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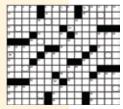
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#### Dear Friends,

As this issue of *WP Magazine* was being finalized for production, the University's Board of Trustees completed its nationwide search and appointed Dr. Kathleen Waldron as William Paterson University's seventh president effective August 2, 2010. (Please see p. 3 for announcement.)

I had the opportunity to meet Dr. Waldron when she visited the campus last month. I was impressed by her achievements as a university president, banking executive, and scholar, and by her understanding of our mission. She clearly articulated an appreciation for William Paterson's history and had a strong sense of who we are as a university and what we have stood for through our many years of service to our students, region, and state.

This is a time of transition for the University and, of course, for Dr. Waldron and me. Transitions are about new beginnings. They are times for hope and opportunity. William Paterson is poised as an institution to make a powerful and confident step into its future. Dr. Waldron's background and accomplishments are ideally suited to lead us into that future.

As I proceed toward my retirement, I look back with pride at my forty years on this campus and look forward to the path that the University will now pursue under Dr. Waldron's leadership. My commitment to the success of the University and its students, faculty, and staff will always remain firm.

We are now ready for the next chapter in the 155-year history of this great institution. I wish all the best to President Waldron and to each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Arnold Speert
President

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#### **BREAKING NEWS**

#### University Names Dr. Kathleen Waldron as New President

Kathleen Waldron, Ph.D., the former president of Baruch College and a former senior executive at Citigroup, has been appointed the seventh president of William Paterson University after a nationwide search. Her appointment is effective August 2, 2010.

"Today, the needs of our students and the many other constituents we serve for intellectual, civic, economic, and personal empowerment have never been more important or more urgent," says Vincent J. Mazzola '73, chair of the University's Board of Trustees. "At this critical juncture in our future, the board is confident that, in Dr. Waldron, we have found a strong leader to inspire and guide us in capitalizing on the many strengths and values of our history, enhancing the public visibility and reputation of the University, and using our talents and our shared commitment to advance our collective hopes and dreams for William Paterson."

"I am very honored and excited to serve as the next president of William Paterson University. The University is well positioned to extend its services to the people of New Jersey and beyond with excellent academic programs and a thriving campus," says Waldron. "I look forward to working with the trustees, the administration, the faculty, staff, and students

to strengthen University resources and enhance the educational experience of all students."

Waldron served as president of Baruch College of the City University of New York (CUNY), one of the most selective public colleges in the northeast, from 2004 to 2009, and led the college to achieve national rankings



in its business and public affairs programs and a place in the *Princeton Review's* list of the top 15 percent of colleges in the country. Previously, she served as dean of the School of Business, Public Administration and Information Sciences at Long Island University's Brooklyn Campus from 1998 to 2004. Prior to her transition to higher education administration, Waldron held numerous senior management positions at Citibank over a four-teen-year period, including president of Citibank International in Miami from 1991 through 1995. Since August 2009 she has held the position of University Professor at CUNY. Waldron, who served as a Fulbright Fellow at the Universidad Católica Andrés Bello in Caracas, Venezuela, in 1981, is currently a fellow at the Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies.





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Arnold Speert President, William Paterson University

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WHAT WE'RE DOING



The University's nursing program and its students are among the beneficiaries of recent significant grants

## **University Achieves Record Year in Grants**

In today's troubled economic climate, monetary grants to the University are more important than ever. They affect everyone from students, to faculty, to administrators, and enable the University to offer programs and classes that might not be possible without the support the grant money provides.

Since the beginning of the current fiscal year on July 1, the University has received a record \$15 million in new grants, the highest amount recorded on campus in at least the past fifteen years. This tops the more than \$11 million in grants received during 2008-09, which was up from more than \$3.6 million in 2007-08.

Most significant was a \$10.8 million grant, the largest in University history, from the U.S. Department of Education to improve the academic achievement of K-12 students in high-need urban schools throughout the state. The grant was one of only twenty-eight Teacher Quality Partnership awards nationwide.

The University is collaborating with Kean University and Rowan University, highneed urban school districts in Bridgeton, Camden, Jersey City, Passaic, Paterson, and Union City, the LEAP Academy University Charter School of Camden, and the New Jersey Department of Education to form the Garden State Partnership for Teacher Quality. Together, the school districts enroll nearly 92,000 students, or one out of every seventeen students in the state.

William Paterson also received a \$2.5 million grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to alleviate the statewide shortage of nurse educators. The University, a member of the New Jersey Nursing Collaborative, in partnership with Kean University, Richard Stockton College, and The College of New Jersey, will select two graduate students per year who will receive funding equal to full tuition reimbursement and a living stipend. In return, the grant calls for the students to complete the program in two years, seek work as a nurse educator following gradu-

ation, and commit to teaching in the state for three years.

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program will bring nearly \$900,000 in federal funding to the University through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to recruit and train undergraduate science and math majors to teach in highneed school districts. The program seeks to encourage talented science and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The project is being conducted in collaboration with the Paterson and Passaic Public Schools.

A \$1.2 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will allow the University to upgrade the controls for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems on campus. Once completed, the project will result in a savings of more than one million kilowatt hours of electricity per year.

Other recent grants include more than \$370,000 from the U.S. Department of Education to support alcohol abuse programs through the New Jersey Higher Education Consortium (NJHEC) for alcohol and other drug prevention education; more than \$250,000 from the U.S. Department of Education's CCAMPIS Program to fund enhanced childcare in the University's Child Development Center for low-income eligible parents attending William Paterson; \$330,000 from North Jersey Partners and the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration to provide free job training to people who are unemployed or those seeking job and career advancement; and nearly \$200,000 from the National Science Foundation to the Garden State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation in the Sciences (GSLSAMPS), a consortium seeking to bring more minority students into the underrepresented fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.





GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES CHRIS CHRISTIE, CHRIS DAGGETT, AND JON CORZINE PREPARE FOR THEIR OPENING DEBATE REMARKS

#### Gubernatorial Debate on Campus Puts Spotlight on University

William Paterson's campus buzzed with excitement on October 16 as the three candidates for governor of New Jersey, Chris Christie, Jon Corzine, and Chris Daggett, took the stage in Shea Center for a wide-ranging gubernatorial debate.

Panelists included Joann Lee, professor and chair of the University's Department of Communication, and a former correspondent for CNN and other television outlets. Other panel participants included moderator Harry Martin, news anchor for WWOR My 9 TV News and Fox 5 News; Alfred Doblin, editorial page editor, *The Record*; and Thomas Drayton, news anchor, WTXF FOX 29 TV (Philadelphia). Along with the panelists, three William Paterson students, Robert Rubbinaccio, Jessica Pepe, and Kerri Olsen, were selected to ask the candidates questions.

The debate was streamed live on my9tv.com and broadcast on WWOR My 9 TV and WTXF Fox 29 TV.



PANELISTS JOANN LEE, THOMAS DRAYTON, AND ALFRED DOBLIN

#### Graduate Programs in Entrepreneurship and Professional Communication Offer New Options for Students

Two new master's degrees—an M.B.A. with a concentration in entrepreneurship, and an M.A. in professional communication—are designed to meet growing demands for skills in today's changing markets.

The M.B.A. program, which launched in fall 2009, is focused on the increased need for entrepreneurship education in a fluctuating economy. "Entrepreneurship is a major contributor to the future of economic recovery. Small business, innovation, and new corporate ventures have historically been the major factors behind job creation and economic growth," says Sam Basu, dean of the Cotsakos College of Business.

Graduates of the program will gain the skills and knowledge necessary to start, manage, operate, grow, and sustain a business or support entrepreneurial activities in corporations.

The M.A. in professional communication, which offers specialized tracks for corporate and strategic communication and new media and professional writing, emphasizes applied communication and managerial skills as part of a practical program of studies focused on the enhanced written, oral, and visual communication skills essential for professional communicators in business, public service, and a variety of media industries. Courses toward the degree will begin in fall 2010.

"As the communication professions become increasingly globalized, the M.A. in professional communication is designed to give future leaders the applied skill sets to excel as professionals in their industries," says Joann Lee, professor and chair of the communication department.

#### University Faculty and Alumnus Among 2010 Grammy Award Winners, Nominees

The 52nd Annual Grammy Awards ceremony on January 31 was a proud moment for the William Paterson music program as three individuals connected to the program were among the nominees and award recipients.

Stephen Bryant, an internationally acclaimed bass-baritone and professor of music, was nominated for a 2010 Grammy Award in the Best Opera Recording category. Producer Rob Fusari, a 2008 graduate and one of the forces behind pop singer Lady Gaga, received a Grammy for Best Electronic/Dance Album as a producer on Lady Gaga's smash hit, *The Fame*, as well as a nomination in the Album of the Year category (see profile on page 23). In addition, legendary jazz artist Clark Terry, permanent artist-in-residence in the renowned Jazz Studies Program, received the Recording Academy's Lifetime Achievement Award.



STEPHEN BRYANT

Bryant is a soloist on composer Tan Dun's new recording of his 1996 opera, *Marco Polo*, which was nominated for Best Opera Recording. Nominations in this category are presented to the conductor, album producer(s),

and principal soloists. Bryant is featured in the major role of Danté, which he created for the opera's world premiere in 1996. This recording is based on a new production of the opera staged for De Nederlandse Opera in Amsterdam in 2008. Bryant's distinguished career in concert and opera has taken him around the world, with acclaimed performances in the United States, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

Fusari, a songwriter and producer who has worked with a wide range of pop, rap, and R&B artists, was nominated as a producer on Lady Gaga's debut album, *The Fame*, which reached second on the Billboard 200 chart of the top-selling albums across all genres. He also co-wrote the album's hit single *Paparazzi*. Initially known for his work with Destiny's Child, Fusari has since produced work for Will Smith, Whitney Houston, and Jessica Simpson, among others.

Terry, who is considered one of the leading masters of the jazz trumpet, has the distinction of having been a member of the orchestras of both Count Basie and



#### **Gennarelli Receives National Education Award**



Her professionalism, creativity, and commitment to the education of young children have earned Cindy Gennarelli '03, director of the University's Child Development Center, the 2009 Outstanding Early Childhood

CINDY GENNARELLI '03 Practitioner award from the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators (NAECTE).

This prestigious national award is presented annually to just one educator in the country to "recognize meritorious leadership and professionalism in contributing to pre-service and/or in-service early childhood teacher education through demonstrated excellence in teaching practice and through contributing, as a classroom practitioner, in an outstanding manner to teacher education."

"I am most appreciative of Cindy's professionalism, spirit of collaboration, and her many contributions to preparing the best teacher education candidates," says Ana Maria Schuhmann, interim dean of the University's College of Education. "I am also extremely grateful for her unparalleled ability to create a program that ensures positive social, emotional, physical, and creative growth in young children. I marvel at her creativity and enthusiasm for what she does. She is implementing a true model program where ethnic pride, self-confidence, and joy of learning are developed in young children."

#### **Education Professor** Named Fulbright Scholar



KATHLEEN MALU

Kathleen Malu, associate professor, secondary and middle school education, has been named a Fulbright Scholar for 2010. She is currently teaching American and British literature and secondary methods at Rwanda's pre-service

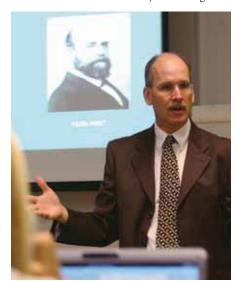
teacher training institute, the Kigali Institute of Education.

Malu's interest in Rwanda began in high school and continued when she worked as a curriculum developer and inspector for secondary schools in the Rwandan Ministry of Education as a Peace Corps volunteer. She was encouraged to return by Jean-Gratien Uwisavve, a recipient of William Paterson's 2007 Outstanding Teacher Award and a native of Rwanda. Malu arrived in Kigali almost thirty years to the day of her first arrival in 1980.

#### **University Offers Bachelor's Degree Programs On Mercer County Community** College Campus

William Paterson has joined with Mercer County Community College to offer several of the University's bachelor's degree programs on the Mercer County Community College campus.

More than thirty MCCC graduates have enrolled in the courses, which began



UNIVERSITY HISTORY PROFESSOR TERENCE FINNEGAN TEACHING AT MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

in September 2009 and lead to William Paterson University bachelor's degrees in early childhood education/elementary education, as well as in several other major alternatives. Courses are offered at MCCC during late afternoons, evenings, Fridays, on weekends, and online.

"We are very pleased to be able to provide community college graduates in Mercer County the opportunity to complete their bachelor's degree in early childhood education, liberal studies, and psychology," says Edward Weil, the University's provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. "William Paterson began more than 150 years ago as a school to prepare teachers for the classroom and has expanded on that tradition, now as a public comprehensive university, to offer excellent undergraduate and graduate degree programs in education, liberal arts, and the professions. These programs offer MCCC graduates an affordable opportunity to complete the bachelor's degree and qualify for teacher certification."

MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue says one of the college's goals has been to increase articulated programs and to provide bachelor's degrees for local students. "Our students have been asking for the opportunity to complete bachelor's degrees in education without leaving the region," she explains. "This partnership with William Paterson University is ideal for many."

#### Ralph da Costa Nunez '72 **Addresses Students as Part of Pioneer Leadership Institute**

Homelessness and poverty are among the most important issues currently facing America according to Ralph da Costa Nunez '72, president of the Institute for Children and Poverty, and president and CEO of Homes for the Homeless, who has made fighting poverty and helping the homeless the center point of his career.

Nunez was on campus in November to deliver a talk about poverty, homelessness, and public service to more than two hundred students, including 150 first-year students, in the University Commons Ballroom. The students have been involved in "Pioneers Give Thanks," a campaign in collaboration with United Way of Passaic County to collect toiletries, winter items, and non-perishable food items for the impoverished community in the North Jersey area. The drive was spearheaded by first-year



RALPH DA COSTA NUNEZ '72

students in the Pioneer Leadership Institute, an initiative designed to encourage students to understand the concept of leadership and assume leadership roles on campus.

"Homelessness is the most misunderstood issue of our generation," Nunez says. "The typical homeless person is between ten and eleven years old. Every night, there are more than 16,500 children in shelters in New York City. Many more live in rural areas, cars, tents, or live double or triple in apartments. This is all part of the American poverty scene, and we'll be here for a while." Nunez urged the students to consider public service as a career. He says that as a student on campus in the late 1960s and early 1970s, there was the feeling that people were involved in social issues and believed that they could effect change.

"Public service is an opportunity for change in America," he says. "It's the time for you to go into government, teaching, and other public service. It's the most rewarding career. The nonprofit sector has jobs. It is ripe for challenges and you can have an impact."

# L N M E M O R I A M



Virginia Taylor, associate professor, marketing and management sciences, died on November 11, 2009. She was appointed to the faculty in September 1998. Tay-

lor was director of the M.B.A. program for several years, and taught a wide variety of marketing and management classes including courses on organizational theory, international management, global marketing, and management principles.

"The thing she did best was mentoring new faculty," says Susan Godar, a professor and colleague in the marketing and management sciences department. "Virginia was a wonderful collaborative author, willing to share research ideas and help others develop their own projects."



Karl R. Lunde, a retired professor of art history, died on December 27, 2009. He was appointed to the faculty in September 1970 and retired in 1996. On cam-

pus, he taught classes in art history and Asian art.

A specialist in European Neo-Classic and Romantic art, Lunde was the author of several books, and wrote monographs on the artists Isabel Bishop, Richard Anunszkiewicz, and John Day. He was the director of the Contemporaries Gallery, which featured modern painting and sculpture, in New York City.

Lunde was chair of the art department in the early 1970s as the University transitioned from an institution for teacher education to a liberal arts college.

"He was highly respected by both students and colleagues," says Alan Lazarus, professor of art and current chair of the department. "He understood art from the historical standpoint and also from the studio aspect. He was always meticulously prepared and cared deeply about scholarship and students."



Rachel Wetzsteon, associate professor of English, died in December 2009. She was appointed to the faculty in September 2001.

On campus, she

taught many writing and literature classes, including contemporary literature and British and American poetry, on both the undergraduate and graduate levels. She supervised several master's degree theses, and served as the editor of *Zeitgeist*, a student literary journal. Wetzsteon received the William Paterson University Faculty Award for excellence in scholarship in 2007.

An accomplished and respected poet, she was the author of three vol-

umes of poetry, *Other Stars*, *Home and Away*, and *Sakura Park*. Last fall, she was named poetry editor of *The New Republic*, a magazine devoted to politics and the arts, which called her "one of the best poets of her generation," citing "her natural gift for form, her tough romanticism, and her appealing combination of melancholy and wit."



Berch Haroian, professor of economics, finance, and global business, died on January 20, 2010. He was the first dean of the University's School of Manage-

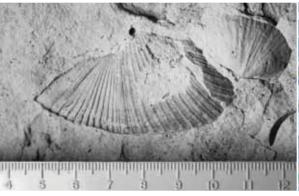
ment. He was appointed to the faculty in August 1978 and taught many business courses including microeconomic principles and macroeconomic principles.

"He was a mentor to me," says Elizabeth Ekmekjian, associate professor of economics, finance, and global business. "He was always very generous towards any new teacher coming in."

Haroian published articles in numerous academic journals, including the *Journal of Business and Economics Research* and the *Journal of College Teaching and Learning*.











A MARINE FOSSIL, EMBEDDED IN THE ROCK FOUND ON HIGH MOUNTAIN, IS MILLIONS OF YEARS OLD

AN ARTIST'S RENDERING OF SOLAR PANELS AS THEY MIGHT BE PLACED ON CAMPUS PARKING LOTS

STUDENT ANA SANCHEZ CONDUCTS RESEARCH IN THE MOUSE LAB

#### **Solar Panel Installation** Will Be Largest in **New Jersey**

William Paterson has begun the installation of an array of photovoltaic panels on building rooftops and in parking lots on campus. The installation, which will be the largest in New Jersey and the biggest on a university campus in the United States, should save the institution \$4.5 million over the next fifteen years.

The panels are being installed and will be owned by SunDurance Energy of Plainfield, New Jersey. The University has entered into a power purchase agreement with Nautilus Solar Energy of Summit, New Jersey, to buy the electricity generated by the panels at a significantly discounted rate.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for us to continue our efforts to reduce energy costs and purchase completely clean electricity," says Stephen Bolyai, vice president for

administration and finance. "The University continues to make significant strides in energy conservation; being energy efficient is a fundamental way the University is doing its piece to help the nation and the world."

#### **University Has New** Mascot

Meet Billy the Bear, William Paterson's new mascot. While the "Pioneer" has been the school moniker since the early 1940s, the Student Government Association (SGA) lobbied for a new mascot as a way to enhance school spirit at a variety of campus activities. "We felt that having a mascot would boost Pioneer pride," says Jess Pepe, SGA president.

With input from a wide range of campus organizations and a student referendum, a black bear, dubbed "Billy," was selected and outfitted as a Pioneer, complete with buckskin pants, boots, coonskin hat, and, of course, a selection of

William Paterson shirts. Billy is now a regular at student events on campus, including a recent pre-finals event featuring music and games.

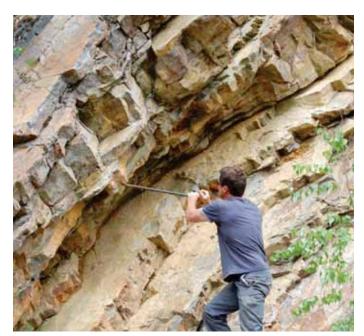
#### **Unique Fossil Found On High Mountain**

As a leading expert on U.S. fossil sharks, environmental science professor Martin Becker travels throughout the United States to seek out fossilized teeth from extinct sharks. But he didn't have to travel any further than a trail on High Mountain Preserve adjacent to the campus to discover a rock containing marine fossils that are millions of years old.

The hundred-pound rock contains numerous fossils of marine invertebrates—brachiopods, ammonites, bryozoans, corals, and pelecypods. The find is significant because High Mountain Preserve and the University campus are part of the New Jersey piedmont,



BILLY THE BEAR SITS IN WITH THE BAND ESCAPE DIRECTORS, STUDENTS (LEFT TO RIGHT) NICK WILSON, STEVEN CARTER, AND COLIN RIESER, AT A RECENT STUDENT FUN NIGHT IN THE UNIVERSITY COMMONS



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR MARTIN BECKER GATHERS ROCK SAMPLES NEAR WOODSTOCK, N.Y.

a geologic area formed predominately from lava rock, in which fossils are not found. So, how did the fossils get here? According to Becker, New Jersey was covered by a continental glacier during the ice age about eighteen thousand years ago that transported large boulders known as glacial erratics many miles from their origins. "Glacial erratics are scattered all throughout High Mountain," he explains.

Becker is studying the fossils with Richard Pardi, chairperson of the environmental science department, and Lauren Smith, a senior majoring in earth science. They have traced the origin to an area near Woodstock, N.Y., about seventy-five miles north of the preserve. "These rocks were originally deposited in an ancient seaway during a time period known as the Devonian, approximately four hundred million years ago," he says. "At an average rate of glacial movement of one foot per day, it would have taken 1,085 years for the erratics to be transported to High Mountain Preserve."

According to Becker, the

fossils provide "important evidence for reconstructing the complex geologic history of High Mountain Preserve. This history includes a combination of changes, including sea level change and glaciation, that took place throughout the last four hundred million years of geologic time." Results of their research will be presented at the Geological Society of America sectional meeting in Baltimore in spring 2010.

#### Music Professor Records Third CD With UpTown Flutes

Karen Demsey, a flutist and professor of music at William Paterson, has just recorded her third CD with the Uptown

CD with the Uptown Flutes, an eight-member virtuoso flute ensemble that performs throughout the metropolitan area.

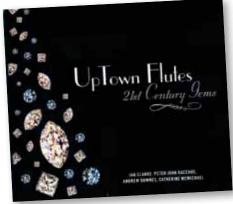
Titled 21st Century Gems, the CD features a range of contemporary works, including "Serenade" and "Nonet," two pieces

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written for the ensemble by the internationally known composer Peter John Bacchus. All of the CD's seventeen tracks were recorded in the University's sound engineering arts studio under the supervision of David Kerzner, associate professor of music, and coordinator of the sound engineering arts program.

The ensemble, an octet that has been together for a decade, is comprised of the entire family of flutes: piccolo, C flute, alto, and bass flutes. "Unlike a flute choir, which would have multiple flutes playing each part, each member of our ensemble plays an individual part," Demsey explains. "We create a very symphonic sound." Dedicated to bringing new music to a wider audience, the ensemble actively commissions works by composers and its recordings and concert programming features varying ensemble sizes, genres, styles, and historical periods, as well as collaboration with other instruments such as harp and percussion.

A faculty member at William Paterson since 1997, Demsey says that part of what makes the UpTown Flutes unusual is that all are also educators, many in university settings. "We all enjoy teaching, and presenting workshops and clinics in schools, or working with groups like the New Jersey Youth Symphony's flute choir," she says. They also enjoy playing for their peers,



including a recent performance at the National Flute Association convention in New York City.

# Substance-Free Residence Hall Includes Special Housing for Students In Recovery

Expanding its efforts to support students in recovery from alcohol or drug abuse, the University last fall began offering them the option of living in special recovery housing in a newly designated substance-free residence hall on campus.

William Paterson is only the second higher education institution in New Jersey, and one of a handful across the country, to offer special housing for students in recovery. The program is supported by a three-year, \$650,000 grant from the Division of Addiction Services of the New Jersey Department of Human Services.

Fifteen beds in the one hundred-bed residence hall are slated specifically for students in recovery; all students who choose to live in the residence hall are required to sign a written agreement committing them to living a healthy, substance-free lifestyle. A coordinator of resident recovery provides special support and programming assistance for the resident students, as well as specialized recovery services to students in recovery.

"A primary goal is to provide resources and support to students in recovery or those contemplating lifestyle changes that exclude alcohol or other drug use," says Glen Sherman, associate vice president and dean of student development. "The students who have chosen to live there are making a serious commitment to a substance-free lifestyle."



In addition, the grant provides funding for alcohol-free social and recreational programming late at night and on weekends. "These events take place generally between 9:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. and augment

other scheduled events and activities planned by student clubs and organizations," Sherman explains. "Our intent is to offer a variety of creative and fun activities during the hours students typically drink."

William Paterson
has received national
recognition as a leader
in alcohol awareness
and prevention by
organizations such
as NASPA—Student
Affairs Administrators in
Higher Education, which
have invited Sherman
and other William Paterson staff to make presentations on its alcohol prevention
program.

# New Books by Faculty

In his book, Post-Closet
Masculinities in Early Modern
England, Andrew Barnes, interim
associate dean of the College of
Humanities and Social Sciences,
and an associate professor of
English, presents a new theory
of masculinity that accounts for
the great historical shifts in
seventeenth century England.



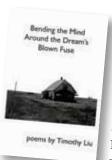
By focusing his research on the Scientific Revolution, the move towards capitalism, and the Protestant Reformation, Barnes argues that early modern writers, such as John Donne, William Shakespeare, and George Herbert, saw themselves differently. No longer could they simply define themselves by the way they dressed or the positions they held in society, but rather they staked out a subject position that was in contrast to a whole

fit into society, while at the same time depending on those people to keep them in power. It is this ironic positioning, Barnes argues, that history has come to identify as masculine.

Writing from personal experience, Keumjae Park, assistant professor of sociology, explores the renegotiation of identity among

women who emigrate from one country to another to start new lives in her book Korean Immigrant Women and the Renegotiation of Identity: Class, Gender, and the Politics of Identity.

Park, who moved to the United States from Korea as a young woman, explores how identity changes as women's socioeconomic expectations differ from the reality of their new lives. "The process of renegotiating identities after migration may be particularly problematic for Korean immigrant women," she writes. "It involves confronting both their class positions and gender identities.



Korean women typically experience transitions in various dimensions of their lives as women, workers, and mothers."

In his eighth book of poems, Timothy Liu, associate professor of English, takes on many subjects includ-

ing romance, love, and other experiences in cities around the world.

The collection, titled Bending the Mind Around the Dream's Blown Fuse, joins seven other volumes of poetry including Of Thee I Sing, which was named book of the year by Publishers Weekly, and Vox Angelica, which received the Norma Farber First Book Award from the Poetry Society of America.

The expansion of China into neighboring territories is the topic of *The Sichuan Frontier and Tibet: Imperial Strategy in the Early Qing*, by Yingcong Dai, associate professor of history. The book discusses events that occurred during the ruling Manchu Qing dynasty

(1644-1911), which encompassed not only China proper, but also parts of Central Asia.

Dai reports that during the many years of researching the book she found that there were "uncharted waters"

in the field of late imperial Chinese history. "In the early stages of this long project, I grasped the critical importance of warfare and military build-up in reshaping the socio-economic landscape in Sichuan," she says. "This led me to put into perspective all the intricate international, empire-wide, and local questions, and the numerous wars."

# **Campus Focuses on H1N1 Prevention**

Prevention has been a key element in William Paterson's fight against a potential outbreak of the H1N1 flu virus on campus, an effort led by staff at the University's Counseling, Health, and Wellness Center in concert with a wide range of campus departments and organizations.

Vaccine clinics were held in the Recreation Center on campus to inoculate the campus community against the virus. More than 1,200 students, faculty, and staff were vaccinated. Nursing faculty and junior- and senior-level nursing students assisted Health Center staff with providing vaccinations, while professional and support staff from the Division of Student Development assisted with check-in and data entry.

"An event of this size could not have been accomplished without the help of multiple volunteers, and we are so grateful for the terrific support our efforts have received on campus," says Jill Guzman, associate director, counseling, health, and wellness.

The vaccine clinics represent just one part of the University's multi-pronged approach to managing a potential outbreak on campus. "Since August, a team of professionals and students has been working to educate the campus community and to try and prevent the spread of illness," Guzman adds. Components of the effort include an extensive poster campaign, the creation of a flu page on the University Web site, the placement of hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes in key areas around campus, and development of a hotline, 973-720-H1N1 (4161), to provide the latest information.



# CLASS NOTES

#### Online Technology Combines with Hands-on Lab for Unique Biopsychology Class

#### Behavior Genetics, Professor Robert Benno and Professor Martin Hahn



PROFESSOR ROBERT BENNO (FAR RIGHT) AND PROFESSOR MARTIN HAHN (SEEN ON VIDEO SCREEN) DISCUSS STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Dan McKim, Kristina Kosztyo, and Ana Sanchez are gathered around a small group of mice in the animal lab in the basement of Science Hall. The trio of students is in the beginning stages of an experiment designed to determine if a new anti-anxiety drug might reduce stress in a strain of mice that is often used to model characteristics of autism.

Down the hall, in another of the lab's cluster of research spaces, a second team of three students is trying to discover whether certain mice might be genetically predetermined to abuse substances such as methamphetamine. A third team is looking at the impact of prenatal stress on newborn mice as they develop. The lab bustles with activity, as students in lab coats and gloves gather supplies, make observations, and collaborate with their fellow students.

Supervising all the handson lab activity is Robert Benno, professor of biology, who is one of two faculty members who are co-teaching this course, Behavior Genetics, which is among the core courses for students pursuing the biopsychology track of the University's Honors College. The course focuses on the concept of gene-environment interaction as a determinant of both animal and human behaviors. Readings include Darwin's *Origin of the Species*, and lectures on topics such as nature, nurture, and behavior; personality; and cognitive ability.

Sharing the teaching duties is Martin Hahn, a former professor of biology. Hahn, an expert in the course's subject matter, taught the course for twenty-seven years before moving to Colorado following his retirement in 2007. To keep the course going, he and Benno decided to join forces, and Hahn is helping to teach the course from his home some two thousand miles away. This is the third time they have taught the course together.

In teaching parlance, the class is known as a hybrid, a combination of online learning and traditional classroom-based instruction. Hahn is the online lecture instructor, assigning readings, posting lectures and notes, and monitoring a class discussion forum via Blackboard, the University's Web-based course management system.

Benno supervises the course's nine students in the mouse laboratory, monitoring their hands-on research projects and training them in laboratory technique.

"I think it's the perfect marriage," says Benno. "I run the lab, but Marty is the expert in this material, so the students get the advantage of learning the subject matter from him."

For Hahn, teaching the subject matter online has been a new experience. "Having been a classroom teacher for all those years, I do miss the one-on-one of being in the classroom. I'm jealous in a way, because Bob gets to know the students and have the personal connection," he admits. "But most importantly, it's been wonderful to keep this course in the curriculum."

How do the students feel? Kosztyo, a psychology major, says she enjoys the blended nature of the class. "Dr. Hahn posts the lectures and poses questions about them," she explains. "He's looking for us to have discussions with each other, just not in real time."

Sanchez, a biology major who just completed her degree and is applying to medical schools, has enjoyed the hands-on experience of the class. "I like learning the technical skills, and doing procedures."

For the students, the ability to design and conduct individual experiments is clearly the draw. "We all have to develop proposals for experiments, and present them," says Kosztyo. "It gives us practice for doing independent research, which is a great advantage."

Tammer Raouf, a neuroscience major and a visiting student from Dartmouth College, says the course offered an experience he could not get at his Ivy League school as an undergraduate. "There's no class there where every student is part of an experiment," he explains.

The students must spend numerous additional hours in the lab outside of class, observing and caring for the mice they are working with. "It's great to see the students advance and learn about working in a lab on research," says Norman Schanz, the mouse laboratory's assistant, who's always on hand to help the students with their work.

For the first time, the two professors held a number of joint class sessions through the use of Skype, a software program that enables video communication over the Internet. Hahn was able to participate in person when students presented their research proposals and the results of their projects.

For the sessions, Benno and the students gather in the Presentation Training Classroom in Hobart Hall, a specialized facility outfitted with video conferencing technology. Hahn, seated at his computer in his sunlit Colorado living room, is visible on three large monitors, two in the front of the room and one in the rear, thanks to the camera mounted on his home computer. A small camera placed in the center of the room allows Hahn to see the students' PowerPoint presentations, and then the students themselves as they take questions.

The critique is rigorous, as both Hahn and Benno pepper the students with questions about their results. "The students were able to ask any question and I could give instant feedback, which was great," Hahn says.



# REFLECTIONS ON AN ACADEMIC LIFE



FOR FOUR DECADES, ARNOLD SPEERT HAS CALLED THE CAMPUS OF WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY "HOME." FROM HIS FIRST DAYS ON CAMPUS AS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY IN 1970, THROUGH HIS TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR TENURE AS PRESIDENT, HE HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THE ACADEMIC, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL LIFE OF THE GREATER WILLIAM PATERSON COMMUNITY. NOW, AS HE PREPARES TO RETIRE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR, PRESIDENT SPEERT TAKES A FEW MOMENTS TO REFLECT ON THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTITUTION TO WHICH HE HAS DEDICATED HIS CAREER—AND WHAT HE'LL MISS THE MOST.

By Mary Beth Zeman



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**WP:** What was the campus like when you arrived in 1970?

**AS:** I was one of 110 faculty hired in 1970; another 103 were hired in 1971. The college transformed from an institution focused on teacher training to a comprehensive institution practically overnight, and was becoming more diverse in every way. It was a time of great growth and development and it was an exciting time to be here. There was a tremendous focus on academic excellence.

Teaching chemistry was a wonderful experience. I was twenty-five years old and my first class consisted of twenty-five female nursing students! At the same time, I taught an evening class with five students, all but one of whom were already registered nurses returning for their bachelor's degrees. My daytime students would be asking me why they needed to take a chemistry class, while my night students were telling me how chemistry related to their work as nurses. It was a phenomenal contrast, and it gave me an education as well.

**WP:** During your tenure as president, the campus has expanded by 120 acres and added nineteen buildings. What has that meant for our faculty and students?

AS: Facilities affect people. If the building in which you are working or studying is crowded or not up to date, it's not conducive to the educational experience. Buying College Hall in 1993 allowed us to move business services off the main campus and to centralize our academic departments. Most significantly, the purchase of the Valley Road building and property gave us room for expansion. It is a wonderful campus that has its own community feeling to it. We were able to combine our oldest center of interest—education—with our newest center of interest—business. We've tried to make the campus more residential, adding four residence halls, while also expanding our student facilities, namely the University Commons, which has been more responsive to all our students and staff.

**WP:** What is your favorite spot on campus?

**AS:** My favorite spot on campus is the carriage road that leads out the back door of Hobart Manor, especially during a snowfall. I took the path often during my early years here, when I was working in Morrison Hall and still teaching classes in the Science Building. It's a beautiful, tranquil spot just a short walk from the hustle and bustle of the campus.

**WP:** What is special about our students?

AS: Our students tend to be very workoriented. We've always talked about having many first-generation students, and we still do, although we now have second-generation students including legacy students whose parents graduated from here. They are very motivated toward work and career. In many ways, our programs have developed in response to their needs. Many of our programs blend the theoretical with the applied, and programs are often linked, for example, the theory of our general business degree with the applied skills of a newer program like professional sales. Our students have a real sense of themselves, and of their need to be hands-on and work hard. They come here ready to roll up their sleeves.



THE BUILDING AT 1600 VALLEY ROAD, WHICH PRESIDENT SPEERT CALLS PIVOTAL TO THE UNIVERSITY'S RECENT GROWTH

For more reflections on President Speert's legacy, visit the Web at www.wpunj.edu/wpmagazine

#### COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS

#### SUSAN GODAR

PROFESSOR, MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT CHAIR, FACULTY SENATE

"We are going from a president who knows everyone to someone who, initially, won't know anyone. Arnie has an understanding of University history that is unique; he has watched the institution grow from a college to a university and had a role in making that happen. He really sees the campus as a community, as a family. As a marketing professor, I am always really amazed at watching him work a room. He is just excellent at it. I know I'm seeing him do what he does best: connect with people."

#### **DAVID DEMSEY**

PROFESSOR, MUSIC
COORDINATOR, JAZZ STUDIES PROGRAM

"Not many people are aware that it was Arnie who, as assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, helped with the hiring of Thad Jones, the first director of the jazz program. He helped us make history because William Paterson was the first college to have a major league jazz musician on the faculty, which was instrumental in building our jazz program.

His handling of the relationship with the jazz musician Clark Terry is an example of his presidency. He understands Clark's significance in our music and culture. Clark, who is a master of the flugelhorn, is also known for his signature tune, 'Mumbles,' his own unique take on scat singing. When Clark donated his archive to William Paterson in 2004, we held a concert where Clark performed 'Mumbles,' and Clark talked Arnie into joining him. The fact that the president would get up on the stage and do that (although he may be one of the world's worst scat singers) is a testament to who he is. Whenever I talk to Clark, he asks me, 'How's prez doing?' He has always helped the jazz program maintain its dignity and stature."



#### COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS

#### SUSANNA TARDI

PROFESSOR, SOCIOLOGY PRESIDENT, AFT-LOCAL 1796

"Since I became a faculty member seventeen years ago, Arnie and I have shared a cordial, respectful relationship. He is a warm, charismatic individual with the unique ability to make you feel like you are the most important person in the room. As the faculty and professional staff union leader, I've been able to work cooperatively with Arnie because of his accessibility, willingness to listen, and general desire to seek compromise. We don't always agree, but we respect each other knowing that we both have the best interests of the University at heart. Arnie has been one of the most well respected and influential presidents among our sister colleges and universities in the state. He is someone the other New Jersey college presidents frequently looked to for advice and leadership; Arnie has been 'the president among presidents.' His longevity as the president of William Paterson is a testament to his contributions to the University and his ability to work effectively with all members of our University community."

#### ROLAND WATTS

ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR CAMPUS LIFE

"Dr. Speert is the only president I ever worked with at William Paterson, which I'm sure is the same for many members of the campus community. He has always been supportive of me, both professionally and personally. He is incredibly personable, and has always maintained an open-door policy—he has never allowed his office to become an 'ivory tower.' And he is more than just a colleague--when I was ill, he visited me in the hospital; when my father died, he attended the funeral. He is a real, down-to-earth, unpretentious individual who will be missed."



PRESIDENT SPEERT WELCOMES FACULTY ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE FALL SEMESTER, 1985—HIS FIRST AS PRESIDENT

# **WP:** What is special about the institution?

**AS:** We have a responsibility to the needs of our community and our state and to promote public engagement. That's why I urged our participation in the American Democracy Project and Paterson Teachers for Tomorrow. We have a very strong faculty that has been built through the efforts of those who have served as vice presidents for academic affairs. We also have a real sense of community.

**WP:** Our community is very diverse. Why is that important?

**AS:** Even though New Jersey is a diverse state, many of our communities are still composed of single ethnic or cultural groups. We've worked hard to see to it that our faculty and staff were more diverse. I'm proud that the campus is very diverse. People here seem to be very comfortable with that diversity and celebrate it.

# **WP:** What has been the impact of university status?

**AS:** It gave us the opportunity to acknowledge the strength and breadth of our programs. We have been a comprehensive, complex institution since I came in the early 1970s, and we deserved the title of University.



President Speert at the official campus event celebrating the institution's move from a college to a university, June 1997



#### **COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS**

#### **DOUGLAS HAMILTON '75**

PRESIDENT, WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

"The Alumni Association could not have a stronger supporter than President Speert. He always makes himself available to be at alumni events and has rearranged his schedule, at times, to do so. When engaging alumni in discussions about the University and the need to support alumni programs, Dr. Speert comes across not as an administrator going through the motions but as someone who is speaking from the heart. Honestly, listening to Dr. Speert speak about the University and the Alumni Association is like hearing it from a fellow alum...not the University's president."

#### **IESS PEPE**

PRESIDENT, STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

"At the beginning of the semester, the president invites us to his house for dinner with his wife. This face-to-face meeting is a very personal occasion, and lets us know that he cares about the students, and the University is not just a business to him. After dinner, he listens to our concerns, and we have a really good dialogue, back and forth. He's very accessible and will respond to email, and meets with me if I ask him to. It makes me feel appreciated that he takes a personal interest in me and what I do."

#### JULIE BLISS

PROFESSOR AND CHAIR, NURSING

"Arnie always attends the nursing department's 'pinning ceremony,' a special ceremony where graduating nursing students receive their nursing pins. He comes every year, and he once commented to me that it was nice to see the diversity of the students who were now graduating, because they represent a cross-section of ethnic backgrounds and speak thirty-three different languages. I also see him and his wife at all the University's concerts. We're going to miss him."

#### **CHARLEY FLINT**

PROFESSOR, SOCIOLOGY

"I came here in 1984 around the time Arnie became president. I found him to be very open, and very people-oriented. He made me feel very comfortable. Whether we were on the bus on the way to a graduation ceremony, or I was discussing issues because of my role as director of the freshman seminar or the race and gender project, he was always the same. He was very easy to talk to and I could always be honest with him. I remember when I got an award for 'putting students first' and he thanked me. He also noticed when I was honored for external community work and he would congratulate me on it. He seemed to appreciate what I did because he would forward me letters from graduates who wrote to the president's office saying how much they appreciated having me as their mentor or professor. He really made me feel as though I was crucial and a key part of this University. He's going to be missed."

#### **ALAN LAZARUS**

PROFESSOR AND CHAIR, ART

"I was appointed to the art department faculty in 1974. Arnie and I met the first year but I really didn't get to know him until I sought his counsel on program improvement grants to enhance curriculum in the department. As the true scientist, he asked, 'What are some examples of semantic problems involved in discussing art with our students?' I replied, 'Dealing with realism and representation.' He then said, 'What about symbolic functions?" I said, 'Such as?' He said, 'The depiction of reality, numbers, words, signs, and CHEMICAL FORMULAS.' I said, 'Arnie! NO MORE MENDELEEV!!! Enough is enough! We just want a gallery program, professional degrees, and a new building.' We got all those things. We and he did pretty good!"

#### FRANCISCO DIAZ '86, M.A. '88

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR

**CAMPUS LIFE** 

"What made President Speert stand out to me as a student was that he knew how to engage every person. His positive concern for me never changed from the time I was a student, then an alumnus, and now as an administrator.

When I was a graduate student, he shared some advice with me. First was that I should look outside the University for a job. He told me that William Paterson would always be my home, but if I were to return, I would be the better for having left and gained new skills and experiences. It meant a lot when I did return eight years ago; I saw what I brought to the table. I needed to leave in order to grow.

As an alumnus, I always felt I could come to campus and that I was a valuable member of the community. After twenty-five years as president, his name is synonymous with William Paterson for many alumni. When alumni ask me for news about the campus, his name always comes up. As an administrator, I know that he is able to sustain this connection with many people, from the grounds crew to secretaries to the faculty. He finds a way to attend as many events on campus as possible, so people know who he is."



PRESIDENT SPEERT WITH ALUMNUS CHRISTOS COTSAKOS '73 DURING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF COTSAKOS'S MAJOR DONATION TO THE UNIVERSITY IN MAY 2001



#### **MAUREEN CONWAY '66**

MEMBER, WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION BOARD

"I had lost contact with William Paterson after graduating in 1966, until the late 1990s. I reconnected to the University when Arnie came to California where I was living. I had the opportunity to spend time with him in both New Jersey and in California. As I was reconnected to the University (and continue to be actively connected as a member of the Foundation Board), I realized that Arnie was the heart and soul of the new William Paterson University. He was a major factor in my decision to be reengaged with the University. Arnie always makes time to be engaged with students and activities and his leadership can be felt along all aspects from the expansion of programs, the Colleges, campus buildings, and faculty. He is the University. In a beautiful and unassuming way, he has established a terrific legacy. On a personal note, he deserves a chance to relax, travel, and enjoy his growing family as he considers the next chapter of his life."

#### **HELEN MAULT '59**

FORMER PRESIDENT, WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

"When I was president of the Alumni Association, Arnie would come to the Phonathon to help us make calls. People would be amazed that one of the senior administrators of the college would be on the other end of the line. He gave a lot of time to the Phonathon. He wouldn't come for an hour or two, but spent the whole evening on the phone. He was a charmer, with a twinkle in his eye. He believed in open communication, and always supported the Alumni Association in any way he could. Arnie was the best thing that ever happened to the University since President Marion Shea. He was always caring and enthusiastic, and gave all he had to anything he committed himself to. He became a dear friend to my husband and me. In fact, when my husband died, he and Myrna came to the wake. He found the time to come and stay. Arnie always treats me like a member of his extended family, and makes me feel like I'm coming home whenever I come to campus."









Breaking ground at a ceremony that celebrated the beginning of construction on a significant renovation and expansion of the Science Building on September 18, 2008, were (from left) Brad Kotuski, student representative to the Board of Trustees; Vincent J. Mazzola, Chair of the University's Board of Trustees; Stephen Bolyai, vice president for administration and finance; Assemblyman Scott Rumana; Lance Risley, Chair and Professor of Biology; University President Arnold Speert; Sandra De Young, Dean of the College of Science and Health; Jacky Grindrod, Chief of Staff to U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell; Edward B. Weil, Provost and Senior vice President for Academic Affairs; and Michael L. Jackson, Secretary, Board of Trustees.

**WP:** State support for higher education has decreased during the past decade. How has that impacted the University?

AS: It forced us to become cognizant of the need for greater engagement with our alumni and the external community. We are becoming much less state-supported than in the past, and the degree to which we will need to depend on endowments, gifts, and grants will increase. It has been a phenomenal growth experience, for me as an individual and for the institution, to seek philanthropic support and to receive major gifts from Christos Cotsakos, the Machuga Foundation, David and Lorraine Cheng, Russ Berrie, and David Bolger. By continuing to build on this, we have an opportunity to help accomplish our public mission. I think there will be many more potential opportunities in the future.

**WP:** When you look back over your years as president, what are some of the accomplishments that stand out?

**As:** Contributing to a sense of community and helping to engender a strong university board of trustees were certainly significant. The Board recognizes it has a responsibility to both the state and to this academic community, and has a real sense of the institution and its mission.

#### WP: What will you miss the most?

**AS:** The people. It has really been a family for me, and there are 12,500 people—faculty, staff, and students—who are part of this community. It was important to me to build a community, to engage people and make people feel that it is their university, and then provide the facilities and the people who could enhance the educational process. I'll miss the day-to-day challenges, some expected but others that seem to come out of the blue. It's wonderful to be out and about and to meet our students

and alumni and share the bond we have through the University. The people are what it's all about. No other job could give that kind of satisfaction. I'll really miss it. This is a tremendous community of scholars and learners. It is a wonderful enterprise to be part of. When you are given an opportunity to lead a community, you can't lose sight that you are answerable to everybody. Every constituency believes that you as president have a responsibility to them, and they're right. It's balancing that and bringing people together so we can be creative and make the University better.



President Speert talks with a new student and her mother during 2009 orientation

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# YOUNG VETERANS JOIN LONG TRADITION OF EDUCATION AT WILLIAM PATERSON

By Barbara E. Martin '93, M.A. '94 and Terry E. Ross '80



MICHAEL HASCUP

Five years as a Marine gave Michael Hascup of Wayne the one thing he originally signed up for: the ability to help others.

"The Marines gave me the maturity and discipline I need to be a leader," says Hascup, a corporal who was in the Infantry. "I can take charge of different situations. In Iraq, I was a team leader in charge of three or four Marines in the squad."

In total, Hascup was deployed three times during his five years in the service—twice to Iraq, and once with a Marine Expeditionary unit in tandem with the U.S. Navy as a strike force on board the U.S.S. Carter Hall. "We offered humanitarian aid around the world, dealt with piracy on the high seas, and secured other ships to make sure they didn't strike our ships," he explains.

Now, with his military service completed, Hascup has taken on a new role: full-time student at William Paterson University. At twenty-four, he is often among the oldest students in the freshman classes. Still undeclared, he hopes his degree will make him more marketable when he finishes his studies.

Blending new vets into the campus community begins with the University's administration, which long ago decided to welcome them to campus.

"We decided to participate in the new program that provides funding for the vets because we felt a special commitment to them," says John Martone, vice president for student development. "There was a real sense of urgency on the part of the administration to be proactive."

Martone adds that there is a 50 percent increase since last year of young veterans on campus, an increase that he believes will grow exponentially in the coming years, given the number of New Jersey citizens who are now serving in the military. Currently, there are 101 students on campus who are veterans and are enrolled under the new bill.

"We are committed to them," he says.

"Just as they served us by protecting our country, we want to be prepared to serve them."



SHEREKA DANZY (LEFT) AND NINA TRELISKY



These men and women join a long line of vets who chose this institution as the starting point of the rest of their lives after military service, harkening back to World War II and the Vietnam War. (See page 20 for a history of vets on campus.)

Now, many young veterans who are returning to school after serving on active duty, including tours in Iraq or Afghanistan, are taking advantage of the new Post-9/11 Veterans Education Act of 2008 (Post-9/11 Bill), which provides funds that make pursuing or finishing a college degree affordable for them for the first time.

The new bill was a major motivator to finish college for Lourdes Siverio, a business management major and a sergeant in the National Guard. "The Post-9/11 Bill is helping to pay my education bills and my rent," she says. "A lot of my friends who are coming out of college now have big loans to pay."

Helping to ease the transition from the military to the campus is Nina Trelisky, director of the Office of Registration Services, and the veteran's coordinator on campus. She works directly with the vets who want to enroll in the University.

She is the liaison between the students and the Veterans Association, the point person—the one who explains benefits to the students, helps to navigate the application process, and certifies their enrollment, among other administrative responsibilities. To many veterans, Trelisky is the first person they will meet from the University.

"We have a good reputation for caring among the vets," Trelisky says. "It speaks well for us that they choose to come here for a degree." She notes that even before the new bill, William Paterson allowed vets who served in Iraq and Afghanistan to attend tuition-free. The new bill expands that program by providing additional funding for returning vets, one way that the transition from military life to academic life is eased.

Trelisky will be joined by Sgt. Lynette Butler, public safety, who will serve as the campus coordinator of veterans services. Butler and many others on campus will serve on a cross-divisional committee to ensure students have a smooth transition to William Paterson.

Hascup, who is taking fifteen credits this semester, says that the transition to campus life hasn't been as difficult as he thought it would be. "The professors are understanding and supportive," he says. "But I'm on a different, more mature level. Getting up for an eight o'clock class is no struggle for me. I have the maturity to get all the schoolwork done, that's my full-time job right now." He hopes to use his degree to help him become a firefighter in the New York Fire Department (FDNY).



IAN GARDNE

"I've always wanted to be in the FDNY," he says. "This way I get to help people." He has been a member of Wayne's volunteer POL Company #2 since 2003 and has attended courses in the Passaic County Fire Academy to help prepare himself for the FDNY.

Trelisky is also a sounding board for the vets, and, most importantly, the face of the University for those still overseas who are deciding which school to attend.

She adds that it is not uncommon for soldiers to call or e-mail her with questions about enrolling at the University from Iraq. "Some contact me from Iraq," she says. "I explain what they have to do to enroll, and then do what I can to make the process easier for them."

"Most times, when they contact me from overseas, they want to come back to school and don't know what the next step is," she says. "I get them to the next step, whether it's admissions, financial aid, or help getting a loan deferred."

Trelisky helped Shereka Danzy, who first enrolled on campus in 2002 and finished her studies in December 2009. Currently a staff sergeant in the National Guard, she was deployed to Iraq in 2004 and again in 2008. During her last deployment, Danzy contacted Trelisky from Iraq seeking assistance with a summer class.

"When Shereka called me for help, I contacted the sociology department, her academic department," Trelisky remembers. "I worked with Charley Flint, professor of sociology, and explained that Shereka was overseas and wanted to come back to school, but would be coming back after classes started. I was able to work with Professor Flint so Shereka didn't lose the entire summer of classes."

"Dr. Flint and Nina worked with me so that I could enroll in the class before I returned home," Danzy says. "When I did get home, Dr. Flint helped me to make up the time I missed. They both helped me to make sure I caught up with the class."

And Danzy is grateful. "Nina takes care of the vets," she says. "She understands how demanding it can be to be in the military and go to school. She is very knowledgeable. There is not a question she does not have an answer to, and she is never too busy to help and goes out of her way to do so. When I was deployed, she said, 'You've got to go. We'll take care of the easy part."

As a student, Ian Gardner, a corporal in the National Guard and a junior studying anthropology, doesn't spend much time on campus outside of classes. But when he does,



William Paterson, a member of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities (NJASCU), a consortium formed by the nine New Jersey state colleges and universities, is a partner in a \$100,000 grant funded by ACE/Walmart called "Success for Veterans," one of only twenty such grants awarded nationwide.

Through the grant, a program called Operation College Promise was established by NJASCU as an outreach effort for student veterans and service members. It distributes information statewide to service men and women to encourage them to utilize their education benefits at institutions of higher learning, including William Paterson.



he likes to do homework in the library, hang out with friends in the University Commons, and go to Philosophy Club meetings. He says his transition back to campus life was fairly smooth.

"It was a help to me that I attended this school before my deployment," he says. "This allowed me to step back into civilian life fairly easily. I remained in touch with many of my friends so I did not have to meet new friends. It is also helpful to me to live with two other veterans, because when I have a paperwork problem at school or some other issue involving the military, they may have had the same issue or know how to get around it."

Gardner, who decided to study anthropology in high school, enjoys learning about the history of humans, and studying other cultures.

"I made it a point to learn the customs and practices of the locals while on my deployment," he recalls. "Going to Iraq under different conditions would have been a dream. I would have enjoyed studying the ancient societies located in that area."



TIMOTHY TAFFIN

He is unsure of what he will do with his degree. "A lot of things from before have changed," he says. "I want to get the degree just to have one, or I may choose the Army as a career."

Timothy Taffin, a sergeant in the U.S.

Marine Corps who grew up in Pompton Lakes, found out about William Paterson over the Internet from Iraq.

He is pursuing a degree in exercise science, and hopes to become a personal trainer to "help other people by showing them how to get fit." While he plans eventually for a career in law enforcement, right now this second-semester freshman is hitting the books as he transitions into student life.

"Right now, I'm trying to get into a school routine," he says. "It's more mentally draining and tiring than being in the military. It's a different kind of work."

Trelisky, ever supportive and interested in the vets, looks forward to attending commencement as some of the vets are graduating this May, including Danzy. "I want to keep supporting them," Trelisky says. "They put their lives on hold for us, the least we can do is continue to help them out."

# Generations of Veterans Through William Paterson University History



A 1943 ISSUE OF THE BEACON INCLUDES LETTERS FROM STUDENTS IN THE MILITARY

After serving our country, several generations of veterans came to William Paterson and readjusted to civilian life on our campus. The opportunity for a new learning experience and college degree helped many soldiers define their careers and make a bold, new start on their lives.

During World War II, when the school was located in Paterson, N.J., many young people postponed or abandoned the idea of college and teacher preparation to accept high-paying jobs in the war industries with nearby companies like Curtis-Wright. Likewise, retaining personnel at the college became a serious problem, with turnover reaching 30 percent in one twelve-month period, and faculty requiring military leaves of absence. Enrollment at the institution reached its lowest point in 1943, when there were only 215 fulltime students, nearly all of whom were women, according to Paterson State College, A History (1855-1966) by Kenneth R. White.

Throughout the war, President Clair Wightman personally kept in touch by corresponding with men and women who were stationed all over the world. The fact that a busy college president took the time to personally write to them was greatly appreciated by those in military service; it persuaded them to complete their interrupted education and fostered

their loyalty as alumni. Letters to the *Beacon*, such as the following excerpt from Private Tom Cunningham, stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C. on December 14, 1942, were typical:

"I'm in line for a furlough and I'm hoping it will come in time for the senior ball. I certainly miss college and the good times I had there. Every time we harmonize in the barracks, I think of music class and glee club," wrote Cunningham.

The *Beacon* school newspaper was mailed to every student and alumnus serving in the armed forces, and the paper regularly gave updates on their activities in a special section called "Staters in the Service."

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Servicemen's Readjustment Act on June 22, 1944, also known as the G.I. Bill of Rights, it enabled veterans to receive subsidies for tuition, books, and living expenses.

In 1945, Benjamin Matelson, in addition to his job as director of field services, was appointed the school's first veterans coordinator. He worked with the Veterans Administration and counseled the returning veterans regarding educational programs and financial aid.

Following the war, from 1945 to 1946, enrollment more than doubled. Veterans enrolled under the G.I. Bill in either the teacher education or general college programs "taxed the college facilities in School #24 almost to the breaking point," according to White's book, and many classes were "larger than desirable" for effective instruction.

Behind the scenes, the college president was working on plans for a new state-owned campus with modern facilities. Some of the biggest supporters of a new college site were the veterans with whom Wightman had corresponded. They wrote letters to the newspapers and to members of the New Jersey Legislature indicating their concern for more adequate facilities for higher education at the Paterson State Teacher's College. Their influence and numbers helped the school make its transition to Wayne.



By the time of the Vietnam War, a new influx of veterans arrived on campus during a politically charged time filled with protests and anti-war sentiment. Veterans on campus found that they could rely on each other for friendship and support in dealing with the challenges of coming back from military service.

In 1971, Vincent Mazzola '73, a decorated Vietnam combat veteran, and current chair of the William Paterson Board of Trustees, was one of a handful of students who helped establish a Veterans Association that would become one of the largest, most politically active veterans groups on any New Jersey college campus. He says the group was "founded to focus on identifying veterans who should be taking advantage of the G.I. Bill, helping them to enroll at the institution, and if accepted, retain them through graduation."

"The veterans had a good reputation on campus. We were older, more mature, and very often administrators would come to us and ask for assistance and support," remembers Michael Driscoll '74, who also served as William Paterson's alumni development director from 1982 to 1995.

"We (the Veterans Association) were like a fraternity," recalls Vietnam veteran Michael Boroznoff '75, who served as advisor to the group after graduation and has been assistant registrar since 1976. "We had our own softball team and football team. We treated each other like brothers." Boroznoff remembers when the group raised enough money to donate five or six color TVs to a local veterans hospital. There were personal acts of kindness too, like helping to equip a fellow disabled veteran's vehicle with a handicap lift.

The campus veterans group also lobbied for things like credits toward physical education. "After all, we had just been through combat training and felt that it should count," says Driscoll. The administration granted it.

After firmly establishing itself at William Paterson, the campus veterans group gained nationwide recognition for its efforts, and took a leadership role in mobilizing veterans groups on other New Jersey campuses.

On March 25, 1972, veterans from eighteen New Jersey colleges assembled at William Paterson, for the first state-wide convention of the New Jersey Collegiate Veterans Association (NJCVA). William Paterson veterans coordinated the convention. Mazzola served as the group's president. Guest speakers included many political representatives, including U.S. Senator Harrison Williams, Jr., Congressman Robert A. Roe, Mayor Arthur C. Dwyer of Paterson, and representatives from the American Legion and veterans groups.

The leadership and engagement of the William Paterson veterans caught the attention of politicians in Washington who wanted to enact legislation for New Jersey veterans. The students were invited to Washington several times, spoke with legislators, and helped them draft the wording behind the New Jersey G.I. Bill that was eventually signed into law by Governor William T. Cahill.

Many Vietnam veterans, including Mazzola, also praise the "warm and welcoming faculty and administration"—the individuals who encouraged veterans to return to school and obtain their degree.

Christos M. Cotsakos '73, a decorated Vietnam combat veteran, often tells the story about how he is "forever grateful" to the University and its advisors for giv-

ing him a re-start in life when his test scores and grades from high school were less than honorable. Cotsakos went on to become one of the great visionaries and architects of e-commerce and e-finance, and eventually earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of London. He served as co-chair of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund from 1998 to 2009, which helped to build the Wall—a Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. In 2001, the University named its business school the Cotsakos College of Business in his honor.

Vietnam-era veteran Frank McEnerney '79 has a similar post-war tale of how William Paterson changed his life. "I dropped out of college twice, and flunked out once. A woman in the registrar's office—I wish I knew her namecalled me up in response to my application for re-admission and said the school would give me 'one last chance,' and it was only because I was a veteran." That's when McEnerney found his niche in accounting and made the dean's list every semester. His CPA firm, McEnerney, Brady, and Co., located in Livingston, employs approximately twenty-five people. "If I knew who she was, I'd be sending her Christmas cards every year," says McEnerney. He honors her by making an annual donation.



Alumni who were members of the Veterans Association gather during a reunion the 1980s. (First row, sitting on floor, left to right) Nathan Jacobs '75, Benito Guzman '74, Glen Klui '73, Thomas Deppa '76 (deceased), Michael Driscoll '74, (Second row, sitting on chairs, left to right) Joseph Faney '74, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Vincent Mazzola '73, Leonard Domino '74, Stephen Hutnik '74, Gerry Delaney, Louann Constanza, Unknown, Leonard Fornelius, Terrance Brennan '74, Ed.D., (Third row, Standing, left to right) Hal Keshner '74, Unknown, Unknown, Bill Hurdman, M.D., Thomas Klui '73, Holly Popovich '71, Michael Boroznoff '75, Jack Jordan, George Walter '82, Louis Retort '77, Unknown



# Master of Reception

#### **GERALD FRUNGILLO '79**

erald (Jerry) Frungillo earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from William Paterson in 1979 while working fifty hours a week helping his parents and brothers run their family's catering business.

"I was the dreamer in the family," says Frungillo, partner with brother Robert in their Mountain Lakes-based family business, Frungillo Caterers.

"I'd come home from school after learning something new and would say, 'Dad, why don't we try this or that."

Dreams, hard work, optimism, and perseverance helped the Frungillo brothers grow the catering business from a three hundred-square-foot deli in Verona in 1973 to one of the most successful catering and event planning businesses in New Jersey. A third brother, Alfred Jr., and his two sons, Michael and Anthony, operate Gourmet Dining Services, a company that offers dining services to college campuses, businesses, and entertainment facilities in the northern New Jersey area.

Today Frungillo Caterers operates four banquet facilities in New Jersey including The Villa at Mountain Lakes and The Skylands Castle in Ringwood. The Frungillos can handle up to ten weddings at a time, and have catered events for many celebrities and dignitaries, including Pope John Paul II, Frank Sinatra, and General Colin Powell.

Jerry Frungillo still has big dreams. He is the "visionary" in the business—planning, forecasting, and training the staff—while his brother takes on the role of being "the boss" in the day-to-day operations. "But I always have his back," adds Frungillo. "It's not like we have job titles...we just do whatever needs to get done. And we are blessed to have incredible managers and staff who work hard and make it all possible."

But even in his wildest of dreams, Frungillo never imagined that he and his brother would be the stars of Masters of Reception,

a reality television series about a caterer who can make

every bride's dream come true.

The first season of the show, produced by Mark Consuelos and Kelly Ripa, ran on the TLC channel this past summer. Consuelos came up with the idea while attending a five hundred-person wedding in New Jersey. He stepped outside to find the men's room, and accidently returned to the wrong wedding. So impressed by the masterful ability of Frungillo Caterers to run two lavish affairs back-to-back, he approached the brothers about

doing a "behind-the-scenes" reality show.

> "My first reaction was to say no," says Frungillo.

"I was concerned that it would be negative, like many of today's reality shows, and a distraction to our business." But the producers assured him otherwise and offered to test the idea with a pilot that ran on June 12, 2009.

"We felt very comfortable working with them, and it turned out to be an exciting experience," he says. The show follows the Frungillo family and staff, as they plan several extraordinary weddings with lots of special requests. In one episode, the team rushes in exotic candies and ethnic dancers to please one bride, while storm clouds threaten to ruin another bride's dream of an outdoor wedding. In the end, the Frungillos always pull it all off to the satisfaction of their customers, proving that they are once again the "masters of reception." It is uncertain whether the network will continue the show, but Frungillo says the TV show has "created an awareness" that has helped their business.

Following in the footsteps of his parents, Frungillo says his greatest satisfaction still comes at the end of a wedding or event, when guests tell him that they had a wonderful time.

Frungillo lives in Madison with his wife, Alison. He has two children, Alexis Ann and Gerald II, and a stepson, Douglas, all of whom are in college.

In May 2009, he was honored by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark at the Family of Nazareth's Twelfth Annual Gala Dinner. Accepting the honor from Archbishop John J. Myers before four hundred guests, Frungillo was cited for "his many donations and efforts on behalf of charitable causes." He also is the co-founder of The Center for Italian and Italian American Culture, Inc. of Cedar Grove, N.J., a group that promotes the positive impact of the Italian American community.

Frungillo will also be honored by William Paterson University when he receives the University's Distinguished Alumni Award at the Legacy Award Gala on April 16, 2010. (See page 25)

He serves on the executive committee of William Paterson's Center for Closely Held Business, as a way to "give back" and help other people, just as he sought help from mentors when he was starting out. The Center provides educational forums, workshops, and mentoring support for closely held businesses.

Frungillo believes in giving back so much that it's part of his business vision statement: "To be a first class company that contributes to its employees, its clients, and its community.

Ultimately, it's all part of the lessons he learned from his mom and dad. "We were brought up by parents who always gave to people, whether financially or in other ways," he says. "My father was the type of man who, if you had a problem, would be there in a minute. And he would probably have a tray of food in his hand."



# Grammy Award-Winning Alumnus Is Producer Behind Pop Phenomenon Lady Gaga

#### ROB FUSARI'08

hen Rob Fusari '08 visited William Paterson in 2006 to talk with the University's music management students about his career as a music producer and songwriter, he played a track from a tune he was working on with a young, nineteen-year-old singer he called Lina.

That singer, whose full name was Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta, was looking to break into the rock genre—a notoriously difficult field for women to succeed in. So Fusari, who has

worked with a wide range of pop, rap, and R&B artists, encouraged her to experiment with a dance beat. He also came up with a stage name for her—Lady Gaga.

The resulting tune, "Beautiful, Dirty, Rich," eventually became a track on Lady Gaga's first album, *The Fame*, which peaked at number two on the Billboard 200 chart of the top-selling albums across all genres. The album earned Fusari a 2010 Grammy Award for Best Electronic/Dance Album as a producer on *The Fame*, as well as a coveted nomination in the Album of the Year category. He also co-wrote the album's hit single "Paparazzi," which landed on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, among others.

For Fusari, his work with Lady Gaga is just the latest in a successful career

that has included collaborations with some of the top names in the music business, beginning with Destiny's Child, and including Will Smith, Whitney Houston, and Jessica Simpson.

A native of Livingston, Fusari began studying classical piano at age eight, and was performing in national competitions by age ten, earning the opportunity to play at Carnegie Hall for three years in a row.

He enrolled at William Paterson in 1986, where he majored in music management and classical performance, and began writing songs. "I never really thought that songwriting would be the avenue to a career," he says. But he decided to make a try at it, and began to learn the production side of the business "because I wanted to hear my own vision."

His big break came in the mid-1990s when the rhythm and blues genre was coming back strong. He was working on a track called "No, No, No," when a friend brought R&B producer Vince Herbert to hear it. Herbert immediately liked it, and wanted to record it with the group Destiny's Child. It became the group's first single in 1997, and reached the top of the charts in the United States, where it went platinum.

As a result of this success, Fusari became a production partner with Herbert, and ended up moving to Los Angeles. The duo worked on many artist projects together, but after eighteen months of non-stop work, Fusari decided to move back to New Jersey and launch his own production company.

Fusari subsequently worked with Will Smith on the theme song for his movie *Wild Wild West*; with Destiny's Child on their *Survivor* album, including the track which would become "Bootylicious"; with another Destiny's Child member, Kelly Rowland, on her solo debut

album, *Simply Deep;* and with Whitney Houston on the single "Love That Man," which was later released as a dance remix single and reached number one on the Billboard dance chart. He has collaborated with many writers including Cathy Dennis, Kara DioGuardi (now a judge on *American Idol*), Tom Nichols, Wayne Hector, and European stars Estelle, Gareth Gates, and Billy Crawford.

Fusari says his William Paterson degree has had a lasting impact. "It's amazing how things you learn at some point circle around and become relevant," he says. "I recall taking a lot of legal courses, both music-related and just general law. I can't tell you enough how important it is to have a basic knowledge

of the legal side of the industry. I am constantly interfacing with attorneys at various points in the deal process."

He also points to Stephen Marcone, professor of music and coordinator of the music management program, as a mentor. "Dr. Marcone had a huge influence on me in many ways, as a student and as a person," he adds. "We still talk to this day and I know he is someone I can count on for advice."

Fusari says he enjoys talking to students seeking to enter the music business, including a recent visit to William Paterson where he lectured in Marcone's seminar class. "It is a never-ending uphill battle to break out as an artist or as a business professional these days," he says. "For people to believe in you they have to see that killer instinct—your energy and passion has to be contagious. If I don't see that unbelievable drive and hunger, then I don't get involved. I don't care how talented you are, it's not going to work. This is something I was reminded of working with Lady Gaga; she confirmed for me once again how important that drive is."

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ROB FUSARI WITH LADY GAGA IN HIS STUDIO IN 2006



Fusari continued

He encourages students to take chances. "Everyone makes mistakes, but you have to use those mistakes to better your game. You have to fail over and over again to win. It's just the way it is."

Currently, Fusari has no plans to work with Lady Gaga, "although I wish her the best of luck—I'm sure we'll work together

again." He is continuing to work on a variety of projects, both in the U.S. and in Europe, although his main direction these days is developing artists, including a fourteen-year-old boy from Portland, Oregon. "He writes extremely well and has some incredible new ideas," he explains. "I enjoy being the person who nurtures the talent and sets it up to succeed. I just want to surround myself with talented people, and keep creating quality records."

# Author, Activist, and Advocate for Women with Postpartum Depression

SYLVIA M. LASALANDRA-FRODELLA '96

he birth of her baby, Melina, nine years ago put Sylvia M. Lasalandra-Frodella '96 on a journey she didn't even know existed. While still pregnant, she began to have doubts about her ability to take care of her child. After the delivery, she didn't want to hold or feed her, much less change her diapers. In fact, she even asked a nurse in the hospital about putting Melina up for adoption.

Lasalandra, powerless, was entering her darkest journey—into postpartum depression (PPD). The disease took hold of her and didn't let go for more than nine months.

Lasalandra has written a memoir about her experience with PPD called *A Daughter's Touch*.

"In my darkest days, I counted the minutes until God came and said, 'Alright, enough of this life, I'm taking you with me.' I was in an abyss, with no walls around me, literally standing in the dark. I didn't know where to reach, there was nothing to hold onto. I felt there was no way to come out."

But Lasalandra was lucky. She had a strong family who surrounded her with love, and watched over her and the baby, so no physical harm came to either of them. Her husband Michael, her mother Carmella, her father Giovanni, Aunt Lina, and friend Dr. Kezmarsky, were the core of her support system.

"Without the support, understanding, and love of my family, all orchestrated by my mother, I wouldn't have made it through the ordeal," she says. "As I look back now, I understand that I was blessed to have that kind of support. My family was my lifeline."

"The reason I wrote the book and chose to speak out about PPD, was that many women do not have the support that I had, their spouses work long hours, or they have a mother who lives far away, or both have to work, there are always issues," she says. "PPD is a real illness that's debilitating, but it's not taken seriously and there's still a stigma and shame attached to it. Women are afraid to ask for help."

To help bring awareness to PPD, she now presents lectures, par-



ticipates in conferences, and is called on to comment on the topic in the media. She has turned her book into a screenplay, and starred in the award-winning short film based on the book. To make it more accessible to a wider audience, the book has been translated into Spanish as *El Toque Magico de Una Hija*.

She is the legislative director for PerinatalPro. com and is a member of Postpartum Support International (PSI), an organization founded in 1987 to increase awareness about emotional changes that women experience during pregnancy and childbirth. Lasalandra is chairman of PSI's president's advisory committee and has testified in Washington, D.C., about the need for

legislation that would support screening for PPD and for ongoing research for a cure.

She works closely with Mary Jo Codey, former first lady of New Jersey and the wife of New Jersey State Senator Richard Codey. Codey, who has two sons, also suffered from PPD after their births and is an advocate for awareness about the disease.

"Sylvia's work in reducing stigma has helped other women come forward, share their own stories, and get help," Codey says. "By offering her hand to mothers and pulling them up to stand with her,

she has reduced the postpartum depression stigma in a way that no clinical report and no research stats ever could. I'm honored to have worked alongside Sylvia."

When not busy with her PPD work, Lasalandra, a *summa cum laude* graduate of the University with a degree in communication, is back on campus, pursuing a master's degree in counseling. "I love William Paterson," she says. "They embraced me, and instilled in me the belief that I could succeed."

For her activism that helps women with PPD, Lasalandra received a Woman of Vision award from the University in March, presented to an alumna who is making a difference in the community.





# DEVELOPMENTNEWS

## President Speert to be Honored During Twentieth Annual Legacy Award Gala on April 16



PRESIDENT ARNOLD SPEERT

The William Paterson University Foundation will celebrate its twentieth annual Legacy Award Gala with a special honoree: President Arnold Speert, who is retiring after twenty-five years at the helm of William Paterson University. President Speert will be presented with the Legacy Award, the Foundation's highest honor, at the gala on Friday, April 16, 2010, in recognition of his four decades of leadership on campus.

The gala is the Foundation's annual event to raise funds to support the University's mission of promoting student success and academic excellence. This year's event will be held at The Rockleigh Country Club in Rockleigh, New Jersey, and also will include the William Paterson University Alumni Association's presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Faculty Service Award.

"The Legacy Gala provides us with a wonderful opportunity to honor President Speert by supporting the University's students and mission," says Sandra S. Deller,

vice president for institutional advancement and president of the William Paterson University Foundation. "This support is a fitting tribute to President Speert and all that he has accomplished through his many years of dedicated leadership, which is synonymous with the growth and development of this great University."

The Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to Gerald Frungillo '79, coowner, Frungillo Caterers, Inc.; Donna M. Fry '81, president and executive director, Valley Home and Community Health Care; Dave Neglio '84, former president, Transit Division, Titan; Linda Niro '76, executive vice president and chief risk officer, Grand Bank, NA; and James O'Connor '75, police chief, retired, Borough of Oakland, N.J.

The Faculty Service Award is given to faculty members nominated by William Paterson alumni in recognition of demonstrated career achievement and commitment to the University. This year's recipients are Anne Ciliberti, Ph.D., director, library



GERALD FRUNGILLO '79



DAVE NEGLIO '84





LINDA NIRO '76



ANNE CILIBERTI



services, David and Lorraine Cheng Library, and Gunvor Satra, professor of history, retired.

"This annual gala provides us with an opportunity to honor and recognize the important accomplishments of our alumni and faculty while also generating significant support for scholarships and other major University initiatives, which have a lifelong impact on our students," says Deller.

Tickets for the gala are \$400. Tables of ten can be purchased starting at \$4,000, with journal messages starting at \$150. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Faculty Service Awards. The event continues with cocktails and silent auction



JAMES O'CONNOR '75



GUNVOR SATRA

beginning at 7:00 p.m., and Legacy Award presentation and dinner at 8:00 p.m. For reservations, call Mary Pospisil, William Paterson University Office of Institutional Advancement, at 973.720.2934.

# Online Auction Active through April 14

Anyone interested in supporting the event can participate in an online auction featuring a variety of unique items.

The auction can be accessed at

wplegacyauction.cmarket.com.

### Thankful for Scholarship, Alumna Chooses to Provide Support for Current Students

When Carla Weiland-Zaleznak '05 enrolled at William Paterson in 2002 to pursue a bachelor's degree, she was forty years old and recently divorced with three children, two of whom, Sherri and Lief, were about to head to William Paterson as well.

"I worked full-time in the registrar's office on campus during the day, and went to school full time at night," Weiland-Zaleznak recalls. "Sometime I felt like I was living in my car." A year into her studies, she took a women's studies class with Arlene Holpp Scala '79, M.A. '81, a professor of women's and gender studies. "She took an interest in me and really helped to support me at a point when I might have thought about not continuing."

In addition to the support of a faculty mentor, Weiland-Zaleznak also received the Joan Mulcahy Scholarship. Funded by Michael Mulcahy '73, M.A. '74, in memory of his wife, Joan Mulcahy '97, the scholarship is given annually to a deserving full- or part-time student who is also a working mother. "I met Mr. Mulcahy at a scholarship luncheon on campus and he told me how much his wife believed in giving back."

Thankful for the support she received on campus, Weiland-Zaleznak decided to fund a scholarship in honor of Scala. She had moved from the registrar's office to the development office, where she worked on the Annual Fund and saw how many students needed scholarship support. "Students don't often realize that scholarships are donated by alumni, parents, and even students," she says. "The scholarship I received made a huge difference in my ability to continue my studies, and I wanted to help other students who might have to drop out because of financial need."

In lieu of gifts upon her graduation in 2005, she asked family and friends to donate money to the scholarship fund instead. She and her daughter Sherri continue to support the fund each year. The scholarship supports a full-time student



CARLA WEILAND-ZALEZNAK AND SHERRI WEILAND

majoring in women's and gender studies with demonstrated financial need.

The current recipient of the scholarship is Janine Semelmacher. A dean's list student, her goal is to become a teacher and teach young girls about female empowerment. As a single parent, she is active with her son's parent teacher association and serves as a substitute teacher when her schedule permits.

"Every year I wonder how I am going to be able to go to school and keep my dreams alive, and just when I am about to say I cannot do it any longer, the scholarship comes and says, 'yes, you can,'" Semelmacher says. "It also shows me how even the smallest amount could mean the world to another and makes me want to do the same in return one day. So I am hoping that when my education is complete, I will be able to help someone in the same way the scholarship has helped me."

Weiland-Zaleznak, who currently serves as associate director of development for annual giving at Purchase College, continues to stay involved on campus by teaching as an adjunct in the women's and gender studies department. She also says funding the scholarship has allowed her and Sherri to remain connected to the University. "William Paterson was a big part of all our lives," she concludes. "It's an honor to be able to give back to the institution that means so much to us."

If you are interested in providing a scholarship to encourage, inspire, and motivate students to strive for excellence both in and out of the classroom, contact Nancy Norville, director of annual giving, at 973.720.2782.

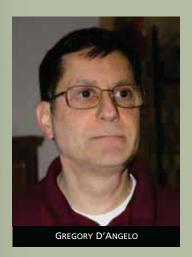
#### William Paterson Society Provides Special Giving Opportunities

The William Paterson Society is designed to honor and recognize a distinguished core of benefactors who provide selfless support to the University. Members of the Society represent those donors who have expressed a commitment to academic excellence and student success with an annual contribution of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund Area of Greatest Need, a fund that enables the University to quickly implement new opportunities and react in a timely manner to any critical need. In the past, unrestricted gifts have helped to provide scholarships, support academic programs, and upgrade technology.

Donors will receive special benefits, including an invitation to an exclusive reception hosted by the University president; prominent listing as a member in our Honor Roll of Donors; and complimentary tickets to select University events.

If you are interested in making a lasting contribution to the University, and to the future of education, please contact Nancy Norville, director of annual giving, at 973.720.2782.

# Shape the university's <u>future with</u> a planned gift



"My wife was grateful to William Paterson for providing her with a solid foundation for her professional career. I'm honored to be able to provide a scholarship endowment in her memory."

— Gregory D'Angelo, husband of the ate Diane (Macaluso) D'Angelo '89

Like Gregory D'Angelo, alumni and friends who establish a planned gift are making an investment in the future of our students. Providing a gift in your will is one of the most far-reaching ways to leave a significant legacy that will enable William Paterson University to continue to nurture the educational and leadership skills of future students.

For more information on bequests or life income gifts such as charitable gift annuities, contact Spencer Scott, director of major and planned gifts, at 973.720.2825 or via e-mail at scotts7@wpunj.edu.



#### FOOTBALL PLAYER EMERGES AS NFL PROSPECT

Pootball was never really in the plans for Joel Rivera, a fleet-footed center fielder who drew the attention of professional scouts as a scholastic star in Hudson County. After all, his athletic future was supposed to play out on a baseball diamond, not the gridiron. But it may be a football, not a baseball, in his hands if he does ultimately get to play at the highest level, thanks to four seasons spent learning the game at William Paterson.

Drafted in the fifteenth round by the Milwaukee Brewers, Rivera graduated from Hoboken High School in 2003 and left for life as a minor leaguer in Arizona. But during his second season in the desert, both his professional aspirations and his life changed forever when he learned that he was going to become a father. Determined to be a guiding presence in his child's life, he packed up his bags and returned to the Garden State, ready to trade his dreams of playing under the bright lights in a packed stadium for Saturday nights spent with his daughter on his mother's couch.

"It was a very hard decision for me," says Rivera. "Giving up something you love isn't easy, but trying to make someone else happy is even better. It was a tough decision, but in the end, the right one."

The birth of Liana and a part-time job stocking shelves at a local drug store caused the nineteen-year-old Rivera to do some soul searching, and eventually led to his decision to take advantage of a clause in his baseball contract that would pay for him to pursue a college degree. His cousin, Stephon Anderson, encouraged Rivera to enroll at William Paterson and join him on the football team. Despite Rivera's obvious athletic talents, stepping onto a football



Joel Rivera has drawn the attention of NFL Scouts

field and competing for playing time was going to be a challenge for someone who had not played the game since Pop Warner.

"I remember telling (then head coach) Mike (Miello) that Joel had tremendous athletic ability," says Jerry Flora, who served as Rivera's wide receivers coach for two years before becoming the Pioneers' head coach in the winter of 2007–08. "He glides when he runs, and that's something that you just cannot teach."

Rivera played primarily on special teams during that first season in 2006, not catching his first career pass until the season finale. But the 6-foot-1, 190-pound wide receiver was not discouraged by his lack of touches, instead studying film and picking the brain of roommate Kareen Moon, who would finish his career in 2007 as the Pioneers' receiving record holder.

Rivera proved to be a quick study, leading William Paterson with thirty-three catches for 493 yards and seven touchdowns in nine starts as a sophomore in 2007. Despite having the opposing defense's full attention following Moon's

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graduation, Rivera was even better in 2008, establishing new school single-season records with seventy-four receptions and 965 yards while earning first-team all-conference and second-team all-region honors.

It wasn't just defensive coordinators and awards voters who noticed Rivera's emerging dominance. Just as they had once watched his every move at Hoboken High, professional scouts began evaluating Rivera's pro potential during the Pioneers' 2009 preseason camp. His senior-season totals of fiftyone catches, 751 yards, and nine scores were once again good enough to earn all-league honors in the highly competitive New Jersey Athletic Conference, and he had the opportunity to prove himself against the nation's best in the Division III Senior Classic all-star game.

"Joel developed himself into a football player," Flora states. "He was very raw with a lot of athletic ability when he came to William Paterson, but he worked really hard to learn all of the ins and outs of the game. He learned how to read coverages, run routes, catch the ball in traffic, and how to finish after the catch. And when opponents tried to take certain things away this season, he worked on other skills, like his blocking and separation."

Currently working with

a personal trainer in order to prepare for the scouting services' set of physical tests held each spring, the Pioneers' career receptions (159), yardage (2,209), and touchdowns (23) leader is hopeful that he will have an opportunity to prove his value at an NFL camp.

"What I hear (from the scouts) is to be ready for the combines," says Rivera. "I'm working on adding some weight and improving on my 40-yard dash, cone drill, and 225-pound bench press test."

No matter what transpires in terms of his football aspirations, the soft-spoken and mature-beyond-his-years Rivera is committed to finishing his bachelor's degree in sociology. His hope is to return to the Harrison Gardens projects where he grew up and provide the kind of guidance and support that he did not have as a teenage parent.

"I plan to work with pregnant teens back in my community," Rivera explains. "They don't really have much in terms of services and support, so I want to be a part of helping to provide that for them and making their lives better."

Thanks to his time at William Paterson, the baseballturned-football pro prospect is prepared to meet any challenges that may come his way, both on and off the field.

#### **PIONEERS TO ADD MEN'S GOLF TO ATHLETICS PROGRAM**



William Paterson University will welcome the addition of men's golf to its NCAA Division III intercollegiate athletics program when the

Pioneers begin competitive play in spring 2011.

The Pioneers, who last sponsored a men's golf team in 1989, currently offer twelve Division III programs, five men's (baseball, basketball, football, soccer, and swimming and diving) and seven women's (basketball, field hockey, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, volleyball, and tennis). The addition of golf will give William Paterson six men's programs and ensure compliance with a new NCAA mandate, effective fall 2010, requiring a minimum of six sports per gender at all NCAA Division III institutions. William Paterson will lay the groundwork for the program by sponsoring a club team during spring 2010.

#### ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME **INDUCTS 2009 CLASS**



2009 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONOREES AND PRESENTERS: (FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT) GREG LUSARDI, GERRY GALLAGHER, BOB LAUTERHAHN, JOE CARTER, STEVE MIDDLEMAN, KEVIN THOMPSON, MIKE VOZA, JEFF ALBIES, (SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT) ED GURKA, TIM VINGES, DEAN DIGRAZIO, KEITH EADDY, BRIAN AVILES, (THIRD ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT) REBEC-CA GRUVER, MICHAEL LAUTERHAHN, SCOTT FARBER, JOHN DIGIROLAMO, JOSE REBIMBAS (FOURTH ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT) RALPH PERDOMO, LESLEY LUBANSKI, HALLIE COHEN, ROBERT MATTHEWS, AND RAY ORTIZ



Nive individuals and one team became the newest members of the William Paterson University Alumni Association Athletic Hall of Fame when they were inducted October 18 at a ceremony on campus.

Gerry Gallagher '74, the Pioneers' football coach from 1989-96, was inducted along with Lesley Ann (Dube) Lubanski

'03, field hockey; Robert P. Matthews, Sr. '58, men's basketball; Raymond Ortiz '02, men's basketball; and Rebecca (Schirrman) Gruver '02, women's swimming. For the first time in Athletic Hall of Fame history, a team also was inducted as the 1992 baseball team was honored for its national-championship season.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### Pioneer Golf Classic To Be Held June 8



Help support Pioneer Athletics while enjoying a fun day on the links by participating in the thirteenth annual William Paterson Pioneer Golf Classic on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at Black Bear Golf Course in Franklin, N.J. Registration

will begin at noon, followed by a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

For more information, visit wpupioneers.com or call 973.720.2356.

Dear Alumni:

hanks to a grant from the William Paterson Alumni Association, alumni and students now have free, unrestricted access to the comprehensive online career library, *Career Insider*. This virtual library contains downloadable career guides, employer profiles and rankings, industry blogs, and discussion and job boards.

Our alumni may also utilize the services of William Paterson's job search Web site, WP Job Connect. Access either of these sites by visiting www.wpunj.edu/alumni and



Janis Schwartz with Barbara Grant '54, professor *emeritus*, at the Pioneer Society Luncheon

clicking on the "Career Services" link. This Web site also offers a

complete listing of career development's events and workshops on resumé writing, interviewing skills, and job search strategies, to name a few.

Please present your William Paterson Alumni Association membership card for entry to all in-person career development workshops and events. Do you need a new membership card? Just call the alumni relations office at 973.720.2175. We will be happy to mail you a new card or make it available for in-person pick-up at the Allan and Michele Gorab Alumni House.

Expand your professional network by joining our William

Paterson University of New Jersey group on LinkedIn at www.wpunj.edu/linkedin. Our cadre of nearly one thousand alumni representing various professions attracts new members daily! For social networking, the William Paterson University (WPUNJ) Official Alumni Page on Facebook is a great way to locate old friends, make new connections, and receive upto-the-minute news about the University and alumni events. Check it out at www.facebook. com/wpunj.

Janis Schwartz Executive Director of Alumni Relations

#### "Media" Reunion Sparks Special Memories

A lumni who were members of *The Beacon* or *The Pioneer Times* newspapers, or involved with radio and television on campus, returned to the University on October 17 for a special "all media" reunion brunch as part of this year's Homecoming celebration. Nearly seventy alumni joined together to reminisce about their times reporting and broadcasting events on campus.



COMMUNICATION ALUMNI LOOK AT MEMORABILIA



(STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT) ANTHONY MALTESE, PROFESSOR *EMERITUS*, WITH ANDI BAILEY, JOHN ALFIERI '71, (SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT) TERI ALFIERI '70, AND BRIAN BAILEY '69

#### ALUMNI ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER LAUNCHED

The inaugural issue of the William Paterson Alumni Community News was e-mailed in January 2010. This quarterly newsletter is designed specifically to keep alumni informed about news and events of special interest to them. If you didn't receive the newsletter, please sign up at www.wpunj.edu/ alumni and click on the "Update Your Address" link to add your e-mail address. The next issue is scheduled for April.



#### Pioneer Society Holds Annual Gathering

Members of the Pioneer Society—those alumni who graduated at least fifty years ago—gathered for their annual luncheon on September 30 in the University Commons Ballroom on campus. More than one hundred alumni and members of the Retired Faculty Association enjoyed the festive lunch as they reminisced about their experiences on campus with classmates and members of the University community. During the luncheon, members of the Class of 1959, who celebrated their fiftieth reunion in May, were formally inducted into the Society.

For more photos from the event, visit the Web at www. wpunj.edu/alumni/events.htm



ANTHONY MALTESE, PROFESSOR *EMERITUS* OF COMMUNICATION, WITH PRESIDENT ARNOLD SPEERT



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1959 JOIN WITH JANIS SCHWARTZ (STANDING, FAR RIGHT), EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS, AND SANDRA DELLER (SEATED, FAR RIGHT), VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT, FOR A PHOTO AFTER BEING INDUCTED INTO THE PIONEER SOCIETY. (STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT) LENA (DEBRULYE) O'CONNOR, PAULINE (DERFUS) NAZZARI, BARBARA (ZALAREN) KASHTAN, MARGARET (TARSITANO) HASKO, FRANK KLIPPEL, DARTH (TUNIS) PIAGET, HERB BOTBYL, EMMA (WISPELWEY) STANIVUKOVICH, BARBARA (COSTA) TROCANO, AND MARJORIE K. (KOVALYCSIK) LYMAN, (SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT) DIANNE (MORRIS) GREFF, LORRAINE (OSEKOWSKI) WELAND, CAROLE RITTENBERG, MADELINE HOLTERHOFF, AND HAZEL (GIBSON) CLARK.



DIANNE MORRIS GREFF '59



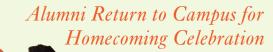
MARTIN RITTENBERG '53 AND RAYMOND VANDEN BERGHE '53



JOAN (ULRICKSON) BLAKE '57, ROSANNE BOWLES '57, ROSE JUNG '57, AND DOLORES (WAIN) CLARKE '57



MEMBERS OF THE ALUMNI RELATIONS STAFF WITH THE UNIVERSITY'S NEW MASCOT, BILLY THE BEAR. (LEFT TO RIGHT) RODNEY CAUTHEN '97, JANIS SCHWARTZ, GINA BUFFALINO, AND STUDENTS ALEJANDRO GOEZ '10, YGIE EBORAS '12, AND SHALANE LAYUGAN '10



A lumni and members of the campus community returned to campus for Homecoming on October 17, a fun-filled day of fall events hosted by the University's Alumni Association. Events included a carnival with amusements, contests, and food tastings. The Pioneer Football Team, under second-year head coach Jerry Flora, joined in the celebration, defeating The College of New Jersey, 43-28, marking the team's first win against TCNJ since 1993.

Future Alumni Ryan Gincley (Left), age eight, and Sean Lutz, age seven, with Billy the Bear





#### Career Networking Event Held for Alumni

Tearly sixty alumni attended a recent networking event sponsored by the Alumni Association and designed to bring together participants seeking career opportunities and advice with University graduates who are successful leaders in their fields. Alumni experts Christos M. Cotsakos '73, Ph.D., Pennington Ventures chairman and CEO; Susan Lisovisc '78, CNN business correspondent; and Manos Avramidis '93, AMA senior vice president, Global Human Resources, led a lively discussion about a range of topics, including seeking opportunities in new fields, managing a job search effectively in a troubled economy, and building an advantage in a competitive employment market. This event is one of a continuing series of events focused on networking for alumni, including an interactive presentation by Eric Frankel, the founder of 10 Minutes to Change, that was held on January 26.

To see video from the event, visit www.wpunj.edu/alumni/videos.dot.



CHRISTOS M. COTSAKOS '73, MANOS AVRAMIDIS '93, AND SUSAN LISOVISC '78, AT THE CAREER NETWORKING EVENT AT THE VILLA AT MOUNTAIN LAKES



#### Accounting Alumni Meet Up As FBI Special Agents



JOHN F. VAN KLEEFF '87 AND JOHN WOUDENBERG '86

While John Woudenberg '86 and John F. Van Kleeff '87 probably crossed paths during their time on campus, the two accounting majors never expected to meet up years later as FBI special agents.

Woudenberg, who passed the CPA exam and worked for several accounting firms after

graduation, decided to make a life-changing decision, taking and passing the exam to become an FBI Special Agent. Following graduation from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, in 1991, he was assigned to the Boston Field Division, where he spent four years in rural Massachusetts conducting white collar crime fraud investigations before being reassigned to the Drug Task Force Squad in Boston in 1995.

"One night, I was assigned to go out and conduct surveillance on a suspected drug house north of Boston," he recalls. "A fellow new agent on the squad, John Van Kleeff, who I knew, but had not talked to that much, was assigned to help me out with the surveillance. For those of you who have not had the experience of conducting surveillance for long hours, I will tell you that it can be very hot or cold (depending on time of year and whether you can keep your vehicle running for air or heat), and very boring. As we sat there for that long night, we began to talk about our backgrounds, and my mouth dropped open when my partner said that he graduated from William Paterson (then college) in 1987 with a B.A. in accounting. We laughed at the almost impossible coincidence of never knowing each other at William Paterson (we were both commuters), and then meeting each other on a surveillance operation and being assigned to work on the same unit in Boston as FBI Special Agents."

Since then, the two have shared several years and many experiences on the Drug Squad together, as well as a few years on the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team for the division. After the September 11 attacks, which both worked on for many months, they were separated, each working on different specialty areas. But just recently, Woudenberg took a transfer back to the rural office in Massachusetts where he started.

"I arrived there to find my old buddy John sitting five feet away from me at his desk in the office. We have many laughs together now, and wonder if the FBI realized what it was doing when it hired us two regular guys from William Paterson, who had trouble finding a parking spot in the commuter lot."



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#### 19 sixty 7

PATRICIA MCALLISTER was honored by the Berkeley County School District in South Carolina as a "Legacy Legend." The award, in its inaugural season, honors retired teachers who provide extraordinary service to students and leave a lasting impact on the community. McAllister retired in 1997 from the Berkeley County Schools but has continued tutoring first and fourth grade students.

#### **19 sixty 8**

C. LAUREN SCHOEN has been named superintendent of the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School district in Franklin Lakes. She previously served as superintendent of the K-8 district in Rochelle Park, principal of Lincoln School in Hasbrouck Heights, and vice principal at Jefferson Township Middle School in Oak Ridge...PAULINE (MERKEL) WALLACE is the office manager of Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey in Whiting. She also serves in several positions for the United Methodist Church, including serving the Northern Shore District as adult ministries coordinator with the lay speaking program.

#### 19 sixty 9

CHERYL (SISTO) RESTAINO is enjoying her retirement from teaching and is a proud grandmother. She is also currently a part-time leader for Weight Watchers.

#### 19 seventy 1

SANDRA MCKOY is the author of God's Diamond Among Rocks, an inspirational book that describes the challenges she has faced as a single parent. She recently founded Touch Love Ministries Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a home for abandoned infants and young children.

#### 19 seventy 2

JEAN CROYLE published her first novel *Encounters* in 2008. She has written professionally for more than fifteen years for newspapers and magazines, and

has contributed to more than ten books including Courage After the Crash-Flight 93 Aftermath. She has also written more than one thousand articles, stories, and "musings." Croyle is currently working on a spiritual memoir... KENNETH GIAIMO, M.A., is the director of the Mahwah Public Library. He was been successful in helping the library grow and become an active part of the Mah-

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wah community.

RONALD BERKMAN has been appointed president of Cleveland State University. Before becoming president he was the provost at Florida International University.

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TERRY (SULZEN) JOHANNEMANN is the owner of the Greenville Inn in Greenville, Maine. The fourteen-room inn includes a fine dining restaurant that overlooks Moosehead Lake. She is also on the executive board of the Moosehead Lake Chamber of Commerce. Prior to moving to Maine she taught elementary school in Lacey Township before retiring in 2003...JOEY TRAVOLTA was honored with a "Broader Vision Award" at the New Jersey Film Festival in Asbury Park. He runs film camps and workshops for special needs children.

#### 19 seventy 5

PHILIP MELONE, M.ED. '78, has been appointed principal of Windsor School in West Milford. The school offers alternative education for students in grades eight through twelve with attention deficit disorder, specific learning disabilities, and Asperger's syndrome. Melone's previous thirty-three years in public education included positions as a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, and guidance director.

#### 19 seventy 6

FRANK MADDEN, M.A., was named 2009 Grand Marshal for the Rochelle Park Memorial Day Parade. Madden, who taught in the Hackensack school system for thirty-four years prior to his retirement, served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970. He has been a member of numerous community organizations, including the Rochelle Park Planning Board and the Rochelle Park Board of Education.

#### 19 seventy 8

LINDA BOWDEN, M.A., was named northern New Jersey regional president of PNC Financial Services Group. Before joining PNC Financial, she was the managing director of Wachovia's wealth management business. Bowden has more than twentyfive years of industry experience in wealth management... CHARLES DESCARFINO is a percussionist who has performed in numerous Broadway orchestras for such shows as Young Frankenstein. He has performed with the American Composer's Orchestra, the American Symphony Orchestra, and the San Francisco Ballet, among others...THOMAS HAMILTON was invited to take part in the second annual Jazz Institute at Keystone College in Pennsylvania. Hamilton is currently teaching in Pocono-area schools and plays weekly with the Marko Marcinko Jazz Quartet at the State Street Grill in Clark's Summit, Pennsylvania...KAREN NEMETH has published a book for teachers, Many Languages, One Classroom: Teaching Dual and English Language Learners. The book is geared toward helping preschool teachers design and implement curriculum for young children who are learning English...MARK STAPP was named director of the master's degree program in real estate development at Arizona State University in Phoenix. He is also the founding principal of Pyramid Developers, a Phoenix firm, and is on the board of directors of the Valley Forward Association.

#### 19 seventy 9

KAREN SCHMELZ has released her first children's CD, The Colors of Your World. She wrote and produced all seventeen songs on the CD. She teaches music at Fairmount Elementary School in Hackensack. She is currently working on her second CD... COL. MARK VAN KOOTEN serves as maintenance group commander for the Penn-

sylvania Air National Guard's 171st Air Refueling Wing. He volunteered for a seventy-two-day assignment as the aircraft maintenance officer in Balad, Iraq, where he was in charge of reconnaissance planes for the Special Operations Command.

#### 19 eighty

BETH HAGEDOORN has been promoted to director of accounting at Classic Residence by Hyatt in Teaneck. She previously served as a staff accountant there. Prior to joining the company she worked for Pic-A-Card Advertising, Jet Aviation, and Hagedoorn Tile Company.

#### 19 eighty 1

ROGER BAYERSDORF, M.A., will retire in June 2010 after thirty-six years in education and ten years as superintendent of the Franklin Lakes K-8 school district. Prior to joining the Franklin Lakes district, Bayersdorfer was superintendent of the River Edge public school district from 1991 to 2000. He was previously a school principal in Paramus and Westwood. He was also the administrative assistant for program and instruction in Montvale and a health and physical education teacher in Mahwah...SAMUEL KOPEC is working toward a degree in organizational dynamics at Immaculata University. He is the manager of the Wawa Food Market in Woodlyn, Pennsylvania.

#### 19 eighty 2

BRIAN MURPHY has been appointed executive vice president of Columbia Bank. Murphy will be responsible for the bank's administrative services, central services and customer service center and maintenance departments. He has been with Columbia Bank since 1981 where he started as a management trainee. A well-known figure in banking, business, and community affairs, he also serves as a director of the North Jersey Chamber of Commerce...NANCY (KOETSSER) RUSSELL and her husband Vincent Russell celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 6, 2009. She worked for many years at New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. and in the human resources department at William Paterson University.

#### 19 eighty 4

JOHN GIUDICE, M.A., has retired after twenty-nine years as a math teacher at Hawthorne High School. He has also served as supervisor of the math department and coached girls and boys soccer and track...MATTHEW JACKSON was appointed sales manager at Perlen Steel Corp. of Newark. He will be responsible for sales growth in all business segments as well as the management of the sales team. He has more than nineteen years of sales experience within the eleva-

#### 19 eighty 5

LEONARD KUNZ has been appointed assistant dean for campus security at Centenary College in Hackettstown. Prior to this position, he was the chief of the Hackettstown Police Department. He previously worked for campus police departments at Montclair State University and William Paterson University.

tor industry. He previously served

Elevator Conference of New York.

as president and director of the

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JUNE KIM is a radiation oncologist at HealthEast Cancer Care in St. Paul, Minnesota. She was recently featured in *The* Minnesota Women's Press.

#### 19 eighty 7

CHARLES VAN DYK has been promoted to lieutenant in the Wyckoff Police Department. He previously served in many other capacities within the department, including field training officer, firearms instructor, and safety officer.

#### 19 eighty 9

BOB ALBRECHT is a high school admissions representative for the Art Institutes, a family of colleges in North America that specialize in media arts, culinary arts, and several other majors. He is also the owner and operator of Fantasy Productions DJ Entertainment, an entertainment-based company that provides private and corporate event management in the tri-state area...ROB GIRONDA is a music composer for television and film. His clients include Marriott Hotels, YNR Marketing, ABC, MTV, and many independent films.





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#### NANCY DIBARTOLO

is the business administrator/board secretary for the Riverdale Board of Education. She previously served on the Wanaque Board of Education and was assistant to the business administrator in the North Haledon school district...DANIEL LUBINER has pioneered "Arts4Everyone," a program that gives children with high function autism and other learning disabilities the opportunity to take part in theater arts classes. The program, based in Monroe, N.Y., includes theater games, mime and pantomime, improvisation, and voice exercises.

#### 19 ninety 1

ERNEST FEISNER was elected chair of the athletic trainers section of the Heartland Athletic Conference. He is currently an athletic trainer at Texas A&M International University...

RANDALL VAN SAUN has been promoted to supervisor at Goldstein Lieberman & Company, LLC, a certified public accounting and business advisory firm. He has been with the company since 1997 working as a tax specialist.

SEAN GILDAY is the founder of

Blue Raven Artist Management.

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He represents several bands, including Citizens Band Radio, a country rock band, among others. He is the co-founder of Edge Marketing Group, which sells promotional products... SANDRA SROKA, M.A., has been appointed coordinator of the newly created Women's Institute at Bergen Community College. The institute is intended to help women in their personal and professional lives through different aspects such as career development and leadership training. Sroka also serves as assistant director of the college's Ciarco Learning Center. Previously, she was the director of adult education at Clifton High School.

#### 19 ninety 3

#### TOMOKO (OHNO)

FARNHAM is currently performing with the Diva Jazz Trio, which released its debut CD, Never Never Land. The group recently performed at Feinstein's at Loews Regency nightclub in New York City. Farnham, a jazz pianist, has performed at Lincoln Center, Weill Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall, the Blue Note, and on live radio broadcasts on WBGO and WNYC.

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#### JUDANNA DIPEPPO has

earned a master's degree in acupuncture from the New York College of Health Professions in Syosset, N.Y. She is a boardcertified licensed acupuncturist and is the owner of A Frog in the Lotus Acupuncture Spa... NICK GIGLIO has been named head football coach and physical education and health teacher at Red Bank Regional High School in Little Silver. He had served as defensive coordinator for Pace University's football team shortly after graduating from William Paterson. His coaching career has included positions at Red Bank Catholic, Rumson Fair-Haven, Manalapan, and Point Pleasant Beach high schools.

#### 19 ninety 5

KATHY HEWINS, M.A., was named 2009 Passaic County Teacher of the Year. She was also named Teacher of the Year for Macopin Middle School in West Milford, where she has taught since 1995, and District Teacher of the Year.

#### 19 ninety 6

GREGG CARUSO has been promoted to assistant professor at Corning Community College in Corning, N.Y. He has taught philosophy at the college since 2006...PAT MULLINS, M.A., recently produced and directed a documentary, Bracero Stories. It is a bilingual film about a guest worker program in the United States from 1942 to 1964 that employed millions of Mexican immigrant laborers, called braceros. It was broadcast nationally last on the PBS-TV program, Voces. He is a senior lecturer in the Department of Communication at the University of Texas at El Paso.

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#### pre-kindergarten teacher in York, PA, and working on her master's degree in early childhood education at Millersville University. She has received several awards. including the 2006 Terri Lynn Lokoff National Childcare Teacher Award...ELIZABETH FARKAS, a special education teacher at the Roosevelt School in Hawthorne, was honored as Hawthorne's 2009 Teacher of the Year...MICHAEL WALKER is the CEO and co-founder of Walkertek, a Web marketing agency based in Fairfield. The company was named one of the top one hundred Web marketing

MARY (DOLCE) KELLY is a

agencies in the country by *BtoB Online*, a marketing publication. The company's clients include Sarnoff Corp, Genentech, and Prudential Financial.

#### 19 ninety 9



THE VANCHERIS

CHRIS VANCHERI and Sonia Vancheri announced the birth of their daughter, Isabel Anna Vancheri, on October 3, 2009.

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#### MARYANN MCFADDEN,

M.A., released her second novel, So Happy Together, in July 2009. The book follows her successful debut novel, The Richest Season.. DAN NOVAK was named principal of Upper Greenwood Lake School in West Milford. Prior to this position, he was an elementary school teacher in Wyckoff.

#### 2 thousand 1

Graphic designer DAVE
O'NEILL is currently working
on illustrations for his fourth
children's book. His book, I Met
a Moose in Maine One Day, is
currently in its sixth printing and
is the best-selling children's book
in Maine.

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THE COPPOLA FAMILY

JOSHUA COPPOLA and JACKIE SAWEY-COPPOLA
'05 have announced the birth of their daughter Gabriella Coppola, on July 24, 2009...FRANK RIGGIO has been appointed sergeant of the uniformed division in the Glen Rock Police Department. Prior to joining the Glen Rock Police Department he served as a police officer in Hawthorne...

ARMANDO TRIANA and DANA (RODRIGUEZ) TRI-ANA '03 welcomed their first child, Jaiden Dane Triana, on August 21, 2008. The family is currently living in Orlando, FL.

#### 2 thousand 4

JASON CULLEN ran for governor of New Jersey as an independent-conservative candidate...ITAY GOREN performed at the summer music festival in Guam this past summer for the second time. He presented several performances, including a solo concert...TYSHAWN SOREY was featured in the New York Times on June 12, 2009 in an article titled "Five Drummers Whose Time is Now." He is currently working on his master's degree at Wesleyan University... VICTORIA WRIGHT has been promoted to senior environmental scientist at Environmental Waste Management Associates, Her responsibilities will include field sampling, site investigations, and supervising underground storage tank removal. She has been with the company for five years.

#### 2 thousand 5

ANGELICA (MUNOZ) CASTANO is one of eight recipients of the 2009 Clare Hart DeGolyer Memorial Fund Awards, presented by the Dallas Museum of Art to recognize exceptional talent and potential in young visual artists. Castano, who is pursuing a master of fine arts degree at Texas Tech University, is a photographer whose work focuses on cross-cultural dialogue and explores her personal identity as a Colombian artist living in the United States...LAUREN (CIULLA) LENNON participated in the Boston Marathon last April to raise money for Team Continuum, a nonprofit organization that provides non-medical assistance to cancer patients and their families. She raised \$3,500 for the same organization as a runner in the New York City Marathon in 2008.

#### 2 thousand 6

SANDRA ANDRADE was awarded the Frank P. Masterson Jr. Award for her efforts as a drug court probation officer in Hunterdon County. She has helped clients overcome drug addiction and establish themselves... RENATO ANTUNESE graduated from the New Jersey State Police Academy in June 2009. He previously worked as a National Security Guard at John F. Kennedy Airport...PAUL FIORE

is co-founder of a sketch comedy group, The Casual Mafia. He is trying to break into TV comedy and has found success with this group through the Internet. The group performs scripted sketches in a Saturday Night Live-style, using topical humor. They can be found on YouTube or at www. casualmafia.com.

#### 2 thousand 7

STEVEN SMITH has been appointed as a patrolman in Bloomingdale...MARC WILLIAMS has been appointed executive director and chief marketing officer of the Circle City Classic, an annual college football event held in Indianapolis, IN.

#### 2 thousand 8

DALLAL BAYAN is the manager at Zayna's Cuts for Kids, a specialty children's salon in Pompton Lakes. She has helped the salon raise money for nonprofit organizations. Most recently the salon hosted a cut-a-thon to raise money for Project Ladybug of St. Joseph's Children's Hospital...ALLISON COSGROVE recently traveled to Thailand to volunteer at an orphanage. She is an English teacher at Park Ridge High School...TIMOTHY DOLAN recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May. He completed a rigorous eight-week training program which consisted of academics, water safety, survival, military customs, seamanship skills, and marksmanship. Dolan joins 36,000 other men and women who comprise the Coast Guard's force... IUSTIN GARDOCKI played trumpet for Windwood Production's three-and-a-half-month national tour of Bye Bye Birdie... MATT VASHLISHAN, M.A., is the cocreator, producer, and director of anti-litter commercials produced for the Monroe County Litter Control Board in Pennsylvania.

#### 2 thousand 9

CARLOS CANO has been appointed general manager and head instructor of Jang Star of Ridgefield Tackwondo School...

DEREK DVORAK was the recipient of a 2009 Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award...OLYMPIA (FIEDLER)

LORD recently published Rhapsody, a book of poems inspired by concert performances, music, life, and death...THOMAS VIOLA is the new youth minister at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Belleville.







1989

Don Finnegan to Shawn McCabe May 17, 2009

#### 1996

**Kevin Granger** to Jamila Braswell May 9, 2009

#### 1999

Christie Cherence to Angel Mendez July 26, 2009

#### 2000

Steven Locasto to Meredith Spangler October, 18, 2008

Joel Ferat to Rebecca Schlesinger June 21, 2009

#### 2001

Yvette McNeal to James Pruden Jr. July 25, 2009

#### 2003

Joseph Maniscalco to Julie O'Brien August 22, 2009 Sharon Bosloper to Seth Madsen July 12, 2008

**Dian Zisa** to Curt Bose September 12, 2009

#### 2004

James Van Dyke to Jessica Ann Jones June 13, 2009



Brandon and Julie (Motyka) Clay

#### 2005

Brandon Clay to Julie Motyka October 23, 2009

Evan Quinn to Michelle Moen June 19, 2009



JASON AND MORGAN (METZGER) SILK

#### 2006

Dennia Matina Rentzis to Chris Suria June 21, 2009

#### 2007

Julie Kopf to Kevin Duignan June 6, 2009

Morgan Metzger to Jason Silk June 18, 2009

#### 2008

**Trisha Costello** to Richard Bruno April 18, 2009

Sharon Bosloper to Seth Madsen July 12. 2008

#### 2009

Matthew Burns to Jackie Gebhardt June 14, 2009

## Jennifer Macones '01 Represents New Jersey in Mrs. America Pageant



Jennifer Macones '01, a middle school history teacher at Valley Road School in Stanhope, is currently representing New Jersey as the 2009 Mrs. New Jersey America, and recently competed in the 2009 Mrs. America Pageant, where she was named Mrs. Congeniality.

Macones won her New Jersey title last July, and competed for the Mrs. America crown in September. She is passionate about

the platform she espouses, focusing on education and youth volunteerism.

"Educating children and being a positive role model in their daily lives is something I take pride in doing everyday as a public school teacher," she explains. "I feel it is important to teach every child, regardless of their age, to make a difference through volunteering. From writing letters to soldiers stationed overseas, to collecting food for our local food banks, children have the power to make this world a better place. There is nothing more precious than to witness a child who feels accomplished because they made a difference in someone else's life."

A graduate of William Paterson with a bachelor's degree in communication and a minor in anthropology, Macones earned her teaching certification at Ramapo College. She is also a volunteer cheerleading coach and has an extensive background in competitive gymnastics. She and her husband, John, have two children, Gianna and Dylan.

# I N M E M O R I A M

#### '47 JOSEPH WILLIAM FORD Denville, NI

April 12, 2009

#### '58 MARY ELIZABETH KEEN

Doylestown, PA July 26, 2009

#### '62 JAY LOME

Long Branch, NJ July 24, 2009

#### '64 JOSEPH CONTE, M.A

Wyckoff, NJ June 13, 2009

#### '69 ARLINE HERMAN

Vernon, NJ June 26, 2009

#### '72 RAYMOND J. SNEDEN JR.

Toms River, NJ June 20, 2009

#### '73 MARY ELIZABETH SCHNEIDER

Ridgewood, NJ May 18, 2009

#### MICHAEL J. GALLAGHER

Sparta, NJ May 11, 2009

#### WILLIAM MCDONALD

Westborough, MA August 2, 2009

#### '74 CHARLES J. KELLY

Ocean Township, NJ April 22, 2009

#### '76 EUGENIA (GERON) JUNICE

Lavallette, NJ July 20, 2009

#### MARILYN WEIMERT, M.A.

Spartanburg, SC May 1, 2009

#### ANNETTE H. VEYDOVEC

Andover Township, NJ August 23, 2009

#### DORIS K. FREY

West Caldwell, NJ March 30, 2009

#### LON WEISMAN

Marlboro, NJ April 6, 2009

#### 77 PASQUALE ASSALONE

Lakewood, NJ July 25, 2009

#### EDWARD M. GROBE

Yorba Linda, CA April 8, 2009

#### '78 DOROTHEA G. TIGHE

Sparta, NJ July 17, 2009

#### '81 ANNETTE MCDANIEL WITHERSPOON

Laurinburg, NC April 11, 2009

#### CHARLES J. KELLY

Ocean Township, NJ April 22, 2009

#### '86 NETTIE MAE FOREMAN CARTER

Paterson, NJ April 6, 2009

#### '87 JOSEPH CONNELLY, M.A.

Wayne, NJ June 28, 2009

#### '88 MIKE REILLY

White Plains, NY August 27, 2006

#### '96 BARBARA SAGER

Weaverville, NC April 14, 2009

#### '99 GUSTAVE T. JAWORSKI JR.

Lakewood, NJ May 17, 2009

#### LAURA MARIE WALSH Newton, NJ

March 18, 2009

#### '04 HEATHER BROWN, M.A.

Elizabeth, NJ April 17, 2009





## WPUzzle: Celebrating President Speert

by Stephen R. Shalom

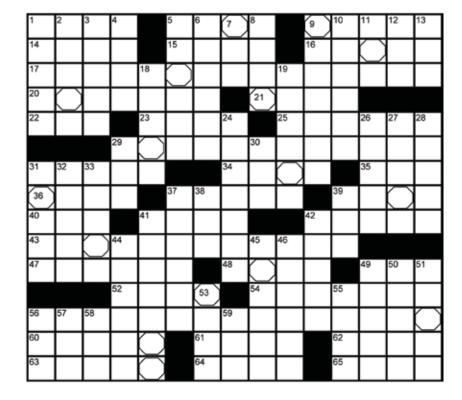
When the puzzle is completed, the circled letters, reading from left to right and top to bottom, will spell out a wish for 27 Down.

#### Across

- What models do in ARTS 205: Life Drawing
- 5 Ponzi scheme, e.g.
- 9 Green clay character
- 14 It's a gem in Gen. Geol.
- 15 Red \_\_\_\_, bureaucracy in POL 120: Amer. Gov't
- 16 Deli phrase
- 17 "NJ Plan" author in HIST 205: U.S. Hist. I
- 20 Triple \_\_\_ (WWI alliance in HIST 369)
- 21 "I can only \_\_\_ much"
- 22 Monarch of SPAN 110: Basic Spanish I
- 23 Holidays noted in Asian Studies Program
- 25 Native-born Israelis
- 29 25 yr. no. 1
- 31 Doofus
- 34 Concept in FR 111: Basic French II
- 35 Cheng Library to Science Hall dir.
- 36 Little piggies at the Child Developm't Ctr.
- 37 Appeared to need a PSY major
- 39 Norse god in ANTH 260: Myth & Folklore
- 40 Science lab exclamation
- 41 Vintage cars
- 42 Commencement
- 43 24th no. 2
- 47 Lure
- 48 Beatty and Rorem
- 49 From \_\_\_ Z (Elem. Ed. curriculum?)
- 52 Mike in COMM 227: TV Production?
- 54 Appear to need a PSY major
- 56 Part of route from Raubinger to Russ Berrie Inst.
- 60 One studied in SOC 366: Soc. of Corrections
- 61 Latest thing
- 62 Summer drinks
- 63 Pioneer Times editorial feature
- 64 In order (to)
- 65 Warrior Princess, in WGS 208: Female Icons in Contemp. U.S. Culture

#### Down

- 1 Black \_\_\_ (movement in AACS 242: Afr.-Amer. Hist. II)
- 2 Editorialize in the Beacon
- 3 Like tears or pretzels
- 4 She in FR 110: Basic French I
- Island, neighbor studied in GEO 339:
   NJ Geog.
- 6 Regained consciousness
- 7 Software, in Computer Sci. class



- 8 ANTH 130 luminary
- 9 Acts like a berserk primatologist?
- 10 What models do in ARTS 205: Life Drawing
- 11 Title critiqued in WGS 110: Women's Changing Roles
- 12 "I'm not supplying" on party invitations
- 13 Currency in ECON 370: Int'l Econ.
- 18 100-level course
- 19 Like some coins and salads
- 24 Falls for a trick question or a banana peel
- 26 MUS 101 (Woodwinds I) needs
- 27 Shorter 29 Across
- 28 Device studied by NURS students
- 29 Morning hrs.
- 30 JFK predecessor in HIST 206: U.S. Hist. II
- 31 It's all the world, in ENG 412: Shakespeare
- 32 "Over There" composer
- 33 It's crucial in BIO 120: Human Bio.

- 37 Object in PHYS 170: Astronomy
- 38 Shea exclamation of delight
- 39 Prov. in GEO 338: Geog. U.S. & Canada
- 41 Another tally in POL 322: Amer. Presidency
- 42 Welles in ARTH 333: Hist. of Film
- 44 It was cut at University Commons opening
- 45 Caviar source
- 46 Idolizes
- 49 Whisper on 31 Down
- 50 Like some seats in Shea
- 51 Black Sea port, new style
- 53 Some Cotsakos Coll. grads
- 55 2001 Spacey movie
- 56 "For \_\_\_ a jolly..." (tribute to 27 Down)
- 57 Rocker \_\_\_ Rose
- 58 Longtime Elton John label
- 59 Concept in ASN 227/PHIL 227: Eastern Phil. & Relig.

Stephen Shalom, a long-time professor of political science, and President Arnold Speert share a favorite hobby: they both love puzzles. For Shalom, it's not just solving puzzles. He often develops personalized puzzles for family and friends; in fact, he's constructed a few crossword puzzles that appeared in the New York Times. So when he learned that President Speert was retiring, he decided to author this WPUuzzle, with clues drawn from all across the campus, as a retirement gift. WP Magazine is proud to share this special treat with our readers. Enjoy!



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June 19, 2010 Rafting Adventure on the Delaware, Kittatinny, Pennsylvania

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June 3-13, 2010 Buick Becomes Electra or The Torrid Zone, winner, Sixth Annual New Jersey Playwrights' Contest, Hunziker Black Box Theatre

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Shea Center, 2:00 p.m., pre-show activities at 1:15 p.m., 973.720.2371 for tickets and information

March 22, 2010 Danna Banana in MAD about Books

March 27, 2010 The Little Mermaid, presented by American Family Theatre

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April 25-28, 20100 The Amazing Adventures of Peter Rabbit, presented by Connecticut Children's Theatre





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