College Announcements

- The "Remembering Rebecca Harding Davis" Symposium and State Historical Marker dedication April 12-13 was a "Featured Spotlight" on the Heinz Endowments Web site: www.heinz.org/grants_spotlight_entry.aspx?entry=117.

- Two-time Super Bowl champion quarterback and Pittsburgh native Charlie Batch will deliver the keynote address at the Commencement ceremony May 18 at 10 a.m. on the lawn in front of the Olin Fine Arts Center on Wheeling Street. Batch will receive an honorary degree, as will Dr. Bernard Harris, Jr., retired NASA astronaut and the first African American to walk in space; James E. Rohr, executive chairman of PNC Financial Services Group, the nation’s seventh-largest bank with more than 5 million customers and 56,000 employees; and Rabbi Serena Fujita, Jewish chaplain at Bucknell University. Fujita will be the keynote speaker at the Baccalaureate service May 17 at 6 p.m. in Church of the Covenant on E. Beau Street.

News

- W&J garnered 151 media mentions in the month of April, including a Centre Daily Times feature about sophomore Lauren Horning (http://www.centredaily.com/2013/04/29/3597778/chris-rosenblum-bellefonte-grads.html); local coverage of both the Energy Summit and "Remembering Rebecca Harding Davis" symposium and state historical marker dedication (http://www.observer-reporter.com/article/20130413/NEWS01/130419666/0/SEARCH); and a Pittsburgh Post-Gazette story about the Washington County Common Pleas Court primary election, of which four of the eight candidates are W&J graduates (http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/neighbourhoods-south/primary-2013washington-county-eight-candidates-vie-for-two-judicial-seats-684989/).

- Karin Maresh, associate professor of theatre and communication, will be directing the musical "Summer of Love" for the Valley Players of Ligonier in Ligonier, Pa. in June. The show takes the audience on a journey back to 1967, incorporating music by bands of the era such as the Mamas and Papas, the Turtles, the Stone Ponys, and Jefferson Airplane. Showdates are June 21, 22, 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. and June 23 and 30 at 2:30 p.m. Ticket information can be found on the theatre's website: http://ligoniertheatre.com/stage-productions/.

- For a listing of feature stories that have appeared on the homepage, visit http://www.washjeff.edu/featured
Scholarship

- On April 4, 2013, Associate Professor of English Kay McEvoy presented “The Changing Nature of College Writing” at the College English Association National Conference in Savannah, Ga. On April 20, she presented “Commemorating the Life and Literature of Rebecca Harding Davis” at the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association Conference in Greensboro, NC.


- Senior Nathan Michaux was one of 15 seniors in a nationwide competition to be awarded the 2013 Gilder Lehrman History Scholar Award.

- Barry Chametzky, adjunct instructor in the Modern Languages Department, has successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation. The title of his study was “Offsetting the Affective Filter: A Classic Grounded Theory Study of

Information Commons Update

An Information Commons Master Plan is in the works for U. Grant Miller Library. The Information Commons concept envisions the library as a dynamic space that incorporates information technology and traditional library resources, group and individual study space, and serves as an intellectual hub for the campus. The College is in the process of selecting an architect and has recruited a workgroup of faculty, staff, and students to provide feedback as the architects develop construction, and conceptual, plans.

The workgroup includes faculty members Jim Benze, Jason Kilgore, Jen Harding, and Jenny Kline; staff members Dan Faulk, Roberta Cross, and Alexis Rittenberger; and student Nathan Pisciottano. Please feel free to contact any of these workgroup members with your own feedback.

Architects will create an updated floor plan for the Library, assess existing maintenance needs, and develop a phased plan that allows updates to be made to the Library while understanding that the building must remain open for the College community and that fund-raising will likely be an ongoing project. The final plan will be completed by July 31.

For progress updates on the Master Plan, as well as additional information about the Information Commons concept, please bookmark the Information Commons Master Plan LibGuide at http://libguides.washjeff.edu/InfoCommons.

Database of the Month: LibraryMusicSource.com (Trial)

LibraryMusicSource.com is the largest collection of Western Classical sheet music ever assembled. Users can access more than 300,000 pages of sheet music from more than 35,000 works including the entire piano works of Chopin, all the songs of Schubert, all the organ music of J. S. Bach, and all the orchestra parts and scores of Beethoven, to cite only a few examples. Now the complete, or nearly complete, published works of the world’s great composers for orchestra, chamber ensemble, piano, organ, voice, chorus, strings, winds, percussion and guitar are available online. Click the link on the Library's home page at http://www.washjeff.edu/library to access our trial subscription. The trial expires May 18. Please contact Alexis Rittenberger, director of Library Services, at arittenberger@washjeff.edu with feedback about this database.
Library Calendar

Librarian On Location

Wednesday, May 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: George & Tom's "Paws" for a Study Break

The Library has recruited canine stress counselors to visit on Saturday, May 11, from 11:30 am to 1:45 pm. Spending time with animals is a proven stress-buster, so please encourage your students to stop by (and take a break, yourself!) for a much-needed study break. The dogs, from Therapy Dogs International, will be in front of the Library or, if the weather's bad, in the Walker Room.

Finals at the Library

The Library will offer extended hours on Reading Day (May 8), as well as May 9-11: Wednesday, May 8: 8-3 a.m; Thursday, May 9: 7-3 a.m.; Friday, May 10: 7 a.m.-midnight; Saturday, May 11: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

News (Cont.)

Sophomore Biochemistry major Zach Drennen spent the summer after his freshman year at Duquesne working in the lab of Professor Wilson Meng. The work that Zach did during that summer features in a paper that was just accepted for publication in Bioconjugate Chemistry.

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of Post-secondary Online Foreign Language Learners." His dissertation was also nominated for a Dissertation of the Year award.


Associate Professor of Chemistry Robbie Iuliucci and Cody Hoop ’08 published a research article entitled, $^{13}$C chemical-shift anisotropy of alkyl-substituted aromatic carbon in anthracene derivatives, in the journal of Solid State NMR. The study provides insight to the chemical nature of aromaticity. This work may assist chemical engineers in characterizing organic fuels or material scientists build novel nanostructures. Hoop spent the summers of 2006 and 2007 at the University of Utah in Salt Lake city, where she acquired the data for this publication. She presented this work at the 235th American Chemical Society National meeting, where her poster won the Geophysical Award. Hoop is now finishing up her doctorate in the Department of Structural Biology at the University of Pittsburgh.

New Faces

• Jessica Wilson, Dispatcher, 4/7
• Kaley Wood, Human Resources Specialist, 4/8

Library News (Cont.)

New Acquisitions

The following Academy Award nominated DVDs have been added to the library's collection:

• Flight
• Anna Karenina
• The Perks of Being a Wallflower
• The Sessions

We have also replaced the VHS version of Stephen King's movie The Dark Half with the DVD edition. Scenes were filmed on the W&J campus as well as the surrounding Washington & Pittsburgh area. Who might you recognize?

New Donations

The Learned T. Bulman ’48 Historic Museum and Archives would like to thank the following people for their generous donations:

• T.T. Brzozowski ’55 donated a series of framed watercolors depicting scenes of the College.
• David Libenson donated photographs of the class of 1890 that belonged to his wife's grandfather, Oscar T. Taylor, a member of that class.
• James R. McNinch III donated a W&J banner.