

This is William Paterson College; One of nine, four year, coeducational New Jersey State Colleges. Over nine thousand students from the greater metropolitan area attend William Paterson every year.

WPC is named for William Paterson, who was New Jersey's first Senator, second Governor, and a Supreme Court Justice. The College was not always situated here in suburban Wayne, NJ. WPC was founded in the City of Paterson in 1855 and was an integral part of the City until 1951. At this time the State purchased it's current 250 acre site from the Hobart family, but, the land wasn't the only gift given to WPC by the Hobarts. Along with the land came a Coach House/ Stable and a forty room Grand Mansion built in a Neo-Tudor Gothic style.

This proud field-stone "Castle" has a special significance to the College and surrounding communities.

Segue into Pres. Speert's remarks.

MANOR

SPEERT INTRODUCTION

GARRET HOBART WAS A ~~STATE~~ PATERSON LAWYER, A New Jersey SENATOR, AND Vice President OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER McKinley.

*His FAMILY* ~~when occupied by the family of Garret Hobart, United States Vice President under McKinley, the~~ *occupied* Lived here in this "Castle", now called Hobart Manor.

*This was* ~~was~~ the site of many gala social and cultural events for guests from northern New Jersey. WPC alumni remember the Manor as the president's, dean's or registrar's office, or classroom building--some of its many roles.

Throughout its history, the college has been responding to the changing educational needs of the region. Recently reemphasizing this regional orientation (mission), WPC is committed to the pursuit of excellence through intellectual, cultural and economic interaction with the community. An historic center of such interaction, the Manor will occupy a special place in that plan. It will once again serve as the site and symbol of the college's association with the region's businesses, community groups and neighbors.

Warm memories and historical significance merged as the college Alumni association began the Hobart Manor Restoration campaign to return the edifice to its former purpose and grandeur. Steeped in the past, an integral part of our present, Hobart Manor represents William Paterson College's future--educational excellence through interaction with northern. New Jersey.