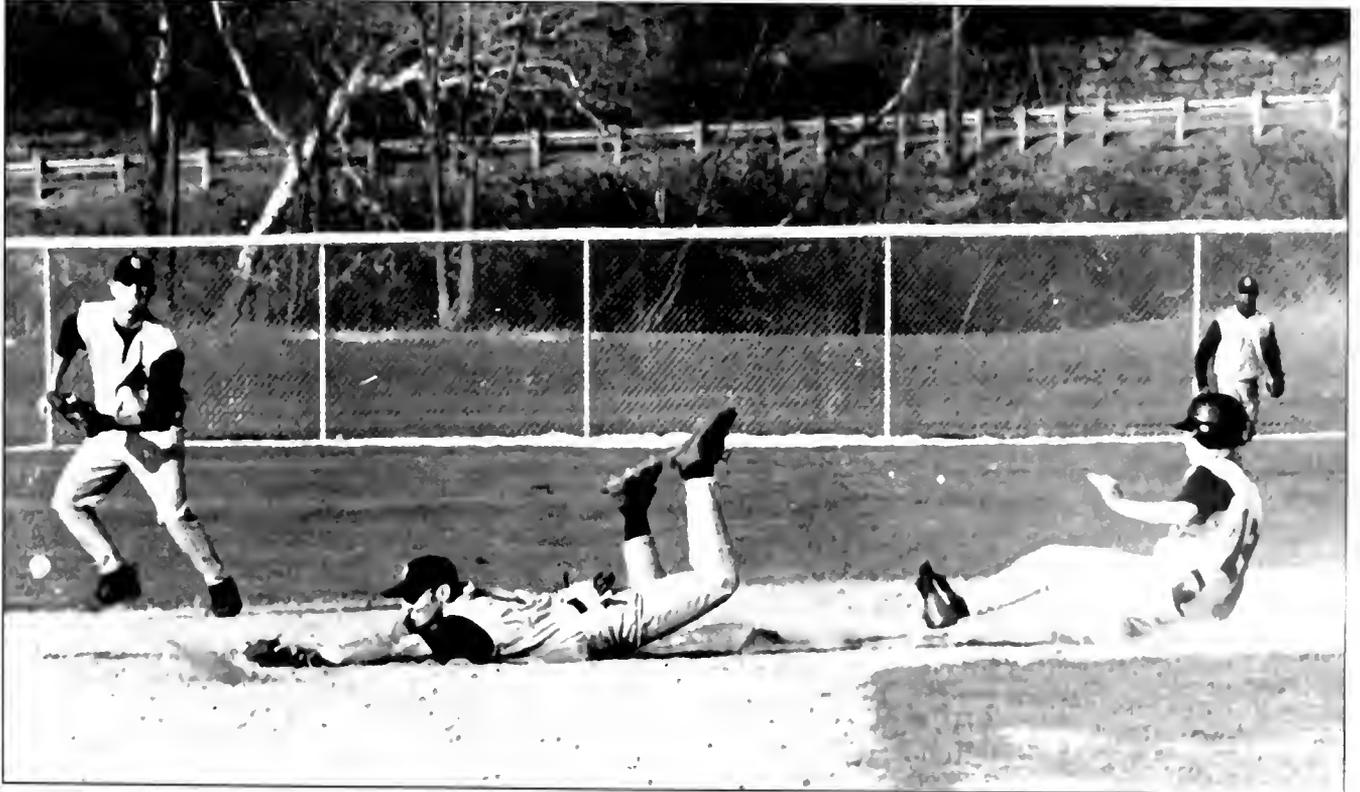
Bottom Left: Student trainer Megan Kyle ices Michael Valliant's shoulder after swim team practice. **Bottom Right:** At the fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Megan Kyle, Carrie Tamuro, and Travis McCormack show their flexibility during the 12-hour Twister-a-thon. The event raised over \$300.00 for CF.



Top Left: Members of the men's tennis team proudly display their WVIAC championship trophy. **Top Right:** Stacy Papaumhael tries to capture the ball during one of the Wesleyan women's soccer team home games. **Bottom Left:** Wesleyan Bobo in Fictor Bottom Chasler punts during a game against West Liberty. **Bottom Right:** Wesleyan softball team plays the field during one of its away games.



Top Left: Members of the team proudly display their trophy. The team took second place in the Blue Grass Mountain Swimming Conference. **Top Right:** Wesleyan forward Jonathan focuses on getting the ball down the field in pursuit of gaining a goal for his team. Jonathan scored twenty-nine total points this season. **Bottom:** With outstretched arms a Bobcat baseball member tries to get an out at second base.



Underclass

Over the past three years Wesleyan's class sizes have progressively increased. This year's freshman class topped out at 609 students while the senior class has only 246 students. With their increased size came an influx of new academic, artistic, and athletic talent to fill Wesleyan's ranks. The cultural diversity of our student population has also seen an increase.

The underclassmen at Wesleyan mark a new generation of history. They are the first all-laptop classes to complete a cycle at Wesleyan. Beginning in the fall of 2000 all students at Wesleyan will possess a laptop computer and will have completed several computer skills classes. In May of 2001, the first laptop class will exit Wesleyan and enter a technologically advanced society, ready to take on the challenges.

The excitement of the years that lie ahead can be felt throughout the classes. Juniors are anticipating the start of their final year, sophomores are getting ready to take on the challenges of upper-level, major-based courses, and freshmen have put one year under their belts.



Top Left: Jason Markle braves the cooler temperatures of Homecoming weekend to help out the sophomore class. The sophomore class had a dunking booth set-up as a fundraiser outside of Aladdin during the Homecoming festivities. **Above:** Sophomore Andi Sutton relaxes in the comfort of a friend's room during a study break. When studying got to be a bore, Andi would head out of her dorm for the enjoyment of friends elsewhere. **Left:** Roommates Amee Starcher and April Kelly enjoy an afternoon out in the sun. The early part of fall semester afforded students many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and good friends all at once. April is a junior elementary education major from Beverly and Amee is a chemistry major from Parkersburg.



Farrell Adkins



Nikki Bode



Christopher Brown



Courtney Bussmann



Amber Campbell



Sherri Cayton



Jenny Davidson



Becky Davis



Crystal Dennison



Meggie Dimitrova



Jennifer Evans



Heather Ferreira



Ryan Fox



Takia Glover



Amanda Goins



Sarah Grisham



Leslie Hanifan



Kaitlin Hillenbrand



Heather Hipp



Lora Hott



Stephanie Hoylman



Joseph Hughes



Alicia Hylton



Jimmie Jordan



June Klassen



Alisha Klocek



Jeff Kulinsky



Kimberly Kunzelman



Scott Kyle



Richard Laird



Jennifer Lazo



Dana Mann



Lauren McCollum



Brandon Moll



Minako Nakayama

Junioritis

Time flies when you are having fun. Like sands through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives. Are these trite clichés, or statements that we all know to be too true in their meaning? Looking back over the past three years at Wesleyan, time truly has seemed to fly. It seemed like only yesterday that we were freshmen stepping into the brand new world of higher education, and now, three years later, the "college experience" has permanently molded our lives.

As juniors, we are in a strange sort of state. We're no longer freshmen adapting to the world of dorm life, but we're not yet seniors prepared to run out into the real world. However, as quickly as our freshmen and sophomore years passed, time will eventually consume our junior year as well. So what exactly can we say, as a class, has most occupied our time at Wesleyan? A whole treasure trove of new friendships and new experiences, not to mention new technology, all made their mark in our days spent at Wesleyan. People from the other side of the world, who you never would have known existed, have become best friends. Another person who lived two miles away from you in your hometown, yet you never knew, has become your roommate. Time has brought us experiences that span distances much farther than our little campus, and hopefully time, despite its fast-footed pace, will teach us a few more things before we leave the halls of Wesleyan.

by Dana Moore '01



Above: Juniors quickly realize that their first two years at Wesleyan have flown by—and senior year is quickly approaching. Seniors are not the only ones to feel the "itch" of the real world calling. Kelly Murphy relieves the stress of junioritis by hula-hooping.



Dawn Ohse



Sarah Orndorff



Charlie Petr



Kip Plaisted



Stephen Ranjan



Joshua Ray



John Riffle



Jerred Roth



Ryan Ruth



Jane Schelbe



Heather Schenning



Jennifer Schroyer



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Katie Sheridan



Alisha Smith



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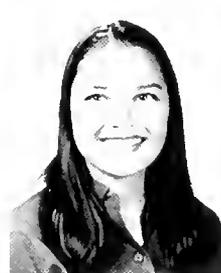
Christina Talbert



Amy Tenney



Lori Ulderich



Vennessa Walker



John Waltz



Stacie Wanner



Christopher Watson

Time Flies



Kimberly White



Jill Wiech



Andrew Wilfong



Brenda Wilson



Kiley Wingfield

Four years seem like all the time in the world. But time flies by and with a blink of an eye somehow we became juniors. With each passing year we take a step closer to the world of reality.

Junior year was one filled with 21st birthdays and a celebration of a new millennium. It was a year of harder classes that made you wonder if you had picked the right major. A year of late, fun, and crazy nights, all which would lead to unforgettable memories. A year when you realize that the end is coming all too fast.

Our last year at Wesleyan is approaching fast, and we will soon discover that there is just not enough time to do everything we should. Someday we will look back and realize somewhere between day one and year four where the best days of our life were spent. Whether it was the midnight Sheetz runs, bush diving, snowball fights, skipping class on a sunny day to go to Audra or maybe it was those special professors who would stay in their offices to mid hours of the night just to help you. No matter what your experiences have been at Wesleyan, there will always be a special memory or person who will remain in your heart and be remembered no matter where life leads you. Before we know it, our last day will be spent in our home among the hills. But the memories and friendships will remain forever within the hills of our hearts.

by Suzanne Layman '01



Above: Time really does seem to fly by at Wesleyan, especially if students are having fun. It appears that Suzanne Layman is having a blast being smothered by friends during a beginning-of-the-year fundraiser known as "Car Crunch."

Mealtime

I look forward to mealtime. A typical time at Aladdin would be going to dinner at 5-o'clock and my friends and I do not leave until quarter till seven. We sit at the table and enjoy each other's presence. Singing is something that happens during mealtime. It is not planned, but when we all get in the mood, we'll sing songs from our Alma Mater to Dixie Chicks. One would assume that we get embarrassed or feel foolish, but we don't! We are confident in our intelligence and comfortable enough with our self worth that we can be spontaneous in our actions. Because, at that time, life to us does not exist outside of the table.

We have many fun times, but also some serious moments; we often discuss class work and philosophies and different complications that might be facing us from the campus. In short, just to be in Aladdin during mealtime with friends is the highlight of the day, because we all keep track of what happens during our day and take it to the fun arena.

by Richard Buckley '02



Above: Wesleyan students love to socialize, whether it be in the cafeteria, in class, or just hanging out in the dorms. Richard Buckley waves from his third floor window in Jenkins to passersby returning from mealtime at Aladdin.



Lori Allen



Cathy Alt



Emily Ames



Alicia Anderson



Nickolas Andrew



Sarah Axton



Katherine Ball



Erin Bandi



Scott Bennett



Mary Alice Bird



Stacey Brett



Christine Bringenberg



Jason Burd



Brian Camerlin



Amie Campanicki



Tim Chandler



Autumn Chenoweth



Evelyn Chojnacki



Jessica Cochran



Rachel Corn



Erin D'Aurora



Kristen Dalesandro



Janna Derby



Kara Dundas



Amanda Eakle



Lauren Ercolano



Laura Fantone



Benjamin Farley



Jeremy Fisher



David Gilbert



Tina Grof



Vickie Guerin



Michael Haines



Phil Hancock



Jennifer Hankin



Amanda Hardman



Heather Hardman



Melissa Harrington



Kristi Haynes



Nicholas Hedstrom

Bull's Eye

A lot can change in a year! In essence, it doesn't seem like that much time when you look back over the course of one. However, the sophomore class has seen many facets of this year and at times it was a long road. There were many "softballs thrown at our bull's eye." But we haven't sunk yet. In the two years we have been here we have been thrown friends, classes, rushing and pledging fraternities, sororities, clubs, chapel, community service, jobs, dilemmas and what was that food we were thrown in the cafeteria?

Something that remained a main focus was fundraising. Many times we wished we had sunk. But what we've learned through these experiences is that giving up means less money for our class and that there really are things to do on campus if people will just get involved. This scenario correlates to a fundraiser that we had in early October, a dunking booth. We officers were dipped into the icy water a few times. It's all about sacrifice and rising from the water.

by Charlie Phillips '02



Above: As Charlie Phillips winds up for the pitch, the look of determination to hit the bull's eye is evident on his face. The sophomore class has experienced many ups and downs during their two-year stay at Wesleyan, with hopefully many more "bull's eyes" coming up in their next two years.



Carolyn Henley



Whitney Hitchcock



Kristopher Hussmann



Derrick Johns



Esajoli Jones



Chizuru Kaneko



Joshua Keane



Jennifer Keatley



Evan Keeling



Justin Kilby



Christopher Kimes



Flora Knight



Patricia Knight



Peter Krevenas



Angie Kyle



Jennifer LaMora



Jonathan Langevin



Jason LaRue



Jason Linville



Shauna Loudermilk



Manuel Luna



Errika Mace



Kathryn Mahmood



Michael Malfregeot



Rhonda Mast



Tara McCartney



Amanda McComb



Richard McCune



Alicia McLaughlin



Adam Muncy



Becky Nelson



Patrick Niday



Heather Noland



Monica Norman



Jeff Osterberg



Stacy Papamichael



Charles Phillips



Lisa Pitrolo



Christine Pudleiner



Danielle Putz

Good Times

My fondest memories at Wesleyan so far have been camping on Wesleyan soil, Riverdancing in the Doney quad, slumber parties at the library, and setting off the first fire drill of the year due to a frisbee incident. Striking across the football field, flashing the C-92 logo from the inside of my trench coat, and surprising fellow students with clown antics are also well-remembered good times.

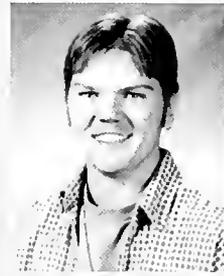
Other wonderful memories include late moonlight walks with close friends, giving my shoes to people who have small feet, and not winning anything at Bingo night. Hosting the real deal crazy game show, movie nights at Hyma, playing video games instead of working on that late lab report, reading from Mary-Jo's favorite Bible, and of course showing up for cancelled classes are also hilarious memories. I have worked on the school play, looked for the secret tunnel entrance under the chapel, done lab experiments that don't really work, and stuffed the elevator to its fullest capacity. Going to dinner with friends, meeting new friends at dinner, and waiting in line for something I really didn't want to eat are also fond memories.

But the most enjoyable time of celebrating happens when I reflect upon the day's events while watching the sunset from the chapel steps, with my good friend, John Wesley, standing behind me.

by Ehren Gross '02



Above: Ehren Gross and Janelle Destrosiers share a peaceful dinner outside during the Organizational Fair. This is just one of the many moments of fun and recreation that students at Wesleyan enjoy.



Mark Radcliffe



Thomas Reed



Justin Rider



Tammy Ronco



Nicole Scaletta



Brooke Seelos



Elizabeth Sheppard



Robin Shugarts



Melissa Simons



Margaret Sisler



Amanda Sites



Carrie Skeen



Jessica Smith



Lisa Stanek



Alicia Stickel



Tiffany Stoner



Hollister Struck



Andrea Sutton



Lyndsi Taylor



Khanh Thai



Amy Thomason



Pete Thompson



Anne Thornton



Donna Veach



Myra Wamsley



Andrea Wesp



Angela White



Stefanie White



Cynthia Wilson



Julie Wooddell



Rachel Woodruff



Christina Wright



Courtney Ahlborn



Naomi Anderson



Meghan Angell



Katrina Ash



Melissa Ashton



Stacy Bachelder



Matthew Bachtel



Beth Bailey



Rayner Balciunas



William Bandzuch



Adena Barnette



Sheena Bates



Michelle Beatty



Jenora Benjamin



AnnaBelle Bias



Jessica Bolton



Elaine Bosley



Katie Bowles



Tracy Brusso



Erin Bryan



Rebecca Burbee



Tina Campbell



Julie Carder



Nicole Chase



Irene Clegg

The Impact

When I chose to attend Weslevan, I had no idea the impact the state of West Virginia would have on me. Since I was coming from Pittsburgh, the school was not a far drive. I really did not think that coming to another state for college would be that much of an issue for me. I have found that it was not moving to just any state that made the difference, but it was West Virginia. It was not just the autumn foliage covering the plethora of hills as my parents and I drove along I-79. It was not the beautiful landscape around the campus of our school. The difference was all of these things combined along with the passionate people who loved the land they grew up in. Pride for a state's natural attributes was something that I had not been a part of for the majority of my life. However, the next part of my life was going to be submersed in this rich, rural culture. This culture made the largest impact on my first few months here at Weslevan and it continues to affect the way I see the land, the people and myself.

by Laura Davis '03



Jessie Coulter



Jennifer Cover



Christian Crawford



Courtney Crist



Thomas Crooks



Katie Davis



Laura Davis



Rodney Dean



Monica Delcampo



Allison Demento



Jason Duke



Melissa Eakle



Amber Easter



Jacqui Euell



Emily Evans



Above: These five freshmen friends are obviously having a great time with each other. Jenny Simon, Monica Delcampo, Laura Davis, Megan Miller, and Amanda Gollaber have made lasting friendships through many days and nights spent together in Jenkins Hall.



Mary Fantone



Paul Ferguson



Nicole Fletcher



Teresa Fogus



Elizabeth Ford



Abby Freeland



Chad Freeman



Allison Gibbs



Carrie Glasser



Amanda Gollaher



Susan Gonshor



Beth Gooden



Adam Gregory



Amanda Greineisen



Heather Grim



Sherry Hall



Morgan Harrision



Christina Hart



Jessica Harvey



Carly Hedrich



David Henry



Kimberly Hines



Tanya Holbrook



Bethany Horton



Parrish Horton



Lauran Howard



Bethany Huff



Amanda Jackson



Crystal Jenkins



Adam Keeling



Melissa Kelley



Molly Kiser



Lauren Kovac



Josh Kucharski



Erin Lawrence



James Leard



Nicholas Learnard



Crystal Lee



Nicole Leedy



Celeste Lefave

Adapting

One of the most difficult transitions for me as a freshman was learning to study the college way. In high school, most tests covered a mere chapter or two, and I could cram the information the night before, on the bus, or in homeroom. Here, I quickly learned that this method is not acceptable if I wanted to remain an upstanding college student.

The daily grind is much tougher compared to high school. Pop quizzes seem to be a way of life and choosing not to read is not an option unless I want to fail a quiz. Every time I turn around, I have a paper, research project, or lab report due in one class or another. Class is not optional unless I want to lose participation points or have a percentage of my grade knocked off for every absence.

I have learned to cope with this new experience by budgeting my time. I also avoid leaving complicated assignments until the last minute. With these helpful habits, I am learning to effectively study in this new college environment.

by Amanda White '03



Above: Taking some time off from studying are freshmen roommates Elizabeth Wilson and Laura Ritchie. They are enjoying each other's company by spending some time in Madh during Christmas on Campus with Santa Claus.



Frances Leone



Marjorie Lewis



Cindy Linger



Amanda Lott



Amiti Maloy



Kimmie McConnell



Nicholas McGinnis



Danielle McIlvaine



Carol Milford



Megan Miller



Leslie Millette



Erica Milone



Whitey Mitchell



Jennifer Moore



Jennifer Moury



Amber Mullin



Marlena Murray



James Namsupak



Abbey Niland



Sarah Orbin



James Paugh



Joseph Penczak



Stephanie Petreccia



Gustavo Pontual-Machado



Beth Porter



Brain Potter



Christina Price



Jessica Price



Andrea Psarakis



Jessie Redner



Julie Renner



Robert Ridlen



Melissa Riffie



Laura Ritchie



Adrien Robinson



Julie Rzeszutek



Jennifer Sandy



Heather Schneider



Amy Schoolcraft



Anne Schoolcraft

Transition

After the first week of "college life," you began to realize that you were not the only one who missed the familiarity of home. Before going to college, you were told that the meals are "Not home cookin', but edible," that "You will miss your old friends, but new ones will come," and that "Your dorm room will look great, once you put on a couple of coats of paint and get your stuff in there." The truth is that you learn to truly appreciate the man who invented pizza delivery, you miss your friends more and more each day, and a dorm room just isn't the same as your bedroom back home. But as classes begin, you meet new friends and begin your new life as a college student. Shower shoes are a necessity, all-nighters from procrastination make for a bad day, and roommates should not be depended on to leave the door unlocked when you go to the shower. You learn that movies with friends are important, laughter helps to relieve stress, and that college isn't as bad as what you thought it was going to be.

by Anne Schoolcraft '03



Above: The freshman year is full of uncertainties. What should I major in? Will my wool sweater shrink in the dryer? Will I meet new friends? Through friendships that may last a lifetime, you may gain help in answering the above questions. Friends Erin Lawrence, Kimmie McConnell, Adena Barnette, Christine Smith, Melissa Kelley, Morgan Harrison, Amy Schoolcraft, and Anne Schoolcraft hope to continue their friendships through and after college.



Matt Scott



Ann Sebold



Nick Selan



Anna Sidz



Jennifer Simon



Brandy Skidmore



Nathaniel Slavin



Krista Slemmer



Christine Smith



Amanda Snyder



Amy Snyder



Sarah Snyder



Abbey Stanley



Laura Steck



Jenny Talbert



Pam Tenney



Brigette Thomas



Magen Tourtillotte



Heidi Tucker



Hillary Tygrett



Beth Vollberg



Danielle Walker



Kearsten Walker



Dustin Waybright



Krystal Weber



Becca Whipkey



Elizabeth Wilson



Kirk Wilson



Joshua Wood



Kristin Woods



Erika Wright



Lindsay Wycarver



Aylyn Yalaz

Friends

As a freshman experiencing the college life for the first time, it amazes me as to how much we learned in our first year here. From sharing a bathroom with forty other guys to being forced to stay up to the wee hours of the morning studying for that darn exam, we find that the college life is in a world of its own. To survive in this "cruel" world, it is almost necessary to depend on others to help us keep our sanity. I have found it is these people we call friends who make these four years of our lives possibly four of the greatest.

What good would our experience be at Wesley World if we didn't have those people to sit with at Aladdin for hours, joking around and escaping our books, or the people who make the trek to Audra with us just to enjoy Mother Nature and each other's company?

Friends make it possible to succeed in college, especially during our freshman year. We lean on each other during the bad times and always share in remembering the wonderful experiences that we've been through together. The bonds formed with other people on this campus are important and something to be cherished forever. Thank God for friends.

by Kevin Starcher '03

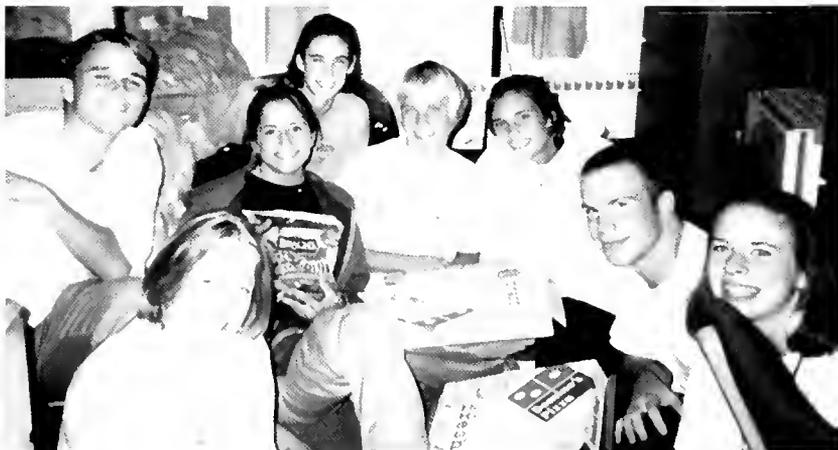


Above: Freshmen friends, Laura Daniel, Katie Downey, and Dee Waters, hang out in their dorm during orientation weekend. They will probably spend many an evening and weekend enjoying each other's company.

Right: Freshman Heidi Tucker and juniors Jane Shelbe and Jen Mullen size up their Semmar Group's competition during a general assembly in the chapel prior to the Freshman Olympics. **Far Right:** Jen Schroyer and Emika Mace cheer on the nationally ranked Bobcat swim team.



Right: Travis McCormack, Nicole Leedy, Nicole Novak, Jimmy Simon, Alyson Crumline, Emily Newman, Scott Gray, and Ann Sebold are feasting on pizza during a get together at the beginning of the year. College students never seem to get enough pizza — they can eat it morning, noon, and night. Wesleyan is no exception. **Above:** These four friends are experiencing windy conditions during their Seneca Rocks outing. Enjoying the nature are Chris Long, Jeff Kees, Ann Hollenbeck, and Kirk Wilson.



Celebrating Friendships



Above Left: Celebrating friendships by sharing a Christmas dinner, Jenkins dormmates Sarah Ford, Mary Lantone, Jessie Redner, Mike Hames, Erica Milone, Lauri Howard, Danni Walker, and Rob Layne. **Above Right:** Noriko Kitamura and Emi Hoang are happy to be out enjoying the sun at the annual ISO picnic. **Left:** These talented Wesleyan Jocks that play on, are also close friends off the court. Kristen Wells, Lydia Egg, Erin Finney, Andrea Gunn, Dani Laathe, and Kelly Boyce share a moment in their hall. **Above:** Having fun out on the grass during Jump festivities are juniors Suzanne Romero, Lisa Christen, and Stephanie Coles.

Celebrate the Memories

Now that the year has come to a close, Wesleyan students have gained many unforgettable memories. These memories will continue to remind us of this past year and all our time here at Wesleyan. Every year was a new beginning. The 1999-2000 year is no exception. This book represents both a beginning and an ending. Wesleyan was a beginning for the class of 2003 and an ending for the class of 2000.

Throughout the course of the year, students have explored many aspects of campus life. Freshmen gathered with classmates for freshmen seminar and became acclimated with the new experience of college; their memories had just begun. The new year was a time when upperclassmen looked forward to adding to their already growing memorable college experience. For many seniors, the year was one of many challenges; though when they finally walked across the stage at commencement ceremonies, they felt proud to receive their diploma. The memory of walking across the stage will always be remembered.

The memories one gains during college are unforgettable, though those attained through the "Wesleyan Experience" become those most cherished. Regardless of students' campus involvement throughout the year, it is virtually impossible to leave without gaining a sense of belonging. Those students leaving the campus after four years will never forget the memories they made here during the year.

Even though this is the end of the book and readers will soon close it, it will not mean that they cannot reminisce on its pages again and again to celebrate the memories they made at Wesleyan this year.



Top Left: International students often gather at professors' homes for weekend getaways. For international students, campus life is an experience not easily forgotten. **Top Right:** During an after graduation reception, President Haden shares in the excitement with recent graduates. Not only is graduation a time of celebration for seniors, it is also a time of excitement here on campus. **Bottom:** Members of the swim team put a lot into their sport, often practicing before the sun comes up. These members clown around during a quick break from practice.



Celebrate *the* **Seasons**

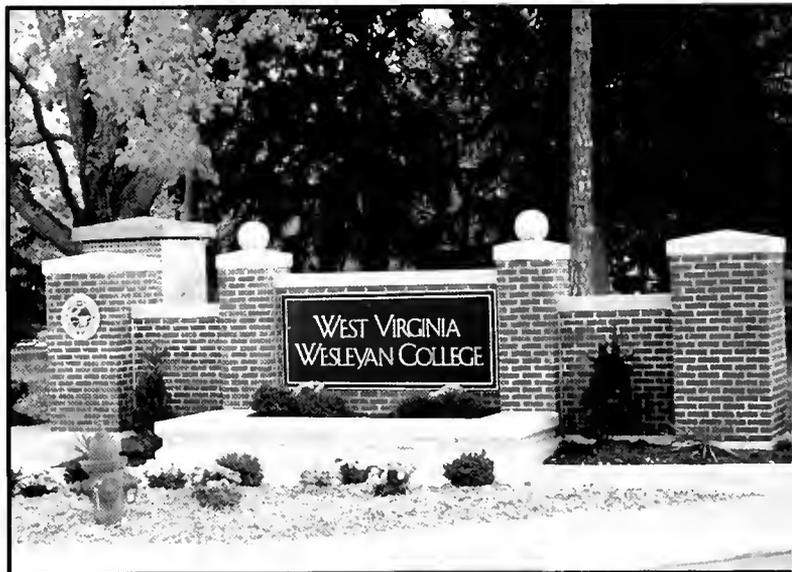
Nestled among the quiet, spacious hills of West Virginia is the small town of Buckhannon with an approximate population of 1700 residents. Within this quaint little town is a bustling center of academic excellence filled with the future leaders, artists, scientists, and dreamers of tomorrow. That place is West Virginia Wesleyan College and those future achievers are the students who walk the sidewalks and sleep in the residence halls.

Wesleyan and Buckhannon have been home to such greatness and success in the past years. Some of the greatest names in current history have passed through this campus. The biggest attraction to Wesleyan is not usually the academic or athletic greatness; it is most often the aesthetic beauty of the region that draws the students to Wesleyan. The gardeners and maintenance crews employed at the college assist in the creation of this awesome wonder, but most of the beauty is due to the location of Wesleyan's campus.

The location of the campus is not too far north to produce deep, frigid winters and cool summers. It is not too far south to prevent a crisp autumn foliage or winter snowfall. Not too close to the shore to create ocean breezes and mild, tropical temperatures. Actually, it is located in such a great position that students and faculty at Wesleyan are able to share in the excitement of watching four seasons fully develop and progress.

The summers are often warm and humid and send the natives flocking to the cooler mountain resorts or the local pools. Occasional droughts persist in the area causing the water wells to dry up, but then there are the occasional rainy seasons, which result in mild to severe flooding. The autumns are cool enough to enjoy the outdoor evening walk and the fine colors among the trees. The winters are cold enough to produce a moderate snow season for the ski resorts nearby and once in a while they are cold enough to cause students to hibernate for weekends at a time. An occasional blizzard adds to the winter duldrums, as students flock outside to play as they did when they were younger. The springs are awe inspiring and cause an awakening among most students. It is not often that a college student has the chance to slow down and look around, but when that chance comes there are amazing sites during the Buckhannon springs. Flowers bloom and birds arrive; suddenly the campus has awoken from its winter slumber.

The campus is nestled in a peaceful valley that allows visitors and inhabitants to get a glimpse of heaven in all directions. The rolling hills all around create a beautiful tapestry of fall colors, winter snow blankets, spring blossoms, and summer rain storms.



Above Left: The winter of 1999-2000 was a rather mild one for the "Home Among the Hills." The winter season provided above average temperatures and a moderate snow fall; however, when the snow came, the students were ready. Several playful J-term students made use of the light snowfall to build a snowman in front of the Chapel. **Above:** A combination of beautiful fall foliage and skilled gardening made this entrance to Wesleyan's campus a breath taking site in October. The sign was a new addition to the campus, barely meeting completion before the fall colors arrived. **Left:** The Camden parking lot and much of the town of Buckhannon went under water during a freak late summer storm. It was like a scene out of a movie with the words, "and then the rains came," being uttered over and over. Many students walked around with video cameras to record the scary event. The storm and subsequent flooding sent water levels over the tops of the parking meters downtown, shut-down most roads leading in and out of the area, and caused thousands of dollars in damage.

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