



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2003

COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, MAY 17

Baccalaureate	10:00 a.m.
Commencement Buffet Luncheon	11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Commencement	2:00 p.m.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Associate Professor of Spanish **Olgalucia Gonzalez** congratulates the nine Spanish majors who were recently inducted into the Gamma Mu Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the Spanish Honorary. Seniors are **Christina Beam**, **Michelle Mantine**, **Kristen Morascyzk**, **Kristin Ondecko**, and **Melissa Stanton**. Juniors are **Antonio Loffreda-Mancinelli**, **Adriana Love**, **Brieyana Ott**, and **Emily Shultz**.

Assistant Professor of Economics/Business **Robert Litchfield** attended the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology meeting in Orlando, Florida, in April. At the meeting, Litchfield presented “The Effect of Controllability and Stability on Escalation of Commitment” and “Improvising Managerial Diagnosis of People Problems.”

Assistant Professor of Biology **James March** had two research articles, “Food Web Structure and Basal Resource Utilization Along a Tropical Island Stream Continuum, Puerto Rico” and “Benthic Community Structure and Invertebrate Drift In a Pacific Island Stream, Kosrae, Micronesia,” published in the March issue of *Biotropica*—a peer reviewed journal of tropical biology.

In addition, Dr. March attended a workshop presented by the Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education at Penn State University in March. The workshop focused on environmental education for higher education and integrated pest management.

Assistant Professor of Art **Patrick Schmidt** led a National Endowment for the Humanities funded student art trip to Washington, D.C., in April. The purpose of the trip was to view Contemporary and Modernist art, including a special exhibition, “Gerhard Richter: Forty Years of Painting,” at the Smithsonian Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. Richter trained at art academies in Dresden and Düsseldorf. He was influenced by childhood experiences under the Third Reich during World War II and his life in West Germany during the Cold War. Students **Christina Snyder '05**, **Katherine Mason '05**, **Kelly Dick '06**, and **Bonnie McGill '06** also toured several Dupont Circle galleries; a special exhibition of Margaret Bourke-White’s photographs at The Phillips Collection; and the National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden.

Chemistry Program Coordinator **Thomas Stringfield** announces that the student affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) hosted their first Saturday Science session at Lazear Chemistry Hall in April. Dr. Stringfield organized the new Saturday Science program, funded by W&J’s Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant, to bring local area high school students to visit W&J’s campus once each semester for a three-hour morning session of science activities. SAACS members junior **Damian Carrieri**, and sophomores **Gregory Burg**, **Brenda Frazier**, and **Justin Smith** mentored 13 students from Trinity and Washington High Schools in hands-on lab projects revolving around food-related biological molecules such as carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins.



W&J STREET FAIR



All had a great time at this year's second annual W&J Street Fair held on Saturday, May 3. The dartboard featuring photos of professors and administration staff members drew a crowd.

HELLO

Assistant Professor of Information Technology Leadership **Samuel Fee** will be teaching ITL 100 (Information Technology & Society) and ITL 271 (Preparing New Media) in the fall. Fee has received all of his degrees from The Ohio State University including a Ph.D. in educational technology, an M.A. in educational technology, an M.A. in archaeology, and a B.A. in ancient history.

In addition to his work as a technologist, he remains active as an archaeologist. Most of his field work takes place in Greece and the southwestern United States. Dr. Fee has had many articles published, most recently "Pedagogical Approaches for the Use of Digital Video" which appeared in the *Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education Annual* and "Understanding the Technology of Developing Web Graphics for Archaeological Content" in *The SAA Archaeological Record*, Volume 3, Number 1.

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF PITTSBURGH UPCOMING EVENTS

Take advantage of the College's World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh membership. For more information, contact Dr. Rembert's office at ext. 6005. Reservations are required to attend the following events.

May 21

The Trans-Atlantic Relationship: How Real is the Rift?

Dr. Andreas Oldag, New York Correspondent, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*
12-1:45 p.m., The Duquesne Club, Walnut Room,
Fourth Floor, 325 Sixth Avenue, Downtown Pittsburgh



Associate Dean of Student Affairs Jerry Stebbins takes a pie in the face to help the Pi Beta Phi sorority raise money for the Women's Shelter of Washington.

FAREWELL FRIENDS

Director of Planned Giving **Lauri Fink** will say goodbye to her W&J friends on June 1 to begin her new position as development director for Family Hospice and Palliative Care in Mt. Lebanon. This organization has been independent from the South Hills Health System for only two years. During that time they have doubled in size and have taken over UPMC's Hospice.

Fink and her assistant will be responsible for all aspects of development: grant writing, planned giving, annual appeals, memorial programs, and a campaign to build a new facility. She is excited to have the opportunity to design much of her position from scratch since it is new to Family Hospice.

Library Academic Technician/Circulation **Coni Francisco** has decided to put a traditional library career on hold to spend more time with her family. Her son, Miguel, will be turning four soon, and Coni feels that she has missed too much with her family these last few years while working full-time and getting her master's degree.



Although she will miss working at the Library, helping the patrons, and getting to know her 23 student assistants, she will be stay busy with her son's activities, English as a Second Language tutoring, and her home-based educational consultant business with Usborne Books. Coni's last day is Friday, May 30, 2003, after nearly six years with W&J. Contact her through www.UsborneLibrarian.com.

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES

The following W&J employees were honored at the Retirement Dinner held on Monday, May 12:

Registrar and Assistant Dean **Joseph Amendola**
Switchboard-Receptionist **Janet Castriota**
Housing Coordinator **Carole Malmgren**
Secretary to Athletics **Marge Re kai**
Controller **Roland Schriver**
Bookkeeper, Business Office **Betty Siwik**
Associate Director of Athletics **Richard Soudan**
Professor of Art **Hugh Taylor**



Faculty and staff enjoy an evening celebrating this year's retirees.



President Mitchell introduces retiree Janet Castrioda, a longtime employee of the College.

NEWS FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

Get more information on the following campus jobs at http://www.washjeff.edu/campus_services_jobs.asp.

Library Academic Technician II
Cataloging Librarian
Assistant/Associate Director of Development
Instructional Technologist
Temporary Clerical/Secretarial Help
Visiting Faculty in Economics

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