

# CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

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## President's Letter

Well it's almost time for back to school as the summer comes to a close and we go into fall. I have had a most enjoyable summer representing the chamber at different events.

I would like to congratulate Angela Bertugli on being crowned Miss Rain Day 2001. I have had the good fortune to spend some time with Angie and I look forward to attending chamber events with her the rest of my presidency. Angie let me be Queen for an hour and a half on Rain Day by letting me wear her crown in the chamber office while she was on the dunk tank, it was hard giving it back to her.

A special thank you goes out to Alyssa Corfont for her year as Miss Rain Day 2000, I hope she had a memorable year. Alyssa has been a good sport and has faithfully carried out her duties with pride; I know that some of the events she attended will never be the same. I enjoyed my time with Alyssa; we had a lot of laughs.

**Change your calendar** the revitalization town meeting on August 9 was canceled it will be rescheduled in **October** so watch your newsletter and your mail for the date and time. It is not too late to get involved!

Enjoy what summer you have left get in all those vacations!

Susan W. Stoy

## J-M GRADUATE NAMED MISS RAIN DAY

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The 2001 Miss Rain Day court are, from left, Cassie Mooney, Rachel Lynn Burack, Queen Angela Bertugli, Emily Spade and Meaghan Bruno. The flower girl is Hallie Kreuzer. Photos credit: Picture Perfect Images

Two years ago, when Angela Bertugli was just sweet 16, she didn't even place in the Miss Rain Day pageant.

But on Sunday night, the 18-year-old graduate of Jefferson-Morgan Junior Senior High School, was chosen Miss Rain Day 2001.



Queen Angela Bertugli

"I am overwhelmed, very overwhelmed," Bertugli said Monday just before she was about to experience one of the spoils of winning the silver sash and rhinestone crown - a plane ride over Greene County.

"This was an honor I always hoped to receive," she said. "When they called my number I could not believe it."

Bertugli, daughter of Remo and Emilia Bertugli of Rices Landing, was selected for the title from among 12 young women who participated in the event, which is sponsored each year by the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

She also placed first in the personal interview segment of the competition. For the talent portion of the contest, she performed a jazz routine to "City Lights."

"This is a fun pageant," she said, "and I made 11 new friends. We all have the same interests singing, dancing, and cheering. Looking at the other girls I realized I was looking at myself," she said.

Her first official act as Miss Rain Day will be Wednesday when she attends the Chamber luncheon at noon. On Sunday, she will attend a 6:30 a.m. breakfast at St. Ann Church in Waynesburg before she and her court appear at Rain Day festivities later that day.

"One thing I would like to do is greet all the kindergarten students at Jefferson-Morgan on their first day of school. I hope that might make their day a little less stressful," she said.

Bertugli will attend Washington and Jefferson College in the fall.

First runner-up in the competition was Emily Spade, 15, daughter of John and Rosetta Spade of Waynesburg, who also won the sportswear and evening gown competitions. She also won the Kelly Smotzer award. Spade is a student at Waynesburg Central High School.

Second runner-up was Rachel Lynn Burack, 16 who also won the talent competition and the John O'Hara Award for writing the best essay. She is the daughter of Charles and Cyndee Burack of Greensboro, and attends Mapletown Junior-Senior High School.

The third runner-up was Meaghan Bruno, 14, daughter of John and Karen Bruno of Waynesburg. She was also named Miss Personality and Miss Photogenic. She attends Margaret Bell Miller Middle School.

Fourth runner-up was Cassie Mooney, 15, daughter of Robert and Helen Mooney of Waynesburg. She attends Waynesburg Central High School.

The Rain Maker Award for the contestant who raised the most money went to Lindsey Coneybeer, 16, daughter of William and Sharon Coneybeer of Jefferson. She is a student at Jefferson-Morgan Junior-Senior High School.

Bertugli and members of her court will reign at this year's Rain Day celebration in Waynesburg Sunday.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 22, 2001

Noon to 1:00 p.m. • Groovy's American Cafe

SPEAKER: DOROTHY DAWSON - EXPERIENCE WORKS

SPEAKER: RICHARD ROBINSON - EDWARD JONES & COMPANY

TOPIC: NEW 401K PLANS OFFERED THROUGH CHAMBERCHOICE

Networking Opportunity - Bring Your Business Cards

## Warrior Trail School Celebrates 22nd Anniversary

Warrior Trail School is a parent-operated preschool and Pennsylvania Department of Education Licensed Kindergarten which was founded by a group of parents in western Greene County who wanted to be involved in their children's education. It was named after an old Indian path that winds through Greene County. The school first opened its doors in November 1979 in Rogersville. Warrior Trail School is the oldest establishment of its kind in Greene County.

The Warrior Trail School is unique in that it is controlled by the parents. A nine-member board governs the school and parent-school partnerships are strongly encouraged in all aspects of school activity and operation. The school motto, taken from **Indian Chief Sitting Bull**, is "Let us put our minds together and see what life we will make for our children." We at Warrior Trail School feel that we are making a better life for "our" children!

The development philosophy at Warrior Trail School is that children are individuals who learn in different ways. These different learning styles are fostered with a variety of activities so that the children can explore their own skills and talents. Emphasis is placed on helping children develop a positive attitude towards learning. Many different areas are incorporated into the creative curriculum used at Warrior Trail School to prepare the students to enter Kindergarten and First Grade. Included in the curriculum are language arts, social studies, science, mathematics, health, safety, music, art, and physical activity. Warrior Trail School has recently added 10 computers to their classrooms and "hands on" computer lab, Spanish Classes, art and music will be included into the curriculum. The

Pennsylvania Department of Education Licensed Kindergarten features a low student to teacher ratio, lots of individual attention, and qualified staff.

Warrior Trail School is very excited to announce the addition to our dedicated staff of a new Director. Mrs. Susan Cowan, M.Ed. has joined the staff of Warrior Trail School as Director/Administrator. Mrs. Cowan, a resident of Waynesburg, brings with her a great deal of experience in the child-care field as well as 10 years of grant writing and community organization experience. Son, Ian Cowan, has been a student at Warrior Trail School for the last five years and Mrs. Cowan has served on the Warrior Trail School Board of Directors for the last 18 months. Mrs. Cowan was the former Director of Child Care Services for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Community Development Corporation.

Many students from Waynesburg College have also been a positive influence to Warrior Trail School students over the years. These college students, including those from the Bonner Program, Education and Nursing Departments, volunteer to teach mini-lessons or assist with such things as snack times, art projects and field trips.

Today the Warrior Trail School is located at 30 East Wayne Street, on the Waynesburg College Campus, next to Stewart Science Hall. It serves children ages 13 months through five years on site. An affiliated After school Program is located in the Music Room of the Waynesburg Central Elementary School, for students in grades First through Fifth. Fall registration is still being accepted for both the preschool and after school programs. Please feel free to call 724-627-8363 for more information or to schedule a visit.

## AUSTRALIA SERVICE TRIP EXPANDS STUDENT'S UNDERSTANDING

A group of sixteen Waynesburg College students recently returned from a two week service experience at the Aboriginal Community, outside Hervey Bay, Queens Lands, Australia.

According to Bonner Scholar Director Pat Delaney, the trip furthers the mission of the College's service objective. "Our students have an ongoing commitment to service in Greene County, but to experience the need for service in a foreign land is eye-opening," she said. "The students learned about the plight of the Aborigines and how overcoming bias can lead to a greater understanding of cultural diversity. This was not a leisure trip, rather a community service experience on a "scrub farm" (a welfare-to-work community where skills are taught). Students built a boat ramp, picnic tables and benches, and a handicap access ramp made of stone and concrete. They helped coordinate a web page and transplanted and cultivated seedlings. In addition, the scrub farm helps to raise cultural awareness of the aboriginal community, and the students worked on traditional pottery and art projects."

Students raised their own money for the trip and are already planning their next experience to a homeless shelter in Los Angeles and a Tijuana orphanage in May 2002. "Any small part we play to improve the world is worth the effort," said Delaney.

Waynesburg College is among only 23 "Bonner Schools" in the country and offers scholarship aid to students willing to undertake a major commitment to volunteer service while in college. Students deliver over 1,100 hours of volunteer service every week of the school year through work with numerous nonprofit organizations and agencies.

## Chamber Polo Shirts Still Available

Green polo shirts with the Chamber logo embroidered in white are now available to members at a cost of \$20 each, \$24 for XXL. Members are encouraged to purchase shirts and wear them proudly to let everyone know that you support your Chamber of Commerce!!! To order shirts, please contact the office.

## Thank You For Renewals

Thank you to the following members for renewing their 2001 membership investment:  
Office of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Edward Jones & Company

## BEHM'S OPEN HOUSE

The staff of Behm Funeral Home Inc. located at 182 West High Street, Waynesburg, will be hosting an open house on Saturday, September 8, 2001 from 1 to 5 p.m. A brief program recognizing Frank J. Behm's service to our community will be held at 2:00 p.m.

## WELCOME New Members

GREATER PITTSBURGH COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Jim Douglas  
412-471-2927  
Non-Profit Scouting Agency

## Thank You . . .

Kyowa America Corp. for donating the proceeds from their Rain Day food booth once again to the Chamber's Educational Scholarship Fund.

## Members Take Advantage of Alltel ADSL Service

In last month's newsletter, an insert offered members the chance to sign up for high speed Internet service (ADSL) through Alltel. Members have signed up to take advantage of this great member benefit.

John Owen

Timothy N. Logan, Esquire

The Corner Cupboard Food Bank

This high speed internet service is on display at the Chamber office and if you'd like to stop by and surf the net for a few minutes, you'll see how much time you can save with this feature. In addition, you no longer need two lines to use your phone and your Internet service at the same time; this one line does both at the same time. For more information or to get a sign-up sheet faxed to you, please call the Chamber office.

## Training Events

- 9/12/01 Mechanics of Starting a Small Business; 532 Masonic Temple Pitt's Main Campus; 8:00 a.m. – 10 a.m. – No Cost
- 9/13/01 Mechanics of Starting a Small Business; Washington Federal, 77 S. Main Street, Washington, PA; 8:00 a.m. – 10 a.m. – No Cost
- 9/20/01 "Small Business Innovation Research: Understanding the Basics of Federal Funding for Technology Development"; 31st Floor, Regional Enterprise Tower, Pittsburgh; 8:00 a.m. – 10 a.m. – No Cost
- 9/25/01 "Deadlines & Commitments: What to Leave In and What to Leave Out"; University Club, Oakland; 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; *\*A program of the Entrepreneurial Fellows Center*
- 9/26/01 "Effective Leadership in an Evolving Economy"; University Club, Oakland; 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; *\*A program of the Family Enterprise Center*

**\* For information on Entrepreneurial Fellows Center & Family Enterprise Center programs call 412-648-1544.**

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## A New Mission Statement Is Adopted

WAYNESBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MISSION STATEMENT

*Adopted at the General Membership Meeting, July 25th, 2001*

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To provide services and programs that will increase the success of member businesses and organizations and enhance the economy and quality of life in the Waynesburg Area. To remain a politically unbiased and enthusiastic resource to our members and the community at large.

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Goals:

1. To represent member businesses, agricultural, professional, industrial, educational, and community interests that enhance economic and civil well being.
2. To promote member business development in conjunction with the Greene County Industrial Development Authority, Waynesburg Borough, the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency and other appropriate entities through the coordination, not duplication, of efforts.
3. To provide value-added programs and benefits to promote membership and to help members achieve success.
4. Maintain a positive, productive alliance with other Chambers of Commerce.

## Limited Publication for the Benefit of the Greene County Historical Society

Mary Moline's fifteenth book and her first book of poems, *Poetry of Character*, a limited, special bound edition of 200 copies was published for the total benefit of The Greene County Historical Society. Mary, a long time donor and member of The Historical Society decided to do the book when she learned of the need for funds to replace a section of the historical building's wind-torn roof. Over the winter she gathered up the precious, written mementos of her life, most just jotted down on bits of paper. She polished and edited, then published her thoughts. Fortunately, memories of Greene County were among them.

Mary will attend the October Historical Society Fall Festival for a book signing of the 200 copies now available for purchase at the Greene County Museum.

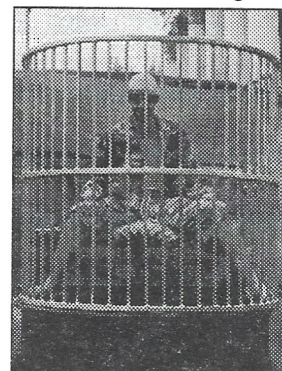
## DUNK TANK A BIG SPLASH ON RAIN DAY

"Crazy Dougie Wilson" of WANB challenged the new Miss Rain Day, Angela



Bertugli to a Charity Challenge to see who could raise the most money in one half hour sitting on the Dunk Tank. Doug came prepared in his usual crazy style, complete with little yellow rubber duckies. He

did a good job and raised \$48 for the Greene County Historical Society. When his turn was over, he left a chilling surprise for Miss Rain Day, two bags of ice in the tank!!! Angela took it all in stride and beat Doug, by \$2, the cost of the ice!! She was able to raise \$50 for the Juvenile Diabetes Association. We thank these two great sports for having



such fun raising money for these two worthy charities.

The Miss Rain Day Contestants challenged one another to a Dunk-A-Thon by pre-selling tickets to be used to dunk any one of the contestants during the day. Elizabeth Jane Carroll and Emily Spade both tied for first place and both will receive a \$50 savings bond donated by Representative Bill DeWeese.

Chairman, Renee Jones and the ladies from the Moose are to be commended for a job well done. Marsha Mackey, Reta Jones, Judy Bedillion, Ellen Owens and Mandy Hall ran the tank during the festivities for the Chamber. Chamber members Carol Howard and Susan Stoy also helped run the tank and all in all, everyone had a great time!!!!



# UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER MYSTERY SHOPPER PROGRAM

Professional SBDC consultants will visit your business anonymously and unannounced to observe:

## Customer Care

- Established Eye Contact
- Listened
- Showed Interest or Concern
- Answered Questions
- Suggestive Selling
- Price Clearly Quoted
- Closing Statement – Thank You!

## Facility Evaluation

- Cleanliness of Exterior
- Use of Window Displays
- Cleanliness of Interior
- Appearance of Shelves/Inventory
- Appearance of Employee

## Evaluation

A detailed report will be compiled with the information gathered using the site-visit worksheet. The report will include a review and analysis of customer care and of the facility, with recommendations and general observations. This report will be mailed to you and a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the experience and any questions you may have.

## Goal

To offer you, the business owner a confidential, professional, unbiased evaluation of your company to assist you in improving customer perception and service.

For more information, please call (724) 627-9054.

## MEMBER PROFILE

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## Working with a Financial Advisor

*Six Steps to Help You Get the Most Out of the Relationship*

Timothy Matthew (724)-743-6151

In conjunction with

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Would you trust your medical diagnosis to a casual acquaintance? Do you cut your own hair or dry clean your own clothes? For some services, it makes more sense to pay a professional who has the expertise to deliver the best results. A professional financial advisor can help you build a sound estate plan, designed to help you reach your long-term planning goals. These six steps can help you locate and get the most out of this important relationship.

**1. Choosing Your Financial Advisor** – One of the best ways to find a financial advisor is through a referral of a friend or relative. Your accountant or lawyer may also be able to provide you with a referral. Since they come with a recommendation from someone you trust, referrals can help you feel more confident about your choice of financial advisor. You can also find a financial advisor by attending an investment seminar or reading the business section of your local newspaper.

**2. Set Up a Consultation** – Your first meeting is an opportunity to become acquainted with the advisor and find out if you feel comfortable working together. You should make sure a prospective advisor is a good match for your financial outlook and personality. Ask the advisor about the types of clients he or she is currently working with and try to evaluate if your financial objectives are well matched to their areas of expertise. Follow up with questions about education, experience, and qualifications. Before selecting an advisor, you should feel confident that a prospective advisor can accurately explain the financial arena and the benefits of different financial tools.

**3. Discuss Your Goals and Obligations** – In order to help you clarify your financial goals, your financial advisor will need detailed information about you and your financial situation, philosophy and risk to

tolerance. Be candid about our income, debts, future obligations, current assets and anything else that may impact your financial situation.

**4. Ask Plenty of Questions** – The more you know about financial planning, the more control you have over your financial future. Use your financial advisor as a resource. Financial advisors have access to current information that can help you better understand their recommendations and the performance of your plan. And if you don't understand something, make sure to ask.

**5. Meet or Speak Regularly** – Your financial advisor has the expertise and knowledge about planning, but won't be able to fully understand the details of your financial situation unless you share them. In order to keep your estate plan moving in the right direction your advisor needs up-to-date information on life changes that may have financial implications, including:

- Marriage or divorce
- The birth or adoption of a child
- The purchase of a home
- A change in your work status, or that of your spouse
- Additional current financial responsibilities, such as college payments or care for aging relatives
- An inheritance or other financial windfall

**6. Listen** – Professional advisors can draw from years of experience and help you maintain a long-term perspective on your investment plan through good markets and bad. You'll get more out of your relationship if you are open-minded about your advisor's recommendations. While you may not agree with every idea your advisor presents, being a good listener can help increase your investment knowledge.

Following these six steps can help you locate and have a successful relationship with a financial advisor.

## Thank You . . .

Jacobs Petroleum for donating the August General Membership door prizes. Three deluxe car washes.

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- Pecjak's Sunoco
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- Waynesburg Boro Street Crew

from the  
Dunk Tank Committee

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## 2001 Miss Rain Day Pageant Staff & Committee

Director ..... Andrew Corfont  
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# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2001  
Groovy's American Cafe

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Perrine-Waynesburg College, Lisa Kreuzer-Chuck's Collision Shop and the Beer Barrel, Damon Neroni-Washington-Greene Job Training Agency, Connie Clark-Kyowa America, Cory Grandel-Waddell & Reed, Andrew Corfont-Community Bank, Linda Corfont-Linda C. Corfont, C.P.A., Mary Parkinson-Honorary Member, Shirley Stockdale-Clerk of Courts, Kathleen Gregg-Greene County School to Work, Judy E. Rastoka-W.A.N.B. Radio, B.J. Quallich-W.A.N.B. Radio, Louise Gapen-Merle Norman Cosmetics, Millie Wonderling-Bowlby Public Library, Nancy Davis-Greene County Education Center, Ruth Enci-Area Agency on Aging, Robyn Dayton-Individual Member, Susan Stoy-Representative Bill DeWeese and Pam Bogucki-Rolling Meadows Nursing Home. Guest included Rachel Burack, Cyndee Burack, Cassie Mooney, Helen Mooney, Meaghan Bruno, Emily Spade and Angela Bertugli.

President Susan Stoy called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. Introductions were made around the room. On a motion by Cory Grandel, seconded by Pam Bogucki, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one correction. On a motion by Nancy Davis, seconded by Millie Wonderling, the treasurer's report was approved. On a motion by Shirley Stockdale, seconded by Cory Grandel, the secretary's report was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Chairman, Andrew Corfont presented the Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant Court members and announced each of their individual awards. The court members are; Cassie Mooney - 4th Runner-Up, Meaghan Bruno-3rd Runner-Up, Rachel Burack-2nd Runner Up and Emily Spade - 1st Runner Up. Hallie Kreuzer, daughter of member Lisa Kreuzer was introduced as the crown bearer. Angela Bertugli was introduced as the new Miss Rain Day. She spoke briefly on her emotions the night of the pageant and what her future plans are. She thanked the Chamber for sponsoring this event. The Rain Day Dunk Tank will feature a Charity Challenge this year between Miss Rain Day, who will be raising money for Juvenile Diabetes and Doug Wilson of WANB who will be raising money for the Greene County Historical Society. Charles Perrine reported that the Revitalization Steering Committee has rescheduled the August 9th community meeting to October 10th at the Waynesburg Theater. This will allow time for committee progress to take

place so a report can be made to the public. The Promotions committee is active and is looking to tailor a database to type of merchant/service in the downtown area that would allow for specific mailings. A short term marketing plan with six major promotions each year is being planned. A survey will take place at the Greene County Fair to see what the public thinks about the downtown. The survey is a joint effort between WANB Radio, Waynesburg College and the Greene County Messenger. The College will place banners on High Street during the week the students return to campus and they are working on a map that would showcase all Chamber member businesses in the downtown area that would be provided to all students. The Organization Committee has not formally met but Melody Longstreth and Mary Pruss have researched the new name of the Revitalization Committee, "Waynesburg, Prosperous and Beautiful" and will be filing the incorporation papers in the very near future. The remaining two committees, Design and Economic Restructuring have not met. On a motion by Andrew Corfont, seconded by Pam Bogucki, the membership formally endorsed the Vision Statement prepared by the Revitalization Committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:** President Susan Stoy invited everyone to drive by the office and view the new street sign that will be erected on Friday. This sign was a project of the Long-Range Planning Committee. B.J. Quallich of WANB Radio reported that the response to Greene County Day at Kennywood Park was very good. Everyone in attendance seemed to have a great time. Some of those who attended was present and agreed that a good time was had by all. She thanked the Chamber for serving once again as a ticket outlet for the event.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Damon Neroni of the Washington-Greene Job Training Agency invited members to attend the Job Fair which will be held on August 10th from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Carmichaels Fire Hall. Charles Perrine of Waynesburg College thanked everyone who turned out for the week long "Celebration of the Arts" on the college campus.

On a motion by Andrew Corfont, seconded by B.J. Quallich, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Longstreth,  
Executive Director

## WCCC Trustees Approve Adoption of Academic Guarantee

YOUNGWOOD, PA - Westmoreland County Community College trustees and administration reaffirmed their confidence in the quality of their programs and graduates to meet the needs of area employers by instituting an academic guarantee.

The guarantee, adopted by the board at the Wednesday, July 25 meeting, will provide up to 15 additional credit hours of course work tuition free to graduates of WCCC's associate in applied science degree programs whose competencies do not meet the expectations of their employers.

At the urging of the state's community college presidents, the academic deans developed the initiative so that it could be adjusted to meet each school's needs. The WCCC guarantee becomes effective May 2002 and applies to all associate in applied science degree programs in the areas of accounting, business, computer information systems, engineering science and industrial technology, horticulture, hospitality management, human services, new media and office administration.

The guarantee stipulates that the alumnus must be employed full-time in a position related to his or her field of study within one year of graduation. Following an employer's written notification of a graduate's lack of entry-level skills, WCCC will develop an educational plan to address the specific skill deficiency.

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### WCCC Trustees Approve Adoption of Academic Guarantee

"The academic guarantee is an affirmation of our confidence in the quality of our programs and our graduates," said Dr. Daniel J. Obara, vice president for academic affairs and student services.

"Our faculty carefully develop and assess the competencies for each program, so I don't think students will need to use it to any great extent," Obara added.

In other business, the trustees approved a telecourse fee of \$10 per credit hour effective with the spring 2002 semester. The fee, comparable to a fee for a classroom based course, will cover the college's costs for telecourse licensing fees which average \$29 per student. With the new fee, the \$25 deposit previously required to borrow videotapes and refunded when the tapes were returned, will be eliminated.

Also in financial matters, the board authorized higher pay rates for noncredit instructors effective August 1. The new rates, which reflect an average increase of four percent, are: \$12 per hour for assistant instructors; \$17 per hour for avocational recreation, academic/literacy and emergency services instructors; \$22 per hour for occupational instructors; and \$28 per hour for technical instructors.

Following the meeting, WCCC President Daniel C. Krezenski announced the appointment by the Westmoreland County Commissioners of a new member to the board of trustees. Sister Lois Sculco, vice president for administration and student life, will fill the unexpired six-year term of Robin Holmes, who relocated.



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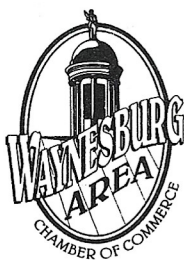
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