

Keeping the Community Connected

We alumni are scattered all over the world, which makes staying connected to Wesleyan sometimes difficult. Yet even those who are geographically closer to Middletown can feel less than fully engaged in the life of the university. It is a choice we make, to become involved, and it's a choice that rewards us, individually and as a whole. You'll find that you will renew old acquaintances, make new friends from different eras at Wesleyan, and bask in the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to the life of this ever-evolving institution. Wesleyan is stronger when you participate. And from my experience, you get back more than you give.

As I mentioned in the last issue of *Wesleyan* magazine, the goal of the Alumni Association—in fact its main function—is to create, nurture and facilitate the connections between the university and its alumni. Taking advantage of these connections need not take much of your time.

You'll find many "points of access"

into the Wesleyan community. Some of the simplest ways to connect are to send some news for inclusion in the Class Notes (everyone likes to read about people they know), vote for candidates for alumni-elected trustee (one might be a classmate, friend, or other alumnus/a you have long respected), and make your annual contribution to the Wesleyan Annual Fund (increased participation in WAF sends a message of confidence in Wesleyan's mission). Don't wait; become engaged today.

Next, when you are ready to become even more involved, go to the Wesleyan Web site. There you'll find detailed information about local alumni club events, ranging from faculty visits (for instance, American Studies professor and author Richard Slotkin toured the country, speaking about his book *Abe*), to alumni panels on hot political topics, to book discussions, to parties celebrating holidays and happy hours, as well as "summer send-offs" for Wesleyan's latest crop of frosh. Also on the Web, you can learn how to help recognize outstanding teachers among the faculty

through nominations for the Binswanger Prize (who doesn't have a favorite professor to recall and honor?) or recommend a leader you know for consideration as an alumni-elected trustee. Or choose among the numerous life-long learning activities that range from travel abroad (last year we went to Hungary and Costa Rica, among other fascinating places), to the very popular on- and off-campus WESeminars.

When you are ready to be most connected, volunteer. Join the steering committee of your local club or of one of the national councils, call your classmates at a phonathon, help plan your next Reunion, offer to be a resource for the Career Center, become a Wesleyan Annual Fund volunteer. You'll renew old connections and make new ones, too.

Check out the Web site for all these opportunities as well as more detailed information on points of entry too numerous to mention. Or drop a note or e-mail to your nearest club or council chair or to me. I'd like to hear from you.

Join us.



Mark Edmiston '65, Chair,
Wesleyan Alumni Association

REUNION & COMMENCEMENT MAY 19–22, 2005



THE 173RD COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, MAY 22, AT 11 A.M.

FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT MAKELA STEINBERG '98, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS AT 860/685-2116 OR RC@WESLEYAN.EDU.

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Reunion & Commencement
Weekend News

Calling all “zeros and fives!” If your class year ends in a 0 or a 5, your Reunion is this May 19th through 22nd. Join your friends and classmates back on campus to remember the old times and create some new ones. Campus has changed a bit, but this is still your Wesleyan, and we hope you will be here to enjoy the festivities. For more information and to see who’s planning to come to Reunion, visit www.wesleyan.edu/rc.

Questions? Please contact Makaela Steinberg ’98, associate director of alumni relations, at 860/685-2116 or rc@wesleyan.edu

Wesleyan WWII Vets to
be Honored

Noting the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, Wesleyan and the Alumni Association will recognize alumni whose Wesleyan years were cut short by

the monumental conflict. Letters of invitation have been extended to Wesleyan men who left during the war and, for many different reasons, did not return to complete their Wesleyan degree; we hope they will return to accept expressions of Wesleyan appreciation and respect.

Certificates of Recognition will be presented during the Wesleyan Assembly and Annual Meeting scheduled for noon, Saturday, May 21st, during Reunion & Commencement Weekend 2005.

Drama and the Life of the Mind

Please join us for a symposium to consider the psychological and dramaturgical questions raised in Professor of Psychology Karl Scheibe’s book, *The Drama of Everyday Life*. Presenters will include Eugene Borgida ’71, Katie Buck ’99, Robert Feldman ’70, Naomi Goldstein ’95, Dara Greenwood ’97, Adam Koppel ’02, Catie Lazarus ’99, Phillip Shaver ’66, Wendy Spero ’97,

and Richard Zweigenhaft ’67, as well as Wesleyan Professor of Sociology Charles Lemert and Professor Emeritus of Psychology and Criminology at the University of California at Santa Cruz Theodore Sarbin. The weekend will conclude with “Career Pathways Extending from Psychology,” a career event featuring 25 of Karl Scheibe’s former students.

Join us Friday, April 22nd–Saturday, April 23rd, Honors College

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Every Vote Counts
(and will be counted)

In an age when skeptics question the outcome of national elections and eligible voters avoid the polls because they don’t believe their votes matter, it’s good to know that your vote for Wesleyan’s alumni-elected trustees

does count (and, indeed, will be counted). Nine members of the Board of Trustees (nearly a third of the Board) are elected directly by alumni to participate in the governance of the university. By voting in the trustee elections you are selecting alumni who will help make important decisions to ensure the continued success of Wesleyan.

This spring you will receive a ballot describing the seven candidates for alumni-elected trustee. Three of these candidates will be selected to serve on the Board of Trustees from July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2008. You may vote online or complete your ballot and mail it to the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations by May 22. Candidates for the 2005 election include Leo Y. Au ’71, Michael A. Donnell ’76, Julie Gill Kast ’79, Matthew M. Greenfield ’90, Tanya A. Bowers ’94, Channing L. Kelly ’95, and petition candidate Jacob Scott Robinson ’04.

All alumni are eligible to vote for alumni-elected trustees. Be sure to exercise your right and cast your vote in the 2005 election.


Graduate Liberal Studies
Program Alumni Network

In only its second year as an active and engaged alumni organization, the GLSP Alumni Network has begun in earnest. The Network has embraced the concept of lifelong learning by sponsoring faculty talks with Professors John Finn and Marc Eisner, a theater night and conversation with Long Wharf Theatre Director and GLSP Visiting Lecturer Kim Rubinstein, and a “book club” led by a long-time GLSP favorite, Charlotte Currier. The GLSP Alumni Network also held its first career change discussion group, and it recently announced that all graduate alumni are now a part of Wesleyan’s online community, WesNet. For more information about the GLSP Alumni Network or to get involved, visit


www.wesleyan.edu/glsp/alumni/



“We are pleased to announce that more than 200 alumni and friends have responded to the invitation made in Philip Brown's name last fall.”



“The total value of their bequest intentions for Wesleyan is more than \$100 million.”



Philip B. Brown ’44, P ’83 provided extraordinary service to Wesleyan as chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1969 until his death in 1980. In his will, he included a bequest to endow a scholarship. More than 24 Wesleyan students have benefited from the Brown Scholarship since 1980.

Have you planned a future gift for Wesleyan through a bequest, life insurance policy, IRA, or other asset?

If so, the university would like to recognize your generosity in the Wesleyan Campaign. Please contact us.

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