It’s been a very good 10 years.

We parents tend to measure time by the growth and maturation of our children. Thus, I recall that when I came to Wesley in fall 1997, my daughters were just in middle school. A lot has changed in both the Miller family and at Wesley College in that decade. Katie, now 22, will graduate from college this spring and will be off to pursue doctoral studies, while Ashlee will have completed her second year at the University of Delaware.

Because so much growth is gradual, we tend not to notice it, unless it is reflected in major capital projects such as the enlarged and revamped Wolverine Stadium, site of the NCAA Division III playoffs at the end of both the 2005 and 2006 seasons. Perhaps one way to focus on all that we have accomplished together as the Wesley College community is to visualize our campus as it appears in spring 2007 – and then to mentally “subtract” buildings, programs and people. If we think of the College as a large “jigsaw puzzle,” there would have been gaping holes in 1997.

For a start, the Academic Village and new student residences would not exist; classrooms and residence halls would remain unwired; the Parker Library Collection would be 41% smaller; Dulany Hall would still be featuring institutional, “cafeteria-style” food; and there would be no renovated Bellmeyer Honors House. There would be no New Castle Campus, no BSN in nursing, no MBA, no Campus Community School, no Wesley Boys & Girls Club. No women’s lacrosse or volleyball teams would be competing, nor would men’s and women’s cross-country exist at the intercollegiate level.

The campus also would be much more quiet. Full-time enrollment has more than tripled, from 617 to 1,860, and even with increased selectivity, freshman classes have grown from 250 to over 500 this year. Total enrollment has grown from 1,052 in 1997 to over 2,400 today.

A few blocks from campus, the century-old Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts, restored as a partnership including Wesley and Delaware State University, would still be shuttered and dark. Since January 2004, the Center has become a well-managed, efficient operation offering more than 300 diverse programs that now attract some 36,000 visitors annually.

Of course, a physical birds-eye view of campus would not reveal many other initiatives that have transformed our campus and community. It would not display new global initiatives, for example, nor reveal the growth and success of the Wesley’s Campus Ministry under the leadership of Chaplain Mark Pruett-Barnett that has continued to thrive, offering students of all faiths opportunities to worship and to serve.

But, together, working collaboratively, we’ve filled in many pieces of the puzzle. Today’s Wesley is dynamic, vibrant, progressive and on the move, poised for even greater success in the new century and beyond.

For the third consecutive year and in recognition of accomplishment in all areas of campus life, Wesley College earned a citation from the prestigious U.S. News and World Report’s Regional Best Colleges designation.

In this issue, my colleague Dr. Peter Angstadt, who has dedicated 40 years of his teaching career to Wesley College, describes my presidency as a “bookend” that has marked a large part of his career. I like that analogy, and am happy that my time at Wesley has coincided with major new initiatives and partnerships.

Thanks to all of you, it’s been a very good 10 years.
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**JOHN WESLEY (1703-1791)**

John Wesley (1703-1791) is the “Wesley” in Wesley College. His mother Susanna Wesley (1670-1742) was a great influence upon him spiritually and he also shared her reserved, disciplined temperament. Apparently he laid it on a little thick as a young man when he had written her. Her reply was motherly: “... the conclusion of your letter is very kind. That you were ever dutiful I very well know, but I know myself enough to rest satisfied with a moderate share of your affection. Indeed it would be unjust of me to desire the love of anyone. Your prayers I want and wish; nor shall I cease while I live to beseech Almighty God to bless you....” The mother knew the son very well that she had so carefully raised.

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Wesley College seeks to be a premier institution for helping students gain the knowledge, skills, and moral and ethical attitudes necessary to achieve their personal goals and contribute to the welfare of their communities in the global society. The College endeavors to impart a desire for lifelong learning and an enhanced capacity for critical and creative thinking so that students can reap the rewards of intellectual growth and professional effectiveness.

As a College in a covenant relationship with the United Methodist Church, and founded upon Christian principles, Wesley strives to realize a holistic campus environment of common purpose, caring, tolerance, inclusiveness, responsibility, and service that is the heart of the concept of community.

Wesley, founded in 1873, is a private, co-educational, student-centered college. Located in Dover, Delaware, Wesley is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. More than 4,000 students are enrolled in the School of Arts & Sciences and the MBNA School of Professional Studies of the College (2,350 total headcount) and the Wesley Collegiate Institute (1,700 in pre-collegiate programs).

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Finding Balance at Wesley

“It never really ends,” says Assistant Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach Donald C. “Tripp” Keister of his responsibilities. From February-May, he’s immersed in coaching, while recruiting the rest of the year. Wife Maureen “Moe” Keister, an instructor in Wesley’s Physical Education Department, handles many of the parenting tasks for the couple’s three young children while her husband is on the road.

Since joining Wesley in Fall 2005, Tripp has traveled throughout the region building a team that earned a conference berth in 2005 and compiled a winning season for the first time since 2001, bringing in 22 new student athletes for the current year. He was named PAC “Coach of the Year” in 2006 for his efforts.

The Keisters represent a growing trend toward two-career couples on small, residential campuses such as Wesley’s who appreciate the student-centered and values-driven environment.

“Tripp is one of the best young minds in college baseball,” says President Scott D. Miller, “and we are also very fortunate to have an educator of Moe’s background to work with our students.”

“Now, we can eat lunch together on campus most days,” says Moe. “After years of living seemingly separate lives, we now share the Wesley experience.”

Now that the couple is living in nearby Smyrna, DE, they also look forward to bringing Madison, 7, Kevin, 5, and Kristin, 2, to participate in campus life.

“I’ve always thought it was great for kids to grow up on or near a college campus,” says Tripp.

The Keisters met as sophomores at the University of Delaware in 1990, when they sat next to each other in a class. Tripp played there under Wesley alumnus and legendary coach Bob Hannah ’53. It was another seven years before they married, in part because Tripp’s baseball career as a minor league outfielder and scout kept him on the move, from Columbia, SC, to Port St. Lucie, FL -where the New York Mets train-and finally, closer to home at Reading, PA, and Trenton, NJ.

“I traveled to see him play at as many games as I could,” Moe recalls. After leaving his playing days behind, Tripp – a star outfielder at Delaware – stayed in baseball as a Division I level assistant coach at the University of South Carolina, returning home in 1998 to become head coach at Delaware State University. He later served as Associate Athletic Director at Delaware State after a stint as a scout in the San Diego Padres organization.

“Athletics is the ultimate classroom,” Tripp believes, “I teach young scholar-athletes the right way to do things every day.”

A high school swimmer, former middle school and high school coach, and teacher in Hockessin, Wilmington and Newark, DE, Moe went on to earn a Master of Applied Technology in Education from Wilmington College. She has also coached girls’ swimming and field hockey. She is enthusiastic about teaching at the college level. “It’s a new challenge,” she notes. And though she hasn’t yet taught a former secondary student, one- A.J. Jacobs ’08 -is now playing baseball for Tripp.

With a 40-game schedule and 30-man roster, Tripp will still be on the road, but at least the couple will see more of one another when he’s at home, Moe notes.

“It used to be that we didn’t see one another for at least three months out of the year,” she says.

And who knows? Down the road, with three children to educate, Wesley’s participation in a national tuition exchange program with more than 350 other participating institutions could also come in handy.

For now, the Keisters are settling into life at Wesley while Tripp focuses on creating a winning baseball tradition.

“Wesley offers us the best of both worlds,” the Keisters agree.
125 New Grads

“We are confident that your Wesley education has prepared you well with the resources, the judgment and the ambition to conquer whatever new challenges the world places before you,” President Scott D. Miller told 125 Wesley graduates at the January 19, 2007 Winter Commencement.

Noting that Wesley is one of few colleges of its size to hold a winter ceremony, President Miller urged graduates to develop and share a passion for something — your profession, your career, your community, your nation, a worthwhile ideal or cause — this is the beginning of success in life.” He reminded students, faculty, families and friends at the Schwartz Center for the Arts in downtown Dover that passion must also be accompanied by vision and calculated risk-taking.

“We will always be proud of your successes, but we will be still prouder of your perseverance when, as inevitably will happen, you do not succeed on your first or even second attempts, but continue onto great accomplishments, large and small, and we will be pleased to accept partial credit for all of them!” he concluded.

Wesley student Amber Taylor launched the ceremony with her solo of the National Anthem, accompanied by the First State Strings local concert band.

Commencement keynote speaker Dr. Harriet Smith Windsor, Delaware Secretary of State, counseled graduates, “Today, you have reached a special pinnacle in your life. Think about your God-given abilities, and use them.”

Recognized as a trailblazer for her leadership roles in government, education and the United Methodist Church, Dr. Smith Windsor has earned numerous accolades, including the Order of the First State-Delaware’s highest honor-for meritorious service. She also served as a member of Governor Thomas R. Carper’s Cabinet as Director of State Personnel.

President Miller then presented the Wesley Award for Meritorious Service to Dr. Harold E. “Harry” Roberts, characterizing him as “a leader who has made a significant impact upon the state and region, and upon the lives of thousands of young men and women, including my own two daughters.” Superintendent of the Caesar Rodney School District in Camden, DE, since July 2004, Dr. Roberts is recognized statewide and regionally for his contributions to secondary education. He previously served as Assistant Superintendent of that district for six years following a distinguished administrative, teaching and coaching career.

During Dr. Roberts’ remarkable tenure, Caesar Rodney has earned the distinction of being the only district in the state to receive a “superior” rating in Delaware’s school accountability system each year.

In May 2006, Dr. Roberts began perhaps the most daunting phase of his life when he was diagnosed with ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. Despite this considerable challenge, he continues to work every day on behalf of the Caesar Rodney School District and the young people of Delaware.
Dialing for Wesley Dollars

Dialing for dollars comes easily for Melissa “Missy” Cameron ’07, supervisor of the student calling program for the Excellence Fund at Wesley College. With an ambitious $50,000 goal and five-night-per-week schedule throughout the entire academic year, the program represents a vital part of Wesley’s advancement program.

The demanding position requires the senior psychology major from Baltimore to recruit, train and supervise 15-20 student callers, eight of them returning to the program. Missy’s experience as a previous student caller for the Wesley Office of Admissions and leadership strengths as Senior Class President and Resident Assistant have provided relevant experience.

“I enjoy talking with alumni, and it helps to remember that they were all students like me once,” she says. In training, she also encourages student callers to personalize the conversation by telling alumni a bit about themselves.

“In my experience, alumni are a bit more willing to give if they can identify with the caller,” she says. And while there’s always a rejection factor, she says it’s all part of the experience that she thinks will enhance her resume for future employers. Cameron plans a career working with mentally and physically challenged students.

“I want to take advantage of every opportunity for leadership that comes my way,” says the Jamaican native who moved to Maryland with her family ten years ago.

Her friendly manner and polished presentation make her a natural for the job.

“Missy displays the maturity and professionalism needed to lead a group of student callers. Her outgoing personality and friendly nature will help her motivate and encourage the callers to perform at their highest level.

“Over the summer she completed extensive systems training on our software platform, and that technical competence – combined with her leadership qualities – will allow her to run a very successful calling campaign this year,” said Kevin Loftus, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

As if her challenging new position weren’t enough, Cameron remains active as a director of the gospel choir, in which she sings soprano, as Coordinator of the Student Ambassador Program and in Alpha Phi Omega, the coed service fraternity. She also serves as President of the Black Student Union for three years, while playing in the #2 position in both singles and doubles for the Wesley women’s tennis team.

With her friend and classmate Robin Smith, who is in her second year as SGA (Student Government Association) President, Cameron is organizing a regular Friday night activity on campus, working under the auspices of student activities. Featuring movies, refreshments and other planned social activities from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m., the new “Howl at the Moon” program is expected to become a staple of campus life.

“Robin and I think of it as our legacy to Wesley,” Cameron says.

It’s A Win Win!

“‘It’s a win-win situation that brings great benefits to Wesley College, other stakeholders and the community at large,’” said President Miller in a January 30, 2007 announcement formalizing an existing agreement to promote and operate the Schwartz Center for the Arts in Dover’s downtown historic district.

Since 2004, the College and its alliance, including Delaware State University and Friends of the Capitol Theater, have helped raise nearly $3.2 million to restore the Center as a community arts venue, meeting space and opportunity for artists-in-residence and student internships. The century-old renovated Opera House has attracted more than 35,000 area residents per year while serving as a model of community partnerships that has strengthened the ongoing Downtown Dover revitalization.

“This agreement represents a milestone and model for collaboration among three outstanding non-profit organizations,” said President Miller. “The formalization of this relationship represents an extension of Wesley’s mission and purpose as a residential liberal arts college.”

New provisions for a rotating two-year board chairmanship among CEOs of the three partner organizations strengthen the existing strategic alliance, President Miller said. He will continue to serve as board chair through June 2007, when Friends Chairman Wayne Holden will assume leadership for two more years. DSU President Allen L. Sessoms will then assume the top post in July 2009.

Since helping to renovate the center, Wesley has been among the major users of the facility, hosting institutional events including Commencement and board meetings.
Another Sold Out event

Despite the bitter cold, the action was hot as alumni gathered for a Philadelphia Phantoms ice hockey game on February 18. The Wilmington/Philadelphia Alumni Chapter event drew a sell-out crowd of area Wesley graduates to the Wachovia Spectrum, filling two luxury suites with a great view overlooking the rink.

Wesley alumni and guests enjoyed the comforts of the private suites to mingle, catch up with old friends and meet other alums. Eddie Gibbons ’99 shared his sentiments about the event, “I had an awesome time! It was a fun atmosphere and it’s always nice to see friends from Wesley.”

Several made the event a family affair, bringing spouses and children along for the fun. Snacks and a buffet meal were provided, beginning a half hour before game time. Also, all graduates in attendance received a special Wesley giveaway. Two lucky alumni were treated to a “bench tour” by a Phantoms staff member - a special opportunity to sit directly behind the players’ bench during the pre-game skate.

Unfortunately for Philadelphia fans, the Phantoms, a member of the AHL (American Hockey League) and the feeder team for the Flyers, were defeated 5-2 by the Norfolk Admirals, the first place team in the Eastern division. The loss, however, did not dampen the spirits of the enthusiastic Wesley group. Attendee Tim Kalick ’99 stated, “I’m glad I had the opportunity to make it to this event and definitely look forward to attending more.”

YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS OUT ON THE EXCITEMENT OF UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS. PLEASE VISIT THE WE ARE WESLEY ONLINE COMMUNITY TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN YOUR AREA LOG ON TO: HTTP://WEARE.WESLEY.EDU
Talking Business...Ethics

More than 100 Wesley students, Delaware state government officials and business leaders met at Dover Downs in October 2006 to discuss the importance of business ethics and how to apply them to the business world. Dover Downs underwrote the cost of the forum, entitled, “Currency and Relevancy: Ethical Business Practices.”

Participants included A. Richard Heffron, Vice President of Governmental Affairs for the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce; Alan Levin, Chairman of Happy Harry’s convenience stores; Francis Lally of the American Association of State, County and Municipal Employees; and Shelly Sharkey, Market Human Resource Manager for Wal-Mart.

“Your ethics are how you treat others; you don’t have to worry about how the other people are treating you,” Thomas L. Little, Majority Legislative Attorney for the state House of Representatives, told participants, offering his own definition of ethics.

The event was hosted by the Wesley Chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), a worldwide student organization that teaches business ethics, financial literacy, entrepreneurship and marketing economics, with support from the Central Delaware Economic Development Council. A panel

of college officials also attended to provide reactions and conclusions on the findings.

“Ethics applies to all facets of life because they reflect our personal values and beliefs that we rely on to guide us in making decisions. Rather than being black and white or just right and wrong, ethics contains shades of gray in between,” said student member Debra Barninger, a Wesley science major who is considering a career as a pharmaceutical company representative.

Wesley College students were able to access ideas that could assist them to form their own idea of what ethical business behaviors and practices they want for themselves. The presenters stated that ethical business behaviors affect employees, customers and others who have an interest in a business, said Dr. Earl Roberts, SIFE advisor.

Each presenter encouraged students to think through their actions. One reminded attendees that unethical behavior may start with small acts.

“Little things can get bigger and bigger,” he said.
Unique Connections
International Partnerships Gain Impetus

While the 20th century was frequently termed, “The American Century,” the 21st century is projected to be “The Chinese Century.” Thus, an academic partnership with Zhejiang University City College (ZUCC) in China may take Wesley College’s global initiatives to the next level, following an October 2006 campus visit by a delegation from that institution.

Representatives came to explore the development of exchange programs with Wesley’s Nursing, Business and Foreign Language departments. Zhejiang University’s representatives included President Wang Liren; Deans Zhang Aizhen and Zhang Zhenzhong; and Manager of International Programs Jane Chen.

“Partnering with a Chinese University would provide unique connections for the Wesley community, including bi-lingual learning opportunities for students,” said Professor of Education Susan A. Cooper, Faculty Associate for Global Initiatives. The committee hopes to solidify agreements with international schools, such as Zhejiang University, while building opportunities for student and faculty exchange, she added.

President Miller hosted the ZUCC representatives at a morning reception with members of his cabinet. Members of the Wesley faculty and community met throughout the day to explore opportunities with the Chinese University. Later, the delegation met with Dover Mayor Stephen Speed at City Hall, where he presented commemorative gifts. They also toured Bayhealth Medical Center, which hosted members for lunch.

Wesley College continues to seize new opportunities to foster intercultural awareness on campus. Wesley’s Leadership Committee for Global Initiatives works closely with the administration to enhance international study programs. The Wesley College Study Abroad Program has welcomed reciprocal relationships while hosting participants from around the globe. Current semester-long exchange programs exist with Chester University near Manchester, England, and at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy among others.

Father of our Country in Parker Library

Students, faculty, and area researchers can now view over 40 books covering the original papers and other correspondence belonging to the Father of our Country in Parker Library, thanks to a recent gift from the George Washington Society of Delaware, and their president, Richard C. Stazesky.

Wesley College and the University of Delaware are the only two repositories of the GW papers in Delaware which will consist of a collection of over 90 books when completed.

“This acquisition represents a major boon to the entire College community and to local scholars,” said Dr. Phil Coombe, Assistant Professor of History and American Studies in the Wesley History Department.

“It is a distinct honor and tremendous resource to have a collection of our first president so close to home”
The College has recently acquired the complete collection of the George Washington Society of Delaware, LTD, including the Papers of George Washington, approximately 200 histories and biographies on the life of President Washington and/or the American Revolution, various pictures, tokens, First Day covers and other pertinent memorabilia. It is anticipated that books other than reference items will circulate.

“It is a distinct honor and tremendous resource to have a collection of our first president so close to home,” said Dr. Coombe, project coordinator. Dr. Suzanne Fox, Professor of History and American Studies, was also instrumental in obtaining the gift for Wesley’s collection.

Dr. Coombe hopes that in addition to furthering scholarship about President Washington and his life and times, the collection and potential partnership with Mount Vernon will create additional internship opportunities for Wesley students. Two History major interns, Christopher Birch and Denise Devine, helped to install the collection in its new home at the College.

The First State was pivotal to the outcome of the American Revolution; General Washington made his headquarters in Wilmington during the crucial Battle of the Brandywine in 1777. He wrote to Brigadier General Caesar Rodney on August 31, 1777, from that location, detailing his strategy for monitoring and “harassing” the British Army.

“The College is proud not only to preserve these documents for future generations, but also to incorporate their interpretation into exhibitions, publications, educational programs and research,” said President Miller.

“We are seeking an ongoing, mutually beneficial relationship between Wesley College and the professional education staff at Mount Vernon,” said Dr. Miller of President Washington’s home near Alexandria, VA, 14 miles south of Washington, D.C. Mount Vernon officials have expressed an interest in viewing the items and using them as part of ongoing efforts to enhance the visibility of President Washington.
Google the name of George P. McLaughlin, Jr. ’88 - “GEORGIE” to all who knew him – and you’ll find online tributes from his four sisters and other family members, Wesley classmates, friends, colleagues and some who knew him only casually.

“GEORGIE was the type of young man who would walk across a crowded room to greet a person who looked left out,” says his mother, Dorothy “Dotty” McLaughlin, a member of the Wesley Board of Trustees.

The Google citations include one from two international students from Pakistan whom he befriended while majoring in business at Wesley. Georige’s exuberance and passion for life are a recurring theme in almost all.

“You taught me how to live, and how to live well,” remembers one. Recalling his friend’s zest for fun, another former classmate notes, “(Georige) always found a way to bring laughter...to the most boring classes. I recall a frog that was supposed to be dissected, dancing ballet across the desk first.”

“Georige thoroughly enjoyed his time at Wesley,” remembers Eric R. Nelson, vice president for finance and director of human resources at Wesley, who was an RA in Budd Hall when the young man from New Jersey was an undergraduate. “He definitely enhanced the Wesley culture.”

McLaughlin, 36, a metals trader with Carr Futures (now Calyon) in Manhattan, was among more than 3,000 who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Towers on September 11, 2001. He worked on the 92nd Floor of the North Tower.
At Wesley, he played “just about every intramural sport offered – basketball, football, etc. and was an R.A.,” his father remembers. George P. McLaughlin, Sr. ’59 earned a bachelor’s degree in business and finance from the University of Denver after completing an associate of arts at Wesley. He is now a Wall Street broker with Northeast Securities. The McLaughlins live in Matawan, NJ, where Georgie grew up and graduated from Matawan High School.

“Georgie left Wesley briefly to attend the University of Hartford, but he missed Wesley and returned to graduate,” his mother remembers. After a post-Commencement cross-country trip in the summer of 1988, following in his father’s footsteps, he returned to begin his career with Dean Witter Reynolds in New York City.

He advanced rapidly and became a metals trader. Dean Witter sold its futures business to Carr Futures, a worldwide futures trading firm, and Georgie became one of the first employees of Carr, specializing in copper futures. In 2003, the McLaughlins created an endowed scholarship, the George P. McLaughlin, Jr. Scholarship, as a living memorial to this vibrant young man who had embraced life and to assist current Wesley students in completing their education.

Two fund raising events at Obadiah’s, a restaurant near the couple’s Ocean City, NJ home, organized with the support of sisters Linda, Sheri, Ann Marie and Kathleen, have been very successful. Additional events are planned. Many business associates and friends have also contributed to the scholarship fund throughout the past three years.

In a poem entitled “My brother,” sister Linda lauded Georgie for “his commitment to his family, for the friends he would make along the way, for the endless connections that would bind.

“For he is the glue, a central point of contact who holds friends from every walk of life – that special person who brings people together.”

Both of the previous deluxe buffets united family members, friends of both Georgie and his parents and colleagues, to raise money for this worthwhile cause. In addition, they helped everyone to move on from the tragedy of 9/11, Dotty remembers.

“Everyone had stories about Georgie to share,” she says. “They created good feelings among everyone.”

Georgie, the third of five children and the only son, “was not only the middle child – he was the center of the family,” she notes. He was peacemaker, and practical joker.

Among the hundreds of cards and online tributes the McLaughlins received after Georgie’s death was one which told them about a trip he had organized to Atlantic City in 1992. “After the match,” the friend wrote, “Georgie ran down to the ropes, told a guard he worked for a TV station and jumped into the ring in time to get on the air while the winner of the World Boxing association heavyweight championship was announced.”

Georgie’s legacy remains at the core of the McLaughlin family, Dotty emphasizes.

“He was always the one who took care of his four sisters, cousins and friends, very well-loved, liked and respected.”

Dotty joined the Wesley Board of Trustees in 2003, serving on the Advancement Committee. “I was honored to be asked, and I feel that Wesley, a school Georgie cared a great deal about, has become a college he would be very proud to be associated with.”
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NURSING KAREN PANUNTO, MSN, RN, views Wesley College through a kaleidoscope of prisms. A long-time member of the Wesley family, she has been involved in the College community for more than a decade as a student, staff member, parent and now faculty.

Above: The Panunto Family, Lorraine ’06, Matthew ’09, Nicholas ’03, Karen ’01, and Jeanette ’08
Wesley has been good for my family, and good for me,” she emphasizes.

Two of her four children, Nicholas '03 and Lorraine '06, are alumni, and the other two, Jeanette and the youngest, Matthew, a junior and sophomore, respectively, are currently enrolled. Wesley offered tuition assistance for the education of all four under its participation in the CIC (Council of Independent Colleges) Tuition Exchange Program (TAP). Although they could have chosen to enroll at other participating colleges, Panunto’s children chose Wesley, and she agrees with their choice.

“All of us have been especially impressed with the quality of the Wesley faculty, with its accessibility to students and its clear communication of expectations. “When I was a student, I always felt very comfortable in asking my professors for help, and my children feel the same way,” she says.

She is equally impressed with Wesley’s career outcomes, as both Nicholas and Lorraine found employment in their fields immediately after graduation-Nicholas as a control room operator for QVC in West Chester, PA, and Lorraine, as a 6th grade teacher in Green Bay, WI. With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Media Arts, Nicholas began his career in television sound and graphics as a student intern at WHYY in Wilmington, staying on after graduation, before moving to his present post.

Lorraine, who completed her Bachelor of Education degree from Wesley in just 3 years, was engaged in the classroom from her freshman year onward, Panunto says.

Were it not for Wesley’s continuing studies program, Panunto, a former stay-at-home Mom, might never have found her way to Wesley at all.

“When she interviewed for the position in Wisconsin, the educators there were impressed by the extent of classroom experience she had gained at Wesley.” Were it not for Wesley’s continuing studies program, Panunto, a former stay-at-home Mom, might never have found her way to Wesley at all.

When Matthew and Jeanette were still at home, she started her Associate of Science degree in Nursing part-time, taking evening courses on campus and at Dover Air Force Base. When her youngest child entered elementary school, she enrolled full-time, earning her degree in 1995. She later completed her Master of Science in Nursing from Wesley in 2001 and holds an additional licensure as an advanced practice nurse in health promotion and wellness. Before joining the Wesley faculty, she served on the staff side as Director of Health Services and later, as Campus Lab Supervisor for three years each.

Teaching a range of undergraduate courses including nutrition and pharmacology, community health nursing, introduction to professional nursing, and client assessment for health promotion, she has seen Wesley’s Nursing Program burgeon since her undergraduate days.

“The biggest change has been the change from the ASN to the BSN program,” she notes.

Second daughter Jeanette ’08, a nursing major, is enrolled in some of her mother’s classes, and Panunto says she enjoys sharing nursing experiences with her daughter.

“If anything, I’m harder on her than I am on my other students,” she says.

Indeed, Panunto has matured along with her family as part of their shared Wesley experience. Although he doesn’t remember it, youngest son Matthew ’09, a Wesley environmental science major, accompanied her to lab sessions as a pre-schooler. Perhaps it shaped his interest in the sciences, she muses.

Now pursuing her Ed.D. at Wilmington College while teaching full-time at Wesley, Panunto notes that while many of the recent changes at the College have evolved gradually, the College’s investment in technology has been the most noticeable advance.

“If I need to access a professional journal online, I can now do so through the Wesley College Library at 1 a.m. if I want to,” she says. “Formerly, I would have had to actually make the trek to campus.”

Wesley remains very much a family affair, with Panunto and the two eldest children often participating in alumni affairs.

“Wesley has worked out exceptionally well for me, and for them,” she concludes.
Professor of Sociology and Education Peter K. Angstadt has been a member of the Wesley faculty for 40 years, serving under five presidents and numerous academic deans.

Through it all, he has retained his optimism and his sense of pride in being part of the Wesley faculty.
Along with a few other faculty, I’ve been a bridge between the College’s proud tradition as a junior college and its contemporary status as a progressive, four year institution,” Dr. Angstadt says.

With the exception of a one-year sabbatical to complete the residency requirement in earning an Ed.D. in social studies from the University of Virginia in 1978, Dr. Angstadt has been at Wesley since 1967. He previously taught social studies at the high school level for three years in Fleetwood, PA, where he earned an M.Ed. in that discipline from Kutztown University. For nearly 10 years, he also served as Wesley’s golf coach, restarting the program and leading the transition from play at the junior college level to NCAA Division III. After 1995, the golf program’s winning tradition, established under the direction of coach Angstadt, was taken to the next level by his successor, Rick McCall, who has created a perennial national powerhouse.

We asked Dr. Angstadt, a former Division of Social Sciences Chair (1993-1995) who helped to develop the original core curriculum, to share some of his reflections about his four decades at Wesley:

Q. What’s been your favorite course?
A. I’m now teaching the Intro. to Sociology course along with World Regional Geography in which emphasis is placed on spatial relationships and man-land adjustment patterns. This emphasis involves demographics, natural resources, place location and issues of geopolitical significance. Many, though not all, of my students are elementary ed. majors, who will be better equipped as teachers to help school children gain a greater understanding of the world around them. I’m also gratified to see a greater mix of students from other majors taking this course now. I also teach another sociology course, “Marriage and the Family,” as an elective.

Q. What about the course entitled, “Sport in American Society”? I imagine that’s a popular one.
A. It is, for both men and women students, though, I think some may think when they register that we’re going to be talking about current sports teams and scores in the classroom. Instead, focus is placed on sociological concepts and contemporary issues such as the various forms of deviant behavior in athletics including steroid abuse. I also use ESPN specials on prominent sports figures, such as Bobbie Knight and Pete Rose, to conduct case studies. I’m happy to see many freshmen taking the course as an elective, because it affords them an opportunity to hone their critical thinking and writing skills.

Q. What’s your proudest accomplishment at Wesley?
A. You know, I don’t know that I can cite one overriding single accomplishment, but over the years, I’ve been able to make a number of ongoing positive contributions with outstanding support from both my colleagues and from the administration. I feel good about that.
Q. Forty years is a long career within any organization. What has kept you at Wesley?
A. When I first came to the faculty, I was seeking professional growth and challenge. I’ve found that. I think that through the years, I’ve become a stronger teacher and a better person. I’ve been motivated, supported and encouraged. I’ve found a satisfying niche at Wesley and have never found a reason to change. Despite the inevitable bumps along the road, it’s been a happy experience that I wouldn’t trade for anything.

Q. You’ve served under five presidents. Would you comment on that experience?
A. The first president under whom I served was Dr. Robert Parker and the current president, of course, is Dr. Scott Miller. I think of them as “bookends” of my Wesley experience, and you know that without solid bookends, a stack of books will collapse. Dr. Parker, who made a marvelous contribution, laid the foundation for the modern physical campus of Wesley today, while Dr. Miller has raised the profile of Wesley and attracted the financial resources necessary to propel the academic and athletic programs of the College forward.

Q. What changes have you seen in the Wesley faculty over time?
A. The Wesley faculty has always been characterized by its dedication to students, by competency in subject areas and by its fidelity to the institution. I’m impressed that young faculty members continue to demonstrate this allegiance while being even better prepared in their respective subject areas and demonstrating broader outreach through publications and such. I’m very optimistic about their ability to perform well professionally while continuing to meet student needs.

Q. How do you view Wesley’s future?
A. From my vantage point as a link between the past and present—I’ve seen Wesley transformed from a junior college to a four-year school successfully meeting the needs of baccalaureate degree-seeking students—I see a bright future. When you view the faculty as the core of any institution of higher learning, Wesley is in a strong position.
A Matter of
“IT WAS A DONE DEAL,” HE SAYS OF HIS DECISION TO MAJOR IN EDUCATION AT WESLEY. AFTER ALL, HIS FATHER, FREEMAN WILLIAMS, JR., IS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND MANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN TEACHERS, COACHES AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. BETWEEN THEM, HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, DEVONA, HOLD SIX COLLEGE DEGREES, INCLUDING EARNED DOCTORATES.

AT 30, EIGHT YEARS OUT OF WESLEY, WILLIAMS HAS FOLLOWED IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS, TEACHING THIRD GRADE AT THE W.B. SIMPSON SCHOOL IN CAMDEN, DE, AND COACHING BOYS’ BASKETBALL. AFTER SEVEN YEARS AS JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS’ COACH AT CAESAR RODNEY HIGH SCHOOL, HE WAS NAMED HEAD VARSITY BOYS’ BASKETBALL COACH THIS YEAR. HIS TEAM FINISHED 15-9, “AND I’LL HAVE 9 OR 10 RETURNEES NEXT SEASON,” HE SAYS.

Freeman Williams III ’99 is carrying on his family’s tradition of education and leadership.
A former standout point guard at Wesley, Williams still holds the College record for most steals (269) and assists (331). He stands sixth in all-time points with 1,168. In his senior year, he earned all PAC conference honors as well as the President’s Award for all-around student leadership.

“I know Freeman well—he’s a fine educator and an outstanding young man,” says Wesley Men’s Basketball Coach Jerry Kobasa.

Wesley President Scott D. Miller agrees. “Freeman is an absolutely first-class person,” he says. “He was an outstanding student, athlete and leader at Wesley and those characteristics have been evident in his work since graduation.”

Williams met his wife, the former Tameka McCullough ’97, on the courts at Wesley, and the couple’s lives still revolve around education and basketball.

Tameka, a former outstanding point and shooting guard on the Wesley women’s team as well as a varsity softball player, earned the Wesley female “Athlete of the Year” award in 1997. She now teaches 9th grade history at Caesar Rodney High School while coaching the girls’ junior varsity basketball team.

The couple has 4-year-old twin sons, Brycen and Mason, who accompany their parents to most Caesar Rodney Riders’ practices. “They like to run sprints with the high school athletes,” Freeman says. Their twin coaching and teaching careers and family responsibilities don’t leave the Williams as much time as they’d like to attend Wesley games, but Freeman returns to the Wentworth Gym as often as he can.

“It’s really a good feeling to see the progress that has been made just in the eight years since I’ve graduated—the upgraded locker rooms, the new uniforms,” he says. Freeman has coached a few strong high school players who went on to Wesley, including James Stratton, a guard on the men’s varsity basketball team, and Jason Cunningham, a member of the Wesley varsity football team.

“It’s quite a list,” he says, and includes former Wolverines Levi Worthington, Jason Artz, Brian Coleman, Coleman Morris and Russell Tongue.

And although his November-March coaching responsibilities keep him very busy during the season, in the spring and summer months, he enjoys running two to three miles every few days, catching up with former Wesley teammates and spending time with family.

He remembers Wesley faculty fondly, especially Dr. Peter Angstadt, from whom he took social studies.

“I remember only good things about Wesley,” he says.
WESLEY ’59 CLASS OF

After 47 years, former roommates Wesley Bennett and Bruce Stores got together in late October/early November 2006 at Wesley’s condo on the beach in St. Petersburg, FL. They toured downtown St. Petersburg and talked of fond ole times at Wesley College. Bruce gave Wesley an autographed copy of his new book. Wesley is seeking other pen pals and invites them to write to him at: P.O. Box 1066, Clayton, DE 19938.

WESLEY ’67 CLASS OF

Mac Sterling writes to report that he lives in Dedham, MA (suburb of Boston). He married Karen Chambers from West Hartford, Connecticut in 1970 (it will be 36 years this Halloween!). They have one son, Christopher, currently a second year Law student at The New England School of Law. Mac has been an independent consultant in the Financial Services industry designing and writing Software Quality Control.

WESLEY ’72 CLASS OF

Nancy L. Drexler, originally from Port Deposit, Maryland, writes that she started working for the U.S. Government on January 9, 1967. Nancy moved to Baltimore, Maryland, and lived there until June 1980. Nancy relocated to Austin, Texas, to become a special agent with Defense Investigative Service. Nancy moved to Waco, Texas in June 1995, and retired from DOD on Feb 3, 2005. She writes, “I have one precious 2 1/2 year old granddaughter who lives in Austin, Texas. Besides my activities with granddaughter Avery, I keep busy volunteering in a big way with the American Cancer Society.” Nancy would love to hear from any of her Wesley friends.

WESLEY ’73 CLASS OF

JEAN WERTZ reports, “My business that I co-own with my three brothers appeared numerous times (last time was on 1/1/07) on the #1 show ‘Dirty Jobs’. Our business, Wertz Candies, Inc., isn’t dirty, but we sure are messy as we make everything by hand. We had Mike Rowe making a batch of fresh caramel corn, peanut butter cups, Irish potatoes, learned how to hand-temper chocolate, and finally make some chocolate dog poo which he found out earlier in the day I made for a veterinarian one time. The episode is lumped in with ‘Fuel Tank Cleaner’ as the lead story. On a more significant note, I had the opportunity to create a special gift for Congressman John Murtha - a painting of the Marines, raising the flag at Iwo Jima (completely made out of chocolate and food coloring, even the frame) at our local Jefferson-Jackson Dinner in 2006.” The website for Jean’s business is www.wetzcandies.com

WESLEY ’90 CLASS OF

Kate (Jellett) Carey writes, “I went to Wesley for only two years but made wonderful friends who I would love to get in touch with. It would be great to talk to all of the girls in our old group (Gina, Rachelle, Melissa, Kristie, etc). Hope you are all well!”
KELLY (HOFF) RUDDO and her husband Matt celebrated their twins’ fifth birthday on November 20, 2006. The Ruddo family resides in Howard County, Maryland and can be reached at Kelly@misutility.net. Kelly, Andrea, Lisa D., Gina, Sonia, Denise, Laurie, Lisa P., and Dawn still get together on a regular basis. Kelly writes, “We crack up about the good ole’ Wesley days and try to imagine college today…we agree that it can’t possibly be as much fun as it was for us! To all my Wesley friends out there…here’s to our mid thirties…can you believe it?”

WESLEY ‘97 CLASS OF

JENN CINELLI-MILLER has recently moved back to Delaware with her daughter Liberty, who turned two years old on October 24, 2006. Jenn is currently working for the state and would love to hear from alumni. Her email address is LibysMom@comcast.net

WESLEY ‘98 CLASS OF

CHRISTINE (MCGRATH) MCDERMOTT AND KEVIN MCDERMOTT ’99 are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Kane Everett, who was born on September 7, 2006. He is the couple’s first child. Christine can be reached at mcdermch@wesley.edu and Kevin can be reached at derms11@aol.com

WESLEY ‘99 CLASS OF

Katie (Floyd) Manley and husband Frank are proud to announce the birth of their first child. Danica Elizabeth Manley was born on November 6, 2006 at Easton Memorial Hospital. She was 7lbs., 10oz. and 19 1/2 inches long. The family can be reached at their home email address - kmfloyd2001@yahoo.com

WESLEY ‘02 CLASS OF

CHRIS CATALINE was married on August 11, 2006 to the love of his life, Rebecca Yankosky. Chris is currently teaching health and physical education and coaching several sports at his alma mater, Lakewood High in New Jersey. He is also DJ’ing with Versatile Entertainment. His wife, Becky, is currently obtaining her Master’s Degree in School counseling at Monmouth University and works as a nanny. Wesley friends who attended the wedding were STEVE SPINO, MIKE WIMBISH, BRIAN THOMAS, AND LISA FERRARO THOMAS.

IN MEMORIAM

BRUCE L. STOKES ’57
WILLIAM D. NEWELL ’68
Former President Remembered

Dr. Reed M. Stewart, 66, died at his home in Delaware on Dec. 27, 2006. Born in Brazil, Indiana, on March 30, 1940, he was the son of the late Robert B. Stewart, former Circuit Court Judge of Clay County, and Ruby M. Stewart, almost 101, of Manhattan, Kansas.

He graduated from the Brazil public school system; from then-Indiana State College, 1962; Garrett Theological Seminary, a Howes Memorial Scholar with a master’s of divinity degree, 1965, and ordained as a United Methodist minister; Indiana University with a master’s in student personnel administration, 1970; and a doctorate in higher education administration, 1971.

Dr. Stewart had an active serving life that began with his delivering the Brazil Times for many years. Governor of Hoosier Boys’ State in 1958, Dr. Stewart is best known in Brazil as the winner of the American Legion’s National Oratorical Contest in 1958 when he received nationwide recognition, appearing on the Today Show in New York City.

After serving six United Methodist churches in Indiana, Dr. Stewart continued to minister part-time as he worked at five different colleges before becoming president of Wesley College in Dover, DE, in 1983. In 1997, he was honored to be elected President Emeritus by Wesley’s Board of Trustees and awarded a six-month sabbatical when he retired.

Dr. Stewart’s public speaking continued from his high school years through the loss of his God-given voice from thyroid cancer. He was to be the keynote speaker at the Johns Hopkins conference for head and neck patients in April.

Since his retirement, Dr. Stewart has served Frankford United Methodist Church and continued as one of the Board of Directors of Artisans’ Bank. Dr. Stewart served as chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, was recipient of the Buchanan Award in Dover as their outstanding citizen in 1992, was named in 1998 Sagamore of the Wabash as an outstanding citizen from Indiana by Governor O’Bannon, was a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, recipient of outstanding service awards from President Clinton, the Delaware legislature, the City of Dover and received too many other honors and awards to list.

In addition to his mother, Reed is survived by his best friend and wife of 45 years, Beverly; his son, Reed, Jr., the Clinical Counseling Coordinator of Albion College and co-founder/psychotherapist of the DBT Center of Michigan, and his wife Kristie; his daughter, Elaine, a registered nurse for an outpatient clinic at the University of New Mexico Hospital; two grandchildren, Lucas and Alexandra; his brother, Dr. G. Kent, retired professor of Kansas State University, and his wife Barbara; three nieces and one nephew, Kenna, Jill, Kimberly and Paul.
Randy Chambers, Area Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in Delaware and Delmarva Eastern Shore, has inspired many student athletes and others at Wesley College to be more passionate about Christianity. He conducts pre and post game prayers with athletes and coaches, hosts Sports Chapels, facilitates Bible studies for all athletes (known as “Huddles”) and is a true mentor. We spoke with him about the FCA, life, and his inspirational journey.

“FCA seeks to be a positive influence on the Wesley College campus. We encourage Wesley athletes to set the standard for their peers by embracing Colossians 3:23, ‘Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as if you are working for the Lord.’ FCA’s influence is not determined by wins and losses; our success is determined by the people of character, athletes and coaches have become. The attendance at Chapel services, discipleship groups and the Wesley Huddle is a good indication that fellowship and spiritual growth are becoming more important to athletes,” Randy said.

We asked Randy how important it is for the students to develop a religious dimension in their lives.

“Jesus desires a relationship with us wherever we are in life. God wants our hearts. He does not have a long list of requirements, His unconditional love will accept us just as we are and it is therefore extremely important for us to develop a relationship with Him. Students need to be creative in making time for God, pray on your way to class if you have to. The Bible tells us to draw close to God and He will draw close to us. Our destination in life should be an eternal reward not on or off the field accomplishments. Our identity is found in Christ, not in temporal things.”

Randy told us a little about his personal history and why he chose his occupation at the FCA.

“My history is shaped by adversity: my father died when I was nine, my brother was killed by a drunk driver and my best friend died in his sleep. I personally survived three near death car accidents. After my brother’s death, I committed my life to follow Jesus Christ. God provided the strength to walk away from areas of darkness in my personal life, no different than what college students face today; it seems they just face more temptation now.”

He grew up in Dover, and graduated from Dover High in 1984. Shortly after his brother’s death, he attended Delaware State University. He was an assistant basketball coach at Dover High for several years, all the while searching for his purpose.

Following his graduation from DSU in 1996, he worked for MBNA for eight years. His final role was as a Department Manager in the Credit Department.

“After carefully seeking God’s guidance, He began to affirm my calling to sports ministry. I chose to leave a pending promotion to serve our Creator. My life experiences and business training prepared me to serve God through FCA. It is important to ask God to direct our steps toward our passion. If we do not, we will fail to find God’s purpose for our lives.”

Randy Chambers has been with the FCA ever since and will be an inspiration and mentor for Wesley College students and staff for many years to come.
The Honors Keep Coming

Wesley College completed its most successful gridiron campaign ever, completing an undefeated 2006 regular season with a school record 13 victories. Advancing all the way to the National Semifinals for the second straight season, the Wolverines had a great playoff run while hosting the first three games. The Wolverines finished the season ranked third by the Football Gazette and sixth by the Football Coaches Association.

Coach Mike Drass also earned his second national "coach of the year" award from NCAA Division III, presented by Pete Carroll, head coach of the University of Southern California, 2005 Division I-A winner. Drass also earned top coaching honors from Schutt Sports, appearing in American Football Monthly, a national coaching magazine, and from The Delaware Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association for the third consecutive year. He was also named Football Gazette South Region Coach of the Year.

Three consecutive playoff victories increased the Wolverines’ home win streak to 21-0 since new field turf was installed in the expanded and revamped Wolverine Stadium in 2004. In the first round of the playoffs, the Wolverines defeated Dickinson College 49-21. The second round saw Wesley shut out Carnegie Mellon University 37-0. The South Region championship game played in front of a capacity crowd of more than 4,000 saw Wesley beat #5 ranked University of Mary Hardin-Baylor 34-20. Wesley’s season ended with a loss to University of Wisconsin Whitewater in Wisconsin.

The 2006 Wolverines had the most players ever selected to All-American teams. Senior captain Mario Harris (5-8/180) enjoyed another busy off-season, named to the American Football Coaches Association first team for the second straight year, Associated Press Little All-American first team which includes Division II and NAIA players, Football Gazette first team All-American and South Region defensive back of the year. The ECAC Southwest All-Stars first team defensive back had 81 tackles (49, 32), 4.5 for a loss of 25 yards, two interceptions, 13 pass break-ups, one fumble recovery and one blocked kick.

Junior speedy receiver Mike Clarke (5-7/160) was named to the Associated Press second team, marking the first time two Wolverines were honored by the AP in the same season. Clarke also picked up Football Gazette third team All-American honors and first team all region recognition, d3football.com honorable mention All-American and first team all south region and ECAC Southwest All-Stars first team wide receiver. Clarke had 60 receptions for 1,304 yards and 16 touchdowns; his 1,304 yards led the nation and were Wesley College and Atlantic Central Football Conference records.

Junior Bryan Robinson (6-3/287) was named Football Gazette first team All-American and honored by d3football.com as an All-American. Robinson was d3football.com south region player of the year and Football Gazette first team all region. The ECAC Southwest All-Stars first team defensive lineman had 98 tackles (48, 50), 30.5 tackles for a loss of 155 yards, 13.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and two blocked kicks.

Senior Quarterback Chris Warrick (6-2/212) was named the Football Gazette all region team and honorable mention All-American team as well as d3football.com south region and ECAC.
Southwest region player of the year. Warrick finishes his Wesley career with more than 10,500 yards and 100 touchdown passes.

Sophomore linebacker Brandon Huntbach (5-10/220) broke on the scene with a super sophomore campaign earning Don Hansen Gazette first team all region and second team All-American honors. d3football.com also recognized Huntbach on the second team south region team, and he was named to the ECAC Southwest All-Stars first team defense. Huntbach led the Wolverines in tackles with 114 (46, 68), 19 tackles for a loss of 70 yards, 4.5 sacks, two interceptions, two forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.

Place kicker Christian Cattanea (5-10/165) had a terrific season making 12 of 15 field goal attempts including two of 44 yards. Cattanea was named to the Don Hansen Gazette second team all region team and third team All-American as well as the ECAC Southwest All-Stars honorable mention team at place kicker.

Senior offensive linemen Norman Bauer (6-2/300) was also named to the ECAC Southwest All-Stars first team.

Full Court Press

Rashawn Johnson (SO, Selbyville, DE/Sussex Tech) became the ninth player in the history of the men’s basketball program to score 1,000 career points, leading the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) in scoring as the Wolverines finished the season with an 11-15 overall record and a 9-9 conference mark. Johnson recorded this milestone in Wesley’s January 29 80-57 win over Cabrini College.

Johnson scored in 22 games in the season and finished by averaging 22.3 points and 7.08 rebounds per game. Teammates Tyrell Brown (SR, Randallstown, MD/Randallstown) averaged 10.7 points a contest, and Cody White (SO, Milton, DE/Sussex Tech) led the team in rebounds with 8.31 rebounds per game.

The Wolverines earned the #6 seed in the PAC Tournament, falling to Immaculata University in the quarterfinal round. This year’s berth marked Wesley’s second straight appearance in the conference tournament.

The Wesley College women’s basketball team finished with a 7-18 overall and 5-11 conference mark for the 2006-2007 season. Leading the way for the Wolverines were Domonique Barrett (SO, Dover, DE/Dover) and Colleen Thomas (FR, Howell, NJ/Howell), who both averaged double-figures with 12.2 and 11 points per game. Barrett led the team in rebounding with 7.6 a game, while Thomas shot just over 50 percent from the floor.

Teammate Annette Nacrelli (SR, Elkton, MD/Caravel) averaged 9.56 points a game, leading the team in three-point field goals made with 32. Shirelle Tingle (SR, Seaford, DE/Seaford) dished out 138 assists for the Wolverines.
Defining a Winner

By Todd McElwee, The Harrington Journal

What defines a winner? How do you achieve victory? Where does success originate?

Harrington Huskies quarterback Trey Obermire knows exactly whom to ask. The 10-year-old Pop Warner signal caller has, along with his family, become friends with Wesley College’s record setting quarterback Chris Warrick.

“I liked going up to practice with Chris because he is cool and a very good athlete,” Obermire said. “It was also great hanging out with him because I got to meet some of the other players like Bryan Robinson and Michael Clarke. It was also cool practicing on their home field. He taught me a lot. He even came to see one of my games during his off week, which was really sweet.”

The connection began during a quarterbacks and wide receivers instructional camp Obermire attended last summer. Obermire’s work ethic and curiosity stood out in the crowd of junior field generals and stimulated Warrick’s interest.

“It means a lot,” Warrick said. “I know what it means to them (the kids). I saw the way Trey, out of all of the kids at the camp, was reacting to the coaching I was trying to give them. He was real receptive and in little kids you can see the progress even moreso than coaching high school. It means as much to me as it know it means to them.”

Camp was just the beginning.

Following their offseason work, Obermire and his father, Huskies’ coach Mike, would travel to Wesley and work with Warrick after his preseason conditioning sessions. Throughout the season the Obermires would attend as many Wolverines games as possible, including their 37-0 victory over Carnegie Mellon in the second round of the NCAA Division III tournament. During his bye week, Warrick was in the stands for one of his protegé’s Pop Warner contests.

“He has helped our son with the fundamentals of football,” said Trey’s mom Lisa. “He taught Trey how to throw the football correctly, position his feet correctly and expressed the importance of practice, practice and more practice. Both I and my husband feel Chris is an exceptional role model. The way he conducts himself on and off the field as well as the patience he showed while working with Trey. In attending some of the games, we also witnessed the support system that Chris has that includes his family and friends. There are not many college players that would be willing to spend their time teaching a 10-year-old the fundamentals of football.”

“The number one thing I try to stress, especially with the kids at that camp because they were so young in the ultimate fundamentals,” Warrick said. “Making sure everybody is set before the ball snaps. At
that level you have to break it down to the nuts and bolts of football. You really can’t assume that these kids know things like that, especially the quarterback. … I told Trey every day that his practice reps should look just like a game rep or his warm-up reps should look just like his game rep. Don’t look lazy and standing around or messing around with your receivers or your brother or your father.”

**Scores and stats don’t reflect the entire story.**

Obermire’s and Warrick’s association began with a rapport based on football and has developed in a friendship that enlightens both lives.

“Yes, he has made me a better football player by sharing his techniques and giving me self confidence on and off the field,” Obermire said. “I have watched several of his games and have saved every newspaper article about him. I hope that Chris will return for the quarterback camp this summer as well so that I can work with him again.”

**Honor Among Family and Friends**

Senior Quarterback Chris Warrick was named ECAC Southwest Region Player of the Year for his successful season on the gridiron. The strong-armed quarterback received the honor among family and friends at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, NJ on February 15. Players and coaches from Division III, II, I-AA and I-A were honored at the dinner.

Warrick was named d3football.com South Region Player of the year along with back to back Atlantic Central Football Conference Offensive Player of the Year honors. Warrick was also named to the Football Gazette All-American and All-Region teams. This season the Wolverine team tri-captain led Wesley to an undefeated regular season and a 13-1 overall record. With Warrick guiding the ship, the Wolverines offense averaged 36.9 points per game, ranking them 8th nationally out of 229 teams. He was 234 of 396, completing 59.1% of his passes for 3,321 yards, 33 touchdowns and only nine interceptions, giving him a QB rating of 152.49.

Warrick’s four year statistics are mind boggling. He started 48 straight games, leading the Wolverines to a 39-9 record, two ACFC & South Region championships and back-to-back appearances in the National Semifinals. In his career, he set almost every Wolverine and ACFC passing record, completing 737 passes out of 1,334 attempts for 10,542 yards. Warrick threw 100 touchdown passes with five coming in one game, 10 four TD games and 29 multi TD games. He also racked up a lot of yardage in the air, throwing for over 400 yards once and 300 yards or more 10 times. The 6’2”, 212 pound quarterback also gutted out 13 scores on the ground.

Warrick is from Avon Grove, PA where he went to Downingtown High School and played for Coach Mike Matta. He is a Business Management major and will graduate in May. He is the son of Colleen O’Donnell and Pat Warrick.
“Hero”
Coming Up Big When it Counts
By Andy Walter, Delaware State News
When he thinks about it now, it seems like a scene from a movie.
There was smoke billowing out of the burning house. People stood on the front yard screaming.
Other people, still trapped in the burning building, jumped from the windows. Someone climbed down a TV tower outside the house.
But Matt Carey, a Dover volunteer fireman who also happens to be a Wesley College baseball player, did what he’s trained to do - he and partner Mark Hall went into the flaming house.
The firefighters weren’t sure how many people were still inside the building, a boarding house on West North Street in Dover.
As Carey made his way to the second floor, he looked into a room to his right.
“I felt a nudge on the left side of my body,” Carey remembered. “I looked over and my light shined right in his face. He was just staring at me.”
Carey quickly got the person halfway down the stairs where Hall met them and took the person to safety. Carey went back up the stairs to search for other people.
For the 20-year-old Carey, helping to save the man’s life gave him a feeling he’d never had before.
“When I was doing it, with all the training that we do, it just happened,” said Carey. “I didn’t think about the people jumping out of the windows when we pulled up and we were running in. I was just focused on getting in the house and getting to the people inside.
“When I got home, it really hit me when I started thinking about it. It was pretty amazing. You always read about it but for it to actually happen to me, it was a very good feeling – a very unique feeling. I’ll probably never have that again. When you actually get to save someone’s life, I can’t put into words how it felt when it hit me what I did.”
Carey was hardly the only person to show courage that night a week ago. Another firefighter, Mike Wilson, rescued someone from a second-floor window while one of the residents helped a child and his grandmother out of the house.
Still, it was a proud moment for Carey, whose family’s history as firefighters goes back to his grandfather.
“I would absolutely do it again in a heartbeat,” he said. “I didn’t do anything that anybody else in our department wouldn’t have done in that spot.”
Carey, a former Dover High standout who transferred from Delaware State this year, will be a sophomore infielder for Wesley this spring. Since the fire, he’s already picked up a nickname from his teammates.
Hero.
“They were joking with me,” Carey said with a laugh. “They were like, ‘It was the bottom of the ninth and you came up clutch.’”
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If you are over the age of 70, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows you to make tax-free gifts directly to charity using IRA funds that would otherwise be subject to tax under mandatory withdrawal rules. You may give the amount you are required to withdraw (or any other amount up to a total of $100,000) from a traditional or Roth IRA without concern for deduction limitations, additional taxes on Social Security benefits, state income taxes, or other adverse tax consequence that might otherwise apply.

Currently, this option applies only to gifts completed by December 31, 2007 so don’t delay if this idea is appealing to you.

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