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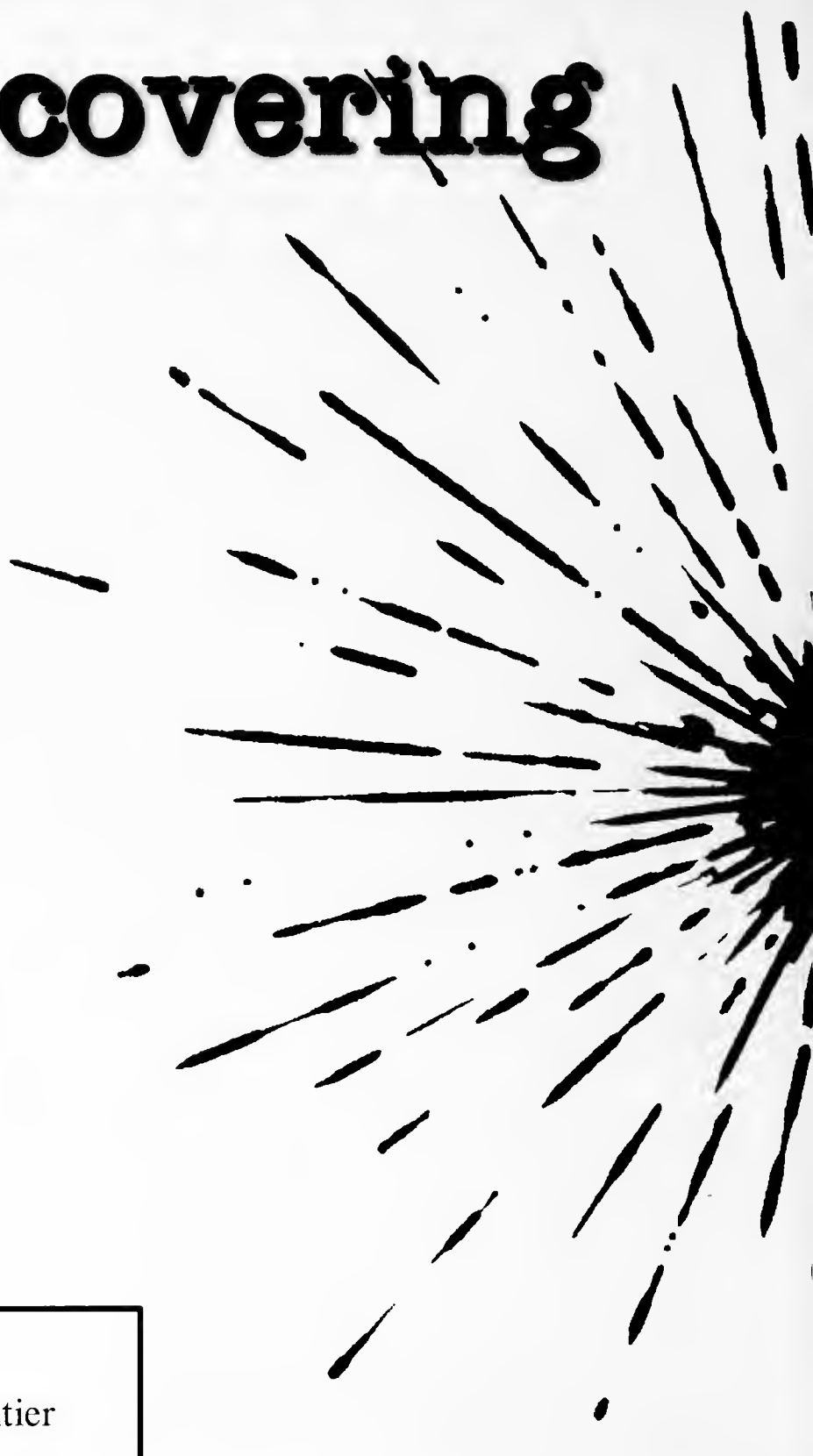


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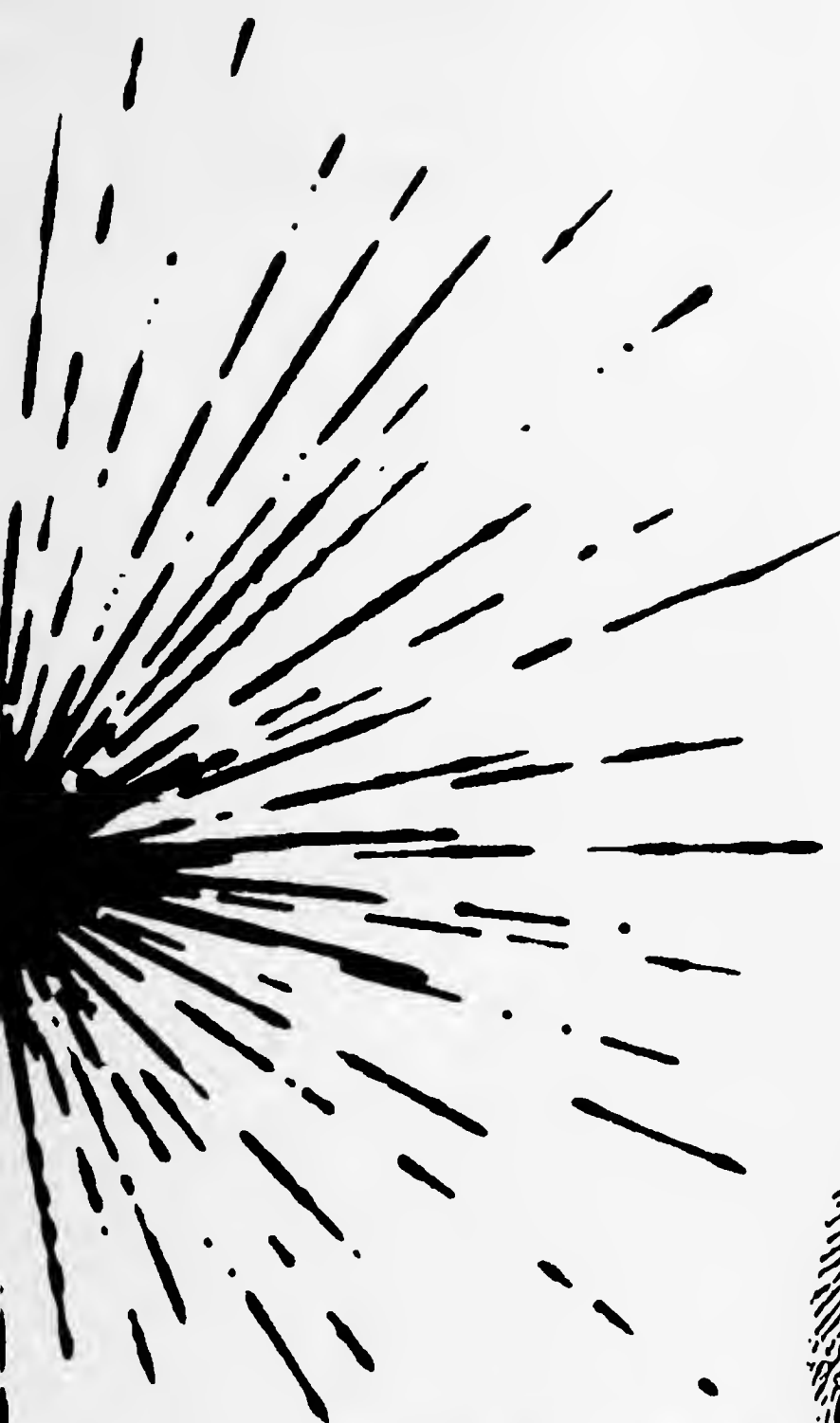
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Opening

discovering our identity

Many sixty, seventy, and eighty-year olds among us would still describe their four or more years in college as the best of their lives. Why do you imagine that is? It's probably not the money situation—in fact, the widely-supported college stereotype is that of the cash-drained sophomore forever hitting his parents up for money while trying to make the most of a meager work-study wage. It's certainly not the all-night study sessions that are both a pain and a badge of honor within the college community; these savage endurance trials supply students with heroic tales of sleep deprivation while simultaneously fueling a life-long addiction to caffeine and procrastination. And it definitely isn't the closet-sized living space called a dormitory that the majority of us share with at least one other person for four years.

So why is it that these sage and learned citizens, who likely have a lifetime of other amazing experiences under their belts, can still wax nostalgic about their days spent in higher education?

We on the Murmurmontis staff felt that the answer may have less to do with the external trappings of the college experience and so much more to do with the internal changes that occur on a personal level during time we spend in school. We had to go to high school, but we made the choice to go to college; now is the time to blow the dust off of our childhood dreams of being astronauts or dentists or teachers and take our first and second strides toward achieving our ultimate goals, whatever they may be.

We selected the "Identity" theme for this year because we felt that it is a sense of identity that really makes up the soul of the college experience. We pick our dorm décor, we pick our classes, our majors, our friends, and our organizations, and each of these choices reflects facets of our own individuality and of our coming to terms with our own uniqueness. College is a time to find ourselves, to grow as individuals and discover what makes us happy and keeps us passionate. We hope sincerely that when the day comes that we all leave West Virginia Wesleyan College that we can go on our way with strengthened convictions, an emboldened sense of self, and best of all, a family forever.





Spring flowers bloom in front of the Christopher Hall of Science whose identity is about to change with its new addition, the Reemsnyder Research Center as pictured on the left.



CAMPUS LIFE



Cassie Lemon and Stephanie Myers go retro behind the welcome table at the 2008 Retro Dance.



A Wesleyan student wanders through amazing street sculptures on the History Department's Holocaust trip to Washington, D.C.



Homecoming Queen nominee Laura Full rides in style down Main Street for the Homecoming Parade.



Jerry Caligiure, Jes Agnew, Mary Patterson, and Kate Kesecker enjoy the Taste of Buekhannon event held on Wesleyan's campus.



Students enjoy time with their families in the cafeteria on Family Weekend.



discovering student life





May Term Excursions

Journey to the Emerald Isle

by Sarah Wilkinson of the 2008 May Term Ireland Trip, by John Scott

For three weeks in May, twenty-one Wesleyan students, along with Drs. Mahoney and McNamara, set forth to discover this exciting and fertile land for ourselves. And discover we did.

Often we would start everyday with a large Irish breakfast, made up of sausage, Irish bacon, white and black pudding (liver and blood, respectfully), and a fried egg. This was to be our fuel for the action-packed day ahead. With only three weeks in the country, and tons of towns and sights to explore, we really needed to keep our energy and spirits high. And oh, how we visited.

We trod in the places where Yeats and Shaw wrote, we climbed to the top of Knocknaree, and we heard the lyrical language of Gaelic on the Aran Islands. We enjoyed the trappings of city life in Dublin, with its traffic and pubs and busy streets, and we enjoyed the tranquil quiet of Malinbeg, a beautiful farm town that seemed to have more sheep than people. From Doolin, to Sligo, and even in the heart of Dublin, we were always able to find a kind stranger for directions or for a quick "have" at the "crac" (a nearly untranslatable phrase that refers to the light-hearted gab that's often traded at the pubs or, indeed, anywhere there are Irish folk in a good mood). We saw the marks of civilizations that came before us: the Celts, the Druids, and remainders of peoples so ancient all we have left of them are their beautiful and haunting stone structures. We went up the coasts by the cliffs of Moher and further north to see Belfast in Northern Ireland for the first time in Wesleyan history, and (if I'm permitted to speak for my fellow travellers) we loved every minute.

This trip really spoke to my inner nomad, packing up and leaving a place after two, three, or sometimes even one day really inspired us to make the most of all of the time spent in that particular town or burb, even when we were struggling to find our third, or even fourth wind.

As such, this May Term trip was less a trip than a thrilling sensory overload, every second was an experience, every town and field and rock wall passed was new and exciting, and so in love were we with the land around us that the fine students (all twenty-one of us) threw ourselves vigorously into the culture and daily routines of the Irish people. It was, in my humble opinion, truly the trip of a lifetime.



Top: The cliff road in Doolin.

Second: The Ireland group stands on the steps of Stormont, the North Ireland Parliament building.

Third: The Ireland boys proudly display their catch in Malinbeg.

Fourth: Sarah Wilkinson gets pally-wally with the James Joyce statue in Galway.

building our identity wherever we go



Top: Katie Wick, Sherri Lee Sloan, and Adrienne Shurina pose with some Russian children.

Bottom: The Russia group in Moscow.



Top: Mary Patterson, Taran Parsons, and Megan Frum pose in front of the Roman Forum. **Bottom:** Joshua Henzler gets chummy with a Roman Centurion.

To Russia With Love

A Narrative from the 2008 Russia May Term Trip
by Katie Wick

My trip to Russia. Where do I even begin? First, we were in a small town about an hour outside of Moscow called Flecktrastal, where we stayed at a school for orphans and students with mild mental disabilities.

The eight of us, Adrienne Shurina, Andrew Williams, Sherri Lee Sloan, Carrie Swayne, Amy McGrew, Dr. Debbie Bush, and Dr. Carol Means and myself (Katie Wick) spent the week observing classes and playing with the children after school was out. We even got to teach a class, some of us did art projects, while others taught a few simple English words and sang songs. All of us (except for Andrew) were education majors and found this experience very rewarding and extremely beneficial for our future careers. The second part of our trip was touring Moscow and St. Petersburg for two days each. We saw Sergei Passat, the holiest place in Russia with the original onion domes and beautiful Cathedrals. Peter the Great's Winter and Summer Palaces, took a walk through Red Square, saw multiple onion domed Cathedrals and just shopped around at outdoor vendors for souvenirs for friends and family. We also took a night train from Moscow to St. Petersburg and back, which was an experience within itself. Throughout this trip we all became close friends, between putting up with things that annoyed each and every one of us to inside jokes and enjoying the company of the professors at the dinner table, this was an experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Bella Italia

A Narrative from the 2008 Italy May Term Trip
by Mary Patterson

About 20 students went to Italy for May Term. The group was lead by Judith Martin and Margo Davis, and we visited the cities of Venice, Florence, Sorrento, Rome, and the Vatican. During the trip, the group visited many churches, museums, and other important places. While staying in Venice, several girls and I had the opportunity to ride a gondola. The second city we visited was Florence. Florence had a little market where many vendors were selling mostly leather products. During our free days we had an option to go to Pisa, Cicatara, or both. We visited the famous city Pompeii and a village called Herculeum. On our first free day, most of the group went to Capri, an island of the coast of Sorrento where the famous Blue Grotto is located. We also had the opportunity to climb Mt. Vesuvius. Rome and the Vatican were our final stop for our trip. We visited the Roman Forum, Coliseum, St. Peter's Basilica. Several of the students had the chance to shake hands with Pope Benedict XVI. Italy was an amazing place to visit and to stay for three weeks.



New Student Orientation



Alisa Lively and members of the Physical Plant take a break on the swing in front of Aggy during Orientation weekend.



Legacy students and their alumni parents have their picture taken in front of the Wesley Chapel.



Freshmen move into the dorms first thing after arriving on campus.



President Balch introduces herself before speaking to the new Wesleyan freshmen during the picnic lunch at her home.

developing new identities

New Student Orientation is a time of many firsts for most incoming freshmen. For some, it's their first time on the Wesleyan campus. For others, it's their first time living apart from their parents and families. For most, it's their first time in college. The new freshmen had little time to think about these firsts, however. Unpacking, registration, classes, and activities of all kinds filled their first couple weeks at Wesleyan. Although very busy, this exciting set of firsts would be remembered by many for years to come.

New students begin to discover their new identities at West Virginia Wesleyan College during Orientation activities.



The Campus Creations booth at the Bobcat Street Fair was a popular stop.



Wesleyan staff also browse the Bobcat Street Fair which represented some of Buckhannon's local businesses



Friends of Wesleyan lend helping hands during Orientation weekend.





Homecoming



President Balch crowns the 2007 Homecoming King Brian Schooley.



Patrick Balch crowns the 2007 Homecoming Queen Christine Lansdale.



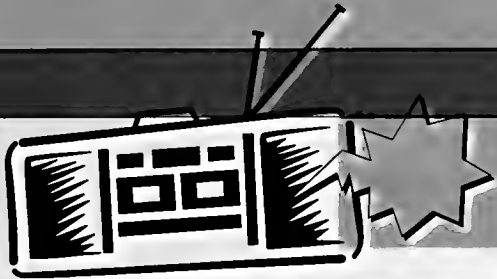
Wesleyan students perform during halftime at the Homecoming football game.

One of the highlights of the West Virginia Wesleyan College Homecoming weekend was the coronation of a new King and Queen. The coronation was held at halftime of the Wesleyan-Shepherd football game at Cebe Ross Field. The 2007 Homecoming King and Queen, as voted on by their fellow students, were seniors Brian Schooley and Christine Lansdale.

Schooley was a public relations major from Millville, NJ while Lansdale was a biology/pre-med major from Hurricane, WV.

Members of the King and Queen's court included English major Laura Full, psychology major Melissa Martin, business management/MBA major Taran Parsons, elementary education major Stephanie Rovnan, exercise science major Tyler Blatchley, political science major Jonathan Gohrband, elementary education major Wes Smallwood, and accounting major Jamion Wolford.

Retro Dance



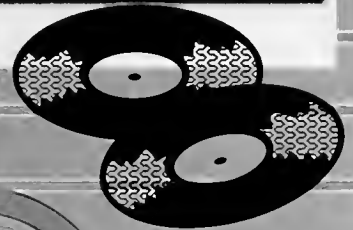
On Saturday January 26, 2007 at 9pm, Wesleyan's first dance in years began and lasted until 12am Sunday morning at the 88 BiCentennial Hotel in Buckhannon. Complete with a professional DJ and strobe lights, the dance kicked off with a retro theme. Students were clad in costumes from the 1960's to the 1990's. The event was an incredible success drawing over 150 people.



Daniel Watson, Matt Wellington, Nicole Ratloff, Seth Kitzmiller, Gabriel Brill, and Cassie Lemon show off their retro costumes.



Retro dancers have to check in at the Welcome Table before enjoying the party.



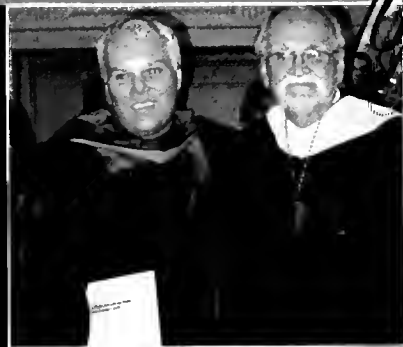
Founder's Day



identity begins with leadership



Heather Bomberger Conley '91 gave an address during the Founder's Day ceremony.



"Dr. Hull is a scholar, teacher, mentor, and friend to many Wesleyan students," said Dr. Larry Parsons, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College.

Heather Bomberger Conley, executive director for the office of the chairman of the American Red Cross, was the feature speaker at West Virginia Wesleyan's Founders Day ceremonies on Friday, October 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Wesley Chapel. Conley's speech was entitled "Today's Leadership Imperative: Service Before Self."

Also during the event, Dr. Robert Hull, associate professor of philosophy and the chair of the Christian Education, philosophy, and religion department, received the West Virginia Wesleyan College Award for Exemplary Teaching.



History Fair



Julian Bond, Chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, receives the prestigious West Virginia Wesleyan College Peace Award from Dr. Balch, President of WWC

Julian Bond and authors Dr. R. David Edmunds and Denise Giardina were among the featured attractions at the American HEART (History, Education, Activities, Research, and Technology) "History Fair" at West Virginia Wesleyan College on September 14 and 15, 2007.

Saturday's events included Dr. Edmunds, Giardina, Paul Rakes, along with several re-enactments. Dr. R. David Edmunds is the Watson Professor of American History at the University of Texas. Along with writing more than 100 essays and articles, Dr. Edmunds authored or edited award-winning books including *Tecumseh and the Quest for Indian Leadership*, *The Shawnee Prophet* and *The Potawatomi: Keepers of Fire*. Dr. Edmunds has been recognized with the Award of Merit from the American Indian Historians Association and serves as president of the American Society for Ethno history.

Among the historical re-enactments were Colonel Ruby G. Bradley of Spencer, WV, the most decorated women in American military history, Chief Logan of the Cayugas, who was a key figure in the Battle of Point Pleasant, Cornstalk, a leader of the Shawnee nation, Mother Jones, a labor activist who played a prominent role during the coal mine wars in West Virginia, and Robert E. Lee, commander of the Army of Northern Virginia and one of the most audacious military leaders in United States history.



Faculty, friends, and guests who worked on the history fair gather together for a group shot



making new connections.





Entertainment at Wesleyan

Plenty of events and activities kept Wesleyan students entertained last year. Movies played in Hyma auditorium every Friday and Saturday night. Comedians, such as Jen Kober and Buzz Sutherland, made students laugh, and music of all kinds played in the Chapel along with many CAB sponsored events. The National Gaming League hosted video game nights.



Alsa Lively and Nicole Ratliffe sandwich in between funny guy Buzz Sutherland after his stand-up routine.



Movies are played every weekend in Hyma Auditorium. Students prepare to watch *Elizabeth: The Golden Age* in Hyma.



Jen Kober, a comedian, made an appearance at WWWC.

l- R: Jerry Caligiure, Jennifer Hkins, Kate Kesecker, Jen Kober, and Jennifer Scott.

Current Events

From pop culture to politics, the past year has been heating up! As a result, the Murmurmontis staff compiled a campus wide survey to see just what Wesleyan students thought about the world around them in the past year.

1. Who do you want to win in the November Presidential election?

38.5% said John McCain
30.8% said Barack Obama
30.8% said Other

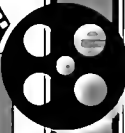


2. How do you feel about the end of President Bush's term?

50% said they were "ecstatic"
16.7% said they were "apathetic" or "scared"
8.3% said they were "relieved" or "neutral"

3. What (in your opinion) was the biggest blockbuster of this school year?

27.3% said *Harry Potter*
18.2% said *Sweeney Todd* or *Transformers*
9.1% said *Five Feet or Die Hard*, *I Am Legend*, or *Superbad*



4. What do you think was the best movie of 2007/-2008?

46.2% said *Juno*
23.1% said *American Gangster*
15.4% said *Hairspray*
7.7% said *Sweeney Todd*
7.7% said *No Country for Old Men*

5. What was your favorite "three-quel" movie from this school year?

41.7% said *Pirates of the Caribbean 3*
16.7% said *Ocean's 13*, *Spiderman 3*, or *The Bourne Ultimatum*

6. What was your favorite book of 2007-2008?

36.4% said the new *Harry Potter* book or *The Cubit* by Pete Galarneau
18.2% said *For One More Day* by Mitch Albom
9.1% said *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri
One said *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

7. Who's having the best year ever?

- a. Amy Winehouse for getting to rehab, finally. Nuff said.
- b. Eli Manning because he is no longer living in the shadow of his brother or father
- c. Michael Cera who burst into the comedy realm with two major comedy flicks after his hilarious role in the *Arrested Development* tv show.
- d. I don't pay attention to the celebrities.
- e. I don't know.

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Wesleyan Idol



Scott Getz was selected as the winner of the Wesleyan Idol 5 competition during West Virginia Wesleyan Family Weekend. Getz, a senior

majoring in music education from Revloc, PA, sang "Piano Man" by Billy Joel. Christopher Blackburn '04, assistant director of admission at Wesleyan, accompanied him on the piano.

For his efforts, Getz won the \$250 grand prize. The Campus Activities Board (CAB) sponsored Wesleyan Idol 5 which is based on the hit television show American Idol. Twenty-three students auditioned during the preliminary round and the number was reduced to ten for the finals.

The nine other finalist included Reba Altizer from Frankford, WV; Nicole Biondi from Charleston, WV; Austin Kritzer from Fairmont, WV; Latasha Mideap from Proctor, WV; Veronika Ohlinger from Letart, WV; D. J. Phillips from Vienna, WV; Harlem Short from New York, NY; Meghan Stokes from McKeesport, PA; and Amanda White of Buckhannon, WV. The alternate is Katie Rhodes from Parkersburg, WV.

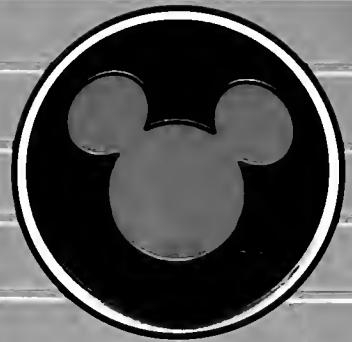
"Wesleyan Idol is one of the most anticipated events of the year," said Alisa Lively, director of campus activities and summer conference programs. "We are fortunate to have so many students with great musical talent."

Spring Sing "Disney"



Christine Tenney and Evan Wolfe accept their title of 2008 Spring Sing King and Queen from President Balch.

Most times at Spring Sing fraternities and sororities will perform music or skits on stage for the campus community.





Theater

Acting Out!

The Department of Theatre and Dance at WWC presented two large productions last season for the campus community-- *The Apple Tree* by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Hamrick, a musical based on short stories by Mark Twain, Frank R. Stockton, and Jules Feiffer and *Reefer Madness* a satiric musical, including the lyrics and music, written by Kevin Murphy and Dan Studney.

The Apple Tree's first act, "The Diary of Adam and Eve," tells the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Set in a far away kingdom, act two is the tale of Princess Barbara and her choice involving "The Lady or the Tiger?" The third act, "Passionella," is the story of Ella the chimney sweep and her dream to become a movie star.

Reefer Madness is a story revolving around the tragic events that occur when high school students are lured by pushers to try marijuana. A hit and run accident, manslaughter, suicide, rape, and descent into madness all ensue. It is meant to be a cautionary tale.



Sara Ogawa and Becky Myers are dancers from the Far East in *The Apple Tree*



Brandon Lee as the "Billadeer" in *The Apple Tree*



Lance Russell (Captain Sanjar) and Emily Morgan (Princess Barbara) in *The Apple Tree*



The cast of *Reefer Madness* can't hold Miranda Stokes back as she sings.



Brandon Lee, Rebecca Culp, Eddis Brown, and Robert Quarles crawl upstage in one of the musical numbers of *Reefer Madness*.



Rebecca Culp, Bri Hickman, Robert Quarles, Brandon Lee, Meredith Gagich, and Kiera McKee peek from behind the stage curtain.



FACULTY & STAFF



Above: At the Wesleyan OXJAM concert, Dr. Eric Waggoner and Dr. Boyd Creasman, of the two man band The Frets, perform live for the benefit of the Oxfam humanitarian organization.



Faculty sing the Wesleyan alma mater "My Home Among the Hills" at the Founder's Day chapel service.



Junior Emily Shelton and Dr. John Saunders, English, get close for the camera.



Several faculty and staff members who sang together in the Spring Sing 2008 event pose with flair outside Benedum Campus Center.



Dr. Stephen Cresswell, history, discusses the right wing and left wing parties in one of his classes.





Pamela Balch

President of West Virginia Wesleyan College

President Balch
reviews her
second term.

big plans

Projects and Progress for WVWC

As her second year serving as President of West Virginia Wesleyan College progressed, Pamela Balch took time to reflect on the new school year plans for the campus and issues facing the college.

President Balch addressed important milestones for our college.

"Our efforts have focused this year on campus-wide strategic planning with input and vision from our Board of Trustees," Balch related. "This will allow us to focus on our future in all areas of campus life. We now have a plan that can be reviewed, measured and adapted for priority setting."

Balch explained what her second year serving as President was like.

"My second year at Wesleyan is both challenging and fulfilling," the President said. "West Virginia Wesleyan College is making significant progress in its goals of moving from 'good to great'."

The President was excited to discuss an exciting new project on campus for the 2007-2008 academic year—the construction of the Virginia Thomas Law Center for the Performing Arts.

"This beautiful facility will replace our out-dated Atkinson Auditorium and will bring the Buckhannon community and the campus closer together with many theatrical, musical and dance productions," Balch commented. "This project is due to be completed by fall 2009."

Another new construction project Wesleyan will be undertaking is the David E. Reemsnyder Research Center.

"Approved by the Board of Trustees in Oct., 2007, this 23,000 square foot addition to Christopher Hall of Science will

provide for new laboratories for our faculty to engage students in research projects," Balch said. "Groundbreaking on this undertaking is scheduled for May 2008."

President Balch also talked about what current issues are facing West Virginia Wesleyan College, such as campus efforts to increase student enrollment, increasing the school's endowment and unrestricted giving, and continuing with facility improvements, including student housing.

Finally, the President explained with sincerity what "an honor and a privilege it is to serve my alma mater in a time of challenge and to appreciate the progress we are making together each day as a family of students, faculty, staff, alumni and family."

With such a dedicated President and so many projects to improve our campus in the works, Wesleyan students have much to anticipate.



At her office, President Balch takes a small moment from her busy schedule.

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Wesleyan Welcomes Tanya Shelton *excerpt from Orangeline 2007*

"As someone who grew up in West Virginia and later worked for some time nearby, I have always known of the outstanding academic reputation of Wesleyan, as well as the dedication of its alumni and friends. This is a very special place.

I have been very warmly welcomed here, with kind notes from alumni, trustees, and friends. I am most pleased to have an opportunity to work with Dr. Pam Balch, and I consider it a privilege to be on the team that moves Wesleyan "from good to great" in the months and years ahead."



Left: President Balch pauses briefly before the processional to commencement ceremonies.



Above: Bob Skinner discusses marketing techniques with curious students.



Left: Julia Kechner engages in a humorous conversation with Wesleyan students.

Kimberly Riley, printing services coordinator, is ready for business in the Wesleyan Service Center



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Wayment Enjoys New WVWC Experiences **optimistic**



For chemistry department professor Dr. Darcy Wayment, the journey toward teaching at West Virginia Wesleyan College began just a few years ago.

"I'd never heard of WVWC before, but while looking for job opportunities, I happened to see that WVWC was looking for a chemist. Since I'm from Texas, I knew a lot about the west coast but very little about the east; I thought I would give it a shot," Dr. Wayment explains. "But the main reason I decided to come teach here was because they offered a tenure track position and I knew Dr. Wovchko. He told me about the college and made me interested in investigating it further."

But Dr. Wayment hadn't always wanted to be a teacher; the profession found him.

"I'd never imagined becoming a teacher when I graduated high school. I was really into science. Even in grad school I never even considered teaching, but I'd had the opportunity to teach a few labs and really enjoyed it," Dr. Wayment said.

From his eight years of experience as a teacher (six years in San Antonio and a small college in Iowa and two years at WVWC) he has formed two main reasons that he loves to teach. The first is that "It's satisfying knowing that I was able to help students learn" , and the second is that "I really enjoy learning myself, and when I teach I learn along with my students."

Dr. Wayment expressed one part of teaching that makes him nervous.

"At first, at the beginning of a semester, it's very scary because you don't know most of your students. But then, at the end of the semester you know 75 more people than you previously did," Dr. Wayment noted. "It's stressful, but overall I really enjoy it."

Dr. Wayment also commented on his favorite aspect of being a professor at WVWC. "I like the small environment. It's nice to walk around campus, even around the town, and see students and faculty members I know. I also like the learning atmosphere. It's an inviting community of learners where everyone knows each other."

Coming soon on campus is a new science building, which will contain some new instructional and research laboratories. Dr. Wayment said the chemistry faculty is excited for the project, as it will "improve Wesleyan's ability to attract and retain science faculty and students."

"The biggest impact will be in providing up to date facilities for instructional laboratories and for research," Dr. Wayment explained. "This will enable the department to provide a safer learning and working environment as well as the ability to incorporate modern techniques into the chemistry curriculum."

This new building will contain a modern organic chemistry laboratory with appropriate fume hoods and much safer chemical storage capabilities. "It will also house a room for an NMR, an instrument that is an essential part of any chemistry department's research and teaching capabilities." Dr. Wayment commented that "the project seems to be moving along nicely now and we are optimistic!"

The WVWC chemistry program is in for exciting new additions and should feel lucky to have such a wonderful professor in their midst.

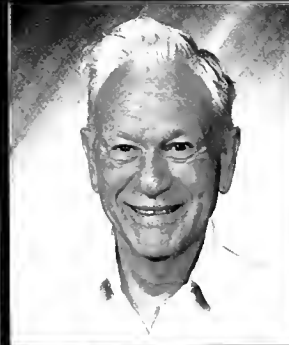
During dinner, Chef Bruce cooks and serves pizza to hungry Wesleyan students in the dining center.



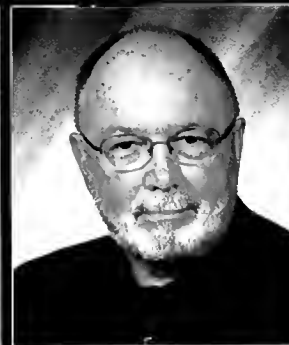
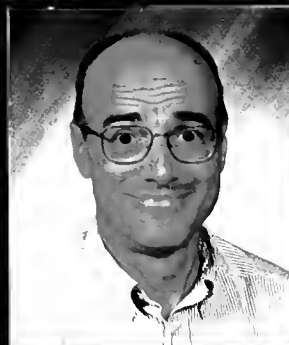
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Dr. Devon McNamara enjoys an animated conversation with guest writer Sara Pritchard and Ashley Higginbotham after a reading at Nellie Wilson Lounge.

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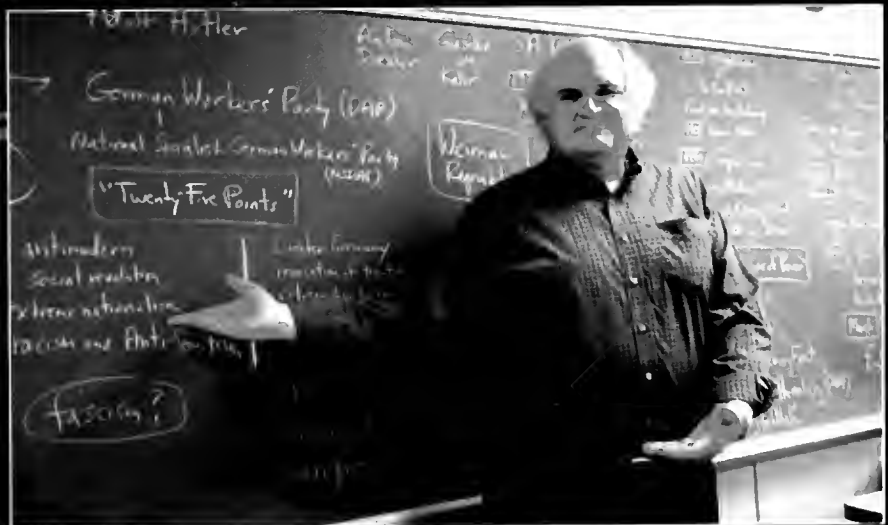
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Assistant



Dr. William Mahoney displays his chalkboard full of history notes about the rise of Hitler and the Nazi party in Germany in his History of Western Civilization class in Haymond Hall.





In memory of

Mrs. Katherine
W. Abbiate

1949 - 2007

A 1971 Wesleyan graduate and Senior Advancement Officer in the External Relations Office, Katherine Warr Abbiate passed away this year. She was a beloved member of the Wesleyan community and a good friend to many. She is remembered by husband Robert and daughters Nichole, Danielle and Amanda, a 2003 WVWC graduate.



Decked out in Wesleyan colors for Spirit Week and wearing her usual cheerful smile, JoAnn Michael, affectionately nicknamed "Grandma" by Wesleyan students, swipes students' ID cards as they enter the dining center.



Stephanie Myers

Residence Life
Coordinator

James Owry

Director of Planned
and Major Gifts

Molly Patterson

Executive Assistant
for the Vice President



Lynne Perry

Administrative Assistant
Alumni Relations

Jim Poling

Network Specialist

Bert Popson

Physics and Engineering



History Professor

Stephen Cresswell

outlines the possible
amount of points
students can receive

for an upcoming exam.



Faculty members look resplendent in their academic robes after the 2008 commencement ceremony.



Shauna Popson
Nursing
Nancy Porter
Writing Center & ESL
Program Coordinator
Alexander Pushchin
Physics and Engineering

FUN QUOTES FROM THE PHYSICS FACULTY....

From Dr. Joe Weist's Students:

Question: Why does Dr. Wiest want to turn off the bells to Wesley Chapel?

Answer: He wants to win the No-bell prize.



Dr. Bert Popson's physics definitions:

Centigrade—1/100th of a perfect test score.

Barium—what to do with dead people.

Ideal gas—the textbook case of indigestion.

Frequency—release our sixth president.

Buoyant—young male insect.

Ohm—no place like it.

Rotractors—not for amateur farmers.

Caitlin Rexroad
Assistant Director of
Admission
Neil Roth
Telecommunications
Engineer
Sue Roth
Computer
Applications Support
Specialist



Robert Rupp
Political
Science/History
Jeanne Sullivan
Biology
Christie Viller
Coordinator of Gift
Records, Technology
& Research



Richard Weeks
History
Tanya Westfall
Test Lab Coordinator
Rose Whitehair
Admission Office
Administrative
Assistant



Pam Wavchko
Mathematics



Faculty Pointers



Top Left: Dr. Richard Weeks, history, uses wide gestures to explain his point.

Bottom Left: Dr. James Moore, music, and Wesleyan director of bands, uses important signals for his orchestra.

Bottom Right: Dr. Kwame Boateng, political science, feels at home among his books.



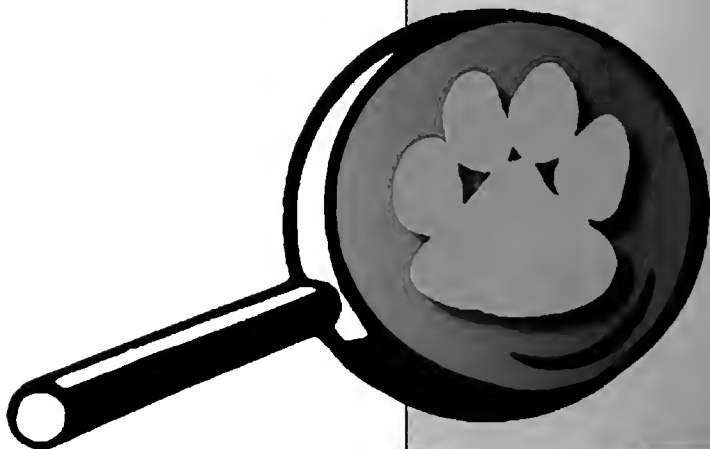
Peter Galarneau, Jr. Publishes His Novel

A decade's worth of work has come to fruition for WWVC assistant professor of communication Peter Galarneau, Jr. '98 with the publication of his 316-page horror/ thriller novel *The Cubit*. The book follows the path of scientist and MIT drop-out Billy Jo Presser and his mind-twisting journey that is predestined by an ancient countdown toward Armageddon.

While Galarneau is hopeful people will enjoy his novel, he is also a bit anxious of it being released. "When a writer or artist personally works on something for such a long period of time, and then they let it out into the world ... that person is bearing his soul and revealing a part of themselves in their work. I wonder how people will see me as a person after reading the novel. As the book shows, for every good in the world there is evil. This novel is my way of releasing the 'evil.'"



SENIORS



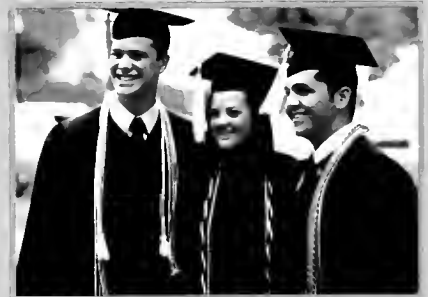
Senior and Fulbright Scholar Laura Full



Laura Thompson struts down steps in the middle of beautiful landscape.



Good friends Jessica Starcher and Michael Landis pose together.



Graduates Jamion Wolford, Zak Ritchie and a fellow senior are pleased to finish their academic years at Wesleyan.



Zak Ritchie, white jacket, meets some friends at New College University of Oxford while studying with the Duke University Summer Program.



WHO we are



Left: Carrie Blackburn and Stacy Stone welcome Bolivia with open arms.

Middle: Beth McNeill happily gets her photo taken.

Right: Michael Landis and Nicole Held at a CAB meeting in Hyma Auditorium.



Ryan Alexander
Bruceeton Mills, WV
Art



Tracy Alt
Parkersburg, WV
Secondary Ed./P.E.



Heather Ashcraft
Charleston, WV
Biology



Hannah Aspy
Salem, WV
Communications



Brittany Barnicott
Pittsburgh, PA
International Studies



Carrie Blackburn
Charleston, WV
Communication Studies



Zackary Brady
Elizabeth, WV
Christian Education



Melissa Brown
Kalamazoo, MI
Public Relations



Megan Buckalew
Charleston, WV
Biology



Joshua Carpenter
Buckhannon, WV
History



Zachary Colatch
Easton, PA
History



Sara Collins
Mantua, OH
Elementary Ed.

Gaining Real-World Experience



"I love being around people and enjoy interacting with them each day."

Taran Parsons '08

Taran Parsons was more than a high achieving college student. The Ripley, WV native graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College in May 2008 with both a bachelor of science and a master's in business administration. Earning both an undergraduate and graduate degree in four years was a rare accomplishment and achieved by a very small percentage of college students. For Parsons, the feat was even more amazing when one considered her extracurricular and other out-of-classroom activities.

In the 2008 spring semester, this management major, completed an internship with St. Joseph's Hospital's Human Resources Department in Buckhannon. Her projects included conducting research on hospital performance evaluation methods, researching and designing a PowerPoint on employee harassment that will eventually be incorporated into all employee training, and evaluating all job descriptions within the hospital. Parsons spent eight hours per week at the hospital.

Parsons was also a leader with Wesleyan's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), where she had been a classroom instructor for the College's recognized "Money Matters," an educational program that emphasized basic business principles for fifth graders. Each year, her classes produced, promoted, and sold products for profit. Parsons also chaired the SIFE Bridal Fair during the fall semester, recruiting businesses from a four-city area. She was a member of the group's presentation team, which competed successfully in both regional and national competitions.





Wesleyan
alumnus Karyn
Bennett and
seniors Valerie
Bennett and
Jodi Myers
enjoy a boating
trip.



Something hilarious is going
on here! Seniors Katrina
Gatalsky, Kyle Bugg, and
Brittany Barnicott share a
humorous moment in their
last semester on campus.



Janna Crowley
Bridgeport, WV
Secondary Ed.



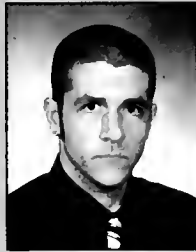
Jeremy Durstine
Meyersdale, PA
Educational Studies



Lindsay Elkins
Winfield, WV
Pre-Law



Megan Elkins
Winfield, WV
Pre-Law



Cole James Ellis
Springsboro, OH
Communication Studies



Nathan Epling
Elkview, WV
Religion



Katherine Falter
Jarrettsville, MD
Biology



Lara Foster
Catlett, VA
Ex. Sci./Sociology



Thomas Foster
Barboursville, WV
Philosophy/ Religion



Brenda Friend
Buckhannon, WV
Elementary Education



Laura Full
Elizabeth, WV
English



Dureyea Garnett
Newark, DE
Management

WHAT we do



Laura Thompson, senior arts administration major and art minor from Pittsburgh, PA, completed an internship with the Buckhannon-Upshur Chamber of Commerce. Thompson also helped with new membership recruitment and was involved in an assessment project to help identify strengths and weaknesses for the Chamber and its members. The placement gave her insights in working with non-profit organizations. "Communication is critical for all organizations, but even more so for those that depend on volunteers," she noted.



Dustin Getz
Fairmont, WV
Biology



Emily Gillispie
Valley Head, WV
Criminal Justice



Mary Given
Strange creek, WV
Sec. Ed./ Math



Marie Gochenour
Danville, Va
Chemistry/ Ed.



John Gohrband
Herndon, WV
Political Science



Crystal Hayden
Bridgeport, WV
Psychology



Michael Higgins II
Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Economics/Int. Business



Heather Hile
Parsons, WV
Education/Music



Seniors trek on towards their futures at the WVWC commencement ceremony.

"I really have tried to embrace my college experience. Wesleyan is more than my college —it is a second home."



Laura Thompson '08



WHERE we

go



"I have been fortunate enough to engage in academic research and share that research at conferences with fellow students."

Zak Ritchie '08

The Perfect Place



Wesleyan was the perfect place for my undergraduate education. What made my "Home Among the Hills" special for me were the people—the students, faculty, staff, and community members. We called Wesleyan our home because it was a place where young people came together and formed bonds unlike those we had with our own families. The faculty and staff were there to assist in our studies and activities, but quickly

became some of our closest, dearest friends. Dr. Weeks in the History department, in particular, challenged me throughout the past four years, and I thank him and the other dedicated faculty enough for all their hard work, but most especially, their friendship.



We have one of the most beautiful small-college campuses in the United States, and we all will remember this place fondly. But what also made Wesleyan unique beyond the sense of community was the focus on academic excellence. I was fortunate enough to engage in academic research and share that research at conferences with fellow students. I also had the amazing opportunity to study in Oxford, which would not have been possible without the support of my friends, family, and members of the faculty. Overall, my Wesleyan experience was unforgettable, and I look forward to returning soon to visit.

By: J. Zak Ritchie



Brad Foster participates in the Alternative Spring Break to benefit those devastated by Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana.



Adam Corcovilos, Jimmy Templin, and senior Breann Thompson work at Harrison Cty. 4-H Camp over a summer break.



Ashley Hodak
Millersville, MD
Art Administration



Jeffrey Hughes
Burke, VA
History



Matthew Hyde
Willingboro, NJ
Communication Studies



Eric Johnson
Cottageville, WV
Biology / Chemistry



Adrienne Juergens
Valley Bend, WV
Environmental Studies



Thomas Knox
Worton, MD
Criminal Justice



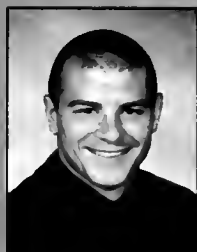
William Lanham
Buckhannon, WV
Secondary Education



Christine Lansdale
Winfield, WV
Biology



Mary Lewis
Columbia, MD
Nursing



Christopher Luetze
Westminster, MD
Secondary Ed P.E.



Ryo Machida
Saitama, Japan
Management



Michelle Mayhew
Mineral Wells, WV
History / Int Studies





Senior sisters Lindsay Elkins and Megan Elkins have fun with a little trick photography.



Adrienne Juergens seems to be "stuck" in a rock crevice located in West Virginia's Canaan Valley.



Kristy McDaniel
Grafton, WV
Business Admin.



Michael Mercer
Cottageville, WV
Political Science



Joseph Milanese
Craigsville, WV
Math / Sec. Ed.



Jessica Mouser
Bridgeport, WV
Nursing



Jodi Myers
Scott Depot, WV
Sociology



Jesse Natali
Paden City, WV
Exercise Science



Jessica Nelson
Petersburg, WV
Elementary Ed.



Andrew Nyberg
Mayville, NY
Environmental Science



Duncan Oliver
Marietta, OH
Math/ Physics/
Engineering



Nina Orndorff
Buckhannon, WV
Bus. Ad./ Pol. Sci.



Jennifer Palmer
Falling Waters, WV
Nursing



Taran Parsons
Ripley, WV
Management



HOW we do it



Future for 2008 Fulbright Scholars

Four West Virginia Wesleyan College Honors students were named as Fulbright Scholars. This was the second consecutive year Wesleyan had a student receive this distinctive award and the first time in the school's history that more than one student had been selected. The scholars were Breann Thompson, Michelle Mayhew, Laura Full, and Brad Foster.



Breann Thompson

Thompson had a 3.9 cumulative grade point average and was a biology major with minors in English literature and honors. In 2007, she completed an internship with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services. In that role, she worked directly with disease surveillance through mosquito trapping and testing for West Nile Virus and other related mosquito born diseases. She also completed a fieldwork project entitled "Comparative Study on Effects of Elevation on Two Plant Populations." At Wesleyan, she served as vice president for scholarship and vice president for recruitment for Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Thompson taught English in Indonesia.



Michelle Mayhew

Mayhew taught English in Malaysia, enhanced her interest in Asian history, and studied the effects of colonialism on that country's history. She was a history and international studies double major and excelled in the classroom with a 3.9 cumulative grade point average. During the 2006 spring semester, she completed an internship with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs and was a 2005 participant in the Frasure-Singleton Legislative Program. She served as a tutor in Wesleyan's English as a Second Language Program and as a writing consultant for the College's Writing Center. Mayhew also traveled to Bolivia and Mexico. She completed two research projects entitled "All Fall Down: The Case for Lebanon's Collapse," and "Short-Term Rights: Why the Reforms of the Soviet Era Did Not Translate into Equality after the Collapse."



2008 Fulbright Scholars



Laura Full

Full graduated summa cum laude (4.0 average) with a bachelor of arts in English: writing in December. She was the editor-in-chief of Vandalia Wesleyan's literary magazine and the arts and entertainment editor for the campus newspaper The Pharos. She served as a community assistant for the Housing and Residence Life Office and was a group leader in Wesleyan's Freshman Seminar program. She was a member of Sigma Tau Delta English honorary and was chosen as a Wesleyan Spirit Award winner in 2006. Full was a candidate to Hong Kong.



Brad Foster

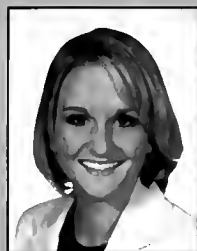
Foster followed 2007 Wesleyan Fulbright winner Katie Oreskovich to Thailand. A double major in sociology and religion and philosophy, he was extensively involved in a number of research projects at Wesleyan. For the past two years, he conducted multi-methodological community-based research projects for The Institute for Social and Community Research. He also helped complete a community asset mapping project for social service agencies in Upshur County and assisted in the completion of a Wesleyan mapping project for the College's Sociology Department. Foster traveled to Haiti as part of a Bonner Foundation-sponsored service trip. He was a Bonner Scholar and held a 3.9 cumulative grade point average.



Bri Hickman, underclassman, and senior Kati Coleman are happy to reunite with Wesleyan theatre alumnus Carrie Greenberg.



Laura Foster says her goodbyes by decorating the Wesleyan softball dugout.



Evan Pratt
Prichard, WV
Criminal Justice



Justin Raber
Parkersburg, WV
Pol. Sci./ Comm.



Nicholas Reed
Mineral Wells, WV
Christian Education



Timothy Ricks
Spencer, WV
Accounting



Zak Ritchie
Murraysville, WV
History / Pol. Sci.



Larry Robinett
Fort Gay, WV
Political Science



Hanna Robinson
Cameron, WV
Elementary Ed.



Brian Schooley
Millville, NJ
Public Relations



Kristen Shetterly
Perryopolis, PA
Nursing



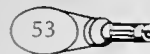
Erika Shifflett
Beverly, WV
Art Admin.



Shuntaro Shiozaki
Saitama-Ken, Japan
Athletic Training



Seth Shockey
Washington, WV
Athletic Training



WHAT we see



Senior Kyle Bugg Completes Internship and Earns a Job

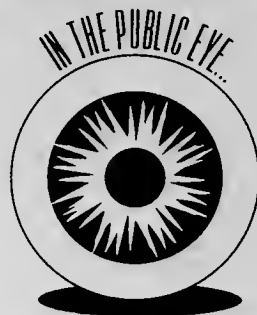
For most college students, the standard advice is to complete internships in a variety of settings to gain the required experience to compete for their first professional job. Kyle Bugg, however, did not pursue the "variety is the spice of life" philosophy. The West Virginia Wesleyan computer science major completed internship experiences each year at Air Products, which has led to full-time employment after graduation with the company.

Air Products serves customers in industrial, energy, technology, and healthcare markets worldwide. The company specializes in bulk liquid gases, energy exchange for changing gas to liquid or visa versa, gas and liquid gas equipment, manufacturing, and chemicals. The company's customers are NASA, Intel, hospitals, and industrial factories. Air Products has annual revenues of \$10 billion, operations in over 40 countries, and 22,000 employees around the globe.

Bugg, a native of Hinton, WV, began pursuing internship experiences with Air Products after his freshman year at Wesleyan. He had an uncle who helped him connect with the company. "My first internship was in their information technology department," said Bugg. "After my first year, they asked me to return each summer. My original plan was to work for different companies from summer to summer in order to have multiple options. However, I learned during my first internship that Air Products tended to hire only college students who interned with them frequently. I decided to invest all of my energy into this option instead of dividing my time across multiple companies."

"The internships really helped me get my foot in the door," continued Bugg. "The IT area of the company only hires one or two new people each year world wide. At the end of my last intomship, I interviewed for a full-time position and discovered in the fall that I would be employed."

Bugg began working for Air Products in June in the IT sector, which is located in Allentown, PA.





Senior Brad Foster gets some practice for graduation by trying on his cap.



Senior Carrie Blackburn hangs out with a DJ.



Leslie Sites
Beverly, WV
Psychology



Wesley Smallwood
Gibsonia, PA
Elementary Education



Erica Smith
S. Charleston, WV
Accounting



Holly Smith
Milton, WV
Accounting



Jeremy Spradling
Elkview, WV
Accounting



Domonique Staten
Baltimore, MD
Management



Taralyn Stayer
Charleston, WV
Political Science



Ian Sullivan
Highland Lakes, NJ
English



Kristina Swecker
Cleveland, WV
Political Science



Mary Theibert
Ashland, KY
Marketing



Breanne Thompson
Ripley, WV
Biology



Desmond Tyson
Baltimore, MD
Psychology





Kelly Underwood
Poca, WV
Business Admin.



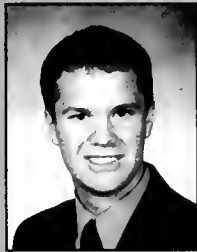
Chance Varner
Washington, PA
Secondary Ed.



Kathryn Whitlow
Vienna, WV
History



Kathleen Williamson
Coolridge, WV
History / Sociology



Jamion Wolford
Burlington, WV
Accounting



Top Left: Lara Foster poses in front of the Pringle Tree located in Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Right: Jamion Wolford, Nicole Held and Casey Taylor show their enthusiasm in Louisiana during Alternative Spring Break.



Bottom Left: Senior Valerie Bennett gathers for a photo shoot with friends.

WHERE we've been

A Heart for the Future

Students who have a passion for the environment often develop their views through literature, film, and lectures. One West Virginia Wesleyan student validated her concern for the planet through a summer internship experience with the ANAI Association in Costa Rica.



Adrienne Juergens, an environmental studies major from Valley Bend, learned of the ANAI Association through her father. Established in 1978, ANAI is a Costa Rican nonprofit organization that has pioneered some of the world's most successful and highly participatory community-based development initiatives in tropical zones.

Juergens, a native of Buckeye in Pocahontas County, spent the first half of her internship volunteering with the sea turtle conservation project at Cahuita Beach, which is situated on the southeastern Caribbean coast of Costa Rica and the nesting site of four species of sea turtles.

"The sea turtles are threatened by the removal of nest eggs, hunting, commercial fishing nets, destruction of critical habitat, coastal development, erosion, electric lighting, mass tourism, and pollution," said Juergens. "Our job each night was to remove plastics, and blue banana bags, and to patrol the beaches to protect against poachers. We also checked the consistency of the sand, making sure it was not too moist. If we found that to be the case, we had to relocate the eggs to another nest. Unfortunately, the impact of the threats to turtles is not realized until decades later," noted Juergens.

Juergens spent the second half of her internship experience at Finca Lomas, a 600-acre experimental farm and nature reserve. She observed over 150 different species of fruit, nut, and spice tree crops as well as a number of monkeys, snakes, frogs, and insects.

Katie Falter Finds Distinction with a New Field in Biology



Katie Falter enrolled at West Virginia Wesleyan College in the fall of 2004 to pursue a career in marine biology. Four years later, Falter still had a passion for biology. However, her graduation plans did not include working with marine life. Instead, she chose to pursue a career in an exciting new field—diagnostic medical sonography.

Sonography is a dynamic profession that has grown significantly over the past 20 years. Sonographers use highly specialized equipment to create images of structures inside the human body that are used by physicians to make a medical diagnosis.

Falter was one of ten students from a pool of over 250 applicants to be accepted into the Johns Hopkins University Diagnostic Sonography School. She will earn a master's degree in sonography after completing the intensive 14-month program in August 2009. "My specific program will train me to complete ultrasounds for general health problems as well as obstetrics and vascular scans," said Falter. "I will have a variety of career options after I complete the program, including medical school."

The 2008 Wesleyan graduate became interested in the field after working at the Johns Hopkins American Radiology Clinic in Green Spring, MD last summer. "After I decided to pursue this program, I had to take 14 credits over the summer," noted Falter. "I am grateful to Wesleyan, especially Dr. Luke Huggins, assistant professor of biology, who helped me meet the academic requirements."

Falter is the daughter of Robert and Patricia Falter and a graduate of The John Carroll School in Bel Air, MD. In addition to majoring in biology, she earned a minor in psychology at Wesleyan. She helped lead the reinstatement of the Wesleyan Cheerleading program and was a member of the cheerleading squad for the past two years. Falter also was a member of the Wesleyan Ambassadors for the Office of Admission and Alpha Delta Pi sorority.



Right: Ashley Hodak converses with a friend after the graduation ceremony.



Below: Dureyea Garnett and fellow senior Jodi Myers review the commencement program before graduation ceremonies.



ORGANIZATIONS



Jerry Caligiure makes yearbook magic in the M



aurmontis office.



David Green volunteers to help children in the Big Brother/Big Sister program.



Angela Kinhead, Elizabeth Short, and student plan for campus life.



Bryson Morlan distributes toys in a county community service program.



Dr. Boyd Cressman does his share to help with the Food Village.



Alpha Phi Omega

Front Row: Brianna Boley, Kristy McDaniel, K. Nikki Williamson, Jason "Bunny" Fenimore, Bethany Hedrick, Samantha Mitchell, Rick Crowl

Back Row: Marie Gochenour, Starsha Crouse, Catherine Loftis, Erin Nicole Schatzle, Shauna Burd, Tony Brown, Felicia McCardle, Amanda Poggenburg, Katie Karrasch, James Kelly



Alpha Psi Omega

Front Row: Chris Knight, Cassia Leman, Katie Coleman, Kelly Underwood, Josh Peters

Back Row: Amanda Seabaugh, Emily Morgan, Miranda Richardson, David Manspeaker, Kiara McKee, Denise Wagner



Beta Beta Beta

Front Row: Alison Teter, Breann Thompson, Eric Johnson, Megan Buckalew

Back Row: Stephanie Meriweather, Eziwoma Aikbo, Adrienne Juergens, Christine Lansdale, Josh Briscoe, Dustin Gotz





Cheerleaders

Front Row: Veronika Ohlinger, Kaitlin Q. Hinzman, Capt. Katherine Falter, Capt. Kristina Swecker, Kayla Maxwell

Middle Row: Amber Torrey, Mallory Goldman, Rebecca Fullerton, Kolby Alonso, Kaci Young

Back Row: Jessica Smoyer, Christyn S. Gilliam, Hillary Hammonds, Blair Rothenberg, Lauren Cunningham, Annie Tingle



Dance Team

Front Row: Stephanie Meriweather, Josephine Kalena

Middle Row: Kati Coleman, Capt. Kelly Underwood, Capt. Teal Morrison, Collette Leamy

Back Row: Brianna Hickman, Kathleen Burnard, Nicole Rader, Taylor Foster, Amanda Lanham



Engineering/Physics

Front Row: Hope Chantal Dolan, Norm Biggs, Scott Roberts, Kyle Allard, Devon Miller, Anthony Peters, Dr. Bert Papsen (Advisor)

Back Row: Jacqueline Queen, Robert Grose, Robert Powell Jr., Jamie Gordon, Joe Satterfield, Michael Scruggs, Josh Staples, Dr. Joseph Wiest (Advisor)

Felinez

Front Row: Hyun Jung Yang, Sara Ogawa, Lashawna Easington, Leah Shrier, Miki DeMary, Kitty Correal, Ha Neul Kim

Back Row: Brianna Boley, Stacy Schulman, Rio Yamamoto, Keiko Fujikawa, Eziwoma Allibo, Bethany Hedrick, Ashley Priest, Lu Yi

Not Pictured: Tatiana Chafco, Adrienne Juergens



Honors Program

Front Row: Rebecca Culp, Bre Brannon, Sarah Wilkinson, Becky Myers, Kate McConnell, Tara Stayer, Kate Turner, Ashley Smith

Middle Row: Hannah Aspy, Josh Briscoe, Brad Foster, Jamion Wolford, Alex Milanese, Brennan Thompson, Laura Full, Natalie Neal, Laura Bailey, Evan Pratt

Back Row: Jennifer Scott, Erica Comstock, Kimberly Larch, Casey Burroughs, Corey Duke, Paris Wamsley, Carolyn Bugg, Jennifer Elkins, Lu Yi



International Student Organization

Front Row: Hyun Jung Yang, Adrienne Juergens, Ryo Machida, Kitty Correal, Sara Ogawa, Keiko Adachi, Arisa Ota, Shuntaro Shiozaki, Hidenori Masuda

Middle Row: Akiho Minowa, Liana Tamie Yamamoto, Lauren Goff, Colly Hamilton, Marie Iwamatsu, Eziwoma Allibo, Keiko Fujikawa, Motomi Inoue, Zachary Butcher, Kazuhiro Yamada, Tsubasa Tamoto

Back Row: Su Yeung Choi, Rio Fukutomi, Mi Young Yang, Rio Yamamoto, Hope Chantal Delan, Ha Neul Kim, Lu Yi, Sangin Choi, Brendon Cavanaugh, Yuki Watanabe





Murmurmontis

Front Row: Jennifer Scott, Arisa Ota, Rachel Coleman

Back Row: Jerry Caligiura, Seth Kitzmiller, Laura Bailey, Kayla Gunther



Network Gaming League

Front Row: Nick Simone, Mike Higgins, Jason Fenimore, Kyla Bugg

Back Row: Jennifer Scott, Jimmy Gramen, Matt Shifflett, Garrett Douglass, Parrish Kittinger, Zachary McLaughlin



Omicron Delta Kappa

Abbia Brake, Christine Lansdale, Breann Thompson



Panhellenic Council

Front Row: Renee Marko, Kayla Burdette, Sarah Drummond, Amella Hirosky, Emily Garrett

Back Row: Amanda Seabaugh, Jennifer Palmer, Jessica Nelson, Alice Foley, Jaclyn Randolph, Kendra Criss



The Pharos

Jennifer Elkins, Sarah Wilkinson, Zak Ritchie, Josh Arthur



Pi Gamma Mu

Front Row: James Kelly, Felicia McCardle, Dr. Kwame Boateng (Advisor), Tara Stayer

Back Row: Rick Crowl, Lara M. Foster, Tony Brown, Larry Robinett



Organizations Candida

Some snapshots of our campus organizations in action.



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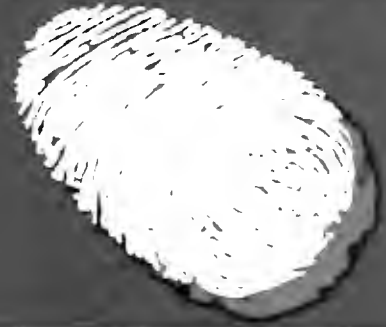
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Pre-Law Society

Mischael Mercer, Jamion Wolford, Tara Stayer



Religious Life Council

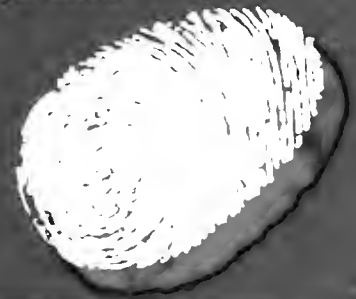
Front Row: Mary Patterson, Jeremy Hay,
Jennifer Schwartzbeck

Back Row: Joshua Rider, Jarröd Caltrider,
Matt Dennis, Zack Brady



Senior Class Officers

Breann Thompson, Brian Schooley, Evan
Wolfe, Megan Elkins



Students in Free Enterprise

Front Row: Amanda White, Lydia Richards,
Kitty Correal

Back Row: Paul Kennedy, Robbie Skinner,
Jamion Wolford, Benjamin Tilley



Student Athletic Advisory Committee

Front Row: Angela Tassari, E.J. Lucas,
Ignacio Vial, Lara M. Foster, Kenny Batson,
Sarah Burton, Christy Nicholas, J.T. Mylan,
Dustin Jones

Back Row: Deric McDonald, Adrienne
Moretz, Megan Monk, Janna Crowley,
Mary Theibert, Zach Williams, Matt
Shifflett, Josh Norman, Jordan Beckett,
Cody Nichols, Meghan Taylor



Student Athletic Trainers Club

Front Row: Matt Shifflett, May Bullock,
Brad Coleman

Back Row: Dustin Jones, Jodi Webb,
Tatiana Chattoo



Student Education Association



Front Row: Mary Beth Given, Jessica Nelson, Stephanie Rovnan, Heather Hille, Kate McConnell

Back Row: Jennifer Jones, Andrea Ryan, Stephanie Muller, Alex Milanese, Katie Moffat

Student Nurses of Wesleyan



Front Row: Jennifer Palmer, Dana Snyder, Meredith Brown, Lyndsey Lemon, Carlene Chidester

Back Row: Dr. Shauna Popson (Advisor), Jolene Brinks, Stephanie Lusk, Amelia Hirosky, Kendra Cross, Kristen Shetterly, Randi Russell

William Hallam Math Honorary



Front Row: Audra Giguera, Andrea Ryan, Mary Beth Given, Becky Myers, Corey Duke

Back Row: Alex Milanese, Mike Berry (Advisor), Pam Wovchko (Advisor), Katie Schubert



Women's Lacrosse

Front Row: Laura Bailey, Kristen McCauley, Katelyn Shaw, Natalie Neal, Stephanie Muller

Back Row: Jan Fatemi-Helper, Catherine Loftis, Hannah Lively, Kerri Osterman, Kate Turner, Ashley Smith



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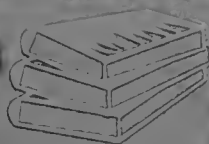
Front Row: Carrie Swayne, Sarah Wigal, Michael Guiliano, Kiri Shipp, Jennifer Jones

Back Row: Kelly Underwood, Hannah Macormic, Jess Barkley, Tony Brown, Kitty Correal, Seth Kitzmiller, Katie Karrasch, Kaitlin Bishop, Lara M. Foster



Murmurmontis Facts

Some interesting trivia from the Murmurmontis archives.



Sure, you all know that your Murmurmontis comes out every year...or does it? Here are some surprising bits of trivia you may not have known about your yearbook!

>1904 was the first year that Murmurmontis was published—that's before we were even called West Virginia Wesleyan College! Our current college name came in 1907. The Pharos also got its start in 1904.

>There were no yearbooks printed in the years 1919 and 1944 to-1946 because of the war conservation efforts of WWI and WWII.

>The 1929 edition of the Murmurmontis featured a pirate theme, complete with gold ship emblazoned on the front cover and parchment-like divider page inserts. That's 74 years before Pirates of the Caribbean hit theaters!

>There were only 100 issues of the Murmurmontis printed in 1933.

>The 1934 Murmurmontis featured intricate ink drawings of campus buildings rather than the usual photographs that were present in the early yearbooks.

>The 1942 Murmurmontis contained a close-up picture of one of our Wesleyan squirrels with the caption, "Majoring in Nutology."

>The 1943 cover of the Murmurmontis was a plain red cover bearing the simple words, "Wesleyan is America." This particular Murmurmontis was less of a conventional yearbook and was more like a narrative about the school and its students.

>The 1963 Murmurmontis came with a recording of the Wesleyan choir singing "Home Among the Hills" and our Alma Mater (lyrics by Wallace Fleming) on a mini-LP in the back of the book.

>For several years in the fifties and sixties, the responsibility of producing the Murmurmontis fell to the Junior class of Wesleyan.

>The 1987 Murmurmontis featured a Monopoly board design on the cover.

>The 2010 yearbook will be the official 100th volume of the Murmurmontis!



Taylor yearbook rep Doug Richards shows editor Seth Kitzmiller some short cuts in Studio Works, the new online publishing program.

The Pharos *in*

by Sarah Wilkinson



The Pharos, Wesleyan's bi-weekly newspaper, had another great year 2007-08! This year, we tried something new: co-editors in chief! At the close of the 2006-07 school year, class of 2008 member J. Zak Ritchie and myself (Sarah Wilkinson, class of 2009) were named as the very first co-editors in chief. It took lots of work and patience to make the new arrangement work, but in the end it was worth it. The Pharos was better than ever!

Features introduced this year included This Week in History and social columns by both Amanda Seebaugh and Meaghan Frum. We also had a political column written by Zak and Shelley Mayhew, and I wrote a music column called "Full of Sound and Fury." Returning features included the Editor's Desk and Sudoku.

This year, The Pharos saw a dramatic increase in the number of reporters we had due to the creation of the Newspaper Practicum. By adding the Practicum to their course schedules, students could earn one hour of credit for working for the newspaper! Because of this, we had almost twenty reporters each semester, allowing us to do bigger and better things.

Another big change that The Pharos saw this year was the jump from an 8-page publication to a 12-page publication. This change gave us even more room to report on everything that was important to the Wesleyan community!

If you're a student and interested in working for the newspaper, we're always looking for new people! For more information, contact pharos@wvwc.edu



Zak Ritchie and Sarah Wilkinson, 2007-2008 co-editors



Q&A

An interview with co-editors Zak Ritchie and Sarah Wilkinson pieced together from bits of several e-mail correspondences

>What is the basic process behind the making the Pharos?

Z: Working on The Pharos is truly a team effort. Reporters work on stories throughout the two week period, and then at a designated date, they send their stories to a previously assigned section editor. This period of the process is especially vital, as the tone for the issue is set in what stories are assigned. Planning is essential!

S: When the stories come to them [the editors], they use them to build their pages in InDesign [newspaper publication software]. Their pages are due to the editors-in-chief no later than 11:59 PM the Friday night before the publication date (which would be the following Thursday). The editors-in-chief would work on putting all the pages together into a master document and making any changes on Saturday, and possibly into Sunday. The paper would then be converted into PDF format, given a final inspection, [and] then submitted to our printer.

>How do you like being an editor?

S: I like being the editor quite a lot. I've been involved in the Pharos my entire time at Wesleyan, so I'm glad to have such a major role in the quality of what's printed in it and how it looks overall.

Z: I very much enjoyed being an editor, but my passion is writing, so I was always sure to stay involved with reporting. In addition to my editorial duties, I wrote an average of two stories in each issue. This was more work than is required of an editor, but we want everyone to be able to do what they most enjoy, as well.

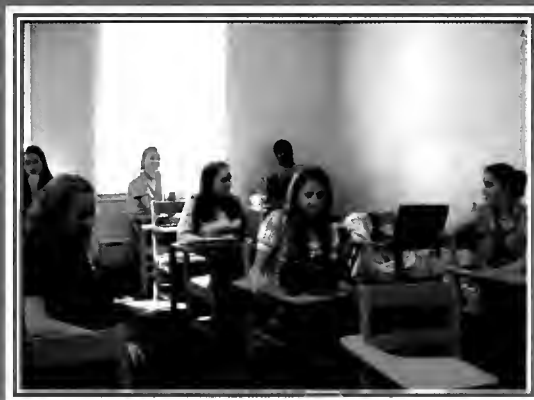
>Do you have any funny stories from the newsroom?

S: I always write This Week in History, and Zak would proofread it for me. Apparently, I have a knack for inventing words, because he was always finding random non-words in that feature. Example: I was writing about Nixon and Watergate, and instead of "resignation" I put "resignment."

Z: Fond memories include meeting tight deadlines late at night when the only thing sustaining my fellow co-editor and I were impromptu political discussions and sharing our love for history.

>What are your plans for the Pharos in the future?

S: I really can't say much about future plans for the Pharos, as that scheming hasn't really occurred yet (for next year, anyway), but you can certainly bet we'll keep improving. Also, next year is our Centennial, so we're really super excited about that.



Pharos staffers hard at work.

GREEKS



Upperclassmen Chi Phi brothers catch a Kappa Alpha brother in mid-air at the annual Greek JUMP.



Evan Wolfe gets poked on the nose by Ryan Johnson at JUMP.



Megan Elkins and her Alpha Delta Pi sisters are having a party.



Jager, the daschund, seems to want what's in Joe Book's drink.



Sorority members are pumped for the JUMP activities.

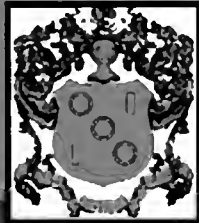
SORORITIES

WHY BE GREEK?

1. Friendship- The fundamental principle of fraternity/sorority membership is more than a social outlet; it is a feeling of belonging. Being a pledge or new member is only the first step on the road to a lasting brotherhood/sisterhood. Fraternities and sororities give the individual a home away from home in which one can live, work, study, and enjoy life together.

2. Greeks Build Leaders- A *Fortune* magazine study of the major officers of 750 large United States corporations states that over 70 percent of the officers who went to colleges and universities where there were Greek systems belonged to fraternal organizations. The majority of Senators in the 93rd Congress were fraternity members, and the current edition of Who's Who in America indicated more than 11,000 listings of fraternity members.

3. Lifetime Membership- Upon graduation from college, you may be saying good-bye to Wesleyan, but fraternity and sorority activity has only just begun. Wherever you may go after graduation, there is sure to be a local Alumni Association to help you keep an active role in Greek life. Fraternities and sororities are a lifetime membership with the connections and privileges that extend to wherever a brother or sister may be.



& Fraternities

4. Community Service- Fraternities
and sororities stress service projects, both on campus and in the community, and include a combined total of over 4,000 hours complete annually. This past year, the Greek Community came together to participate in Christmas on Campus, Katrina Relief Fund and Buckets, as well as numerous clothing and food drives for the local Parish House.

5. Retention- A U.S. Government study reports that only 40 percent of non-member students “persist to graduation” compared with 59 percent of the students belonging to fraternal organizations.

6. Social Life- Each Greek organization has its own set of social events, but they also work together to provide entertainment through the Greek governing bodies, Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council. The Greeks also compete throughout the year in intramural sports including football, basketball, softball, and volleyball.

Excerpt from the Greek Affairs page on the WVC web site



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Nickname: "Pi's"

Date Founded: May 15, 1851

Colors: Azure Blue and White

Symbol: Lion

Philanthropy: Ronald McDonald House

Community Service: Planting Mums, Dinner at RMH, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, Rocking for Ronald, and Canned Food Drives.



Alpha

Gamma

Delta

Nickname: "Gams"

Date Founded: May 30, 1904

Colors: Red, Buff, and Green

Symbol: Squirrel

Philanthropy: Alpha Gamma

Delta Foundation

Community Service: Kick-a-Thon,

Canned Food Drives for the Parish

House, Tuck-Ins, Skate-a-thon,

Raffles, Social Tea Party,

and Dress Auction.



Alpha Xi Eta



Nickname: "Xi's"

Date Founded: April 17, 1893

Colors: Light Blue, Dark Blue, Gold

Symbol: Bear

Philanthropy: Choose Children

Community Service: Bookmarks, Children's Festival, Xi Saw, Haunted House, Valley Green Halloween Party, River Walk, Valentine cards, Girl scouts "Thinking Day", Toy Drive for WVU children's hospital



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Nicknames: "Zeta's"

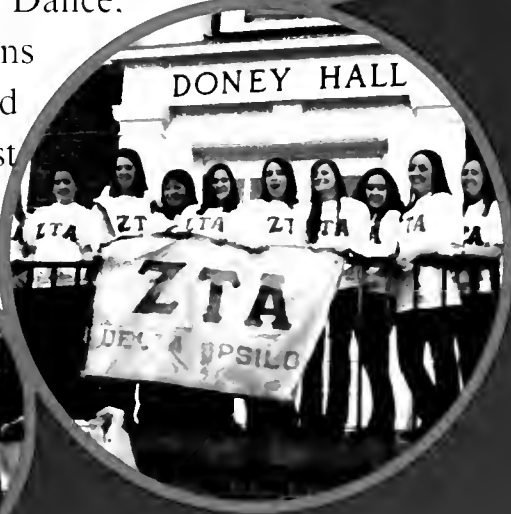
Date Founded: October 15,
1898

Colors: Turquoise Blue and Steel
Grey

Symbol: Crown, Bunny, and Strawberry

Philanthropy: Zeta Tau Alpha Breast
Cancer Foundation

Community Service: Special Olympics Dance,
Bounce-A-Thon, Tying pink ribbons
around trees on campus and
distributing pink ribbons for breast
cancer awareness, KA Cancer.



Alpha

Sigma

Pi



Nickname: "Alpha Sig"
Date Founded: December 6, 1845
Colors: Cardinal and Stone
Symbol: Phoenix
Philanthropy: Canine Companions for Independence and Upshur County Head Start
Community Service: Buckhannon Alliance Church, Annual Haunted House, Upshur County Head Start, Christmas on Campus, and Toy Drive.







Nickname: "KA"

Date Founded: December 21, 1865

Colors: Crimson and Old Gold

Symbol: Red Rose

Philanthropy: Muscular Dystrophy Association

Community Service: Cow Pie Bingo, Canned Food Drives, Pop-cap Collection for MS, and Head Start Volunteering



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Date Founded: April 10,
1856

Colors: Military Red and
White

Symbol: Rattlesnake

Philanthropy: Ronald Mc Donald
House

Community Service: Parish House,
Food Drives, Grandma, Stockert
Youth Center, Clothing Drives





Date Founded:

December 24, 1824

Colors: Scarlet Red and Royal Blue

Symbol: Chakett

Philanthropy: Big Brothers of America

Community Service: Tutoring, Clothing Drives, and River-Walk Clean-Up.





Date Founded:

April 29, 1864

Colors: Azure Blue and
Matte Silver

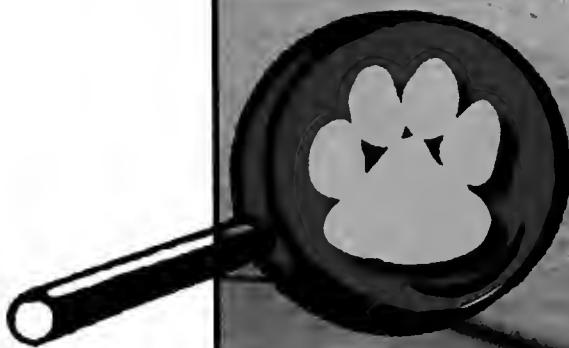
Symbol: Unicorn

Philanthropy: Multiple Sclerosis
Society and Habitat for Humanity

Community Service: Safety City at
Stockert Youth Center, Skate a
Thon, Adopt a Highway



SPORTS



Daniel Lobo poises for the incoming serve.



Trisha Thurston and Stephanie St. Peter get into position for the upcoming play.



Senior Marc Farrell prepares to launch a kick.



Kaci Young gets a free hug from the WVWC mascot.



William Schiefelbein pummels past opponents to the goal line.

Football



Left: Quarterback Harry Lorusso evades the opposing team and heads for the goal line.
Right: Ryan Fell flams into his opponent.



2007 Football Team First Row (L-R): J.P. Capote, Domonique Staten, Murry Harris, Matt Hyde, Devin Ramos, Anthony Hayes, Harry Lorusso, Jon Edwell, Jonathan Shockey, Stephen Link, George Lewis, Antoine Staten Second Row: Nigel Smith, Nic Wilson, Brandon Rogers, Yemi Shonibare, Greg Duncan, Tyler Kraus, Jason Perez, Jeremy Williams, Ricky Williams, Derek Moore, Donovan Godwin, William Schiefelbein Third Row: Ryan Shoplik, Chance Varner, David Kopolovich, Jim Bowersock, Wade Klezek, Uriah Shaver, Adam Altizer, James Jolly, Joe Stallings, Kyle Winters, D.J. Cassell, Matt Prusinskas Fourth Row: Julian Watson, J.T. Mylan, Ryan Carpentier, Matt Snodgrass, Keith Branch, Julio Villatoro, Nick Reed, Steve Hargis, Brian Daley, Jeremy Kurtz Fifth Row: Chris Luette, Bryan Overton, Marcus Haynie, Alex Puente, Shaun Eagen, Tyrone Moses Sixth Row (In White): Jackson Baltazar, Andrew Carrier, Herve Doliska, Mike Pruden, Jordan Downs, Justin Bowman, Trevor Trapnell, Lance Kimble, Adam Nengebauer, Aaron Echard, Ron Hill, Michael Bowers, Titus Gilmore Seventh Row: Adam Domico, Ryan Fell, Aaron Parker, Chris Sibert, Danny Grant, Kyle Allard, Kyle Rickvasky, Zach Crawford, Kenny Hicks, Brandon Burton Eighth Row: Scott Porterfield, Ryan DeFraucesco, Shannon Breen, Gregory Vurro, Emsyl Wilson, Jason Jackson, Frank Walker, Darrell Jackson, Chris Spangler Ninth Row: Keith Taylor, Ryan Giltz, Dallas Burkhalter, Devon Miller, Ben Dulle, Joe Satterfield, Tommy Shankle, Andrew Calkins, Stephen Simmons, Eric Viswanathan Tenth Row: Claudio Diaz, Jon Radovich, Tom Kettleworth, Tim Hoss, Will Drew, Lionel Fuentes, Chuck Macleod, Kevin Donaldson, Donovan Pearson Eleventh Row: Aaron Pugh, Josh Smith, John Washington, Jose Boursiquot, Alex Martin Twelfth Row: Wide Receivers Coach Marc Kimes, Defensive Coordinator Paul Price, Secondary Coach John Pennington, Offensive Line Coach Craig Morgao, Head Coach Bill Struble, Running Backs Coach Luke Struble, Defensive Line Coach Josh Westfall, Assistant Coach Zack Coodo, Manager Ryan Hall

Eye on the ball *headed towards the finish*



Wesleyan's defense stifles these run attempts.



Wesleyan receiver Alex Puente stretches to make a beautiful touchdown catch.



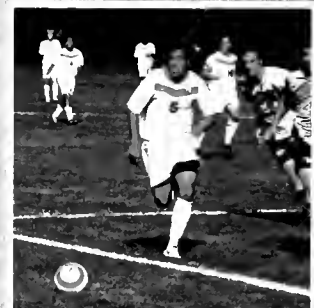
Greg Duncan fights two defenders for extra yardage.





Men's Soccer

First Row (L-R): Josh Staples, James Pietras, Josh Gibson, Michael Scruggs, Kofi Tolbert, Drew Lotocki, Dylan Boyd, Mune Kubota, Louis Stalnaker, Antonio Messina, Huy Tang Hoang
Second Row (L-R): Head Trainer Brian Potter, Bond Phittayasri, Marc Farrel, Micah Crews, Ignacio Vial, Kerry Bristow, Andrew Baldasare, Patrick Haines, George Rowley, Alister Fleming, Jeremy Oats, Brandon Wilson, Kurt Donaldson, Brandon Chagnard, Trainer Jodi Webb
Third Row (L-R): Head Coach Gavin Donaldson, Assistant Coach Mark Matyas, Cameron Lemley, Drew Wolf, Abe Levin-Nielsen, Brett Fackenthal, Anthony Peters, Deric McDonald, Daniel Behm, Garret Douglass, Nicolas Benavides, Greg Wilmoth, Cody Smith
Assistant Coach Keith Moran



Top Left: Marc Farrel prepares to kick the ball. **Top Right:** Brandon Chagnard outruns his opponents for control of the ball. **Middle Left:** Kofi Tolbert looks out for opposing players. **Middle Right:** Deric McDonald drives the ball forward. **Bottom Left:** Andrew Lotocki power blocks his opponent. **Bottom Right:** Bond Phittayasri launches a kick down the field.



Agility and Stamina

strengthen your legs work



Above: Michael Scruggs, freshman, jump kicks the ball down field.

Right: Brandon Chagnard, junior, maneuvers the ball away from the New Liberty player.



West Virginia Wesleyan defender Band Phittayasi was named the WVAC Men's Soccer Player of the Year by a vote of league coaches. Phittayasi, a three-time first team All-WVAC performer, helped lead West Virginia Wesleyan to the league championship. The 11-9-2 Bobcats only allowed two goals in three conference tournament victories. In fact, the WVAC defense anchored by Phittayasi only gave up seven goals in the final eleven matches.



WOMEN'S SOCCER



First Row (L-R): Trainer

Leslie Alvarez, Rachel Taylor, Rebecca Davis, Madison Edwards, Lauren Hessian, Savannah Dempsey, Ryann Moore, Danielle Gainer, Kailyn Roby, Hannah Macormic, Student Trainer Tatiana Chattoo

Second Row(L-R):

Meghan Zayas, Katelyn Shaw, Krystal Krpan, Katie Schubert, Mallory Smith, Brittany Clark, Kayla Wright, Lydia Mazzolini

Third Row (L-R):

Assistant Coach Lisa Casement, Head Coach Glenn Francis, Ashley Dragos, Jill Morrison, Alanna Torrey, Meghan Taylor, Ashley Rees, Allison DiPietro, Kaitlin Bishop, Calli Thomas, Heather Casto, Trainer Cassy Offenberger



Top Left: Meghan Zayas maneuvers the ball. **Top Right:** Ashley Rees kicks the ball to her team mate Hannah Macormic. **Middle Left:** Katie Schubert prepares to kick the ball at an angle. **Middle Right:** Mallory Smith lunges down the field with the ball. **Bottom Left:** Lady Bobcats huddle before the game. **Bottom Right:** Katie Schubert prepares to break away from her opponents with a kick.

Strategic Maneuvers

outwit your opponent



Above: Mallory Smith, sophomore, drives the ball away from the Davis & Elkins team.

Right: A WWC player lands a quick kick towards her team players.





Volleyball

Score the winning point!

First Row (L-R): Blake Saumell, Ashley Ziegle, Angela Covington, Sara Collins, Maria Broslawsky, Cynthia Atkins, Katie Karper, Missy Hicks **Second Row Standing (L-R):** Head Coach April DeCoste, Assistant Coach Jackie Murphy **Third Row (L-R):** Reba Altizer, Hayley Barhorst, Holly Speaks, Alyssa Martin, Lauren Roberts, Sarah Burton, Jordan Beckett, Caitlin Smyth, Whitney Law **Fourth Row (Sitting, L-R):** Brenna Hagerty, Lauren Rae Hametz



Top Left: Team members line up before a game.

Top Right: Lady Bobcats have an intense practice.

Bottom Left: Team members set up the net for practice.

Bottom Right: Lauren Hametz poses by the volleyball net.



Dr. George Klebez Retires After 30 Years of Service



Dr. George Klebez '65 could not have departed on a better note. In his final year as West Virginia Wesleyan College athletic director, Bobcat sports teams thrived under his watch. Dr. Klebez retired after 18 years as the athletic director and after over 30 years of service to Bobcat athletics. "George's experience and leadership will be sorely missed," said President Pamela Bulech. "He set a shining example as a coach and athletic administrator working with outstanding scholar-athletes during his time here. We hope to build upon his success."

Dr. Klebez's successes during his tenure include bringing Wesleyan back into the fold of the WVIAC after it had left the conference, moving the College from the NIAA into the NCAA Division II affiliation, and the formation of the Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame. He also served four years on the very prestigious NCAA Division II Management Council. During his time as athletic director, Wesleyan won over 80 WVIAC championships.

After earning his undergraduate degree from Wesleyan, Dr. Klebez served in the United States Navy for four years before completing his master's degree and doctorate in physical education from Indiana University. He returned to Wesleyan in 1971 and held several key athletic positions through 1978, including head coach of men's soccer, tennis, and swimming teams. He took his soccer teams to three straight NIAA national tournaments and ended his 10-year career as coach with a 98-35-9 record. His 1986 team finished with a perfect regular season and ended the year with a 21-1 record.

Following eight years in private industry, Dr. Klebez returned to the Bobcat athletic community for a second term as the men's soccer coach, while also coaching the men's and women's swimming teams. He was named the school's athletic director in 1990. During his tenure, he also taught courses as an associate professor of health and physical education.

In 2005, he was honored with the Mike McLaughlin Administrative Award by the WVIAC. The award recognizes persons who have made outstanding contributions to the conference for a period of years. Dr. Klebez felt it was the right time for the next phase of his life. "It is time to spend time with my family," he said in a relaxed tone. "They are spread out all over the country. I want to see more of my grandchildren." Dr. Klebez and his wife Judith continue to

"We have had many wonderful experiences," Klebez said. "Success and accomplishments usually happen when you are surrounded by quality people."

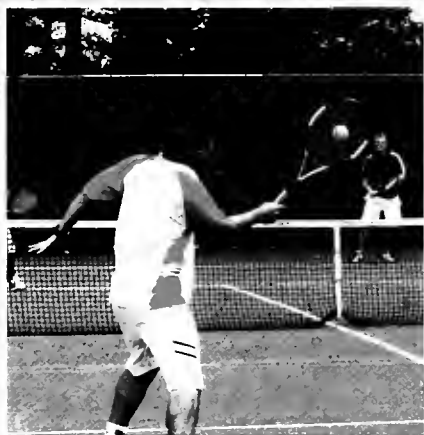


Men's Tennis

Pivotal moves

with a lightning back swing

First Row (L-R): Daniel Lobo, Tsubasa Tomoto, Daisuke Hosonuma, Andrew Rowan
2nd Row: Head Coach Lee Underwood, Assistant Coach Than Ferris, Josh Melnik, Rob Hilton-Dewitt, Dennis Cole, Rafael Cavalcante, Jacob Osburn, Derek Poling, Adam White, Eric Johnson



Above and Right: WVWC tennis players keep the game moving by staying on their toes with quick return serves and encouraging high fives.

Right: Head Tennis Coach Lee Underwood delivers instructions to the team.



Women's Tennis

Tricky serves

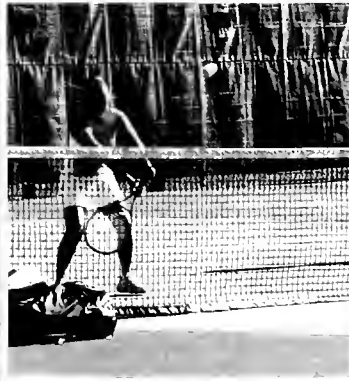
and more



First Row (L-R): Heather Graffius, Erin Carr, Mary Theibert Kneeling, Angela Wratchford, Erin Hagerty, Lianna Yamamoto, Akino Minowa, Maisa Shigematsu **2nd Row:** Head Coach Lee Underwood, Assistant Coach Than Ferris



At the WVWC women's tennis tournament on October 18, 2007, Heather Graffius (middle) and Erin Carr (right) won a match over their opponents and the top position of the tournament. Heather and Erin were the top two players in the tournament.



Top: WVWC tennis player prepares to serve the ball. **Left:** Mary Theibert walks to her end of the court to begin the game. **Middle:** Akino Minowa readies her racket for a return serve. **Right:** Team players take a break before leaving the court.

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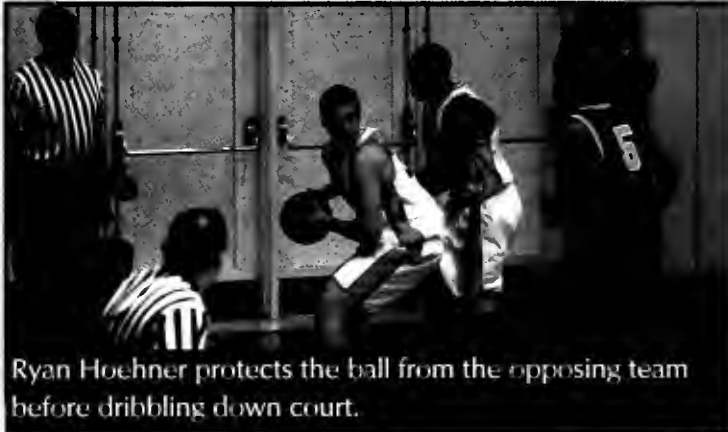


Men's Basketball

First Row (L-R): Justin Caldwell, Grant Burton, Jerel Thomas, Kenny Batson, Jared Chafin, Chris Smith, Karl Stupnianek, E.J. Lucas, Steve Nichols, Ryan Hoehner



Second Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Kent McBride, Assistant Coach Nick Patella, Bo Kesler, Shunsuke Hatano, Matt Metcalf, Aaron Lantz, Grant Meadows, Jordan Watson, Joey Leech, Zack Bandak, Joe Sassler, Head Coach Bill Lilly, Trainer Cassy Offenberger



Ryan Hoehner protects the ball from the opposing team before dribbling down court.

Right: Ryan Hoehner leaps towards the basket to make two points.



Left: Wesleyan Bobcats huddle together for some team spirit during time-out.



Hustle to the basket

springing for the slam dunk



Above: Jared Chafin, senior, spreads out into a defensive stance preparing to block the opponent's pass or charge.

Right: Ryan Hoehner, sophomore, attempts to block his opponent's shot.



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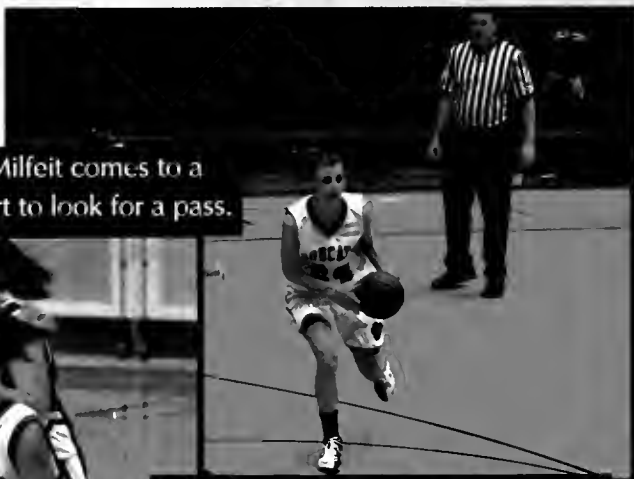


Women's Basketball

First Row (L-R): Marie Hedges, Morgan Hershey, Angela Tassari, Head Coach Steve Tierney, Sarah Van Horn, Sierra Holstein, Maria Milfeit
Second Row (L-R): Elise McClintic, Alex Hertenstein, Amy Bullock, Assistant Coach Sunny Vadopalaite, Carlee Gault, Brandi Wynn, Brooke Belton, Assistant Coach Shari Walker, Lucia Darling, Ashlie Hennon



Right: Maria Milfeit comes to a stop mid-court to look for a pass.



Left: Alex Hertenstein and Maria Milfeit exchange looks while hustling to the other end of the court.

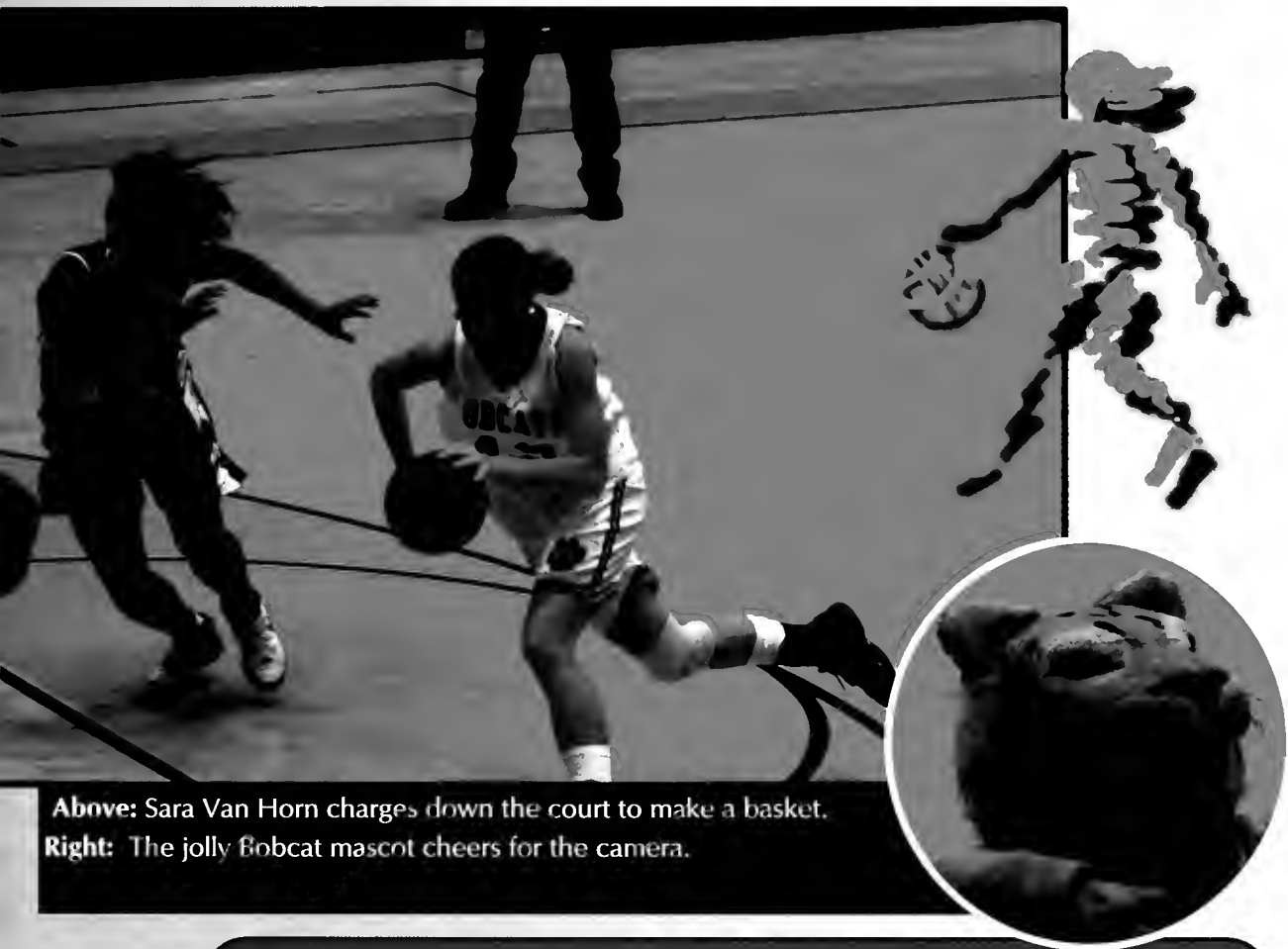


Right: Brandi Wynn, senior, dribbles the ball down the court.



Full court press

Pass fake steal score!



Above: Sara Van Horn charges down the court to make a basket.

Right: The jolly Bobcat mascot cheers for the camera.



With one year remaining on the basketball court, forward Sara Van Horn already established herself as one of the all-time great players not only for the West Virginia Wesleyan Lady Bobcats, but the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) as well.

The past season during her junior year, the 5-11 native of Minto, OH, lead the WVIAC in scoring, field goal percentage, and steals while she was second in rebounds per game. She reached double figures in 25 of Wesleyan's 26 regular contests, including a WVIAC season high 39-point effort in a win at Alderson-Broaddus. She also dropped 37 points on nationally-ranked Shippensburg and posted 14 double-doubles.



Baseball

First Row (L-R): Chris Blankenship, Jacob Toth, Greg Groves, Silas Travise, Will Blankenship, Cory Flickinger, Cy Mazingo, Adam Lewton, Curtis Hamrick, Charles Short
Second Row: Derek Bowen, Matt Burgess, JB Dobbins, Jason Smith, Tyler Withrow, Logan Brown, Zack Miller, Kyle Allard, Tyler Kinson, Kevin Holdsworth, Michael Gallagher, Ross Ware
Third Row: Volunteer Coach Ron Clem, Joe Hoey, Volunteer Coach Eric Lassiter, Billy Reams, Josh Norman, Roy Schneider, Craig Hriblan, Dustin Kolb, Tyler Phares, Jason Russell, Eli Popicz, Gene Franks, Josh Haubrich, David Langley, Max Rieck, Assistant Coach Brett Ripley
Fourth Row: Eric McCamant, Jordan McMillion, Ryan May, Nathan Gainer, Markus Delung, Corey Brown, Jacob Dunn, D.J. Payne, Jonas Brinks, Jesse Simmons, Bryan Tuten, Manager Randy Tenney
Not pictured: Bryant Woods



Senior Josh Norman pulls back and prepares to pitch.



Dustin Kolb runs the bases with home plate in mind.



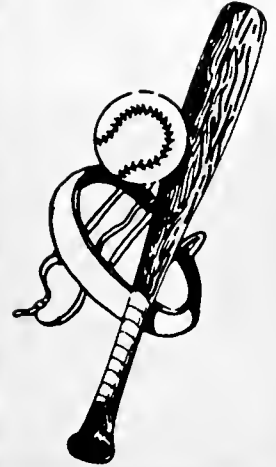
WVWC teammates trade high fives on a game well played.



Eli Popicz swings the bat expertly but misses.

Focus on the pitch

swing hard, for the home run!



Left: Junior Derek Bowen has the ball in his sights.
Right: WVWC baseman is ready for the opposing player he slides in for a certain out.





Softball

First Row (L-R): Lara Foster, Shelby Carlson, Trisha Thurston, Heidi Beverage, Shannon Shafer, Stephanie St. Peter, Jessica Booze, Emily Nieman, Stephanie Browning, Carrie Reeves, Carly McCullough and Megan Monk

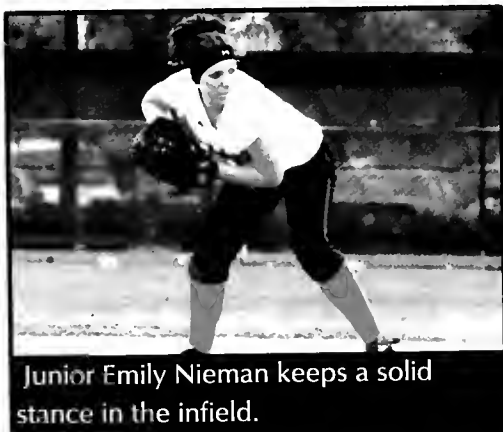
Second Row(L-R): Head Trainer Tammie Hammon, Lyndsey Lemon, Desiree Sibera, Amber Collier, Sarah Tappe, Player/Coach Kendall Pittock, Assistant Coach Rayner Balciunas, Stephanie Wheeler, Megan Rachford, Katelyn Travis, Kailey Kubesch, Lexi Rodgers, Meredith Bostock, Katie Speaks and Head Coach Steve Warner



Carly McCullough and Stephanie St. Peter are interested in what Dot Richardson, pitcher for the US Olympic softball team, has to say.



Infielder Carly McCullough reaches in the air to make an out.



Junior Emily Nieman keeps a solid stance in the infield.



Lexi Rodgers, freshman, lunges forward to catch the ball in the outfield.

Keep a solid stance *hope for the triple play*



Above: Junior Katie Speaks has the ball in his sights.

Top Right: Sophomore Carrie Reeves delivers a solid pitch in these three action shots.



Bottom Right: Desiree Sibera, Rayne Balcuna, and Lara Foster have an on-field discussion.



WVC junior shortstop Trisha Thurston was the only WVIAC representative on the Great Lakes Softball Regional All-Tournament Team, receiving an at-large nomination at the conclusion of the tournament. Thurston batted .444 (4-9) in three regional games and rapped two hits and scored two runs in the Bobcats' lone victory over #15 Saginaw Valley State. The first-year transfer from Arizona's Ocotillo CC and 2008 All-WVIAC First Team selection finished the season with a .368 batting average (84-228), 61 runs, 16 doubles and

CROSS COUNTRY



Endurance run

push till you feel the burn

First Row (L-R): Megan Lewis, Beth McNeil, Michelle Mayhew, Sarah Rosier, Adrienne Moretz, Heidi Webb, Aimee Vavrek, Amy Lewis, Amanda Jones, Nicole Stark
Second Row (Standing): Jenna Brock, Allison Teter, Jess Barkley, Erin Price
Third Row: Zach Williams, Justin Coughlin, Jonathan Gohrband, Jarren Morlan, Chris Burdick, Eric Cooper, Tom Wood, James Kavaliauskas, Ryan Johnson, Josh Mullenax



Left: Jarren Morlan sets a steady pace on the trail.

Top Right: Lady Bobcats fall into step in the field.

Middle: Bobcat runners maintain their pace.

Right: Tom Wood keeps pushing forward in the race.



Track and Field

Compete to win *excel at all costs*

9th Row (L-R): Ryan Johnson, Jonathan Gohrband
8th Row (L-R): Dustin Jones, Josh Wagner, Josh Mullenax, Shane Bosley, Shaun Eagen, Tyler Blatchley, Julian Watson
7th Row (L-R): Tom Wood, Zach Williams, Keith Branch, Alex McElfresh, Chad Jordan, Grant Burton, Phillip McElfresh, Johnadam Romeo
6th Row (L-R): Brad Coleman, Mike Bowers, Chris Wolf, Justin Coughlin, John Shaw, Ben Vance, Sloan Baisden, Josh Natali, Jason Koon
5th Row (L-R): Michael O'Flaherty, John Natow, Eric Cooper, James Kavaliauskas, Chris Burdick, Jarren Morlan, Tim Austin
4th Row (L-R): Stefanie Trifilo, Celia Gottschling, Vanessa Michel, Teal Morrison, Samantha Wharram, Ashley Chipley, Danielle Perkins, Aimee Vavrek
3rd Row (L-R): Lisa Unger, Deanna Mossallati, Emily Henley, Jesse Natali, Lindsay Elkins, Megan Elkins, Megan Docherty, Adrenne Moretz, Ricky Kump
2nd Row (L-R): Katie Schubert, Dana Snyder, Catherine Wick, Allison Teter, Dylan Drinkard
1st Row (L-R): Megan Moran, Nicole Stark, Amanda Griffith, Jess Barkley, Jenna Brock, Hanna Jo Robinson, Sara Rosier



Top Left: WWC's Women's Track team is in place for the run.
Top Right: In the jumping competition this WWC athlete pushes his limits.
Left: Wesleyan Bobcat receives the relay token and runs to his next teammate.



Athletic Training

Injury prevention



Above: Assistant Professor of Athletic Training Rae Emrick receives the "West Virginia Athletic Training Educator of the Year" award in 2007.

The mission of the WVWC Athletic Training Education Program was to prepare undergraduate athletic training students to sit for the NATABOC national certification examination as per JRC-AT and NATA guidelines and requirements. Successful graduates were prepared to explore graduate study and/or obtain employment as certified athletic trainers in the various allied health and medical arenas. The liberal arts foundation at WVWC helped ensure that ATEP graduates had a broad educational foundation that includes meaningful engagement in human inquiry and interaction.



Left: A student athletic trainer supervises an athlete performing an exercise.



Middle: This athlete is having her balance evaluated.



Right: A student athletic trainer records performance data.

SWIMMING

Powerful strokes



Women's Team: Second Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Kyla Meuer, Amanda Yeager, Kara Janus, Head Coach Mark Dziak **First Row (L-R):** Renee Marko, Christy Nicholas, Heather Ashcraft **Men's Team: Fourth Row (L-R):** Blain Smith, Ian Pellerin **Third Row (L-R):** Assistant Coach Kyla Meuer, Travis McCann, Logan Davis, Head Coach Mark Dziak **Second Row (L-R):** James Fraser, Patrick Kiessling, Cody Nichols **First Row (L-R):** Stephan Mroczek, Jarrod Underwood, Jay Williams, Brian Wiles



Left: A Bobcat swimmer strokes underwater.
Right: Renee Marko and friend pose near the pool.



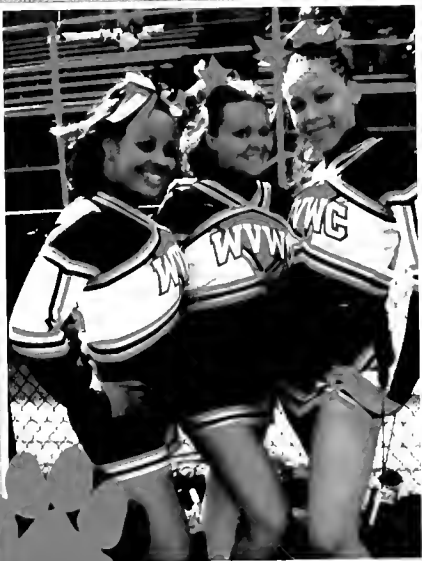
Cheerleading



Team spirit

leads the team to victory

First Row (L-R): Lauren Cunningham, Kristi Swecker, Kate Falter, Blair Rothenberg, Mallory Goldman
Second Row: Jessica Smoyer, Rebecca Fullerton, Kayla Maxwell, Kaci Young, Annie Tingle
Third Row: Kolby Alonso, Christyn Gilliam



Left: Mallory Goldman, Kaci Young, and Christyn Gilliam pose for the camera.
Middle: Jessica Smoyer takes a break from cheerleading practice.
Right: Kaci Young is ready to cheer for the home team.



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GRADUATION



Alex Milanese, Parrish Kittinger, Brad Foster and fellow graduates form a pyramid after the graduation ceremonies.



Dr. Creasman presents Kazuhiro Yamada with the ESL award.



Graduates begin their procession.



Elizabeth Short starts off the Senior Awards Ceremony.



Alex Milanese celebrates his graduation with a little bike ride.

Awards



2007-2008 SENIOR AWARDS

Art

Senior Achievement Award

Christopher Cosner

Biology

Outstanding Senior Award

Christine Lansdale
Breann Thompson

Business and Economics

Outstanding Accounting Student

Jamion Wolford
Dureyea Garnett

Outstanding Management Student

Taran Parsons
Craig Hriblan

Outstanding Marketing Student

Allison Cornell
Isaac Dasher

Outstanding Five-Year MBA Student

Chapel

Sheridan Watson Bell Award

Jeremy Spradling

Chemistry

Outstanding Senior Chemist

Krista Hill

Ernie Capstack Award

Eric Johnson

Christian Education

Senior Honor Award

Zackary Brady

Communication

Overall Outstanding Communication Senior

Megan Elkins

Outstanding Performance in an Applied Experience

Lindsay Elkins

Outstanding Writing Performance

Kristin Dusch

Outstanding Speaking Performance

Melissa Brown

Criminal Justice

Tiffany Martin

Emily Morgan

Education

Academic Achievement Award: Elementary Education

Sarah Grab

Academic Achievement Award: Secondary Education

Lydia Morris

Community Service Award

Alex Milanese

Teaching, Active Learning and Decision Making Award

Jessica Nelson

Sarah Grab

English

English Department Highest GPA Awards

Laura Full

Kate McConnell

English Department Publications Awards

Editor for Vandalia

Laura Full

Editor of The Pharos

J. Zak Ritchie

2007-2008 SENIOR AWARDS

Environmental Science

Outstanding Service in Environmental Studies
Excellence in Research in Environmental Science

Exercise Science

Outstanding Senior in Athletic Training
Delta Psi Kappa/David E. Reemsnyder Award

History

Outstanding Senior History Major
Outstanding Senior International Studies Major
Pamela Thorn Humanities Award

Mathematics

Best Senior Research Paper
Best Senior Research Presentation

Music

Music Department Award

Adrienne Juergens
Andrew Nyberg

Rickard Jones
Lara Foster

J. Zak Ritchie
Michelle Mayhew
T. Brad Foster

Mary Beth Given
Alex Milanese

Heather Hile

Nursing

Senior Nursing Award (Academic Excellence)
Senior Nursing Award (Clinical Excellence)

Rachel Bennet
Dana Snyder

Political Science

Outstanding Senior
Outstanding Senior Research

Taralyn Stayer
J. Zak Ritchie

Psychology

The Annual Kelly Lynn Martin Memorial Award
Sam Ross Athletic Scholars

Crystal Hayden
Sarah Grab (2007)
Lara Foster
Woody Snoberger

Sociology

Vijaya Rao Global Awareness Award
Outstanding Senior Award

Lara Foster
T. Brad Foster

Theatre

Outstanding Senior

David Manspeaker

2007-2008 SENIOR AWARDS

Greek Woman of the Year
 Greek Man of the Year
 Wesleyan Spirit Awards

Ashley Hodak
 Jamion Wolford
 Summer Harrison
 Zackary Brady

Who's Who Among Students
 in American Colleges and Universities

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 Kyle Bugg
 Isaac Dasher
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 Kristin Dusch
 Heather Hile
 Craig Hriblan
 Adrienne Juergens
 Michael Landis
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Emily Morgan
 Chris Patterson
 Shari Rodvelt
 Ian Sullivan
 Casey Taylor
 Christina Tenney
 Laura Thompson
 Kory Underwood

Senior Activity Keys

Hannah Aspy
 Zachary Brady
 Meredith Brown
 Skye Chernichky
 Megan Elkins
 Lindsay Elkins
 Lara Foster
 Dustin Getz
 Ashley Hodak
 Kathryn McConnell

David Manspeaker
 Vanessa Michel
 Jessica Nelson
 Taran Parsons
 Robin Powell
 Justin Raber
 Stephanie Rovnan
 Taralyn Stayer
 Evan Wolfe

2007-2008 Outstanding Seniors

T. Bradley Foster
 Laura Full
 Christine Lansdale
 Michelle Mayhew



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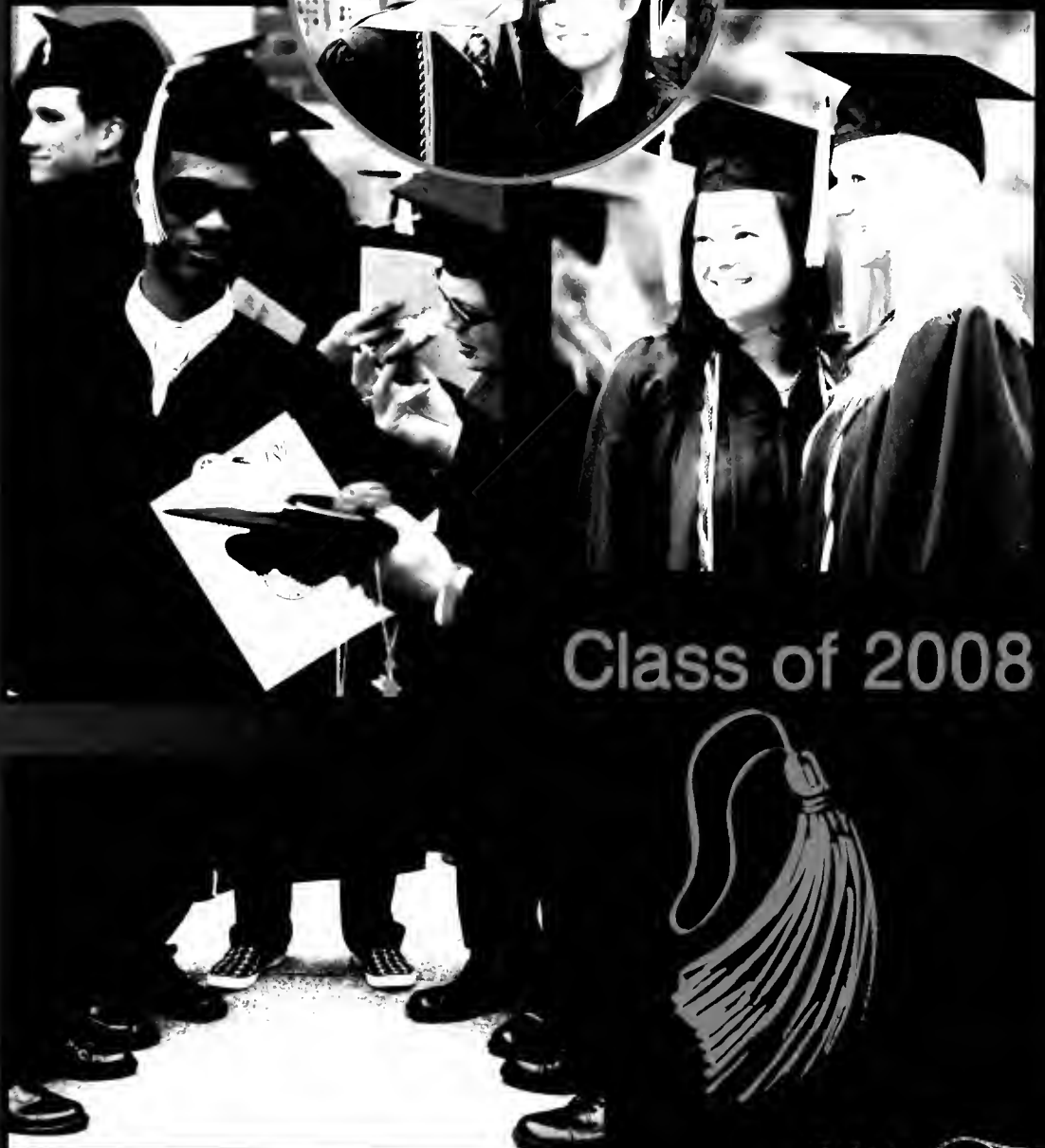
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Class of 2008



Gold shovels identify the spot for the new Thomas Law Art Center (pictured right) that will be completed in Spring 2009.

Closing

establishing our identity



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esleyan family meant a deep connection that extended even with students after their college life. That's because Wesleyan established the building blocks for the future of its students. Since registration on the first day of students' lives at WWC, new identities were formed and new discoveries were beginning to take place. It was a big step from the comfortable space of their parents' home to the confined space of a dormitory room in which most freshmen had to share with other freshmen. Still, there was a sense of confidence in knowing that the transition was bringing students one step closer to independence, one step closer to their new identities.

Yet, the road to independence must have a well-traveled guide or wise sage. What better guide than one who has traveled the path already? The faculty at Wesleyan truly represented the first impact on students' lives as well as the new environment. They became the mentors whom students learned to rely on for advice and guidance in the certain turbulent academic days ahead after registration. From one-on-one tutoring to counseling, faculty aimed to solidify and embolden the hearts of their protégés in preparation for the day after graduation in which they must enter the real world. In some cases, faculty became surrogate parents—patient, wise, concerned. Many students could attest that more than once a faculty member had lent them a helping hand, sometimes taking them out to lunch or just listening to their problems. Sometimes that's just what it takes—someone to listen.

On this adventure called life, it was always best to have someone who could relate. What journey would be complete without the trusty side-kick? From the moment students stepped foot into the dormitory, they realized they were not alone. They were surrounded by the support and friendship of the best people. From sharing coveted items to midnight food binges during finals week, a friend at Wesleyan was a friend for life. They were the spring in students' step, the air under their wings, and that extra shoulder to lean on.

The last ingredient for developing students' identity was the internal drive inside themselves—the resolve, the will, the determination. Students had to eventually rely on themselves for the success of their dreams. This was the true stability of WWC graduates, to stand on their own two feet, head high, shoulders back prepared for the road ahead.

Members of the Class of 2008 left Wesleyan with their individual identities well established to meet the challenges that they would face in the "real world." Hopefully, their future would include many return visits to the campus.



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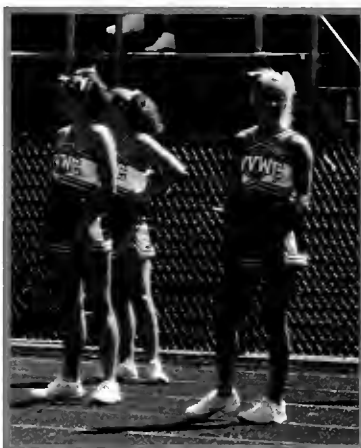
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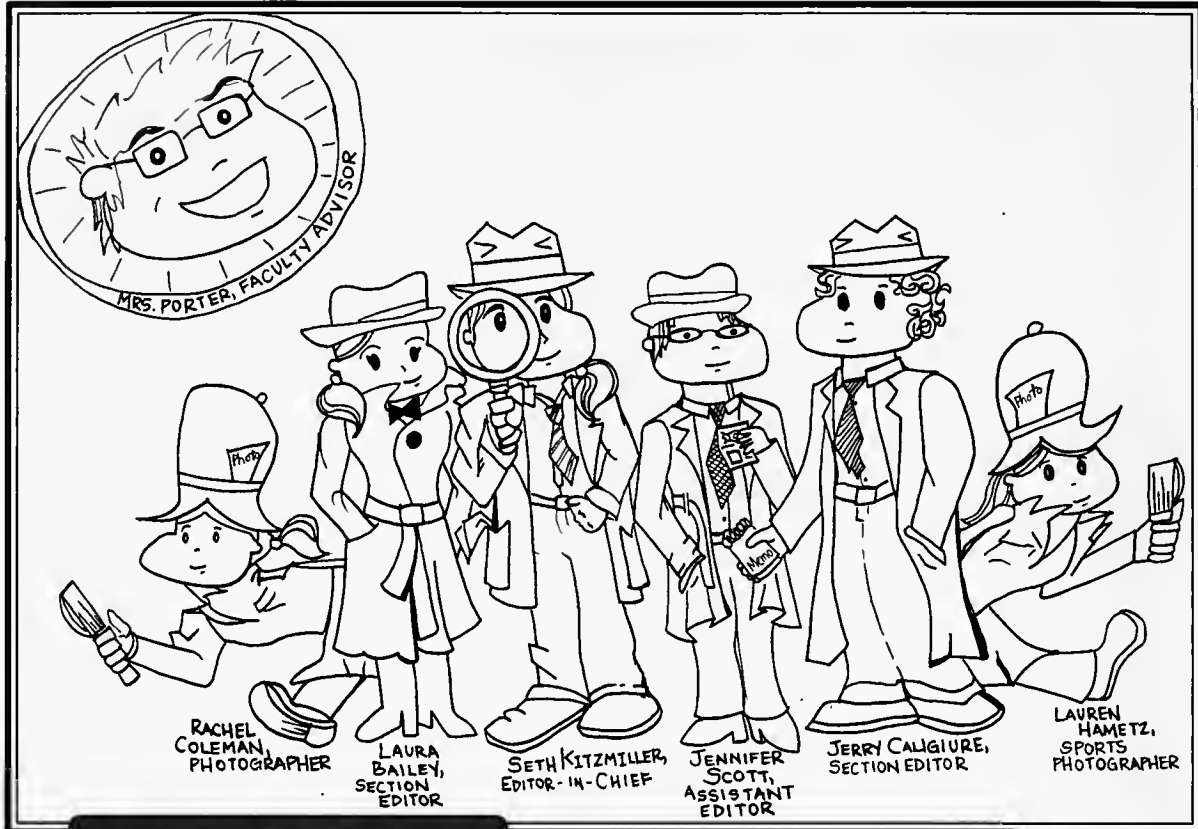
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