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Actor, alumnus David Selby to speak at WVU's Commencement May 16

BY JANEY CINK

"Richard Channing" from the '80s TV hit drama "Falcon Crest" will be delivering WVU's 135th Commencement address at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, at the WVU Coliseum.

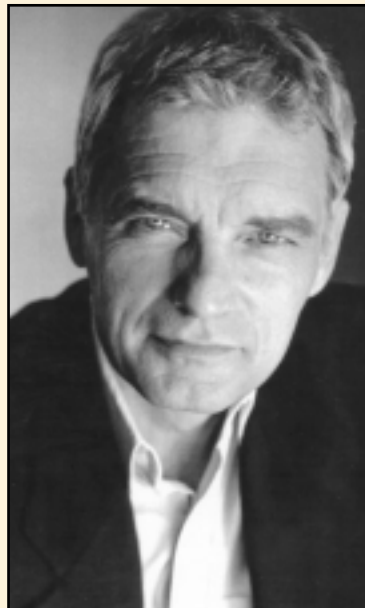
"Channing," or David Selby as he is known in real life, will be returning to his alma mater to address a crowd of some 12,000. Approximately 3,000 students will receive diplomas from WVU this spring.

Born and raised in Morgantown, Selby graduated from Morgantown High School and WVU. He earned a bachelor's degree in business and economics ('63) and a master's degree in communications studies and theater ('64). He also received a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University.

"It's always wonderful to come

back home," Selby said recently from his home in Los Angeles. "It gives my wife and me the chance to visit my father and relatives and to see our dear friends. Any time I visit West Virginia, I always get a pick-me-up, or a renewal. I feel re-energized."

Selby, whose career spans stage, television and film, has starred on "Falcon Crest" and "Dark Shadows," as well as made guest appearances on "Ally McBeal," "Touched



Selby

by an Angel" and "The Waltons."

During his career, he has shared the screen with Julia Roberts, Candice Bergen, Jacqueline Bisset, John Lithgow, James Earl Jones, Jason Robards, Barbra Streisand and other stars.

Although Selby left Morgantown many years ago, he remains connected with the University and the state. He is an honorary member of the WVU Creative Arts Center's Advisory Board and has

worked with the Governor's Honors Academy.

He and his wife, Chip, fund a guest artist series at WVU. In 1989, he was inducted into WVU's Academy of Distinguished Alumni and in 1998 he was given the first Life Achievement Award from the College of Creative Arts.

During Commencement, he will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from WVU.

Besides Selby, Meredith Sue Willis, West Virginia author, and WVU distinguished alumnus H. Leo Mehl ('59), director of worldwide racing for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, will be accepting honorary degrees from WVU during the ceremony.

For complete Commencement details, visit <http://www.wvu.edu/commencement/>.

Submit open enrollment forms by May 7

The Department of Human Resources Benefits Office reminds employees that the Public Employees Insurance Agency open enrollment period will end May 7.

Employees who want to make changes to their PEIA health insurance plan or Mountaineer Flexible Benefits Plan or who have been tobacco free since Feb. 1 and want to receive the Tobacco Free insurance premium discount, must submit the appropriate forms by the May 7 deadline. No forms will be accepted after that date.

Participants in Carelink must complete a PEIA Transfer Form stating that they wish to keep Carelink or change to another plan. Carelink participants who do not complete the Transfer Form will be automatically

enrolled in the PEIA PPB Plan.

Forms may be dropped off at the central Human Resources office in One Waterfront Place Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by using the HR "Drop Off Box" located in front of One Waterfront Place.

Employees may also drop off their form(s) or address questions or concerns at a "Forms Drop Off Booth" Wednesday, April 28, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Coliseum, and from 1:30-4 p.m. at Bennett Tower.

Employees with questions or concerns may contact the PEIA Open Enrollment Hotline at 1-877-676-5573 or the WVU-Benefits Office at (304) 293-5700 ext. 4 or at benefits@mail.wvu.edu for additional information.

WVU ending paper trail for online grades

BY JANEY CINK

Starting this summer, WVU will post students' final grades online instead of sending reports through the mail, Cheng Khoo, director of Admissions and Records, announced recently. The measure will not only save time and trees, but also cut costs by thousands of dollars and reduce duplicated services.

Under the current system, each paper grade mailer, or grade report, costs 48 cents to print and mail. With 23,000-plus students enrolled, the expense is roughly \$11,000 each semester. Khoo estimates online grades could save the University \$14,000-16,000 (accounting for stu-

dents who still request a mailed copy), which could be used for other programs or services during the fall and spring semesters.

Besides being a cost-cutting measure, the new system would offer the convenience of accessing grades from virtually anywhere through a Web site.

"The Web has become a commonplace method of communication on college campuses," Khoo said, "and with almost all WVU students using the Internet, it's reduced the need for paper copies. We've noticed over the past years, the volume of students looking at their grades online has increased."

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Benefits workshops just one example of HR's commitment to faculty and staff

With the development of comprehensive training programs offered on a continuous basis, the Training and

Development Unit of the Department of Human Resources has made significant strides in providing open communication and encouraging positive interaction between the members of the WVU community and the Department of Human Resources.

The recent series of "Benefits of Your Benefits" workshops is just one way HR makes its professionals available to assist employees. The HR Benefits staff developed and presented this informative workshop 11 times at four Morgantown campus locations and four regional campus sites over the current Open Enrollment period that ends on May 7.

Following through with Human Resources' commitment to support WVU employees, a complete personalized listing of current benefits was provided to each employee upon arrival at the session. Benefits professionals from the Department of Human Resources eagerly explained how to use available WVU Benefits plans to save money every month, while providing the resources to allow participants to enhance their benefits packages with changes and additions.

WVU employees appreciated the opportunity to discuss benefits options with HR benefits professionals. The following are several quotes from attendees in "The Benefits of Your Benefits" over the 2004 Open Enrollment period:

"I want to say thanks again for coming down and doing the [Benefits] presentation. You were a



big hit with rave reviews!" — Cheryl Maynard, WVU Charleston Area Medical Center


"Just a quick note to let you know how absolutely well-done and useful Tom Burwell and Natalie Ball's 'Benefits of your Benefits' T&D session was today. I thought you might appreciate the positive feedback on one of the best T&D's I've been to that has been done by University employees.

"Thank goodness for this T&D - I'm recommending it to my co-workers." —Donald Barnes, Institutional Advancement

"Just a note to say 'thank you' for the information at the Benefits of your Benefits workshop that I attended today. Very well done and much appreciated." —Linda Adams, Career Services, College of Engineering and Mineral Resources

Topics included of the training session included health insurance, life insurance, Mountaineer Flexible Benefit Plans (dental, vision, and special attention to medical/dependent care flexible spending accounts), plan changes effective July 1 and supplemental retirement annuities (SRA's).

Whether it's a question about insurance coverage or the need for a departmental Benefits training program, WVU's HR staff is just a phone call away. Visit the Human Resources intranet site at: http://intranet.wvu.edu/human_resources for more information about how HR can help you meet and achieve your goals, or call HR Training and Development at 293-7217 to arrange for a customized training for your department or division.



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Commencement volunteers needed

WVU Event Management is asking for your support. Approximately 30 volunteers are needed to serve as ushers/greeters Sunday, May 16, at the Coliseum.

These volunteers will direct guests and students, answer questions, distribute programs, and assist with "special seating" areas. The Commencement ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m., but volunteers will need to report at 10 a.m. to the Coliseum Blue Gate.

There are two shifts from which to choose: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (short shift) or 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (long shift). Breakfast treats will be provided in the morning; pizza in the afternoon. The ceremony will conclude around 3:45 p.m.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Eloise Tomei at Commencement_Volunteers@mail.wvu.edu or 293-8021, and indicate which shift is preferable. If there is a preference regarding gate or area, note that, too. More details will be forthcoming; the Event Management team will either arrange a briefing session or submit electronic advance instructions to all volunteers. Relatives, including teenaged children, or friends in organizations that might need to tally some service-oriented volunteer hours all qualify.

BOG retreat looks ahead to the WVU of 2010

The WVU Board of Governors recently completed its second annual retreat April 1. Board members agreed that this meeting of our members could very well be the most important to date.



Fairmont, Shepherd and West Virginia State College to be renamed universities.

HB 448 removes the Community & Technology College Council from juris-

diction of the Higher Education Policy Commission. It increases membership from 8 to 13 and appoints the chairperson of the WVU Institute of Technology board of advisors as a voting member of the WVU BOG.

Our board chair, Hank Barnette, stated that WVU faces many challenges during the state reduction forecast for higher education. He said we need to prepare to review alternatives to the expected budget reductions as we look ahead to the year 2010. Board members were cautioned that the retreat would not be a decision-making meeting.

One area we must address this year is institutional capacity planning. Enrollment is expected to drive revenue, and the board will consider a tuition increase for fall 2004.

An increase in enrollment is expected to lead to the need for additional faculty and staff as well as renovations of facilities. In a worse case scenario, the deficit amount will continue to grow while the state revenue begins to level off.

The governor recently signed into law SB 448. This bill relates to Community and Technology Colleges, and this new higher education system is expected to require more funding.

This bill gives community colleges the authority to govern independently. It further allows Concord,

WVU Parkersburg remains a regional campus of WVU, and the chair person of their board of advisors is also a voting member of the WVU BOG. This action increases board membership from the present 15 to 17.

The regular board meeting Friday was significant for WVU and regional campus classified staff. This meeting provided us with the opportunity to appear before the BOG and present "Charting Our Course; Doing More With Less." Each regional campus gave a five minute presentation that fulfilled the requirements of HB 2224; Article 6 that states the governing board shall meet at least annually with the regional campus representatives to discuss issues affecting classified employees.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of faculty, staff and administration, nor those of The Mountaineer Spirit.

Make a difference in your community: Become a volunteer

Someone once said that a volunteer is a person who believes that people can make a difference and is willing to prove it. I'm sure that most of us think that people dedicated to a goal can have an impact. The question I ask of us today is—are we willing to prove it?

Volunteers are important to making this world a better place for their neighbors and themselves. In our everyday lives, we see volunteers doing many things for the community—volunteers care for people and for the environment, working countless hours on their own or through churches and community groups.

One such group is Caritas House Inc. Caritas is a social service agency of the West Virginia Coalition for People with HIV/AIDS. It is one of three agencies, each serving a different geographical part of the state. Their mission is to help people who are infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS to live an independent and integrated life in the community. The Coalition

does this by providing housing and support services.

Caritas was founded on the belief that all people have the right to live with dignity. Through their residence, Caritas offers a nurturing and homelike environment. In the community, Caritas provides counseling, advocacy, medical and referral services. They also offer education and outreach programs to stop the spread of HIV.

Caritas has purchased and renovated a home to provide quality housing for people with HIV/AIDS and their families. From 1994 to 2003, the three agencies combined provided services to more than 500 people living with HIV/AIDS and to almost 400 affected family members.

The need for Caritas is immense. In 1987, the National AIDS Commission discovered that 50 percent of people



Jennifer McIntosh

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with AIDS in the United States were homeless. This statistic remains accurate today, across the nation and here in West Virginia. The West Virginia Department of

Health and Human Resources reports that as of 2002, there are more than 1,200 people infected with HIV or AIDS in the state. No other non-profit group or organization provides housing and support services to people infected with and affected by AIDS in north central West Virginia.

Caritas thrives through the services of not only its staff, but also its dedicated volunteers. Caritas recruits and trains volunteers who support case-management and client services, the Education/Prevention Program, and the community residence.

I currently serve as a volunteer on the Caritas Board of Directors and have seen first-hand the good that is

being done there. The dedication and compassion of the staff and volunteers is remarkable. Without the generosity and hard work of the volunteers, the efforts of Caritas House Inc. would certainly suffer.

Volunteers are an invaluable asset to our community. They provide services that most of us do not even know about. They give of their time and of their hearts and receive much in return. Volunteering at Caritas has enhanced my life in many ways. Most of us would agree that people can make a difference, but are we willing to prove it? I encourage you today to prove it—become a volunteer with Caritas or another group. Your life will be enriched as much as the lives of those you serve.

If you are interested in volunteering for Caritas House, please contact Andy Barnes, volunteer coordinator, at 598-5111 or 800-796-5699 or caritasvolunteer@hotmail.com.

Campus Adds More Recycling Options



RECYCLE 101—WVU student Ashley Reynolds drops an aluminum can in one of two recycling bins in front of the Mountainlair garage. The recycling bins include receptacles for glass, aluminum and steel cans, and clear plastic bottles with the number 1 inside the recycling symbol. Two additional bins are on the Evansdale campus across from the Towers tennis courts. The Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority provided the containers and is collecting the materials.

Photo by Bill Frye

Clinical Pharmacology database available

The Health Sciences Library has just finalized a license agreement allowing distribution of the Clinical Pharmacology database, an electronic drug information and medication management resource, to the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, WVU Hospitals, the Eastern and Charleston Divisions, Oman Medical College, and WVU faculty, staff and students. The database will be accessible from the Health Sciences & Medicine Database List at the WVU Health Science Library's Web portal, <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/library>.

The Clinical Pharmacology module can be also accessed through the

SOLE portal under the "Databases/Resources" link. This is useful if you would like to use the module from outside of the WVU/HSC network. After signing in to SOLE, no additional authentication is necessary in order to access this module.

Those interested can sign up for an upcoming class on Clinical Pharmacology Basics, provided by the Health Sciences Library.

For additional information about any other health-related databases, contact Susan Arnold at susan.arnold@mail.wvu.edu or 293-2105.

Injury, illness numbers posted

In accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, Environmental Health and Safety is posting the following injury and illness figures for the 2003 calendar year.

2003 WVU Injury/Illness Report
 329 Injury/illness cases reported
 182 OSHA recordable cases
 147 Non-recordable OSHA cases
 0 Deaths
 65 Cases with days away from work

10 Transfer or restriction cases
 1 Other case(s)-respiratory illness
 268 Days away from work
 54 Restricted days

The figures reflect only totals known to date. Final totals will be made available in the 2003 Injury/Illness Prevention Program report to be posted at <http://www.wvu.edu/~ehs>.

Questions regarding the above figures may be addressed to Health and Safety Specialist Carol Wells at 293-3792 ext. 1314.

Employees go hybrid in their car tastes

By JIM DAVIS

With concerns over global warming and rising gas prices, several WVU employees are joining a growing band of motorists getting behind the wheels of fuel-efficient hybrid vehicles.

Biologist James McGraw and his wife, Health Sciences and Training Academy Director Ann Chester, and computer networking specialist Deborah Nosse are among faculty and staff sold on hybrids. The vehicles run on both gas and electric power, reducing fossil fuel usage.

McGraw and Chester have been driving their 2004 Toyota Prius since last November. The car features a gas engine and an electric motor powered by a 500-volt battery guaranteed for 100,000 miles. It switches between the two power sources automatically.

"It is wonderful," he said. "It drives basically like a Toyota Camry, but I'm going to the gas pump about half as often as I would with a non-hybrid vehicle. In the winter when it is cold, I'm getting 45 miles per gallon. Now I'm getting 55, and that's in town. On my Honda Accord, I get about 25 miles per gallon."

The hybrid Prius costs as much as a Honda CRV sport utility vehicle, McGraw said. A \$2,000 federal tax break and an additional state tax credit available to buyers of hybrid vehicles brings the price down to that of a comparable mid-size car.

There were two "driving" forces behind McGraw's decision to buy a hybrid car – one economical and one environmental.

"I felt that over five to six years, I will save money on the car because the cost of gas is going up," he said. "I anticipate saving about \$1,000 on gas in the first year. The second and equally important thing is the environmental effect of cars.

"This car puts out so few emissions that when you drive it through a major city you actually clean the air," the ecologist and conservation biologist added, noting that a filtration system collects more pollutants from the air than the engine emits.

The Prius is the topic of friendly domestic disputes between McGraw and Chester.

"The person taking the longest trip gets it," he said.

Fuel economy was what attracted Deborah Nosse and her husband, Vernon, to their 2000 Honda Insight.

Nosse, a data network specialist with the Office

of Information Technology, commutes to work from Clarksburg. That's a 90-mile round trip each day.

"I use it mostly for a commuter car since I live in Clarksburg, but we've taken trips as far as Oklahoma in it," she said. "Around here in the summer, I average more than 60 miles per gallon. It gets a little less in the winter. In Oklahoma, where it's flat, hot and dry, we got 80 miles to the gallon."



Submitted photo

HAPPY HYBRID OWNER—Above, WVU biologist James McGraw poses with his 2004 Toyota Prius, a hybrid gas-electric car. McGraw is among a growing band of motorists getting behind the wheels of the fuel-efficient vehicles because of concerns over rising gas prices and global warming. At left, Tracy Novak, program manager at the National Research Center for Coal and Energy, points out hybrid car dashboard particulars to a Braxton High School staffer during a stop along the way of the recent "Hybrid-Electric Rally," a drive from Morgantown to Charleston to promote awareness of alternative fuel vehicles.

Photo by Greg Ellis

By comparison, the couple's 1993 Honda del Sol averages 30 miles per gallon, and filling up their Ford F150 pickup causes her "sticker shock," Nosse said.

The car has 96,000 miles on it, and the only maintenance done to date has been the replacement of the rear struts.

"That was entirely our fault," Nosse said. "The car weighs only 1,800 pounds and has a fairly light load capacity. With the two of us, we have a lot of luggage, and we overloaded it one trip."

The hybrid car movement started in the 1990s when there was a niche market for electric vehicles, said Al Ebron, executive director of the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium at WVU. The consortium, housed in the National Research Center for Coal and Energy, conducts education and outreach across the country regarding alternative fuel vehicles.

Hybrid vehicles first appeared on the market about four years ago and are expected to account for 20 percent of all automobile purchases in 10 years, Ebron said.

All of the major automakers are coming out with hybrid models over the next few years to meet growing demands resulting in six-month waits, he added. These include Toyota (Prius, Highlander

and Lexus), Honda (Insight and Civic), Ford (Escape) and General Motors (Tahoe and Suburban).

A combination of rising gas prices and environmental concerns is behind the popularity of the vehicles, Ebron said.

"While they're not a pure alternative fuel vehicle, they're very fuel-efficient and cleaner for the environment," he noted.

The automotive industry is at a watershed with regard to alternative fuels, with natural gas, propane and ethanol among the optional fuel sources, Ebron said.

Hybrid vehicles, he said, will lead the transition to the next generation of alternative fuel sources – hydrogen/fuel cells that emit only steam and water.

"I think it's exciting we're moving toward these technologies," he added.

McGraw and Nosse, both of whom participated in the consortium's "Hybrid-Electric Rally" April 2, would agree.

"I'd encourage people to go out and test drive one because it definitely is the technology of the future," Nosse said.

WVU animal scientists using cutting-edge feed technology

BY DAVID WELSH
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At a time when many are working to shed excess weight, a team of WVU researchers are looking to pack on the pounds...to cattle. And they're using cutting-edge technology to do it.

WVU's Reymann Memorial Farm in Wardensville, part of WVU's Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences, is now home to one of the most advanced pieces of feed efficiency technology in the nation, the GrowSafe 4000E. It's one of only a handful of these systems in use in the United States, and WVU animal scientists think it will have significant benefits for the state's beef producers and the WVU young sire evaluation program (<http://www.wvbeef.org/wbt/wbt.html>).

"Feed efficiency is a measure of how much animals eat as compared to how much they grow," explained Gene Felton, assistant professor of animal and veterinary sciences. Ideally, cattle will experience maximum growth with a minimum input of feed, saving production costs and increasing profitability.

"Feed costs account for about 60 percent of production costs in cattle production," Felton said. Consequently, it's in a producer's best interest to select an animal on the



THEY KNOW WHAT YOU'VE BEEN EATING—Gene Felton and Wayne Wagner check GrowSafe 4000E monitoring software in the Agricultural Sciences Building in Morgantown. The technology allows WVU animal scientists to keep tabs on the feed intake of cattle at the WVU farm in Wardensville, reviewing how much individual animals consume and how often.

Photo by David Welsh

right side of the feed efficiency equation, requiring as little feed as possible to create a pound in weight gain.

The GrowSafe takes a lot of the guesswork out of the selection process, according to Felton. The system includes a feeding station that only one animal can use at a time. Each bull or cow is tagged, allowing a system of sensors to record how

much it consumed and how that feed consumption was broken down over time. At the end of the test period, system users can compare consumption quantities and rates with weight gain in the test herd, finding animals that are making best use of the feed provided.

"Even a one-pound improvement in feed efficiency can lead to signifi-

cant savings for cattle producers," Felton said.

WVU faculty and staff at the Wardensville facility have just completed a study of the bulls and will now focus on cows in the research herd. Findings will be shared with the state's cattle producers to help them make choices to improve efficiency.

"If feed cost savings could be applied to the 200,000 calves in West Virginia alone, the impact could be approximately \$1 million annually for the state's beef producers, additionally, a 10 percent gain in feed efficiency may translate that producers could increase cattle inventory by 10 percent on the same land base," said John Warren, professor of animal and veterinary sciences.

While the technology is state of the art, Felton said they were taking its applications to another level, applying what they find about feed efficiency to the genetic level. The team has already compared its results to see how feed efficiency links to other desirable production traits in cattle.

"Early results suggest that producers can select for improved feed efficiency without negatively impacting other important production traits," Felton said.

"This just reinforces the importance of this technology and eliminates guesswork and reduces risk in the

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Online grades

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Internet access is readily available on both the Downtown and Evansdale campuses. At White Hall Computer Lab, students can use work stations and laptop ports 24 hours, seven-days-a-week during the fall and spring semesters. Other options include the Downtown Campus and Evansdale libraries and new Bennett Tower computer lab; and all nine residence halls are equipped for Internet access.

Another advantage is online grades will produce fast, reliable results. Sending grades by mail could take anywhere from one to two weeks for students to receive them after professors submitted them, and in many cases, delivery problems caused by incorrect or outdated addresses further delayed the process. With the

new system, grades will be posted in "real time" as faculty enter them into the system. They are also formatted to be easily printed.

At the same time, the new system will provide increased protection against fraud. Unlike paper copies, online grades can not be altered or viewed by anyone other than the student. Records posted to the Internet may only be accessed using a log-in name and MIX password, which students receive during the beginning of their first semester at WVU.

It is important to note that mid-term grades will continue to be mailed to students' permanent addresses, and students who are interested in receiving a "hard copy" of their grades may still request one. However, grades will not be automatically printed and mailed unless

they are specifically requested by the student online.

To submit a request, log onto <http://www.mix.wvu.edu/>, click on the STAR tab and follow the WVU STAR Information System link to the Student & Financial Aid section. From there, select "Request Grade Mailer."

Requests can be made through finals week, and grades will be processed approximately one week after the last day of final exams. Students may request one copy of their grade mailer per semester free of charge.

"This system is a natural progression," said Chris Martin, vice president of Institutional Advancement. "Technology now allows us to make the process more convenient, more cost effective and more student-

friendly."

"As with any program we pilot, we will take time to evaluate it at the end of the semester," she added.

WVU faculty and staff are encouraged to share this information with their colleagues. To ease everyone through the transition period, presentations will be made at Faculty Senate, Key Communicators, associate dean and adviser meetings, as well as New Student Orientation.

Announcements will also be made in E-News, the Mountaineer Parents Club newsletter and Parent Electronic News.

Over the next few weeks, students will also receive MIX e-mails explaining how to access their grades.

For more information, contact Admissions and Records at 293-2124 ext. 1511 or e-mail ckhoo@wvu.edu.

DiBartolomeo led educational, medical efforts School of Medicine leader dies

Anthony G. DiBartolomeo, M.D., 62, of Morgantown, a leader in medical education and health care at WVU, died April 17 at Ruby Memorial Hospital after an extended illness.

Dr. DiBartolomeo, a specialist in rheumatology, held more than a dozen leadership posts in the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center since joining the faculty in 1976. At the time of his death, he was professor of medicine, associate dean for clinical affairs and chief of the section of rheumatology, and was a member of the board of directors of University Health Associates.

He also served on the medical staffs of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Clarksburg and Morgantown Health Right.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, at St. John's University Parish, with the Rev. Father Donald X. Higgs as celebrant. WVU is planning a campus memorial service May 7.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the WVU School of Medicine, Section of Rheumatology.

The School of Medicine has placed a memorial page on the Internet where friends, students and colleagues may post remembrances and read more about Dr. DiBartolomeo: <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/dibartolomeo/>.

The Right Chemistry



DONOR, FAMILY HONORED—Edna Bennett Pierce, widow of WVU alumnus and philanthropist C. Eugene Bennett, and the couple's son Karl Bennett stand beside a plaque commemorating the C. Eugene Bennett Department of Chemistry. WVU dedicated the department in Bennett's name last week in honor of his and Mrs. Pierce's financial support to the unit in excess of \$6.6 million. The plaque will be displayed prominently on a wall on the second floor of Clark Hall.

Photo by Greg Ellis

Faculty Footnotes

Sader, Furbee honored by School of Journalism

The WVU P.I. Reed School of Journalism has chosen Archie Sader as Teacher of the Year and Mary Rodd Furbee as Adjunct of the Year. Each year the school's awards committee chooses the recipients for teacher and adjunct of the year based on peer review and student input.

Coben to lead CREM

Dr. Jeff Coben has been named director of the WVU Center for Rural Emergency Medicine. Coben is currently professor of emergency medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine. He is also a senior scientist at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Coben succeeds James Helmkamp, research associate professor, who has served as the center's interim director since June 2003.

Dawood named chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Dr. M. Yusoff Dawood has been appointed chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the WVU School of Medicine. Dawood is currently a professor in the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Two math professors receive awards

Mathematics professor Michael Mays received the Distinguished Service Award, the highest award granted by the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Mathematics assistant professor Laura Pyzdrowski was named the 2004 College Mathematics Teacher of the Year at the collegiate level.

Brown named Outstanding Librarian

Jo. B. Brown of the Downtown Campus Library's Reference Department is the first recipient of the WVU Libraries' Outstanding Librarian Award. A 23-year library employee, Brown has been bibliogra-

pher of the Journal of Appalachian Studies since 1995 and was editor of the University Libraries' Appalachian Outlook from 1985-2003.

Connor, Leyden get first Gabriel Faculty Awards

The Eberly College of Arts and Sciences announces the first two recipients of the newly established James and Arthur Gabriel - Gabriel Brothers Faculty Award Program: Patrick Conner from the Department of English and Kevin Leyden from the Department of Political Science.

The purpose of the Gabriel Brothers Faculty Award Program is to encourage, support and reward faculty endeavors, especially teaching, which focuses on America and American society and culture.

CEMR honors outstanding faculty

During the Weekend of Honors, the College of Engineering and Mineral Resources recognized its outstanding advisors, researchers and teachers.

The outstanding advisors were: Majid Jaraiedi, Industrial and Management Systems Engineering, and Nithi Sivaneri, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

The outstanding researchers were: Nigel Clark (Researcher of the Year) and Marcello Napolitano, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Ali Feliachi and Larry Hornak, Lane Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering; and Roger Viadero, Civil and Environmental Engineering.

The Young Researcher of the Year was Arun Ross, Lane Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering.

The outstanding teachers were: Kenneth Means (Teacher of the Year) and John Kuhlman, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Bojan Cukic, Powsiri Klinkhachorn and Matthew Valenti, Lane Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering; and Julio Davalos, Civil and Environmental Engineering.

**The next Spirit will be published Thursday, May 6.
Deadline for submissions is noon Monday, May 3.**

**Check the WVU Jobs Bulletin at
<http://www.wvu.edu/~humanres/emp.htm>
or call the 24-hour Jobline, 293-7234**

CAMPUS 3/21/04 CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Health Fair—Free screenings, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Mountainlair Ballrooms

Development Session for Chairpersons—*Forecasting Enrollment and Faculty*

Assignments, Gerald Lang, noon-1:30 p.m., Mountain Room, Erickson Alumni Center

Dissertations—*Tests for Causes of Rarity of Goldenseal (Hydrastis canadensis L.)*, Suzanne Sanders, 10 a.m., 5001 Life Sciences Bldg.; *Correlates of Nine-Month-Old Infants' Night Awakening*, Cheryl Wiedman, 3:45 p.m., 2315 Life Sciences Bldg.

RRI seminar—*The Practice of Regional Economics: Modeling and Applications*, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Greenbrier Room, Mountainlair

Eberly Distinguished Visitor Lecture—

Stochastic Resonance: From the Crayfish to Whole Animal and Human Behavior, Frank Moss, 4 p.m., 260 Hodges Hall

Poetry Reading—*Hip Logic*, Terrance Hayes, 7:30 p.m., Gold Ballroom, Mountainlair

CAC—*Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, 7:30 p.m., Gladys G. Davis Theatre; *Symphony Orchestra Concert*, 7:30 p.m., Clay Concert Theatre, Tickets: 293-SHOW

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Dow/Union Carbide/Jean Cropley seminar

—*Metrology: Its Impact on the Economy, International Trade and Quality of Life*, Ellyn Beary, 9 a.m., Erickson Alumni Center

Dissertation—*Evaluation of Time Out to Manage Children's Noncompliance with Cystic Fibrosis Treatment*, Catherine B. McClellan, 10 a.m., 1315 Life Sciences Bldg.

Tomchin Planetarium—*Midnight's Canvas*, 7 & 8 p.m., 425 Hodges Hall, reservations: 293-3422 ext. 1443; Tomchin Observatory, fourth floor of Hodges Hall, opens at 8 p.m. for public viewing if sky is clear.

CAC—*The Odyssey*, 7:30 p.m. Gladys G.

Davis Theatre, Tickets: 293-SHOW; New Music Recital, 8 p.m., Bloch Learning and Performance Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Betty Puskar Breast Care Center Soccer Invitational—10 a.m. (finals at 3 p.m.), Milan Puskar Stadium

CAC—Community Music Department Recital, 1 & 3 p.m., Bloch Learning and Performance Hall; *Boy Meets Girl*, 2 p.m., Gladys G. Davis Theatre; *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, 7:30 p.m., Gladys G. Davis Theatre, Tickets: 293-SHOW; Undergraduate string chamber ensemble, 8:15 p.m., Falbo Theatre

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Soccer shooting clinic/Breast Cancer Soccer Challenge—Hosted by the women's soccer team (for ages 5-18), 4-5:30 p.m., new soccer practice field, Breast Cancer Soccer

Challenge follows; INFO: 293-2300 ext. 5546

Wildflower Walk—2 p.m., Core Arboretum

CAC—Community Music Suzuki Recital, 1:30 p.m., Bloch Learning and Performance Hall; Choral Concert - Highlights of Franz

Lehar's *The Merry Widow*, 3 p.m., Clay Concert Theatre

MONDAY, APRIL 26

Sexual Assault Prevention Workshop—*Toxic Relationships*, 9 a.m., Alan McElvoy, Rhododendron Room, Mountainlair

Dissertations—*The Affect of Attitudes on Student Success in Pre-College Algebra*, Michael Wilder, 9 a.m., 701-B Allen Hall; *Critical Thinking and Web-Based Education in Maryland Community Colleges: How the Medium Promotes Development*, George E.

Perry, 9:30 a.m., 802-B Allen Hall;

The Use of Assessment Data in Academic Strategic Planning, Susan Aloï, 12:30 p.m., 802-B Allen Hall

CAC—Electronic Music Recital, 8 p.m., Bloch Learning and Performance Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Dissertation—*A Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis of West Virginia University Portal MIX (Mountaineer Information Xpress)*, Adel Alzenedy, 9 a.m., 802-B Allen Hall

HSC Faculty Development—*Research Design*, Rob Pack, noon, John Jones

Conference Center Banquet Room, Register: 293-1979

Benedum Distinguished Scholar lecture—

Economy and Entropy in the Rhetoric of Colonization, Timothy R. Sweet, 4 p.m., Rhododendron Room, Mountainlair

CAC—Faculty Chamber Recital, 8 p.m., Bloch Learning and Performance Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Open Enrollment Forms Drop-off Booth—8:30-11:30 a.m., Coliseum; 1:30-4 p.m., Bennett Tower

Dissertation—*Three Essays on Transfers, Trade Policy and Welfare*, Jonathan Munemo, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Dean's Boardroom, Business & Economics Building

HSC Faculty Development—*Patient Safety*, Dr. John W. Gosbee, 3-4 p.m., Mountaineer Room, John Jones Conference Center,

Register: 293-1979

CAC—Douglas O. Blaney Lobby dedication ceremony, 3 p.m.; Brown Lecture - *My Life in Music*, by composer Marvin Hamlisch, 7:30 p.m., Clay Concert Theatre; Joint Faculty

Recital: Curtis Johnson and James Miltenberger, saxophone/piano, 8 p.m., Bloch Learning and Performance Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Faculty Development Session—*ITRC 101: Introduction to Web CT Vista*, 3-5 p.m., White Hall Computer Lab, 3rd floor, register: wjs-paw@mail.wvu.edu

Dissertations—*Teachers' Beliefs in Relation to their Instructional Technology Practices*, Deniz Palak, 10 a.m., 802-B Allen Hall; *Electrochemical Detection of Mercury, Cadmium, Lead, and Copper at Boron-Doped Diamond Electrodes*, Carol M. Babyak, 11 a.m., Bennett Conf. Room, Clark Hall; *Usage of Instructional Multimedia to Enhance Interactivity Through Web-Based Learning in P-12 Settings*, Sharon L. Teabo, noon, 701-B Allen Hall; *Leadership Development of Community College Students: Does Participation in the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Development Studies Course Have an Effect on the Development of Leadership Behaviors?*, Beverly A. Wilcox, noon, 802-B Allen Hall; *Evaluation of the Treatment Utility of the*

Analog Functional Analysis and the Structured Descriptive Assessment, Carrie English, 3 p.m., 2315 Life Sciences Building; *Formation and Characterization of Metal and Metal Oxide Nonparticles*, Gary Glaspell, 3 p.m., Bennett Conf. Room, Clark Hall.

Readings by English MFA students—7:30 p.m., Rhododendron Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Last day of classes

Emeritus Weekend

Physics lecture—*A New Approach in Monte Carlo Simulations in Statistical Physics*, David Landau, 4 p.m., 260 Hodges Hall

CAC—Spring Ceramic and Print Sale, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Douglas O. Blaney Lobby; Public Art Reception, BFA Senior Exhibitions, 5 p.m., Douglas O. Blaney Lobby

SATURDAY, MAY 1

CAC—Spring Ceramic and Print Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Douglas O. Blaney Lobby

Athletics—Baseball vs. St. John's (double-header), 1 p.m., Hawley Field

SUNDAY, MAY 2

Athletics—Baseball vs. St. John's, 1 p.m., Hawley Field

CAC—Spring Ceramic and Print Sale, noon to 4 p.m., Douglas O. Blaney Lobby; Community Arts Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Clay Concert Theatre; Faculty Recital: William Skidmore and Carol Beall, cello and piano, 8 p.m., Bloch Learning and Performance Hall

MONDAY, MAY 3

Final Exams—continue through Saturday, May 8

Dissertation—*Effects of Schedule Segmentation on Pausing and Escape in the Transitions Between Favorable and Unfavorable Schedules of Reinforcement*, Tammy Renee Wade, 11 a.m., 2315 Life Sciences Bldg.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Dissertation—*An Analysis of Computer Mediated Communication Technologies as Tools to Enhance Learning*, Ana Casanova, 2 p.m., 802-B Allen Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Dissertation—*Graph Minor*, Jianbing Niu, 2 p.m., 204 Armstrong Hall

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News & Notes

Motor Development Center offering summer fun for kids

The Motor Development Center is offering Summer Fun for infants, babies, toddlers, pre-school and elementary school kids (4 months through 12 years). Go to <http://www.bechoosy.org> for the schedule of classes and the pre-registration form. If you have any questions contact Kerry McKenzie at 293-3295 ext 5250 or kerry.mckenzie@mail.wvu.edu.

Sexual assault prevention expert to lead workshop Monday on campus

Alan McElvoy, professor of psychology at Wittenberg College, will offer a workshop and discussion on his recent book, "Toxic Relationships," at 9 a.m. Monday, April 26, in the Mountainlair

Rhododendron Room. Dr. McElvoy is a leader in the field of sexual assault prevention on college campuses.

The workshop is sponsored by West Virginia Intercollegiate Council on Sexual Assault Prevention, West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and the WVU Sexual Assault Prevention Program. Reservations are appreciated, but not required by e-mailing dstrouse@wvu.edu.

Creative Arts to dedicate lobby; host renowned composer Marvin Hamlisch

The College of Creative Arts will dedicate its newly renovated main lobby at the Creative Arts Center at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 28. The space will be renamed the Douglas O. Blaney Lobby, in memory of the eldest son of Gerald and Carolyn Eberly Blaney of Chalk Hill, Pa., who provided the funding for the renovations. The ceremony is open to the public.

Also on April 28, world renowned composer Marvin Hamlisch will lecture and perform at the CAC at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Dan and Betsy Brown Lecture Series. "My Life in Music" will include music

from "The Sting," "The Way We Were" and "A Chorus Line," and is co-sponsored by Creative Arts and the Office of the Provost. The event is free and open to the public.

Classified Clips

Registration open for T&D workshops

Enrollment is now being accepted for the following Training and Development workshops: Wednesday, April 28—*How to Get Organized FAST!*, and Thursday, April 29—*Great-West: Exploring Investment Fundamentals*. Register by calling the direct enrollment line at 293-7217 or by e-mail at TRAINDEV@mail.wvu.edu. For workshop details, refer to the online workshop catalog at http://intranet.wvu.edu/human_resources/t&d/workshops

Davis College names employees of the year

WVU's Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences recently honored five staff members as the college's Classified Employees of the Year. Those recognized were Dennis Magaha, farm supervisor, WVU Tree Fruit

Research and Education Center at Kearneysville; Sue Myers, manager, Plant and Soil Sciences Greenhouse; Gail Sikorsky, horticulture worker, Plant and Soil Sciences Greenhouse; Susan Slider, research assistant I, Animal and Veterinary Sciences; and Ellen Hartley-Smith, administrative associate, Resource Management.

Tuition assistance, scholarship deadlines approaching for fall

Deadline for applications for the Staff Council Tuition Assistance Program for the fall semester is May 3. Scholarship applications for children of classified employees must be submitted by May 1. For more information on these programs, call 293-5965 or go to <http://www.wvu.edu/~staff>.

Catastrophic leave sought

Charles Jenkins, campus service worker, has been approved for catastrophic leave. To donate leave or for more information, call Medical Monitoring, 293-5700 ext. 8.

Safety Awards

Employee honored for saving student's life

BY JIM DAVIS

A WVU employee who is a volunteer firefighter in his spare time was honored recently for using his first responder skills to save the life of a student last October.

James P. Mitchell Jr., a trades specialist for Student Affairs Auxiliary Facilities, accepted the Good Samaritan Award during the President's Health and Safety Awards at Erickson Alumni Center.

He was among nine WVU employees and students recognized by WVU Environmental Health and Safety for their contributions to campus safety the past year.

Mitchell was inspecting fire equipment on the fifth floor of Braxton Tower Oct. 22, 2003, when he found a young man unconscious and not breathing on the floor of the men's bathroom.

Mitchell, a certified emergency medical technician and first responder with the Masontown Volunteer Fire Department, immediately went



GOOD SAMARITAN RECOGNIZED— James P. Mitchell Jr., trades specialist, accepts the Good Samaritan Award from Scott Kelley (left), vice president for administration, finance and human resources.

Photo by Greg Ellis

into crisis mode. He administered first aid to the student and notified the WVU Department of Public Safety and Monongalia County Emergency Medical Services.

After reviving the student, he stayed and calmed him until rescue workers arrived.

"The actions taken by James helped to avert what could have been a tragedy," Jerry L. Howell, operations manager for Student Affairs Auxiliary Facilities, said in nominating Mitchell for the award.

Other employees receiving awards at the annual Safety Awards event were Frank L. Saus, chemical hygiene officer, National Research Center for Coal and Energy—University Safety Award; and Albert G. "J.R." Taylor Jr., academic lab manager, C. Eugene Bennett Department of Chemistry, and Paul Ludrosky, academic lab manager, Department of Forestry—Safety Achievement Awards of Excellence.

Sign up now to be a Special Olympics volunteer

Preparations are well under way for the 2004 West Virginia Special Olympics Summer Games June 4-6 at WVU, and organizers are once again looking to the community for help in making sure success of the games continues.

"We are now seeking about 1,500 volunteers from the local area to help run the Summer Games," said Bobbie Bodkin, volunteer coordinator.

Volunteers of all ages are needed to help athletes with all aspects of the games, she added.

To help with the games, volunteers must complete an application form available at <http://www.wvu.edu/specialolympics/>. Volunteer forms are available in two formats: an online version or a PDF/downloadable version. Volunteers are encouraged to use the online version, if possible. Application forms can be obtained by calling 293-5489 or the Special Olympics toll-free hotline at 1-888-988-2269.

Deadline to complete the form is May 24.

SHAB health fair offers free screenings

The Student Health Advisory Board will host its first annual health fair today (April 22) from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Mountainlair Ballrooms.

Activities will include free screenings for cholesterol, hearing, vision, glucose and blood pressure; chair massages and aromatherapy; flexibility and grip testing; and self-defense techniques demonstrations.

Health professionals will also be on hand to offer advice on weight management, contraceptive options and sexual assault prevention.

The event is open to the public.

Feed technology

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herd selection process," explained Wayne Wagner, animal husbandry specialist with WVU Extension. It also improves the possibility that beef producers, through careful selection, will be able to breed feed efficiency into their herds, creating long-term feed savings and increased income.

In addition to its benefits to producers, Felton says the technology is a point of pride for WVU.

"This is at the forefront of animal science," he said. "We're not jumping on the bandwagon; we're pulling it."

It's also a fitting companion effort for the college's ongoing research work on forage utilization in support

of Pasture-based Livestock Systems, Genomic Marker Identification of important production traits and the Rumen Fermentation Profiling service laboratory.

Acquisition of the system was made possible by U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd through \$435,000 in funding over three years from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, with the support and input from the West Virginia Cattlemen's Association, Davis College and WVU Extension units, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the West Virginia Farm Bureau.

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Instructors can make book by getting orders in early for next semester



Staff Council hears update on Kronos project



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Interview schedule set for finalists for Parkersburg presidency

Open forums with each of three finalists for the WVU Parkersburg presidency will be held from 2:15-2:45 p.m. April 26, 28 and 29 in the college theatre (Room 1305).

The candidates and their campus visits are:

- Dr. Harry R. Faulk, associate provost at Fairmont State College—Monday, April 26
- Dr. Robert Sedlak, provost and vice chancellor for academic and student affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Stout—Wednesday, April 28
- Dr. Marie Foster Gnage, senior vice president for academic affairs at Raritan Valley Community College—Thursday, April 29

In addition to the open forums, the finalists will meet with students, employees and community representatives during their campus visits. They are also meeting with administrators at WVU.