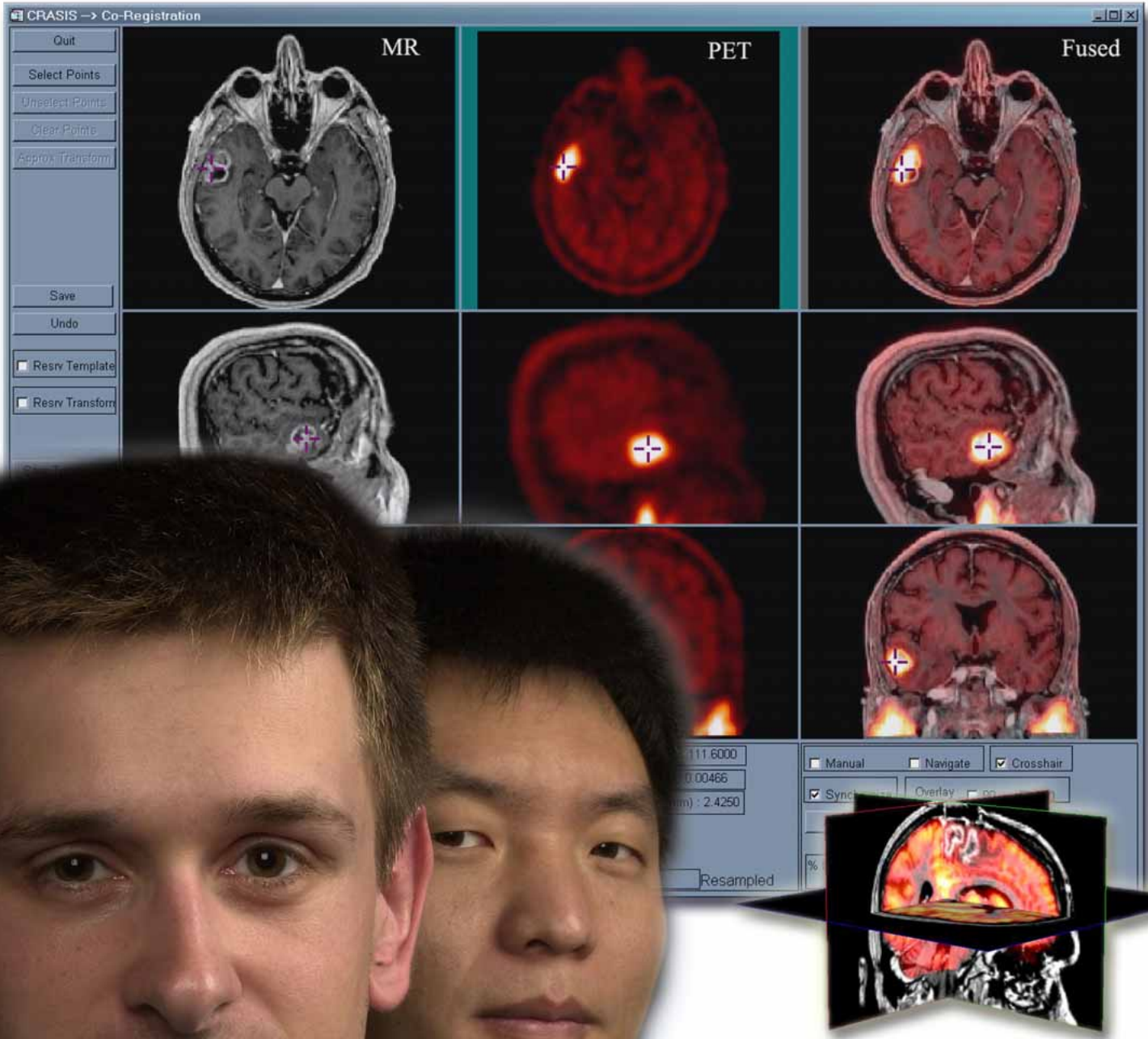


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Graduate students Marcel Jackowski and Lijun Ding have codeveloped a computer imaging program that allows surgeons to operate on brain tumors with extreme accuracy. (Brain images courtesy of Kettering Medical Center's Wallace-Kettering Neuroscience Institute.)

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GREETINGS,

From the halls of Congress, to the floor of the state legislature, to the meeting room of the local school board, the debate goes on about how to best educate our young people. While opinions vary, we must not deter from a

higher calling—to produce educated citizens who can think critically, communicate effectively, and act morally in an increasingly complex world. This is the bedrock upon which all great civilizations are built.

Many of the stories in this issue of *Community* are about those who are making a difference through their dedication to teaching excellence. For example, for the third time in just seven years, a WSU graduate has been named Ohio Teacher of the Year; the Alumni Association honors a former teacher who incorporated classroom learning as part of a hospital's mental health treatment program; and one of this year's Outstanding Alumni is a former National Teacher of the Year.

A Wright State faculty member is doing his part to answer Governor Taft's call to make all citizens competent readers. In fact, he received the Trustees' Faculty Excellence Award for his leadership role in an innovative training program for teachers working to improve the reading skills of first graders.

As the university continues to mature, there will be more of these success stories. Although there is not room to tell them all on these pages, each is significant. For as college graduates, they are part of an educated workforce that is ensuring the future of the Miami Valley and beyond. In fact, nearly half of the region's residents who currently receive baccalaureate degrees from state institutions are graduates of Wright State University. None of the university's peers come close.

Kim Goldenberg

President, Wright State University

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Professor Named Ohio's Social Worker of the Year

Marjorie Baker, assistant professor of social work, has been named Ohio's Social Worker of the Year by the state chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.



Marjorie Baker

Baker is recognized for the breadth of her work throughout three decades in the social work field.

"Dr. Baker's clinical work has been outstanding," says Carolyn Peters, president, Ohio chapter of NASW. "The fact that she went on to earn her doctorate in social work means she brings both her clinical experience and her research into the classroom. This holistic approach is helping to prepare a whole new generation of social workers to be the best that they can be."

WSU Wins Innovative Project Award

Wright State University is one of only three universities in the nation to be honored with an Innovative Project Award from the directors of the U.S. Department of Education's Business and International Education program. The Raj Sooin College of Business recently received the award for its proposal to establish an electronic international trade counseling network for Miami Valley businesses.

The proposed Electronic Trade Counseling Online Network will provide information and assistance to area businesses and economic development agencies. Wright State will be able to provide international trade assistance without clients leaving their office or picking up a telephone.



Dawne Dewey with her two "special friends"

Famed Wright Collection Travels to Paris Air Show

Dawne Dewey, head of Special Collections and Archives for WSU Libraries, was invited by Aviation World's Fair, Inc., to share the university's Wright Brothers Collection with the world at the June 2001 Paris Air Show.

The display included a photo exhibit portraying the Wright brothers' career as well as actual artifacts from the collection, such as three French Legion of Honor medals presented to Orville, Wilbur, and Katharine more than 90 years ago; the brothers' report cards from the 1870s and 1880s; and an album of original Wright family photos. The irreplaceable artifacts were displayed in a six-foot-long glass case that had 24-hour-a-day security.

"It is exciting for Wright State to tell the story of what the Wright brothers did and to share our collection, which directly links us with France, a country that also played a significant role in the history of aviation. Europeans flock to the Paris Air Show every two years to share their enthusiasm for flight and its history, and Wright State is proud to be a part of that excitement."

Navy Grant to Fund Hyperbaric Research

Jay B. Dean, associate professor of physiology and biophysics, and his team have received a grant from the Office of Naval Research, Undersea Medicine Program, to study how hyperbaric oxygen affects the central nervous system. WSU and Duke University are the only two universities in the nation, outside of laboratories at the Naval Medical Research Center, to receive funding for the program.

Bourbakis to Lead Information Technology Research Institute

Nikolaos Bourbakis has been named the new director of WSU's Information Technology Research Institute (ITRI) and distinguished professor of information technology in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.



Nikolaos Bourbakis

Bourbakis comes to Wright State from State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton, where he served five years as associate director of the Center for Intelligent Systems. He was also professor of electrical engineering and a faculty member of computer science at SUNY-Binghamton and a professor and lab director at Technical University of Crete, Greece.

ITRI is a cooperative research and development organization that partners with Miami Valley's industrial and government organizations.

WSU and Its Grads Are Catalyst for Economic Growth

Wright State University has a significant economic impact on the Miami Valley and gives the region a competitive edge in the high-technology marketplace, according to a new study released by the Inter-University Council of Ohio, a state consortium of public universities and medical colleges.

The Council's "Economic Contribution Profile" outlines the contributions of Ohio's public universities to the economy. It concludes that public institutions of higher education stimulate economic growth and the creation of high-quality jobs, serve as research and technology incubators, and offer needed expertise to existing businesses and industry.

WSU to Manage International Business Training

The Ohio Department of Development has awarded WSU's International Trade Assistance Center (ITAC) a contract to manage international business training to small- and medium-sized companies around Ohio as part of the Ohio Export Launch program. The goal of the Ohio Export Launch initiative is to help companies learn to conduct international business and to introduce them to prospective business partners overseas.

Wright State will manage a



"In its 34 short years, WSU has made a tremendous contribution to the economy of the Miami Valley," says President Kim Goldenberg.

An educated workforce can have a long-lasting effect on Ohio and the Miami Valley. According to the "Economic Contribution

Profile," university graduates in Ohio earn on average 92 percent more than high school graduates earn. And, according to a 1999 report by the Milken Institute, metropolitan areas that experienced exceptional growth in high technology manufacturing and service sectors since 1991 had strong research institutions and well-educated workforces.

statewide training contract that will provide instruction in such topics as export assistance, market research, shipping issues, legal considerations, and financial management. Training will be offered by teleconference at any of the nine ITAC locations around Ohio. Along with the international business training, there will be training within industry cluster groups to educate companies on potential market regions. The new program will provide coordinated instruction for companies statewide.

New Business Dean Named

Berkwood Farmer has been appointed dean of the Raj Soin College of Business effective summer 2001.



Berkwood Farmer

Farmer comes to WSU from the School of Business at Longwood College in Virginia, where he served as dean.

"Dr. Farmer is regarded as an outstanding teacher and administrator who has a proven track record in diversity and is widely respected by the business community," says President Kim Goldenberg.

Before becoming dean at Longwood, Farmer was the chief economist and director of planning and development with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. He was also a founding director of the Fidelity Federal Bank of Richmond and associate dean of the College of Business at the University of Richmond.

Campus Ministry Plans Expansion

Father Chris Rohmiller, WSU campus minister, has launched a fundraising drive to build a new chapel on campus. At present, all of the activities of campus ministry are held in the limited space of an archdiocesan-owned building constructed in 1972.

Campus ministry is ecumenical, welcoming all ministries, and open to people of all faiths.

For more information, contact Father Rohmiller at (937) 426-1836.

AROUND THE QUAD

Preventing Youth Violence—Peter Yarrow, of Peter, Paul & Mary fame, and Shelley Goldenberg share a moment during Yarrow's visit to campus when he shared his national youth violence prevention project with area educators. Wright State was chosen as one of 12 universities across the country to help implement this program.



At the Opera—The Music Department presented its spring production of the Gilbert & Sullivan opera classic, *The Gondoliers*.



Flying High—The thrill of flying with the Blue Angels without leaving the ground was possible when the College of Engineering and Computer Science hosted the U.S. Navy's full-motion flight simulator.

Raising Awareness—Representative Tony Hall visited campus to talk about efforts to end the problem of hunger, both at home and abroad. His visit was sponsored by the University Honors Program and Alpha Lambda Delta.



Nurturing Young Entrepreneurs—The Raj Sooin College of Business hosted students from Patterson Cooperative High School participating in JA-Globe, a Junior Achievement project that introduces students to international trade. Students sold items they imported from fellow students at Tortola High School in the Virgin Islands.

Ohio's Nurses Honor Prof

Margaret Clark Graham, associate professor of nursing in the College of Nursing and Health, is the recipient of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners' Ohio Award for Excellence in Practice. Graham, director of the college's Family Nurse Practitioner program since 1994, is a recognized leader in the nursing and health community in Ohio and a champion for delivering primary care to the under-served populations of Ohio.



Margaret Clark Graham

First in Family Medicine

WSU's School of Medicine ranked first in the nation in the percentage of graduates entering family medicine residencies from 1998–2000. WSU was one of only two medical schools nationwide to be awarded the prestigious Family Practice Gold Achievement Award from the American Academy of Family Physicians in 2001. This is the fourth consecutive year that Wright State has received the Gold Achievement Award.

Auditing Class Earns Award

An innovative program that turns accounting students into auditors earned the Joint Collaboration Award from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the American Accounting Association. The program has students perform actual audits for the university, giving them the opportunity to develop auditing skills such as interviewing audit customers, flowcharting a system, and presenting an audit report in a teamwork environment.

New Academic Programs

M.S. in Pharmacology and Toxicology

Offered through the School of Medicine, the new major prepares students for careers in industry, government, education, and research. The program will be offered in collaboration with the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy Toxicology Laboratories located at the nearby Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Students in the program will acquire the historical context for the evolution of the field as well as learn state-of-the-art technological approaches to solving research problems and pharmacology and toxicology.

M.B.A. Concentration in Electronic Commerce

The curriculum combines courses from the Department of Management Science and Information Systems (MSIS) and the Department of Marketing. Students complete three required courses in internet marketing and electronic commerce and then choose from courses in electronic commerce implementation, direct marketing, or a marketing internship. They also develop an understanding of the Internet's impact on the rapidly evolving technologies driving global commerce.

M.A. in International Relations and Comparative Politics

This new major will be offered through the Applied Behavioral Sciences Program, the College of

Liberal Arts, beginning fall 2001. Tracks in peace and security studies, international organizations, and developing area studies will be included as well as internships and practica.

M.S. in Teaching

This new major makes WSU the first university in Ohio to offer this degree for middle school teachers of science and mathematics. The program focuses on math and science content for grades 4–9. The program comes at a time when many elementary teachers are being shifted to teaching middle school students.

Students will choose from pure science, pure math, or combination tracks. The degree combines courses from the Colleges of Science and Mathematics and Education and Human Services.

B.A. in Women's Studies

The new major has been added to the current women's studies minor. Women's studies also includes undergraduate and graduate certificates in women's studies and a global gender studies track in the international studies major. In addition to requiring courses on feminist thought and multicultural and international perspectives, the major also includes courses from disciplines such as art, anthropology, communications, economics, history, philosophy, religion, sociology, urban affairs and others that meet students' needs and interests.



Library Houses Patent Collection

Through an agreement with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Wright State's Paul Laurence Dunbar Library became the 88th Patent and Trademark Depository Library in the nation, and the sixth in Ohio. With 6.5 million patents, the collection is the most complete—and compact—collection of technological information in the world. Each of the 2.3 million trademarks registered since 1870 and patents from 1790 to 1958 and 1994 to present are housed at Wright State. The other 36 years of patents are available online and will be housed at the university as they become available on DVD.

Durr Named Head of Women's Studies

Associate professor of sociology Marlese Durr has been named the new director of the Women's Studies Program at Wright State. A specialist in work and occupations, race and labor markets, and African American women, Durr holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the State University of New York-Albany and is chair-elect of the race, gender, and class section of the American Sociological Association.



Marlese Durr

Research Funding Up 30 Percent

Externally funded research projects at Wright State increased by 30 percent during the 1999–2000 fiscal year, to more than \$45 million—an all time high for the university.

“Our sponsored research has increased 250 percent in the past 10 years,” says Joseph F. Thomas Jr., associate provost for research and dean of the School of Graduate Studies.

Some research awards included:

- Being named the lead institution for three major research projects funded by the Ohio Board of Regents. The projects will be conducted with WSU’s partner institutions in the Dayton Area Graduate Studies Institute and the Air Force Research Laboratory. The awards were created to spur research in aerospace technology of key importance to the Air Force and Ohio. Currently, WSU participates in 13 project teams conducting research for the Air Force, valued at over \$10 million.
- A \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to the Department of Community Health for programs addressing issues of substance abuse, disability, and vocational rehabilitation. This brings the total USDE funding for the program to over \$2.7 million over the last four years.
- A \$900,000 grant to the School of Nursing from the Corporation for National Service for *Learn and Serve America: Higher Education*, which promotes and supports service learning initiatives for faculty and students.

Students Stand Out in Academic Contests

Mathematical Modeling

Should a bicycle racing team use wire spoke or solid disk wheels? That was one of the problems posed to 496 teams representing 238 institutions from 11 countries participating in the International Mathematical Contest in Modeling. Teams logged onto the contest web site at midnight and had four days to submit solutions. Out of 215 teams offering a solution, Wright State was one of only 27 to earn a meritorious rating. The problem-solving exercises required deriving mathematical equations to predict or control nature or technology.

Ethics Bowl

WSU’s Ethics Bowl Team placed in the top 10 in the nation, competing against 35 universities at the seventh annual Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl in Cincinnati. The three-member team competed in three rounds of timed moral reasoning contests and responded to complex moral scenarios

on a wide range of controversial topics that people face as family members, employees, and citizens. Team responses were evaluated for focus, intelligibility, depth, and soundness.

Model UN

At the 2001 National Model UN Conference, WSU’s team received two outstanding and one distinguished award, continuing a 22-year tradition of excellence at the international competition. WSU students competed against delegations from 200 colleges and universities from 20 different countries; among them were Vassar, Georgetown, Maryland, and Brigham Young, none of which have matched WSU’s awards recognition. Wright State students represented the United States and Bosnia-Herzegovina, and met ambassadors at both countries’ missions to UN headquarters. The competition gives students invaluable experience in world affairs, research, public speaking, conflict resolution, and negotiation.

President and Mrs. Goldenberg (top, right of center) joined Wright State’s award-winning Model UN team at the national competition in New York City.



Steve Hansell Receives Trustees' Award for Getting First Graders...

On the Road to Reading Recovery

By John Bennett

A first-grader who falls behind her classmates in reading may never catch up, facing years of frustration, disappointment, and even failure. Though the reasons are many and complex, Steve Hansell, professor and chair of the Department of Teacher Education, focuses on helping first graders overcome a slow start and get back on the road to reading competency.

The method is Reading Recovery, a short-term intervention of one-on-one tutoring for low-achieving first graders that is used throughout North America, Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand. In 1985, Hansell established one of the first Reading Recovery sites in Ohio. Since then, the WSU site has trained 180 Reading Recovery teachers who have in turn touched and changed the lives of over 5,000 first graders struggling to learn to read. Today, the program reaches 10 counties, 22 school districts, and 44 elementary schools in southwest Ohio.

For his efforts, Hansell received the Trustees' Award for Faculty Excellence during spring commencement ceremonies.

Reading Recovery focuses on how teachers respond to students' reading problems.

"One of the biggest things that we teach teachers to do with children is to help the children



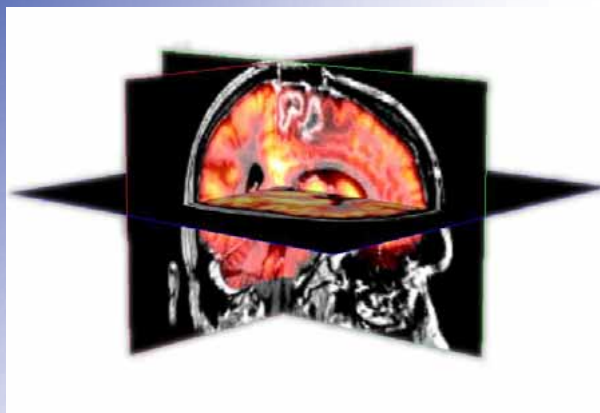
Reading Recovery Teacher Leader Phoebe Ingraham, first grader Elizabeth Swearigen, and Steve Hansell, chair of Teacher Education, review Elizabeth's lessons at Five Points Elementary School in Fairborn. The Reading Recovery program has helped over 5,000 area students improve their reading skills.

notice when they're making mistakes," Hansell says. "We teach them to let the child make an error, not jump in and correct it, but ask them before they turn the page, 'Did that make sense?' or 'Did that sound right?' ... in other words, teaching the children to recognize problems and solve them."

The results are impressive. The average length of a Reading Recovery program is 12 to 20 weeks. In that time, a child may receive up to 60 lessons. Over the 15 years of the program, more than 85 percent of the students who received 60 lessons have raised their reading level to at least the average of the others in their class. Students who

might have failed have succeeded, and Reading Recovery has impacted their academics and their lives.

"Steve has had an enormous impact on the teaching of reading and on early literacy in the Miami Valley and surrounding areas," said Janet Pettry, Reading Recovery teacher at East End Elementary School in Wilmington. "Those of us who have had the good fortune to work with him know he has made a profound impact on the way we teach. Most fortunate of all are the many children in this area whose lives have been changed forever because someone believed they could learn to read." ■



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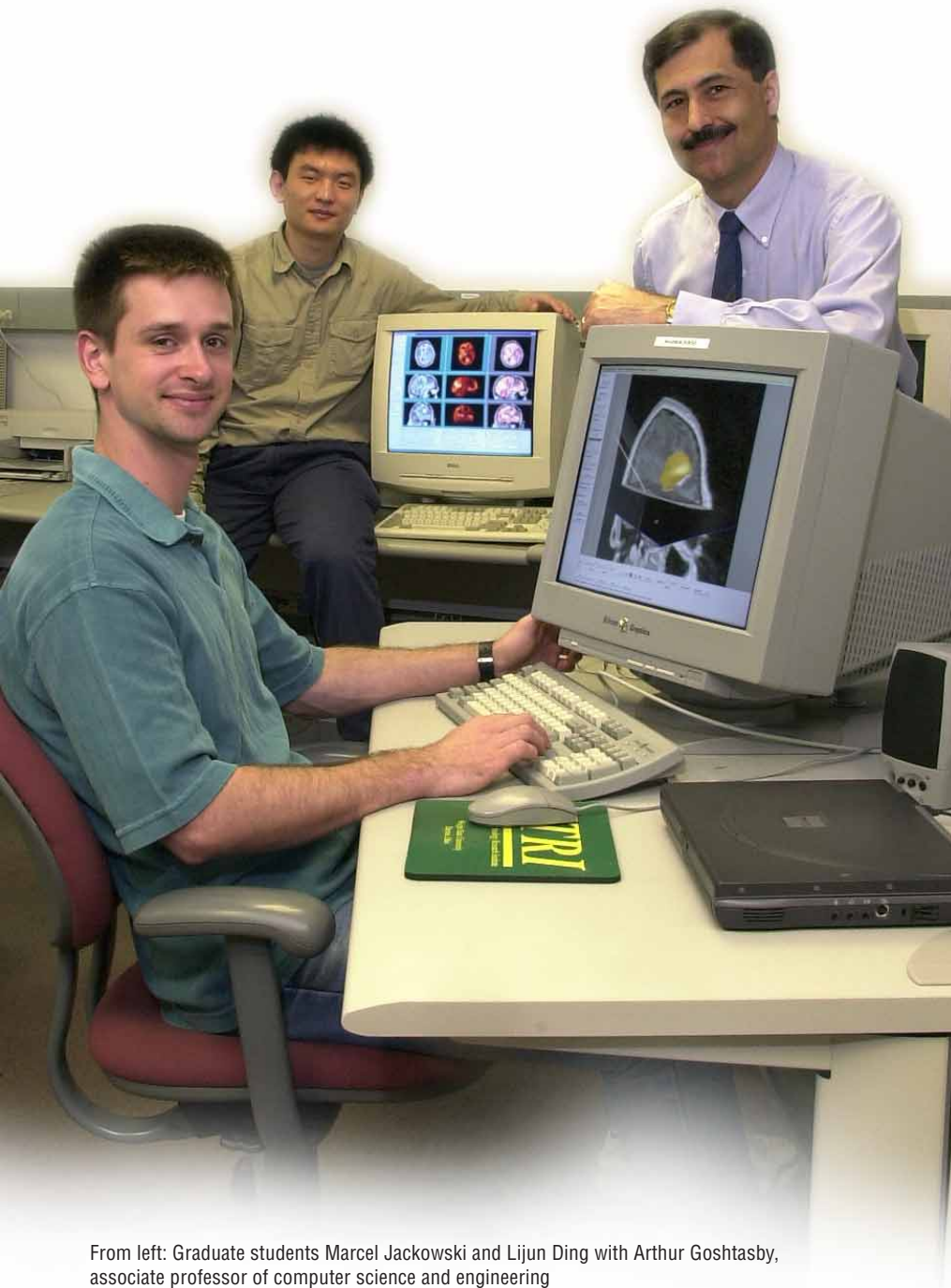
Dimension

The new software program accurately locks the two puzzle pieces together to create a three-dimensional version much like the popular 3-D stand-up versions of puzzles sold today.

The work of two Wright State computer science graduate students, Lijun Ding of China and Marcel Jackowski of Brazil, is changing how neuroscience is being done in Dayton. Software they created for doctoral dissertations on image registration and segmentation is helping neurosurgeons successfully locate and remove brain tumors.

Researchers in the university's

College of Engineering and Computer Science, working in collaboration with specialists at Kettering Medical Center's Wallace-Kettering Neuroscience Institute (WKNI), have co-developed a computer program that automatically aligns the biochemical and anatomical images of a patient's brain, allowing surgeons to operate on brain tumors with extreme accuracy.



From left: Graduate students Marcel Jackowski and Lijun Ding with Arthur Goshtasby, associate professor of computer science and engineering

“By bringing information from different modalities into alignment, the surgeon knows where the tumor is and exactly what areas to avoid,” says Martin Satter, a physicist at WKNI. Two years ago, Satter approached Arthur Goshtasby, a Wright State associate professor of computer science and engineering

who has worked in the field of image fusion for 18 years, with the surgeons’ needs. With funding from the U.S. Air Force Research Labs, Satter, Goshtasby, and graduate students Jackowski and Ding co-developed the program that WKNI began using successfully several months ago.

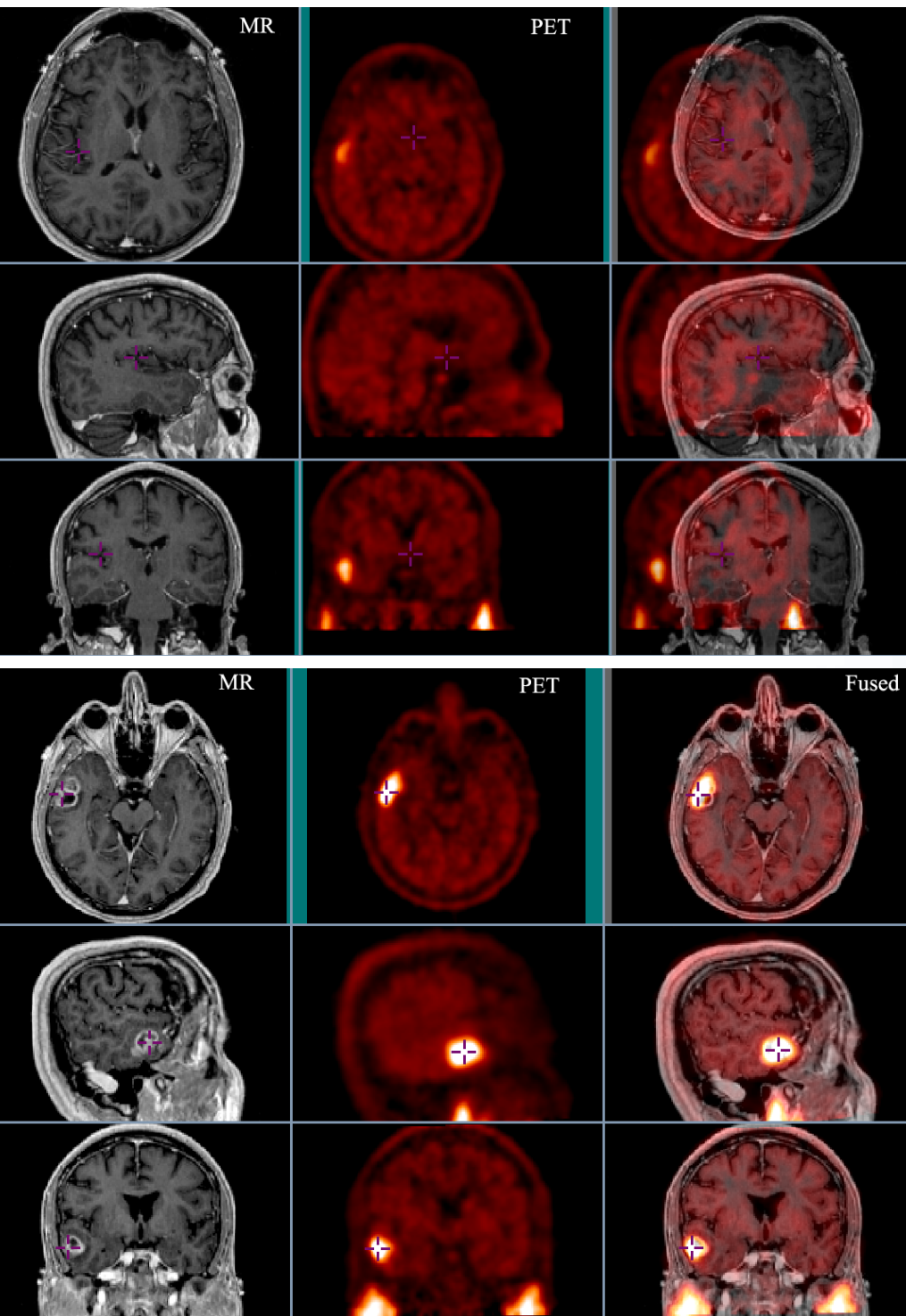
Neither Lijun nor Marcel have a background in anatomy or medicine. For these two computer scientists, the images of brain tumors on their computer screens don’t represent patients, but are shapes to be virtually dissected and manipulated by equations and algorithms. Their only contact with the world of medicine is a weekly visit from Satter who brings them new images to challenge their programs’ speed and accuracy and reminds them of the importance of their work in the clinical setting.

“I have to optimize my programs so they can work a little faster and still yield the results the doctors need,” says Jackowski. “Speed is an important issue, but it is a trade-off if you lose accuracy in how well you approximate the shape of the tumor.”

“Jackowski and Ding have a personal stake in the project because it is being done as their dissertation thesis,” said Goshtasby. “As such, it has to be new, it has to work efficiently and accurately, and it has to be practical.”

Like expanding a triangle to a pyramid, this new software program—coined CRASIS for Co-Registration And Segmentation Imaging Software—adds another dimension to the information used by radiologists and surgeons and is useful for both diagnosis and treatment.

A magnetic resonance (MR) image or computer-aided tomography (CT) image, like a tabletop



These images were taken of a 53-year-old male with a history of seizures and psychiatric problems. The magnetic resonance (MR) images, at left, show a picture of the patient's brain tumor from one perspective, that of the gross anatomy of the brain. The positron emission tomography (PET) images, center, show the tumor from another dimension, depicting the biochemical and physiologic activity of the brain. The PET images can detect disease at an earlier stage than traditional anatomical imaging, but PET results are "fuzzy" due to the physics of positron emission. The column on the right shows the MR and PET images co-registered using the CRASIS software. The co-registration and fusion of the data sets provide diagnosticians and surgeons with the ultimate combination of form and function. The co-registration was achieved automatically in under two minutes with the CRASIS software.

puzzle, shows only a picture of the patient's brain tumor from one perspective, that of the brain's anatomy. Positron emission tomography (PET) shows the tumor from another dimension, depicting the activity of the brain. The new software program accurately locks the two puzzle pieces together to create a three-dimensional version much like the popular 3-D stand-up versions of puzzles sold today. This is Lijun Ding's part of the equation.

"Once Lijun blends the PET and MR images, the output of his program becomes my input," explains Jackowski. "I approximate the shape and location of the tumor using algorithms that converge to the shape I've determined from Lijun's image, creating a program the doctor can use in realtime."

Before the development of CRASIS, the process of manually aligning the brain images could take 30 minutes. Now, using CRASIS, anyone who can click a mouse button can provide co-registered data sets for radiologists and surgeons in a few minutes.

"Our job is to overlay the images automatically and accurately," says Goshtasby. "Where the tumor is and what is done to it is the doctor's work."

By aligning PET with MR and CT images and giving the doctors a realtime program to virtually recreate the tumor in relation to the rest of the brain, the WKNI/Wright State software package gives surgeons a new diagnostic and therapeutic technology that gives "cutting edge" new meaning. ◻

Making Music: A gift of the Fates



In-Hong Cha, assistant professor of music

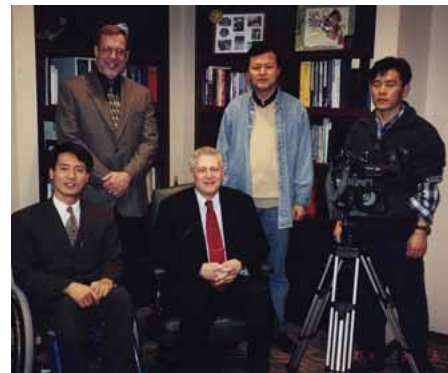
The Department of Music was so impressed with In-Hong Cha's musical abilities that they hired him last year as an assistant professor of music to coordinate the string program, direct the Faculty String Quartet, and conduct the university/community orchestra. Cha considered Wright State's commitment to accessibility as an added gift of the Fates.

The Korean Broadcasting System (KBS), South Korea's sole public broadcaster for its population of 40 million, was so impressed with In-Hong Cha's appointment here that it sent a television crew to campus last February to film a one-hour documentary that aired on April

18. In Korea, the Fates are not as kind to those with disabilities.

Deprived of a public education because he was confined to a wheelchair by polio, Cha persevered with his love of music and the violin, teaching himself to play and challenging himself to learn. "It was not a very pleasant situation," he says. "But it was my fate. I knew that complaining would only keep me from succeeding.

"Korean people are just now beginning to see that people with disabilities can achieve success," he continues, "But still, they were very impressed and shocked that a person with a disability could get a university faculty position in America."



From left: In-Hong Cha, music chair Herb Dregalla, President Kim Goldenberg, and the Korean TV crew.

The KBS reporter and cameraman filmed Cha from morning until night—driving onto campus, judging an audition, teaching, playing basketball with his wife and two sons, and celebrating his birthday with friends. But it was Cha conducting the university/community orchestra at WSU's Concerto Night Concert that they were really here to document.

"I hope people with disabilities in Korea will be encouraged by this film and see the possibilities that are available to them," says Cha, whose two sisters and two brothers in Korea will be watching. "Wright State provided the facilities—no steps, automatic doors—and after that the person with a disability shouldn't be really special. I hope they can see that in America people with disabilities are treated as equal." □

By Connie Steele

CAMPUS CELEBRATES **BOLINGA**

B o l i n g a :
Lingala word
meaning “love.”

H a r a m b e e :
Kiswahili word
meaning “let’s
pull together.”



President Kim Goldenberg and his wife, Shelley, along with WSU students and faculty, participated in the community-wide Martin Luther King Day march on January 15.



Author and scholar Randall Robinson was one of the featured speakers for the Bolinga Anniversary Lecture Series.

The spirit of Harambee and Bolinga marked this last academic year as Wright State family and friends celebrated 30 years of working together to promote academic success and cultural understanding through the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center.

With the theme of “30 Years of Change: Striving Toward Academic Excellence, Cultural Awareness, and Social Transition,” the birthday party kicked off with a student awards banquet in spring 2000 and concluded with the campus community participating in the city of Dayton’s 2001 Martin Luther King Day march. In between were events such as a community lectures series featuring noted black scholars and authors; an alumni brunch held in conjunction with Homecoming 2000; a workshop with Dayton Public Schools exploring African art and culture; an evening on campus celebrating black art and music; and a community birthday program that featured the center’s founding director, Yvonne Chappelle Seon.

The Bolinga Center officially opened on the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.—January 15, 1971—15 years before the day was designated a national holiday.

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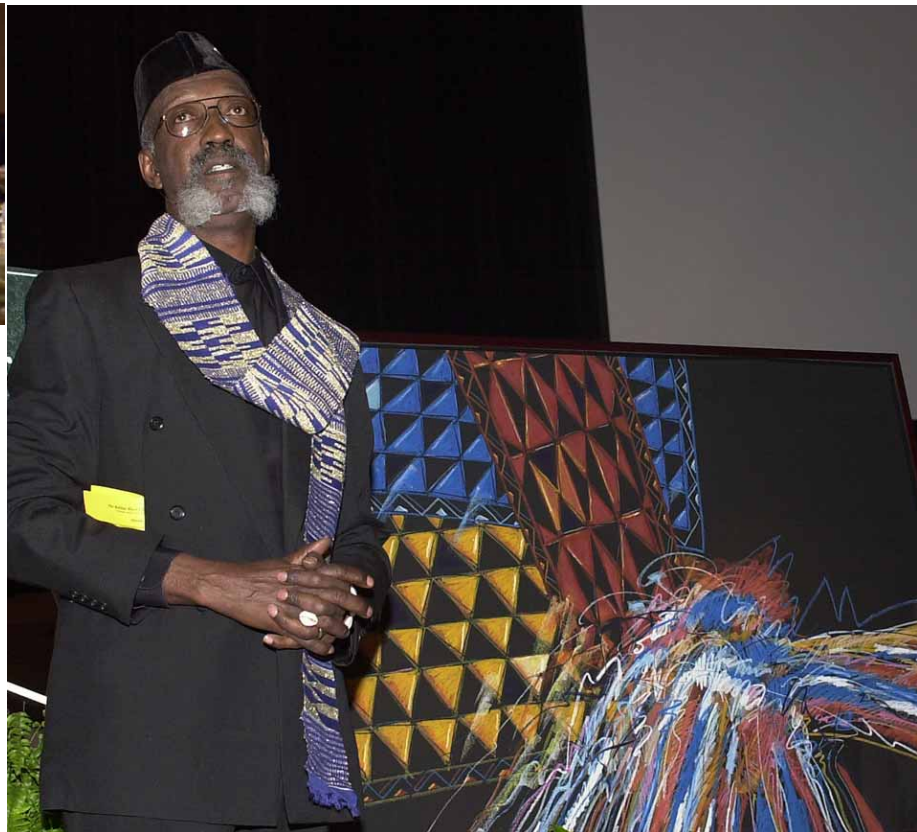


30TH ANNIVERSARY



Linda Moody Gillispie ('76 B.A.) and Yvonne Chappelle Seon, Bolinga Center founding director, shared memories of Bolinga's early years.

From left: Chris Dabney, ('86 B.A.), Rita McCollum, and Steve Dabney ('93 B.A.) enjoyed the African American Alumni reception and brunch.



Bing Davis, African American Studies visiting scholar and internationally acclaimed artist, unveiled his oil pastel entitled *Ancestral Spirit Dance #297* at the community birthday celebration January 8. Reproductions of the print are for sale with proceeds going to Bolinga Center scholarships. (For information about ordering a print, see page 15.)

“The idea was to embrace this date with a special meaning, to give the campus cause to celebrate this special day,” said Seon.

Originally located on the first floor of Millett Hall, the center is now housed in the Student Union. Besides sponsoring tutoring and mentoring programs, the center serves as classroom, meeting room, study lounge, and library.

The Bolinga Center is also credited with being a driving force in establishing the African American Collection in the Dunbar Library, the highly acclaimed Paul Laurence Dunbar Choir, and the African and African American Studies program.

The celebration also marked a return to the center's roots with the naming of Frank Dobson as director—a post he held for six years during the eighties—and reinserting the word “black” into its official name.

“The word ‘black’ was removed several years ago to signify a more multicultural emphasis in the center's programming and services,” says Dobson. “However, with the creation of the Women's Center in 1993 and the Asian/Hispanic/Native American Center in 1997, we feel that it is time to return to the center's roots of promoting and supporting black culture and student success.”

Adds Seon, “The Bolinga Center is an articulation of a vision where cultural resources are found and used. Although the focus is on understanding black culture, it is always in context of how it has added to America's culture, to show that we didn't come here empty handed without contributing to what is here today. By sharing the Bolinga creation story, we are also sharing the African American origin story.”

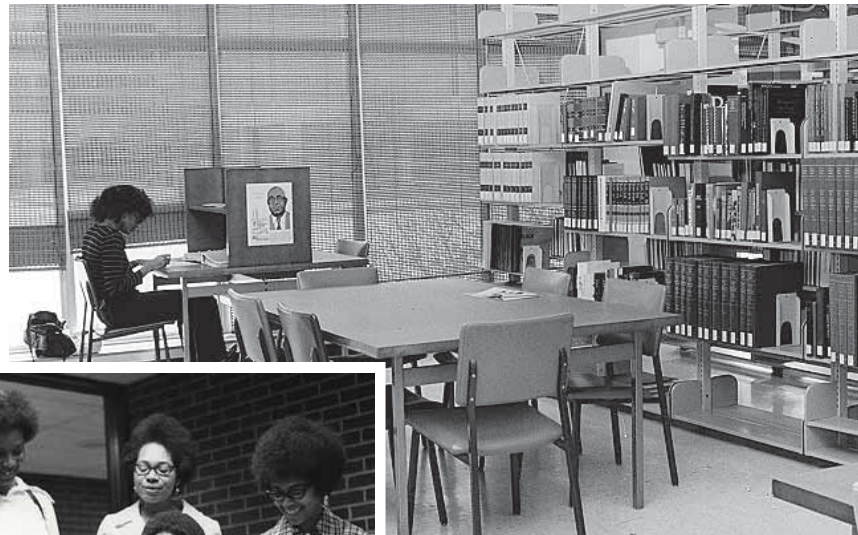


In keeping with the Bolinga Center's mission to support and recognize the success of African American students, a special ceremony was held May 23 in which kente stoles were presented to these graduating seniors. On hand to offer his congratulations was President Goldenberg.



BOLINGA: LOOKING BACK...

From its beginning, a central component of the Bolinga Center's mission is to showcase black culture and art.



The center's inaugural year's programming included hosting noted black authors, artists, and scholars. Among these were Alex Haley, shown here signing his book *The Autobiography of Malcom X*.



WSU's African American Collection, now located in the university's main library and consisting of over 3,000 books and periodicals relating to the African American experience, was first housed in the Bolinga Center.

New Bolinga Director

Frank Dobson, associate professor of English, has been named director of Wright State's Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center, effective April 1, 2001.

Dobson, who served as director of the Bolinga Center from 1984–90, replaces Lillian Johnson, who was appointed assistant

to the dean of University College to coordinate initiatives addressing the success of African American students.

The author of a novel, *The Race is Not Given*, Dobson has received numerous local and national awards in recognition of his work. ☐



Frank Dobson



Brian J. Anderson

WSU Athlete Gives Back

Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Brian J. Anderson and his wife, Anna, have given \$100,000 to Wright State. The money is earmarked for the new baseball facility. Anderson is the holder of numerous WSU baseball records and is an outstanding alumni award recipient (see story page 28).

Athletic Director Mike Cusack says, "We are extremely proud of Brian. He was an outstanding student and athlete, but more important, he was, and is, an outstanding young man. This gift is particularly exciting for us because it is from a former player and will be used to continue to develop the program he helped build."

Anderson also played for the California Angels and the Cleveland Indians and is a resident of North Olmstead, Ohio.

Former BOT Chair Presents Gift

Former chairman of the University Board of Trustees Daniel W. Duval and his wife, Sue, have created a \$500,000 charitable remainder trust designated to the WSU Excellence Fund. This type of unrestricted giving enables departments to meet pressing challenges for which no other funding is available. As future opportunities are impossible to predict, this fund provides the necessary flexibility to absorb special needs or take advantage of special opportunities.

Duval is the vice chairman of Robbins & Myers, Inc., and served as

president and CEO for 13 years.

In addition to his term on the WSU Board of Trustees, Duval served as a representative to the Foundation Board, a corporate appeal volunteer, and the corporate appeal chair in 1993. He is a member of the President's Club and an ADC Platinum member.



Daniel and Sue Duval



President Kim Goldenberg welcomes Burt and Alice Saidel, 2001 Committee chairs, to the Second Annual ArtsGala in April.

ARTSGALA

The second annual ArtsGala in April raised over \$75,000 for need-based scholarships for Miami Valley students in the fine and performing arts. Held in the Creative Arts Center, the event is a unique and elegant evening of arts entertainment provided by the College of Liberal Arts. The presenting sponsor for this year's ArtsGala was The Dayton Power and Light Company with a gift of \$25,000.

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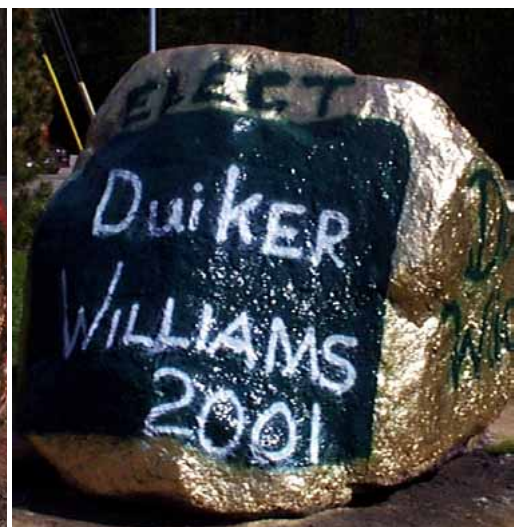


It probably hitched a ride on the last glacier to come down from Canada over 15,000 years ago. As to the type of rock? "It's impossible to determine without scraping down through all those layers of paint," said Roderic Brame, assistant professor of geology.

What "all those layers of paint" represent are over 30 years of campus life and one of Wright State's oldest traditions. Usually undercover by dark of night, students venture out with paint buckets and brushes in hand to express a particular point of view,



ROCK



promote their club, tout an athletic victory, or simply showcase their artistic talent. It's also been credited with helping Cupid's arrows find their mark.

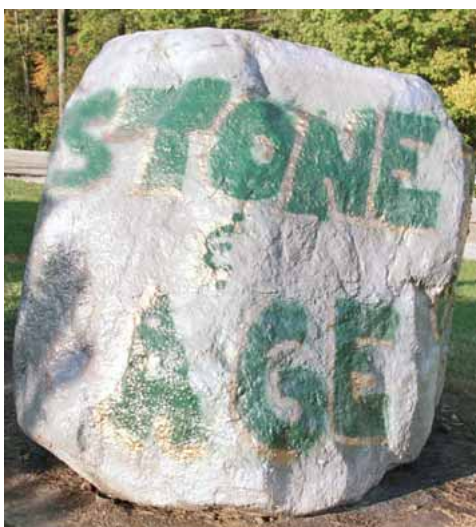
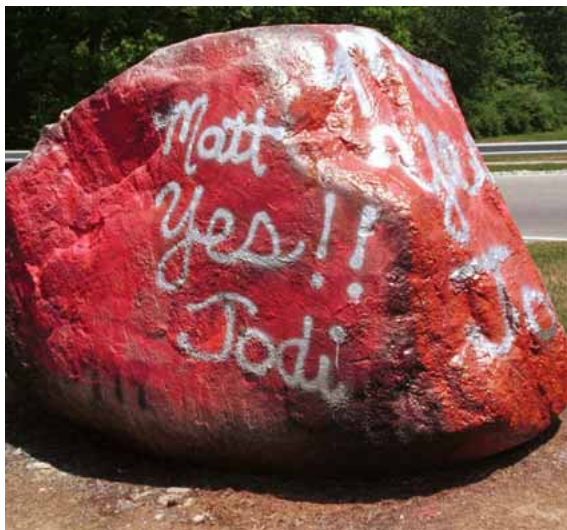
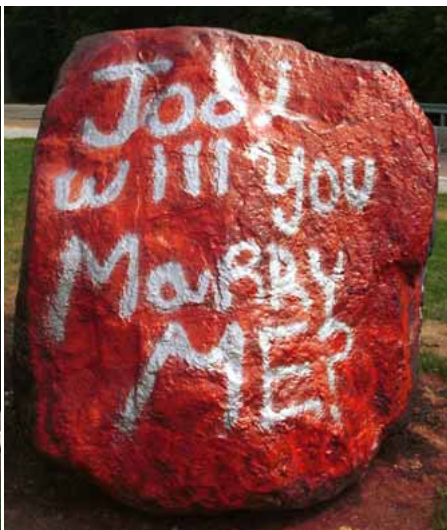
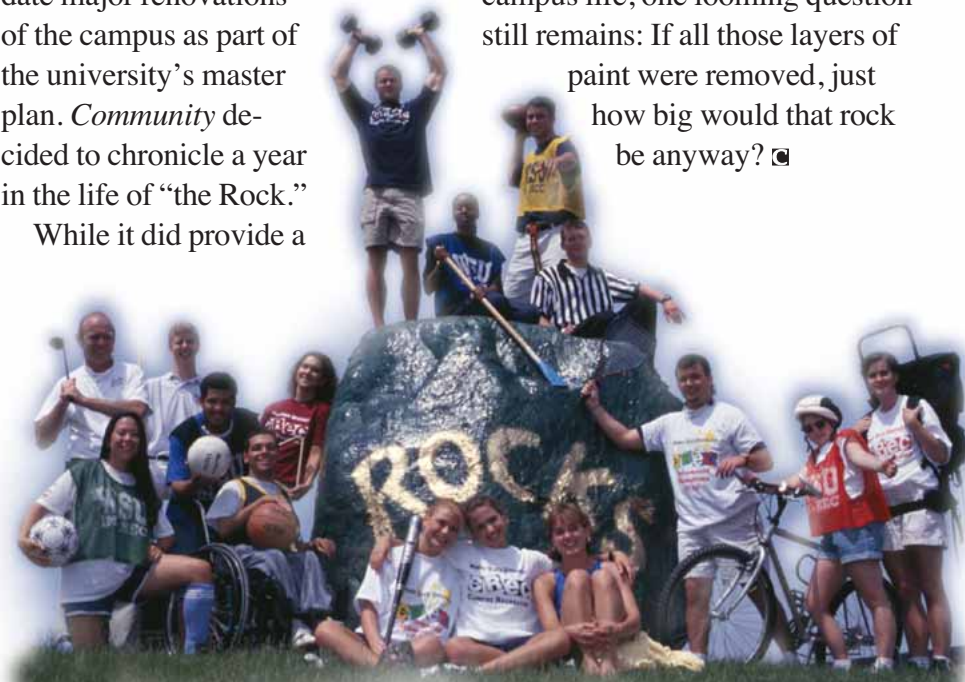
For years, the rock was located along Colonel Glenn Highway. Two years ago it was moved to

University Boulevard to accommodate major renovations of the campus as part of the university's master plan. Community decided to chronicle a year in the life of "the Rock."

While it did provide a

picture into Wright State's lively campus life, one looming question still remains: If all those layers of paint were removed, just how big would that rock be anyway? ☐

ART



Professor's Research Helps Improve Medication Compliance

Take as Directed: Opportunity for Healing or Prescription for Harm?

Every year, over three billion prescriptions are filled in the U.S. Yet studies show that improper use of medications causes 125,000

deaths annually and leads to 10 to 25 percent of hospital and nursing home admissions. While the trend has been to blame the patient, human factors psychology professor Helen Altman

Klein has another view.

After interviewing numerous prescription users, she thinks the numbers could be improved if medical regimes incorporated a more user-friendly, human factors approach.

Human factors psychology studies how people think and make decisions in order to design processes and products that make it easier and safer for people to function in the workplace or in their personal lives.

In a recently completed study, Klein and graduate student Judy Issacson interviewed scores of prescription users to identify typical patterns of use and decision points where errors were likely to occur.

“We asked questions like ‘at what point would you discontinue use?’ ‘If the directions say to take every four hours and you are two hours late, do you take the dose or skip it?’ ‘If one of the side effects is a rash, how severe would it have to be for you to call a doctor?’ When it says take with food, how much food do you think is enough?”

This project laid the groundwork for another study of pharmaceutical information sheets. Working with pharmacist Alan McKelvey of the Wright State Pharmacy, Klein studied the information sheets on some commonly prescribed drugs, including Claritin and Amoxicillin.

“The typical pharmacological information sheets were indeed accurate but the reading levels

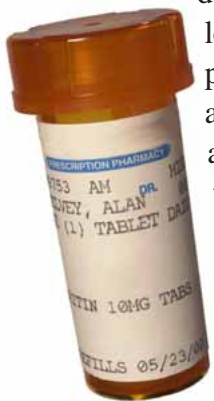
were very high and the organization was confusing,” she said. Applying human factors principles, Klein created a new and easier to read format that featured simpler language, bigger type, and better organization that made it easier for a reader to pick out specific information. When customers were polled as to which handout was most helpful, they overwhelmingly favored the revised sheets.

Klein plans to approach local HMOs and insurance companies with this information “because they have a big stake in the economic benefits of successful medication compliance.”

But what about those who must follow more complicated medical regimes?

“It’s one thing to take an occasional medication, but quite another to self-manage a chronic disease like diabetes or asthma,” she explained.

Through a university research initiation grant, Klein is beginning a new study of Type 2 diabetics.





Helen Klein, professor of human factors psychology

“Type 2 diabetics are the perfect subjects,” she says of a disease that affects nearly 14 million Americans. “They must manage a very complicated medical regime that includes balancing their medications with diet, exercise, and blood sugar testing.”

Klein plans to pick the brains of successful diabetics to discover the “tricks” they use to manage their disease and talk to those

having problems to learn their particular stumbling blocks to successful self-management.

“Millions of dollars have been spent to develop these medications, and they are very good,” says Klein. “It is time to use human factors research to determine why medication errors are being made and what concrete things we can do to help people avoid them.”

Other Research

A View Through the Cultural Lens

A devastating earthquake in Turkey. Civil war in the Balkans. Famine in the Horn of Africa. Today’s military personnel are more likely to be involved in a multinational peacekeeping or humanitarian mission than combat on a battlefield.

Cooperation among team members is key. But what happens when cultural differences intervene—not just those involving societal customs or behaviors but more fundamental differences in thinking styles, decision making, and world views?

Two new grants from the Department of Defense are tapping into the work of human factors psychology professor Helen Altman Klein. She is developing a model for seeing the world through another culture’s eyes. The Cultural Lens Model puts into focus cultural-based reactions to things like uncertainty, power relationships, conflict, time restrictions, and hypothetical thinking—factors that can impact team decision making and outcomes.

Klein sees a broader use of this research. “Multinational corporations are seeking to establish an effective workforce that includes people from different nations and cultures,” she says. “But these coalitions often don’t work. I’m interested to see if the Cultural Lens Model can be used to train people to see a different point of view. As we move toward globalization, it’s important to not only know what our co-workers are thinking, but also understand why they think that way.”

By **Connie Steele**

Patricia Torvik Receives the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award

Blooming Where

It was a chilly day for mid-April—a bank of low-lying gray clouds skittered along on a brisk north wind. Eyeing a dandelion in full bloom, Patricia Torvik stoops and gives a good pull to the unwelcome intruder.

“I know it’s been a late spring, but I was hoping things would be further along by now,” she said. She was referring to the asters and yarrow and other desirable residents of the butterfly garden under her charge at the James Ranch in Xenia.

“I love to watch things grow and develop, being part of helping a living thing reach its potential,” says Torvik, one of 80 certified master gardeners who work their green thumb magic in this demonstration garden and other Greene County projects. “There is a certain mystery there.”

It’s not just flower and vegetable gardens that have flourished under her care. From classroom teacher to hospital CEO, Torvik’s life has been dedicated to equipping individuals with the skills to live full and productive lives. Add to that extensive community service and you have a life that has earned the respect from colleagues and friends alike—from being named one of Dayton Daily News’ Top 10 Women of Year in 1985 to being included in *Who’s Who in the Midwest*. In May, she was named the recipient of the WSU Alumni Association’s 2001 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

Torvik, who earned both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in education from WSU in 1972 and 1977 respectively, intended to return to the classroom after completing her doctoral studies at Ohio State in 1983. Instead, she was recruited by the Dayton Mental

Health Center to establish a school for the maximum security unit.

“The theory was to have academic learning be part of the treatment program, to give them focus to improve their lives,” she said. “Initially, I had agreed to set up the program and recruit the teachers, then go back to teaching for Dayton Public Schools. But it



She Planted



proved to be so fulfilling, I couldn't leave. I was hooked."

Torvik was named CEO in 1986, a post she held until retiring in 1997. During her tenure, she led the center through dramatic changes taking place in mental health care that emphasized community-based treatment. The center also became a state model for

Patricia Torvik



"I love to watch things grow and develop, being part of helping a living thing reach its potential."

budget control and patient management, with Torvik regularly serving in leadership positions within the Department of Mental Health.

"It was very fulfilling work," she says, "seeing people who you think might never succeed to go on to be very productive and live full lives. It's something that gives me goosebumps everytime I think about it."

Now that she's retired, Torvik's life is not one of leisure: in addition to her master gardening activities, she teaches gardening to area garden clubs and school children, and tutors a child through the Ohio Project Read Program. In May, she completed a two-year term as president of the League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area. And last year, she traveled with a group from her church, Westminster Presbyterian, to Chimayo, New Mexico, where she helped with a classroom reorganization project at the John Hyson Education Center.

"I think it's important that I give back to the community in full measure what has been given to me," she says. "There has always been someone there for me when I was at a turning point in my life. For me it's unthinkable not to be involved." ■

Alumni Association Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Where Were You When It All Started?



It's January 1971. According to a Gallup poll, the American public's own current estimate of the amount of money needed for a family of four to make ends meet is \$126 a week.

Movies include "Love Story," "Airport," and Walt Disney's "The Aristocats." On television are "Night Gallery," "Hawaii Five-O," and "The Courtship of Eddie's Father." Hit songs include "Knock Three Times" by Dawn and Chicago's "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?"

Also in January 1971, a small group of Wright State alumni meet in a living room and begin the Wright State University Alumni Association.

As in the beginning, the Association's goal remains to coordinate activities and services contributing to the academic, cultural, and physical growth of Wright State University.



Throughout 2001, the 30th anniversary of the WSU Alumni Association will be celebrated, culminating during Homecoming weekend that will include a family festival, an alumni brunch, exciting soccer action, and other fun activities.

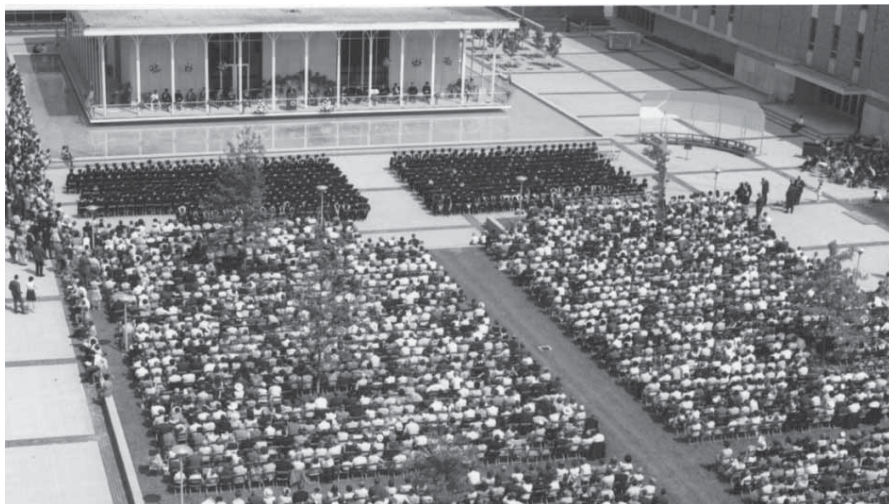
Watch for more information about the 30th anniversary and all the activities surrounding the celebration! ☐

Above:

AlumNews has always been a good read, even if we say so ourselves! **The first Alumni Association event**, a reception for President Robert Kegerreis, occurred in 1973, as you can tell by the hair, clothes, and shoes in this photo. Groovy, man!



Above: What goes around, comes around: This 1970s-era photo might make you wish that you had held on to your bellbottoms and platform shoes that are back in style today!



Left: Graduation on the Quad: How many of you celebrated the big event outside on a beautiful June day?

COME BACK



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By John Bennett

Douglas Cooper—Third WSU Grad to Be Named Ohio Teacher of the Year

“He’s constantly finding a way to help us understand.”

For the third time since 1994, a Wright State graduate is the Ohio Teacher of the Year. Douglas Cooper ('89 B.S.Ed., '94 M.Ed.), chair of the social studies department at Wilmington High School, is the 2001 winner. He joins previous alumni winners Jackie Collier ('77 M.Ed.) and Bill Richey ('84, B.S., '86 M.Ed.).

Known as “Coop” to the students in his government and economics classes, Cooper’s teaching emphasizes real-life learning, new technologies, and community service activities. Cooper’s students praise his enthusiasm.

“He comes in every day with a different attitude,” says Wilmington High School senior Josh Metz. “It’s not always the same thing.”

“He always tries to make everything exciting,” adds James Stanforth, a junior. “He’s constantly finding a way to help us understand (the subject).”

“The Internet has become a regular instructional tool for me,” says Cooper. “Its potential for academic use is unprecedented, and the students embrace it. Now when a question comes up that I can’t answer, we’ll do a search immediately so there can be resolution to the student’s curiosity.”

Cooper is also leading his school’s effort to implement



Ohio Teacher of the Year Doug Cooper (left) reviews a team project with two of his economics students, Chris Smith (center) and Andrya Adkins. Cooper’s classes have participated in a stock market simulation, grappled with the 2000 presidential election, and performed community service. He is the third WSU graduate in the last seven years to be chosen Ohio Teacher of the Year.

Interactive Video Distance Learning into the curriculum. Wilmington middle school students have taken a virtual tour of the Ohio Historical Society, and the school’s science and theatre arts departments have also used the technology.

“Last year on Veteran’s Day, I arranged for a teleconference with a World War II veteran who was an author and a retired history professor,” Cooper says. “He told of his heroic experience on a rescue mission in the Atlantic in 1942. For my students, the chance to ask him questions and to hear his story in

his own words was very compelling.”

Cooper is proud that his school raised nearly \$6,000 in one week last year for the National World War II Memorial. The high school history classes visited local elementary schools to explain the project and involve younger students. Local residents shared their war experiences with history classes.

“It was a great experience for our students,” Cooper says. “I got goose bumps each time a veteran thanked me for allowing them to tell their stories.”

CLASS OF 1970

Bill Duncan (B.S. Ed.) has been a pastor for 23 years and was the founding pastor of a church in Groton, S.D. three years ago. The church is now involved in mission work among the Rosebud Sioux Indians on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota

CLASS OF 1971

Bobby Anne Starnes (B.S. Ed) was inducted into the Northridge High School Hall of Fame. As a 1964 Northridge graduate, Starnes is considered a role model for the students of Northridge schools. She currently serves as the president of the Foxfire Fund Inc. in Mountain City, Ga.

CLASS OF 1972

Dennis R. Wyant, Ph.D. (M.B.A.) represented the United States in two blind golf events. He tied for third place in the British Blind Open, which took place at the West Essex Golf club. He placed 12th in the World Blind Championship, which took place at the Dalmahoy in Edinburgh, Scotland. Wyant was the former world champion and record holder in blind water skiing. He is legally blind and a 100% service connected disabled veteran.

CLASS OF 1973

Jim Newton (B.S. Ed.) became the new Columbus Center director of the DeVry Keller Graduate School of Management where he will be administering the graduate school. He has been an economics professor at Franklin University for the past 12 years.

CLASS OF 1974



Wallace "Dave" Davidson III, Ph.D., (B.A.; 76 M.B.A.) received an excellence in teaching award from Southern Illinois University, where he serves as the Henry Rehn Research Professor in finance.

Charles W. Whitney (B.S.B.) joined Duane, Morris, & Heckscher LLP last September, where he will focus his practice on regulatory, energy, corporate, and labor law. He is active in Atlanta's civic community and is chair of the Board of Trustees of Scitrek—the Science and Technology Museum of Georgia.

CLASS OF 1975

Thomas A. Frederick (B.S.B.; 76 M.A.) was named as the new chief financial officer at Frequency Marketing Inc., a company that provides complete resources and technology for the design, implementation, and management of loyalty-marketing programs that recognize and reward customers based on their purchase behavior. Previously, Frederick was the CFO and President/General Manager of Huff Service First, a national product assembly and merchandising company and one of Huff's fastest growing subsidiaries.

Thomas Melzoni Jr., Ph.D., (B.S. Ed.) was appointed as the new vice president for institutional advancement at United Theological Seminary where he will be responsible for raising new funds for the school. He will also provide leadership for a marketing plan, a public relations campaign, and new initiatives in alumni/ae and judicatory relationships. Melzoni is an ordained minister having served pastorates in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee in which he worked with budgets exceeding one million dollars.

CLASS OF 1977

Timothy Kambitsch (B.S.) has been named director of the Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library. As director, Kambitsch will manage a library system with 22 locations, 2.1 million titles, and an annual circulation of 5.9 million titles, including books, videotapes, cassettes, and floppy disks.

CLASS OF 1978

R. Twyla J. Robinson-Cummings, Ph.D., (B.S.; 87 B.S.B.) is assistant professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Vice president of the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Greater Rochester and board mem-

ber of the Rochester Women's Network, she recently published a report entitled *Women in Graphic Communications*.

CLASS 1979

Betty Kosicki (B.F.A.) has recently displayed her oil paintings at the Kettering Government Center. Her paintings portray landscapes from the Englewood MetroPark. Kosicki, 76, began painting after college while her three children were young.

Constance Elizabeth (Carter) Wallace (B.S. Ed.) works for Ohio SchoolNet where she develops training materials to assist teachers and administrators with integrating technology into the curriculum and their daily work. She also manages five SchoolNet faculty in a 24-county area covering the entire southwest part of Ohio.

Cynthia Cox Underwood (B.A.; M.H. 93) was appointed to fill a vacant Riverside City Council seat in April. Underwood currently works as a writer-editor in the public affairs unit for the Business and Technology Planning Division of the Joint Depot Maintenance Activities Group at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

CLASS OF 1980

Gabriel Omolewu (M.B.A.; 81 M.S.) graduated from the University of Akron with a second doctorate, alongside his daughter, Sarah Omolewu, 22, of Xenia.

Kimberly Koehler Phillips (B.F.A.), an associate manager at Zany Brainy in Kettering, is a professional storyteller and a member of Miami Valley Storytellers, Inc., and The Dayton Mothers of Twins Club.

Willie A. Terrell Jr. (M.Ed.) began a two-year term as president of the Dayton Education Association in July of 2000. He has served as vice president for six years and as treasurer for four years.

CLASS OF 1981

Elizabeth (Simms) Gutmann, J.D., (B.A.), who earned her law degree in 1984 from the University of Cincinnati School of Law, is currently serving her second year of a six-year term as Miami County Municipal judge, a post she was elected to in 2000.

CLASS OF 1982

Diane DeNicola Orlofsky, Ph.D., (M.M.) has a book in press with Peter Lang publishing titled *Redefining Teacher Education: The Theories of Jerome Bruner and the Practice of Training Teachers*. Orlofsky also recently published articles in *Teaching Music and the Piano Pedagogy Forum*. She is associate professor of music and music education at Troy State University.

Chris Johnson (B.S.) the director of Scientific Computing and Imaging Institute at the University of Utah, gave the Ninth Annual Gould Distinguished Lecture in late 2000.

Connie Strehle (M.Ed.; 90 M.Ed.) began her first year as principal at Butler High School last fall. A former principal of Miami East High School, she has taught school and served as guidance counselor in Trotwood-Madison schools for 10 years.

CLASS OF 1985

Judy Dodge (B.S.) was elected Montgomery County Recorder in the November 2000 election. She was the assistant court administrator for Montgomery County Domestic Relations Court, where she supervised 55 employees before running for the Montgomery County Recorder position.

CLASS OF 1986

Annette K. Clayton (B.S.E.G.) was named president of Saturn Corporation, effective last April. A leader in implementing GM's global manufacturing system in North America since April 2000, she will be responsible for Saturn's Spring Hill, TN, and Wilmington, DE, plant operations, production improvements, and the growth of the Saturn product portfolio.

CLASS OF 1987

Mary Dieble (B.S.) has been promoted to senior manager in Deloitte & Touche's Tax Services Group. She joined the firm after graduation, leaving for a brief time in 1995 when she was employed by the City of Kettering. She returned to the firm in 1997. Dieble is a Certified Public Accountant.



CLASS OF 1989

Arnold M. Sokvanthynin (B.S.) is working as an application developer in Enterprise Data Warehouse at NCR.

CLASS OF 1990

Nancy J. (Baker) Mitchell (B.A.) worked with WSU's Office of Disability Services to research and write visual descriptions for 42 works of art from the Dayton Art Institute to be used for a museum audio tour for the visually impaired in August 1999. In July 2000, through WSU's Computing and Telecommunications Services, she wrote visual descriptions of 20 images to be used as part of a virtual tour of campus. She teaches art history and art appreciation at Sinclair Community College as a full-time faculty member in the Art Department.

Dave Leadingham (B.S.E.E.) was recently appointed as General Manager of Hobart Ground Power. Dave has been a key part of the Hobart Ground Power leadership team for over four years. His knowledge of business and his demonstrated strengths as a leader and a manager position him well for this important leadership role. Dave is also vice president of the WSU Alumni Association.



Kevin E. Low (B.S.), a personal financial advisor with the Dayton office of American Express Financial Advisors, Inc., was appointed to the company's prestigious Advanced Advisor Group. Selectees are appointed based on their

Winners—and Under 40 to Boot!

Six WSU alumni were chosen "40 under 40" award winners by the *Dayton Business Journal*. Currently in its fourth year, the program recognizes rising business and political leaders under age 40 in the Dayton community. Winners are selected based on leadership in his or her career field, career accomplishments, and community involvement.

Alumni winners were David Esrati ('88 B.S.B.), owner and director, The Next Wave; Jeffrey Hoagland, ('00 M.U.A.), assistant to the city manager/economic development manager, the City of Kettering; Anne Kuntz, ('98 M.S.), director of aftercare services/funeral director, Routsong Funeral Homes; John Morris, ('91 B.S.B.), vice president, operations, Earthwell Energy Services; Tim Pittman ('88 B.S.B.), vice president and group manager, KeyBank; and Chris Schubart ('90 B.S.B.), senior account executive, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Coming Home: Poet Shares Personal Story

With more than 20 years of striving to make her way in the world of poetry, Elinor Benedict has arrived. Her most recent publication, *All That Divides Us*, a book of poems dealing with the effects of a Chinese-American marriage that occurred in her family before the outbreak of World War II, has brought the 1977 graduate back to Wright State with the Visiting Writer program, sponsored by the Department of English.

"I think it's every poet's dream to come back to their old alma mater. I really did learn a lot here, a lot about poetry. Dayton is my home," said Benedict.

All That Divides Us won the May Swenson Poetry Award which enabled the work to contain a foreword written by Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Maxine Kumin.

Much of the poetry included in the book is written about her trips to China between 1980 and 1990, where she visited the children of her American aunt and Chinese uncle.

"All That Divides Us is a collection that reveals the feelings of kinship and alienation that are intensified by political tensions," Benedict said. To achieve these contrasts of east and west found in her poetry, she traveled to China three times in a 10-year period to meet and become a part of her far-removed family's lives.

Benedict has published five poetry chapbooks and various poetry and short fiction in magazines and anthologies. She has also received the Mademoiselle Fiction Prize, a Michigan Council for the Arts Award, and an Editor's Grant from the Coordinating Council of Literary Magazines (now CLMP). She currently resides in Rapid River, Michigan.

By Amy Pryor



The Department of English hosted alumna Elinor Benedict, shown here signing a copy of her latest book of poetry, *All That Divides Us*, for Gary Pacernick, English professor.

Nursing Alumni Saluted

In honor of National Nurses Week in May, Miami Valley Hospital saluted the following WSU nursing grads employed by the hospital for commitment and dedication to their profession:

For Clinical Practice: Heidi Sellers, R.N., Careflight; and Mary Gornick, R.N., M.S., Center for Women's Healthcare.

For Performance Improvement/Research: Donna Bova, R.N., M.S., 4NW/RIO; and Pat O'Malley, R.N., Ph.D., Coronary Intensive Care Unit.

For Education: Amy Pokorski, R.N., 4NE; Connie Donaldson, R.N., 3E/SE; Tanya Clary, R.N., Enterostomal Therapy; and Pam Shadley, R.N., M.S., 4W/SW.

For Leadership: Bobbe Kester, R.N., M.S., Birthing Center 2; Jayne Gmeiner, R.N., M.S., Integrative Care Management; Adria Grillo-Peck, R.N., M.S., Integrative Care Management; and Annette Brumberg, R.N., M.S., 4NW/RIO

experience as a successful financial advisor, for their professional designations, and for demonstrating a commitment to financial planning, quality of advise, and client service.

CLASS OF 1991

LeShawn Jackson (B.A.; 96 M.A.) is the 2001 winner of the Paul Laurence Dunbar Memorial Poetry prize. She was awarded \$150 and her poem will be printed as a broad-side edition. She has also been nominated for the Dayton and Montgomery County Artist's Fellowship poetry program administered by Culture Works (2000). LeShawn works as a reference assistant for the University of Dayton's Roesch Library.

CLASS OF 1992

Margaret Anderson (M.B.A.) has recently joined Jay Alix & Associates, an international corporate turnaround and restructuring firm, as a senior associate. She will work in the management consulting business unit, which provides strategic intervention in underperforming situations with a focus on improving operational and financial performance.

Sally Castle, Ed.D., (M.S.; 92 Ed.S.) was granted tenure and a promotion from assistant professor to associate professor of education at Cedarville University, effective September 2001. She has worked at Cedarville since 1994.

CLASS OF 1993

Dean E. Cole (M.S.) was appointed manager of education support services at Sinclair Community College. He will be responsible for providing leadership, supervision, and direction for an array of Sinclair Tutorial Service programs and services for special needs population, including students with learning, physical, and psychiatric disabilities and English as a second language students. Cole comes to Sinclair from Twin Valley Psychiatric System's Community Support Network where he was clinical supervisor.



Curtis J. Covert (B.S.B.) has recently joined the staff of Villa Fairborn, a nursing home and rehabilitation facility in Yellow Springs.

Donna Ruble (M. Ed.), an art teacher for Whittier and Central elementary schools in Sidney, has been selected as the 2000 Sidney School District Teacher of the Year. Ruble has taught art for eight years at Bridgeview Middle School and seven years at Parkwood, Emerson, and Whittier.

CLASS OF 1994

Kimberly Bird (B.A.) was named as account executive with Willis Case Harewood, Inc., a marketing communications firm. She will handle strategic planning and management for a variety of the agency's accounts.



Tracie Hudgins (B.F.A.) has joined the staff of Nextel Communications as an account executive. A native of Greenville, S.C., she is now a resident of Marion County.

Mary Beth Langefeld (B.A.) was ranked second among all United Systems of Independent Soccer Leagues W-League players after she scored 10 goals and five assists this summer. Previously, she has been named USISL Athlete of the Week twice, and she was the recipient of WSU's Raider Award. She was the women's soccer coach at Muskingham College for five seasons, and was the finalist for the head coaching position at Bowling Green.

Brian Prenger (B.S.) has been promoted to manager in Deloitte & Touche's Assurance & Advisory Services Group, where he joined the firm after graduation. He is a Certified Public Accountant.



CLASS OF 1995

Mary MacPherson (B.S.) has been promoted to manager in Deloitte & Touche's Assurance & Advisory Services Group. A certified public accountant, MacPherson joined the firm immediately after graduation.



Tony Puckett (B.S.) has been promoted to manager in Deloitte & Touche's Assurance and Advisory Services Group. As a certified public accountant, Puckett joined the firm immediately after graduation.



CLASS OF 1996

Lynnette M. Heard (M.Ed.) is the new executive director of the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE), a nonprofit consortium of 19 colleges and universities, which promotes service and inter-institutional cooperation and collaboration. Heard recently served for more than two years as assistant to the vice president for student affairs and enrollment services at Wright State University. She also served at WSU as executive assistant to the president and the board of trustees for over three years, and earlier as interim director and associate director of public relations.

Linda Watson (B.S.B.) is the marketing director for Brady, Ware & Schoenfeld, one of the largest regional CPA and business consulting firms in the Miami Valley. Awarded first place in the publicity category at the annual American Marketing Association conference last year, she has been recognized for her marketing concepts in *CPA Marketing Report* and *CPA Personnel Report*.

CLASS OF 1997

Amanda Eaglen (B.F.A.) began teaching acting classes in the LSU theater department as a professional in residence last fall. She

also played the role of Lady Bracknell in the department's production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Eaglen came to LSU from Sarasota, Fla., where she was with the Aslow Theatre Co. and an adjunct faculty member of the University of South Florida.

L. Michelle Michel (B.A.) graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law in May 2000. She currently is practicing employment law in Chicago, IL.

CLASS OF 1999

Michael Coleman (B.A.) recently began working as a project manager for KaBOOM, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit company that works with communities to build playgrounds. He will be responsible for teaching communities how to build the playgrounds, solicit donations, and recruit volunteers. Previously, Coleman served two terms with AmeriCorps, one as a team leader. Coleman's team worked at an organic farm for adults with developmental disabilities in Pennsylvania; provided disaster relief in North Carolina after a hurricane; remodeled vacant public housing in Washington D.C.; and worked to turn railroad beds into hiking trails in Scranton, Pa.

Michele Seale (B.S.N.) has designed a pocket guidelines to routine childhood immunizations. She was recently awarded \$15,000 from the Ohio Department of Health with no time restraints to duplicate and distribute an updated version of this scholarly project.

CLASS OF 2000

Jodie Davis (B.F.A.) has joined the Richmond, Va., Ballet. She is also a featured member of Ballet de Jeunesse in Dayton and has performed with the Dayton Ballet.

Katherin Nolte (B.A.) won the \$1,000 short fiction prize from the State University of New York at Stony Brook with her story, *If the Boyfriend Has Lasted a Year*. More than 100 stories entered in the competition. Nolte was also accepted into the Master's of Fine Arts program at Iowa State University to continue to study fiction writing in the Fall.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARDS

The following awards were presented at a brunch sponsored by the WSU Alumni Association winter quarter. Chosen by the respective college deans or program directors, the annual awards were established to recognize the professional achievements and community service of Wright State alumni.

Brian J. Anderson
Department of
Intercollegiate Athletics

A major league pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks, Brian Anderson compiled a career record of 28-8 with a 2.23 ERA at WSU. He was the Mid-Continent Conference Pitcher and Player of the Year in 1992 and was the first round draft pick of the Anaheim Angels in 1993. In 1997, he made six appearances for the Cleveland Indians in the American League Championship Series (ALCS) and the World Series. He was the winning pitcher in the deciding sixth game of the ALCS against the Baltimore Orioles, and earned the save in Game 4 of the 1997 World Series against the Florida Marlins. Following the 1997 season, the Arizona Diamondbacks made Anderson the first selection of the Major League Baseball Expansion Draft. He has been a member of the Diamondbacks since the 1998 season.



Robert L. Brandt Jr.
(B.S. '75, M.S. '76, M.D. '80)
College of Science and
Mathematics

Robert L. Brandt is medical director of Health Care Interventions, which includes the treatment of people with HIV infection and AIDS. The WSU School of Medicine named Brandt its 1980 Outstanding Graduate. In addition to his private practice, he has served as the medical director of the Greene Hall Chemical Dependency Treatment Unit of Greene Memorial Hospital. Certified in the treatment of chemical dependencies by the American Society of Addiction Medicine, Brandt has been a member of the Ohio Department of Health AIDS Advisory Committee since its inception in 1983. He was co-founder of the Dayton Area AIDS Task Force and served as chair and later president. Brandt is currently a board member of the AIDS Foundation of the Miami Valley, the Ohio AIDS Coalition, and chairs the Ryan White Committee of the Dayton AIDS Consortium.



Ronald D. Bullock (B.S. '70)
College of Engineering and
Computer Science

Ronald D. Bullock is president of Bison Gear & Engineering in St. Charles, Illinois. Along with Bison, a manufacturer of gearmotors and reducers, Bullock is also president of Power Trans U.S.A. B.V., a distribution and light assembly facility in Zeewolde, Netherlands, and chairman of Bison Electric, a manufacturer of electric motors in Elgin, Illinois. Under his leadership, Bison has maintained double-digit compounded growth. Bullock is vice chairman of the National Division of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), which represents more than 10,000 small manufacturers. An advocate for reform of the legal system, Bullock has testified for NAM on health care reform before the U.S. House of Representatives Small Business Committee and has published papers on tort reform, product liability law, and other issues.



Vanessa K. Jensen
(Psy.D. '86)
School of Professional
Psychology

Vanessa K. Jensen is head, Section of Pediatric Psychology, for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Since 1998 she has also served as the director of the ABLE Center, a project devoted to the treatment of children with Autism. Her area of practice is pediatric psychology with special interest in autism, chronic fatigue in children, children with chronic illnesses, and headaches in adolescents. She is the principal investigator on several grant projects at the Cleveland Clinic totaling more than \$400,000. Jensen's professional associations include serving as president of the Midwest Chapter of the Behavioral Pediatrics Consortium. She has served on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Psychological Association and chaired several committees. Jensen has served as finance officer and is currently president-elect of OPA. In September 2001, she will become OPA president.



Brenda K. Stevenson, Ph.D., R.N. (B.S.N. '80) WSU-Miami Valley College of Nursing and Health



Brenda K. Stevenson is professor, chair, and director of the Division of Nursing at the Kettering

College of Medical Arts. Through teaching positions at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Miami Valley Hospital, Wright

State University, Ball State University, the Capital University School of Nursing, and currently the Kettering College of Medical Arts, she has contributed to the education of hundreds of nurses. Her professional activities include funded research in falls prevention of the elderly, continuing education priorities for nurses in cancer management, and faculty practice and productivity. She has

guided more than 30 WSU graduate students through their theses and research projects. Stevenson has shared her expertise on numerous state and regional committees. These include the research committee of the Miami Valley Gerontology Council, Zeta Phi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, and the District Ten chapter of the Ohio

Nurses Association. In addition to a commitment to nursing, she is a wife, mother, grandmother, and an active member of the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church. Her church involvement includes chairing the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and serving on the Health Ministries and Finance committees.

**Christine L. Moore-Goad, (B.S.Ed. '72, M.Ed. '94)
College of Education
and Human Services**

Christine L. Moore-Goad teaches third grade at Orchard Park Elementary School. In 1997, the National Teacher Training Institute named Moore-Goad National Teacher of the Year, and the Northern Life Insurance Company presented her with an Unsung Heroes National Award. She was named a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar in 1986-87, and received a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching in 1992. That same year Moore-Goad received the \$25,000 Ohio Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation. She received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Montgomery County Public Education Fund in 1992. Moore-Goad's professional affiliations include the National Education Association, the Ohio Education Association, the Science Education Council of Ohio, the National Science Teachers' Association, and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.



**Gary M. Onady (M.D. '87)
School of Medicine**

Gary M. Onady, associate professor of internal medicine and pediatrics in the WSU School of Medicine, is also program director for Wright State's Medicine-Pediatrics Program. A past president and executive committee member of the Medicine-Pediatrics Program Director Association, Onady's professional service includes serving as division head for Internal Medicine at the Children's Medical Center. In 1998, Onady was presented with the APDIM/APPD/MPPDA's Leadership Award. He has also received Wright State University's Roentgen Award and was named the Outstanding Senior Medical Student by the Dayton Academy of Medicine. In his spare time, Dr. Onady enjoys playing the fluegel horn and the trumpet and has played professionally in the Dayton area.



**Alonzo Patterson III, M.D., (B.S.E.G. '85)
Bolinga Black Cultural
Resources Center**

Alonzo Patterson III is assistant dean for Minority Affairs in the WSU School of Medicine. In high school, Patterson's participation in WSU's Horizons in Medicine program confirmed his desire to become a physician. As a Wright State undergraduate, Patterson participated in Bolinga Center activities and mentored others as he was being mentored. Many Dayton residents have benefited from Patterson's interest in preventive health as he regularly recruits medical students and physicians to hold health fairs at area churches. The Wright State chapter of the Student National Medical Association presented him with the Allen Pope Service Award in 1997. In his church community, he serves on the Omega Baptist Church's Capital Fund Drive, participates in biblical plays, and is active in Kid's Church. He also helped establish the church's Multi Media Resources Center.



**Jerri R. Stanard (B.F.A. '91)
College of Liberal Arts**

Jerri R. Stanard is founder and executive director of the K12 Gallery for Young People. While teaching art in the Dayton public school system, she realized there was a need for a place where young people could work on art projects together. In 1993 she launched the K12 Gallery for Young People. At first little more than workshops held by Stanard in donated space, the K12 Gallery has become the premiere place in Dayton for young people to explore their creative potential. Stanard has continued to create and exhibit her own paintings. The Art About Town exhibition sponsored by Preservation Dayton selected Stanard for Juror's Choice Awards in 1993 and 1998. Her work "Traffic, Chaos, Coupled with Peace" was chosen Best of Show in 1993. The Ohio Arts Council presented Stanard with the Emerging Leader Award in 2000.



**Martha L. "Martie" Teter (M.S. '96)
School of Graduate Studies**

Martha L. "Martie" Teter, clinical assistant professor in the WSU-Miami Valley College of Nursing and Health, is president of the Ohio Organization of Advanced Practice Nurses (OOAPN). In that role, she helped lead the effort to pass the prescriptive authority bill that will further the mission of OOAPN's health care reach. A motivated, high energy, involved leader, Teter has spoken at the community and state level on a host of issues, including an OOAPN meeting on providing care to children with diabetes. Teter's professional certifications include Family Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, and

Diabetic Educator. She maintains a professional practice as a nurse practitioner at the Adolescent Wellness Center, an inner-city health care center focusing on adolescent, mostly underserved children. Her volunteer work includes serving as president of the Western Ohio Association of Diabetes Educators, and on the board of directors of the Dayton Area Diabetes Association. Teter has also served on the national program committee of the American Association of Diabetes Educators.

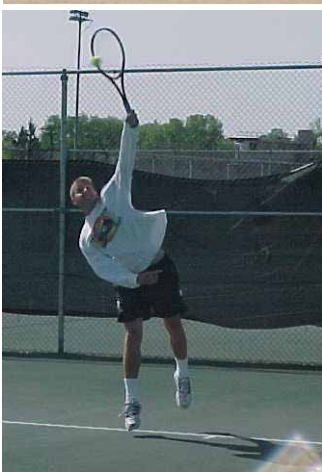


**Charles "Dan" Young, (M.B.A. '97)
Raj Soin College of Business**

Charles D. "Dan" Young is CEO (and Chief Ice Cream Dipper) of Young's Jersey Dairy, a family owned and operated family entertainment business with more than 1.4 million visitors each year. Employing 220, Young's Jersey Dairy includes two restaurants, miniature golf, a driving range, and a working dairy farm. Young's annually provides more than \$5,000 in scholarships to its employees, including several WSU students. The Miami Valley Restaurant Association named Young Restaurateur of the Year for 2000. He has worked with the Epilepsy Foundation, the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, dozens of local

schools and charitable organizations. A former board member and president of the Mad River Board of Education, he serves on the boards of the Miami Valley Restaurant Association, the Yellow Springs and Miami Township Community Improvement Corporation, the advisory board for the Department of Management in the Raj Soin College of Business, and First Frontier, the nonprofit organization that presents the outdoor drama "Blue Jacket."





Spring Sports Wrap Up

Baseball (Won 31, Lost 27)

The baseball team posted 30 wins for the first time since 1997 and finished third in the MCC standings as Head Coach Ron Nischwitz picked up his 800th win in May over Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Chris Tuttle, a sophomore outfielder, set the Wright State single-season record for hits (97) and for average (.478), breaking the .472 mark by Fred Blair in 1982.

Golf

The golf team finished third at the MCC Championships and placed in the top 10 in nine tournaments overall. Sophomores Jesse Hutchins, who paced the Raiders in six tournaments, and John Schones, who led in three, were each named All-MCC.

Men's Tennis (Won 20, Lost 6)

Under the direction of MCC Coach of the Year Herb Foster, the men's tennis team won its first MCC title. Junior Chad Camper was the MCC Co-Player of the Year and was joined on the First Team by junior Chad Derry and freshman Quincy Jones, who was also the Co-Newcomer of the Year. Senior Mike Brush was named to the Second Team.

Women's Tennis (Won 23, Lost 5)

It was a very successful year for the women's tennis team as they finished second in the MCC during the regular season. Four Raiders received Second Team All-MCC honors in juniors Melissa Dunham-Freer and Gloria Montero along with sophomores Debbie Campbell and Kyana Jackson.

Women's Indoor Track

One of two new sports at Wright State, the team placed sixth at the MCC Championships as sophomore Jessica Kuhr earned All-MCC honors in winning the 5000 meter run at the conference meet.

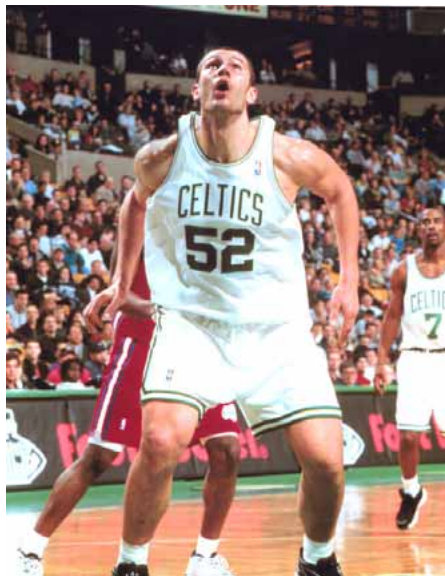
Women's Outdoor Track

Also in its first season as a sport at Wright State, the team placed fifth at the MCC Championships. Sophomore Jessica Kuhr earned all-conference honors as she set a new meet record in the 5000 meter run.

Softball (Won 28, Lost 22)

The softball team appeared in the regional rankings for the first time ever, finishing third in the MCC. Senior Kim Sycks was a First Team All-MCC selection along with sophomore Nikki Scott, who was also named the conference's Pitcher and Newcomer of the Year. Senior Michelle Demmitt and junior Maria Barhorst were chosen to the Second Team while Scott and freshmen Amy Price and Amanda Rutherford were selected to the All-Newcomer Team.

Potapenko, Lengefeld Inducted Into WSU Hall of Fame



Vitaly Potapenko

Vitaly Potapenko, a member of the Wright State University basketball team from 1994 to 1996, and Mary Beth Lengefeld, a member of the WSU soccer team from 1990 to 1993, were inducted into the Raider Hall of Fame during the annual All-Sports Banquet.

Potapenko, a native of the Ukraine, is currently WSU's 15th all-time leading scorer with 1,113 points in 56 games, an average of 19.9 points per game. During his college career, he was named MCC first team and team MVP in 1995 and 1996 as well as MCC Newcomer of the Year in 1995. He led the team in rebounding both seasons at 6.4 and 7.4 rebounds a game, respectively. The Cleveland Cavaliers made the 6-10 forward the 12th overall pick in the 1996 NBA Draft. Potapenko now plays for the Boston Celtics.

Lengefeld, a native of West Carrollton, Ohio, currently ranks third in goals, third in points, and fourth in assists in a career. For a season, she ranks first in assists, third in points, and third in goals.

Lengefeld received the team Raider Award in 1992 and was named MVP in 1993. Playing before WSU women's soccer competed in a conference, Lengefeld was honored nationally when she was named a GTE Academic All-American and WSU's Student-Athlete of the Year in 1993 and 1994.

The 1990 graduate of West Carrollton High School is currently an instructor at Muskingum College where she is also the head women's soccer and tennis coach. The 29-year-old was the leading scorer last season for the Cincinnati Ladyhawks, a semi-professional soccer team. ☐



Mary Beth Lengefeld

Men's Swimming Wins MCC Championship; Women Second

Wright State's men's swimming team led throughout the competition in winning the MCC Swimming and Diving Championships at Brown Deer, Wisconsin. The Raiders totaled 703 points to finish comfortably ahead of second place Wisconsin-Green Bay. The Raider women finished second behind Wisconsin-Milwaukee.



Drew Fiden

Top performances for the men included Drew Fiden, who smashed the MCC record in winning the 200 breast stroke in 2:01.35. Second place finishers included Osiris Briseno in the 200 backstroke, Carl Thompson in the 100 freestyle and the 400 free relay team.

Two members of the women's team won MCC championships: Julie Coghlan in the 1650 freestyle and Roberta Borkowski in the 1-meter diving. Katie Tippett finished second in the 100 freestyle and the 400 free relay team also recorded a second place finish.

WSU coach Matt Liddy was named MCC men's Coach of the Year. Borkowski was named Outstanding Diver for the women, and WSU's Jackie Dexter won MCC Newcomer of the Year honors for the women. ☐

Schilling Contract Extended

Ed Schilling, who completed his fourth year as head men's basketball coach in 2001, has been awarded a three-year contract extension running through the 2004-05 season.

Originally hired in 1997, Schilling led the Raiders to an 18-11, 8-6 record in 2000-01. It was WSU's best overall record since 1992-93 and the Raiders' best MCC record ever.

Off the court, seven of Schilling's players were honored on Academic Recognition Night this season for cumulative grade point averages over 3.0 while the team posted a cumulative GPA over 2.9. ☐



Coach Ed Schilling

New Women's Basketball Coach

Bridgett Williams has been named the new women's head basketball coach. She comes to WSU from Chicago State University, where she was head coach for the past two years. Under her leadership, the Cougars went from no wins in 1999-2000 with only seven players to posting 10 wins last season with Williams being named the Mid-Continent Conference Coach of the Year. Williams had an All-American playing career at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. ☐

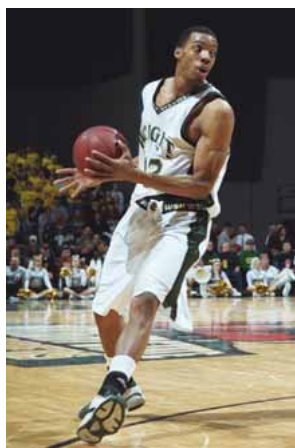


Bridgett Williams

Raider Roundballers Earn All-MCC Honors

Two members of the Wright State women's basketball team were named to the Midwestern Collegiate Conference 2000-01 all-conference teams. Named First Team All-MCC and to the All-Defensive Team was senior forward Reggen Stewart; freshman forward Iesha Gray was selected to the All-Newcomer Team.

Stewart ranked in scoring, rebounding, free throw percentage, steals, offensive rebounds, defensive rebounds, blocked shots, and assists. She also ranks in the Raider Top 10 in games, minutes, field



Kevin Melson



Reggen Stewart

goals made and attempted, free throws made and attempted, rebounds, blocks, steals, and scoring average.

Men's basketball players Kevin Melson, Israel Sheinfeld, and Jesse Deister were also selected for MCC post-season honors. Melson, a 6-6

senior forward, was voted to the MCC first-team for the second straight year. He averaged 14.9 points and 6.4 rebounds per game. The Detroit native is only one of three Raiders to ever reach 1,200 points, 500 rebounds, and 70 blocked shots.

Sheinfeld was chosen to the MCC's second-team after being named a first-team player a year ago. The Tel Aviv, Israel, native averaged 15.1 points and 6.5 rebounds a game to lead the team in both categories.

Deister, a transfer from Cedarville College, was selected the league's Newcomer of the Year along with being named to the All-Newcomer Team. A native of Topeka, Kansas, he averaged 13.6 points and 1.4 steals a game. ☐



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