The New Allyn Hall
Moving Into the 21st Century
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The stories in this issue of Community include examples of how Wright State is preparing graduates to succeed in the world in which they live and work.

This fall, state officials joined local business leaders and the campus community in the renaming of the business college to the Raj Soin College of Business. Having a businessman of Raj Soin’s international stature linked to our programs demonstrates how public-private partnerships can contribute to the economic success of the region and beyond.

Preparing teachers to help their students succeed in an increasingly complex and technological world was the driving force for a complete revamping of Allyn Hall, the new home of the College of Education and Human Services.

Keeping the world’s information super highway secure prompted the creation of a course on Internet security, one of a few offered in the nation.

Finally, the CLASS project helps teachers learn how to create learning environments that enable all students to realize their potential.

One of the first rules of learning is summed up in the words of Alexander Dumas: “Nothing succeeds like success.” I invite you to read through these pages and see how Wright State’s innovative programs of excellence are building on success of students, faculty, and graduates to make a better world for all of us.
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“New U” Web Site

WSU’s Web site has had a facelift. The whimsical “U,” the photos and the bright colors provide excitement, while the integration of WSU green and gold and biplane logo maintains tradition.

The concept conveys the internal growth and change that a person encounters heading off to college, as well as the relative newness of WSU.

The following new features have been added to the site:

- Raider Online Express features online grade access for students (rox.wright.edu);
- Virtual Tour of the university through panoramic images (www.wright.edu/vr);
- Parents site (www.wright.edu/parents);
- Experts Guide—for use by area media (www.wright.edu/cgi-bin/expertlist.cgi);
- A redesigned athletics site www.wsuraiders.com

Parents’ Weekend

The fourth annual Parents’ Weekend will be held January 26–28.

Parents are invited to meet campus faculty and staff, win prizes at Monte Carlo Night, cheer on the Raiders from reserved seats, and meet President and Mrs. Goldenberg at Sunday brunch.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at (937) 775-5570.

Libraries Receive Historical Gift

A recent donation from Lorenz & Williams, Inc., a Dayton architectural firm, to the Wright State University Libraries’ Special Collections and Archives will allow visitors to relive memories of Rike’s, the famed Dayton store, for generations to come. The donation includes floor plans, structural prints, and architectural drawings from both the main store and subsequent building addition. The materials are from the years 1950–81.

The Rike’s Historical Collection may be viewed in the Special Collections and Archives on the fourth floor of the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Guardian Wins Award

The Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) has awarded The Guardian, Wright State’s weekly student newspaper, its “All-American” rating. In six of the last eight years, The Guardian has earned this rating, the top critique award in the ACP’s national review.

The rating includes Marks of Distinction for coverage and content, writing and editing, photography, art and graphics, and layout and design.

International Research for Spinal Cord Injury

Wright State researchers join a handful of select international teams to investigate spinal cord injury in a new grant program from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Robert E. W. Fyffe, Ph.D., director of the new Center for Brain Research and professor of anatomy, will be the principal investigator for the $1.46 million grant. The five-year grant is a collaboration between WSU School of Medicine and Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

“Traumatic spinal cord injury affects approximately 250,000 Americans,” explains Fyffe. “Until we know what is happening at the cellular level, we will not be able to target appropriate treatments.”

Small Business Development Seminars

The Small Business Development Center is again offering information sessions for those looking to start a new business or grow an existing one. These seminars acquaint existing and prospective business owners with information on the resources, requirements, and assistance available for starting a small business. Areas of assistance include financing and accounting, marketing, sales and advertising, operations management, business law, human resource management, and international trade counseling. Sessions are available on the first Thursday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information, contact the SBDC at (937) 775-3503.
New Degree Offered
Wright State University’s new Bachelor of Science degree in organizational leadership is designed for students with a two-year degree or its equivalent who want to prepare for supervisory and management careers. The degree was established last year at the Lake Campus and begins at the main campus in January 2001.

For more information, contact Scott Graham, program advisor at the main campus, at (937) 775-4473.

Campus Housing Expands
Demand for on-campus housing has increased more than 20 percent since last year. This fall, two new buildings in Campus Park Apartments created space for 120 more students. Approximately 2,600 students now live in campus housing. Research shows students living on campus earn better grades and graduate at higher rates than commuting students.

First WSU Physics Chair Dies
Harvey M. Hanson, Ph.D., founding chair of the physics department, passed away in June of 2000.

Hanson first came to Wright State in the summer of 1965. “He was responsible for the development of the physics department,” said Gust Bambakidis, Ph.D., current department chair. “He recruited most of the faculty members in the department.”

Hanson sponsored the development of the Master of Science degree in physics and Master of Science in physics teaching. He also developed and implemented computer-assisted instruction courses in physics.

Professors Receive Education Award
Ann C. Wendt, Ph.D., SPHR, and William M. Slonaker, J.D., SPHR, associate professors of management in the Raj Soin College of Business, received the annual Commissioners’ Award in Education from the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. The award recognizes individuals or organizations for their work in removing the root causes of discrimination.

Wendt and Slonaker’s ongoing longitudinal research project, The Ohio Employment Discrimination Studies, is a database containing over 5,500 employment discrimination cases randomly drawn from the files of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. It is the only database in the nation containing detailed information on employment discrimination claims.

International Trade Assistance Center
The Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) has named WSU’s Raj Soin College of Business an International Trade Assistance Center, one of nine in the state of Ohio. The Small Business Development Center, in partnership with the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, will continue to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized businesses through ODOD with funding from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The funding and designation will complement existing services offered by WSU’s Small Business Development Center and formalize the services offered by G-Trade through the Department of Development.

Accountancy Posts National Win
For the third time, a team of WSU accountancy students has won the National Student Case Competition sponsored by the Institute of Management Accountants. Wright State has the record for the most wins at the national competition where teams must find solutions to cases based on a real-world situation.

Move-In Day, September 10, 2000
Wright State Wins Fulbright Award

WSU is one of 22 universities nationwide to receive a grant from a new Fulbright Scholar grants program. Wright State and the University of Concepcion in Chile will develop the Exchange Program for Leveraging Organization Resources in Education, or Project EXPLORE.

The program will allow overseas study by students from both universities. For Project EXPLORE, Wright State will investigate the feasibility of a new M.B.A. concentration in Latin American business studies. The university plans to begin the student exchange in the fall of 2002.

“The University of Concepcion anticipates sending five to 10 students per year who would take classes in English in our graduate-level production and operations management courses,” says Robert F. Scherer, professor of management and associate dean for community relations in the Raj Soin College of Business and the academic director for Project EXPLORE.

Wind Symphony Tours Japan

On June 13, the Wright State University Wind Symphony traveled to Matsusaka, Japan, for a 10-day cultural exchange program experienced through the universal language of music. The group was hosted by the International Friendship Association (MIFA), a civic organization of community and business leaders who promote artistic exchanges in the Matsusaka area. This was the Wind Symphony’s first international trip, according to David Booth, wind symphony conductor and assistant professor of music.
The following faculty and staff members were recognized for exemplary service by President Kim Goldenberg at special ceremonies marking the beginning of the academic year.

**Presidential Awards for Faculty Excellence**

- G. Allen Burton Jr., Environmental Science and Environmental Science, Distinguished Professor of Research
- Leland Bland, Music and Faculty Excellence in Research
- Richard Page, Psychology and Faculty Excellence in Teaching
- Frank Nagy, Anatomy/Surgery and Faculty Excellence in Professional Service
- Michele G. Wheatly, Biological Sciences and Outstanding Faculty Member
- Kay Wick, Marketing and Faculty Award for Excellence Instructor
- Jane Doorley, Nursing and Faculty Award for Excellence: Lecturer
- Robert V. Riordan, Anthropology and University Professor

**Presidential Awards for Staff Excellence**

- Katie Deedrick, Student Life and Human Relations, Unclassified
- Cherri Thompson, Nursing & Health and Human Relations, Classified
- Lisa May, Financial Services and Innovation, Unclassified
- Cathy Yost, Bursar’s Office and Innovation, Classified
- Lake Campus, Outstanding Unit
- Offices of Professional Field Placement, Student Services, and Graduate Studies, Innovations in Clinical Practice: A SourceBook
- Marsha Jones, Student Health Service Classified
- Eugene Hern, Research & Sponsored Programs Service, Unclassified

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When Billie Harris (73 B.S.Ed) was a brand new teacher, the only technological skill required was the ability to operate a 16 mm projector, a record player, and a mimeograph machine. “You could always tell the teachers—they were the ones with the purple fingers,” she says, referring to the fluid used to crank out the dittoed handouts and tests.

Today, Harris works with teachers in Fairborn Schools to improve classroom instruction. This includes helping them find ways to incorporate the latest instructional technology into their classrooms—which can include everything from computers, laser disks, camcorders, and LCD projectors to a television production studio.

Meeting the challenge of preparing teachers for the classrooms of today and tomorrow drove the design and complete renovation of Allyn Hall—the new home of the College of Education and Human Services. The university’s oldest building is now its newest in terms of facilities and instructional technology.

“The students of today are more visual, more oriented to being entertained,” she says. “You have to practically do a song and dance to get their attention.” Indeed, studies show that the average American child watches 1500 hours of television a year, and one in three comes from a home that has a personal computer.

Closed in June 1999, the building’s interior was completely gutted and remodeled, opening for classes this fall.

“It’s basically a building that has the flexibility to stay ahead of the needs of the users, to enable both students and faculty to make use of current and emerging technology,” says Bonnie Mathies, Ph.D., associate dean, who oversaw the $10 million renovation.

Besides including two traditional computer labs and “electronic” classrooms that use the latest video, audio, and multimedia projection systems, Allyn Hall designers tapped into one of the
newest technologies appearing on campuses: the wireless classroom.

“We loved the flexibility of wireless,” says Mathies. “Wireless can turn any classroom into a computer lab.”

Fall quarter saw the second floor rigged for wireless computing; plans call for the entire building to be outfitted in the next year.

Wireless classrooms are equipped with a transceiver installed in the ceiling that sends and receives signals from laptops distributed to students in the class. The system allows students to connect to campus networks and the Internet without being tethered by cables and wires. Such freedom of movement allows students to collaborate more easily on writing and research projects. “I think there is a lot of potential for using this technology that we haven’t discovered yet,” says Mathies.

Mathies says that faculty input was solicited early on in the building’s design.

“We told them that their imagination was the only limitation.” Mathies found that in addition to the expected requests for the latest computer and electronic equipment, the majority of faculty also wanted a flexible space equipped with moveable tables and chairs rather than the standard row upon row of armed chairs.

One classroom is even modeled after a school laboratory for science teaching methods courses.

Second-floor hallway features Internet access jacks
While Harris is glad that today’s teachers no longer contend with purple fingers, she is concerned about preparing students to succeed in a world where technology is changing the way teachers teach and students learn.

“That’s why the changes in Allyn Hall are so important—not only do they provide an enhanced learning experience for students, they also provide a model for how to use it in their own classrooms. It’s about preparing students to succeed in the world in which they will live and work, now and in the future.”

The public is invited to an Allyn Hall open house on January 18, from 4 to 7 p.m.
Educational Resource Center

Now located on the first floor, the center provides materials and equipment to support students in the College of Education and Human Services, as well as community members in the education field.

The center consists of three areas:

- **Instructional Materials Center**—provides an array of teaching aids and materials. These include items such as educational kits, games, video tapes and laser disks; picture files; and textbooks. The center also has adaptive computers and visual aids for individuals with physical and visual impairments.

- **Media Production Lab**—provides equipment and materials to create visual displays (such as colorful bulletin boards) as well as laminating and multimedia development. Materials are available at cost.

- **Microcomputer Lab**—serves primarily as an instructional lab; however, during off hours it can be used as a software preview site for teachers who want to try out the newest educational software.

Teaching Behind the Glass

Allyn Hall includes new facilities that support specialized instruction and training, such as this Reading Recovery Class. Observed teaching and learning are key elements in this innovative program, which trains reading teachers to improve the reading skills of their first-grade students targeted with reading problems. Wright State is one of only three universities in Ohio designated as a Reading Recovery training site.

Phoebe Ingraham, Reading Recovery Teacher/Leader, supervises first-grade teachers observing Maria Schreiber, a fellow classmate from Spring Hill Elementary School, as she works with one of her reading students. The teachers are in training to become certified Reading Recovery teachers.

Students look over anatomical models that can be used in a health class.

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**Allyn Hall: Fall 1964**

- Home to Dayton campus of Miami and Ohio State Universities
- Enrollment: 3,203 students
- Number of degree programs: 5
- Total faculty: 53
- Number of campus buildings: 1
- Technology in the news: IBM word processor

**Allyn Hall: Fall 2000**

- Home to College of Education and Human Services
- University enrollment: 15,398
- Number of degree programs: 100 undergraduate; 40 graduate and professional
- Total university faculty: 715
- Number of campus buildings (including residential): 49
- Technology in the news: Wireless networked classrooms
It isn’t every day that Ohio’s governor and both United States senators are in town for the same event. September 11, 2000, was one of those rare occasions. Wright State President Kim Goldenberg was joined on campus by Governor Bob Taft, Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich, area officials, and members of the campus community at a special ceremony celebrating the renaming of the College of Business and Administration as the Raj Soin College of Business.

This is the first time in Wright State’s history that a college has been named in honor of an individual. It’s also the first college in the United States to be named after an Asian Indian.

Soin, president of MTC International, has been associated with Wright State for many years and currently serves on the university’s Board of Trustees. Soin’s multimillion-dollar donation to the college and its renaming signal the beginning of a new era in business education at Wright State.

“It is a tribute to Wright State that a businessman of Raj Soin’s international stature recognizes the valuable resource our College of Business offers to the economic success of the region and the state,” said Goldenberg. Linking the college to one of the region’s most innovative entrepreneurs demonstrates the college’s innovation, according to Rishi Kumar, dean of the Raj Soin College of Business.
“Successful business owners have a responsibility to give back to the community. Wright State has a top-notch program. I am happy to be a part of helping to prepare future business leaders to respond to the fast changes occurring in the marketplace.”

Raj Soin, president, CEO of MTC International; member, WSU Board of Trustees

“It reflects the high regard and confidence that Mr. Soin has in our faculty and our programs,” said the dean. “His contribution gives us another margin of excellence and inspires us to look forward and create valued programs.”

Kumar says that business educational needs have gone through a major paradigm shift. It has evolved from “just in case” (offering a business degree in order to be hired), to “just in time” (equipping students with the skills needed to keep up with current trends), to “just for you” (providing programs geared to specific business needs).

Future initiatives of the Raj Soin College of Business include the establishment of a Professional Institute of Advanced Business Management.
Focusing on new economy issues, the institute will allow business professionals to earn credit for certificate programs specifically designed for them that they could apply to an executive M.B.A. program. The college plans to begin certification programs in many fields, including health care management and e-commerce.

A new executive M.B.A. program will be designed, separate from the current M.B.A. program, but one that Kumar hopes will have a positive spillover effect on both the current M.B.A. and undergraduate programs. The college will retain its focus on international programs; continue to provide the technology required by students and faculty; and create an infrastructure to attract and retain the best and brightest faculty.

“We always will strive to ensure that our students are fully prepared to meet the ever-changing and tremendously challenging issues of the business world,” said Kumar. “Raj Soin’s affirmation is doubly rewarding, considering his keen insights and special abilities to bring about success in this complex environment.”

“The Raj Soin College of Business will help ensure a successful legacy for the Dayton region,” added Soin. “It is my great pleasure to support Wright State in its effort to provide outstanding academic preparation.”

Senator Mike Dewine introduces Raj and Indu Soin
As media reports of e-mail viruses get widespread attention, curiosity about the causes of computer security breaches and how to prevent them increases. Wright State’s Prabhaker Mateti, associate professor of computer science and engineering, has tapped into student interest by designing one of the few undergraduate courses in the nation devoted to Internet security.

The course dispels some misconceptions about attacks on computer systems. For example, “hackers,” and their colleagues the “crackers” or “attackers,” don’t spend hour after hour devising new ways to break computer codes. According to Mateti, it’s not that the techniques used to attack computers are new, it’s that the old techniques are not well known. But because more people are using the Internet, the damage caused by an attack spreads more quickly and affects more users.

“‘Hacking’ is a very old word.” Mateti says it is used to mean “experimenting for the purpose of gaining knowledge.” Under this definition, hackers know what they are looking for, but instead of theorizing, they are experimenting and building.

A “cracker” is actively trying to break a code to obtain a password or an encrypted message. The “attacker” is trying to get something he or she is not authorized to have, such as financial information or credit card records.

“It’s some kind of psychological thrill,” Mateti says. “Often they don’t gain personally.” Also, the attackers don’t believe they’ve caused any real damage or realize they can be prosecuted.

The responsibility of maintaining a secure system rests with the user, not the manufacturer. Mateti says systems almost always have too many ways to be invaded.

“They deliver it with every door open,” Mateti explains. “Otherwise the customer thinks they don’t work. They leave it open intending that the customer will close the door.”

Some might think that a course in Internet security invites or encourages those with the wrong intentions. Mateti’s students sign an ethics statement promising not to misuse what they learn in the course. Mateti considers legal issues, social responsibility, and ethics to be as important to the course as working in the computer labs. With support from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and a two-year grant from the National Science Foundation, “Internet Security” will not only benefit the Wright State students who enroll, but provide a learning model for use by universities around the country.

Visit http://www.cs.wright.edu/~pmateti/InternetSecurity/ for information on the course topics and lecture notes.
For the past three summers, high school science teachers from around the country and students with disabilities have come together on the Wright State campus to learn from each other on how to make science accessible for students of all abilities.

Creating Laboratory Access for Science Students (CLASS) shows science educators how they can design lab activities to accommodate students with disabilities. In turn, students learn that they too can fully participate in laboratory science activities.

The two-week session includes hands-on learning experiences that includes chemistry experiments, DNA isolation, examination of various organisms, and field trips.

“This past summer, the favorite exercises by far were “chemistry in a bag” and a field trip to Caesar Creek State Park, where fossils were collected and returned to the laboratory for identification,” says Michele Wheatly, professor and chair, Department of Biological Sciences and director of the project.

Considered a national model, CLASS is part of a five-year research project, funded by grants totaling $835,000 from the National Science Foundation.

A collaboration between the departments of Biological Sciences, Teacher Education, and the Office of Disability Services, CLASS won the President’s Award for Outstanding Collaborative Unit in 1999.

A special magnifier helps CLASS student Kartheek Erukulla get a close look at a fossil.
“Disability should be viewed as another form of diversity that can be used to build a sense of belonging.”

Michele Wheatly
Professor of Biological Sciences, CLASS director

“...The highlight of this year’s CLASS workshop was the Third Annual CLASS Banquet attended by 100 members of the community and not coincidentally held on the 10th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act,” says Wheatly. Internationally recognized speaker Norman Kunc traveled to WSU from British Columbia to present the keynote address. Born with cerebral palsy, Kunc used humor and narrative to convince the audience that disability should be viewed as another form of diversity that can be used to build a sense of belonging. “His take-home message is that projects like CLASS go a long way towards ‘shrinking the disability’ so that teachers learn to appreciate that the disability is only a small percentage of the total human being.”

The project developed a source book and adaptive laboratory manuals for educators. Wheatly says future projects include creating training videos and broadening the curriculum to include other natural and physical sciences and developing workshops for elementary educators.

For more information on CLASS project visit http://biology.wright.edu/labgrant/index.html.

California teacher Kristin Hudlow works on a fossil project with Cori Lea Caton.
What do the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Tina Turner, and WSU Raider basketball have in common? The Nutter Center, of course!

The Ervin J. Nutter Center is 10 years old this season. Every year it has been annually recognized for high grossing sales, becoming the second highest grossing facility for its capacity in the U.S. and the fourth highest in the world, according to Amusement Business magazine.

The Nutter Center is home to Wright State University Athletics, Dayton Bombers Hockey, regional and state high school volleyball and basketball, and Miami Valley kids’ wrestling tournaments. It is also a stopping point for major tours including musicians from every genre and world-famous family shows.

It is, as director John Siehl calls it, “the most visible place on campus.” And that is all part of his plan to use the Nutter Center as a “major recruiting tool” for Wright State University.

Since its grand opening in December of 1990, over six million people have attended events in the Nutter Center. Approximately 500,000 of those people were under the age of 18 attending high school related events.
“Exposure for the university,” says Siehl, “is our number one mission. We intentionally host all kinds of events for children and teenagers. In many cases, coming to the Nutter Center is their very first campus visit.”

Tina Turner made her first campus visit in November. “We try to provide the highest quality entertainment, and the Tina Turner concert is a good example,” says Siehl. “The Nutter Center is the smallest venue she will play on her current tour.”

In addition to offering shows, events, and concerts to the Miami Valley, the Nutter Center provides use of its facilities for university events, and gives discounts on designated shows and events for faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

On December 5, 10 years after the Boston Pops played at the opening gala, Kenny Rogers will present his holiday show to celebrate the Nutter Center’s special anniversary. “We hope to see a lot of faculty, staff, students, and alumni at the Kenny Rogers show,” says Jim Brown, associate director of programming, sales, and marketing. “We want it to be a night to remember.”

For more information about upcoming events, check the Web at www.nuttercenter.com or call 775-4789.
Scientists across disciplines joined forces to win a competitive $7.2 million contract from the U.S. Department of Defense to study Gulf War syndrome. More than 100,000 veterans of the Persian Gulf War have reported experiencing symptoms, including chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pain, memory loss, and sleep disorders. Despite numerous research studies conducted since the war’s end in 1991, the syndrome’s cause remains unknown.

Mariana Morris, Ph.D., professor and chair of pharmacology and toxicology, and Daniel Organisciak, Ph.D., professor and chair of biochemistry and molecular biology, will lead a large team of researchers, from the cellular toxicologist to the clinical scientist, in the three-year project. The melding of disciplines increases the likelihood of success and influenced the decision to award the contract to Wright State. The team also includes faculty from the Department of Emergency Medicine and the Division of Human Biology in the Department of Community Health.

Morris and her team will focus on how stressful conditions modify the way animals and people respond to chemical treatments. Using animal models, they will examine behavior, blood pressure, and structural and biochemical changes in the brain in a state-of-the-art brain imaging facility. “Stress is known to accentuate many pathological conditions, such as heart disease, immune dysfunction, and cancer,” explains Morris. “Gulf War syndrome may be another example.”

The team under the direction of Organisciak will examine animal and human tissue samples for genetic and biochemical changes caused by repeated or low levels of exposure to chemicals. “Previous studies have documented the toxicity of high doses of the chemicals used in the Gulf War, but we don’t know the effects of lower levels of exposure at the molecular and cellular levels,” says Organisciak. Using the latest technology, they will also try to determine if there is a genetic basis to chemical sensitivity. The new gene array system, one of only a handful in the state, can analyze hundreds of genes and changes in their expressions simultaneously.

“This project,” says Howard M. Part, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine, “reaffirms the high quality of our scientists’ approach and allows us to address medical problems faced by many in our community.”

The project received the strong support of Congressman Dave Hobson and Mary Petticrew, a local philanthropist, who saw the need for this type of research and the potential of linking Wright State into national research programs through the Department of Defense.
**Cantelupe Gallery Named**

The Upper Gallery in the WSU Creative Arts Center has been named in honor of Eugene and Jean Cantelupe. The Eugene and Jean Cantelupe Gallery was dedicated on October 12, 2000, at a reception honoring the Catelupes.

Mary Ellen Mazey, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, says, “The college is pleased and honored to name one of our Art Galleries for the former dean of the college, Dr. Eugene Cantelupe. He was an integral part of building our strong academic programs in the fine and performing arts, the humanities, and the social sciences.”

Cantelupe was dean of the college from 1971 to 1983. Linda Caron, chair and associate professor of the Department of Art and Art History, says, “The Art Department considers the Cantelupes part of the family, and we are honored that they have chosen to help us.”

**SGI Donates Supercomputer**

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering has received a gift to facilitate research funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation. SGI has donated a supercomputer Onyx2 and one O2 workstation. Professor Francis Quek will use the supercomputer in his research work in human gesture, speech, and gaze. Quek’s research offers opportunities for advancement in the understanding of psycholinguistics, anthropology, language and signal processing, as well as neuroscience.

Chodi McReynolds, director of marketing at SGI, says, “We believe that our participation as an industry sponsor of visionary work such as Dr. Quek’s is an important way to assist the scientific community in groundbreaking projects that harness the power and versatility of high-performance computing.”

**Paradigm Geophysical Corporation Gift**

The Department of Geological Sciences is the recipient of a gift of software from the Paradigm Geophysical Corporation. The software package given is used by the oil and gas exploration industry for interpreting seismic images of the subsurface.

Doyle Watts, Ph.D., of geological sciences says, “This gift enables us to train students in the latest cutting-edge methods of 3-D seismic data interpretation. We will continue to supply students to the hydrocarbon and mineral industries with knowledge of the modern tools now used by explorationists.”

**West Wing star Martin Sheen** was in Dayton on Saturday, September 23, 2000, to attend a number of functions, including meeting the recipients of the Department of Theatre Arts Augsburger/Estevez Scholarship. The scholarship was established by Martin Sheen and Samantha Langevin in honor of their fathers, Francisco S. Estevez and Milton Augsburger.

Pictured left to right: Elizabeth Gruenenwald, Brandon Bergem, Martin Sheen, Erin Long, and Shaun Tubbs.

**S$2 Million Endows Surgery Chair**

The WSU School of Medicine has received a $2 million gift from Elizabeth Berry Gray to endow a chair in the Department of Surgery. The Elizabeth Berry Gray Endowed Chair of Surgery enables the department to hire a basic science researcher who will assist residents with required clinical research projects as well as consult on patient cases.

“I have been interested in the health care of our community for years,” says Gray, “I believe that this gift will benefit the entire Miami Valley.”

James Peoples, M.D., current chair of surgery and the newly named Elizabeth Berry Gray Endowed Chair of Surgery, notes, “This generous gift from Mrs. Gray will enable us to jump-start our initiatives and will have a major impact on the future of both the department and the medical school.”

“This endowment,” adds Howard Part, M.D., dean of the medical school, “is a legacy that will impact our community for years. It will allow us to recruit the highest caliber of teaching physicians and to expand the knowledge base of surgical health care.”

Elizabeth Berry Gray is the daughter of Loren M. Berry, who founded the Yellow Pages and Dayton’s The Berry Company more than 90 years ago. The Berry Company is the largest independent Yellow Pages publisher and sales agency in the United States.
Putting It In for Scholarships

The 24th Annual Wright State University Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Golf Outing was again a success, raising over $6,000 for the Legacy Scholarship Program. Pipestone Golf Course in Miamisburg hosted the event for 108 golfers. Major sponsors were Liberty Mutual and the Raj Soin College of Business.

Established by the WSU Alumni Association in 1990, the Legacy Scholarship Program has provided more than $110,000 in scholarships to the spouses, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and legal dependents of current voting association members. For more information on the Legacy Scholarship Program, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 775-2620.

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Bell Tower Update

Because of renovations to the campus entrance on University Boulevard, the bell tower, a part of campus since the university’s beginnings, has been temporarily taken down. There are plans to rebuild the tower in a new location, but where? Students, faculty, and staff have been offering their input on where the tower should be located, and alumni need their say!

Where do you think the bell tower should be placed, on the Quad or on the circle behind the Student Union? E-mail your suggestion to alumni@wright.edu by Dec. 15. Visit our Alumni Association web site at www.wright.edu/alumni to see photos of the proposed sites, for more information, and to see the results of the vote.
Alumni, Soccer, Tent City
Big Winners During Homecoming Howl & Prowl

Homecoming, held in the fall for the first time, was a howling, prowling success! Hundreds of alumni, students and friends took part in activities beginning Friday afternoon, October 27, with the campus kick-off in the Student Union.

The fun continued through Sunday, October 29, with Tent City, the men’s soccer game, and the crowning of Homecoming King B. J. Missick and Queen Veronica Njodinizeh.

On Friday evening, alumni danced the night away to the sounds of Buck Naked. Saturday morning, runners hit the road for the 5K Road Race. Over 600 people descended on Tent City Sunday morning for food, fun, and family festivities. The Alumni Association tent was a big draw as visitors could eat all they wanted for only $5. In a preview of that day’s soccer game, buffalo wings were devoured prior to the Raiders devouring the University of Buffalo 3-0.

Fall Homecoming was a huge success. Mark October 26, 2001, on your calendar now so you don’t miss any of the fun next fall!

Alumni Day 2001

Don’t miss Alumni Day, Saturday, February 17, 2001! Start the day by attending the 2nd annual Outstanding Alumni Awards Brunch. You’ll want to be there as Wright State University honors the significant achievements of an alumnus from each college and school, the Lake Campus, athletics, and the Bolinga Cultural Resources Center. Recipients are chosen on the basis of achievement in their chosen career and the contributions they have made in their communities.

Brunch begins at 10 a.m. The cost is $5 for Alumni Association members and faculty and $10 for all others.

Following the awards ceremony, stay and enjoy an exciting basketball doubleheader featuring the men’s team as they take on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee at noon and the women as they host Butler at 2 p.m. All alumni may request up to two complimentary basketball tickets each and are invited to meet the award recipients between games in the Alumni Lounge on the Nutter Center concourse. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres and soft drinks will be served. Cash bar available.

Return the attached form by January 19, 2001, to reserve your place at the brunch and to receive your complimentary basketball tickets for this special day.

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Karla Garrett Harshaw has always known she wanted to be a journalist.
As a youngster she wrote stories longhand and sent them off to national magazines. Undaunted by rejection slips, she was writing a column for a minority community newspaper, the Dayton Express, at age 13.

When the Dayton Daily News called Jefferson High School during Harshaw’s sophomore year looking for talented students to include in summer programs, the school administrators responded, “Oh, we’ve got Lois Lane here.” Harshaw was selected and was put to work in the reference library. But she wanted more.

“I spent all summer wooing the editors in the newsroom, she says, “telling them ‘I’m already a writer, I’m already a pro—I should be working for you.’” Convincing them to use her as a freelance writer after the program ended, Harshaw began covering township and school board meetings and taking weekend assignments. She also wrote a column for teens. Often she ran into the newsroom to deliver copy to the city editor still dressed in her cheerleader’s uniform.

**Her Parents Needn’t Have Worried**
Despite the reservations raised by her parents about whether journalism was a promising career for an African American female, she continued to write for the newspaper when she enrolled at Wright State. But the questions

Karla Garret Harshaw was elected treasurer of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in October. She will become the society’s president in 2004.
they raised—Would doors to advancement be opened to her? Could their only child earn a living in journalism to support herself after they were gone? How would she survive in the male-dominated world of newspapers in which few minorities were employed at that time?—steered her towards a degree in education. After all, her mother would tell her, “Mark Twain died a pauper.”

As a student teacher, Harshaw had her class of middle-schoolers create their own newspaper. But being a teacher in front of a classroom never enthralled her as much as being a reporter in a newsroom had.

Wright State “allowed me to coordinate my class schedule so that I could get a degree while I was trying to develop a career,” she says. She went to work full-time as a Dayton Daily News reporter in 1977, while finishing her bachelor’s degree in education. After seven years covering a variety of beats, including health and social services, minority affairs, education, and religion, Harshaw was appointed assistant city editor. She later served as assistant, then executive features editor before being appointed assistant business manager in 1987.

In 1990, Cox Enterprises, Inc., which owns both the Dayton Daily News and Springfield News-Sun, named her editor of the Springfield daily. She took the reins and wrote her first column introducing herself to the community just four months after the birth of her second son (she has three). In the following years, she implemented a redesign of the newspaper and directed a newsroom reorganization.

This spring, Cox executives again demonstrated their belief in Harshaw, naming her senior editor for Cox Community Newspapers and giving her responsibility for 13 smaller-circulation newspapers in North Carolina, Texas, Florida, Colorado, and Ohio. Her parents needn’t have worried.

**A Bonafide Professional**

Unlike the days when Harshaw first cajoled editors to give her a byline, opportunities for young reporters are plentiful today and newspapers compete for talent. Recruitment is a high priority for Harshaw in her new position. Attending national job fairs held by Cox, Harshaw sometimes watches in frustration as newcomers to the field vie to be recognized by representatives of Cox newspapers in cities like Atlanta, Austin, and Palm Beach. “Although some locations may offer less dazzle than others, they may have more opportunities to offer a new writer,” she says.

Offering an accessible forum to all of her newspapers’ readers is also important to Harshaw, and having diversity on the newspaper staff is one way she accomplishes that. The founder of the Dayton Association for Black Journalists, Harshaw was inducted in the National Association of Black Journalist’s Region VI Hall of Fame in 1997.

Being a person of color was not, she says, as much an issue for her in her career with Cox as shaking the image people had of her as “the kid in the newsroom” at a time when Lou Grant’s character personified the newsroom image. “I had to get a sense of how to promote myself so that my colleagues would see me as a bonafide professional.

“Despite some people’s stereotype of the hard-core journalist out to get everybody, I still believe that most people come into this business feeling that they can make a difference. They want to help right wrongs and give voice to the voiceless. That’s me, too,” says Harshaw. “I would like to think that what we do here makes a difference in the community. An enlightened world is a better world for a lot of different reasons.”
CLASS OF 1969
Hon. V. Michael Brigner (B.A.) is the new Administrative Judge of Montgomery County Domestic Relations Court. His court, which was recognized for having one of the most efficient dockets in the nation, is responsible for all divorce cases in the county, as well as all domestic violence civil protection order cases. Brigner was also named to a team of national experts who taught judges from across the United States about domestic violence prevention during a week-long symposium that took place in June.

CLASS OF 1971
Douglas G. Boyd (B.S.Ed.) was recently awarded the 2000 Junior Achievement International Global Leadership Award. Boyd was one of only 14 individuals from the United States chosen to receive the award for contributing to the global growth of Junior Achievement and free enterprise. He was recognized for traveling to Macedonia in 1998 to train over 130 teachers and Peace Corps volunteers to implement the Junior Achievement program in their educational systems. Boyd is currently the president of Junior Achievement at Middletown Area Incorporated.

CLASS OF 1972
Kenneth Esselstein (B.S.Ed.;75 M.Ed.) was named as the new assistant principal of Greeneview High School. He has been a teacher in the district for more than 20 years.

CLASS OF 1974
David E. Van Oss (B.S.B.) was elected chairman of the USA Rice Federation, a national association representing all segments of the U.S. rice industry. During his two-year term he will work to create opportunities to strengthen the long-term economic viability of the industry. Van Oss was recently elected vice chairman of the Rice Foundation, and also chairs the USA Rice International Promotion Committee. Currently, he is the vice president of Riviana Foods in Houston, Texas.

Shirley Roberts (B.A.) volunteers as a member of the Dayton SkyWarn sectional team. Her position involves the preliminary check-in of SkyWarn representatives in each county while network control operators are en route to the communication command center. This year she attended Montgomery County’s SkyWarn Spotter training classes. Roberts also has her FCC license and serves several regional organizations.

CLASS OF 1975
Representative J. Donald Mottley (B.A.; 76 M.S.) will be leaving the Statehouse this December after fulfilling an eight-year term limit. Mottley plans to become a full-time lawyer in Cincinnati upon his departure. Mottley has also served on the West Carrollton Board of Education, as a top aide to Montgomery County Auditor Dana Stamps, and to Chuck Horn when Horn was county commissioner.

CLASS OF 1976
Timothy “Rick” Hoffman (B.S.N.) was elected 2000-01 treasurer of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). The AANA is the professional organization for approximately 95% of the nation’s Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA). Prior to his current office, Hoffman served as an AANA regional director for two years. He also sat on the AANA Minimum Elements, Occupational Safety and Hazards, and Nominating Committees. He is also former president and president-elect of the Ohio States Association of Nurse Anesthetists (OSANA). Hoffman is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, and worked for Seller-Scharf Anesthesia Incorporated for more than 22 years.

CLASS OF 1977
Joseph Apone (M.S.) and his wife, Catherine, celebrated the birth of their fifth child, Anastasia Altus, last March.

A Cop With a Special Wish

It’s been a street officer, a hostage negotiator, and a morals squad detective—jobs that would seem to require a hardening of the emotions. Yet, when he talks about helping to grant a dying teen’s special wish, he looks away, his eyes becoming noticeably moist.

“I’m just a cop who meant well,” says Dave Lantz, (86 B.A.) when he started the Dayton chapter of Special Wish Foundation in 1983. “I had no experience in running an organization, no idea what I was getting into. I guess the desire was enough to get us through those first years.”

During that first year, he and his wife, Linda, held meetings at their home, putting in countless hours to raise funds and community awareness about the organization. Today, the chapter has grown to be the largest Special Wish chapter in the nation, granting about one wish a week for children diagnosed with a life threatening condition.

Lantz’s connection to Wright State comes from more than a degree in criminal justice. For example, marketing students have taken on Special Wish as a hands-on learning experience, raising more than $140,000 over the last decade, and created a successful marketing plan. Marketing professor Tom Dovel has served on the Special Wish board for 10 years, established the nation’s first student-based wish granting club at WSU, and organized the first international conference for wish granting organizations in 1990.

Lantz is quick to deflect any credit for the chapter’s success. “I’m a father, too. When I see what these families are going through, I wonder how I could handle something like that. They are the ones who inspire me. They are the real heroes,” he says, taking a long look out the window.

—By Connie Steele
Captain William H. Carey (B.S.B.) was saluted during Fairborn School District’s 13th annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony last April. Carey is the commander of the Sea Control Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and he is responsible for combat readiness for all five East Coast readiness S-3B Viking squadrons in the Navy. Carey also has more than 3,000 flight hours and more than 600 aircraft carrier landings.

Christy L. Donnelly (B.S.Ed.; 82 M.Ed.) was selected as superintendent of Vandalia-Butler school district last June. She has been an educator for 22 years and had been Vandalia-Butler pupil personnel director. Donnelly has also served as service staff supervisor and liaison for a consortium of nine Miami County school districts.

Yolande Grinzinski (M.Ed.) published a series of books for grades three and four and grades five and six entitled Write on Target. The series, which Grinzinski coauthored, focuses on using graphic organizers to help students score higher on the Ohio Proficiency Test. Grinzinski is currently the assistant superintendent of the Warren County Educational Service Center in Lebanon.

CLASS OF 1978

Charles W. Wray (B.S.Ed.) was chosen as principal of Tippecanoe High School. He was the former principal of L.T. Ball Junior High School. Wray has also worked as assistant principal of Troy High School. His past positions held at Tippecanoe High School included: business teacher, dean of students, and assistant principal.

CLASS OF 1979

Josh Klarin (B.A.) was appointed to president and CEO of Primedia’s Workplace Learning, a B2B video operation. Klarin will lead the nation’s largest group of business-to-business satellite networks and other video products.

CLASS OF 1980

Roger Pacholka (B.A.; 85 M.D.) connected WSU emergency medical residents with funding from Humedica, a Christian disaster-relief agency in Germany. This funding allowed the residents to go to Mozambique to help flood victims last April. Pacholka and his wife, Katy, have traveled to Mozambique and nearby Swaziland for several years, and they established the In His Name mission a year ago. Pacholka is currently working at Miami Valley Hospital.

Gregory W. Furlong (M.B.A.) serves on the executive committee of Joyce/Dayton Corporation and is responsible for product and market development. The corporation has developed an electronic jack selection program, called JAX, which is designed to help engineers optimize their designs. Furlong is currently allied chairman of the Power-Motion Technology Representatives Association and active with the conveyor Product Section and Vertical Reciprocating Conveyor Subcommittee of Material Handling Industry of America.

CLASS OF 1981

David B. Nolin (B.S.; 84 M.S.) spoke at the 19th annual Ohio Prairie Conference, which was held at the Audubon Aullwood Center and Farm in August. Nolin’s speech promoted and encouraged preservation of remaining Ohio prairies. Nolin currently manages parkland and park prairies as Five Rivers MetroParks’ assistant director for stewardship.

CLASS OF 1982

Vernon Dale Jones (M.B.A.) retired from the U.S. Air Force as a colonel in August. He was the deputy department head of the Department of Political Science at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Upon his retirement, Dale accepted the position of director of the Government Performance Project. This project is a national-level, multi-year effort to assess the management capacity of all 50 states, the 35 largest cities, and selected countries. The research focuses on five key management systems: financial, human resources, information technology, capital, and managing for results. Dale also accepted the position of associate professor of public administration at Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

CLASS OF 1983

Dr. William Mark Stuckey (B.S.) was promoted to professor of physics from associate professor of Physics at Elizabethtown College.
### CLASS OF 1984

**Greg Worch (B.S.B.)** joined Employers Resource Association as director of compensation services. She will be responsible for designing and implementing customized job evaluation and performance management systems.

**James Brent Prichard (B.A.)** was appointed as director of health services at Greene Oaks Health Center in Xenia. She will see to the day-to-day nursing needs of the residents of Greene Oaks, which offers full care for senior adults ranging from independent living to special Alzheimer’s unit.

**John “Bud” O’Brien (B.S.B.)** was reelected as the Miami County recorder in March. He was appointed to the office in 1996 and was subsequently elected to a four-year term.

**David Magee (B.S.B; 95 M.B.A)** named vice president of marketing with Invisible Worlds. Before coming to Invisible Worlds, David was vice president at Lexis-Nexis and executive vice president at Vetri Systems, Inc.

**Misty McDowell (B.S.N; 96 M.S.)** has worked the past 10 years as health care administrator at Dayton Correctional Institution.

**Jeanette Murphy (B.S.B.)** joined Merrell-Dow Pharmaceuticals. Previously, he worked for National Data Corporation (NDC). During his tenure there, Worch received the ComputerWorld/Smithsonian Institution Technology Innovation award for directing the creation of an e-commerce “in-a-box” Internet storefront and payment products.

**Vicky L. Weddington (B.S.EG.)** was named new business development specialist in The Timken Corporation Alloy Steel Business. She joined the corporation in 1990 as a steel business associate at the Harrison Steel Plant. In 1992 she was named senior process metallurgist at the Faircrest Steel Plant. She was assigned to the Accelerated Continuous Improvement Project as a leadership team member in 1994. Weddington also worked as principal metallurgical quality assurance engineer. Her most recent position was the principal technical services engineer. The Timken Company is a leading international manufacturer of highly engineered bearings and alloy steels with operations in 25 countries.

**Karen Morgan (B.S.N.)** became the new director of health services at Greene Oaks Health Center in Xenia. She will see to the day-to-day nursing needs of the residents of Greene Oaks, which offers full care for senior adults ranging from independent living to special Alzheimer’s unit.

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**Scott Arnold (B.S.; 94 M.D.)** was named business relationship manager at KeyBank in Hamilton. He is responsible for servicing the financial needs of the business community.

**Rosalyn Lake (B.A.)** is the new associate vice president for development and university relations at Wilberforce University. Prior to her appointment at Wilberforce, she was a community relations specialist at Reynolds and Reynolds company.

### CLASS OF 1985

**Douglas Allington (B.A.)** was promoted to training and performance manager for national accounts program, direct sales to on-line stock market trading service for The Associated Press in Evansville, Ind., was named correspondent in Grand Rapids last June.

**Reynolds and Reynolds company.**

**Scott Arnold (B.S.; 94 M.D.)** was promoted to staff pathologist at the Greene Memorial Hospital Medical Laboratory last February.

**Dr. Michael R. Barratt (M.S.)** began training along with 16 other members of the NASA Astronaut Class of 2000 in August. Barratt was chosen through a competitive process that evaluates education, training, experience, and other qualifications. He will join the 164 astronauts who are currently listed on active duty.

**John Gibbs (B.A.)** was appointed as boys head soccer coach at Greenon High School in Enon. He was an assistant soccer mentor for 12 years at Vandalia Butler High School in Enon. He was an assistant soccer mentor for 12 years at Vandalia Butler High School and for one year at Xenia. Gibbs is a co-founder of the Gunners FC Soccer Club for ages 13-18. He was a four-year starter in soccer at Wright State University. Gibbs has worked as a probation officer for the Vandalia Municipal Court the past four years.

### CLASS OF 1986

**Earl Rocky Belcher (B.S.B.)** was named as a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award. The award honors managers and owners of companies who have made outstanding contributions to entrepreneurship. Belcher is the president of Active-Investor.com, a company that provides technical analysis research to on-line stock market traders and investment professionals.

**Brian Lewis (B.A.)** works as a pharmaceutical representative with Glaxo Pharmaceuticals. Previously, he worked for Merrell-Dow Pharmaceuticals. Lewis received a certified medical representative degree in 1989 and a Master of Science degree in communications management in 1994.

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**Charlie Back (B.A.)** was chosen as the head coach of the boys’ basketball team at Beavercreek High School.

**Bryan J. Bucklew (B.A.)** currently works as Vice President of Government Affairs at the Dayton Chamber of Commerce.

**Doug Eyink (B.M.)** and the three other members of the Bluegrass Power Company have released Pure Acoustic Power, a compact disc of traditional and alternative bluegrass. Eyink is also the music director at six Centerville schools where his curriculum includes Celtic, bluegrass, blues, jazz, be-bop, swing, and rock.

**Kay Richards (M.A.T.)** is now the new principal of Beavertown Elementary School. During the previous three years, she was the principal of one of the three units at Kettering Middle School. Throughout her teaching career, Richards has received numerous grants and awards including $60,000 from the Grimes Foundation to implement computer technology in Urbana schools. She has also been honored by the Champaign County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities for improving the quality of life for students. Richards has served as a teacher and principal in Urbana public schools between 1973 and 1997.
CLASS OF 1993

Brian Crowe (B.F.A.) worked as a guest director for the play *Noises Off* last April in the Victoria Theatre. He is currently rewriting his senior thesis, *Nevermore*, for a Human Race tour of Dayton-area schools next summer. Crowe is head of education for the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival and was named on the New Jersey’s “20 for 2000,” a list of the state’s best and brightest for the new century.

Tonya Gray (B.S.; 94 B.S.M.T.) won a gold medal in weapons competition and a silver medal in forms at the Martial Arts Millennium Games in Sydney, Australia. The Millennium Games were held last April and are considered an opening venue to the 2000 Olympics.

Renee Hopson (B.F.A.) was promoted to manager of the Art Research Department at the Mazer Corporation, one of the largest service providers to educational publishers, such as McGraw-Hill, Prentice Hall, and Harcourt. Hopson is responsible for locating images for use in textbooks and other educational materials. In 1997 she joined the corporation and has held art researcher and senior art researcher positions. Before joining Mazer, Hopson was the operations assistant manager at The Museum Company in Dayton. She has had several exhibitions and has received first award and honorable mention for her work. Hopson is a member of the College Art Association, the Dayton Art Institute, the Dayton Museum of Art, and the College Art Association, the Dayton Art Institute, the Dayton Museum of Art. She is a member of both the American Association for Academic Freedom and the Association of American Colleges.

CLASS OF 1994

Tony Orr (B.S.Ed.) was chosen to be the principal of Weisenborn Middle School in Huber Heights. He will lead a staff of 60 teachers at the 900-pupil school.

Crystal Saxon (B.S.N) is a certified psychiatric and mental health nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital and Health Center. She was featured in the May/June 2000 issue of Health Care Today.

CLASS OF 1995

Kevin Bell (B.S.Ed.) was named to principal of Broadmoor Academy where he will be replacing Rodolfo Bernardo this fall. Bell was a sixth-grade teacher in Trotwood since 1997. Prior to that, he taught in the Dayton Public Schools as a first- and second-grade multiage teacher.

Jacquelyn Borgeson (M.A.) was selected to receive an International Partnership Among Museums Award by the, American Association on Museums. Borgeson will undertake an exchange with the Musee de Manega in Burkina Faso, West Africa as part of this award.

Scott Dawson (B.A.) sings tenor for the acapella band “Fourth Avenue.” The band practices vocal percussion or recreating the sounds of any rhythmic instrument via voice. Fourth Avenue moved into the fair circuit this summer.

Art Hung (B.S.B.) has joined Sharkbytes, an Internet consulting and development firm, as project manager. He is helping to manage development of the Cincinnati Museum Center’s redesigned Internet site and managing the redesign of the Making Everlasting Memories Web site. Hung is project analyst and project coordinator at Entex Information Services.


Todd Lawson (B.F.A.) played the role of Pip/Theo in the Human Race Theater’s production of *Three Days of Rain* last spring. Lawson also performed in the recent Broadway production of *Summer and Smoke*. His last performance with the Human Race was in the 1993 production of *Prelude to a Kiss*.

Sheila Pierce (M.S.) was selected as the new nurse director for the Medical Acute Care Unit at Greene Memorial Hospital in Xenia last April.

CLASS OF 1996

Matthew Fritz (B.A.) taught *Drawn to History: Architecture and Artifacts/Art Exploration classes during the summer Youth Program 2000*, which is offered by the Centerville-Washington Twp. Historical Society for students in fifth grade through high school. He is also a preservationist and woodworking businessman.

Marcia Ostergren Baits (M.M.) will be profiled in the 18th edition of *Who’s Who in the World*, due out in December 2001. She will be one of 45,000 high achievers highlighted in the world-famous publication. Baits teaches music at Whittier Elementary School in Dayton and is founder of the weekly Cedarville News and co-founder of the Cedarville Opera House Society.

Michael Haeflinger (B.A.) co-organized the Mad River Poets, which reads at the Trolley Stop every few months. Haeflinger also puts out a broadside containing poems by the Mad River Poets and is currently working on a book of member’s poetry. He has also read his poems at WSU.

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CLASS OF 1997

Katherin Nolte (B.A.) won this year’s Stony Brook Undergraduate Fiction Prize of $1000. The contest was sponsored by the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Marisa Holloway (B.S.B.) was accepted into Wright State University’s M.B.A. program.

Jason Scott (B.S.Ed.) is teaching freshman American History at Troy High School to help prepare students for the 10th-grade proficiency test.

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BIRTHS

Chris (93 B.S.B.) and Angela (Yates) (93 B.S.Ed.) Collier celebrate the birth of their son Porter James, born in March. Porter joined his three-year-old sister, Cayenne Christine.

Pam Davis (89 B.A.) and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their daughter, Ciara Madison Elizabeth, born December of 1998.

Brian Oliver (93 B.A.) and Mary L. Oliver (95 B.A.; 98 M.A.) announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Kathleen, who was born in June.
The Olympics. That’s the ultimate goal of all athletes. Whether you’re from the United States or one of the hundreds of countries around the world, Olympic time is very special. It’s a time of dreams. Who hasn’t wondered what it would be like to travel to a far land and compete with the world’s best athletes?

That dream came true for three athletes with ties with the Wright State University Athletic Department: an assistant swimming coach, a graduate assistant with the Compliance Office, and a current student-athlete.

**A Lasting Experience**

Leonard Ngoma represented the Raiders and his native country of Zambia in Australia.

“Going to the Olympics is something I will always remember,” says Ngoma. “The camaraderie of all the athletes, the opening ceremonies—everything will always be etched in my mind. I hope I can hold onto that feeling forever.”

Although his third-place finish in the preliminary heat of the 200 breaststroke didn’t qualify him to move into the finals, it did qualify him to go down in history as an Olympic athlete.

Ngoma has spent three years in the United States—two at a high school in Florida and one at WSU.

Holder of his home nation’s 100 and 200 breaststroke records, Ngoma, the first current Wright State athlete to participate in the Olympics, had another first last winter when he opened his window blind and saw snow for the first time.

“The snow was something I was actually looking forward to since I had never seen it before,” Ngoma said. “I might as well have gone to Mars. The differences are great from my home country to here but I have been able to adjust and everyone here at Wright State has been friendly and helpful to me.

“Coming to Wright State has been great for me,” he added. “It has allowed me the chance to swim and pursue my degree. And now I have another wonderful memory of being an Olympian.”

**Second Time Around**

Sion Brinn, a newly hired assistant swimming coach, made his second Olympic appearance, representing Jamaica in the 1996 games. This time, with his dual citizenship, the Louisiana State graduate represented his father’s homeland of England in Sydney.

“The Olympics was a great experience, and the second time around had added flavor since I knew what to expect. I was able to relax more and enjoy the atmosphere more,” Brinn said.

“We gave it everything we had,” he added, about his 400-medley team advancing to the finals, and placing eighth in the world. “That’s a feeling I’ll try to convey to our swimmers and anyone who wants to listen. I am just grateful for the opportunities that I have had. The people were great, and now I’ll concentrate on Wright State’s success.”
When an Olympic athlete is standing on the medal platform with a gold, silver, or bronze, it’s tempting to forget the people behind the scenes who help the athletes achieve their peak performance and meet their goals. Coaches are there every step of the way—training, encouraging, directing, and pushing athletes to fulfill their dreams of Olympic glory.

WSU alumnus Dan Pfaff, a 1976 graduate in science education and currently assistant track and field coach at the University of Texas, coached 10 track and field athletes from six different nations during the Sydney Olympics. In his 21-year coaching career, Pfaff has mentored six Olympic medalists, including Obadele Thompson of Barbados, who won the bronze medal in the 100 meter dash in Sydney and just missed another bronze medal by finishing fourth in the 200 meter dash. Donovan Bailey of Canada won the gold medal in the 100 meter dash at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics running for Pfaff. His charges include 26 individual NCAA champions, 141 All-Americans, and four athletes who have set world records.

Pfaff is known around the world for his technical coaching credentials. He has lectured in 15 countries throughout the Caribbean and Europe, and been published in numerous scientific journals and texts.

How They Did:
Obadele Thompson, Barbados: Bronze medal in 100 meters, 4th place in 200 meters.
Dudley Dorival, Haiti: 7th place in 110 meter hurdles.
Mark Boswell, Canada: 6th place in the high jump.
Determination Drives Para-athlete

Strength, determination, and skill set Olympic athletes apart—not wheelchairs or vision impairments or disabilities. That’s how gold-medal-winner James Terpenning approached his challenge as he headed to Sydney in October to compete in his fourth Paralympic Games.

Until you’ve seen him in action, Terpenning’s wheelchair, leg braces, or the novelty of seeing him sit cross-legged on the floor to play volleyball may distinguish his sport from that of able-bodied volleyball. But once the game begins, his athleticism, intensity, and skill blur his disability.

Abandoned at birth, and disabled by polio and shrapnel that imbedded in his legs when he was a toddler in Vietnam, Terpenning arrived in the U.S. in 1975 on the last baby-lift project, just before the fall of Saigon. Adopted six months later at age six, he has been playing wheelchair sports since he was 14. Last year, he walked down the aisle aided by braces, to marry Shannon Wagner Terpenning, a senior secretary in the Asian/Hispanic/Native American Center. She accompanied him to Sydney, where 4,000 disabled athletes competed in 18 sports.

A 1998 graduate of the Raj Soin College of Business and former employee of the Office of Disability Services, Terpenning competed in the 1988 Paralympics in Seoul, South Korea, winning gold and bronze medals and setting a world record in swimming. He competed as a swimmer again in 1992 in Barcelona, but switched to sitting volleyball for the 1996 games in Atlanta. “When I first started wheelchair sports I only knew about basketball and swimming,” he says. “I came to Wright State for its wheelchair sports program and had my eyes opened to so many other opportunities.”

Terpenning continues to coach and play on Wright State’s wheelchair basketball team.

Now, when he isn’t busy as a computer specialist at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Terpenning, who turned 32 in Sydney, gives sports exhibitions at local elementary schools. “I want able-bodied and disabled people to know that anybody can do anything they want to do,” he says.

Another Hall of Fame for Grote

Bob Grote, a member of the Wright State University Athletic Hall of Fame for basketball and baseball, was recently elected to the Cincinnati Basketball Hall of Fame. A graduate of Elder High School in Cincinnati, Grote played at WSU from 1973 to 1976.

Grote is eighth on the all-time men’s basketball scoring list with 1,406 points, and is in the top 10 in several other categories, including free throws attempted and made, steals, and rebounds. In baseball, Grote’s career ERA of 2.28 is second only to current major leaguer Brian Anderson. Grote is the all-time Raider leader in complete games, tied for first in shutouts, and is fourth in strikeouts.

Simmons Named Women’s Basketball Assistant Coach

Beth Simmons has been added to the coaching staff for Wright State women’s basketball. Simmons will be primarily involved in administrative areas off the court.

A four-year letter-winner for the Akron Zips from 1992-96, Simmons was recruited by and played for WSU head coach Lisa Fitch.

Simmons was the head coach at Norton High School last season, leading the team to a district title for the first time in nearly 15 years.
The Wright State volleyball team won the 2000 Raider Challenge at the McLin Gymnasium by defeating Western Kentucky and Central Florida. Both Wright State and Western Kentucky posted 2-1 records in the tournament, but the Raiders defeated the Lady Toppers in its first match to win the tiebreaker and the championship.

Wright State defeated Western Kentucky 15-4, 6-15, 15-9, 13-15, 15-7. Sophomore Karis Day, who was named Raider Challenge MVP, led the way for WSU with 26 kills, 14 digs, and five block assists. Senior outside hitter Tara Trissel added 19 kills while junior middle hitter Liza Osterhage, who was also named to the All-Tournament Team, posted a double-double of 13 kills and 13 digs along with seven blocks. Senior middle hitter Darlene Prunty chipped in 17 kills off the bench.

The Raiders then defeated Central Florida 15-7, 15-1, 15-11 to claim the title as Prunty led the way with 16 kills and five blocks. Trissel added 11 kills off the bench.
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