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This newsletter will communicate the news of faculty and staff, update everyone on campus events, and welcome new colleagues to campus. Use the online form to submit good news, achievements, and spread the word about important events to our community.

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College Announcements

- W&J's Own Pete Curtis in Concert — Free Mid-Day Matinee on Dec. 3! Bring your lunch to the Rossin Ballroom on Dec. 3 at 12:30 p.m. and hear W&J's own Pete Curtis perform his recently released holiday song "I Love Christmas" live for the first time anywhere! Leave the demands of work behind, and escape for one hour as Pete puts his own touch to the tunes of some real greats such as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Elvis Presley, Johnny Mathis, and The Drifters. Be sure to mark your calendars!

- Cathy Altmeyer has been elected to the position of secretary-treasurer of the ACTFL Small Interest Group, "Small Undergraduate German Programs."

- W&J freshman Kriss Giles was recently featured in an Observer-Reporter article about her initiative to change the perception of gender and identity on campus and in the community. Read about it here.

- W&J professors Rosalie Carpenter (education) and Linda Troost (English) recently discussed with the Observer-Reporter why handwriting is so important, even though many schools have stopped teaching
On behalf of the Office of Development, we want to wish you a very happy holiday season. We are grateful for you, your partnership, and your support. The An Uncommon Bond Campaign has been successful thanks to the generosity of our faculty & staff, alumni, parents, and friends. We are proud to report that we have raised $87 million toward our $100 million goal. W&J is truly a special place because of you, and we are proud to share with our alumni and donors all of the good work you do every day. If you haven’t had the opportunity to make your end of the calendar year gift to the campaign, please visit www.washjeff.edu/give or contact Lori Dougherty, director of campaigns and advancement operations, at x6545. Best wishes during this holiday season!

In October, students in Dr. Sheers’ FYS course, ‘Land Without Joy - The American Experience in Vietnam 1965-1975’ watched a National Guard infantry company training at Camp Dawson near Kingwood, W. Va. They were guests of Captain Joseph Ladisic, who commands B Company 1-110 IN BN, headquartered in Waynesburg, Pa. Students interviewed soldiers, watched live-fire weapons qualification, and experienced a snapshot of Army life.

The German and French clubs are hosting a European-style Christmas market this Thursday, Dec. 3 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the walkway between G&Ts and the Ski Lodge. Holiday treats will be sold for a nominal fee.

W&J is proud to be the official Washington County drop-off point for the 96.1 KISS Stuff-A-Bus toy collection for Marine Corps Toys for Tots. W&J is accepting donations of new, cursive writing as increased testing and computers in the classroom take more time and resources. Read what they had to say here.

PAWS for a Study Break
Back by popular demand, PAWS for a Study Break will return on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Therapy dogs from the Pittsburgh chapter of Therapy Dogs International will be on hand to help students relax in anticipation of finals week. Past PAWS events have drawn more than 200 students to the Library, so please encourage your students to take advantage of the furry volunteers who come visit.

Extended Finals Hours
The Library will be open extended hours on Reading Days and the first few days of finals. Please check out the calendar on our home page for our exact hours Dec. 12-15.
unwrapped toys now through Dec. 3 at 12:00 p.m. at the Rossin Campus Center. All of the toys collected will be distributed to local families in need this holiday season.

Scholarship

- Annette Drew-Bear, Professor of English, presented a paper in the session on "Practical Rhetoric for Performance and the Classroom" at the Blackfriars Conference in Staunton, Va., on Oct. 30, 2015.

- Susan Crampton-Frenchik recently presented a paper titled "What Have You Done Today for the Garden Entrusted to You? Written and painted narratives in Véronique Tadjo's L'Ombre d'Imana Voyages Jusqu'au Bout du Rwanda" at the South Atlantic Modern Languages Conference (SAMLA) in Durham, N.C.

New Acquisitions

The following books have been recently added to the Library's collection:

- The Indianization of Lewis and Clark by William Swagerty
- Israel, Jordan, and Palestine: the Two-state Imperative by Asher Susser
- Making Freedom: The Underground Railroad and the Politics of Slavery by R.J.M. Blackett
- Medieval Maps of the Holy Land by P.D.A. Harvey
- Obama and the Middle East: The End of America's Moment? by Fawaz Gerges

HR News

- Fond Farewells
  - Jay O'Neill, Athletics (Nov. 23)

Recent Donations

Dr. R. Lloyd Mitchell donated an 1839 math textbook titled A Treatise on the Elements of Algebra to the Archives. The book is inscribed with the name "J.G. Jacob of Wellsburg, Va." along with Washington College and 1845. Based on this information, the book likely belonged to John G. Jacob, Class of 1847. The Archives is grateful to have this book that helps document the history of teaching at Washington College.

From the Sustainability Committee

- As the end of the semester nears, please remind students of the Rideshare Board located on the Sustainability Bulletin Board located behind the mailboxes in Rossin.

- W&J in collaboration with Parkhurst has joined the Food Recovery Network. We have started taking donations of leftover food to the Washington City Mission. If you would like to help, please contact Alyssa Evanoff, Justin Dandoy, or James March. Many thanks to Chef Douglass and his staff for
- The U. Grant Miller Library and the Sustainability Committee now have two new films available for checkout. Available are:
  - *The Clean Bin Project*, a documentary where partners Jen and Grant go head to head in a competition to see who can swear off consumerism and produce the least garbage in a year.
  - *Bag It*, a documentary exposing the effects of plastic bags and other plastic consumer merchandise, and its effects on land ecosystems, the marine environment and the human body.

- Inspire Speakers Series Event: Envisioning a Sustainable, Collaborative, and Inclusive Economy, with Jeremy Rifkin and Bill Generett (Dec. 10) - Hear about an economic model built on connectedness, collaboration, innovation, and empathy, both globally and locally. Event takes place in Pittsburgh, Pa., from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Limited transportation will be provided by W&J College. The sustainability committee may be able to provide your registration fee. If you are interested in attending, please email W&J College Art Series.

**W&J College Art Series**

- W&J Arts Series presents: Joshua Kane’s, "An Olde Fashioned New England Christmas"

  On Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., the Olin Fine Arts Center presents a heartwarming return to a gentler time. Gather the community and celebrate! Kane’s performance features tales from O. Henry’s Gift of the Magi and Dickens’ Christmas Stories to rousing holiday exclamations by Frost, Service, and a host of others. An audience sing-along and hot cider and cookie reception make this a not-miss, secular event to summon up the ghosts of Christmas past. Two FREE tickets per W&J Id (family qualifies for extras). The Olin Box Office is open M-F, noon-6 pm. 724-223-6546.

**Library Calendar**

Find your friendly Library staff at the following events in -- and out of -- the Library this month.

- Wednesday, Dec. 2: Librarian on Location, The Commons. 11 am to 1 pm.
- Wednesday, Dec. 2: Archives Walk-In Hours, Library lower level. 3 pm to 5 pm.
- Friday, Dec. 4: Archives Walk-In Hours, Library lower level. 2 pm to 4 pm.
- Saturday, Dec. 5: Archives Walk-In Hours, Library lower level, 10 am to noon.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9: Librarian on Location, George & Tom's, 11 am to 1 pm.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9: Archives Walk-In Hours, Library lower level. 3 pm to 5 pm.
- Friday, Dec. 11: Archives Walk-In Hours, Library lower level, 2 pm to 4 pm.
- Saturday, Dec. 12: PAWS for a Study Break, Walker Room, Library lower level, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

**Spotlight on Community Engagement**

- The Greater Washington County Food Bank Produce to People food distribution is in need of volunteers on Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Produce to People is the Food Bank’s large-scale produce distribution program. Volunteers are needed to assist with anything from passing out the produce, to acting as runners and support. Volunteers

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**Dec 1, 2015**

**Nov 24, 2015**
The Committee on Library and Educational Technology is here to look at academic uses of library and technology resources. Visit our libguide to contact us, learn about technology inside and outside the classroom, and for room recommendations.

- Are you traveling over intersession?
  - Remember W&J passwords expire every six months. Macintosh users or those who will not be on campus are advised to make a note of this on their calendars.
  - Don't forget to log-off if you are using a virtual private network (VPN) to access information while you are off campus. The College has limited VPN licenses available.

- Current topics:
  - Do you struggle with issues of plagiarism? Learn more about it!

- Children and Youth Services (CYS) is currently looking for volunteers to help with their toy drive benefiting underserved families in the Washington Area. As a volunteer, individuals may be working at a toy drop-off station, or wrapping gifts that will be distributed to children that will otherwise not receive gifts this year. Dates for volunteering will be Dec. 7-10 in the 4-H building at the Washington Country Fairgrounds. Volunteering will take place during business hours, and the duration of volunteering will be flexible. Please contact Joshua Makepeace with any further questions or to volunteer.

- Thank you to all the students, faculty, and staff who wore orange in support of National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week and made donations of food, clothes, toiletries, and more. Nov. 14-22 was National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week, and members of the W&J community were asked to wear orange to spread awareness about the issues surrounding hunger and homelessness. In
Washington County, 10% of all residents live in poverty, and 13% of children aged 18 and under live in poverty. Thank you again for supporting this effort to spread awareness of these issues. For more information on National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness and how you can support, go to http://nationalhomeless.org/about-us/projects/awareness-week/.