A Legacy of Accomplishment

This spring, as our baseball and golf teams finished extended seasons in the ECAC and NCAA tournaments, respectively, so ended Wesley’s 10-year association with the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC). Beginning this fall, all Wolverine teams—except football—will compete in the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC). The gridders will continue to compete in the ACFC.

This move is extremely positive for the Wolverines, as it places Wesley into a select group of institutions both academically and athletically with better geographic proximity for alumni, collectively stronger academic profiles and commitments to off-the-field performance of student-athletes. The conference also features more modern athletic-fitness facilities and an elevated level of competition. The local rivalry with Salisbury University (MD) will take on a new significance, as will regular competition with St. Mary’s College of Maryland, The University of Mary Washington (VA), Marymount University (VA), Gallaudet University (DC), Hood College (MD), York College (PA), and Villa Julie College (MD).

The success of the College—our overall athletic program, the steady improvement of our facilities, and the growing reputation of our academic programs—led to the decision a year ago to make this move. In recent years we’ve:

- Modernized Wentworth Gymnasium and the Beiser Natatorium
- Constructed the Wesley West Fieldhouse, new tennis courts, fitness center and weight rooms
- Expanded and renovated Wolverine Stadium and Reed Field (baseball)
- Added 11 acres of practice fields
- Added men’s and women’s cross country, women’s lacrosse and volleyball

In addition, the Wesley men’s and women’s track and field club will likely find a home in the CAC, as unlike in the PAC, it is a sponsored sport in the new conference.

We’ll leave the PAC with many enduring memories. Who can forget the golf team winning every match in the PAC during the past 10 years? Or three sport (field hockey, women’s basketball and softball) athlete Nicky Benton garnering practically ever laurel possible in her record-setting career? Or golfer Chris Noll winning the NCAA National Championship and leading the linksters to a national runner-up spot? This legacy of excellence will long remain with us.

As we head off to the CAC this fall, we’ll leave an endless list of memories behind while welcoming the challenges ahead. Wesley is privileged to be joining the CAC, one of the premier NCAA Division III conferences in the nation with countless individual and team national champions. This new relationship reflects both Wesley’s decade of continuous progress and success on and off the field while presenting new challenges for our talented student-athletes and coaches.

If the past is any portent of the future, Wesley athletics can look forward to a decade of success in the CAC every bit as exhilarating as the last has been in the PAC.
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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.

THE WESLEY COLLEGE MISSION

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 5,000 students are enrolled in the School of Arts & Sciences and the MBNA School of Professional Studies of the College (3,210 annual headcount) and the Wesley Collegiate Institute (1,700 in pre-collegiate programs).

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The year was 1933. Old Main sat vacant; its only residents were the 187 pigeons that had made the building’s cupola its home. Few would have imagined that after being closed for nine years, the Wesley Collegiate Institute would experience a resurrection, then flourish and become the Wesley College we know today. This segment in the school’s history, appropriately coined “Rising from the Ashes: Wesley College, 1933-1973,” was the focus of Founder’s Day March 22, 2007.

An annual campus tradition in recent years, Founder’s Day 2007 commemorated the institution’s 134th anniversary and presented an opportunity to share Wesley’s history within the College community. Those familiar with the Wesley story would agree that the phoenix, the mythical bird symbolizing rebirth and triumph over adversity, was a fitting symbol for the period highlighted at this year’s event.

After a welcome from President Miller, Founder’s Day began with a visit from past presidents of Wesley portrayed by local actors. Launching the festivities, the actors portraying Dr. Arthur Jackson, Dr. J. Paul Slaybaugh and Dr. Robert Parker continued the Wesley story from where it ended at last year’s event. They joined Chaplain Dr. Mark Pruett-Barnett, who led a special campus tour for students, faculty, staff and visiting alumni. He provided background information on local architecture, highlighting spots of historical significance along the way.

An elaborate display of archival photos and memorabilia, prepared by student interns from the History Department, provided a visual reminder of the past from 1933 - 1973. Several graduates who attended Wesley at that time helped bring history to life by sharing their personal memories during a special Alumni Panel presentation.

The historical theme for the day was also carried out with a variety of activities reminiscent of the era, including hula hoop contests, slinky races, and a game of stickball in Dashiell Amphitheater. Members of the campus community were given an opportunity to dress up in period costumes ranging from poodle skirts to leisure suits and have their photo taken as a memento.

In addition to paying tribute to the past, the Founder’s Day celebration honored the achievements of present-day faculty, staff and students. A luncheon was held to recognize employees who have provided five to 40 years of loyal service to the College. Many deserving students were honored and presented scholarship awards during the Annual Spring Awards Convocation at the Schwartz Center for the Arts. At this ceremony, Dr. Miller presented President’s Awards for Excellence in Performance to faculty member Dr. Paul Thornton and staff member Adele Foltz.

An evening concert by the Wesley College Choir and senior soloists was a perfect ending to a day that celebrated all that Wesley College and its community members have achieved.
Raising the Bar
President Miller recognized Director of Financial Reporting, Adele Foltz, and Chair and Associate Professor of Business Administration, Dr. Paul C. Thornton, with President’s Awards for Excellence in Performance during the Spring Awards Convocation at the Schwartz Center for the Arts. Foltz and Thornton earned the staff and faculty awards respectively.

Known for her high energy, Adele Foltz began her career at Wesley teaching accounting as an adjunct faculty member. She previously held responsible positions as controller at First Delaware Insurance Company, an accountant with Mitten & Winters in Dover, an auditor for Price Waterhouse in Philadelphia and an instructor for the CPA Review.

As a certified public accountant, she was awarded the prestigious Elijah Watt Sells Award, given each year to the three CPA candidates who attain the highest combined grades of all four sections of the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination. “Adele has certainly raised the bar with regard to financial reporting and is extremely accurate and timely in carrying out her work,” said her supervisor, Vice President for Finance, Eric R. Nelson. He noted that as an integral part of the College’s main database conversion group known as the “Dream Team,” she actively demonstrates her enthusiasm and willingness to work with other areas to ensure a smooth and efficient data and process conversion.

Dr. Thornton is described by President Miller as “donning many hats and wearing them well.” He also elicits accolades from his students, one of whom commented, “he is a fantastic teacher and a fantastic individual.”

His faculty peers honor him for leadership both within and outside his department. First arriving at Wesley in 1997 as an adjunct professor and joining the full-time staff of the College in 2001, Dr. Thornton brought a corporate background and professional expertise in business administration. Teaching a variety of both undergraduate and graduate-level courses in both the day and evening programs, Dr. Thornton has also maintained a strong advising role while serving on a number of College standing committees. Wesley College has benefited enormously from his work with the Academic Technology Task Force, bringing state of the art technology into the classrooms.

In addition, Dr. Thornton has excelled as an advisor to the Black Student Union since 2003, a leader with Wesley’s Corporate Leaders’ Council and coordinator for several major grants. He has also distinguished himself by his service on the Diversity Task Force and Marketing Committee among others.

Lifelong Learner
Dr. Paul Thornton has been appointed Dean of Adult Studies, effective at the end of the spring semester, according to Dr. J. Thomas Sturgis, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

After retiring from the DuPont Company, Dr. Thornton began his association with Wesley College as an adjunct faculty member teaching both on the main campus and in New Castle. He was appointed to a tenure-track position in 2001 and promoted to Associate Professor in 2006.

“In many ways Paul’s career reflects what it means to be an adult learner,” Dr. Sturgis said. “He earned his undergraduate degree from Troy State University while serving in the U.S. Army. His M.B.A. was earned from the University of Rochester. After joining the faculty at Wesley, Paul completed the Ed.D. at the University of Delaware in educational leadership. His dissertation focused on the feasibility of distance education.”

Dr. Thornton has responsibility for all non-traditional programs of the College, including the main campus and off-campus centers at the Dover Air Force Base and New Castle.
Honoring Academic Excellence

Inaugural Scholars’ Day a “Resounding Success”

Drawing upon its 134-year legacy of academic excellence, the College began a new tradition with Scholars’ Day, a celebration of advanced undergraduate research showcasing outstanding scholarship. On this spring afternoon in April 2007, Wesley students became the professors, educating and enlightening the large and diverse audience of faculty, families, fellow students and members of the Dover community.

Developed by the Scholars’ Day Task Force and co-chaired by Dr. Bruce Allison, professor of Environmental Studies, and Dr. Jeffrey Gibson, assistant professor of English, Scholars’ Day was organized around a series of 33 oral and poster presentations covering an array of disciplines including chemistry, physical education, literature and psychology, among others.

“Wesley students and faculty really outdid themselves with this collaboration, representing both themselves and their departments extremely well,” said President Miller, who delivered welcoming remarks.


Most topics began as coursework in presenters’ academic majors, while others resulted from independent research and internships. Students paired with faculty mentors to develop their research into quality presentations on par with those at professional academic conferences.

Presenters were honored at a reception following the day’s final poster session, where they received certificates of participation and mingled with members of the faculty and administration.

“In addition to Wesley’s practice of recognizing scholarship at events such as the Honors Convocation and Commencement, Scholars’ Day enhances Wesley’s tradition of honoring academic excellence by offering students the opportunity to directly exhibit and discuss the results of their directed research,” President Miller added.

Given the resounding success of the inaugural Scholars’ Day, it appears that the Wesley College community can look forward to this new tradition becoming an annual event.
Commitment to Education and Community

D. Wayne Holden, first vice president of investments at Merrill Lynch in Dover, has been elected to a four-year term on the Board of Trustees of Wesley College, Chairman Charles “Chip” R. Dashiell, Jr. recently announced.

“We are delighted to have such a distinguished community leader join the Board of Wesley,” Chairman Dashiell said. “Trustee Holden has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to education and the people of the community in which he lives.”

Holden, a Dover resident, has served in various capacities at Merrill Lynch since 1982. From 1969 - 1982 he was a financial consultant with Dean Witter Reynolds.

Other community and civic affiliations include The Schwartz Center for the Arts, which he currently serves as Vice Chair, the Greater Dover Committee, Hope Foundation, Greater Dover Foundation, WHYY Public Television, Rodel Foundation, Delaware Community Foundation and Bayhealth Development Corporation. In addition, Holden is involved with the State of Delaware Solid Waste Authority, Modern Maturity Center, Kent General Hospital, Delaware Health Planning Resources Council, Kent County Ducks Unlimited and the Nature Conservancy of Delaware. He has received numerous honors for philanthropy and community service.

Athletes of the Year

Wolverine Football All-American Chris Warrick and Field Hockey star Danielle Vincent were named Male and Female Athlete of the Year at the Annual Wesley College Senior Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 19, 2007. Warrick led the Wesley Football team to a 13-1 record and to their second South Region Championship and NCAA Final Four Appearance. Vincent, just a junior, led the Wesley Field Hockey team to a 13-9 record and into the PAC tournament.

Courage and Commitment

Seniors Tyrell Brown (Basketball) and Lisa Lemons (Soccer) were honored with the Shirley Wentworth Memorial Award, given in honor of the late wife of legendary former basketball coach Jim Wentworth. The award recognizes outstanding sportsmanship, work ethic, character, courage and commitment in a student athlete.
New Member to the Board of Trustees

The Rev. Boyd B. Etter, recently elected Dover District Superintendent of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of The United Methodist Church, has joined the Wesley Board of Trustees as an ex-officio member. The Rev. Etter was previously pastor of St. John's United Methodist Church in Seaford, DE. He has served as Annual Conference secretary since 2003. The Rev. Etter will be one of seven clergy members on the Wesley Board of Trustees, according to Charles R. “Chip” Dashiell, Jr., Chair. His appointment comes as a result of the retirement of The Rev. Dr. James T. Seymour as Director of Connectional Ministries at the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Office. The Rev. Dr. Sandra Steiner Ball, will succeed Seymour and Etter will follow Steiner Ball.

Rev. Dr. Seymour will remain as secretary of the College’s Board, a capacity he has held for the past eight years. The Rev. Dr. Steiner Ball will remain a Board member, moving from the ex-officio capacity to a clergy spot on the Board.

In other recent appointments by Bishop Marcus Matthews, Episcopal leader of the Philadelphia area, former Board member and Wesley alumna The Rev. Charlotte A. Nichols has been appointed as Dean of the Bishop’s Cabinet. She has served as the Salisbury District Superintendent.

Wealth of Knowledge

Dr. J. Thomas Sturgis, dean of the MBNA School of Professional Studies and professor of history and education during the 2006-2007 academic year, has been named Vice President for Academic Affairs, President Miller announced.

“Having served in this capacity earlier in his career at Wesley, Dr. Sturgis brings a wealth of knowledge to the position,” said President Miller, “He is highly respected as a professor and administrator, and his leadership will be important as we plan for the future.”

Dr. Sturgis will assume responsibility for the academic component of the College, an area supervised for nearly seven years by Dr. Bette S. Coplan, who retired at the end of the past academic year. The academic department of the College includes: the School of Arts and Sciences, MBNA School of Professional Studies, Adult Studies, Graduate Programs, Parker Library, Global Initiatives and the Student Support Center.

Dr. Sturgis has served Wesley since 1979 in a number of other capacities, including those of dean and associate dean of students, director of graduate studies and department chair. He previously served as assistant dean of students at the University of Kentucky and acting dean of students at Transylvania University (KY).

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Union College, Master of Arts degree from the University of Kentucky and the Doctor of Education degree from Indiana University.
What a Difference a Year Makes!

Global Initiatives Task Force Off and Running at Wesley

A year ago, in fall 2006, Professor of Education Susan A. Cooper, newly appointed to the post of Faculty Associate for Global Initiatives, was eagerly anticipating a new challenge. Recently named to head an interdisciplinary focus group with emphasis on preparing Wesley students to graduate as citizens of a global community, Dr. Cooper outlined her ambitious goals in the fall 2006 Wesley magazine profile.

One year later, with an impressive list of accomplishments behind her, Dr. Cooper enthusiastically awaits the 2007-2008 academic year, one brimming with new goals to infuse global awareness throughout the campus and Wesley curriculum.

“People are actually reluctant to leave,” she says.

Highlights of the year included trips to Chester University near Manchester, England and to the University of Belfast in Northern Ireland with Dean Tom Sturgis. The purpose of these trips was to forge and renew articulation agreements, expand student and faculty exchanges, and broaden summer programs. Drs. Cooper and Sturgis

“IN OUR FIRST YEAR, WE MADE A VERY POWERFUL STATEMENT AND GENERATED A LOT OF EXCITEMENT IN 2007-2008, WE WANT TO INFUSE GLOBAL AWARENESS MORE FULLY ACROSS THE ENTIRE CAMPUS.”
also traveled to Harlaxton College in England to formulate an articulation agreement with a United Methodist Church-partnered consortium led by the University of Evansville, Indiana. The Harlaxton Manor program is uniquely tailored for American students interested in an international forum without the necessity of an additional language skill. It is an ideal introduction to the larger world.

While the goal of Wesley’s new global initiatives goes well beyond that of exchanges with foreign institutions, Dr. Cooper hopes that this groundwork will result in more travel abroad possibilities for Wesley students and faculty, which could materialize as early as the 2008-2009 academic year.

“We would like to ease some out of their comfort zones, a necessary step for personal growth,” she emphasizes.

This July, she traveled to Japan with three other Wesley faculty colleagues, Dr. Peter Angstadt, Dr. Bill Kroen and Professor Marilyn Johnson to the University of Miyagi, where they presented to their faculty peers, as a prelude to faculty teaching exchanges with Wesley College.

Closer to home, the task force is again sponsoring a fall dialogue on cultural sensitivity, open to the entire Wesley community, and monthly “brown bag” lunches on “hot topics” relating to global awareness.

Dr. Cooper is encouraged by the many “incremental” steps that the community is taking to learn and grow together, and especially by involvement on the part of students and faculty who haven’t participated in the past.

“‘It’s not any one big event that I’m most proud of,’” she says when reflecting on her first year as chair of the task force. “While my name is on the door, this has really been a campuswide effort.”

“Rather than making just one big splash, we’ve been instrumental-along with others-in helping change the climate on campus.”

Bringing the World to Wesley
In April, President Scott D. Miller greeted Governor Mura of the Miyagi Prefecture, Japan, at the Annie J. Cannon House. The Executive Vice President/Provost, Dr. Bette S. Coplan, the Academic Deans, Dr. Paul deGategno and Dr. Tom Sturgis, joined Governor Mura and his delegation of educators and civic leaders for breakfast. Members of the Global Initiatives Leadership Committee led by Faculty Associate, Dr. Susan Cooper, also attended. A student member of the committee, Ashana Singh, welcomed them in their native language.

The opportunity to converse with peers from Japan provided a forum for considering future collaborations with the Miyagi visitors. The partnership continued in July when representative faculty from Wesley College traveled to Japan to share expertise in their disciplines. This exchange of ideas will foster the alliance as it strengthens the global outreach of the Wesley College community.
A new member of the President's Cabinet, William (Bill) Firman joined the Wesley team in February of this year as Dean of Enrollment Management, a new College position. He previously served two institutions with very similar admissions philosophies. Most recently, he was Director of Graduate Admissions at Philadelphia University. A native of Philadelphia, he'll be relocating permanently to Townsend, DE, later this year along with his wife and 5 1/2-year-old twins - a son and a daughter.

In the last decade, the College's annual undergraduate enrollment has nearly doubled, from 1,743 in 1997-1998 to 2,840 in 2006-2007. During the same period, total enrollment including non-traditional and graduate students has grown from 1,842 in 1997-1998 to 3,210 last year. We talked with Bill about Wesley's enrollment management strategy, trends and future plans.

Q. Bill, as you know, Wesley’s enrollment has more than doubled in the last decade to a record 3,210 traditional, non-traditional and graduate students in 2006-2007. What factors do you think have contributed to this phenomenal track record of success?

A. The College's tremendous investment in infrastructure in the last ten years has made Wesley a very desirable place at which to enroll. Tuition is at a manageable level-representing one of the most affordable college investments in the entire region. In addition, Wesley has been very successful at communicating our story to prospective students through direct mail and technologies such as telecounseling, leading students to us who might not have heard about the College otherwise.

Q. Along with the numbers, the College has also enhanced its selectivity. Can you sustain this momentum?

A. By reaching out to prospects in a five-state area who might not have previously heard of Wesley, we have broadened our applicant pool. And by expanding our reach, we have therefore been able to raise standards and to be more selective. As to the future, while the college age population is expected to drop nationally, I’m confident with its strong marketing tools and infrastructure, that Wesley College has a bright future. That being said, we need to continue to be aggressive in our approach to recruiting.

Q. Does Wesley plan to grow significantly larger?

A. That depends upon your definition of “growth.” Some other institutions have become so enamored of growth that they have grown beyond that which is reasonable as far as sustainability goes, with little or no strategic planning. Therefore, in light of these projected trends, I would not be surprised if some institutions find themselves with half-filled, newly constructed residence halls over the next ten years.

Wesley College, on the other hand, has planned long-term growth as opposed to just throwing buildings up, and therefore, I believe we can sustain the current growth levels. Also, while I do hope to grow our long-term residential population, I wouldn't want to grow beyond what we can provide, thereby jeopardizing Wesley's culture of personal instruction; “you’re a name, not a number at Wesley,” is and will continue to be a strong selling point.

Much of our opportunity lies in the areas of evening and graduate admissions, where we have ability to grow at a healthy rate.

Q. The four largest majors at Wesley, in order of enrollment, are currently business, education, psychology and nursing. Do you see this mix changing significantly in the coming years?

A. I see the same mix, though not necessarily in the same order. In addition, I think the disciplines of the environmental sciences and biology will become increasingly popular as consciousness about our environment continues to grow. To fill that need, the next generation will have a
whole host of challenges that we cannot necessarily predict today. Wesley College is well positioned to respond to these needs as they develop. The ability to respond to the market is a better benchmark of the health of an institution than any short-term enrollment growth.

Q. What do you see as the major opportunities for Wesley?
A. As I’ve mentioned, we must continue to highlight our affordability and value. In addition, to be able to capitalize on the opportunity to grow the evening and graduate programs, we’ve added a Director of Graduate Admissions and a new Dean of Adult Studies, Paul Thornton, who will add needed expertise to that area. There is some opportunity, especially in rural communities of our service area, to attract more home-schooled students. We can continue to make our campus even more commuter-friendly – that’s an area in which we can expand without a large capital investment.

Overall, Wesley’s most impressive opportunity is its right-sizing: small and agile enough to adjust to market trends - and large enough to deliver a strong educational product for students and families, who are fast becoming very savvy to the educational product.

Q. What threats loom on the horizon?
A. Four-year college admissions officers across the country are watching the rise of enrollment at community colleges; in Delaware, certainly the SEED program offering a community college education to everyone who meets the grade criteria, is something that we’re watching. Wesley is more fortunate than many because our tuition is below that of most competitors. In addition, we need to continue to grow the Wesley brand at our New Castle, DE, campus because the market there is very competitive. Proprietary education from such distance competitors as Phoenix has not materialized as a major threat to our traditional undergraduate markets, but they do represent a challenge to our adult/non-traditional programs.

Q. How has the Internet/digital revolution transformed best practice in college admission?
A. Where should I start? As alumni know, this generation of college prospects knows only the Internet as a resource – and it goes well beyond just having a glitzy website. To appeal to a generation where everything is digital, colleges have to provide easily accessible information in an entertaining format. We have to make use of such techniques as virtual open houses, chat rooms and blogs to tell our story.

Although we’ll continue to publish a viewbook for families and referral sources, we will be looking for ways to add a live component to a new webpage controlled by the Office of Admissions that will allow applicants to read blogs from current and former students and check the status of their application in real time, among other things. Electronic databases also allow us to sort prospective students by things such as major, GPA and place of residence. That, in turn, permits us to target our audience effectively through direct mail. This spring, for example, we sent about 100,000 postcards on heavy card stock to prospective 2008 freshmen. This “Web card” displayed a picture of a cellphone with an indicator that the student has received one message from Wesley College. On the reverse side of the card are instructions for the respondents to go to their own personalized Wesley website where they’ll find links to the 15 most frequently visited sites on the College site.

In just one month, 1,700 students have already logged on to their own personal webpage, which gives them a one-stop, bookmarked area where they can learn more about Wesley without needing to navigate the entire College website.

Q. How can alumni help to support the Wesley admission process?
A. Alumni represent our number one resource. There are many ways that they can provide support. I’d like to see participation in the annual fund increase, because that will enable Wesley to continue to manage our tuition accordingly. Beyond giving, alumni can help by agreeing to contact successful students directly and by staffing college fairs – it’s very helpful, especially for families, to talk with successful alumni and see our outcomes first-hand. We’ve also started a direct mail series written by alumni from different fields, and I’d like to continue to expand our alumni admission program as well.

Q. How is the admissions picture looking for this fall?
A. As I speak (in early June), most slots are filled, and strong retention is also boosting the total enrollment picture. While we won’t keep setting record enrollments every year, I’m confident that we will be at full capacity when the fall begins.
President Miller committed recently to sharply reducing and eventually eliminating all of the College’s global warming emissions, while accelerating the research and educational efforts to equip society to re-stabilize the earth’s climate.

The pledge came with Wesley’s signing of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, joining the leaders of 198 other institutions across the country.

“This pledge gives us a chance to become part of the solution to global warming, a defining challenge of our time,” said President Miller. “Human activities are responsible for the problem, and working together humans have the capacity to solve the problem. That means taking serious action today to stop adding global warming pollution to the atmosphere. Wesley is committed to leading the way.” He added that Wesley, in a covenant relationship with the United Methodist Church, takes its stewardship of the natural environment seriously as part of its mission.

“The challenge of being good stewards of our natural environment encompasses exciting new opportunities to engage students and faculty in dialogue and community-building. It also enables us to consider strengthening existing community partnerships and perhaps, fostering new synergistic initiatives around this issue,” President Miller continued.

The College currently offers Bachelor and Master’s of Science degrees in environmental science, the latter tailored to employed adults.

President Miller has formed a campus commission that will create a comprehensive institutional action plan to move towards climate neutrality. In addition, Wesley will take steps to adopt green standards for buildings, pursue energy efficient travel, explore purchasing energy and supplies from renewable sources, and develop a plan for recycling.

These efforts build on Wesley’s ongoing commitment to sustainability, including:

- Bachelor and Master’s of Science degrees in environmental science
- A campus commission to create an institutional action plan
- Adoption of green standards for buildings
- Pursuit of energy efficient travel
- Exploration of purchasing energy and supplies from renewable sources
- Development of a plan for recycling
• Requiring ENERGY STAR certification for products purchased by the college.
• Wesley’s contract service for physical plant, housekeeping, maintenance and food services is Aramark Corporation of Philadelphia. They are committed to climate neutrality and being a “green” company.

The Presidents Climate Commitment is the first such effort by any major sector of society to set climate neutrality - not just a reduction - as its target. This undertaking by America’s colleges and universities is inspired by efforts like the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, the U.S. Climate Action Partnership and other collective efforts by states and businesses. 

“Colleges and universities must lead the effort to reverse global warming for the health and well-being of current and future generations,” said Michael Crow, President of Arizona State University and a founding member of the ACUPCC Leadership Circle. “On behalf of all the signatories, I welcome President Miller to the commitment; we are honored and pleased to have him join us.”

The American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment is a high-visibility effort to address global warming by garnering institutional commitments to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions, and to accelerate the research and educational efforts of higher education to equip society to re-stabilize the earth’s climate. Under the guidance and direction of the Leadership Circle of presidents, the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment is being supported and implemented by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), Second Nature, and ecoAmerica.

Learn more at: www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org.

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THE CROWD WAS ROARING, WITH CONFETTI FLYING, BULLHORNS BLOWING AND THE BAND PLAYING THE TRIUMPHAL “POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE” MARCH FOR COMMENCEMENT 2007; A BEAUTIFUL AND JOYFUL AFFAIR FOR 229 WESLEY COLLEGE GRADUATES, FRIENDS, FAMILIES AND THE ENTIRE WESLEY COLLEGE COMMUNITY.
As guests screamed the names of loved ones, graduates basked in every bit of the attention at the May 5 ceremony in Wolverine Stadium. Board of Trustees Chairman Charles R. Dashiell, Jr., began with the invocation, followed by graduate Amber Taylor singing the National Anthem at her second consecutive Commencement.

Garbed in colorful colonial-era attire for his participation in Olde Dover Days, U.S. Senator Thomas R. Carper shared an invigorating story of Vietnam War veteran, Charlie Plum, and described how his life was saved by a parachute and how one person can affect the life of another.

“Go out there, pack some parachutes, and be happy,” Carper counseled new Wesley alumni.

In his rousing send-off address, President Scott D. Miller urged graduates to “take time to enjoy your well earned success” and to “create your own luck.”

“Learn not to be busy for its own sake, and never confuse passion with financial success,” he added.

President Miller introduced principal Commencement speaker Alan B. Levin, chairman and chief executive officer of Happy Harry’s Pharmacy and Wesley Board member.

“Success is about performance…attitude as well as aptitude is up to us,” Levin said.

“Success is meaningful, but key principles and morals are vital in a harsh and challenging world,” he added.

“Live your principles…that is your true mission statement.”

A Tulane University and Widener University School of Law graduate, Levin was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD) from the College at the end of his remarks.

Student speaker Monica Scott dedicated her speech to those who encouraged her success and endeavors throughout her academic years, including faculty member Dr. Flora Hessling and Wesley Residence Life Director Lakia Jackson.

“Every graduate here today will serve a purpose,” Scott affirmed. Her uplifting words were placed in the context of a poem dedicated to encouraging the Wesley College community and those who made her higher education possible.

Dr. Miller presented awards to two outstanding graduates, Bachelor of Science recipient Robin D. Smith and Master of Science recipient Joyce Hill. Senior Class President Melissa Cameron presented the
Class of 2007 gift, a $600 scholarship for an incoming freshman who possesses excellent leadership skills and who plans to continue on that path during his or her years at Wesley College.

Wesley Chaplain Dr. Mark Pruett-Barnett concluded with a benediction that lifted the spirits of many graduates who couldn’t believe that the day had finally come and ended so quickly, just as their years had at Wesley.

The traditional Baccalaureate in Wesley College Chapel, featuring an outstanding speech by student leader and political science major Samantha Smith, kicked off Commencement weekend on May 4.

The President’s Reception at the Annie J. Cannon House and the Nursing Pinning at The Schwartz Center for the Arts in downtown Dover wrapped up Commencement-related festivities.
NURSING...
FIRST CLASS

SIXTEEN RECENT NURSING GRADUATES, pinned as the first to earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Wesley College in May 2007, symbolize the momentum and progress of the Nursing Program today. “These well educated pioneers, with the courage to come into a new program and transition through the changes, face exciting times in nursing,” says Dr. Lucille Gambardella, professor and chair of the Department of Nursing.
The growth of the Nursing Program at Wesley College is reflected in its long history of accomplishments. The National League of Nursing (NLN) first accredited the Associates Degree program in 1969. Since then, a Master of Science in Nursing degree has been developed, and in 2003, the department began to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. This development was in response to an increased demand for nurses and the growing emphasis on community-based care.

In the last four decades, the Department of Nursing has developed a tradition of excellence and innovation. Wesley College became the first higher education institution in Delaware to offer the RN-MSN career mobility model in a graduate nursing program, post-masters certificates in parish nursing and nursing education and nurse entrepreneurship opportunities.

Among the department’s awards are accolades for work in safe patient handling by the American Nurses Association as well as recognition for its creative curriculum design in palliative care by the American Association of Colleges and Nursing/City of Hope Initiative for End of Life Care.

“Through these health promotion experiences, our students are recognized for the qualities of leadership and service and are provided with excellent opportunities for community health learning concepts’ application,” says Karen Panunto, professor of nursing.

Beyond these accolades, what sets the Wesley nursing student apart is found in day-to-day coursework. “Wesley College students begin their clinical experience in the first semester. We have small classes with the ability to provide more individualized attention to our students, and we have a skilled, practiced faculty,” says Dr. Gambardella.

Wesley credits most of the Nursing Program’s success to its dedicated faculty with a commitment to remain current in the field, providing strong teaching while demonstrating working role models with extensive clinical expertise. Students benefit from the faculty’s familiarity with statewide clinical sites and staff when they are in clinical rotations at area hospitals and health care agencies.

The nursing pin is a 1,000-year old symbol of service to others. This tradition was carried on at Wesley College’s first baccalaureate pinning ceremony at The Schwartz Center for the Arts, where Dr. Gambardella proudly adorned each new graduate.

BSN Program Director and Professor of Nursing Nancy Rubino presented Malinda Kragh with the “Spirit of Nursing Award,” given to a graduate who exemplifies the spirit of nursing through community and professional involvement, leadership and academic excellence. Dr. Rubino also presented the title “Keeper of the Light” to outstanding student Jamie Bartsch, who among her peers, has demonstrated the characteristics of professionalism: altruism, accountability, excellence, duty and honor.

Bartsch led the traditional “Lighting of the Lamps,” a ceremony symbolizing the profession’s commitment to the task of assuring the continuous progress and improvement of nursing. Bartsch will return for the next pinning ceremony to pass the “light” to succeeding nursing graduates.

“Keeper of the Light is such an honor because it’s not based on academics but the degree of professionalism. Your classmates vote for who has the art and the science of nursing. To be the first Keeper of the Light is very special,” said Bartsch. With the celebration of its first baccalaureate class, the Wesley College Nursing Program looks to the future.

“The successful National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission visit in February 2007 will allow us to continue to recruit top quality students, and our success in receiving grant monies will permit us to obtain the necessary technology needed to enhance students’ learning,” Dr. Gambardella emphasized.

After these milestones, the Nursing Department will continue to grow by exploring new tracks for the graduate nursing degree program, initiating online course offerings for the post masters certificate programs, and expanding to the Wesley New Castle campus.
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From the playing fields of the Maseno School in Kenya, where he was a member of the 2001 High School Rugby National Championship Team, to his involvement in the chemistry research projects at Wesley College, Arnold O. Omondi has distinguished himself. In fall 2007 he will head to Washington, D.C. on a comprehensive, all-expense paid scholarship to complete his clinical experience at the Washington Hospital Center/George Washington University, a prerequisite for a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology from Wesley.

The first in his family to attend college, Arnold grew up “beside the sprawling Kibera slums - among the largest, most materially destitute swaths of urban land on all of planet earth.” He recalls, “I was exposed from a young age to the terrors of malnutrition, illiteracy, disease, violence, and even death.”

“What has been the most challenging experience of your journey?”

“Arnold has become a member of our family, a second son,” Sheryl says.

“He has since earned several honors including the Harry M. Warren Award. Additionally, he was recognized in 2004 by the Delaware State Senate, Resolution 23 for his work as a peer tutor, a program using specially trained second-year students to assist others in becoming familiar with Delaware Technical and Community College. The math department faculty at Delaware Tech was so impressed with his peer tutoring that they created an adjunct faculty position for Arnold. Now at Wesley, he has been a math and chemistry tutor, served as an environmental science lab technician and as a research assistant in the NIH INBRE program within the Department of Science.

Arriving in Delaware four years ago, a 20-year-old in a foreign land, Arnold had just enough money from family and friends in Nairobi to attend two semesters of college. He was confronted with an extraordinary array of difficulties - no car, no license, and difficulty in understanding spoken American English. Although he also speaks French and Luo, his first language is Swahili.

“I carried the expectations of everyone back home in Kenya on my shoulders,” he says of this daunting time.

“Friends have encouraged me, have told me to keep working hard, that this is a very special thing can happen here. The wounds of my own people. After the war, it has rapidly become a reality. Through it all, he survived and finally thrived by focusing on his dream: “to alleviate the physical suffering of those who need not hurt.” In time, Arnold’s once distant dream of getting a college degree rapidly became a reality.

At Wesley, he began to form a vision of himself as an American trained medical practitioner who returns to his family’s ancestral home in Western Kenya to dress the wounds of his own people. After graduating in spring 2008, Arnold plans to earn a Master’s Degree in Public Health.

He still faces challenges. With a family that buys and sells second-hand clothes to support themselves, Arnold wonders how he will find financing to achieve his dream.

“Friends have encouraged me, have told me to keep working hard, that this is America, that this country is different, that very special things can happen here. My high school motto still drives me to unearth the best in me: (In Swahili) “Kinda piny emanyalo gimoro” - “Perseverance shall win through.”
“There are days when the stress levels are off the charts,” admits Curt F. Hahn ’96, about the demands of his business. Since graduating from Wesley, Hahn has gone on to become the owner and manager of City Source, Inc., a litigation and reprographic support service near Center City, Philadelphia.
The firm employs a staff of 18 that serves some of the area’s largest law firms and corporations including Comcast, DuPont, Ernst and Young, Wyeth Pharmaceutical, Sunoco and GlaxoSmithKline.

In 1995 City Source, Inc. was voted one of the “small businesses to watch” by the Philadelphia Business Journal.

Providing document management and support to some of the Mid-Atlantic region’s largest law firms, City Source, Inc. is a 24-7 operation. Hahn explains, “We deal with all types of projects from small to large” sometimes requiring several U-Haul trucks to deliver as many as 500 or more boxes of trial documents.

“There’s a lot at stake, large sums of money with some of these big trials,” Hahn continues. “We have often received a call at midnight with a request for documents to be at the courthouse by 8:30 a.m.”

Wesley’s 2006 “Young Alumnus of the Year,” Hahn visits campus as often as his personal and business schedules permit. A former standout football player, he juggles return visits to Wolverine Stadium with athletic events of his three children. He was in the stands for Wesley’s quarterfinal playoff match last year. With Wesley joining the Capital Athletic Conference in 2007, he looks forward to attending games close to home against Widener and Delaware Valley College.

Like so many of our outstanding scholar-athletes, Hahn was recruited by Head Coach Mike Drass for Wesley’s football team, playing all four years and elected captain for two. As a member of the ECAC championship-winning Wolverines in 1993, he was voted All-American in his junior and senior years and in 1995, was named Most Valuable Player and was also honored with the prestigious Joseph Murray Memorial Award.

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“Being a member of the ECAC championship team was just huge for me,” he remembers, “The only other time I had been a member of a championship squad was when I was 10 or 11 in Pop Warner Football.”

He has carried his competitive spirit and sense of adventure from the turf of Wolverine Stadium to his entrepreneurial success, saying, “Every day is a challenge, you never know what the day is going to throw at you. To me, that is the best part—the unknown.”

Today, a decade after graduating, the Wesley family continues to be very much a part of this young alum’s extended community. Hahn stays in close touch with former classmates and in fact, his wife, Jennifer (Rutherford), is a 1996 alumna from Wesley’s nursing program. The couple has three children—two daughters, Taylor Ann, 7, and Shelby, 4, and a son, Austin, 2. They live in Jamison, PA, where they recently restored a home that was originally built by his grandparents, making them the third generation of their family to occupy the house. Hahn’s mother, Carol Ann, lives with them.

An occasional guest is Coach Drass, with whom Hahn is still frequently in touch by phone and e-mail.

“I have been inspired and awed by Drass ever since I first met him, when he recruited me as a high school student,” Hahn remembers, praising Drass as a man who “follows through on every promise he makes.”

“When he is in our area, he loves to stop by for his favorite meal—my mother’s homemade potato salad and a nice grilled steak,” Hahn adds.

The parents of this young alumnus—his mother, Carol Ann, and his late father, Carl—were also loyal supporters of Wesley College, never once missing a Wesley football game during the four years their son played.

“In fact, they never missed a single athletic contest in which either my brother or I competed, all through our growing-up years,” Hahn remembers. His brother, Carl, participated in several track and field events at the University of Virginia.

In memory of his father, who passed away in April 2004, the family recently donated funds for the impressive new digital scoreboard at Wolverine Stadium, site of so many meaningful memories and triumphs.

“It makes me feel really good to attend games and to see that scoreboard, because Wesley and Wesley football was not only an important part of my life, but also a huge part of my parents’ lives as well,” he concludes.
DOUGLAS VAN SANT reports that on June 30, he ended his five-year term as member of the Capital School District Board of Education in Dover and chose not to seek a second term. During his term, Doug was instrumental in completing a district-wide building renovation project, reorganizing the district’s business office, drafting a growth Master Plan and most recently, the purchase of land for a proposed new Dover High School. He continues to serve as a member of the Legislative Staff of the Delaware House of Representatives and is giving some thought to a sequel to his popular book “Hometown,” reminiscences of a 1940s Dover, Delaware childhood. Doug’s son, Doug Jr., who attended Wesley his freshman year ’92 -’93 and is a Shenandoah University alumnus, is now Content Manager for the online publications of AARP in Washington, D.C. His wife, Coast Guard Lt. Kelly Tongol Van Sant, will be joining him in Washington this summer.

CLARENCE MARTIN reports that he is a retired public school teacher but still has three part-time jobs—one as an Educational Therapist, another as a state certified behind-the-wheel instructor for AAA and the third as a tutor. Clarence and his wife celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on June 12. They have one son who lives in Seattle, another son in Ohio and their daughter lives in Lititz, PA where Clarence and his wife reside in their custom-built home of 36 years. He can be reached at 846 Orchard Road, Lititz, PA 17543.

RUTH ANN (PLITT) MILLER was recently honored for her many hours of volunteering as an usher at the Schwartz Center for the Arts in Dover. During the past year, the Schwartz Center hosted more than 300 events with more than 36,000 guests and collectively, the volunteer ushers logged 2,096 hours. All the volunteers were recognized this spring at a special luncheon at the home of Wesley President and Schwartz Center Chair, Dr. Scott Miller. Ruth Ann enjoys her volunteer work and being a continuing part of the Wesley community.

BARBARA (POWELL) GIBSON writes, “We have just returned from the Canadian Rockies and now are looking forward to our Class Reunion in October. I am working in an insurance office and my husband is retired, and loving it! We have 2 boys; one is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and the other is employed by Elwyn in Media, PA”

DON FISHER wrote in to share an update. He has been married to the same girl, Margel, for 43 years. He writes, “We have raised three successful young men who are now making their own successes.” Oldest son Don was married for over 15 years before he passed away on March 13, 2007 from a short bout with lung cancer, leaving a wife, Ellen, who is an author (see www.ellenfisher.com) and four children -- Victoria, 11; Elizabeth, 8; William, 6 and Edward, 2. They live just south of Richmond. Their next son, Tony, is a family physician and is married to Tracy and has two boys -- Noah, 5 and Tyler, 3. They live in Suffolk, VA. David and his wife Leslie live in Harrisonburg, VA, where David is a Virginia State Trooper. Leslie just graduated from James Madison University and they have no children. Don and Margel have lived in Virginia Beach for the last 25 years. After leaving Wesley, Don went on to get his BS degree in accounting from American University. For the next 10 years, he worked with what is now known as Ernst & Young and left there in 1976 to become the Chief Financial Officer of New Virginia Bancorporation until it was acquired by Virginia National Bank, prompting a move from Northern Virginia to the Hampton Roads area. After several mergers and a name change to Sovran Financial Corporation, Don became Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer. He left after the merger with NCNB, now Bank of America, and became President and COO of Essex Savings Bank in Emporia, VA. After his company merged the three banks in different states, Don became Executive VP in charge of Human Resources and Information Technology at the branches in Virginia, North Carolina and Florida. After 3-4 years, Don switched businesses and is now a Financial Advisor with Virginia Asset Management. He is also a CPA and has worked on several boards, including the Cavalier Golf & Yacht Club, Hampton Roads Chapter of the Financial Executives Institute, Society of Financial Services Professionals, and Tidewater Council of the Boy Scouts of the America. In addition, Don is an Eagle Scout with a Bronze Palm, Pro Deo et Patria religious award and Order of the Arrow. He writes, “I would love to find my old roommate, Bob Hirsch, and other dear friends I made at Wesley - Jim Laur, Terry Willey.”
WESLEY ’66 CLASS OF
DAVID DEVONSHIRE reports that he is currently EVP and CFO of Motorola, Inc., but will be retiring at the end of the year. After Wesley, David graduated from Widener University then the Kellogg School at Northwestern University. He writes, “I’m married to Lidia (an attorney) and we’re making lots of progress in raising 5 children—one is even married, also to an attorney—HELP! Looking forward to serving on Public Co. Boards and perhaps doing some private equity and playing golf. Hope everyone is doing well!”

WESLEY ’67 CLASS OF
ALLEN MUSHETT has moved to Rensselaer, Indiana, built a new home, and settled in with his wife Lela, son Brad, and grandson Brayden. He is owner/president of Jasper County Anesthesia. Allen writes, “I still recall fondly the great times at Wesley College, especially the wrestling team. I could not give it up, and wrestled until I was 44 years old. When my son started playing sports, soccer became his love, so I got into coaching that…and loved it. We went from nothings to central Illinois U16 champions, and U17 champions. I also formed/coached a junior college program at Danville Area Community College.” Allen also did 25 years of active and reserve duty with the USAF, retiring as a Lt/Col. in 1991, after serving in Desert Storm. He was stationed in Saudi Arabia, as medical support for the F-117 (The Stealth Bomber) crews and support personnel. He retired from a level 1 trauma hospital in Illinois to a much smaller, slower paced hospital to hopefully ease into retirement. He is keeping busy with such activities as Rotary Club (president), Lion’s Club (vice president), American Legion, and VFW, as well as community volunteer work. Allen would like to hear from any old classmates and/or wrestling buddies and can be contacted at mushett@yahoo.com or (219) 866-5007.

WESLEY ’69 CLASS OF
CAROL (SAMWORTH) EWING reports that a group of Budd Hall friends recently gathered for their semi-annual Girls Weekend. They enjoyed the weekend in the north Jersey home of SANDY (STREET) SEGRETO. They would love to hear from any of their old Budd/Carpenter Hall friends!

WESLEY ’70 CLASS OF
TIM TREW will be retiring as Director of MIS for the NJ Compensating Rating & Inspection - Department of Banking and Insurance, as of August 1, 2007. Tim and wife Jane are building a home in Fredericksburg, VA and will retire there.

WESLEY ’72 CLASS OF
PARASKEVI “VOULA” HATJOPOULOS wrote in to say that she would love to hear from her old Wesley friends. She has retired from Olympic Airways after 12,550 hours of flying time! For the past six years, she has been working for a publishing company in Athens.

WESLEY ’78 CLASS OF
PATRICK “SMUTLEY” O’DONNELL has been a full-time stand-up comedian for close to 20 years. In 1992, he won $10,000 on ABC’s America’s Funniest People. He has appeared on A&E’s Comedy on the Road with John Byner and Comedy Central’s STAND-UP STAND-UP. Patrick works the clubs and corporate shows across the eastern seaboard and is a regular at Comedy Stops in Las Vegas and Atlantic City. He also has sold jokes to Jay Leno and the Tonight Show. Patrick has been trying to maintain his comedy career while being a “Mr. Mom” for his two sons, born in ’96 and ’98. Patrick and wife Yvette just celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary and the two boys just made honor roll. Patrick jokes, “They take after their Mom.” He also invites any of his old buds who remember SMUTLEY’S PLACE to check out Smut on YouTube by searching patcomic (one word). Or go to his website at www.patrickodonnellcomedy.com

WESLEY ’82 CLASS OF
DR. ROCHELLE DAVIS DELAIN and her husband Ronald are proud to announce the birth of their son, Isaiah Nathaniel Delain. He was born April 17, 2007 and weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz.
SHARON M. MILLS-WISNESKI ’79/’85 has completed her post-doctoral research fellow in Women’s Health Disparities at the University of Michigan-School of Nursing. She has accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Nursing at Oakland University located in Rochester, MI. Sharon will be teaching on the graduate level and will continue to develop her research in African American breast cancer survivorship, Quality of life, post-treatment. She recently received word that, as a result of her research study, the abstract entitled “African American Breast Cancer Survivors: Perceptions of Quality of Life Post-Treatment” will be presented at the 2007 Minority Women’s Health Summit August 23-26 in Washington, D.C. This summit for Women of Color will address disparities, affirming resilience and developing strategies for success.

LINDA KUCHER (FORMERLY LINDA TRACY) wrote in to report that she has been living in Georgia for the past five years. Linda is an Associate Professor of Nursing at Gordon College in Barnesville, GA.

Since graduation, DEREK FINCH has held marketing and product management positions, including Lucent, Telesciences and Raritan Computer. He has been married to wife Diane nearly 14 years and they have twin daughters—Erika and Dina, age 12. They live in Lumberton, NJ. Derek writes, “I’d like to say hello to Bill Rohrman, Jamie Fisher and all the rest of the Phi Kaps of the late ’80’s. I would also like to recognize one of Wesley’s all-time greatest professors, who is now retired. I hope you’re doing great, Professor Higgins. Some of my Wesley friends will remember my interest in racquetball. I’ve continued to do well in tournaments around the Mid-Atlantic. I’ve also taken an interest in cooking and have a successful competitive barbecue team. www.pitcrewbarbq.com.”

A graduate of the School of Nursing, JULIE (MCCREA) SWANSON now has three girls—Mary Kate, age 8; Elizabeth, age 6; and Kiersten, 7 months old. Julie lives in Atlanta, GA. Her address is 6180 Rivercliffe Dr. Atlanta, GA 30328 and phone number is 404-303-0868.

Friends CHRISTY (SHERWOOD) WARD ’90, HEATHER (CAMERON) TREML ’90, LAURIE (LEITZELL) CHERTOW ’87 gathered to celebrate Heather’s 40th surprise birthday party held April 27, 2007. All three are successful business owners with their spouses: Christy owns a coffee/ice cream shop “Coffee and Cream”, Heather a mechanical construction company, “Delcard Associates, Inc.” and Laurie, “Ken Chertow Gold Medal Training Wrestling Camp System”. The threesome will also get together later this summer in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

WESLEY ’89 CLASS OF

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Since graduation, TODD SCHAEFER and his wife, Nicole, are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Maisie Schaefer. She was born on February 16, 2007. Todd and Nicole are also the proud parents of Kaden Schaefer, who was born April 14, 2005. Todd is currently a Federal Agent in Indianapolis, IN with the United States Probation Office. However, he has recently been promoted and will be working in Philadelphia, PA beginning in June 2007.

WESLEY ’90 CLASS OF

WESLEY ’88 CLASS OF

WESLEY ’85 CLASS OF
Laura (Kurowski) Nadel and husband Joe Nadel ’97 proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Alexia Grace Nadel. Born on May 23, 2006, Alexia weighed 10 pounds and was 23 inches long. She is the couple’s first child.

Rebecca G. Turner and G. Frederik Finberg were united in marriage December 16, 2006 at the Quakertown United Methodist Church in Quakertown, PA. The bride was presented in marriage by her family and escorted by her brother Joshua Turner ’03 of Dover, DE. Miss Katherine Stineman was maid of honor and Julie Matlaga ’00 was a bridesmaid. Wade Trexler served as best man with Prashant Goel as a groomsman. Following the ceremony, guests attended a candle-lit dinner in the newlyweds’ home.

Rebecca is currently finishing a Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science from Drexel University. Her husband is a 2000 graduate from the University of Delaware with a Master’s in Mechanical Engineering. The couple is living in Quakertown, PA. Rebecca can be reached at beckytfinberg@yahoo.com.

Scott Scognamillo recently got engaged to Jenny Golding from Hampton Bays, NY. Scott was a Political Science major at Wesley and has been working at Smith Barney in Roseland, NJ since April 2000. Jenny works in New York City at an apparel packaging company. They live together in Parsippany, NJ and are planning a September 2008 wedding. Scott would like to hear from past classmates and can be reached via email at scognamillo@optonline.net.

Pat Woods and wife Brandi are new parents to a baby boy, Malachi Jacob Woods. Malachi was born April 20, 2007. He was 6 lbs., 12 oz. and 21 inches long. Pat writes, “He is awesome!”

Carin Trocchia wrote in to report that she bought her house in 2005 and remains single. Carin has been employed as a high school art teacher for the past 10 years. Her email address is skyteddy@yahoo.com.

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IN MEMORIAM

Richard West ’75
James Amoruso ’05
Sophia Carrillo
(Daughter of Tara Carrillo ’95)
Warrick is a “Success” in any Language.

Record setting Wesley quarterback, Chris Warrick ’07, is off to a strong start playing for the Franken Knights of the German Football League (GFL), at the top of their division as of June 1. In his standout career at Wesley College, Warrick set almost every Wolverine and ACFC passing record, completing 737 passes of 1,334 attempts for 10,542 yards while throwing for an unprecedented 100 touchdowns.

Picking up right where he left off at Wesley College, Warrick threw for nearly 600 yards and five touchdowns in the Knights’ first three games.

He and the Knights face a 14-game regular season and possibly two playoff games. In the GFL, each team is allowed to have four Americans on the roster, but only two are allowed on the field at any given time.

Warrick is living in Rothenburg ob der Tauber and he is enjoying time in Germany. “The experience has been nothing but positive, and the food is amazing! No restaurant chains; it’s all Mom and Pop shops,” Warrick said. He plans to see more of Europe while he is there; he is particularly excited to visit the Czech Republic and Spain.

Warrick’s success comes as no surprise. While at Wesley, he started 48 consecutive games, leading the Wolverines to a 39-9 record, two ACFC & South Region championships and back-to-back appearances in the National Semifinals. In the 2006-2007 season, Warrick was named d3football.com South Region “Player of the Year,” 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. The strong-armed quarterback led Wesley to an undefeated regular season and a 13-1 overall record in 2006-2007, in which the Wesley College offense averaged 36.9 points per game, ranking it 8th nationally of 229 Division III teams.
After 10 years as members of the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC), Wesley College athletics has joined the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) – one of the nation’s top NCAA Division III conferences - beginning this fall.

“The CAC is an established, well-respected conference that has produced many national champions. Members are first and foremost academic institutions. Our teams will have the opportunity to play in a very competitive conference with institutions similar to us both academically and athletically and as an added plus to fans, also within our geographic region,” President Miller said.

Seven men’s sports and nine women’s programs will compete against CAC members, including Salisbury University (MD), Gallaudet University (DC), The University of Mary Washington (VA), Marymount University (VA), York College (PA), Villa Julie College (MD), Hood College (MD) and St. Mary’s College of Maryland. The move will also permit the track and field club to move to intercollegiate status as it is a sponsored sport in the CAC. Wesley

football will continue to play in the Atlantic Central Football Conference.

Discussions with the CAC have been underway for approximately three years. Dr. Miller charged Mike Drass, executive director of intercollegiate sports and recreation, with chairing the process of recommending the most appropriate fit for the Wesley program.

The new conference alignment reflects the College’s growing reputation as an academic and athletic powerhouse, President Miller noted. “Wesley’s teams and individuals have just concluded a season of outstanding performances in the past year alone,” he added.

Wesley athletics left the PAC a resounding success with the men’s program finishing second in the President’s Cup Competition claiming the honor a year ago. Perennial conference champions, the men’s golf team under Coach Rick McCall - who was recently inducted into the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame – finished 10 years in the PAC undefeated in conference match play. The baseball Wolverines finished second in the PAC tourney, advancing to the ECAC Tournament with a Wesley record 30 win season. Men’s lacrosse finished second and the women’s lacrosse team made their first post-season appearance.

“The move to the Capital Athletic Conference further demonstrates Wesley’s commitment to our student-athletes,” Drass said. “The CAC is one of the top conferences in the country, yet member institutions display a tradition of a high level of competitiveness with outstanding students. They (the CAC) place a high priority on the well being of the student-athlete – in scheduling and in adhering to strict codes of sportsmanship.”

“Likewise, the College has a heavy concentration of alumni and families of current students in the Capital Athletic Conference region, which should result in a stronger following for our program,” Drass concluded.
Golf
It was business as usual for Coach Rick McCall and the 2007 Wolverine golf team. With a talented and unusually deep squad, the Wolverines earned two first place tournament finishes during the season, concluding with another PAC title and a berth in the NCAA National Championships.

The conference success qualified the team for the NCAA Division III National Championships in Indiana, where the Wolverines finished 25th in the team rankings and Wesley’s Riley Powers (Allenwood, NJ) finished 74th with a four day total of 319 (+31).

Coach McCall was also honored with an induction into the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame for his long-time work with area golfers including Wesley’s Chris Noll, the 2002 NCAA Division III national golf champion. Other former McCall proteges include Heather Bowie, winner of more than $2 million on the LPGA tour and a four-time college All-American; Canadian Tour pro, Chris Wisler, a three-time All American at East Tennessee State University and Joey Maxon, touring pro and three-time All-American at Clemson University.

Baseball
Popular baseball mentor, Tripp Keister, proved that last year’s “Cinderella season” wasn’t a fluke, as the Wolverines shattered numerous team and individual records en-route to a 30-14 record and berths in both PAC and ECAC tournaments. The 30 victories easily surpassed the Wesley record for wins in a season - previously 26, set by the 1999 squad.

The Wolverines finished finished 17-8 in the PAC, good enough for second place. Second baseman Kevin Ellis paced the nation in stolen bases with 46 – stealing 31 consecutive bases at one point.

Wesley won its first and second round games, up-ending regular season champion, Arcadia University, and defending champion Alvernia College before falling to Gwynedd-Mercy College in the championship game. With the win, GMC took the PAC’s automatic bid to the NCAA National Tournament.

The Wolverines’ success has earned them an ECAC Southern Region Championship bid. They fell to President’s Conference Champion, Washington and Jefferson College.

Seven Wesley players were named to the 2007 All-PAC. Huemmer led the Wolverines in hitting with a .365 average, seven home runs and 51 runs batted in. He also paced the team in slugging percentage (.575), hits (61), at bats (167), total bases (96), and was second in runs scored. Pidgeon batted .331 with 11 stolen bases and only one error in 40 games.

Five Wesley players earned second team All-PAC honors, including pitchers, Ryan Buckland (Middletown, DE) and John Passwaters (Bridgeville, DE), catcher Dan Bunnion (Blackwood, NJ), infielder Scott Marshall (Jackson, NJ), and outfielder Stu Madden (Langelhorn, PA). AJ Jacobs (Wilmington, DE) garnered the “Push the Rock” Sportsmanship Award.

Men’s Lacrosse
If you’ve ever been so close to something only to see it fade away, you’ll understand the 2007 Wolverine men’s lacrosse season. Powering through the PAC has always had only one roadblock for Wesley, perennial power Cabrini College, standing firmly in front of the Wolverines and fourth-year Head Coach Christian Zwickert.

After losing to the Cavaliers earlier in the season, it seemed that the Wolverines were hitting their stride with a late season four-game winning streak, including opening round wins in the PAC Tournament. However, Cabrini again flexed its muscle against Wesley in the PAC Championship game -- earning the PAC’s automatic bid to the NCAA National Tournament.

Seven Wesley players were named to the 2007 All-PAC team. Freshman midfielder, Nick Pisacano (Kings Park, NY), junior midfielder,
Justin Thompson (Pasadena, MD), and sophomore defenseman, Kirk Waldie (Folsom, PA) were bestowed with first team honors. Waldie also earned the “Push the Rock” Sportsmanship Award.

Freshman attack, Dan Skeels (Roseland, NJ), sophomore longstick defender, Joe Monroe (Newton Square, PA), and sophomore defenseman, Glen Gale (Swarthmore, PA), each earned second team honors. Rounding out the honors was freshman midfielder, Brad Bivens (Dover, DE), earning Honorable Mention.

Wesley finished the year with a 10-7 overall record, 7-2 in PAC games.

**Women’s Lacrosse**

Change is seldom easy, but for first-year Lady Wolverine Women’s Lacrosse Coach, Lindsey Eichner, it couldn’t have been simpler. Inheriting a team that went 5-9 just last season, Coach Eichner implemented her system successfully, helping her squad set a Wesley record with six wins while making its first PAC tournament appearance. Although suffering a quick exit in a 17-10 loss to Gwynedd-Mercy College, the future looks bright for the team.

Four players from the team earned All-PAC honors. First team honors were bestowed on freshman defender, Brooke Bennett (Milton, DE/Cape Henlopen), who led the Lady Wolverines in groundballs with 61. Earning second team honors were sophomore attackers, Leslie Cervenka (Newton, PA/Willingboro), and Jade Martin (Cape May, NJ/Lower Cape May Region). Martin led the Lady Wolverines in goals (47) and points (53). Sophomore Patty Sheridan (Willow Grove, PA/Upper Moreland) received the “Push the Rock” Sportsmanship Award.

**Men’s Tennis**

Coming off a successful 2006 season, the men’s tennis team experienced its first losing season in 10 years. However, its 3-7 mark hinted at future success. The nine-member squad had two juniors -- the remainder were freshmen and sophomores. Highlights of the season included wins over Pennsylvania State University - Berks (5-4), Chestnut Hill College (8-1), and drubbing of PAC rival Immaculata (9-0).

**Softball**

The 2007 edition of Lady Wolverine Softball ended in grand fashion with a sweep of traditional PAC rival Gwynedd-Mercy College. The Lady Wolverines won nine games in the conference and advanced to the PAC Tournament under veteran mentor, Tracey Short.

Four players earned honors on the 2007 All-PAC team. Jessica Morgan (Newark, DE/St. Mark’s) was bestowed with first team All-PAC honors. Morgan pitched, played shortstop and catcher during the season, and she also led the team in 18 different statistical categories including batting average (.425), RBI’s (21), total bases (76) and homeruns (7). As a pitcher, Morgan struck out a team-high of 29 batters, allowing the fewest hits on the pitching staff.

Junior Kelly Caton (Easthampton, NJ) and freshman Lyndsey Ellsworth (Georgetown, DE) earned 2nd team honors. Marie Elzey (Cambridge, MD) was recipient of the “Push the Rock” Sportsmanship Award.
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