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President, 1955 - 1959*



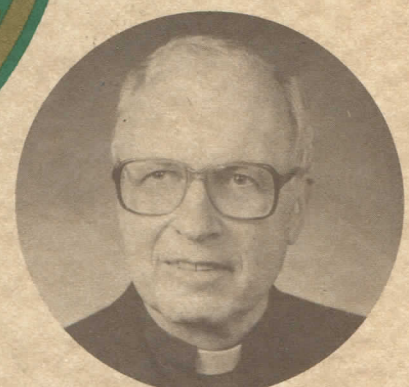
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Everything's Still Up-To-Date At Wheeling Jesuit

By Dr. Paul A. Orr, professor of English

Once, in days which my students today think of as "long ago and far away," but which are as vivid to me as last May's graduation, every spring at Wheeling College was celebrated by the same ritual events: flooding creeks, empty classrooms during the state basketball tournament, shrill criticism of the bewildering cut policy, raft races.

But between '56 and '59, perhaps the most anticipated and welcomed ritual was Clayton Hudnall inching into the Gambol spotlight to sing, to the tune of "Everything's Up to Date in Kansas City," "Everything's Up to Date at Wheeling College."

Dressed as a bewildered freshman but looking more like a poster child beseeching help, in a voice which, my memory insists, rose and fell like the whine of a satiric cicada, he would celebrate and satirize our mud-clogged progress toward the stars. Every performance brought the house down. (We would have been rolling in the aisles, except they were full of extra chairs holding dazzled tuition-paying relatives.)

We loved it. Perhaps most of all, we loved the lines, "They've gone and built a sky-scraper, seven stories high/about as high as buildings ought to go."

We loved it because it was so cheerfully, cheekily, so literally wrong. Up to date? A college with no real dormitories, with teachers suffering from medieval notions, and a teaching building whose walls tended to sway when people like Kernan or Van Eekeren leaned against their blackboards? Up to date when its women's lounge was a hastily converted classroom

identified by the (perhaps) self-mocking title "Purdah"? Moreover, none of its buildings were even close to seven stories high.

We loved it, most of all, because we knew, all of us--from the elderly President (age: 44) to the youngest student (apparent age to me: 11)--that the song had everything backward. We had not gone about as far as we could go. We knew we were just starting out on some incredibly exciting, almost unimaginable journey. We were going to go a long way, and we knew collegially and individually, that we were going to get there. We were not going to top out at seven stories.

The other Jesuit educational powerhouses of the Maryland Province, we said could stay in their own versions of "Purdah." Our version remained empty, usually, of all but a couple of old-fashioned teachers. Instead, the college's women poked into the Registrar's office to eat his birthday cake, disrupted classes by their ideas, invaded the Dean's office to ask for higher academic standards and more dances. ("Unaccustomed as I am to having "Spring Flings" dedicated to me," said Father Troy in April 1957, averting his gaze from the strapless evening gowns so anathema to Founder Swint, "I welcome it.") Trips to the basketball tournaments may have been fun and memorable, but applications to grad schools and companies like Wheeling Steel started bringing in gold.

Clayton's performance was so hilarious and so welcome because in its crazy, upside-down way, it matched our

mood and our vision of the future. Would it match up as well today? Well, perhaps.

The evidence is, as then, a bit contradictory. Our mud piles are even bigger. There are a lot of new buildings which seem reassuringly sturdy and up to date. (The restroom-identifying signs, for example, have their message "Men," "Women" repeated underneath in Braille; true, however, to our oldest traditions, there is still some slippage. An older restroom is identified only by a magic-marker scrawl.)

But now, as then, the physical evidence is almost irrelevant. It's the attitude toward the future that counts, and here, it seems to me, things have not changed all that much. The students who triumphed in the State Literature Symposium recently and the hyper-active first-year students whom I must somehow be useful to 20 minutes from now--they do not seem to have any sense of limits. The various departments happily believe they are doing great work and that the sky's the limit. And the President? Empowered by something (The Ignatian ideal? The founder's vision? A Leggo-deprived childhood?--perhaps a combination of all three), he certainly acknowledges no limits.

I do not know what Director Bud Hall's cast will sing at the Gambol this spring, but it will say the same thing to me that Clayton said so joyfully in the '50s. "We have not gone as far as we can go." Interestingly, one of the buildings now under construction is rumored to be, when completed, eight stories high.

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Challenger Center Named for Rep. Mollohan

The NASA Classroom of the Future's Challenger Learning Center component will be named in recognition of West Virginia First District Congressman Alan B. Mollohan's efforts to bring the facility to Wheeling Jesuit.

The announcement was made during a reception held on Capitol Hill to highlight new installations that are part of the national Challenger Learning Center Network.

Founded by families of the crew who lost their lives in the Challenger shuttle disaster, Challenger Centers are space flight and mission control simulators visited by classes of K-12 students and their teachers. They use space exploration as a theme to create a positive learning experience that raises students' expectations of success; foster long-term inter-



Construction continues on WJC's new NASA Classroom of the Future project. The building is scheduled for completion in Fall 1994

est in science, math and technology; and motivate them to pursue studies in those areas.

Mollohan's involvement in the Challenger project at Wheeling Jesuit began in 1988 when he brought the availability of the project to the attention of President

Thomas S. Acker, S.J. The center was the foundation for the evolution of the Classroom of the Future which has received strong support from Senator Robert C. Byrd and Mollohan.

Classroom of the Future has been designated by NASA as its leading-edge research and development unit for educational technologies. The new Wheeling Jesuit COTF building, which will be completed in the Fall of 1994, will include, in addition to the Alan B.

Mollohan Challenger Center, a satellite uplink and downlink capability, a computer interactive learning facility, a software and multimedia development center, a NASA Regional Teacher Resource Center, as well as other high-tech learning innovations.

History of the College Captured



Fr. James Gormley, S.J.

The next book by Rev. James J. Gormley, S.J., was at least 40 years in the making. The research only seems like it's taking that long.

Gormley, the resident historian of Wheeling Jesuit College, is compiling a book on the school's official history. He already has a case filled with more than 100 cassette tapes of interviews, and four card files which reference articles from old publications.

"I've read every article of every issue of every Spokesman," Gormley said. "I've read every article in every issue of 'This Is Wheeling College' (a faculty publication which ran from March 1958 to November 1964). I've been working in the college archives, which has huge panels of documents. I've made it up to the end of the 1970s in documents. I hope to go through yearbooks next."

He is facing at least another year of research, which will include traveling the East Coast for personal interviews with many of the more than 130 Jesuits who have worked here since the school opened. Gormley hopes to have the book ready by the end of the 1995-96 school year, which

would mark the 40th anniversary of the first year of classes at Wheeling College.

Gormley, originally from Philadelphia, is in his 53rd year as a Jesuit. He came to Wheeling from Philadelphia on January 17, 1993, and immediately began working on the project.

This will be the third official history he has written, following "University of Scranton, 1888-1942" and "History of St. Joseph's Prep, 1851-1976." Although he originally thought that a 40-year history would be easier by comparison, he found that the opposite is true.

"With a 40-year old college, there are a lot of living sources from the early days," he said.

Local Firm Donates Equipment for Health Center

The Wheeling Regional Office of Homedco, a national firm specializing in medical equipment needs, has donated more than \$4,000 worth of important medical equipment to the Student Health Center of Wheeling Jesuit College.

Wheeling Jesuit Alumni Stephen J. Fortunato '78, R.R.T., the Homedco branch manager, made the presentation to the college recently at the new Alma Grace McDonough Center where the Student Health Center is located.

"Homedco is interested in supporting the community and Wheeling Jesuit College is doing great things," Fortunato explained. "We made this gift because the college deserves it. It is an important part of the region and making sure that it can provide health care to its students is important to us."

The Student Health Center is operated under the direction of Dr. Tom Wack and provides necessary medical care for Wheeling Jesuit's 1,440 students. The Homedco donation includes: a hospital bed, wheel chairs, pulmonary breathing machine, oxygen equipment and emergency resuscitation equipment.

The donation was accepted by WJC's Tom Pié, director of corporate and foundation relations, Dr. Wack, and staff of the center.

Pictured right at the presentation outside the college's Alma Grace McDonough Center are, left to right, Homedco Branch Manager Stephen J. Fortunato, R.R.T., WJC Director of Student Health Services Dr. Tom Wack, WJC Coordinator of Health Services Dorothy Crowell, Jeff Davis of Homedco, WJC Nurse Patty Vargo, and WJC Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Tom Pié.



A visitor places a rose on a quilt panel during a display at the McDonough Center

AIDS Quilt Draws Crowds to Campus

More than 3,000 persons turned out to see the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display on the Wheeling Jesuit College campus March 10-14.

Volunteers from campus and the Wheeling community helped with the project and 29 new Wheeling area panels were added to the quilt that memorializes persons who died of AIDS. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston commended the college for bringing the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Wheeling.

"You were instrumental in bringing an awareness of Jesus' message of care and concern for everyone who suffers, regardless of who they might be," Rev. Robert Park, of the office of the delegate of the bishop for clergy wrote. "Seeing the AIDS Memorial Quilt helped personalize AIDS for people whose awareness had been limited to media statistics and celebrity obituaries."

Birth of a College

By Carl Hill

*Bishop Swint
Watches His
Dream
Come To Life*

Mt. de Chantal farm used to be known as a great place to hunt arrowheads, but starting in 1954 it became famous as the home of Wheeling Jesuit College, the first and only Catholic institute of higher learning in West Virginia.

The college owes its birth to Archbishop John J. Swint of the Diocese of Wheeling, an ambitious builder who for years had been wanting to establish a college in his district. In February of 1952, Swint met with Fr. David Nugent, S.J., Provincial of the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus, and his Socius, Fr. John Long, S.J. to explain his vision of a Jesuit college. Shortly afterward, Nugent wrote to Fr. Edward Bunn, S.J., prefect general of studies of the Maryland Province, and Bunn traveled to Wheeling in March of 1952 to meet personally with Swint.

Swint had planned to set up the school with the relatively modest sum of \$1 million, but Bunn explained that accreditation needs would make a \$3 million figure more realistic. A compromise of \$2 million was reached. The college's original design included one academic building, a gymnasium and a residence for Jesuits. A co-educational atmosphere was planned, with enrollment estimates beginning at 200 for the first year, with subsequent increases to 375, 475 and 625.

Swint signed a formal agreement proposing the college on May 27, 1952, and the document became part of the formal proposal submitted to Father General in Rome on June 19. Consent came from the Father General on July 4, along with permission to admit women to the college.

The 61-acre site of Wheeling College was purchased from Mount de Chantal Academy in July of 1952 for \$100,000, a deal that included a promise from Swint that no college building would go in the immediate vicinity of the Academy.

Fr. Long was designated by Fr. Nugent to work with the architect, and he arrived in Wheeling on July 24, 1952, to begin planning work. By the first of August, he had prepared a timetable for the project,

with classes scheduled to begin on Sept. 20, 1954.

Fr. Clifford M. Lewis, S.J., was designated to handle public relations work for the college, including talking to civic groups about why the Jesuits were in the business of education. He was also to study the possibility of recruiting a freshman class of 200, which was considered necessary for an eventual four-year enrollment of 600. He received help from Fr. Daniel Kirwin, diocesan superintendent of schools, in communicating with the Wheeling-area parochial high schools to discover the students' vocational objectives. Most popular were engineering, business, secretarial and nursing occupations.

On Feb. 25, 1953, the Jesuit Fathers received a shocking cost estimate of \$2,532,837 for the project, which didn't include items such as roads, walkways to the buildings and library books. With everything totalled, the cost was expected to reach \$3 million, over budget by \$1 million. Swint flatly declared that the price tag was too expensive to continue.

The issue of a college in Wheeling seemed dormant for the next two months, until Fr. Maloney wrote what turned out to be a historic letter to Swint on April 29. He proposed that construction be delayed to take advantage of falling prices and to give Fr. Lewis a chance to conduct a fund-raising campaign. The purpose would be to raise the money to cover the extra \$1 million in construction costs as well as the expected operational deficit for the first few years. Swint agreed to take the risk, and instead of canceling the project, postponed it for six to eight months.

The plan proved to be a success, and a groundbreaking ceremony for the college was held November 24, 1953. Construction of Donahue Hall, Swint Hall and Whelan Hall would begin the following spring.

Donahue Hall was named for Bishop Patrick Donahue of the Diocese of Wheeling, who inherited for the diocese the money which supplied the financial basis for the first three buildings. That money and western oil property was bequeathed by gift and will from Sara Tracy, for whom the first women's residence was named. Donahue Hall contained classrooms for physics, biology

and chemistry, along with a science library and speech and language labs.

Swint Hall carried the name of Bishop Swint, who invested Sara Tracy's endowment and who made the decision to use the money to establish a college. His name was chosen for the new structure because it would be in the public eye more than the other two buildings. The first floor of Swint Hall had a bookstore, a kitchen and cafeteria. The second floor featured the library, the office of the treasurer, dean and registrar, student offices and a student lounge. On the third floor were the president's office and other administration offices.

The Jesuit residence, Whelan Hall, was named after the first bishop of Wheeling, in honor of his efforts in obtaining the land used for Mt. de Chantal. Whelan also played a key role in bringing the Jesuit Fathers to Wheeling in the late 1840s. Whelan Hall included a chapel which could accommodate 48 people in permanent pews, six rooms for private Masses, a suite of rooms where most of the Society's business was conducted, a parlor where guests could be entertained, a kitchen, a dining room and the Jesuit library.

The construction of Whelan Hall brought the only serious accident associated with the first three buildings. A construction crew member had driven his bulldozer onto a pile of dirt so he could get underneath for repairs. The dozer settled, the man was temporarily pinned below it, and he damaged his vertebrae crawling out.

The college opened in September of 1955 with a freshman class of 90. By 1958, there were four full classes and enrollment had reached 376. That figure grew steadily, up to nearly 800 in the late 1960s, close to 1,000 in the early 1980s, and stands at 1,358 in the spring of 1994.

Today, instead of Indian relics, visitors to the Mt. de Chantal farm site can find a modern college with a 21st Century curriculum. The school proudly offers a National Technology Transfer Center, a Classroom of the Future and a brand new McDonough Health and Recreation Complex. These combine with a 40-year tradition of Jesuit education that brings a unique learning environment to Wheeling Jesuit College. ■

The Class of '59

First Students Recall the Early Days

They will forever be remembered as the "Co-Founders." Ninety students showed up in the fall of 1955 for the first day of classes at Wheeling College, and four years later 50 of them received degrees as part of the school's first graduating class, the Class of 1959.

The members of that class still hold a special place in Wheeling College history. For all the work done by Bishop Swint, the Jesuit fathers and the other employees in the early days of the college, the venture never would have succeeded unless there were students willing to take a chance on the new school.

Bernie Glenn, a 1959 graduate and currently the president of Bernie Glenn Commercial Sales in Wheeling, recalls how he was recruited to the college by a "supersalesman," Fr. Joseph K. Drane, S.J.

"He had me looking at holes and mud and an old, dilapidated church full of books and was telling me how great it was going to be," Glenn said. "He told me the Jesuits were great teachers, and I was going to do something that not many people had the chance to do. That turned out to be walking through mud."

Glenn, who had already reserved a room at Washington and Jefferson College

in Washington, PA, went for Fr. Drane's sales pitch and said he has never regretted it. Fifteen years ago he wrote an article in the student newspaper extolling the virtues of Wheeling College.

"We were all co-founders," he said. "The students, the first faculty, including the librarians and the few employees that there were. If you look at the first class picture, even the switchboard operator is in there."

Another memory Glenn has from the school's first years is arriving two days early for classes and finding a group of men on their hands and knees scrubbing and waxing the floors of the buildings. He later found out that those men were his Jesuit teachers.

Carson Bryan, president of Diversified Financial Services in Dallas, WV, said he came to Wheeling College on the recommendation of the Marist brothers, who said the Jesuits were the world's best teachers. He remembers the dedication of the Jesuits and their concern for the students.

"What stood out the most was their interest in you as a person, not just their interest in how you were doing in their subject," Bryan said. "The thing that impressed me is that I found out they would all get together and discuss each of us individually. As a student I never knew that."

It was that type of personalized education that helped ease the shock of coming to a campus that was still very much in its early stages of construction.

"Our physical plant was a joke--three buildings sitting in mud," Bryan said. "We finally got a paved road. We put up a basket on the road, and that was our gymnasium." Still, he fondly recalls his college years as "an experience of being challenged and being able to challenge."

Bryan said the "co-founders" title



came about because the Jesuits understood the risk those first students were taking.

"I think they felt that if we wanted to go to a brand new college, which was unaccredited at the time and could go under, and we could all be wasting our time, then they would call us co-founders," Bryan said.

Jim Weaver, president of Kirby and Associates in Wheeling, owes a debt to his parents for insisting that he go to college instead of joining the Navy. It was their influence, plus the closeness of Wheeling College and the presence of the Jesuits, that made up his mind.

"It was the turning point in my life," he said. "If I had gone in the military and not gotten an education, I might have been forced by circumstances to do physical work. College opened up an opportunity for mental abstract work."

Weaver said he spent most of his high school years doing the minimal amount necessary just to get by. That created a quick culture shock when he came to Wheeling College and found himself in a serious learning environment.

"The biggest impression was the quality of students that I came to meet and rub shoulders with," he said. "In one of my first English classes, we had to make a list of the 10 most recent books we had read. Once I got past *Black Beauty*, that was it. I looked over at Clayton Hudnall and he had both sides of the paper filled



1950s Physical Plant employees erect a hoop

out."

Sr. Joanne Gonter is alumnae director and a faculty member at Mount de Chantal, which once owned the land upon which Wheeling College was built. She had just graduated from high school at Mount de Chantal when the college was ready to open.

"The joke was that they built the

college for me," Gonter said. "This was before the Second Vatican Council, so my superior made the decision on college. The sisters knew the first Jesuits and thought they were wonderful people. I think the sisters were very happy to have the college so close. It was in a former cow pasture. Our community was cloistered, but we were permitted out to see the new college."

Gonter majored in chemistry, which she said was emphasized because of the large number of chemical plants in the area. Gonter said chemistry was a popular major among freshman women, but she was one of only four females who were able to complete the program and earn a degree.

She is currently serving as chairperson of a committee preparing to celebrate the 35th reunion of the class of 1959. They are inviting members of the Class of 1960, known as the "Pioneer Class," to join in the celebration.

For Gonter, the most special reunion will always be the 25th. Because she was cloistered, she was not permitted to attend her graduation ceremony in 1959. Her classmates staged a mock graduation ceremony at the 1984 reunion and officially presented her with her diploma.

"There were a lot of great people in my class," Gonter said. ■



class to enter Wheeling College, September 1955

Long Time Employees

Fr. Joseph B. Hanzely, S.J., had just finished graduate studies in biology at Catholic University in Washington, DC, in 1955 when he was notified that he had been assigned to a new college in Wheeling, WV.

He got here before the first microscope or test tube, when all Donahue Hall contained were empty science labs and classrooms. Hanzely was put in charge of ordering all the necessary books and equipment and of building the school's entire biology program.

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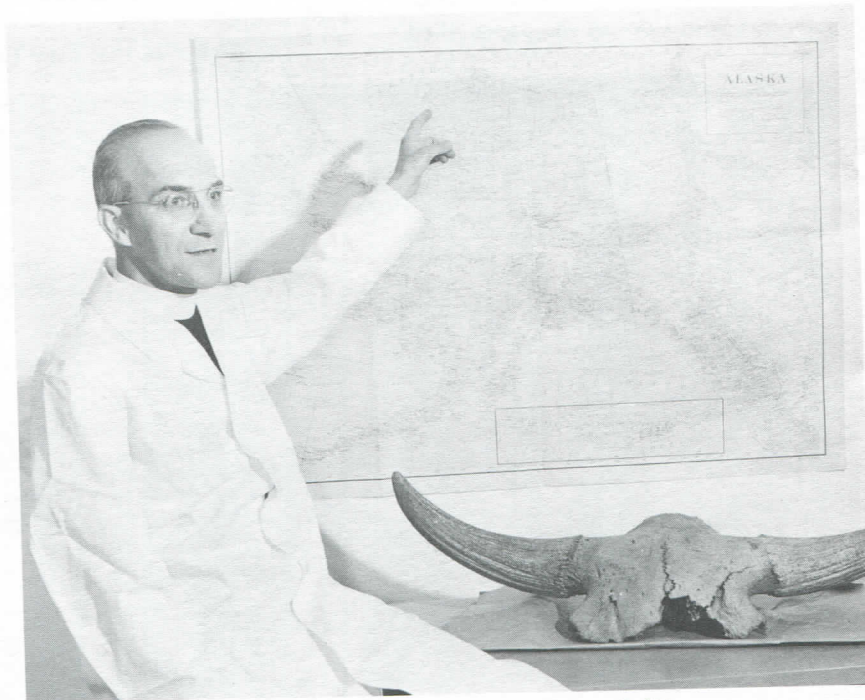
- Fr. Joseph Hanzely

Forty years later, Hanzely remembers those early days as a time of great optimism and excitement, and of racing against the clock to get the school ready in time for the students.

"The beginning of classes had to be postponed (in 1955)," he said. "The basement of Donahue

wasn't even paved. There were big fans blowing on the wall to dry the plaster. The front entrance road wasn't paved. The dean had to write to all the students in the first year to tell them to postpone coming for a month."

Hanzely remembers that the college bookstore, which was in the current location of the Rathskeller, wasn't fully ready either, and the biology books had to be kept in the chemistry department storeroom.



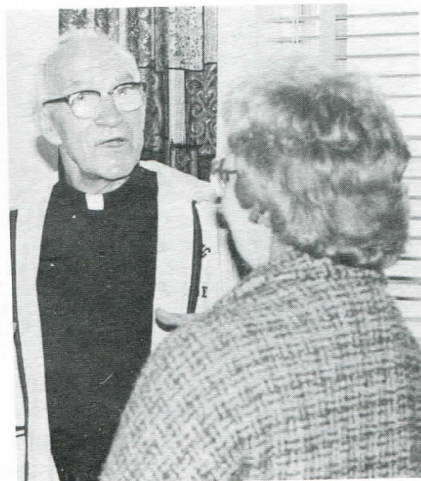
Fr. Joseph B. Hanzely, S.J. in the 1960's

Students took a different approach to learning in the mid-1950s, Hanzely recalls, with classes calling for formal attire. Male students wore ties and jackets in the classroom, and female students wore dresses.

"The idea was to create a dignified atmosphere more conducive to learning," Hanzely said. "I didn't hear any complaints. I think it made them feel more dignified. The Jesuits wore our cassocks in class, except when (chemistry professor) Fr. Joseph Duke and I had to wear lab coats, which were more appropriate for handling chemicals."

Hanzely also remembers the early days before the residence halls were built, when Fr. Joseph Drane, the dean at the time, scoured the area for families who were willing to rent a room to a male student. Female students stayed at Mt. de Chantal, a boarding school for high school students.

Hanzely said there was a feeling of success at the school right from the start, and he thinks the Jesuit founders would be proud of the way Wheeling College has grown.



Fr. Hanzely today

exceptions, but as a group they don't take their education as seriously--but they still want a job. They're more concerned about "me" than "us." I think it's sad because later on these kids will realize what four years of college meant to them."

McCready said she began to really notice the change in student behavior in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"We had students protesting Vietnam in the '60s, but at least they were doing something," she said. "I don't think today's students care about anyone but themselves."

McCready has fond memories of the early Jesuits, especially those who died young like Fr. William Troy, college president from 1959-66, and Fr. James Muldowney, who served as academic dean

"I wouldn't trade my 37 years here for anything. This has been the children I never had, and a second family."

-Kitty McCready

Wheeling Jesuit Registrar Kitty McCready was here in the days before computers, when every report card, grade sheet and transcript had to be produced by hand.

A time-saving computerized office is the biggest positive change that McCready has noticed in her 37 years at the school. She arrived in 1957 when she left the auditing department at Sears to become secretary to the registrar. In the mid-1960s, she was appointed college recorder, becoming the first administrative assistant on campus. She moved into the registrar's position in 1972.

One of the reasons McCready has stayed at Wheeling Jesuit so long is because of the unique closeness that the small campus atmosphere provides.

"I'm prejudiced, but I think this is a special place," she said. "The college is still small enough that you know people. The faculty is pretty close-knit. I think if the size were 4,000 or 5,000 (students), you would never have that."

McCready laments that the college has lost some of its family-type feeling as it has grown and as societal changes have produced a different breed of student. She said that as a group, modern students lack the passion and concern for learning their predecessors had.

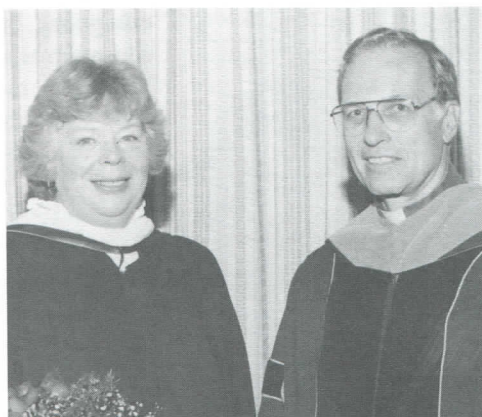
"The attitudes of the students have changed," she said. "I don't mean big, noticeable things like the sexual revolution and drugs, but the kids who aren't involved in those things don't have the attitude that kids in the '60s and '70s did about academia. There are some



Kitty McCready

for less than a year before his death. She remembers Bishop Swint making frequent trips to the college in the early days to check on its progress, and she remembers Fr. Charles Currie guiding the college through a time of declining enrollment and budgetary problems after he became president in 1972.

"I've made some very good friends over the years," McCready said. "I wouldn't trade my 37 years here for anything. This has been the children I never had, and a second family."



McCready and President Acker

helping with the chemical labs like a lab assistant. He was also in charge of the cafeteria. They were

"I stayed on so long, so I could be here for automation. I wish I were 20 years younger so I could really enjoy this."

-Eileen Carpino

wonderful about doing what had to be done. Fr. (Joseph) Duke, head of the chemistry department, was in charge of trying to get all the keys on campus

After nearly 40 years on the job, Wheeling Jesuit librarian Eileen Carpino can't remember a day when she disliked coming to the office.

"I can be really angry about something and still look forward to going to work," she said.

Carpino arrived at the college before the library did, starting in June of 1955 as an assistant librarian in a temporary facility set up at St. Michael's Church on Edgington Lane. That library used duplicate books which were donated by other Jesuit colleges.

The staff moved into the permanent library in September of 1955, even though the building wasn't exactly ready.

"When the library opened, the doors weren't even done," Carpino recalled. "The carpenters nailed plywood in the doorways at night to keep people out."

Carpino, who became director of the library in 1963, said that even in those first days there was an excitement about the college and a real sense that it was going to be successful. She attributes its success to the extra effort of the Jesuit founders who were determined to make it work.



Eileen Carpino



Carpino and the Wheeling Jesuit library host a Holocaust exhibit in the mid-1970s.

"(The Jesuits) felt the place had a future," Carpino said. "None felt like they were sent here and it was the last place on Earth they wanted to be. They invested a lot of themselves into it. Most had come from institutions that were well-established, and they had to do a lot of jobs to get the place going. I think they had fun."

"Fr. (Joseph) Hanzely had a Ph.D. in biology, and he was

straightened out. There was a real sense of community. They had to get the buildings ready, and nothing was beneath them."

Carpino is now getting ready for the full automation of the library, which she said has been a goal since the new addition was completed in 1985. All operations of the library, including the card catalogs, are going to be handled by computer.

"This is one of the reasons I stayed on so long, so I could be here for automation," Carpino said. "I wish I were 20 years younger so I could really enjoy this." ■

Life Begins at 40

By Rev. Thomas S. Acker S.J., President

1994

marks 40 years since the founding of Wheeling Jesuit College. The number 40 has important significance in Jewish and Christian history. Christians remember 40 because of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert following his initiation and confirmation with John the Baptist at the River Jordan. Those 40 days, in turn, are reflected in the 40 days of Lent we spend prior to the feast of Resurrection. The Jewish people remember 40 as the years that the Israelite people, freed from their slavery, wandered into the desert before they could enter the Promised Land. They also remember that David, their greatest king, ruled his people for 40 years.

The Rev. John L. McKenzie, a noted scripture scholar, suggests that 40 is important because in years it represents approximately one generation. This would certainly appear to be true. Within the last ten years, some of the early names in the history of Wheeling Jesuit College have passed into the hands of their Creator. Recall Father McHugh, the first President, Father Lewis, the great pioneer, Bernard and Alma McDonough, the principal lay benefactors of the College, Harry Hamm, the esteemed editor, and finally, Tom Carrigan, a member of the first class, and all those deceased whom he represents.

Look around us also today among the living-- Father Hanzely, Eileen Carpino, Kitty McCready, Paul Orr, and Bruno Hartung. All of these joined the College in its first six years, and although some continue to serve with distinction, their most active days in the College are more in the past than in the future. Clearly, Father McKenzie

is correct when he suggests that 40 represents a generation.

For those who labored and still labor toward the end of this generation, the College has immense gratitude. There were days of sickness when survival was in question. You faced the storm, shored the structure, created a strong edifice. We thank you. Without people like yourselves, we would not be here today. But there is a word for you, and it is the word of Dag Hammarskjöld, that great

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the United Nations. "You done enough, you have enough, so long as it is still that you have something of contribute." Wheeling Jewe l c o m e s y o u r

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grace. world of is signifi- c a n t l y c h a n g e d from 1954.

Forty years ago, the country was only 48 states.

Racial segregation was the major issue of the courts. It was still seven years be-


fore Alan Shepherd took America's first suborbital trip. It was eight years before John Glenn, now U.S. Senator from Ohio, circled the planet earth three times. Male students wore coats and ties to dinner. Russia and the United States were locked in Cold War politics. Divorce rates were significantly lower. AIDS was probably not yet a human disease. Not a single building on campus was complete, and there was mud. We are now in the year 1994. A new generation has largely taken over. Wheeling College is now Wheeling Jesuit College. Four new buildings are upon us, and the College is in a second spurt of growth, and there is still mud.

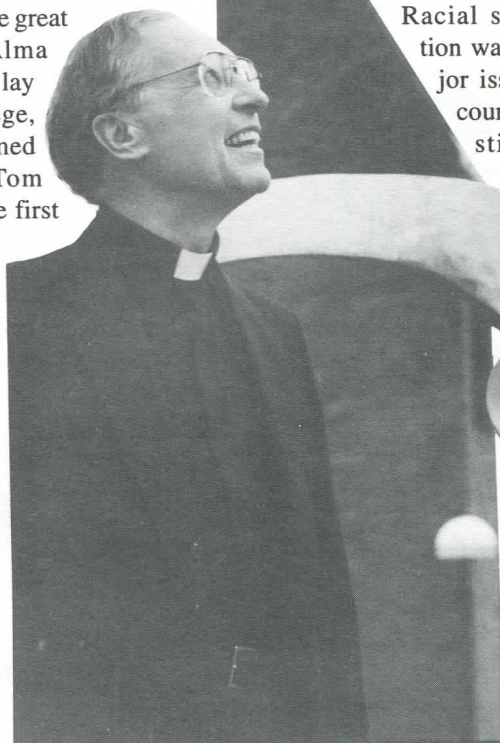
Pope John Paul visited the country last fall. He cautioned the United States that it was in danger of losing its soul if it lost sight of its concern for the weakest of our human society--the unborn, the disabled, the sick, the retarded, the elderly, and the dying. All of these are under assault.

Wheeling Jesuit College in parallel must examine its original charisma, reflect it in its changes, maintain it in its charter, and live it in its growth. These essentials would include: We are here to educate the talented, but economically disadvantaged, of West Virginia, eastern Ohio, and western Pennsylvania. This is an essential but not exclusive part of our mission; We must foster an atmosphere that directs administration, faculty, staff, and students that life is best

lived when directed in the service of others. We are men and women for others as Jesus was the man for others, as

Mary and Joseph, the patrons of our chapel, were a woman and man for others; The College is committed to a fundamental belief that God is our origin, our sustainer, and our end. Loyalty and love of God is expressed in loyalty and love for each other.

The College community thanks the Lord for the past 40 years, for a generation of gracious history. This Jesuit College in its next 40 years commits itself to walk faithfully and loyally in the Company of Jesus. 



The Building Continues in 1994

In some ways, today's Wheeling Jesuit College campus bears a strong resemblance to the way it looked in 1954. Mud and construction crews can be found everywhere once again as building moves along at a record pace.

The Alma Grace McDonough Health Recreation Complex, a new \$9 million 107,000 square-foot facility, was completed in the fall of 1993. Its gymnasium is the new home of the Cardinal men's and women's basketball teams, and it features a swimming pool, physical therapy facilities, racquetball courts, indoor jogging track, fitness center, student

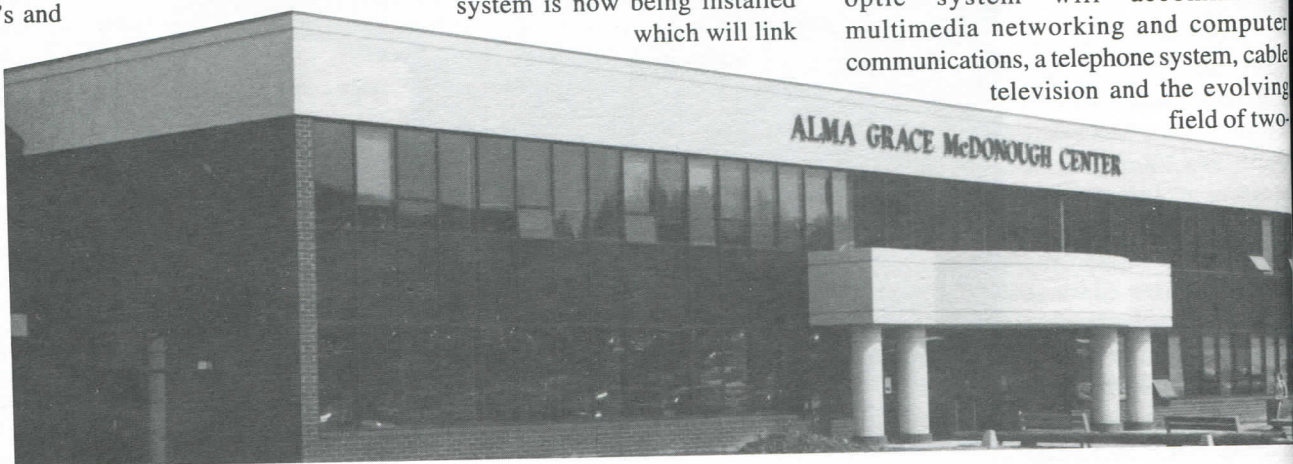
medical center, aerobic exercise rooms, tennis courts, athletic department offices and the Erickson Alumni Center. The McDonough Center will be officially dedicated April 21.

Currently under construction are new homes for two high technology projects, the NASA Classroom of the Future and the National Technology Transfer Center, as well as a new eight-story residence hall for students. New sidewalks and parking areas are being added to make the campus more accessible.

A new fiber optic communication system is now being installed which will link

all college buildings and will transfer information across campus at the speed of light. The fiber optic network is expected to be completely in place by August or September, with the new COTF building serving as the system's main control center.

With fiber optics, information which is normally transferred on low-voltage electrical current is transformed to light through a laser emitter and transmitted through the fiber. Wheeling Jesuit's system will be Asynchronous Transfer Mode, a recent technical advancement in place in only 15-20 colleges nationwide. The fiber optic system will accommodate multimedia networking and computer communications, a telephone system, cable television and the evolving field of two-



way audio/video technology for distance learning.

In the classroom, a new technology transfer program is exposing Wheeling Jesuit students to 21st Century technological advancements. The college is preparing future economic development leaders through a bachelor's program in innovation and technology and a master's program in commercialization and technology transfer.

Technology transfer has brought on recent developments such as infrared forest fire mapping systems and laser angioplasty which unclogs human arteries. It is also responsible for simpler things like velcro fasteners, rechargeable batteries and virtual reality video games.

Technology transfer bridges the maze between research and commercialization. This new and growing field offers unlimited opportunity to students with vision, technical knowledge, entrepreneurial spirit and a commitment to a better future.

Also new at Wheeling Jesuit is a physical therapy master's program, which conducts its classes in the McDonough Center. The new building features labs and classrooms built specifically for the physical therapy department. The unique program, which places an emphasis on a liberal arts education, enables students to graduate with a bachelor's degree in the major of their choice along with a Master's in Physical Therapy.

Wheeling Jesuit has also introduced a master's program in nursing administration. The new program blends nursing, management and business training. Graduates will learn how nursing care can best be administered to provide quality patient care with fiscal responsibilities.

Wheeling Jesuit College continues to be at the leading edge of West Virginia's private colleges, as strong leadership and careful planning for the new millennium



Classroom of the Future rises from campus in Spring 1994

have resulted in unprecedented growth. In 1982, Wheeling Jesuit had 988 students in its full-time day classes and its adult and continuing education programs. By the spring of 1994, that total had risen to 1,358 students.

Wheeling Jesuit began a new Capital Campaign--Summit 2000--in May of 1991 with a \$22 million fund-raising goal. As a result, its short-term debt has been eliminated, more than \$19 million has been raised and an impressive list of new

construction projects has been formulated.

The future has truly arrived at Wheeling Jesuit, but the college continues to emphasize the values and traditions which have made it great. The Jesuit motto of "service to others" is as vital today as when the College first opened its doors in 1954. Part of that tradition is evidenced by the fact that more than 80 percent of all full-time day students receive financial aid of some form through the college to cover tuition.

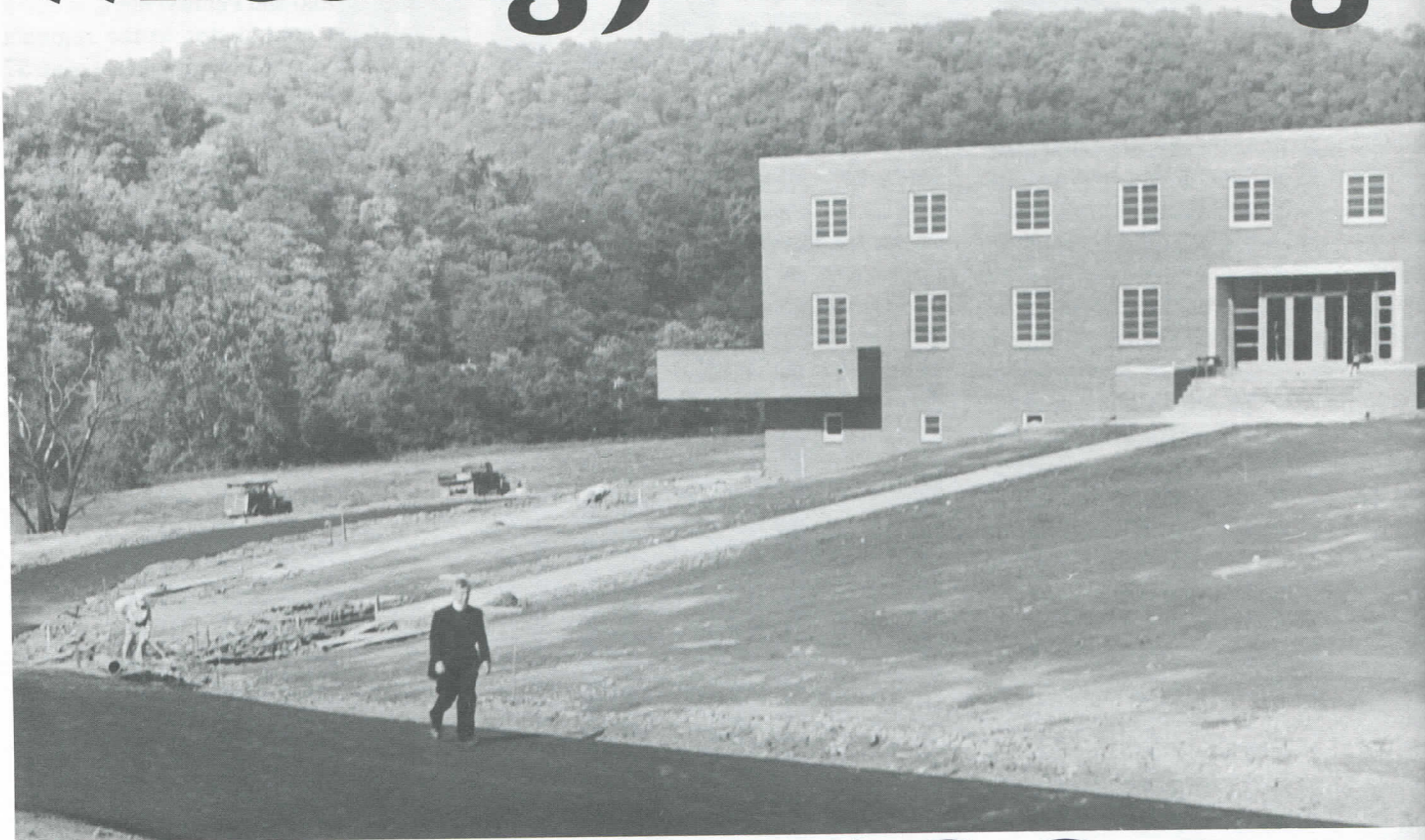
Wheeling Jesuit, which takes more than 80 percent of its enrollment from West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, is also a significant contributor to the region's economy. Its 325 employees spent \$7 million in the area last year.

The college offers its students a unique blend of the best of yesterday and the best of tomorrow. With a new-look campus and a technologically advanced program of study, Wheeling Jesuit's future has never been brighter. ■



Wheeling Jesuit College's new eight-story state-of-the-art residence hall under construction in Spring 1994

The Birth and **GROWTH** **of** **Wheeling *Jesuit* College**



1846-1994

Wheeling Jesuit College is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, but if things had turned out differently it could be approaching its 150th year. It was September 24, 1846 when the Provincial of Maryland heard the first request that the Society of Jesus establish a college in Wheeling. No endorsements came out of the meeting, and the idea became dormant for more than a century.

On October 20, 1863 the current site of Wheeling Jesuit College was purchased by Mother Grace Fitzgerald of the Wheeling Female Academy, which was later renamed Mt. de Chantal. The 60 acres which now make up the college's campus were part of the land purchased from Daniel Steenrod of Wheeling.

1951

October 8

The idea of a college in Wheeling is revived by Bishop John Swint, who asks the Maryland Province to begin a two-year feasibility study. He offers to provide the grounds and physical plant for the college if the Maryland Jesuits agree to operate and staff it. The study is initiated by Fr. Clifford M. Lewis.

1952

July 4

The Jesuits approve Bishop Swint's plans for a college. The Bishop purchases the land on which Wheeling College is to be built from Mt. de Chantal later that month.

1953

In the early part of the year, Fr. Lewis, the first Jesuit to take up residence in Wheeling, arrives to confer with Bishop Swint and others working to establish the college.

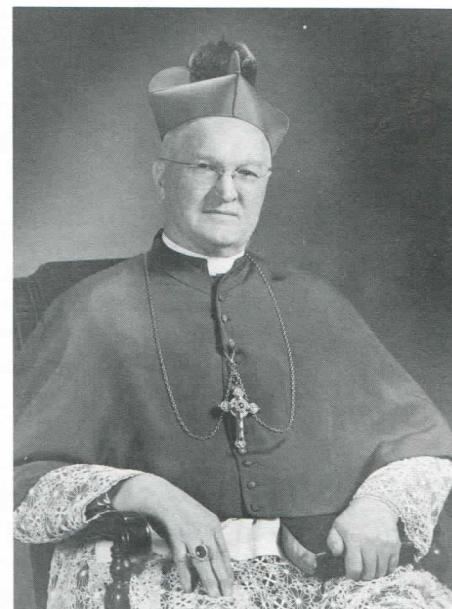
November 24

The groundbreaking ceremony for the college is held. Construction of Swint Hall, Donahue Hall and Whelan Hall began in the spring.

1954

Summer, 1954

A Jesuit organizing committee sets up a temporary college center in the former St. Michael's rectory and church on Edgington Lane.



Bishop John Swint



Jesuits set up temporary shop on Edgington Lane



Dedication of Donahue Hall Cornerstone

September 25

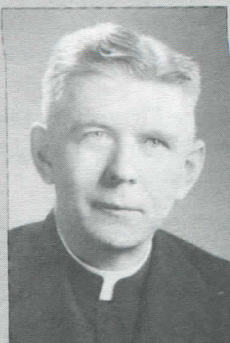
The College is officially incorporated. Father Lawrence R. McHugh, S.J., becomes its first president a day later.

November 21

The cornerstone is laid for Donahue Hall, named after Bishop Patrick J. Donahue, the third bishop of the Wheeling diocese. It was a legacy left to Donahue that was eventually used to finance the building of Wheeling College.

First President

Father Lawrence McHugh, S.J., 1955-59



Fr. McHugh was no stranger to challenges when he became the first President of Wheeling College in 1955. He had served as a Navy chaplain in World War II, and flew in dive bombers at Cecil Field in Jacksonville, FL. He also began theology studies in Innsbruck, Austria, in 1936, before being expelled by the Nazis three years later shortly after the Anschluss. He saw Adolph Hitler first-hand at a Nazi victory parade in Innsbruck in 1938. Fr. McHugh came to Wheeling from Georgetown University, where he was director of admissions and assistant dean of students. He worked closely with Bishop Swint in the building of the college. He was born in Baltimore in 1907, graduated from Loyola College in 1927, and entered the Society of Jesus on August 14, 1927. He also held an M.A. in Philosophy from Woodstock College. Fr. McHugh died April 8, 1988, at the age of 80.

1955

September 26

Wheeling College, with a staff of 12 Jesuits and four lay professors, opens its doors for the first time. The first class consists of 90 students, who are offered 25 courses in 12 majors. The original opening date was set for September 11, but it was pushed back to allow for "the completion of roads and sidewalks."

October 23

Formal dedication ceremonies for the college are held with more than 2,000 people in attendance. Festivities begin with a Solemn High Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral, followed by a colorful procession from Swint Hall to Donahue Hall, where the dedication took place. Speakers at the ceremony include Archbishop Swint, and Fr. William F. Maloney, S.J., of the Provincial of Maryland Province.

November 18

After a week-long campaign, the first student government election is held. "Neotian Party" candidate J.D. Graziano is chosen as class president with Roger Smith as vice president, Barbara Creamer as secretary and Charles Michaels as treasurer.



1959 Spokesman Staff (L-R) Bob Arkle, Janet Imburgia, Kathy Snider, Sam Carcione and Lee Malone

November 22

The first issue of *The Spokesman*, the student newspaper, appears. The name refers to the helmsman of a riverboat, and reflects the paper's desire to reflect and guide the thought of the new college.

December 6

The Cardinal is selected as the symbol of the college by the student body, and crimson and gold are chosen as the school colors. Along with Cardinals, other nicknames which received support were Lancers, Pioneers and Amalgamated Book Worms.

December 14

The Wheeling College Glee Club gives its first public performance at the college Christmas party in Donahue Hall. Thomas Carrigan was the first club chairman.

2,000 Attend

"Wisdom is glorious, and never fadeth away by them that seek her."

Those were the words used by The Very Rev. Archbishop Swint, to open his sermon at the Solemn High Mass, the date of the official dedication ceremonies of Wheeling College, in the presence of a college in the Diocese of Wheeling, prepared to officially open its doors for the first time.

More than 2,000 people attended the ceremonies, including a formal letter from Pope Pius XII, on behalf of President Dwight Eisenhower, and Wheeling College to "broadcast ... upon the waters, not only found."

The ceremonies opened at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral, presided over by Archbishop Swint. Next came Monsignor William Lee, Vicar General of the Diocese, in a procession to Donahue Hall for the blessing of the new college.

The procession was led by the Wheeling College marshals Bernard E. Glenn and Mary Joan Spill. Wheeling College lay faculty: Eileen Carpino, assistant librarian; Registrar; Alphonso DiPietro, mathematics professor. The roster included the college board of advisors, Jack Adams.

Next came the cross bearer and candle bearer. Wheeling College faculty: Rev. William Troy, chemistry; Rev. Edward Gannon, theology; Rev. Rev. Gerald Kernan, English; Rev. Joseph Kernan, science.

The honor guard was provided by Fourth District American flags were presented to the college. Representatives from the first district of Wheeling, American Legion Post No. 1 in Wheeling, D.D., LL.D., and The Very Rev. William Maloney and The Very Rev. William Maloney and The Very Rev. William Maloney.

The day concluded with Donahue Hall.

1956

Wheeling College admits its first military veterans after an amendment to the Federal G.I. Bill allows veterans to receive aid while attending a school still unaccredited. The work of Fr. Lewis was instrumental in gaining the amendment.

February 3

The "Ole Piano Role," Wheeling College's first formal dance, is held at the Oglebay Pine Room with a "Gay Nineties" theme and entertainment by The Hal Curtis Orchestra.

nd Dedication

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 first time ever.

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g Central Catholic High School band, followed by student
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 professor; and Josephine Savaro, librarian. The rest of the
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bearers, the Reverend Clergy and the Jesuit members of the
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 Rev. Joseph Hanzely, biology; Rev. Joseph Kennedy, history;
 Kerr, student counselor; and Rev. Clifford Lewis, political

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college by Robert Molloy, a member of the U.S. House of
 West Virginia, and by Michael Braden, Commander of the
 Donahue Hall was blessed by His Excellency, The Most
 speeches were given by Mayor Adams, Archbishop Swint,
 Very Rev. Lawrence McHugh.

l and Swint Hall open for public inspection.

February 12

The Caviar Club, the college's dramatics society, holds its first performance, a series of three one-act plays: "Wurzel-Flummery" by A.A. Milne, "Lithuania" by Rupert Brooke, and "Pyramus and Thisbe," a scene from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."



1959 Caviar Club production of *Othello*. (L-R) John Mensore, Ken Craven, Eleanor Powers, Sheila Naum and Mimi Wise



An early *Gambol* production

Spring

The College holds its first *Gambol* musical.

October 1

The first practice is held for the Wheeling College basketball team under the direction of coach Edward Coyne. Twenty-nine players try out, all but five of them freshmen. Practices are held in parking lots and on outdoor asphalt courts. The Cardinals play their first game December 1, 1956, losing 92-71 to a West Virginia University freshman team which includes future NBA Hall of Famer Jerry West. Wheeling College's biggest win of the year is a 69-65 overtime triumph over Duquesne University.

1957

February 11

Bishop Swint turns over the deed to all college properties and buildings to the Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus.

November 4

A committee appointed by The West Virginia Board of Education recommends that Wheeling College be approved as a degree-granting college.

1958

A dangerous hillside slippage problem is discovered which causes Donahue Hall to slowly creep forward, destroying a parking lot, snapping electric and water lines, flooding the building's first floor and caving in some foundation blocks. A local contractor is called in to remove the hill and strip-mine the coal beneath it. Giant chunks of rock were placed along Wheeling Creek and the college was left with a \$25,000 bill. In 1959, Jim Reilly, vice president of the Hanna company, discovered that Mount de Chantal had a rich field of fine-quality coal, enough to bring the Academy a net profit of \$25,000. The overburden removed while mining Mount de Chantal was used to cover the rocks by Wheeling Creek, lessening the danger of flooding and giving the college graded athletic fields for football, tennis and baseball. More than 25 acres belonging to the college were seeded and graded, and the resulting athletic area was named Hanna Field.



"Strip Mine Council of War" 1958. (L-R) Jim Reilly, Fr. McHugh, Joe Hickle and Charley Sacrist

February 11

The first Founder's Day is celebrated, commemorating the first anniversary of the formal gift of the college to the Jesuits.

June 10

Entertainer Danny Thomas does a benefit performance at the Capitol theatre in Wheeling, with the proceeds helping to fund a dormitory project at Wheeling College.

September 18

Fr. McHugh announces the official opening of a \$4.5 million campaign for long-range development to finance the college "both for the present and the foreseeable future."



Second President

Father William Troy, S.J., 1959-66

Fr. Troy came to Wheeling in 1955 to serve as the college's first dean of the faculty, and he is credited with an important role in the college's rapid growth. He was very involved with the community, serving as president of the Wheeling Area Conference on Community Development and Oglebay Institute, as well as being on the board of the Iroquois Council of Boy Scouts, United Fund and Community Chest of Wheeling. He was born in Reading, PA, April 8, 1920, and was ordained in Woodstock, MD, on June 18, 1950. He left the college in 1966 to work at the Jesuit order's regional headquarters in Baltimore, and died Nov. 14, 1967, at age 47. He was remembered by his successor Fr. Frank R. Haig, S.J., who said, "I suppose one could say Fr. Troy was first of all a priest, a religious leader, who felt his job was to advance the development of Wheeling. Most of all, he was considerate, kind and gentle. We will miss him." Troy Associates was formed in 1980 to recognize significant donors to the college.

1959

April 8

Wheeling College students set a world record for phone-booth stuffing as 33 boys squeeze into a booth outside the cafeteria. The effort is sponsored by the "Pacemaker Party" on the night before student elections.

June 7

Wheeling College graduates its first class. Fifty students receive degrees, including Clayton Hudnall, a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and a Rhodes scholar finalist. Half the Class of '59 goes on for further degrees. Archbishop Swint receives the college's first honorary degree.

Fall

The college's first residence halls open: McHugh, with room for 158 male students, and Sara Tracy, which can accommodate 100 female students. Females had originally stayed at Mt. de Chantal, then later moved into residential homes in the area known as Della Strada, Avila Hall and Siena Hall. Male students had been staying with families who agreed to take in boarders, as well as in sections of Swint Hall and Whelan Hall. In September of 1958, the Jesuit community temporarily moves out of Whelan Hall and into the former St. Vincent's Orphanage in Elm Grove. They return when the dormitories are completed.



WJC's first Commencement at Wheeling's old Virginia Theater, 1959

1960

May 5

U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey, the 1968 Democratic Party nominee for President, speaks to a standing-room-only crowd at Swint Hall. His topics include an end to the arms race with the Soviet Union and a war on poverty, disease, hunger and illiteracy.

Summer

The college offers summer classes for the first time.



Another new building begun in the 1960's

1961

February 14

Wheeling College, West Liberty State College and Bethany College agree to form the Ohio Valley Collegiate Conference for the purpose of better communication among the three schools.

1962

March 29

Wheeling College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The college was accredited in the minimum possible time, and students were given April 2 as a holiday to celebrate.

November 23

Archbishop John J. Swint dies at age 82.

December 1

The Wheeling College gymnasium is formally opened.

1963

Fall

First formal meeting of the Wheeling College Alumni Association. Thomas C. Jones '60 elected as its first President.

1964

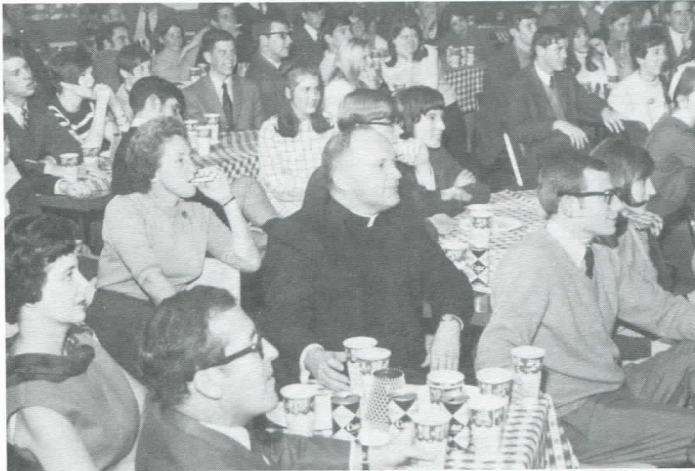
November 20

Legendary singing group "The Lettermen" perform at Wheeling College's 10th Anniversary Dinner and Dance.

1966

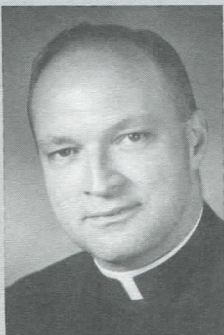
January

A \$5 million expansion program is announced, which will include a library, campus center, theater and two residence halls. Completion is expected by the fall of 1970.



President Haig attends an event on campus

Third President Father Frank Haig, S.J., 1966-72



A member of the physics department since 1963, Fr. Haig took over as college president on July 15, 1966. "The world will be what our men and women of insight make it to be," Haig said at his inauguration. "It is a challenge to be asked to help them see all right." He resigned on August 21, 1972, to become president of LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY. He is the brother of Alexander M. Haig, who was a member of President Ronald Reagan's cabinet and served as a military advisor to President Richard Nixon.

Remember What You Thought About Elvis?

It was 1956 and Elvis Presley was the hottest young singing star in the country. *The Spokesman* asked several Wheeling College students their opinion of the future King of Rock and Roll, and many of them were all shook up.

"I don't like Elvis Presley. I think after that movie he should last about two weeks. I think he is very vulgar, too."--**Robert Smith '59.**

"I don't like him and I don't think he'll last. His slow songs are all right, but the fast ones I can't stand. The way he wiggles and shakes is revolting."--**Robert Seese '60.**

"Someday he will be singing with a full orchestra, and do away with his improper gyrations."--**Anthony Ellis '59.**

"When I saw him, it was the first time I ever saw a really artistic belly dancer, like a cement mixer with legs. The only way Elvis will remain popular is if he plays in The Jimmy Dean Life Story."--**Kenny Craven '60.**

"The only reason I like Elvis is because I think it is unfair the way people criticize him. ... However, I don't think he'll be popular long."--**Bill Thalman '59.**

However, at least one student was willing to answer Elvis' plea to don't be cruel.

"I think he has a good voice and I would rather hear him than watch him. I think that if he sticks to records instead of movies he will be popular a long time."--**Don Canestraro '59.**

1967

May 13

Robert Arkle '62 and John DiBacco '62 become the first Wheeling College alumni to be ordained to the priesthood.

November 14

Fr. Troy, the college's second president and first academic dean, dies in Cape May, NJ, at the age of 47.

1968

October 30

Several Wheeling College students protest a Wheeling appearance by Independent Presidential candidate George Wallace.

December 4

Betty Friedan, president of the National Organization for Women and author of "The Feminine Mystique," makes a speech in the Wheeling College Field House.

1969

February 8

The Wheeling College women's basketball team wins its first-ever game, beating Ohio University-Belmont, 35-26. Mary Fitzpatrick is the high scorer with 14 points.

September

A theology major is added to the college curriculum.

1970

June 15

Dr. Thomas Wack becomes the college's first lay academic dean.

Winter

Student body president Jim Doherty is one of 10 student body presidents in the nation chosen by the United States National Students Association for a special tour of Vietnam.

1971

February 13

A protest calling for the end of the war in Vietnam is staged in downtown Wheeling by 50-60 members of the Wheeling College community.

June 12

Andrew Novotney, Class of 1964, becomes the first Wheeling College graduate to be ordained as a Jesuit priest.

October 12

The first professional basketball game ever in Wheeling is played in the Field House as the ABA Pittsburgh Condors top the Dallas Chapparrals, 120-118, in a pre-season exhibition.



Intramural sports like Rubgy are central to the college's athletic program

1972

February 3

In a cost-cutting move, Vincent Knipping, dean of student affairs and housing, announces that Sara Tracy Hall will be closed for the 1972-73 school year. The closing was later extended to include the 1973-74 school year.

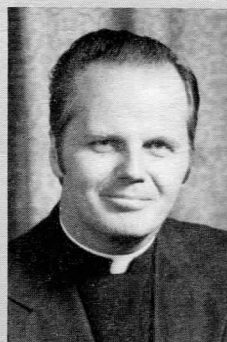
1975

October 25

Rock-and-roll pioneer Chubby Checker performs in the Field House.

Fourth President

Father Charles Currie Jr., S.J., 1972-82



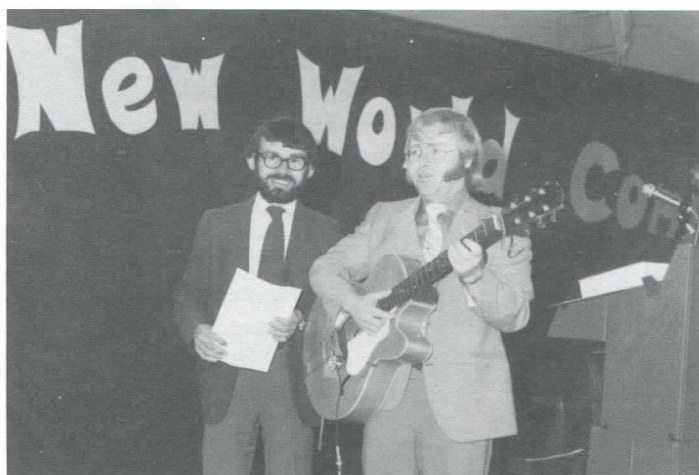
Fr. Currie came to Wheeling College at a time of great financial difficulty and declining enrollment. He arrived amid rumors that he planned to close the college, but instead became committed to building on the goals of the original founders and expanding the impact the college had on the Ohio Valley.

A major boost in funding came through Title III (Advanced Institutional Development Program),

which brought the college \$1.5 million in federal funds from 1976-81. Along with supplementary funds from the Benedum Foundation (in business) and HEW Health Resources Division (in nursing), the college was able to begin new programs, increase student retention, develop a strong data-based management system including computer capability, and provide funds for faculty and administrative development.

After five years, Wheeling College became one of the few schools in the nation to quit the Title III program voluntarily. Fr. Currie left with an 80 percent rise in enrollment, gifts from private sources reaching \$1 million per year, an evening division and 12 new programs. Although the college still had a \$1 million debt by the time he left, Currie was able to balance the yearly budget.

He was born July 9, 1930, in Overbrook, PA, and entered the Society of Jesus in 1950. He held degrees from Boston College and Weston College in Massachusetts, and a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He was ordained on June 16, 1963. In 1964, he was the host of an NBC television program, "New World on Campus." He currently serves as rector of the Jesuit community at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.



The college hosts a musical performance in 1971

1976

May

Future President Ronald Reagan speaks at the Field House.

September 13

Men's soccer becomes a varsity sport. The Cardinals win their first game, 3-2, over Linsly Academy.

Fall

A Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is approved.

Winter

"The Rathskellar" opens for business.

1977

February

Due to record-breaking cold temperatures, classes are suspended for the entire month. To compensate, 15 days of class are added from March to May, and students receive a \$40-\$50 refund.

1978

March

The men's basketball team reaches the finals of the WVIAC tournament before losing to West Virginia Wesleyan. Ed Graham and Paul Mulholland both make the all-tournament team.

Fall

Graduate business courses are added to the curriculum, and a Master of Business Administration program begins.

1979

April 18

College President Charles Currie suffers two broken legs, a black eye and facial lacerations in a helicopter crash.

December 1

A 24-hour prayer vigil is held on campus for the 50 hostages being held at the American Embassy in Iran.



Styles of music and fashion may change through the years, but entertainment has always been an important part of the college

The Sara Tracy Connection

Chess Game Produces Seeds for WJC

If the existence of Wheeling Jesuit College can be traced to any single event, that event was a shipboard chess game in the middle of the Atlantic.

Journeying to Rome in the year 1899, Wheeling's third Bishop, Patrick J. Donahue, was passing the time playing chess. An onlooking German officer was heard to criticize the Bishop's play repeatedly and loudly. Nature took its course. A match between the two was proposed, accepted, and fought into the wee hours. Finally, with an uncharacteristic lack of mercy, Bishop Donahue managed to destroy his proud opponent.

The next morning, a Miss Sara Tracy of Albany introduced herself to Bishop Donahue. She echoed the general sentiment when she said, "I'm delighted you beat him Bishop." Before the liner had landed, Miss Tracy's delight had taken the form of a \$5,000 offering to the struggling Diocese. The friendship grew and ripened; at Miss Tracy's death some years later, the Wheeling Diocese received her entire estate. It was essentially that fund which enabled Bishop Swint, many years later, to finance the founding of Wheeling College.

1981

The Laut honors program begins. It is named for Fr. Stephen J. Laut, S.J., a former English professor at the college.

1982

January 30

Wheeling College student and future country music star Lionel Cartwright headlines a Jamboree U.S.A. show at Capitol Music Hall.

February 3

After a two-year absence, a revamped "Spokesman" reappears under the new name "Nova."

Fifth President

Father Thomas Acker, S.J., 1982 - present



Fr. Acker has already had the longest term of any Wheeling College president. He has overseen a number of building projects at the college, including the new Alma Grace McDonough Recreation and Health Complex, as well as the establishment of a relationship with NASA that brought the college the National Technology Transfer Center and the Classroom of the Future.

During Acker's tenure, enrollment increased from 988 in 1982 to 1,440 in 1994. The annual operating budget of the college expanded to \$28 million. The number of employees grew to 325 with a total annual payroll of \$8.7 million. Under Acker's leadership, five new buildings were added or begun and millions of dollars of renovations completed to existing buildings including the addition of a new campus store.

Before coming to Wheeling, he was dean of arts and sciences at St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia. He has been project director of the U.S. Peace Corps in Nepal, and taught biology at the University of San Francisco, the University of Detroit and John Carroll University. He holds a Doctorate of Philosophy from Stanford University, and a Licentiate in Philosophy and a Bachelor's in Classical Language from Loyola University.

1983

English as a Second Language program is founded by Dr. Robert Lado, a linguistics professor at Georgetown University. The program is later renamed the Lado Institute.

1984

December

The Wheeling College Chapel, later renamed the Chapel of Mary and Joseph, is completed. The Most Rev. Joseph Hodges celebrates the first Mass, with the Jesuit community in attendance. Hodges dies a month later. The first public Mass is held on Christmas Eve.



Chapel of Mary and Joseph

1985

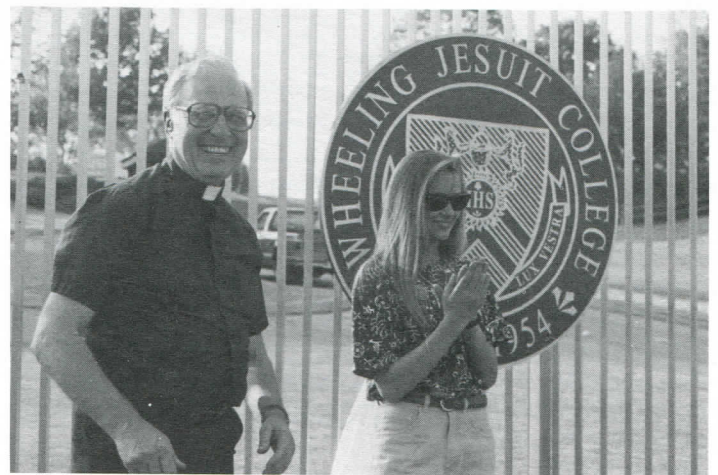
September 13

Jazz legend Dizzy Gillespie plays at the Field House.

1986

Spring

Fr. Thomas Acker announces plans to add the word "Jesuit" to the name of Wheeling College. The change takes effect in the 1987-88 school year.



Fr. Acker and Rachel Hogg '93 dedicate a new college seal at the main entrance, 1992

1987

January

Men's basketball player Bryant Houston sets the school scoring record for a single game with 48 points against Bluffton College.

June

"CRESCENDO," the sculpture by Hans Van de Bovenkamp which sits in front of the Chapel of Mary and Joseph, arrives on campus.

Fall

The college begins a Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

1988

September 7

Women's soccer becomes a varsity sport as the Lady Cardinals open their season with a scoreless tie against Marietta. The women's team would reach the NAIA National Championship Tournament in 1991, 1992 and 1993.

October 25

Donahue Hall rededication ceremony is held, with participants including the Very Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., Superior General of the Jesuits. As part of the renovation, the building's exterior balconies were enclosed with glass, and a greenhouse and mechanical rooms were installed at the rear of the building.

1989

Wheeling Jesuit College designated as site for National Technology Transfer Center. Initial appropriation for facility engineered by Senator Robert C. Byrd. NASA established Classroom of the Future at Wheeling Jesuit College. Initial appropriation for facility engineered by Congressman Alan B.

Mollohan.

February 2

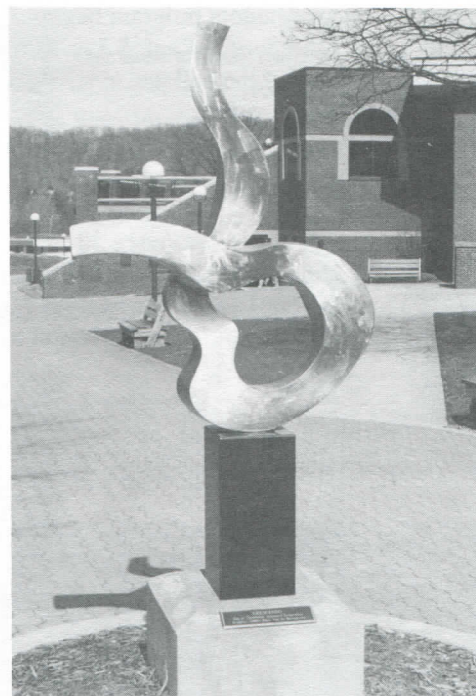
The student newspaper reverts to its original name, "*The Spokesman*."

March 8

The men's basketball team earns a trip to the NAIA National Championship Tournament with a 91-83 victory over Concord. The Cardinals defeat Guilford, NC, and Drury, MO, in the tournament before losing to Central Washington. Wheeling Jesuit turns in its finest season ever, winning 22 consecutive games, being ranked No. 4 in the nation by the NAIA and finishing the year 31-4. Mike Connor becomes the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,045 points, and is named Academic All-American and Third Team All-American. Dave Foose ends his career as the all-time free throw percentage leader in NAIA history. Coach Jay DeFruscio earns WVIAC, District 28 and NAIA Area 7 Coach of the Year honors.

Fall

Physical therapy program opens.



CRESCENDO

1990

August 13

The NASA Teacher Resource Center opens.

1991

WJC designated as a host site for Challenger Learning Center.

January 9

The college is accepted as a member of NCAA Division II.

May

College begins a \$40 million Capitol Campaign.

1992

January

Alma Grace McDonough of Parkersburg makes a \$6 million unrestricted gift to the college. That money is used to build the McDonough Center, a 107,000-sq. foot health and recreation complex which is completed in time for the 1993-94 school year.

April 13

The college breaks ground for the Alma Grace McDonough Center.

May 4

Alma Grace McDonough dies.

October

NTTC opens 1-800 gateway to federal technology resources.

1993

April

Alma Mater revised changes were made to make the Alma Mater more "singable" and more appropriate to today.

An addition was made to the Benedum Room. The new campus store, mailroom, switchboard and security offices are located beneath this addition.

Faculty gave approval for a new bachelor's degree program in technology and a master's degree program in technology transfer.

Trenching routes are set for the fiber optics network which will enable students to connect through the use of a computer to the campus library or any library across the country from their own room.

July 12

Ground breaking ceremonies held for the College's new residence hall.

Fall

College adds master's degree programs in nursing administration, physical therapy and technology transfer.

September 3

U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd, U.S. Rep. Alan B. Mollohan, and NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin attended the ground breaking ceremonies for the construction of the National Technology Transfer Center and the Classroom of the Future.



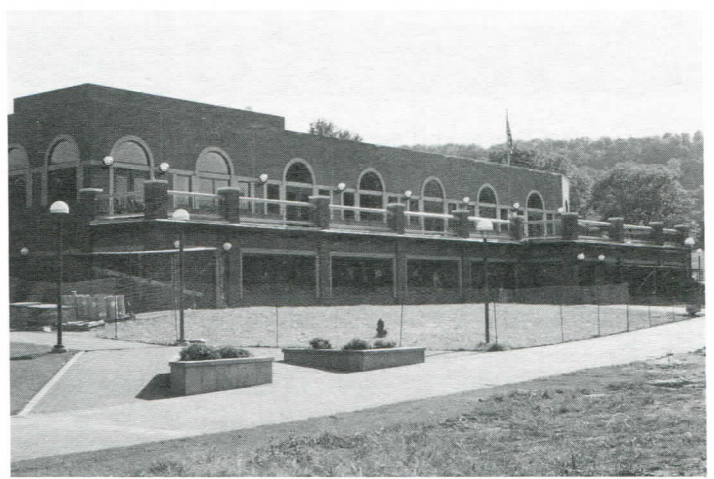
Breaking ground for the COTF building (L-R) Acker, Rep. Mollohan, Senator Byrd, and NASA Administrator Goldin

November 1

The Alma McDonough Center is opened for use by the students and employees of the College.

November 22

The college announces the formation of men's and women's swimming and track teams that will see action in 1994-95.



New campus store and Benedum Room addition

1994

February 16

The Lady Cardinals basketball team clinches its first WVC regular season title. The team compiles a 20-4 regular season record, and senior Kathy Long is a first-team all-conference selection. Wheeling Jesuit also wins the conference tournament, with Long being voted tournament MVP.

March 10-14

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt was displayed in the McDonough Center.

March 10

The College received one of the five Proud of Wheeling (POW!) awards at the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce's 1994 Annual Meeting.



Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display visits the McDonough Center

Class Notes

Please feel free to call the Alumni Association at 1-800-888-ALUM regarding alumni listed in Class Notes. Class Agents were selected this year by the Alumni Association to strengthen its ties with the College's alumni classes. We invite you to send current information to share with the WJC family directly to the Alumni Association or via the Class Agents. Please send photos whenever possible.

'59

Sr. Joanne Gonter, Class Agent
304-233-3771

'60

John Mensore, Class Agent
304-455-2338

'61

*We are looking for a Class Agent
call 800-888-ALUM*

John Yasinsky was recently named president and chief operating officer of GenCorp Inc., an aerospace, automotive and polymer products company in Fairlawn, OH. Yasinsky had been the head of Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s Power Systems business.

'62

Timothy Philipps, Class Agent
703-463-9752

Rosemary (Vincentin) Benson created an ornament for the 1993 White House Christmas celebration. Rosemary was one of 3,000 American craft artists who were invited to submit an ornament. She made a five-inch tall ceramic angel playing the cello, which hung on a White House tree, and will become part of the White House permanent collection. Rosemary is an artist with Custom Sculpture Tile/Pottery in Canal Fulton, OH, and serves as vice president of the alumni council. She and her husband, **Don '61**, are the parents of one Wheeling Jesuit graduate and two current students.

John Fleming, featured in the Spring 1992 Chronicle after making a wedding dress for his daughter, Jacqueline, has done it again. He took out his sewing kit and created a wedding dress for his daughter, Karen, who was married August 29, 1992. Karen lives in Chicago and is pursuing a doctorate in Biomedical Engineering from Northwestern University. The Flemings recently moved from Pittsburgh, PA, to Granger, IN, when National Steel Corporation moved its corporate headquarters.

Raymond Vogel received Senate confirmation of his appointment by President Clinton as Under Secretary for Benefits at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

James Wells is senior director of business development and planning for the DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Company in Wilmington, DE. He was a guest lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania in November 1993.

'63

Linda (McAlarney) Cunningham, Class Agent
203-452-0843

Patricia (Proctor) Mars is a senior applications specialist for Dataquest in Mt. View, CA. She is expecting

to become a grandmother for the first time in July.

Diane (DiPiero) Pappas is pursuing an M.S. in counseling from National Louis University in Glenview, IL.

Joseph Wittig is a professor at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Allen Wojcik is superintendent of human resources for Monsanto Corp. in the Charleston, WV, area. His wife, **Roann (Burris)** is a substitute teacher. They have two children, Doug, 25, who will receive a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Minnesota in June; and Susan, 21, who is pursuing a ceramic engineering degree.

'64

Jeffrey McGeary, Class Agent
304-242-3137

Ellen (Fitzgerald) Shulock is president of Ellis Enterprises Inc. in Vero Beach, FL. Her daughter, Christine, graduated from Florida State University in May and was married in June. Her son, Michael, is a senior at Wheeling Jesuit.

'65

Paul Rank, Class Agent
304-924-5802

Barbara (May) Hordemann teaches in the Gonzaga University School of Engineering in Spokane, WA, and is faculty advisor for the school's student section of the Society of Women Engineers.

Jon Letzkus is president of Bridgeport Savings and Loan Association in Bridgeport, OH. The organization won the National Association of Independent Free Papers' award for excellence in advertising.

Susan Mansuetto is a bookkeeper for N.F. Mansuetto & Sons, Inc., in Wheeling. Her son, **Michael '90**, is a fourth-year student pursuing a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Northwestern University; her daughter, Kathleen is a nursing major at Wheeling Jesuit in the Class of 1994; and her son, Matthew, is a business/management major at Wheeling Jesuit in the Class of 1996.

'66

Lillian (Gangwere) Cale, Class Agent
412-438-3003

Daly (Kelleher) Burrell is a special assistant to the president of The European Institute in Washington, DC.

Rudy Karako is a senior tax accountant with TransTexas Gas Corporation in Houston. His daughter, Lori Jean, was married in April, and his son, Ronald, is a freshman at the University of Texas-San Antonio.

'67 *James and J'Ann (Schoonmaker) Allen, Class Agents*
210-828-9758

Jim Allen is an assistant professor at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas, at the Warton School of Social Work. His wife, **J'Ann (Schoonmaker)** is a self-employed potter.

Michele Gravatt is a planner with Henrico Area Mental Health and Retardation Services in Glen Allen, VA.

James Masterson is chairman and chief executive officer for the Trailease Holding Company in Oakton, VA. His company deals in commercial and retail real estate, resorts, telecommunications, venture capital and management consulting.

J. Davitt McAteer is the new director of the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration. He was nominated by President Clinton last August, and worked as a consultant in the department until he was approved by the Senate in February. McAteer established the Occupational Safety and Health Law Center during the 1980s.

Irene (Romel) Wells is a mental health counselor in Zanesville and Coshocton, OH. She and her husband, John, have one son, John Joseph, 11.

'68 *John Lynch, Class Agent*
617-449-3885

Col. Philip Rusciolelli is the U.S. Army attache at the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece, where he lives with his wife, **Barbara (Davies) '68**, a community liaison officer.

Matthew Santer is a professor of psychology at the Parkersburg branch of West Virginia University and is a supervised psychologist at Worthing Center.

'69 *Judith Black-DiFuzio, Class Agent*
517-631-1708

Ed Jepson is the director of substance abuse services at Northwood Health Systems in Wheeling. He oversees the First Step, New Hope and LifeSteps treatment programs, as well as the DUI Safety and Treatment Program.

Vincent McNally is a special agent for the FBI in Honolulu, HI, and an adjunct faculty member at Chaminade University. He has initiated two courses, "Ethics in Criminal Justice" and "Crisis (Hostage) Negotiation," which are permanent courses in the school's Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration program.

Thomas Niland III is president of Niland Building Services Inc. in Syracuse, NY. He and his wife, Beth, have four children, T.J., 12; Tim, 10; Kelly, 9; and Kathleen, 6.

'70 *Vincent Gallagher, Class Agent*
614-635-4252

Nancy Collins is a nursing instructor at Aurora College in Illinois. She holds a Master of Science in Nursing degree from the St. Louis University School of Nursing, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the West Virginia University School of Nursing and a diploma in nursing from the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing.

Lawrence Seidl has established Seidl Appraisal Services, a real estate appraisal company in Annapolis, MD.

'71 *James Sagona, Class Agent*
614-251-4590

Gary Brown is an accountant with Brown, Cronin and Fry in Bethesda, MD. His wife, **Dianne (Corra) '69**, is a secretary and bookkeeper for the firm. Their daughter, Kristy, is a sophomore at Wheeling Jesuit on a Presidential and Laut scholarship.

William Rogerson is construction project manager for the M.K. Ferguson Company of Oak Ridge, TN.

'72 *Thomas Scheper, Class Agent*
606-341-4173

Margaret Higgins is a social worker and community resources director for the city of College Park, MD. She is pursuing a Masters of General Administration at the University of Maryland.

Joan (Quinn) McCullough is in charge of personnel management at NASA-Ames Research Center in San Jose, CA. She and her husband, Donald, have three children, Kathryn, 16; Matthew, 15; and Jonathan, 5.

Brian McMullen is a pilot with American Airlines, and recently obtained the rank of colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. He and his wife, **Margaret (Martellacci) '74**, live in Broad Run, VA.

Darrell Reed, M.D., has a private practice in Pittsburgh, PA. He specializes in gastrointestinal and liver complications in heart and lung transplant patients and in the applications of endoscopic laser therapy.

Thomas Scheper is vice president of trust financial services for Star Bank in Cincinnati, OH. His daughter, Lisa, is a freshman at Wheeling Jesuit, and was awarded a Carrigan Alumni Scholarship.

'73 *Frederick Hess, Class Agent*
609-795-8868

Cdr. J. Michael Denkler has been selected as an aircraft carrier executive officer by the U.S. Navy. He will assume that position aboard the U.S.S. America, homeported in Norfolk, VA, in July 1994.

John O'Brien is an associate with O'Brien and O'Brien in Philadelphia, PA. He and his wife, Josephine, have three children, John Joseph, 4, Danielle, 3, and Briana, 1.

'74

John Giese, Class Agent
215-970-9432

Mary Kay (Kociancic) Bossard is a clinical specialist in pediatric and adult asthma at the Cleveland (OH) Clinic. She and her husband, Don, have a daughter, Laura, 10.

Mary Louise O'Connell recently moved to Paris, France, with her husband Mario, who works for IBM's European headquarters. They spent the last 10 years in Germany.

Mark Vita is chief counsel for SBIC Claims and Commercial Transactions for the U.S. Small Business Administration in Washington, DC. He is engaged, with a wedding planned for September.

'75

Mary Anne (Saseen) Richards, Class Agent
412-687-861

Richard Belferman is a securities transactions analyst for the U.S. Treasury Department. He recently appeared in the Shakespeare play "Measure for Measure," and was favorably reviewed by *The Washington Post*.

James Heslop II has been named president and CEO of First County Bank in Chardon, OH, where he lives with his wife Debra (Wolfe) and a daughter, Allison.

Joan Shelly is a personnel specialist for the USDA Forest Service in Radnor, PA. She has two children, Susan, 10, and Stephen, 6.

'76

Stephen Hydock II, Class Agent
304-755-7473

Mark Cotter is a caseworker in foster care with Allegheny County Children and Youth Services in Pittsburgh, PA. He is pursuing a Master's in Counselor Education at Duquesne University.

'77

Marilou (Gross) Doughty, Class Agent
215-292-8188

'78

M. Roberta (Metz) Welling, Class Agent
304-243-1598

Michael Joram is chief of the U.S. Government's Electronic Imagery Branch. He and his wife, Debra, have a daughter, Rachel, and are expecting another child in June.

Kevin Mowles is the project leader for the Hubble Space Telescope Simulator at Goddard Space Flight Center in Lanham, MD. The simulator is a software training tool used by the mission operations personnel and the shuttle astronauts to simulate the first servicing mission command plan.

George Saseen is a physical scientist with the U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Division, in Wheeling. He and his wife, Susan, have two children, Jena, 4, and Matthew, 1.

Fred Williams is a partner in the Gust Rosenfeld Law Firm in Phoenix, AZ.

'79

Anne (Exner) Moran, Class Agent
215-259-8020

Allan Finley is a technician with Ohio Power Co. in Moundsville, WV. His oldest son, Michael, is a freshman at Wheeling Jesuit.

Thomas Lewandowski is in an affiliate program for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, PA, going through the process to pursue studies for the priesthood.

Maureen McNabb is president of The Soroptimist International of Wheeling, Inc. The group recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Battered Women and Children shelter at the YWCA.

Nancy (Ritz) Michalko is director of special, regional and annual gifts for SUNY in Buffalo, NY.

'80

Paul Mulholland, Class Agent
215-874-7561

John Hoffman Jr. has been named a partner in the law firm of Arter & Hadden. John practices in the firm's Columbus, OH, office and specializes in commercial transactions, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, corporate reorganizations and civil litigation.

Nancy Knoblich is an assistant vice president and cashier at Wheeling National Bank.

Kathleen (McAllister) Leary is a forfeiture specialist with the FBI in Washington, DC. She and her husband, Robert, have two children, Kevin, 4, and Kaitlin, 2.

'81

Kathy (Scampoli) Moore, Class Agent
516-244-8524

Lynda (Johnson) Bernaus is a fine arts teacher at the American School of Barcelona, Spain. She and her husband have three children, David, 7; Marti, 4; and Maria, six months. They are expecting a fourth.

Frank Hughes was recently promoted to sergeant first class with the U.S. Army, stationed in Fort Irwin, CA. His wife, **Marian (Ellis) '85** is a benefits advisor for Aetna.

Jim Provenzano is a residential sales coordinator for TCI Cablevision in Tulsa, OK, where he lives with his daughter, Tiffany, 7.

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'82**Vera (Barton) Caro, Class Agent**
304-242-6641

Polly (Piccin) Bianconi is a claims representative for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation in Bridgeport. She and her husband, Michael, were expecting their first child Feb. 14, 1994.

Robert Craven is a Research Associate for the Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering Department at West Virginia University in Morgantown. He and his wife, Kris, have a son, Ben.

Tricia Flanagan is director of nursing for Urological Consultants in Rockville, MD. She received a Master's of Nursing Administration from the University of Maryland in 1991.

Kevan and Marguerite (Hogan) Fritsch recently purchased Westmont Beverage in Collingdale, PA. Marguerite is also employed as a pediatric staff nurse at Mercy Catholic Medical Center in Darby, PA.

Nancy Frohling is a quality assistance designer for Meadowview Nursing Center, a long-term care facility in Secaucus, NJ.

Lisa Kay Rhodes-George is director of materials management at Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin, MD. She and her son, Jameson, 10, live in Ocean City, MD.

Mark Luikart, MBA '82, is an administrator with Surgical Associates of Central Florida. He and his family live in Deltona, FL.

Joyce (Kaczynski) McCarthy is a medical technician at St. Margaret Memorial Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. She is also an assistant basketball coach at Penn Hills High School. Joyce and her husband, Michael, have two children, Laura, 5, and Morgan, 2.

Michael McDermott is a district manager with Kmart Corporation. He and his wife, Jill, live in Alliance, OH.

Michele (Brown) Watson is a nursing instructor at the Wheeling campus of West Virginia Northern Community College. She is also pursuing an M.S.N. degree at West Virginia University. She and her husband, James, have three children, Lisa, 13, Christine, 7, and Heather, 2.

'83**Geoffrey O'Neill, Class Agent**
203-732-3538

Tammy (Bennett) Denning is program manager at Centers for the Handicapped, Inc., in Silver Spring, MD. Her husband, **William '85**, is a personnel recruiter for Beta Tech. They have two children, Sarah, 5, and Ben, 1.

James McDermott III is a resident physician with the University of Kentucky Department of Pathology in Lexington. He is in training in pathology at the UK School of Medicine. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children, John, 4, Grace, 2, and Ellen, 1.

'84**Kathleen Carrigan, Class Agent**
412-441-0722**'85****Courtney (Cosgrove) Muse, Class Agent**
412-741-3890

Dr. Mark Ortiz is a dentist in Clarksburg, WV. He is engaged to marry Dr. Kelley Heal this summer.

Mary Zelno is secretary and treasurer for P.A. Zelno's Marketing Inc. in Archbald, PA.

'86**Elena Colianni, Class Agent**
703-548-5419

Mark Busack has been appointed assistant vice president of consumer lending with Buckeye Savings Bank. Busack lives in Bellaire, OH, and is pursuing a Master's in Business Administration at Wheeling Jesuit.

Cliff MacDermid is a residential case manager at Eastside Mental Health in Bellevue, WA. He is attending pharmacy college at the University of Washington, and was married on Aug. 27, 1993.

David Rinn and his wife, **Janet (Bonnenberger) '88**, are living in the Seattle, WA, area where Dave has his own accounting business and Janet is an Ingres data base administrator.

'87**Mark Mancinelli, Class Agent**
404-512-8172

Dana Cherico-Lark is a registered nurse in the surgical-trauma intensive care unit at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC. She married Dana Lark in June 1993.

Michele Kimble recently retired as program coordinator for a Seattle, WA, community mental health center to pursue an M.A. in counseling at Seattle University. She is also a volunteer with the Seattle Women's Action Coalition, an organization dedicated to helping homeless women.

Rosette (Marino) O'Donnell is a registered respiratory therapist at Syosset, NY, Community Hospital. She married Lee O'Donnell in May 1992.

Jean Ann Voleck recently obtained status as a certified public accountant. She works for the Helme Tobacco Company in Wheeling.

'88**Catherine (Wirts) Wheeler, Class Agent**
410-744-8634

Jeffrey Campbell is a respiratory therapist at Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. His wife, Patricia

Diane (Rauschenberg) is a respiratory therapist at North Hills Passavant Hospital in Pittsburgh. They have a daughter, Alexis, 2.

Christina (Saseen) Dowdy and her husband, **Robert**, both work for West Virginia University Hospital in Morgantown, where Christina is a physical therapist and Robert is a family medicine resident.

George Migias is a territory representative and regional field sales trainer for the Eastern Region of Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, an A.H. Robins Division.

Mary (Healey) Skiffington is a clothing buyer for The Price Company in San Diego, CA. Her husband, Bill, is a computer programmer.

Jamie (Arslain) Sokos is a registered nurse with Dr. Mathew Sokos of Wheeling.

Kelly Williams is a budget analyst with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC. Kelly received a Master's in Business Administration from Marymount University of Arlington, VA, in December 1993.

'91

Anne Gemensky, Class Agent
614-457-2926

Marine Pfc. Joe Eisaman completed recruit training and was meritoriously promoted to his present rank.

Donna (Norris) Glaser is the director of religious education at St. Columban in the Cincinnati, OH, area. She is responsible for overseeing the religious educational needs of parishioners and students.

Lori (Cool) Knowlton is a staff nurse at Wetzel County Hospital in New Martinsville, WV.

'92

KeriAnn Alexander, Class Agent
216-585-1608

Kim Demczyk works for National Engineering in Parma, OH.

Joy Descutner has been accepted to the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Marc England is working for the law firm of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch and Birch in Falls Church, VA.

Gary Ensell, BHRM '92, is a safety supervisor for Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. in Steubenville, OH.

Darlene Lukshin is vice president of Industrial Instruments Inc. in Williamstown, WV.

Robert Murray is a sales representative for Graffen Business Systems in Conshohocken, PA.

Janet Shelburne is a trust administrator for WesBanco in Wheeling.

George Vukelich, MBA '92, is a senior buyer for Weirton Steel Corp. in Weirton, WV.

'93

Teresa Donzella, Class Agent
410-823-6067

Patricia Bailey is pursuing a graduate degree in counseling at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

Shawn Berry is a computer consultant with Corporate Information Systems in Pittsburgh, PA.



The 1993 College Seal Dedications Ceremony portrait on display in the Erickson Alumni Center. Pictured (L-R) Alex Noronha '93, Marnie Volan '93, Tony Baratta '93 and Mary Tantalo '93.

'89

Michael Connor, Class Agent
215-544-8952

Chris Certo is a benefits and compensation assistant at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. He completed a Master's of Science in Human Resource Management from LaRoche College in 1992.

LeaAnn "Beez" Schell is pursuing a master's degree in sports administration at Slippery Rock University.

Mary Anastasia Smith is a registered nurse at Francis Scott Key Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. She started a private childbirth business called "Partners in Birth Inc."

'90

Dr. Michael Leach, Class Agent
412-788-1279

Robert Crake is a respiratory therapist with HOMEDCO in Parkersburg, WV. He is engaged to Erin O'Connor, with a wedding date set for July 24.

Leeanne Johnson is an assistant English teacher at the Tono Education Office for the Gifu Prefectural Board of Education in Japan. She completed a master's degree in counseling and human development with an emphasis on international student services from Radford University in 1992.

Patrick McDermott has been accepted to the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Thomas Welsh is a lieutenant (junior grade) in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps. He passed the Pennsylvania bar exam, and is currently in Naval Justice School in Newport, RI. He will be stationed in Norfolk, VA.

Nancy Krupinski is a laser coordinator for Wheeling Hospital. She is president of the local chapter of Operating Room Nurses, and is president of Wheeling Hospital Staff Nurses.

John Rowan is pursuing a Master's in Criminal Justice at Marshall University in Huntington, WV.

Cynthia Shaffer is conducting a *Straight Talk* program for students in grades six through eight at the Progressive Women's Association in Clarksburg, WV. The program addresses topics such as AIDS, teenage pregnancy and individuality, and is designed to promote interaction between students and the instructor.

ALUMNI CHAPTERS

The **Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter** hosted an "After Hours" event at the Pittsburgh Sports Garden in November.

Some members of the Class of 1961 were present including



(pictured above, L-R) **Sam Selario, Jane (Straub) Friday, Sheila (Gallagher) Mozer, Joseph Trichtinger, Barb (Lauer) Braden, Dan Haller and Jim Friday.**

Also present were some members of the Class of 1992



including (pictured above, L-R) **Michelle Pacis, Lauren Herman, Kathleen Martella, Jason Smith, George Lee and Beth Chambers**

The **Philadelphia Alumni Chapter** held a post-tournament reception during the West Chester Classic Basketball Tournament in November. Among those present included (pictured below, L-R) **Jeff Kepreos '84**, assistant men's basketball coach, **Joe Munhall '93**, **Christine Sassaman '93**, **Jim Brandt '90** and **Brian Tice '89**.



WEDDINGS

Paula Huber '72 married Thomas Scheuerman on Jan. 3, 1994. She is vice president of book production for Waverly Inc. in Baltimore, MD.

Linda Correll '81 married Darren Leonard on Aug. 7, 1993. Linda is a staff nurse in the Burn Trauma Center of West Penn Hospital where she coordinates the Back to School and Summer Burn Camp programs for children. The couple lives in West Mifflin, PA.

Courtney Cosgrove '85 married Charles "Chip" Muse on September 18, 1993.



(Back Row L-R) **Fr. James O'Brien, Kenn Morgan, Michael Pappa '83, Maureen Faul '83, Mimie (O'Hara) Helm '84, Fr. Timothy Brown '82, '84, Bob Baird '86, Kate Carrigan '84 and Fr. Charles Currie. (Front Row L-R) Maureen Lafferty '81, Trish Marner '86, Courtney Cosgrove Muse '85 and Lynne Lafferty Baird '86.**

Christine Giuliani '88 married **James Gibbons III '88** on Sept. 25, 1993.

Janet Lynn Huang '89 married **Michael J. Fitzpatrick '88** on Sept. 3, 1993 in Philadelphia, PA. **Chuck Dake '88** was best man, and **Judy (Huang) Martin '83** was matron of honor. Kaitlin Abate, daughter of **Frank Abate '88** and **Jeannie (Payne) Abate '87**, was the flower girl. Also in attendance was **Allan Miller '88**. Janet is a medical student at Hahnemann Medical School, and Michael is a funeral director at Fitzpatrick Funeral Home.

Maggie Zoeckler '92 married **Michael Leach, D.D.S., '90**. They live in Pittsburgh, PA.

NEW CARDINALS

Denise DeSesa-Smith '76 and her husband, Sumner, had a son, Scotty, on March 18, 1993. He joins sister, Danielle, 4. The family lives in Walpole, MA.

Mark Polak, M.D., '78 and his wife, Judith, had their third daughter, Erin, on Feb. 2, 1992. Mark is an associate professor of pediatrics at the West Virginia University School of Medicine in Morgantown, and spent October as a visiting professor at Zheijiang Medical University in China.

Albert Michael Bugaj, Ph.D., '79 and his wife Carmen had a son, Stefan Albert, on Sept. 5. He joins sister Lydia. Albert received the University of Wisconsin-Marinette's "Teacher of the Year" Award in May.

Michael Rudinoff '79 and his wife, Julie, had a daughter, Alexzandra, on April 15, 1993. Michael is a controller for Heinz North America in Fremont, OH.

Andrea (Helinski) Reisser '80 and her husband, Paul, had their second child, Stephen, on March 25, 1993. He joins Samantha, 7. The family lives in Mechanicsburg, PA, where Andrea is a contract specialist for Navy Ships Parts Control Center.

Nancy (O'Brien) Young '81 and her husband, **Michael '83**, had their third child, Michael Jr., in January 1992. He joins sisters Jennifer, 10, and Danielle, 6. The family recently moved to Pittsburgh, PA, where Michael joined the law firm of Buchanan Ingersoll as an associate, and Nancy is a neonatal intensive care nurse.

Kathleen Bors, M.D., '82 and her husband, **Todd Witsberger, M.D., '83**, had their third child, Paul Andrew, on Oct. 18, 1993. He joins Sarah Jane, 4, and Emily, 2.

Christy (Terrill) Heppner '83 and her husband Tim had a son, Kevin, on March 23, 1993. He joins Nicholas, 3. Christy is director of nuclear medicine at Union County Hospital in Marysville, OH.

Tom Van Horn '83 and his wife, **Maria (Miller) '83**, had a son, Eric, on Oct. 3, 1993. He joins Alexandra, 3. The family lives in Alexandria, VA.

Carrie (Ritz) Brazell '84 and her husband, Ken, had their first child, Nora Lynne, on June 10. Carrie is a graphic designer with Brazell Design in Phoenix, AZ.

Brian Gordon '84 and his wife Valleri had a daughter, Kara, on Oct. 4, 1993. Brian is an HID development engineer with GE Lighting in Cleveland, OH.

Robert Clancey '85 and his wife, Mary Ellen, had a son, Ryan, on Dec. 1, 1993. The family lives in Farmingdale, NY, where Robert is a sales representative for McCormick and Co. Inc.

Edith Williams '85, and her husband, Michael, had a daughter, Elena Rae, on May 29, 1993. She joins Ryan, 6, Zachary, 3, and Joseph, 2. The family lives in Winchester, VA, where Edith works in property management.

DEATHS

Kathleen (Stenger) Ault '61 died Dec. 4, 1993, in Columbus, OH. Her husband, **James Samuel Ault '60** died Nov. 26, 1993.

Dr. E. Thomas Nagem '70 died Dec. 5, 1993, in Wheeling. He had run a general dentistry practice in Wellsburg since 1979. He was also an avid distance runner who competed in the Boston Marathon for 10 consecutive years.

Anthony John Trovato III '78 died Nov. 25, 1993, in Wheeling. He was vice president of operations at Wheeling's Bank One and a freshman basketball coach at Wheeling Park High School.

Thomas Gehrling '83 died Feb. 12, 1994 in Floral Park, NY.

Former Dean, Icelandic Bishop Alfred Jolson Dies

The Most Rev. Alfred J. Jolson, S.J., former associate dean at Wheeling Jesuit College and Bishop of Reykjavik, Iceland, died March 21 in Pittsburgh at the age of 65.

Jolson came to Wheeling Jesuit in 1986, and served as chairman of the department of business, associate dean of business programs and professor of business. He taught classes on marketing and small business management.

He was installed as Bishop of Reykjavik on Feb. 6, 1988, after being selected by Pope John Paul II. Jolson credited the selection to his Icelandic heritage. His grandfather, Gudmund Hjaltsson was born in Iceland and emigrated to the United States in 1907. Jolson was the first person with an Icelandic background ever ordained as bishop in Iceland.

He was born June 18, 1928. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1946 and was ordained as a priest in 1958. Jolson held degrees from Boston College and Weston College, as well as an MBA from Harvard and a Ph.D. in Social Sciences from Gregorian University. He was the first bishop ever to graduate from the Harvard Business School.

He came to Wheeling Jesuit from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, where he served as assistant dean of the College of Business and Administration from 1981-86.

Jolson had also been vice principal at the School of Social Work in Salisbury, Rhodesia, acting dean of the College of Business Administration at Boston College, and chairman of the Business Administration Division at Al-Hikma University in Iraq shortly after it was founded by American and Iraqi Jesuits in 1962.

Dr. and Mrs. Rizal V. Pangilinan Establish First Wheeling *Jesuit* Charitable Gift Annuity

Their Foresight Will Support Future Endowment Growth

Often supporters of a worthwhile institution like Wheeling Jesuit College believe major contributions can be made only through a will or by making a one-time gift that is immediately affordable. This is not the case with Nelly and Rizal Pangilinan of Wheeling, West Virginia, whose knowledge of a deferred charitable gift annuity and their generosity enabled them to provide Wheeling Jesuit College with a novel form of support.

Through a charitable gift agreement with their local bank trust department, the Pangilins transferred appreciated securities into a deferred charitable gift annuity, the first one for WJC. The action made them charter members of the new WJC Heritage Society. The Society recognizes individuals who make provisions for the College in their estate plans. Practically all capital gains tax was avoided with the transfer, and the Buckius Loyola Scholarship Endowment Fund at the College was named the remainder beneficiary by the Pangilins.

Charitable gift annuities, unitrusts and trusts may be set up for unrestricted use or to benefit a specific program at WJC. Nelly and Rizal's philanthropy, through the irrevocable deferred charitable gift annuity, will help assure the future growth of the College's scholarship endowment fund, thus providing vital financial assistance to worthy and needy students enrolling at WJC in the future.

A charitable gift annuity goes beyond future benefits to Wheeling Jesuit. In addition to providing a lifetime annual income, the donor also receives a substantial charitable deduction for income tax purposes - a deduction which, if not completely used the first year, can be carried forward for up to five more years. Funding a charitable gift annuity with appreciated securities reduces the donor's overall estate, saving additional taxes. A portion of the annual income is also tax free.

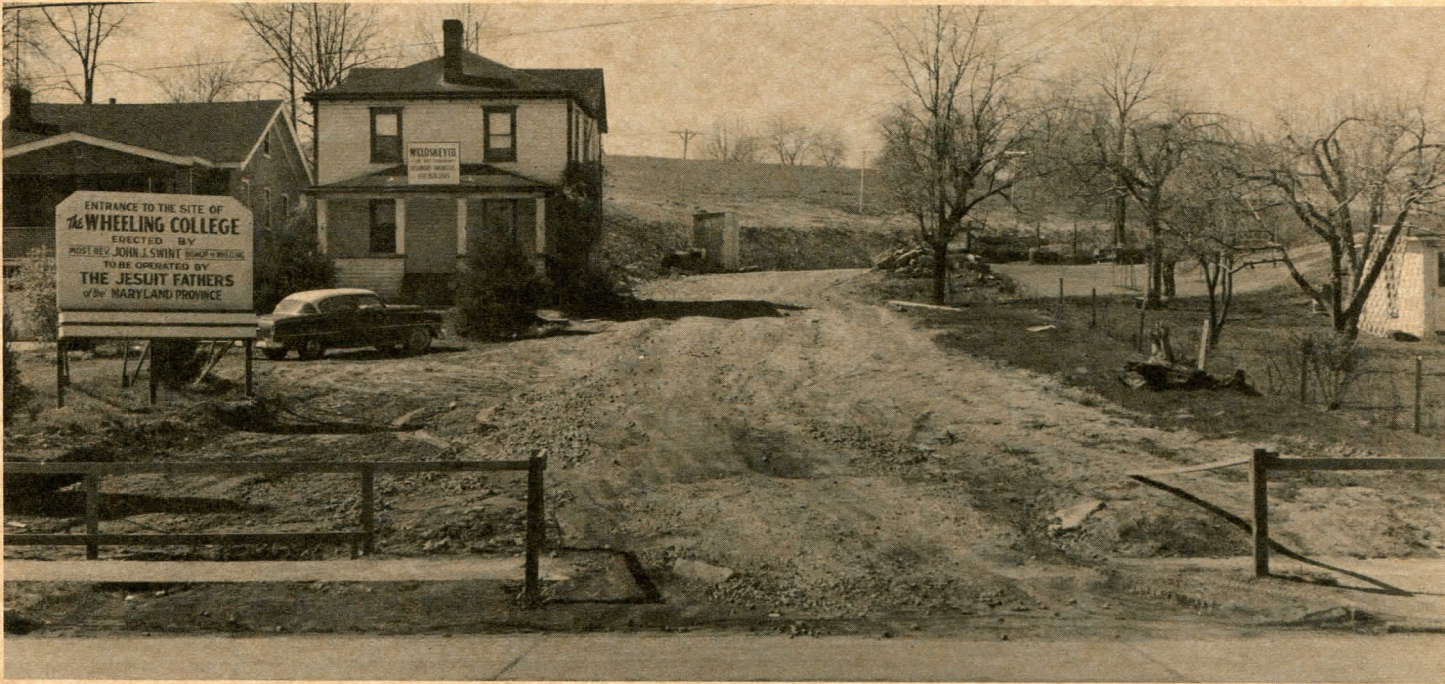
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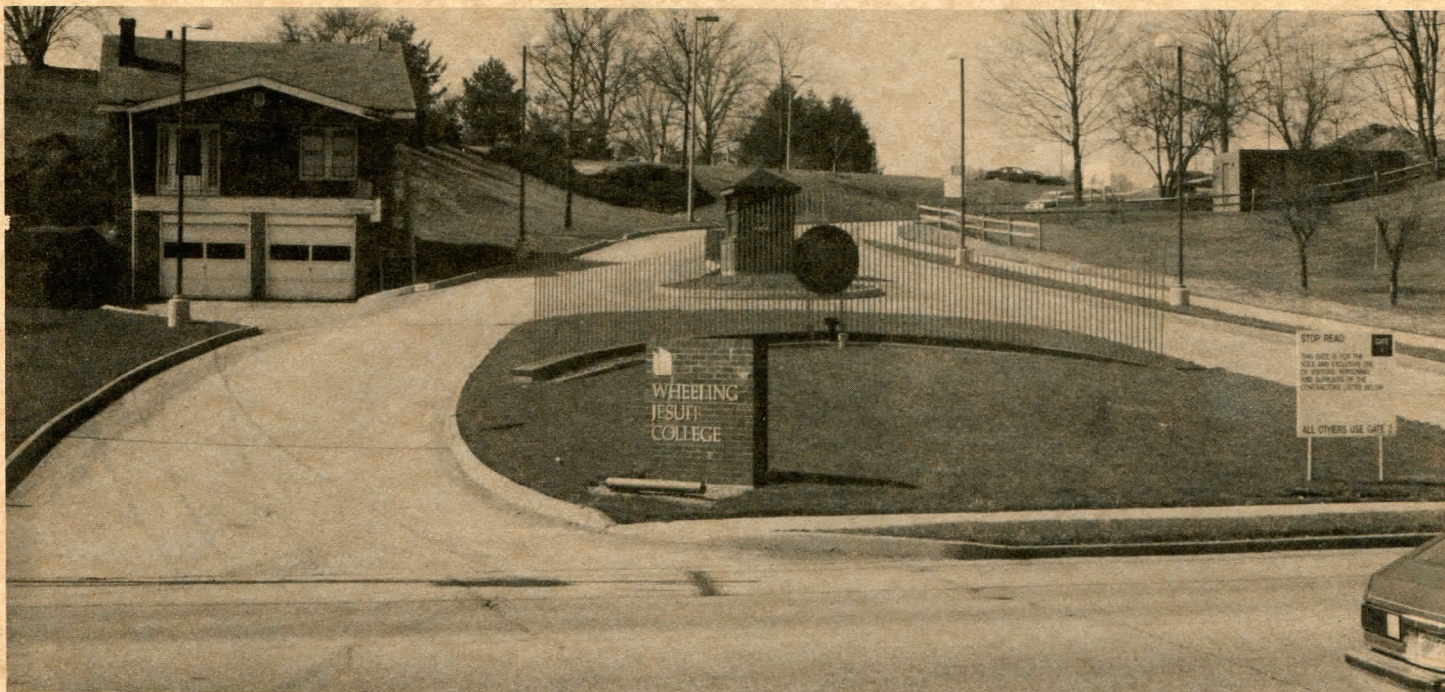
Dr. Rizal Pangilinan is a member of the Wheeling Jesuit College Board of Directors. He is Chairman of the Wheeling Eye Institute located at the Wheeling Clinic in Wheeling, WV.

The Board of Directors of Wheeling Jesuit College has approved the issuing of charitable gift annuities. Alumni and friends of WJC are invited to send for information on this estate planning tool.

(See card insert)



Main entrance of the college, 1950 's



Main entrance of the college, 1994

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