We're Going "Up the River" on October 18th!

Come back to your alma mater and be part of our special Alumni Day activities for 2003. This year we will be having a very special event for the afternoon—A BOAT RIDE ON THE BEAUTIFUL HUDSON RIVER. We will leave from Tarrytown on the 1:15 boat and cruise the Hudson for two hours, enjoying the views of the fall foliage and the sparkling waters of the Hudson River which brought life and livelihood to this part of New York's heritage.

The day will begin on campus in the Student Center. Our morning events will include asumptuous BRUNCHand our new famous SILENT AUCTION, along with the presentation of the Voyager Award, updates on the College by Dr. Hankin, and the presentation of Anniversary Certificates. We will be honoring the graduates of 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993 and 1998.

You'll find the complete Alumni Day schedule on page 4, along with a registration form. Please sign up now to reserve your spot on the boat and at our lovely event.

Travel back 200 years in two hours. Sail up the majestic Hudson and gaze at scenery that has inspired painters and writers for over two centuries. Your guide will share history and stories about one of the nation's most historic and beautiful rivers.

Honors Students Study at Cambridge

"It was amazing—absolutely amazing!"

That was the first comment from many of the 18 WCC Honors students who recently returned from three weeks of study at Cambridge University in England. The 18 scholars, all students in, or new graduates of, the WCC Honors Program, left the U.S. on the first weekend in July for one of the greatest adventures of their lives. Six of the students were supported by the WCC Foundation, thanks to donors Barbara Abele and Shirley Durst.

They were accompanied by Dr. John F.M. Flynn, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, who acted as their faculty advisor and mentor at Cambridge.

"It was a wonderful opportunity for our students," said Dr. Flynn. "They lived in the student rooms at St. Catherine's College, ate dinner each night in the Hall, attended two seminars each day and were invited to sit in on two plenary lectures each day in the University's lecture halls."

This was the first year that WCC has sent students to participate in the International Summer School Program in Shakespeare Studies, a three-week summer session at one of the most prestigious universities in the world. WCC is one of only three community colleges in the nation to offer this program for credit. Rockland Community College has participated in the program for six years, and Montgomery Community College in Maryland is now in its fifth year.

Dr. Mira Sakrajda, professor of English and co-director of the WCC Honors Program, said "I was as excited as my students about the unique and challenging opportunity. They could have been in the same section as students from the Sorbonne and Yale, but they knew that they had support from Westchester Community College." Dr. Sakrajda, adding that the program is part of a trend for community colleges to offer more advanced academic courses while also maintaining open enrollment and offering remedial help.

The day will begin on campus in the Student Center. In the morning, there will be a program followed by a reception honoring the graduates of 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993 and 1998. You'll find the complete Alumni Day schedule on page 4, along with a registration form. Please sign up now to reserve your spot on the boat and at our lovely event.

Looking for a new place to meet a friend for lunch? Thinking how nice it would be to go out for a gourmet lunch without running up a huge credit card bill? Have we got a deal for you!

For a delicious change of pace at an almost silly price, you can visit the Westchester Community College Instructional Dining Room. Every Tuesday during the fall semester, and Tuesday and Wednesday in the spring semester, WCC has a full course meal as part of their course work. The cost is a nominal $5, and you don't have to work on campus to enjoy the delicious food—anyone is welcome to come. On any given day you will see tables filled with local residents who know they've found the best food deal in town.

To further enhance the dining experience and your appetite, here is one of the menus that was served in the Instructional Dining Room last semester:

Grilled Coconut Shrimp with Salsa Dipping Sauce
Roasted Fendl Strudl with Mushroom Sauce or New England Cod Supreme
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Asparagus with Grilled Squash
Mixed Baby Green topped with Balsamic Vinaigrette or Toasted Pignoli Nuts
Light Rye Bread
New York Style Cheesecake with Fresh Strawberries or Ice Box Chocolate Chip Cookies
Coffee, Tea or Tropical Iced Tea

Did we say five dollars? Yes, that's the price. The small charge helps to cover the cost of each day's ingredients and give the students a necessary and valuable learning experience. They prepare the menus at the beginning of the semester, building each menu around a theme such as experience. They prepare the menus at the beginning of the semester, building each menu around a theme such as experience. They prepare the menus at the beginning of the semester, building each menu around a theme such as experience. They prepare the menus at the beginning of the semester, building each menu around a theme such as experience. They prepare the menus at the beginning of the semester, building each menu around a theme such as experience. They prepare the menus at the beginning of the semester, building each menu around a theme such as experience. They prepare the menus at the beginning of the semester, building each menu around a theme such as experience. They prepare the menus at the beginning of the semester, building each menu around a theme such as experience. They prepare the menus at the beginning of the semester, building each menu around a theme such as experience.

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It’s not just cars making left turns or watching cars drive in circles all day long. We’re talking stock car racing, ARCA, BUSCH Grand nationals and Winston Cup Racing – America’s fastest sport. The first thing that needs to be done is to dispel the rumor that fans of car racing are Southerners, hillbillies, rednecks, or any other group of people they wouldn’t have a full set of teeth between. That statement is so far off the mark, it’s actually insulting to the large number of people who spend our weekends watching the races from our homes or the stands.

Race fans run the gamut – from CEO’s, lawyers, schoolteachers, construction workers and housewives. And America’s fastest spectator sport isn’t for the light of pocket. Although the vast majority of races are held on the East coast (the Cup season boasts 35 races per year – the longest spectator season going), it’s not the type of sport that is usually driven to the day of the event like a football or baseball game. One reason, there is the amount of traffic that is generated going to the venue, another is that it’s usually not just one race on the weekend.

And a typical “weekend” for the die-hard race fan will begin on Thursday and end on Monday. Thursday usually brings ARCA and BUSCH qualifying (that is what determines that starting grid for main events). It’s Friday, it’s Cup qualifying, and practice sessions. Saturday’s main events are either the ARCA race or the BUSCH race followed by Winston Cup Happy Hour. No, that’s not where all the Cup drivers gather for drinks and munchies – it’s the final hour of Cup practice before Sunday’s race; a final chance to see how the car handles or to make any last minute changes to the car’s set-up (which does vary from track to track). For those that travel for the races for the weekend, by car, they are looking at a minimum of going away and having their pockets at least $570 lighter. Most hotels that are within 20 miles of any race track will ask for a three night minimum at a premium price and since most races occur in areas that are not often traveled, this is the hotel operator’s chance to make what they have lost the rest of the year because they know people don’t like to travel far or get stuck in a conga line of traffic that can stretch for 3 miles!). To paraphrase a rumor that fans of car racing are Southerners, hillbillies, America’s fastest growing spectator sport isn’t for the light of pocket. It’s the type of sport that is usually driven to the day of the event like a football or baseball game. One reason, there is the amount of traffic that is generated going to the venue, another is that it’s usually not just one race on the weekend.

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Fifties

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Seventies

Sylvia Zarecki Thorne, ’70, is a registered nurse at Brunswick Community Hospital near her home in Sunset Beach, North Carolina. Her husband Fred, also a WCC graduate (’70), is a realtor/broker for Coldwell Banker Real Estate. He is a member of the association’s Senior Clubs at WCC. He and his wife went on to earn his BBA at Pace University, while Sylvia continued her education at WCC. She received her degree in Biology and Sylvia and Fred moved to North Carolina from New Fairfield, CT in 1999. They have two children, Heathern and Kevin. R. G. HESSUS, ’71, wrote: “I recently renewed my membership in the WCC Alumni Association. I joined the board of directors of the American Veterans of World War II and served as president of the local chapter. I am still grateful for the assistance she received at WCC.

Fifties

Carole M. Fico, ’56 and ’91, retired from Philip Mor- ris, Inc. after 21 years of Critical Care and Emergency Room nursing. She and her husband now live on Cape Cod.

Nineties

In 1996, she has had her own law practice since 2000. Miami where she earned a B.S. in Political Science and gradu- ated from the University of Miami School of Law. She was one of the co-founders of the Cuban American Law Student Association and the Cuban American Legal Defense Fund. Currently, she is the chief legal officer for the Cuban American National Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes the general welfare of the Cuban Americans.

The photo above shows Carol Pfeffer, a retired professor of Spanish at Pace University and the recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Educator Award.

Shannon Purdy & Eric Kort

Jane L. Rosman, ’78 is a free-lance writer and editor, and bachelors degree in Communications/Lit- erature from Pace University. Jane feels that her writing ability improved since WCC, especially in the past 15 years. I have lived many of my personal and professional goals. I have published books and articles in literary journals. I have been a publisher of a literary journal and am currently writing a book. BERNARD WINIARSKI, ’78 wears many hats as hus- band, father, industrial engineer and entrepreneur. Ed was the subject of a recent article in the Westminster County Business Journal.

The 47-year-old WCC alumnus is the head of two companies headquartered in Dobbs Ferry, EAW Electronic Systems Inc. and Optimus Technical Systems. Both companies are in the business of facilities manage- ment, providing design and supply services for facilities projects and building/ electrical and plumbing security systems. The companies are known for such products as the Trip Flap, a proprietary portable security system that oper- ates by remote control; the hydro- phone, which detects and deter- mines the sounds of everything from the drop of a coin to the drop of a piece of ice in the heat control room. He credits the 20 years experience in manufacturing management, specializing in the electronics industry. He received his associate’s degree in business and science from WCC in 1978. After working for several years as a foreman at Otis Elevator, he decided to return to WCC to pursue his Bachelor of Science in Technology degree. WiniarSKI launched EAW in 1988 with his wife, Victoria. The small contract manufacturing business evolved into a successful multi-million dollar enterprise with many government contracts. In 1999 he purchased Optimus Technical Systems OAS because, as he says, “I saw a good marriage be- tween a product and manufacturing.” He reversed the nega- tive trend, doubled the company’s staff and established a corporate identity with brand name for a national market. The two companies have a combined staff of 35 people, mostly scientists and engineers. In 2002 their company revenue was $2.8 million, and WiniarSKI predicts that this number will approach $7 million by 2005. In addition, WiniarSKI has plans to soon purchase a third company. Even though it’s a short distance from Valhalla to Dobbs Ferry, Ed WiniarSKI has certainly come a long way.

Carole Pfeffer

New Millennium Grads

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Cambridge Study Program

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“Project Wildflower” in Bloom on the Taconic State Parkway

Meadows of yellow, white and pink wildflowers are blooming along the Taconic State Parkway in Westchester between the Pleasantville/Pleasantville Road exit and the 134/Ossining exit. Six different meadows, planted exclusively with native flowering perennials, can be seen on either side of the parkway and the median. The flowers create beautiful vistas for local travelers and tourists as well as provide birds, butterflies and other wildlife with additional food and habitat in Northern Westchester.

Project Wildflower was initiated several years ago by Westchester Assemmblywoman Sandy Galef and jointly sponsored by The Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College, and Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining. Region 8 of the New York State Department of Transportation took the lead in planning and budgeting for this beautification and wildlife support project after attending the “Managing Roadsides Naturally 2000” Conference at WCC which was sponsored by The Native Plant Center. The Native Plant Center and Teatown were ready to pitch in with advice and funds to pay for a consultant. A landscape designer was contracted to create the seed list and plant the seeds.

Native perennial wildflower seeds were sown in June 2002 alongside the Taconic in Westchester. They successfully germinated to form carpets of yellow tickseed and black-eyed susans in July 2003, and soon to bloom are purple coneflower, yellow coneflower, goldenrods, and asters. Taconic travelers are assured a lifetime of pleasure as they pass these meadows year after year and watch them change and develop. Native birds, butterflies and other wildlife will also benefit from the food and shelter these meadows provide. Non-productive grassy areas have been changed into productive, life-enhancing and beautiful meadows.

The Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College is dedicated to educating people about the importance of native plants of the Northeast. As the first national affiliate of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas, we are extending the educational and environmental concepts of the Texas Center to this region. We share information on choosing, growing and maintaining native plants. Our mission is to educate people about the environmental necessity, economic value and natural beauty of native plants in the Northeast.

We have also created the Lady Bird Johnson Demonstration Garden on the WCC campus. It contains native species which will thrive in the Northeast. There is no better way to learn about and understand these plants than by watching them grow, mature, flower and seed. In addition, we offer lectures by native plant experts at the college.

If you would like to support our mission or find out more about us, Project Wildflower, please call The Center at (914) 785-7870, or e-mail wcc.nativeplant@sunywcc.edu. The Native Plant Center is a project of the Westchester Community College Foundation.

Friday Night Film Series Enters 12th Year

The hugely popular Friday Night Film Series is beginning its twelfth year at WCC with the Fall 2003 season. Listed below are the six outstanding recent films which will be featured this fall. The series is hosted by Prof. Bill Costanzo, who introduces the films, provides program notes, and leads discussions. Showings begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Academic Arts Theatre; refreshments are provided. A season subscription costs only $36; for senior citizens, $30. A single admission, when available, is $8 ($7 for seniors).

For further information, call 914-785-7870. Infrared listening devices are available at the box office.

*The Fast Runner on September 5. This 2002 Canadian release is the first feature ever filmed in the language of the Inuit people of the Arctic Circle. Based on a story dating back a thousand years, it follows Atanarjuat’s coming of age in a world where ice and snow compete with ritual and intrigue, jealousy and betrayal, and human dignity. Inuit/English subtitles.

*Innocence on September 12. In this Australian film from 2001, Paul Cox proves that love near seventy can be passionate. His couple—separated since their teenage romance—meet for the first time and discover they are still in love. What happens next? In English.

*No Man’s Land on September 19. Danis Tanovic’s dark comedy from Bosnia (2001) is about the absurdities of war won an Oscar and a Golden Globe Award for Best Foreign Film. Set during the 1995 conflict in Bosnia, the film centers on two soldiers, a Bosnian and a Serb, who find themselves caught in a trench between opposing armies. The film is in English with subtitles in Bosnian, Serbian, Croatian, and French.

*Young Friends on October 3. Arik Kaplun’s spirited romantic comedy (Israel, 2001) is set in Tel Aviv during Gulf War tensions, when sterns warn of Scud missiles which lovers make love. The winner of ten Israeli Oscars, the film weaves the stories of Russian immigrants, demonstrating that “life goes madly on despite the most fearsome threats to our safety and security.” (Andrew Sarris.) Hebrew and Russian with English subtitles.

*Mostly Martha on October 10. Walter Salles’ latest film (Brazil, 2001) is about families caught in a relentless feud and romance springing from barren soil. Beautifully photographed and acted, the story is both hauntingly realistic and provocatively allegorical, a ray of hope in a fatalistic world. Portuguese with English subtitles.

*Behind the Sun on October 17. Peter Greenaway’s ambitious film from 2001, Paul Cox proves that love near seventy can be passionate. His couple—separated since their teenage romance—meet for the first time and discover they are still in love. What happens next? In English.

ADDITIONAL FEES REQUIRED

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