10 YEARS OF MOMENTUM
Good-bye for Now…and Thank You.

There's no way to sugarcoat it. After 10 transformative years at Wesley College, it's excruciatingly painful to say goodbye. As most of you know, I am leaving Wesley to assume the leadership of Bethany College – a small, elite liberal arts institution in Bethany, WV, effective January 1, 2008. I have every confidence that Wesley will remain in capable hands and continue its important work for the benefit of our outstanding students.

Likewise, there is no way to adequately thank all those, in the Wesley family and in the larger Peninsula community, who have made such a significant impact on the momentum of the College and in the life of the Miller family. After 10 years here, we will profoundly miss Dover and the community that we have come to love and call home. We have raised our two daughters from pre-teens to accomplished young women here and forged lifelong friendships, both personally and professionally.

Moreover, Wesley’s community initiatives and partnerships with organizations including the Schwartz Center for the Arts – of which the College is now a co-owner – the Wesley Boys and Girls Club, Campus Community School, Children’s Theater, Children’s Beach House, Barratt’s Chapel/Museum, the Wesley YMCA and others – have been supremely rewarding. From chairing the Kent County division of the United Way of Delaware, to serving as an honorary commander of Dover Air Force Base, it has been a great ride.

It’s been a memorable and highly rewarding decade. Our team has been blessed with many gifted and dedicated alumni, faculty, staff and volunteer leadership. Wesley would not have become the outstanding institution it is today without their hard work and guidance.

Together, we have undertaken successful initiatives resulting in a tripling of the College’s enrollment, a doubling of its endowment and Wesley’s citation as a “Regional Best College” by U.S. News and World Report for the fourth consecutive year. However, fulfilling these accomplishments are not what I will remember most about Wesley.

I will cherish the collective “little things”: the football Saturdays in the president’s box at the revamped Wolverine Stadium and reveling in the Wolverines’ back-to-back NCAA Division III semifinal championships with alumni young and old. I’ll recall regular meals with staff and students in the cafeteria, Shorebirds and Blue Rocks games with alumni, and special moments with faculty and friends throughout the campus and beyond. I’ll also remember watching our daughters blossom as students, athletes and young ladies at Caesar Rodney High School.

In William Shakespeare’s acclaimed Julius Caesar, the Roman emperor says, “There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune….” With Wesley on a sound footing after a decade of unprecedented growth and prosperity, my wife Annie and I feel that this is the right time for us to move on to new challenges.

In a very real sense, we are going home. Our new campus in West Virginia’s northern panhandle will be equidistant from Pennsylvania and Ohio, where Annie and I grew up, and closer to West Virginia Wesleyan College, where I earned my undergraduate degree and cut my teeth as a college administrator, sports information director and writer. As an added bonus, Bethany plays in the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC), so familiar to us at Wesley.

Thanks to a strong strategic process, Wesley is a vibrant, progressive institution well positioned to take advantage of new opportunities. It’s time to let others build on this firm foundation while I take on new challenges. Bethany’s strong tradition of liberal arts education, strong sense of mission and small, student-centered campus – very reminiscent of Wesley -- were additional factors in our decision.

With both girls (our eldest daughter Katie, 23, a first year doctoral student in pharmacy at Shenandoah University in Virginia) grown and concluding their academic careers, this is a good time in the life of our family to make a move. We expect to return to the Peninsula often to visit our daughter Ashlee, 20, a junior at the University of Delaware, and our residence at Bethany Beach where we’ve shared so many happy family times.

When I came to Wesley in 1997, my vision was to take this 134-year-old institution, with its strong United Methodist tradition, to the next level of excellence. With the help of many talented men and women, we have been able to surpass my dreams for this great college. Thus, the legacy that I leave is really your legacy. Wesley’s future is promising and bright because of your investment of time, talent and treasure. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. It has been a great ten years.
Wesley College’s 2007 Homecoming falls on an idyllic autumn weekend.

After ten transformative years at the helm, President Scott D. Miller leaves his footprint upon Wesley College.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. J. Thomas Sturgis

David W. Devonshire ’66, talks of his career as chief financial officer of some of the nation’s biggest Fortune 500 companies.

‘Tis the season for giving! There is no better time to make your year-end gift. Contribute to the Wesley Fund using the envelope found in this issue or online at www.weare.wesley.edu/wesleyfund. As 2007 comes to an end, your gift truly makes a difference. Thank you in advance for your generosity and enjoy the holiday season.
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).
Observing a revived tradition, some 500 incoming freshmen from Wesley College’s Class of 2011 walked from campus to the Schwartz Center for the Arts in downtown Dover for the 2007 Academic Convocation, marking the start of the 2007-2008 year.

The annual back-to-campus rite began decades ago, was discontinued in the 1970s and started anew three years ago, noted President Scott D. Miller. A long-time committed friend of Wesley College, The Reverend Doctor James T. Seymour was recognized with the College’s highest accolade, the Wesley Award for meritorious service. Seymour, a Wesley trustee since 1999, recently retired from a distinguished career in the ministry of the United Methodist Church after 41 years. He will remain a College Board member.

Seymour has served the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church since 1966 as senior pastor of three congregations, district superintendent and director of correctional ministries/conference resource director.

“His is a meaningful and productive life that has seen faith turned into action, exemplifying the mission of the College as envisioned by our founders,” Miller said, noting that Seymour has been immersed in every faith community that he has served since joining the ordained ministry.

Throughout his four decades of ministry, The Rev. Dr. Seymour has worked tirelessly and effectively to address issues of social justice, education and health care,” Miller added.

He has served as secretary and chair of the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs of the College Board, in addition to serving the UMC in a number of national capacities.

This year’s convocation at the Schwartz Center for the Arts, one of Wesley’s 13 community partnerships, marks the first ceremony since the College has become a co-owner of the historic former Opera House. With Delaware State University and Friends of the Capitol Theater, Wesley owns the facility and manages operations, marketing and programming of the century-old arts center.

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Strategic Partnership

In a new initiative targeting financial services professionals, Wesley’s New Castle campus hosted a five day seminar under the auspices of the Delaware Bankers Association (DBA) conducted by the Cannon Trust School, a leading provider of counsel and education to the world’s top wealth advisors.

The seminar represents an effort to cultivate awareness and visibility of the New Castle Campus within the northern Delaware business community.

“The main purpose is to address the educational needs of the banking community,” says Vice President for Institutional Advancement Kevin Loftus, a member of the DBA Financial Educational Alliance.

The College is continually seeking strategic partnerships that complement the mission and vision of Wesley College, he added. This initiative will both create awareness of Wesley College New Castle while becoming a useful resource for professional employees.

“This opportunity will also, over time, open doors to create new programs for nursing, sciences, and other majors at the New Castle campus. It is hoped that not only DBA, but other associations as well, will be able to invest in the lives of their employees through similar continuing professional education endeavors,” added Loftus.

Founded in 1895 in the Dover area, the DBA represents member commercial banks, trust companies and savings and loan associations in the legislative, regulatory, and judicial arenas. Since the new millennium, the DBA has repositioned itself to attract new institutions as members for interstate banking as well as foreign bankers.
At every (educational) step along the way, I’ve been an adult learner,” says Dr. Paul Thornton, dean of adult studies. His passion is evident as he discusses plans for new adult programs at the College’s New Castle campus this spring. “The possibilities for non-traditional education truly are limitless,” says Thornton, who was chair of the Business Administration Department and an associate professor in 2006-2007. Thornton has served as a full-time professor of business administration at Wesley since 2001 and a part-time member of the faculty since 1997. He was recognized with the President’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Performance in April 2007 and in September with the Exemplary Teaching Award from the Board of General Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

Commuting between the Dover and New Castle campuses, Thornton is leading the effort to launch a Master of Arts in Teaching, a Master of Science in Nursing and a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies at the New Castle campus, as well as a post-bachelor’s Certificate in Accounting. Thornton is also working with the Legal Studies Department to assess the feasibility of bringing a legal studies program to Wesley College New Castle.

As of October 2007, about 350 learners are enrolled in part-time evening programs in business administration at the associate’s, bachelor’s and MBA levels on the northern Delaware campus.

Optimistic about the potential for growth of adult programs on both the Dover and New Castle campuses, as well as at Dover Air Force Base, Thornton is continually looking at opportunities to serve the needs of non-traditional students, most of whom are employed, with family and civic responsibilities. “Wesley has tended to offer non-traditional programs that mirror traditional day programs,” he notes. “We need to change the paradigm of how we view non-traditional programs.”

One new ingredient that the College may add to the mix is that of distance (online) learning, combined with classroom-based instruction. A newly formed task force, which Thornton is chairing, is now meeting to jumpstart the initiative at Wesley. “I have no interest in seeing Wesley become a virtual university,” he says, “but I think that for some audiences – military who may be deployed elsewhere, for example – a distance component offers opportunities, both for the learners and for the College.”

Recognizing its potential as a conference center and vehicle for forging community alliances, he is also seeking ways to more fully utilize the capacity of the College’s New Castle campus, a modern facility of approximately 20 classrooms including two computer labs, several dedicated study group rooms and limited food service facilities. In October 2007, Wesley College New Castle hosted the Delaware Banker’s Association weeklong Cannon Trust School. Thornton notes that another possibility for maximizing the utilization of the northern Delaware campus is to consider daytime and weekend offerings, perhaps non-credit continuing education programs in areas such as entrepreneurship, or outreach programs with community groups.

“Mine is a ‘blue sky’ opportunity,” he says of the possibilities for non-traditional programs.

Meeting and encouraging every cohort of students that enrolls at the New Castle campus, Thornton tells them “how much I admire them for pursuing their education.” “I recognize from my own personal experience, earning my undergraduate degree as a young, married Army soldier at Ft. Benning, GA, how much these opportunities can mean to their lives and future.”
Taking a leadership role in curbing global greenhouse emissions as part of new sustainability initiatives, Wesley College is recycling, and investing in ENERGY STAR certified appliances and equipment in addition to installing low-voltage, high-output lighting, according to Eric R. Nelson, vice president for finance and human resources.

By signing the American College & University (ACU) Presidents Climate Commitment last spring, Wesley College was among the first 75 of more than 200 colleges and universities nationwide committing to sharply reduce and eventually eliminate all global warming emissions from its campus operations. The commitment marks the first effort by any major sector of society to set climate neutrality – not just a reduction – as its target.

“Colleges and universities have an enormous opportunity, not only to spur dialog around sustainability issues, but also to become part of the solution to global warming, a defining challenge of our time,” says President Scott D. Miller.

Nelson estimates that the College has spent about $18,000 this fall to “buy green,” purchasing and installing new incandescent bulbs for older residence halls, as well as on exterior lighting. Most of the newer residences and classrooms already use fluorescent fixtures, he notes.

“While energy conservation is certainly not inexpensive, we have to look at the long-term payoff and the costs of doing nothing,” he said. Equipment and computer replacement costs will be amortized over a multi-year period as existing leases expire.

In other concrete actions to re-stabilize the earth’s climate by purchasing energy from renewable sources, the College’s food services, maintenance and construction partner, Aramark, has spearheaded a move to equip campus buildings with energy-efficient windows and improved insulation, Nelson says.

Under terms of the ACU agreement, any new campus construction will be built to at least the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Silver standard or equivalent.

Other initiatives, such as upgrading the College’s heating system, will be considerably more expensive. Nelson has received an estimate of $6 million to replace the College’s boilers. As one of the pioneers in the ACU initiative, Wesley is eligible for a portion of the $100 million grant funding available from the William J. Clinton Foundation and has applied, Nelson notes.

Colleges and universities nationwide spend more than $15 billion each year on new construction, offering schools such as Wesley the opportunity to grow in a smart and sustainable manner by encouraging compact, walkable, mixed-use development patterns and reusing existing property.

“Green” initiatives also offer the College a chance not only to build community on our own campuses, but within our larger neighborhoods and hometowns as well,” President Miller concludes.

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Major Provisions of ACU President’s Climate Commitment

By being among the first signatories of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, Wesley College has pledged to take the following major steps:

■ Within the first year, initiate the development of a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality as soon as possible.
■ Within one year, complete a comprehensive inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions.
■ Within one year, begin purchasing or producing at least 15% of its electricity consumption from renewable sources.
■ Within two years, develop an institutional action plan for becoming climate neutral, which will include a target date for achieving climate neutrality as soon as possible.

Go to:  
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WESLEY RECYCLING SAVES LANDFILLS

ONE OF ONLY TWO DELAWARE COLLEGES PARTICIPATING IN THE DELAWARE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY’S CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM (WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE), WESLEY IS REMOVING AN ESTIMATED 8,000 SQUARE FEET OF RECYCLABLES WEEKLY (PAPER, PLASTIC AND ALUMINUM CANS) THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE CLOGGING AREA LANDFILLS.

FOLLOWING THE COLLEGE’S LEADERSHIP ROLE AS ONE OF THE FIRST SIGNATORIES OF THE ACU’S PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT IN APRIL 2007, WESLEY INITIATED A CAMPUSWIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM THIS ACADEMIC YEAR. THE COLLEGE INVESTED IN CONTAINERS PURCHASED FROM THE STATE WASTE AUTHORITY, AND REPRESENTATIVES WERE ON HAND AT NEW STUDENT CHECK-IN AND ACTIVITIES DAY TO PROMOTE THE PROGRAM. RECYCLING BINS ARE TAKEN TO A ROLL-OFF DUMPSTER ON CAMPUS AND EMPTIED TWICE WEEKLY, THEN SEPARATED AND RECYCLED BY STATE WASTE OFFICIALS.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES ERIC NELSON CHAIRS A NEW OPERATIONS GROUP, INCLUDING TWO STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL CLIMATE COMMITMENT PLEDGING TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS TO ACHIEVE CLIMATE NEUTRALITY.
Just Keeps Getting Better

Bob Reed Field, home of Wolverine baseball, received a facelift during the summer of 2007. This revamping includes installation of a press box behind home plate, a new inning-by-inning scoreboard and improvements to the field itself. Players will also benefit from the new “Iron Mike” pitching machine in the batting cage.

Although not as dramatic as the 2005 renovation and expansion of the adjacent Wolverine Stadium, the upgrade means expanded comfort for fans, including bleacher-style seating for 350 and with a new warning track, improved safety for players, says Tripp Keister, head coach/associate director of intercollegiate sports and recreation.

With Wesley’s team now competing in the CAC and facing more intense competition, both attendance and media coverage are expected to increase, says Keister, now in his 3rd season as head coach. The team finished the 2007 season 30-14 overall, with seven players earning PAC honors and the team invited to the ECAC playoffs. With 9 of 15 starters returning, the 2008 season appears promising.

“The improvements to Bob Reed Field are fantastic as we continue to strive to make our baseball program one of the finest in the country. Our facility has become a tremendous selling point in recruiting and gives us a first class place in which to play in front of our fans,” Keister concluded.
On the Move

Campaign for Wesley Surpasses Goal

Wesley College has completed the most successful comprehensive fundraising period in its 134-year history, with $67 million raised from private, state, federal and foundation sources for physical improvements, programs, operations and endowment. More than $40 million of this has gone directly into enhancing student facilities and amenities,” said President Miller.

Among the new facilities erected on campus are the addition of Zimmerman Hall and Malmberg Hall. These residential facilities have allowed the college to grow the on-campus student population, while providing a new residential option for students.

“The phenomenal success of the Campaign for Wesley is a testament to the pride of our alumni and to the leadership of our dedicated Board, volunteer leadership and staff,” he added.

President Miller cited specifically Chip Dashiel, chair of Wesley’s Board of Trustees since 1999, and Dr. Earl Brooks, now president of Tri-State University in Indiana, Wesley’s executive vice president from 1997-2000, who initiated the campaign. He also recognized Vice President for Institutional Advancement Kevin Loftus, Brooks's successor for “providing dynamic leadership” and Director of Alumni Affairs and Parent Relations Amanda Downes “who has built the program.”

Thanking alumni for their growing participation in the annual fund, Dr. Miller noted that in April 2007, Wesley reached a point at which the institutional endowment doubled the amount held by the College in 2001.

“Our Wesley College alumni have again shown their support and ensured a solid and bright future for the school,” said Downes.

The success of the Campaign is enjoyed by the entire Wesley College community, with renovations to existing structures such as the Wesley College Chapel, the Nursing Department in Dulany Hall, as well as the dining facilities like Club Simpson.

“I look out the window of my office each day and can see the benefits of this campaign. It is truly remarkable,” said Loftus.
Wesley College is a proud liaison to a number of local and campus-based organizations, including The Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, Children’s Beach House, Campus Community School, Charlton School, Hope Church, Barratt’s Chapel, Peninsula Delaware Conference, Children’s Theater, The Corporate Leaders’ Council and In Harmony. Some of these partnerships offer internships, community service and future career opportunities for students, while others serve as archival and research resources for both faculty and students.

In addition to their teaching and administrative responsibilities at Wesley College, many staff and faculty members volunteer their time and expertise to one or more of these organizations. Each institution complements Wesley’s mission to contribute to the welfare of others in the global society, providing service that is at the heart of the community.

“By fostering mutually beneficial ties with new stakeholders, these win-win alliances allow the College to ‘do well by doing good’,” said President Scott Miller.

“In addition to expanding the College’s visibility to new audiences and thereby, providing enhanced opportunities for advancement and admission initiatives, they supplement existing resources for students, faculty and staff,” he added.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. J. Thomas Sturgis oversees one of the oldest campus-based organizations, the Campus Community School, along with two more recent affiliations, the Charlton School and Children’s Beach House.

Wesley’s involvement with the Campus Community School began ten years ago when a group of local parents interested in a charter school approached the education faculty. Dr. Sturgis participated in curricular discussions about the vision for the proposed school. The College’s educational department then helped parents write up a charter and has remained involved ever since.

“We saw the charter school as a way to help public schools do a better job of educating children,” Dr. Sturgis said.

Wesley College provided the elementary school building, housing grades 1-8, and hired faculty in teacher education to contribute to curriculum development and implementation.

Wesley College and the YMCA Resource Center began collaborating 16 years ago to provide Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs (ATOD) prevention resources, and the Center continues to serve the campus community.

The YMCA Resource Center is the community outreach branch of the YMCA of Delaware located on Wesley’s campus. It provides research-based leadership development, positive life skills and substance abuse prevention programs. Faculty and students use the YMCA Resource Center programs through the video lending library, brochures and other resource materials.

Hope United Methodist Church holds worship services in the Wesley Chapel. Students and faculty volunteers run the church’s “Hope Closet” alongside members of the congregation. They provide and dispense clothing and personal items to participants referred by churches or social service agencies.

“The Hope Closet project gives both the College and the church an opportunity for service beyond campus,” said Chaplain Dr. Mark Pruett-Barnett.

To further advance Wesley College, senior administration, faculty and staff maintain memberships and affiliations with numerous organizations not located on campus that help ensure the continued progress and growth of the College. These external organizations include:
Wesley College Affiliates

American Association of Colleges and Universities
American College Personnel Association
Aramark Corporation
Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities
Association of Governing Boards
Atlantic Central Football Conference
Barnes and Noble
Blackbaud
Board of Higher Education and Ministry of UMC
Capital Athletic Conference
Center for the Inland Bays
Central Delaware
Chamber of Commerce
Central Delaware Economic Development Council
Climate Control Initiative
Common Originating Database
Collegiate Learning Assessment
Council for the Advancement and Support of Education
Council of Independent Colleges
Delaware Bankers Association
Delaware Biotechnology Institute
Delaware Board of Nursing
Delaware Department of State
Delaware Division of Libraries
Delaware Division of the Arts
Delaware DOE Scholarship & Grants
Delaware Guidance Counselors
Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association
Delaware Science and Technology Council
Delaware Security Council
Delaware State Chamber of Commerce
Delaware State Herbarium

Delaware Youth Leadership Academy
Department of National Resources
Department of Public Safety
Dover Air Force Base
Dover City Police
Dover Public Library
Dunn & Bradstreet

Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference
EdConnect
Faculty Survey of Student Engagement
George Washington Society
Governor’s Council for Lifetime Fitness
Greater Dover Arts Council
Greater Dover Committee
Hugh O’Brian Youth Foundation - Delaware Chapter
iModules
Institute for Professional Development
InterAmerican Consortium
International Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church
Jenzabar
Luther Towers Housing Services
Middle Atlantic College & University
Housing Officers
Main Street Dover
Microsoft
Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
National Association for Campus Activities
National Association of College and University Business Officers
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church
National Association of Student Personnel Administrators
National Center Education Statistics
National Collegiate Athletic Association
National Survey of Student Engagement
National Study Instructional Costs & Productivity
Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Works, America, Inc.
National Orientation Directors Association
National Student Load Database System

Office of Post Secondary Education
Office of Loans and Scholarships of the United Methodist Church
On Line Consortium of Independent Colleges and Universities
P-20 Council
P-20 Council Data (Cube) Base Committee
Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church
Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Authority in Harrisburg
Presidents College and University Climate Control Initiative
Rotary Club
Student Status Confirmation Report
State Department of Education
Student Clearinghouse
Tri-State College Library Cooperative
United Way of Delaware
University Senate of The United Methodist Church
US Central Contractor Registration Group
US Defense Logistics Agency Wallops Island Consortium
Wesley Seminary

The In Harmony Series
Barratt’s Chapel
Charlton School
The Significance of Civil Rights

Wesley Chaplain Dr. Mark Pruett-Barnett recently led four students on the College’s third consecutive trip to Birmingham, AL, caldron of the Civil Rights Movement, where he witnessed their “awe of the oppression, the struggle and the courage of African Americans.”

The group visited historical sites and restored damaged homes as part of a course for academic credit.

“In daily life one needs to know the depth of equality and diversity,” said Dr. Pruett-Barnett. “Our students need to learn about the evolution of civil rights in America so that they don’t take them for granted.”

The trip enables students to gain a sense of the spirituality that undergirds the Civil Rights Movement, introducing the concept that the movement truly left a spiritual heritage.

“I think the trip enables our students to come closer to the significance of the Civil Rights Movement and what empowered it than they would have by simply reading about it in a book. What happened 40 years ago became real,” said Dr. Pruett-Barnett.

Nursing major Emily Frazier ’08 could not participate in the trip to Alabama, so instead she interviewed and wrote a narrative paper on Andrewetta Anderson Shaw, an African-American survivor, advocate and protester during the movement in the 1960s.

“Andrewetta and the many people of this movement displayed a type of courage, power and determination that I certainly do not possess…I admire these characteristics that Andrewetta demonstrates, especially her spirituality which moved her to take action,” Frazier said.

The interview proved to be a “religious and historical eye-opener” for Frazier.

“Andrewetta’s story proved her devotion that thousands more felt for something rightfully theirs. It made me see how important civil rights are and how easy it is to let them be taken for granted.”

“This class has given me a totally new outlook on the movement and the people involved. I strongly believe that being educated about civil rights is important, that it may decrease racial tension and help others, like me, who were not taught about this matter previously to gain a new insight into our nation’s history,” Frazier said.

Wesley College, founded in covenant with the United Methodist Church, is proud of its tradition as a pluralistic institution based on the ideals of its founders. Today, the College integrates instruction about the struggle for equality into courses in American history, literature and government, among others.

Dr. Susanne N. Fox, professor of history and American studies, adds that she is amazed at how relatively few students have been exposed to the Civil Rights Movement before coming to Wesley College.

“I believe that studying the movement helps students recognize that racism in America has changed, but is still prevalent in different ways in our society,” she adds.

“It is our task to work with all of our students and to expose them to the dangers of hatred and racial bias.”

To read Emily Frazier’s essay, please visit: www.weare.wesley.edu/emilyfrazier
Alumni Events a Hot Attraction

In true Wesley tradition, warm weather has become synonymous with outings to the Blue Rocks and Shorebirds baseball games, a summertime entertainment staple among Wesley alumni in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and surrounding areas. New to the lineup this year was a Crab Feast Dinner Cruise along the scenic Choptank River. More than 110 alumni and friends came out for this June event, proving that while tradition is good, the combination of all-you-can-eat crabs and Wesley fellowship is not bad either.

Hosting alumni ranging from the Classes of 1948 to 2007 was an 80-foot paddle wheeler, a reproduction of an authentic turn-of-the-century vessel. Guests admired the beautiful scenery of Maryland’s Eastern Shore at dusk from its deck. Alumni attendees received a special gift – a complimentary “We Are Wesley” mouse pad with instructions for accessing the College’s online alumni community.

The event was a family affair for some, with several alumni couples and Wesley families in attendance. Two generations of Wesley graduates were present from the Slights family, with Joe ’57 and wife Joanne joined by son, Joe ’83 and daughter Jeanie Slights-Bleiler ’81 and their families. Alumni couples included Tashanika ’98 and Kurtis Thomas ’97, Emma ’52 and Richard Croveto ’53, and Pauline and Arnold Spicer, both ’48. For other alumni, the gathering was a perfect meeting place and opportunity to catch up with classmates who live in nearby areas.

The College’s Office of Alumni Affairs hopes to attract even more alumni by continuing to offer an assortment of events in regional areas.

“From year to year, it is great to see some familiar faces. At the same time, we love to see alumni who haven’t yet been to one of our events before and have a terrific time!” notes Amanda Downes, director of alumni affairs and parent relations. She encourages newcomers to attend future alumni events to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

For information on upcoming Wesley alumni activities, please visit the We Are Wesley online community at http://weare.wesley.edu
IDYLLIC AUTUMN WEEKEND
WESLEY COLLEGE’S 2007 HOMECOMING FELL ON AN IDYLLIC YET UNSEASONABLE AUTUMN WEEKEND WITH TEMPERATURES REACHING THE MID-80’S AND ALUMNI OUT IN FULL FORCE TO ENJOY THE TRADITIONAL PARADE, TAILGATING, FOOTBALL GAME AND ALUMNI DINNER.
The weekend began with the 12th Annual Wolverine Fall Golf Classic at Jonathans Landing Golf Course, where brilliant sunshine complemented the friendly competition. Dan Kimmel ’95, John Hensley Jr., John Hensley Sr., and Mike Barnard ’96 placed first in the tournament. All proceeds went towards the “W” Club to support all Wesley athletic programs.

Events for Homecoming continued with a student pep rally at Wolverine Stadium on Friday evening. The bleachers were filled with a festive crowd displaying support for the fall sports teams. The men’s alumni soccer team then took the field against the current men’s team. The following morning Coach Tracey Short hosted the alumni field hockey game. Even Coach Short couldn’t resist the fun, playing goalie for one of the alumni teams.

Saturday’s events continued with the annual parade featuring vintage cars, which helped to carry out the “Cruisin’ through the Decades” theme. Leading the parade in a 1957 Chevy Bel Air was Grand Marshall Kevin Fleming, the 2007 “Alumnus of the Year” award recipient. Following Fleming were a variety of community participants and student organizations displaying festive banners. The 2007 Homecoming Court was also featured, riding in vintage cars from decades past.

Before the football game, alums enjoyed a fifties soda shop-themed tailgate picnic complete with hamburger baskets and root beer floats. An a capella quintet entertained the crowd with classic doo wop tunes. Wolverine Stadium was overflowing with towel-waving Wesley fans screaming support as the Wolverines defeated visiting Frostburg State 45-0. During halftime, Homecoming King Al Moody and Queen Tiara Harris were crowned, following performances by the Wesley Dance Team, Cheerleaders and an introduction of Alumni award recipients.

Later that night at the Alumni Association Dinner and Awards Ceremony, outgoing Alumni Association President Dan Kimmel ’95 passed the torch to new President Stephanie Smith Christiano ’98. A worship service at the Wesley Chapel was held on Sunday, featuring a sermon by Wesley Chaplain Mark Pruett-Barnett. The Golden Grads luncheon, celebrating alumni from the Class of 1957 and earlier, capped the nostalgic weekend.
“There is much to celebrate this academic year, which has opened with Wesley welcoming an especially well-qualified incoming class of approximately 574 students drawn from an impressive pool of more than 3,000 applicants,” President Miller told alumni attending the October 6, 2007 Alumni Association Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Among them were photographer Kevin Fleming ’73 and local marine contractor Steve MacGlashan ’95. They were recognized as “2007 Alumnus of the Year” and “2007 Young Alumnus of the Year,” respectively.

“We are glad you’re here to share in the success of the College that together, we’ve all worked so hard to build. Wesley today is a vibrant, progressive institution that is on the move and well positioned to take advantage of the many opportunities that await us,” President Miller continued.

Dr. Miller thanked alumni for their growing participation in the annual fund, noting that their contributions helped the College to reach its $67 million fundraising goal and its most successful campaign to date. “You have been an integral part of that impressive success. This represents a tremendous milestone, and it wouldn’t have happened without your loyalty and support,” he told alumni and friends.

Alumnus of the Year

Wesley’s 2007 “Alumnus of the Year” Kevin Fleming ’73 has put himself in harm’s way, traveled deeply-rutted roads laced with land mines and witnessed war, famine and destitution while capturing landscapes, events and his favorite subject—people—on film, President Miller noted.

An international award-winning photographer, Fleming’s four “coffee table” books on the First State have helped to put Delaware on the map. His 2004 book, The Heart of America, a five-pound, 360-page collection documenting the byways of America, took him to every state and consumed ten years, on and off. Rated Number 1 by Reader’s Digest in its 2005 list of “100 Best Things About America,” the book also merited a spread in Southern Living.

Beginning as a local journalist with the Delaware State News while still a student at Wesley, Fleming realized that he preferred photography to writing and launched a 10-year career at National Geographic before his cover shot of Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat being mortally wounded went around the world. The Alumni Association inducted him into the Wesley College Hall of Fame in 1989.

Young Alumnus of the Year

Wesley’s 2007 “Young Alumnus of the Year,” Steve MacGlashan ’95, has been instrumental in procuring private funds that have enabled academically talented, but financially needy, students to continue their education at Wesley. Graduating from Wesley in 1995 with a Bachelor’s degree in business management, Steve is a marine contractor. He and his wife, Catherine, a graduate of Delaware Valley College, are the parents of two young children.

Hall Of Fame

The Alumni Association inducted four distinguished graduates into the Wesley College Hall of Fame. In honor of his lifelong involvement with the church and dedication to others, Reverend Dale Pruett ’59 was named to the Alumni Hall of Fame. Alumni Board member Barry Hawk ’72 presented him with his award, noting Pruett’s many achievements and continued service through his work as a Pastor and an Elder of the United Methodist Church.

James Steene ’93, former player and captain of the football and baseball teams who led both to championships while he was at Wesley, was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Presenting Steene with his induction plaque, Coach Mike Drass remarked on his outstanding prowess and success on the football and baseball fields.

Field hockey standouts and teammates Shana (Purnell) Nichols ’00 and Jeanie Donofrio ’01 were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame together. They were presented their awards by Coach Tracey Short, who noted that the two women were major assets defensively and offensively, respectively, to their team and made a lasting impact on the field hockey program at Wesley by helping to attract more talented players.
VISIONARY
YEARS
OF
LEADERSHIP

After ten transformative years at the helm, President Scott D. Miller will leave his footprint upon Wesley College and the entire region “for many decades,” predicts Trustee Wayne Holden, who also chairs the Schwartz Center for the Arts alliance that the outgoing Wesley president was instrumental in launching.
“H e is the finest CEO with whom I’ve had the pleasure of working,” says Holden.

Trustee Holden is not the only member of the Wesley community to hold President Miller in high esteem. In fact, he earns rave reviews from alumni, faculty, students and staff alike who frequently use adjectives such as “indefatigable,” “visionary,” “visible” and “supportive” to describe his leadership.

“President Miller has accomplished every goal that he set out at that time, and then some.” Dan Kimmel ’95, immediate past Wesley Alumni Association president

“Scott Miller is the most creative, innovative and supportive president in my 30 years at Wesley. He’s always encouraging faculty to try new things, to develop new ideas and initiatives,” says Dr. Susanne N. Fox, professor of history and American studies.

“I marvel at his creativity and capacity as an ‘idea man.’”

Richard H. Ekman, president of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) in Washington, DC, adds, “New ideas don’t sit on the sidelines with Scott. They are acted upon right away.”

New to the Wesley Alumni Association Board at about the same time that President Miller assumed leadership in 1997, outgoing Association President Dan Kimmel ’95 remembers when he presented the campus comprehensive master plan to the Board.

“If this is where the College is headed, I want to be along for the ride,” Kimmel remembers thinking.

“Scott was always there for the smallest events and meetings as well as the big ones—regardless of the head count. As alumni saw what was happening at the College, it was easier to get them on board,” he added.

An “unparallel work ethic,” is one of President Miller’s hallmarks, says Mike Drass, a member of the President’s staff who has worked very closely with him for his entire tenure at Wesley. Drass, executive director of intercollegiate sports and recreation, says that Scott’s dedication to the College “inspires others to do the same.”

“He’ll be sorely missed; we all owe him a huge debt of gratitude. Wesley College today is flourishing because of what Scott has done. He’s taken us through some tough times to great times.”

Visibility on campus has been another hallmark of President Miller’s tenure, notes Vice President for Academic Affairs Tom Sturgis, who comments on how many students’ names, hometowns and majors he recalls.

“Many small college presidents are so involved in fundraising that they don’t know their own students,” he notes. Not President Miller.

In fact, Professor Fox recalls a recent encounter at a faculty reception when President Miller approached her to tell her that a history major had been injured in that afternoon’s football game. “I was so impressed that he not only knew the young man’s name, but even that he was a history major,” she marvels.

Director of Foundation and Government Relations Chad Robinson ’05 recalls meeting President Miller in the South Circle as a prospective student looking to transfer to Wesley. “He immediately extended his hand, and we chatted briefly. I was amazed by his interest in my life and college decision, and that caring never changed, even when I came back as a staff member.”

“When I arrived on campus as a sophomore, I recognized what a genuine individual he was and still remains for the Wesley community. Dr. Miller walks the campus, he eats with students in the cafeteria and he attends Wednesday Chapel with them. As a student, I could not have asked for a better leader during my college career. I have always appreciated how sincerely Dr. Miller cares about the individual well-being of every member of the Wesley family.”

Robinson, who was SGA vice president

A DECADE OF MOMENTUM

■ 1997
Scott D. Miller becomes Wesley’s 15th President

■ 1998
More than $2.5 million invested in campus renovations and refurbishments
Establishment of the Wesley Community Service Center (The Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA)
Founding of the Campus Community School

■ 1999
Wesley welcomes largest freshman class in five years
The Council for the Advancement & Support of Education (CASE) cites the College with its Award for Excellence in Fund-Raising
Construction of the DuPont Tennis Courts

“The Underground,” featuring big-screen TV and dance floor, is dedicated
his senior year, adds that he’ll miss Dr. Miller and his frequent phone calls, always beginning, “Chad, this is Scott Miller.”

Not content to focus on the “book bags and transcripts” aspect of Wesley students’ education, Holden noted that President Miller is concerned that they leave as mature citizens who have learned to accept responsibility.

“Scott leads by example. He is a man of conviction,” Holden adds.

“He always gives 150 percent and inspires others to do likewise,” Fox says.

Placing the College on a solid financial footing is a major legacy that President Miller will leave behind, notes Chip Dashiell, chair of the College Board of Trustees. Dashiell, who has led Wesley’s Board for most of President Miller’s tenure, adds that, thanks to Scott, “Wesley is now in a position to enhance academic programs, to expand our recruiting and to attract students even more selectively.”

Equally impressive has been President Miller’s ability to blend the College’s United Methodist heritage and mission with a contemporary, pluralistic campus community, Dashiell notes. He has promoted pluralism while at the same time furthering relations with the United Methodist Church, even to the point of establishing a new congregation on campus (the Hope United Methodist Church), he says.

Partnering with community organizations to improve the quality of life on the Peninsula has not only enhanced the visibility of Wesley College throughout the region, but also has created numerous additional resources for students and faculty.

Dr. Miller’s support of Wesley’s collaboration with the University of Delaware as a charter member of the Delaware Biotechnology Institute has been the catalyst for significantly increased grant funding and research opportunities for Wesley students and faculty in the sciences, says Professor of Chemistry Malcolm J. D’Souza, who serves as principal investigator for INBRE (IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence.) Wesley alumna Samantha Feld ’07 recently became the College’s first biology major to enter medical school, while student Arnold Omondi was awarded a $50,000 scholarship to attend The George Washington University Medical School in Washington, DC.

“It’s been fun to work with Scott on the Barratt’s Chapel and Museum project, which has given us the opportunity to totally redesign the exhibit area,” Fox says. She also cites the recent acquisition by Parker Library of the George Washington Society of Delaware, another project spearheaded by President Miller.

“Scott has never taken the ivory tower approach to town-gown relations,” says Vice President Sturgis. “He feels that service to the community and region are part of the mission of the College.”

“Wesley College today is flourishing because of what Scott has done. He’s taken us through some tough times to great times.”

Mike Drass, executive director of intercollegiate sports and recreation
Positive and optimistic even during the “dirtiest of times” for the Schwartz Center, Holden says that just 120 days after he agreed to join the board, “we had a [financial] turnaround plan that we could execute.”

“Scott possesses a remarkable skill set—of both vision and ability to execute operating and strategic plans,” says Holden.

Widely recognized as a planner and leader in higher education nationally, Miller is a former vice president, secretary and Executive Committee Board member of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) in Washington, DC, where, with senior counsel Dr. Marylouise Fennell, RSM, he has chaired and taught in the New Presidents’ Program for the last several years. Since 1998, he has coordinated the CIC Presidential Contract/Compensation Project.

“Scott is such a people person, always so responsive. I don’t think there’s ever been a time when I’ve e-mailed or called him—even early in the morning—when I didn’t receive a reply within a few minutes,” says Ekman.

Perceptive analytical skills coupled with willingness to take educated risks make President Miller a sought-after mentor, trouble-shooter and reviewer on other campuses, says Dr. James L. Fisher, president-emeritus of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and a widely-published national higher education consultant who has advised Wesley’s Board of Trustees for some 14 years. Fisher, who has worked with more than 300 colleges and universities in all 48 continental states, commends President Miller for his acute vision, sense of mission and ability to quickly size up a situation and act upon it. During his decade at Wesley, President Miller has served with Fisher on 18 consulting assignments and participated in 40 campus reviews nationwide. “Scott has been very visible as a speaker, presenter and author,” Fisher notes. “A leader who isn’t worth listening to off-campus isn’t worth listening to on campus, either.”

“I feel very strongly about Scott’s fine sense of urgency and what I call his ‘rational impatience,’” says Dr. Fennell, former president of Carlow University, Pittsburgh, PA, and a principal of Gallagher-Fennell Higher Education Services. “Surveying the field of college presidents, I see few with his energy and ability.”

Some 400 new presidents who have participated in the annual program have benefited from his wise counsel and experience, she notes.

Annie Miller, Scott’s wife, also earns high praise from the College community. She and the President have been gracious in hosting numerous events at the President’s home, Vice President Sturgis notes, and in fact, the acquisition of the Annie J. Cannon House likely wouldn’t have happened without her.

“After a luncheon in 1997 at which the donor (owner of the house) largely ignored both me and President Miller and focused his conversation almost exclusively on Annie, he concluded the meal by presenting her with the key,” Dr. Sturgis recalls. The original owner had been planning to give the house to a competing institution before meeting the new President and his wife.

While acknowledging that they will miss President Scott D. Miller, many say they understand his desire to move on to new challenges at Bethany College in West Virginia, the state of his undergraduate days at West Virginia Wesleyan.

“Entrepreneurship is in Scott’s DNA,” notes Kimmel.

“Scott Miller has left the College in a position for his successor to take the institution to a whole new level,” Dashiel adds.

“The mark of a great leader is that the institution he leaves behind will continue to grow and prosper. And that will be the case with Wesley College,” Holden concludes.

The Irish poet William Butler Yeats wrote, “Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

“Scott Miller lights that fire in everyone whose lives intersect his,” Dr. Fennell adds.
IT’S BEEN A GREAT DECADE

Ten years is a long time...enough to witness 4,000 Wesley alumni walk across the stage at Commencement, enough to see two daughters grow from pre-teens to young women, enough to spearhead the transformation of a college.

When President Miller leaves campus for the last time as president this December, he will leave behind a legacy of momentum, accomplishment and new initiatives. He will leave a College who’s enrollment has more than tripled that of when he arrived in 1997, with an endowment doubled and $40 million in upgrades to campus facilities. His legacy will also include new academic programs and initiatives, a plethora of ongoing partnerships and expanded alumni pride in their alma mater, as reflected in an increase in giving.

We also worked with a talented Board who understand their role and who have consistently supported Wesley with their time, talent and financial resources. And—I must admit—I’ll miss those football Saturdays at Wolverine Stadium.

What has been your most memorable moment?

Well, there have been many, but to cite just one—it would undoubtedly be Rocky Myer’s selection for the Gagliardi Award in 2005, the pinnacle of Division III college football. It was just such a tremendous honor for him, as well as for Coach Drass, the team, our scholar-athletes and the College as a whole. And a close second would be the end of the 2005 and 2006 football seasons when the team went to the NCAA semi-finals, finishing 3rd in the nation. That was very, very special.

What do you see in your crystal ball for Wesley?

With two years left until the end of the 10-year Master Plan, there are still some objectives to be completed. I expect that within that time frame, we will see a new nursing building, new teacher education facilities, an expanded gym, and perhaps, university status for Wesley.

Any parting comments?

Thanks to everyone for your friendship, commitment and support. It’s been a great decade.
Appointed to his current position last year by President Miller following the retirement of Dr. Bette Coplan, Dr. Sturgis previously served in the same capacity from 1988-1991.

“Wesley College is a dramatically different place today, but its essence has remained the same,” the Eastern Shore native says, comparing the academic area to that of two decades ago.

While full-time faculty has grown from 53 in 1988 to 70 today and traditional undergraduate enrollment has more than doubled, “the focus has remained on teaching and an emphasis on the individual student,” he notes.

In his years away from the vice presidency, Wesley has added graduate programs in nursing, business, education and environmental science (none existed until 1996) and opened a northern Delaware campus at New Castle.

“The focus from 1997 to 2006 was on solidifying the traditional undergraduate enrollment and academic programs,” he adds. Today, with more than 30 areas of study and some 3,200 full-and part-time undergraduates, the College is seeking to expand its non-traditional offerings to better serve area residents, business and industry.

Dr. Paul Thornton has been named to the newly created post of Dean of Adult Studies, providing leadership for two off-campus sites at Dover Air Force Base and Wesley College New Castle, as well as distance learning (online) opportunities. Adult learners may now earn undergraduate degrees in business, accounting, psychology, legal studies and liberal studies by enrolling exclusively in evening programs.

Another new area of emphasis is creating opportunities for students and faculty to study and teach abroad. Dr. Sturgis accompanied by Dr. Susan A. Cooper, professor of education and director of global initiatives, visited England and Northern Ireland in May 2007. After renewing the College’s agreement with the University of Chester, they visited Harlaxton College, the British campus of the University of Evansville. In August, Wesley signed a partnership agreement with the University of Evansville and plans to send a faculty member and 15 students to Harlaxton in May 2008.

“Working with faculty teams to prepare for Wesley’s Middle States Association reaccreditation visit in April 2009 is a major undertaking, but one that ultimately benefits faculty and students,” Sturgis says.

“This self-study represents a golden opportunity to examine what we are doing well and what we need to do to improve.”

In conjunction, he is working with faculty to redesign the College’s core curriculum.

“The current core does not adequately define what makes Wesley unique. We need to re-examine the mission statement and more carefully define what we believe a Wesley College education provides,” he notes.

In November, Dr. Sturgis was installed as chairman of the board of the Children’s Beach House in Lewes, DE, one of Wesley’s partnerships. With a satellite office on the Wesley campus, the program carries out the vision of its founder, Lydia Chichester duPont, to create a therapeutic haven for special needs children. When the non-profit organization completes its current strategic plan, Sturgis expects Wesley College to become a key partner in Kent County. He hopes that the Beach House will offer an additional source of internships and service learning opportunities.

Sturgis also serves on the board of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware and is a gubernatorial appointment to the Delaware Science Alliance, an initiative to foster dialog among academe, business and industry.

Nearly 30 years ago, when he came to Wesley as a young scholar with a new doctorate seeking proximity to his family in Maryland, Dr. Sturgis did not realize that he found a permanent professional home. Today, however, he is glad he stayed.

“Undoubtedly one of the most rewarding aspects of what I have done has centered around students. The opportunity to play an active role in their development has been an extremely gratifying experience.”
“I have a passion for competition,” says David W. Devonshire ’66, of his career as chief financial officer of some of the nation’s biggest Fortune 500 companies — among them Motorola, Inc., from which he recently retired as executive vice president and CFO to “work on my golf handicap.”

Dave’s handicap may just have to wait, because since leaving the global electronics giant in October of this year, he has already accepted directorships on the boards of three corporations listed on the New York Stock Exchange and is serving as senior advisor to Devon Value Advisors, an investment bank in Greenwich, CT. He is also a board member of the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago.

Since leaving Wesley with an associate’s degree in accounting, Dave has overseen $44 billion budgets at Motorola and before his five-year tenure there, as CFO at both Ingersoll-Rand and Owens Corning.

“It’s the job I always wanted,” he says of
the position. “You get to pursue strategic alternatives to create shareholder value.”

Such stratospheric competition comes with a pricetag, however. In Dave’s case, it meant frequent overnight flights to China and other overseas markets on corporate jets.

“The competition is fierce,” he notes. “While we were asleep, our competitors in Asia were trying to kill us. The first thing we always did in the morning [of the flights] is to turn on Bloomberg News and find out what was done while we were sleeping.”

After a nearly 40-year business career, however, Dave’s competitive juices are still flowing – perhaps honed by his high school basketball and baseball career in Wallingford, PA.

From there, he went on to Wesley Junior College and to Widener University and the prestigious Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University, where he earned his B.S. in accounting and MBA degrees, respectively.

He credits the “good education” he received at Wesley for building the foundation on which he was able to excel at other universities. Already a vice president at 29, he was spotted by the chairman of the Kellogg School and offered a full two-year scholarship while fully employed in the field. “Kellogg was a great experience,” he says. “After seven years out of [undergraduate] school, I already had the experience on which to build, and my professors also became my best friends.”

At 30, he experienced a career epiphany of sorts when his employer, the American Hospital Supply Corporation of Evanston, was acquired.

Until then, he says, “I thought I had been in control [of my career.] All of a sudden, I realized that I was no longer in control.”

Using this realization as a time for introspection, Dave renewed the career focus that took him to the top.

After a nearly 40-year corporate career, he is still enthusiastic about competition. It looks like golf will, once again, have to take a back seat.
This winter, I expect to complete my doctorate in International Business and currently hold over 130 graduate business credit hours. I have or am being published in the areas of international political corruption, immigration policy, and am finishing an exploratory paper on college student perceptions and potential retention models. Believe it or not, I still have time to play with boats, fish, and dive. It is interesting that when I was at Wesley I was an Education major. Funny, how we come full circle.

Ed would enjoy hearing from any former classmates or instructors. His personal email is: emoo re17@bellsouth.net

The Franciscan Care Center at Brackenville, near Wilmington, recognized Wesley Bennett for his 10,000 volunteer hours at the center. Bennett serves as Volunteer Coordinator at the center, which is part of St. Francis Healthcare Services. He was presented with a plaque, flowers and a weekend trip, as a thank you for his service.

SUSAN CAROL (TRAUT) MORRIS married Andrew D. Shepard on August 1, 2007. Between them they have three children in college (2 boys and 1 girl) and one son in middle school. Susan enjoyed a nine day “graduation trip” to Italy with her son, Bill, this summer before he started attending the University of NC at Wilmington. Bill received his Eagle Scout award in May 2007 and a full scholarship to attend college.

KEVIN SMITH has been elected president of the Ohio Academic Advising Association, a statewide organization of academic advisors from throughout Ohio. He is also still serving as the Chair for the City of Fairborn Planning Board.
WE SLEY ’76 CLASS OF

F. KAY (HOWARD) BURTON wrote in to report that a group of former Wesley students from classes ’76–’80 assembled in Rockhall, MD on April 27–29, 2007. She writes, “We have been doing this get together for about 15 years. The attendees included the following individuals:

SANDY SHILLING-DANIELS (the brains and organizer of all our reunion events); F. Kay (Howard) Burton (shout out to my main man– Mark Greenberg); CHARLIE VIANA (still the best looking man ever to attend Wesley); BETH CONSTANTINOU (Wesley’s 1977 Homecoming Queen); LINDA LEWIS-LUOMA (still as thin and pretty as she was when we were students and traveled all the way from California); DAVE ROCCIO (party-on Roc); STEVE TROMBENUS (horseshoes anyone?); PETE HOOVER (came up from the Sunshine State); MIKE MOLLO (did a few sets with the band at the local Rockhall watering hole); COLLEEN (MURPHY) CHILDS (3rd floor Carpenter Girls– where are you? Leslie, Maggie, Jan, Sharon, & Cathy);

STANLEY ‘COOP’ COOPER (His son’s got the basketball thing going on now and a shout out to my boy– Mark ‘The Hack’ Hackshaw); ELLEN (LAMONT) SCANLON (came down from upper New Jersey);

GREG AND DIANE BRIGGS (Briggs’ wife is affectionately called ‘Lady Di’ by our group); TERRI O’NEILL GLEASON (owns and operates an Irish Pub – not much of a difference from our keg days in college). If anyone is interested in joining our little group, please contact Sandy Shilling-Daniels at pacorgi@aol.com or Kay Burton at fkburton2@hotmail.com’

WE SLEY ’87 CLASS OF

After 18 years in the insurance industry, MARYBET (HEINRICH) DUPLESSIS made a career change and earned a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction at Rosemont College in May 2007. In September, she started teaching fifth grade at Germantown Settlement Charter School. She still lives in Glenside, PA with her husband, Michael, and their three children, Michael (14), Matthew (11) and Marielle (4). Marybet can be reached at md4@comcast.net

WE SLEY ’87 CLASS OF

LAURIE (LEITZELL) CHERTOW and HEATHER (CAMERON) TREML ’90 got together for a day of fun at the beach this summer. They enjoyed being pulled by their husbands, Ken Chertow and Rick Treml, on the boat. Laurie can be reached at kenchertown.com and Heather can be reached at delcard.com
KEN LOTT and his wife, AMY ’04, are living in Camden, DE with their two boys Ty (3 1/2) and Tanner (1 1/2). Ken is starting his tenth year with the Caesar Rodney School District as a physical education and health teacher, where he also coaches football and baseball. Ken would love to hear from his Wesley friends and can be reached at lott9801@comcast.net

JENNIFER (STITES) TURON and husband, Mike, proudly announce the birth of their son, Jack Martin Turon. Jack was born on June 12, 2007. He was 8 lbs., 11 oz. and 22 inches long. He is the couple’s first child. Jennifer can be contacted at jensti23@aol.com

STEVE RIVITUSO and his wife, PATTY ’98, would like to announce the birth of their third child, Anthony Thomas Rivituso. He was born on July 16, 2007 and was 5 lbs., 6 oz. He joins his big sisters Kristin (6) and Ashley (3). Their e-mail is pattyriv@verizon.net

GREG POTUZNIK and his wife, Jennifer, are pleased to announce that they were expecting their second child on October 11, 2007.
ADRIENNE (GEHWEILER) GRABLE and her husband, Brian, would like to announce the birth of their second son, Riley Samuel, on August 23, 2007. Adrienne and Brian also have a 3 year old son, Tanner.

LATANYA (INMAN) RICHARDS announces that she and Barry Richards got married on November 27, 2006 in Burlington, North Carolina. Their honeymoon took place aboard the Navigator of the Seas Ship of the Royal Caribbean Cruises where they set sail to Ocho Rios, Jamaica and the Grand Cayman Islands. They have a precious daughter named Jada Briana. The couple resides in Landover, Maryland. You can contact them through their travel business website at www.brichtravel.net. LaTanya’s personal email address is namani@hotmail.com

AARON SISTRUNK presently runs his own personal training company (Perfect “Fitt”) in Philadelphia. This past Spring, Philly Fit Magazine ranked Aaron’s company as the 11th “Best of Philly’s Fittest Businesses.” In July, he also had a write-up in The Chestnut Hill Local about his intense 90 minute outdoor boot camp. Aaron is also an assistant football and strength and conditioning coach at Chestnut Hill Academy. He currently lives in the Mount Airy section of Philadelphia with his wife, Lisa, and two daughters, Dastresha and Leajah. His company website can be found at www.perfectfitt.com

WESLEY TRUSTEE DONALD SCHWAMB JR. ‘60, of Ramsey, NJ, a Board member since 2000, passed away August 22, 2007. Schwamb was a former chair of the Advancement Committee and also served on the Executive Committee of the Board.

“As an alum, parent of an alum, Board member and friend, Don contributed immeasurably to the growth of Wesley. During his seven years on the Board he provided instrumental leadership for our $67 million Campaign for Wesley and was a strong advocate of the College to multiple constituencies,” President Miller said.

Retiring as vice president of sales and marketing from Okonite after 39 years of service, he then joined Paine Webber and Morgan Stanley as a financial advisor for another decade. He was a member of the Ridgewood Country Club.

Don is survived by his wife, Patricia Jones Schwamb ’59, and a son, Daniel Mark Schwamb ’91 and wife Pamela of Mahwah, NJ and his mother, Dorothy Brown Schwamb. Also surviving are three brothers, James and William of Florida and John of Georgia.

The Schwamb family at the dedication of the Donald F. Schwamb, Jr. Memorial Park

IN MEMORIAM

BYRON TYLER ’28
SHIRLEY FISHER SCHAEFFER ’47
RAYMOND “BUDDY” Lloyd ’52
ROBERT A. JUDD ’57
JAMES SMALE ’59
DONALD F. SCHWAMB, JR. ’60
JOSEPH LOUREIRO, JR. ’66
IRENE DAVIS ’83
MARGARET STOREY
New Beginnings

The 2007-08 academic year marks two new beginnings for Wesley intercollegiate athletics. Not only has the College moved to the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC), but also, this year is the first for Wolverine varsity track & field as the program ascends from club status.

For the past two years, Steve Pickering, who also serves as Wesley’s cross-country coach, has led the club team at outdoor meets. This year, the varsity will compete in three or four indoor meets and four-five outdoor competitions, including the CAC Championships.

“I’m looking forward to the opportunity to work with a larger group of our outstanding Wesley students,” observes Coach Pickering. “You deal with a small pool in cross country, but in track you cast a larger net.”

“I’m also very excited for the kids who’ve been here and seen it through from club status. It will be great for them to compete and represent the college on the varsity level,” he continues.

Coach Pickering recently held a preliminary meeting for students interested in participating. More than 30 Wesley College student-athletes showed up. “That should give us a strong nucleus to start,” Pickering adds.

“We are enthusiastic about offering track & field as a varsity sport,” notes Executive Director of Intercollegiate Sports and Recreation Mike Drass. “Coach Pickering has great experience on the collegiate level, and we anticipate that our team will excel in the coming years.”

A number of student-athletes competing in other sports at Wesley, most notably football and basketball, as well as most of the College’s cross country teams, are expected to join the varsity squad, with the latter comprising much of the middle distance and distance teams. Coach Pickering hopes student-athletes from other fall sports, especially those who competed in track & field in high school, will view the new varsity sport as a way to maintain their conditioning in the offseason.

The action kicks off February 2, 2008, when the Wolverines will head to an indoor meet, the Thompson Invitational, at the University of Delaware. One of the challenges facing the team during the indoor season is that meets are typically a mix of colleges and universities from Divisions I, II and III.

“Told we’ll have a few student athletes on the team who could be Division I caliber and should be able to hold their own,” says Pickering.

Wesley will begin its outdoor season March 22 at Richard Stockton, and the team schedule will conclude April 19 with the CAC Championships.
Wesley goal by Danielle Vincent has become a familiar announcement over the public address system at DuPont Field in recent years. In her first two years as a Wolverine, the senior racked up 25 goals in less than 40 games, shooting up the College’s career scoring charts and earning the “Female Athlete of the Year Award” in 2006 after her junior season.

The term “goal scorer” alone does not do justice to the local athlete from Camden, DE. “Dani is a great kid,” notes Field Hockey Head Coach Tracey Short. “Although it would have been wonderful to have her here all four years, her being on the team for three has been great, too.”

Coach Short cites Vincent’s freshman season in 2004, in which she earned a spot on the team at Division I Lock Haven. Vincent even split time on a squad that went 19-1, undefeated in the Northeast Conference. In the end, however, a desire to be closer to home led her back to Delaware and Wesley College.

Her first year as a Wolverine proved to be successful for the transfer student, as she posted a team high of 11 goals, pacing the squad with 23 points. Vincent followed that up with 14 goals and 30 points in 2006. She was named to the All-Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) First Team both seasons and earned all-region honors after the 2006 season.

Vincent also merited a nod as a team captain in both 2006 and again in 2007. She is one of three captains this season helping lead the squad through a conference switch to the competitive Capital Athletic Conference (CAC). “It’s going to be different,” Vincent says. “It’s very competitive and we’ve got a young team, but it’s going to be good.”

Perhaps fitting with a change in conference, Vincent’s numbers have changed this year, as well. She still ranks among the team leaders in goals scored, but also led the team in assists at midseason. It’s a statistic that does not concern Vincent in the least.

“It doesn’t bother me who scores the goals; I just want to win,” says Vincent. “This is a totally different team than in past years. We added one of the leading scorers in the state, and already had a couple players who could score, too.”

Coach Short is not surprised by the change either. “Yes, Dani has scored a lot of goals in the past,” she notes. “But that doesn’t completely describe her as a player. Most of her work is done between the 20s (yard lines), securing the ball.”

Off the field, she must balance her field hockey schedule with the academic demands of a biology major. Her ultimate career goal is to become an optometrist. When she’s not studying or playing field hockey, Vincent fits in two part-time jobs, including that of a student worker at Wesley College.
MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
Head Coach: Steve Pickering
Finish: Fifth at CAC Championships
A fifth place finish at the conference championships may seem unimpressive on paper, but it represents the highest finish of the CAC’s three new members since 2006.

Individually, Teddy Bobola led Wesley at every meet, placing in the top 20 three times and outside the top 30 twice. He ran the Wolverines’ best time of the season with a 28:51 at the Don Cathcart Invitational.

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
Head Coach: Steve Pickering
Finish: Seventh at CAC Championships
Injuries ruined any chance Wesley had at finishing higher in the conference, but there were still notable individual achievements.

Joleen Schilling finished 18th at the CAC Championships and was named the CAC Runner of the Week in consecutive weeks. She finished 17th in a field that included just one other Division III team at the Goldey Beacom Invitational, running a 22:13. The following week, she bettered that time with a 21:35 at the Cabrini Invitational to finish 25th in a field that again contained numerous Division II squads.

Schilling led the Wolverines in the final four races of the year, but it was Kerry Bowman who led the way in the Wolverines’ first two races, taking seventh at the Dukes Invitational in the season opener and improving to fourth the following week at the Division II Wilmington Invite.

FIELD HOCKEY
Head Coach: Tracey Short
Finish: 12-5 (4-2 CAC, third)
Field hockey produced the highest regular season finish of the six Wesley teams that entered the CAC, finishing third with a 4-2 mark. It was also the only fall CAC team to produce multiple first team all-conference picks in Taryn Neeman and Danielle Vincent.

Three of the team’s five losses came against nationally ranked teams, with the Wolverines going 12-2 against unranked opponents. Wesley played tough against ranked foes, as well. The three goals in a loss to national power Salisbury are the highest number an opponent had scored against the Sea Gulls as of November 10, 2007.

The team also advanced as far as the CAC semifinals, falling in overtime 3-2 at St. Mary’s (MD). It was also the 11th consecutive year in which the Wolverines posted double digit wins.

In addition to Neeman and Vincent, Wesley’s Ashley Kisner was named to the All-CAC second team. Wesley was one of just two schools with three players among the conference leaders in both goals and points. Neeman was third in goals scored (13) and fourth in points (28), Brooke Tadlock tied for eighth in both goals (9) and points (22), and Vincent was 10th in goals (8) and tied for eighth in points (22).
MEN’S SOCCER

Head Coach: Steve Clark
Finish: 7-11-1 (5-3 CAC, fourth)

Many teams would settle for a rebuilding year like the one Steve Clark’s men’s soccer team enjoyed in 2007. The Wolverines featured a roster that lost four all-conference selections and featured 15 freshmen. Of the team’s seven seniors, the majority had missed significant time during their careers with injuries. Add in the move to the CAC, led by national power York (PA) and regional power Salisbury, and 2007 did not look bright for the Wolverines.

In the end, however, Wesley went 5-3 in the CAC and advanced to the conference semifinals in dramatic fashion. Senior Peter Hulem, lost early in the season to injury, scored in the final three regular season matches as the Wolverines earned a home quarterfinal match. In that match, Wesley played St. Mary’s to a 1-1 tie, but a pair of freshmen led Wesley to the semifinals in a shootout. Goalkeeper Nick Talarico turned away a pair of shots, and Justin Lambert drilled home Wesley’s final attempt for a 5-4 advantage. Wesley, however, ran into the top seeded Sea Gulls in the next round.

Seniors Sean Wise and Brian McCann led the offense for Wesley. Both finished with 12 points, with Wise scoring a team-high five goals and McCann leading the team with four assists.

After the season, Hulem was named to the All-CAC first team, with McCann and fellow senior Allen Justis earning nods on the second team.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Head Coach: Ed Muntz
Finish: 12-8-1 (3-4-1 CAC, fifth)

The Wolverines’ first year in the CAC saw records challenged and set. Wesley won 12 games, tying the 2004 team for the most in college history. Senior Kyle Savidge became the Wolverines’ all-time leading scorer and the first player in program history to top 100 points. She finished her stellar career with 111 points and 47 goals, both new Wesley records. Goalkeeper Brittany Block posted 10 shutouts to run her school record to 32.

Savidge helped power an offense that ranked in the top 25 nationally at 3.67 goals per game. Newcomer Jessie Nino led the CAC in goals (15), assists (9) and points (39), while Savidge was second in goals (12), tied for fourth in assists (6) and tied for second in points (30).

Block was named to the All-CAC first team after the season. Savidge and junior Jessica Trenkamp were picked for the second team.

VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach: Betsy Hayden
Finish: 11-12 (2-6 CAC, seventh)

The third-year women’s Wesley volleyball team continued to make strides on the court under first-year head coach Betsy Hayden. The team won 11 matches, just two less than in the program’s first two seasons combined. The record win total also came against just 12 losses, as the Wolverines finished the regular season at .500 before falling in the quarterfinal round of the CAC Championships. Wesley finished 2-6 in the CAC during the regular season, needing a win to clinch a playoff spot in the last match of the season against Hood. The Wolverines took out the Blazers in four games to earn the trip to the postseason.

Sophomores Nettie Choice and Lilia Brekke paced the Wolverines in nearly every statistical category. Choice led the team in kills (182), hitting percentage (.170) and blocks (81), while Brekke paced Wesley in aces (56) and digs (425). Brekke was also second to Choice in both kills and hitting. Her performance against Albright with 36 digs was also one of the best single match totals in Division III in 2007.
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