College Announcements

- The Department of Communication Arts presents "SPLIT" by Michael Weller, directed by T. S. Frank, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Nov. 17-19, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Olín Fine Arts Center Theatre with a matinee Saturday at 2 p.m. Split, in two one-act plays, is a bittersweet comedy about contemporary relationships. The first play, "At Home," finds Paul and Carol, the perfect couple, squabbling as they prepare dinner for themselves and another couple. "Abroad" is about the after-effects of the happy couple's decision to split. Split becomes "a La Ronde for today, a flourishing harvest of insights about the quest for continuity in relationships." —NY Times. The play is free and open to the public.

- The Faculty Development Committee invites you to attend Jason Kilgore's colloquium "Where Have All the Ash Trees Gone?" on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at noon in the Media Room.

- Modern Languages "Pop-Up" Open House: live music, crêpes, pizza, raffle for prizes, and study abroad information! ONE HOUR only Monday, Nov. 7 from 4-5 p.m. Burnett second floor.

News

- Dr. Vin Lawrence, emeritus professor of biology, gave two seminars on Friday, Oct. 7, 2016: "The History, Science, and Life on the Bottom: A Dragonfly Migration" and "W&J's First Intersession Safari: Kenya's Great Game Parks & The Journey to the Jade Sea." Thirty-five students, faculty, alumni, and community members attended. Dr. Alice Lee, professor of biology, and Phi Sigma Biological Honorary members, hosts for the seminars, took Dr. Lawrence and his wife to dinner following the talks. Dr. Lee would also like to thank the Office of Alumni for refreshments for the talks and a gift for Dr. Lawrence.

Library Times

- The library has begun the search for a new College Archivist. In the mean time, if you need archival support from the library, please email asklib@washjeff.edu and one of the librarians will assist you.

- Our Saturday hours have changed. The library will be open from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. for the rest of the Fall semester.

- Please follow the U Grant Miller Library on Facebook and Twitter for all of the library's current news and updates.

New Acquisitions

The following books can be found in the New Book Corner:

- Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad by Eric Foner
- King John and the Road to Magna Carta by Stephen Church
- The Fall of the Ottomans: The Great War in the Middle East by Eugene Rogan
- Fracture: Life and Culture in the West by Philipp Blom
- The Age of Acquiescence: The Life and Death of American Resistance to Organized Wealth and Power by Steve Fraser

Library Calendar

You can find our friendly Library staff at the following events this month:

- Wednesday, Nov. 2: Library on Location, George & Tom's, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 9: Library on Location, The Commons, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 16: Library on Location, George & Tom's, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 30: Library on Location, George and Tom's 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
HR News

- Ford Farewells:
  - Amy Welch, Library (Oct. 21)
  - Bryan Habick, Athletics (Oct. 31)

- Congratulations to the following employee on achieving a milestone anniversary with the College in November!
  - Denny McMaster, Business & Finance, Nov. 1—15 Years

Benefits Open Enrollment begins Nov. 2 and will go through Dec. 9. This is the time of the year that you can make changes to your health/dental/vision insurance. The changes will take effect on Jan. 1, 2017. The Annual Benefits Open Enrollment Fair will be held Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Our insurance providers will be present at the fair to provide you with information and answer any questions you may have. There will also be several information meetings on Nov. 16 and Nov. 18. Information will be sent out via email. Any questions regarding Open Enrollment should be directed to Bob Allison or Kaley Wood.

Scholarship

- Mark Swift recently co-authored an article that will be included in the Northeast Chapter of the Geological Society of America 2017 Conference Handbook.

- Christine Shaffer has served as the director for training and development for the National Student Employment Association (NSEA) since July 2015. She started their webinar program from the ground up, researching companies, scheduling presenters, finding topics, and hosting webinars. They now offer four webinars per year. Chris also serves as a SEE (Student Employment Essentials) trainer for NSEA. Chris was awarded the Margene Orzalli Memorial Award at the NSEA conference earlier this month. This award is presented to a member who has demonstrated extraordinary effort, energy, and time commitment on behalf of NSEA for a period of two or more years by providing leadership and vision through numerous activities, including committee work, conferences and programs, leadership positions as an officer or director, or work on special projects. Congratulations, Chris!

- Mark Swift attended the annual field conference for the Southeastern Friends of the Pleistocene at Blackwater Falls, W.Va.

W&J College Art Series

Turtle Island Quartet- A LOVE SUPREME

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.

Given the proper conditions, a work of art can transcend both genre and era, claiming its rightful place in the universality of human expression that justifies the very existence of mankind. Such is the case of John Coltrane's jazz epiphany, A Love Supreme. Recorded four decades ago at a time when the country was deeply troubled by issues of race and war, Coltrane's music was a personal statement of redemption and salvation that struck a chord in the hearts of millions, becoming one of the most enduring jazz recordings of all time. The string quartet form itself continues to thrive in the 21st century in no small part due to its impressive history of similar achievements in its two hundred year-old canon. In exploring John Coltrane's musical legacy, the two time GRAMMY® winning Turtle Island Quartet continues its own tradition of employing the string quartet form to shed new light on the timeless joy and beauty contained in the greatest music of the American jazz masters. The concert program will present an in-depth look at this landmark recording in the greater context of the music that preceded and followed, a time many consider to be the last great evolutionary period of jazz.

Two free tickets per W&J Id. Please stop by or call 724-223-6546 Monday-Friday, noon-6 p.m. to reserve. There will also be a masterclass "Find Your Groove” at 3 p.m. on Nov. 1 in Olin room 211. The class is free and open to the public.

Spotlight on Community Engagement

- November is W&J Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Month! To increase awareness for hunger and homelessness issues in the area, the Office of Community Engagement is coordinating several events and programs throughout the month of November, including recognition of National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week, Nov. 12-20. Programming will include community service initiatives such as: Washington Fellows sponsored Produce to People distribution, a food pantry program with the LeMoyne Community Center, and a dinner for Habitat for Humanity. Also included are educational programs such as a Homelessness Speaker Panel with City Mission and a screening of the documentary Poor Kids. Finally, throughout the month will be the annual food and supplies drive. For more information on these events and activities, please see the W&J weekly throughout the month. For more information, visit National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week. If you would like to be involved with these programs, email volunteer@washjeff.edu.

- The Office of Community Engagement hosted a Poverty Simulation event, facilitated by Community Action SW. Over 100 people participated in the event, including 83 W&J students. The Ballroom was turned into a small town and each participant took on the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget. The activity and the following discussion was a great opportunity for students to gain a deeper understanding of the effects of poverty in our community. Special thanks to faculty members Cathy Altmeyer, Danielle Ficco, Nichole Fifer, and Tiffani Gottschall for having their classes participate and continuing the conversation!
From the Sustainability Committee

- Join the Sustainability Committee for the November Inspired Speakers Series with the Green Building Alliance in Pittsburgh. This month’s speaking event is "Driving Systemic Change in Communities with Naomi Davis and Diana Bucco, featuring Guest Emcee Majestic Lane." The Sustainability Committee will sponsor the registration for student, faculty, and staff attendees. Transportation will be available from W&J. If you would like to attend, do NOT register via the website. Sign up by emailing sustainability@washjeff.edu. For more information on the event, visit the Inspired Speaker Series events page.

- Join the Wash Jeff Exchange Facebook sale page to find gently used office supplies, household goods, clothes, and more being offered by your colleagues on campus! Promote sustainability by posting your own items for sale or for free! Simply search Wash Jeff Exchange on Facebook and submit a request to join. Please contact site administrator Rebecca McDonald with any questions.

- Interested in learning more about grants and the grant writing process? Join the Office of Community Engagement for a grant writing workshop where you'll learn everything you need to know in order to write a successful grant proposal. The workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 16 in Burnett 103. Please email Nicole Kostosky or Julie Throckmorton with any questions. Topics covered will include the following items:
  - What a grant is and the benefits of receiving one
  - Various parts and types of grants
  - The Common Grant Application
  - Searching for potential funding sources and managing grant funding
  - The grant review process

- Within a story rests the ability to empower the teller and inspire the listener. Interfaith Programming and SCA are joining together to embrace the power of story by hosting an on-campus event dedicated to the telling of personal tales. W&J faculty members and students will share their own accounts of experiential growth concerning the spiritual journeys they have taken thus far. Please join us in the Media Room on Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. to share in the stories of faith lost and found among the W&J community.