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William Paterson Becomes a University Historic Vote Sets Stage for 21st Century

It was affirmed at 11:05 am, Friday, June 27. The Commission on Higher Education voted to officially designate William Paterson College as The William Paterson University of New Jersey.

"We are now positioned to pursue our destiny as a dynamic center of educational excellence," declared University President Arnold Speert,

Gov. Whitman Delivers Commencement Address

Governor Christine Todd Whitman, New Jersey's first woman chief executive, arrived early commencement morning, May 12, a beautiful spring day, and made her way, surrounded by William Paterson officials and security police, into the Student Center, stopping often to smile and shake hands with arriving graduates and their families who clustered around her.

Two hours later, standing behind the speaker's podium on Wightman Field, she addressed the 860 graduates and the 6,000 family members, friends and visitors who had come to celebrate their achievements. A low-key demonstration planned by members of the campus Green Party Organization protesting the state's funding of higher education had turned the festive occasion into a media event and reporters and television camera



Christine Whitman

who termed the university a "vital resource for the state, the region and the nation."

Addressing the commissioners, media, and large crowd which filled the meeting room in Winants Hall at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, Speert paid tribute to the university's faculty and trustees. "I am proud of the strength and vigor the faculty has given to student success and the development of our programs," he said. "The trustees have given leadership in building an institution that is strong and fiscally conservative but experimental in academic programs."

Introducing U.S. Representative Bill Pascrell, former mayor of Paterson and former New Jersey Assemblyman, Speert pointed out "the fact that Representative Pascrell is here today epitomizes the university's dedication to our region."

"This is a great day for William Paterson and higher education in New Jersey," said Pascrell. "You have served our community and the state at the highest level."

In Washington, U.S. Senator Robert Torricelli issued a special statement: "The greatest tool we can provide our young people with is the very best education possible. I am certain William Paterson University will continue its fine tradition of academic excellence and continue to equip today's students for the challenging world of the 21st century with the best of training, instruction, and academic resources."



President Arnold Speert announces the birth of "The New U," as the campus community celebrates. More photos on page 5.

The following Monday, June 30, a festive campus-wide celebration was held on the green in front of the Student Center where students, faculty, staff and invited guests gathered for a picnic, brief ceremony and live music.

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Focus on William Paterson's Own Graduates

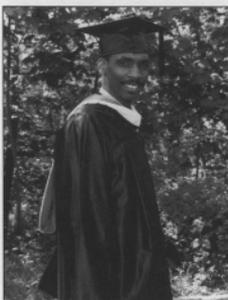
Patricia Williams, principal clerk stenographer in the office of affirmative action, traveled a long road to commencement. When she received her bachelor's degree in communication on May 12, it was the culmination of 14 years of juggling family, work and classes. An employee since 1980, she says that what kept her motivated was "a purpose and a vision and a commitment not only to



Patricia Williams

myself, but also to my son." Patricia says her six-year-old son, Tyran, gave her strength during this time. She plans to continue her education, has been accepted into the master's program at Rutgers University, and hopes to eventually use her education to help people, specifically in Paterson, where she was born and raised. One of nine children, she is the first to graduate from college. With her at commencement are Tyran and fiancé Bari Asante.

Jeffrey Jones, director of SCOPE (Schools and Communities Organized to Promote Education), a three-year federal grant awarded to William Paterson for work in Paterson's First Ward, received a master's degree in urban education on May 12. Jones, who worked in the admissions office, believes in helping people, and has served the city of Paterson as councilman since May of 1996. He received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and sociology from William Paterson in 1985. Jones worked at IBM for



Jeffrey Jones

seven years before taking on jobs at the Division of Youth and Family Services and the Paterson Boys and Girls Club. Jones says that the education he received here has given him great opportunities.

Anthony Leckey, assistant director of admissions, wants to thank his boss Leo DeBartolo, director of admissions, for being flexible with his schedule so that he could earn the master's degree in communication arts he received on May 12, and he wants to thank his



Anthony Leckey

professors for being flexible with his job. Leckey said he likes working in admissions because he gets to help people, and he likes the academic environment, because he believes it did wonders for him, and through admissions "I get to help others get a shot at doing wonders for themselves." He received a bachelor's

degree in chemistry and secondary education from the SUNY College at Buffalo.

Yvonne Roux, a librarian in the Sarah Byrd Askew Library, received a master's degree in education, learning technology specialist, at this year's commencement. She earned a bachelor of science degree as a



Yvonne Roux

teacher/librarian from Trenton State College and a master of library science from Rutgers University. She has been at the university since 1992.

Greg Garrabrant is the second son of **Sandra Pille**, senior data entry machine operator in the registrar's office, to graduate from William Paterson within a year. Greg's older brother, Kenneth, received his degree in May, 1996, and Greg graduated in January, 1997 with a bachelor's



Greg Garrabrant

degree in accounting. He is a graduate of Passaic Valley High School, and is working as an account rep in the accounts receiving department at HFS, a hotel franchising company in Parsippany. He is engaged to Kathleen Drotar, also a 1997 graduate. They are planning an October, 1998 wedding.

William O'Brien, heavy equipment operator in the maintenance department, accepted a bachelor's degree in business administration/management on May 12 that took him 15 years to acquire while working full-time and going to school part-time. During that time he was the chapter president of Local 195 here on campus from 1986 to 1991. This chapter of the IPTE represents the maintenance crew and the security officers



William O'Brien

here. He also found time to continue working as a volunteer for the Boys Scouts of America. In fact, in September, he will mark 35 years as an active scout. While he's deciding whether or not to go on to graduate school, he will be taking a four-week vacation this July to drive out to the West Coast for a family reunion, and is looking forward to seeing a good part of the country along the way.

Stephen Chopek, son of **Elena Chopek**, associate professor of communication disorders, received a bachelor's degree in communication. According to his mom, Stephen, a drummer who just completed an internship at a record company in New York City, hopes to find a job in that industry. Does that mean



Stephen Chopek

Stephen and his fellow musicians will no longer use mom's basement for practice every Sunday afternoon as they have for the last five or six years? Stephen, who transferred to William Paterson from the University of Rhode Island in his sophomore year, is a graduate of St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City. Elena Chopek, appointed in September, 1968, retired on June 30.

Craig Paskas, son of **Anne Paskas**, assistant to the budget director, couldn't attend the May 12 commencement this year because he was playing pro football in Germany for the Baltic Hurricanes. A member of



Craig Paskas

the professional team for the last three years, he managed to finish his degree in sociology/criminology in the off-season. An All-American here for four years, he was the team's captain and had a stellar sports career at William Paterson before heading off to Europe to play. After this, his final year in pro ball, he is planning to pursue a career in law enforcement.

University Day Set for September 2



William Paterson will celebrate its new status as a university on Tuesday, September 2, the first day of the fall semester, with University Day, featuring a full slate of activities designed to highlight the institution's many strengths and successes. Classes will be cancelled for the day, which will become an annual tradition.

The event will kick off with an address by President Arnold Speert at 8:30 am in Science 200A. At 11 am, the Class of 2001 will be formally welcomed into the academic community during the annual Freshman Convocation in Shea Center.

Other activities will include "Point of View: Economics and Politics of the 21st Century," an opportunity for faculty and staff to air their opinions soap box-style; demonstrations of the "smart classroom" in the Atrium; musical and theatrical performances; events for children including a petting zoo, pony rides, and face painting; and an evening laser light show in Shea Center. Refreshments will be available. At 5 pm, everyone will gather on the lawn in front of the Student Center for a brief ceremony and birthday cake to celebrate the institution's new status.

Additional information will be sent to faculty and staff later in the summer. Anyone with specific questions may call the University Day number, 973-720-2978.

OPI on the Web

The latest news on university events can now be found on the Office of Public Information's site on the web page. To look us up, visit the main William Paterson page at www.wilpaterson.edu, look under News/Events and click on University News to find the Office of Public Information, which features the online version of *The Bulletin*, the latest media releases, photos, sports news, calendar of events, campus activities, and news about William Paterson becoming a university.

Wahrman Appointed Director of General Education

Biology Professor Miryam Z. Wahrman has been appointed director of general education. She will be working closely with the Faculty Senate general education committee, headed by Barbara Sandberg, professor of communication; and the Senate assessment committee, chaired by



Miryam Wahrman

Robert Kloss, professor of English.

"I am excited about serving as director of general education," said Wahrman, "because I see many unique features and strengths in the program, as well as areas where the program can be improved and made more effective."

Wahrman says that the William Paterson community will be encouraged to participate fully in the process of improving GE. A listserv (online mailing list) is being set up to allow open discussion and dialog on the subject (contact Wahrman at wahrmann@nebula.wilpaterson.edu for instructions on how to subscribe to the listserv).

Wahrman has developed and revised many courses at all levels, and is in the process of planning a general education cluster course for fall, 1997, together with Peter Stein, professor of sociology and Rochelle Kaplan, professor of curriculum and instruction.

Small Named Associate V.P.

William Small Jr., who since 1970 has served the institution as a faculty member and in a wide variety of administrative positions, has been appointed associate vice president for minority affairs and diversity.

Outlining his vision for the university, Small declared: "The desire to achieve greater employment equity, to create a more tolerant and more respectful learning and work

environment; the desire to experience the richness and academic benefits that flow from diverse intellectual thought and discourse are, for me, exciting goals.

They are goals that will contribute to making William Paterson a better university."



William Small, Jr.



ALUMNI HELP CELEBRATE COMMENCEMENT: Six long-time William Paterson alumni attended the commencement ceremony on May 12 to help this year's graduates celebrate. They also participated in a special luncheon held in their honor in the Paterson Room in the library. Seated (from left) are Estelle Gelfand Mindlin, Class of 1947 and Celeste Iapichino DiCano, Class of 1946. Standing (from left) are Letitia Young-Otte, Class of 1945; Edith Baker Campbell, Class of 1934; Eleanor Wiegand, Class of 1945; Gaetano Dittamo, Class of 1947; and Lyssa Martinelli, director of alumni affairs.



RETIREES HONORED: A gala spring festival and faculty retirement celebration, sponsored by President Arnold Speert and Provost and Executive Vice President Chernoh Sesay, was held at The Tides on May 15 to honor faculty members who retired during the academic year. Pictured, left to right, are Speert; Soon Man Rhim, sociology; Elena Chopek, communication disorders; Suzanne Hawes, community health; Richard Reed, art; Edith Wallace, biology; and Sesay. Also honored were James Baines, educational leadership; Stella Hyman, mathematics; Henry Krell, dean of students; Karl Lunde, art; Virginia Mollenkott, English; and Jane Weidensaul, music.

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William Paterson Celebrates University Status

Gala Picnic on June 30 Follows Announcement



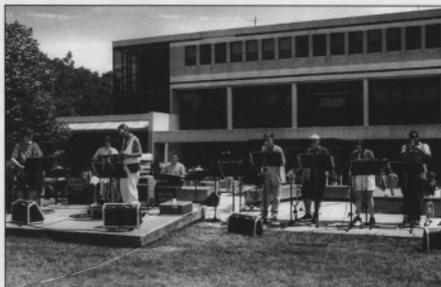
President Arnold Speert (top right) addresses the Commission on Higher Education following its vote to grant university status to William Paterson on June 27, 1997. The vote took place in Winants Hall on the campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.



U.S. Representative Bill Pascrell (D.--8th District), former mayor of Paterson and former New Jersey assemblyman, who made a special trip from Washington, D.C. to attend the June 27 meeting, congratulates President Speert.



Enjoying traditional picnic fare are, from left, Robert McCallum, chemistry; Michael Sebetich, biology; Lou Rivela and Gary Gerardi, chemistry.



Guitarist Ted Clancy, arts and communication, put together an ensemble which entertained everyone with a variety of upbeat music.



Picnic-goers enjoyed lunch, conversation and relief from the hot sun in the shade of a tent set up on the lawn in front of the Student Center. From left are Kim Demore, Dawn Palicia, Phyllis Rege, Nancy Malba and Theresa Carrigan, business services; Dolores Droumbakis, university relations; and Morteza Taherisefat, Pre-College Academy.



Tina Lesher (right), communication and Jackie Hill, library, were among those interviewed by the media.

Photos by Bill Blanchard

Wayne Chamber Orchestra Season Features Outstanding Soloists

Lyric soprano Vicki Fisk, internationally acclaimed pianist Gary Kirkpatrick, virtuoso violinist Chin Kim and award-winning ballroom dancers Angela Aguirre and Meyer Kaplan will be featured during the Wayne Chamber Orchestra's 1997-98 concert season, its twelfth in residence at William Paterson.

The ensemble's four-concert season, under the baton of conductor Murray Colosimo, begins on Friday, October 17 as the lyric coloratura soprano Vicki Fisk joins the orchestra for Prokofiev's "The Ugly Duckling." Also featured will be Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake Suite," as well as music by Respighi, Griffes and Mozart.

Gary Kirkpatrick, the William Paterson professor of music who has performed throughout the world, shines as soloist on Friday, December 5 when the orchestra performs "Fantasy Variations on a Theme of Youth" by American composer Howard Hanson. Works by Still, Sibelius, Tchaikovsky and Vaughan

Williams round out the program.

The season continues on Friday, February 27 with virtuoso violinist Chin Kim, who will solo on Samuel Barber's Concerto for Violin. In a first for the orchestra, the winner of a new Young Artist Competition sponsored by the ensemble will join Kim for Bach's Concerto for Two Violins. Pieces by Chabrier and Harbison complete the concert.

Ballroom dancers Angela Aguirre and Meyer Kaplan, both William Paterson professors, trade their chalk and erasers for dancing shoes as they tango and rumba in front of the orchestra in the season finale on April 24. The program will include music by Strauss, Copland, Piazzolla and Benjamin.

Subscriptions to the four concerts for faculty, staff and alumni are \$70 for Section A, \$55 for Section B and \$40 for Section C. Individual tickets are also available. For information, call the Shea Box Office at x2371.

New Carillon Clock Dedicated



Bill Hirschfeld

A dedication ceremony for the college's new 18-foot carillon clock was held recently in front of the Sarah Byrd Askew Library. The illuminated four-face clock that chimes on the hour and the half-hour was a gift from the Student Government Association in honor of the Class of 1997 to commemorate the institution's change to university status. Cutting the ribbon were (left to right) President Arnold Speert; Jennel Cooper, SGA president; Anne Li, president of the senior class; Roland Watts, dean of students; and Mark Evangelista, registrar.



Bill Hirschfeld

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NETWORK: The Career Development Center, under the direction of Ken Zurich, has established a partnership between the university and the business community to help develop a competent and diversified workforce for New Jersey and to help students prepare for the challenging demands of the workplace. The initial meeting between college officials and corporate and business representatives was held April 30, and was followed up with a campus tour on June 12. Above, business representatives get a first-hand explanation of the university's interactive television classroom in Hobart Hall.



Craig Wilkins

NEW SCULPTURE ON CAMPUS: "Papagano," a work by English sculptor Isaac Witkin, is situated on campus between the Askew Library and The Atrium. The sculpture is on loan to the university from the Chase Manhattan Bank collection.

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people added to the excitement of the day.

After receiving an honorary doctor of laws degree from President Arnold Speert, Whitman told the graduates to "always look at both sides of an issue and know there is still more that you don't see beyond what you read in the paper."

On a more personal note, she urged the graduates not to confuse the information superhighway with the road to enlightenment. "Just because you can reach someone on the other side of the globe doesn't mean you're excused from reaching out to those in closer proximity — your family, your neighbors, your classmates, your coworkers, or the person in trouble next to you.

"Only by bridging the gap between us will we make this world a better place. The Internet may help you snare unlimited data from around the world, but don't forget to catch up with those right in your own backyard," she said.

In addition to Whitman, honorary degrees were awarded to Senator John H. Ewing (NJ-Republican, 16th district), chair of the Senate Education Committee and chairman of the Joint Committee on Public Schools, who received an honorary doctor of laws degree for his 29 years of service in public office and commitment to education, and to David H. Cheng, a member of the Board of Trustees since 1990, who received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree for his service to the institution.

President Arnold Speert addressed the graduating class along with Senior Class President Anne Li, who delivered the statement for the class of 1997. A reception for the graduates was held in the Student Center Ballroom following the commencement exercises.

BOARD NOTES

The Board of Trustees held public meetings on April 5, 1997 and May 17, 1997 in the Board Room, College Hall.

At the April meeting, the trustees approved the conferring of degrees at the May commencement and the implementation of a four-day work week, where appropriate, for the period May 12 through August 29. Emeritus status was granted to Hugh Aitken, professor of music, "for his years of dedicated service to William Paterson."

Bid waivers were authorized for the college to enter into an agreement with the marketing firm of Art and Science Group, Inc. which conducted an external survey, analyzed the results and presented a recommendation for the appropriate name for William Paterson College "which reflected the significance of attaining university status." Waivers were also approved to retain the firm of Edgewater Design Associates for professional design services related to reconstruction of the football field and track and site improvements and landscaping in the area of Lots 3, 4 and the Atrium.

Laboratory fees of \$30 per semester were approved for four additional courses: Nursing 600, 604, 700 and 701. An administrative fee of \$10 per credit for the delivery of all off-campus Extended Learning Continuing Education courses was established. The Continuing Education non-credit withdrawal/refund policy was revised effective May 1, 1997. The new policy calls for a 100% refund less a \$30 administrative fee prior to the start of a program, no refund for any course of two or fewer sessions after the start of any course, a 50% or \$30 (whichever is greater) penalty if the request for withdrawal is received before the start of the second session, and no refund after the start of the second session for a course of three or more sessions.

At the May meeting, emeritus status was granted to Suzanne Hawes, professor of community health; Virginia Mollenkott, professor of English; and Joan Tuohy, professor of educational leadership.

The Board accepted the report of two independent consultants who conducted an on-site review and filed a report recommending university designation. The petition for university status was sent to the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education for its review and approval. The board approved an institutional name change from The William Paterson College of New Jersey to The William Paterson University of New Jersey, contingent on Commission approval granting William Paterson College university designation.

The trustees approved a contract with the firm of Syska and Hennessey for professional services related to design of a fire alarm system for the Towers Residence Hall, and with AT&T College and University Systems for the provision of administrative software and services related to resident student telephone service. A bid waiver was approved for design services relating to the renovation of 25 Power Avenue, Wayne, by the firm of Ronald Schmidt Associates.



Suzanne Hawes



Hugh Aitken



Virginia Mollenkott



Joan Tuohy

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APPOINTMENTS

Vickramasingam Arunasalam, Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Physics, 2/7/97-6/30/97
Robert Baumel, Director, Financial Aid, 2/10/97
Thomas DePietro, LAN System Manager, IRT Information Systems, 3/1/97
Jane Lloyd, Assistant Professor (half time), Art, 1/13/97-6/30/97
Barbara Martin, Public Information Writer/Editor, College Relations, 3/10/97-6/30/97
Pedro Martinez, Assistant Vice President for Special Academic Programs, Academic Affairs, 5/1/97
Horace Perkins, Assistant Track Coach, 3/1/97-5/31/97
Lindsay Shapiro, Assistant Professor (half time), Art, 1/13/97-6/30/97

EXTENSIONS OF APPOINTMENT

Zoya Barry, Program Assistant, Financial Aid, 3/1/97-4/25/97
Susan Green, Professional Services Specialist (half time), Academic Support Programs, 3/1/97-6/30/97
Brian Stella, Assistant Director, Admissions, 1/17/97-6/30/97

CHANGES IN STATUS

Frances Novick, from Librarian 1, 12 months to Librarian 1, 10 months, Library, 7/1/97
William Small, Jr., from Professor, Political Science to Associate Vice President for Minority Affairs and Diversity, Academic Affairs, 4/15/97

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Sung La, Professor, Chemistry and Physics, 1/23/97-5/2/97

RETIREMENT

Elena Chopek, Associate Professor, Communication Disorders, 7/1/97

RESIGNATION

Henry Gardner, Assistant Vice President for Community Outreach, Academic Affairs, 4/30/97

CHANGE IN APPOINTMENT DATE

Rochelle Gimenez, Dean of Continuing Education, 2/11/97

TERMINATION

John Brennan, Assistant Track Coach, 1/2/97

SABBATICAL LEAVES Half-Year Leave, Fall 1997

Vincent Baldassano

Half-Year Leave, Spring 1998

Angela Aguirre
Anita Barrow
Jerome Chamberlain
George Gregoriou
Ching-Yeh Hu
Meyer Kaplan
Donald Levine
Barry Morganstern
Gary Schubert
Doris White
Stanley Wollock

Academic Year 1997-98

Douglas Evans
Carole Gelfer
Behnaz Pakizegi
Susan Radner
Nelda Samarel
Sharon Smith

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APPOINTMENTS

Ursula Brylinsky, Project Specialist, Curriculum and Instruction, 1/13/97-6/30/97
Carlos Espinosa, Evaluator (Professional Services Specialist, part time, temporary), Advisement Center, 4/28/97
Din Feng-San, Assistant Professor, Special Education and Counseling, 9/1/97
Kenneth McGill, Evaluator (Professional Services Specialist, part time, temporary), Advisement Center, 4/28/97
Shridevi Rao, Assistant Professor, Special Education and Counseling, 1/2/98
Arnold Sackmary, Assistant Professor (fall semester only), Special Education and Counseling, 9/1/97-12/30/97

EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT

Theresa Ross, Assistant Director, College Relations, 5/2/97-12/31/97

MULTI-YEAR REAPPOINTMENTS PROFESSIONAL STAFF July 1, 1998 - June 30, 2002

Cordelza Bailey
Cinzia Hannibal
Carmen Ortiz
Shari Selke
Susan Semegram

July 1, 1998 - June 30, 2003

Michael Boroznoff
Stephanie Mykietyn
Lorraine Terrano
Mary Beth Zeman

CHANGES IN STATUS

Constance Argeson, from Word Processing Specialist to Program Assistant, Library, 4/14/97
Julie Barrier, from Assistant Director to Director III, Continuing Education, 4/1/97
Susan McNamara, from Associate Provost, Academic Affairs, to Professor, English, 7/1/97

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Sara Nalle, Associate Professor, History, 9/1/97-6/30/98
Shelley Weppner, Assistant to the Dean, Field Experience, 7/1/97-6/30/98

RETIREMENTS

James Baines, Professor, Educational Leadership, 7/1/97
Stella Hyman, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, 7/1/97
Richard Reed, Professor, Art, 7/1/97
Edith Wallace, Professor, Biology, 7/1/97

RESIGNATIONS

Mary Ann Coe, Instructor, Curriculum and Instruction, 6/30/97
John Galvany, Assistant Athletic Trainer, 3/29/97
Eric Kulma, Program Assistant (Assistant Studio Engineer), Communication, 1/31/97
George McCloud, Professor, Communication, 6/30/97
Marie McElgunn, Assistant Professor (half time), Nursing, 6/30/97

ATHLETIC APPOINTMENTS

James Igohe, Assistant Coach, Track, 3/24/97-5/31/97
Justin Renna, Assistant Coach, Men's and Women's Soccer, 4/8/97-5/31/97
Stephan Zdanowicz, Assistant Coach, Women's Soccer, 4/8/97-5/31/97