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Trumpeting the Class of 1998



Staughton Lynd receives an honorary doctor of laws from Haverford President Thomas Tritton.

THE SWEET SOUNDS OF jazz mingled with warm words of advice as 300 students received their undergraduate degrees during Haverford's annual commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 17.

In perfect spring weather, doctor of humane letters recipient Wynton Marsalis told the graduates the story of the first time he ever tooted a note from his trumpet. It was in an empty New Orleans lot under the magical ear of his teacher Danny Barker, and he was one of five children that day who squawked their way through a tune on different instruments. Three decades later, Marsalis flawlessly played the same tune for the graduates. It was a lesson in the magic of teachers, patience and potential.

"All of those musicians who played in that band when we were eight and nine are all still playing New Orleans jazz today, and a lot of them are the best musicians you've ever heard in your life," Marsalis explained. "What that old man could hear then, none of us could hear. He's the one who made us understand what the music was about, and he taught us what it meant to hear and to listen."

Marsalis was joined on the podium by fellow honorary degree recipients, Terry Gross, a public radio talk show host, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Sadako

Ogata and peace activist Staughton Lynd, each of whom offered the graduates advice and support.

Lynd, a lawyer, writer, activist and teacher, was presented with an honorary doctor of laws for his lifelong commitment to peaceful social change and empowerment. He was a leading anti-war spokesman during the Vietnam War who accompanied Tom Hayden and Herbert Aptheker during their controversial visit to Hanoi in 1965. Blacklisted from various teaching appointments at five Chicago-area universities, Lynd became a lawyer specializing in employment law. In the late 1970s he served as counsel to the Ecumenical Coalition of the Mahoning Valley, which served to reopen the steel mills in Youngstown, Ohio under worker-community ownership. He is the author of

numerous books on such topics as social history, labor organizations and nonviolence.

Lynd asked the graduates to have a preferential option for the poor in their future lifestyles. He argued that living with the less fortunate can act as a vital first step in both understanding and opting to support those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

"The underlying concept is that simply by being present, by coming there and staying there, one makes the greatest contribution one can make," Lynd said.

Ogata, a recipient of a doctor of humane letters from the college, urged students not to forget the thousands of refugees in the world seeking safe sanctuary from violence and oppression.

"I think democratic societies have to be inclusive of everybody who is weak, deprived or excluded," Ogata explained. "And, as you move on in your life, just keep in mind that unless you bring attention to the weak or the deprived or the excluded – and I'm pleading on behalf of the refugees here – democracy is not complete. So please, care for the weak as you thrive, have lots of fame and lots of opportunities. Just remember there are always people who have to be helped to be mainstreamed into society."

Gross, host and executive producer of the Peabody Award-winning public radio talk show, "Fresh Air," was awarded an honorary doctor of letters. She told stu-

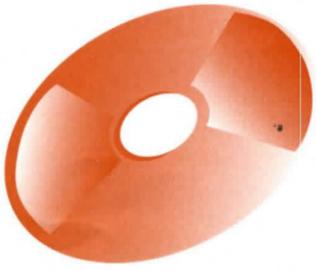
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The Class of 2002 arrived on campus August 26 for the start of Customs Week, Haverford's annual student-run orientation program. The class of 170 women and 152 men was selected from the third largest applicant pool in the college's history and boasts an impressive list of academic achievements and extracurricular activities: 65 percent lettered in a sport and 28 percent served as team captains; 52 percent volunteered in a service program or project; 36 percent wrote or edited a school publication; 37 percent participated in a musical group; and just about half of the class were members of a student government organization or served as a club leader.



Wynton Marsalis

Joe Tolliver Named New Dean of the College



"Monsterslayer," music professor Curt Cacioppo's new CD recording of original compositions performed with the Emerson Quartet, is now available by order and in select music stores. Proceeds from the Capstone Records recording will benefit Haverford's newly endowed Native American Fund, which provides financial support to students working on Native American sociological, medical and legal projects, campus programs on Native American topics, and Native American students with financial need who may aspire to a Haverford education. To order the CD directly from Albany Music Distributors call 1-800-752-1951.

JOSEPH A. TOLLIVER, the former dean of student affairs at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., assumed the position of dean of the college in early August. The selection of Tolliver to succeed Randy Milden concluded a six month national search during which more than 125 candidates were considered.

"We had an exceptionally strong pool of candidates for the position of Dean of the College, but when Joe Tolliver visited campus, he captivated everyone – students, faculty, and staff alike," says President Thomas Tritton. "He brings a wonderful combination of experience and enthusiasm, and I know he will be a source of both conviviality and wisdom for student life at Haverford."

As dean, Tolliver will oversee the full range of student activities, including academic counseling, career development, student volunteer programs, first-year orientation, health and psychological counseling services, multicultural affairs and study abroad programs.

For the past seven years, Tolliver served as the chief student affairs officer at Skidmore College. As one of six vice presidents at Skidmore, he participated in the college's overall planning and administration and was an advocate for student concerns with the faculty, administration, trustees, parents and alumni.

"Joe lives and breathes student personnel work and has a real feeling for students' lives on a campus like this one," says Greg Kannerstein, head of



Joe Tolliver

the search committee that recommended candidates to President Tritton for final consideration for the position. "He has a real commitment to the core values of Haverford but will also introduce some new ideas and ways of doing things, we suspect. Haverford was fortunate to have had an outstanding pool of candidates for this important position, and Joe Tolliver's selection is a tribute to the quality of his previous work and his ability to communicate with all segments of the Haverford community."

Tolliver is a graduate of the State University of New York at Plattsburgh where he received his undergraduate degree in American history and master's in counseling in 1972 and 1973, respectively. He holds an Ed.M. degree in student personnel administration

and an Ed.D. in higher education administration from Columbia University.

Over the past 25 years, Tolliver, 48, has acquired experience in all aspects of student life, beginning with his appointment as associate director of student affairs in 1973 at Pace University's Pleasantville and Briarcliff campuses. From 1978 to 1983 he coordinated all campus events at Barnard College, served as the administrative liaison and general advisor for Barnard's student government and supervised the college's student center.

From 1983 until 1991 when he joined Skidmore's president's staff, Tolliver supervised staffs and departments in student life at Trinity College in Hartford, Manhattanville College and Connecticut College. Throughout his career, he developed campus programs to address a number of critical issues involving student life including racism, alcohol and drug abuse and campus crime.

As a member of several national organizations including the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and its Minority Network and the New England College Alcohol Network, Tolliver has given numerous presentations on the role of the student affairs officer in dealing with drugs and minority student retention as well as racism workshops for new employees and faculty.

Tolliver replaces Randy Milden, who relocated to San Francisco this summer after a decade of service to the college.

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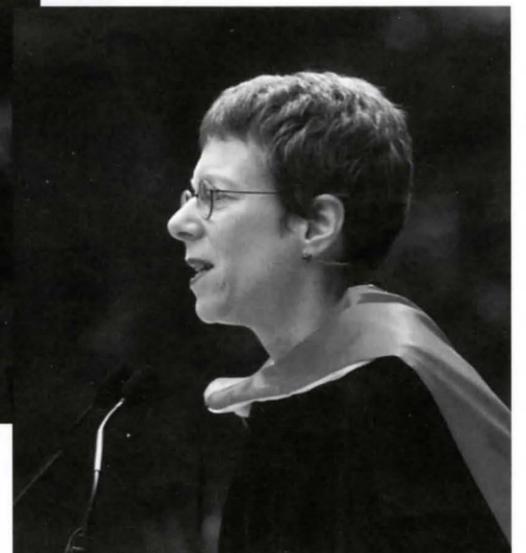
dents not to panic if they haven't yet figured out who they are and where they want to go with their lives.

"Life has a way of letting people stumble into things they love," she said.

"One more thing I've learned from interviewing guests is that if you're lucky enough to find something that you're passionate about, stay with it even if it's just a pastime, even if it's something you're not getting paid for," Gross explained. "I think we have this feeling in America that you're not allowed to play music or you're not allowed to write unless you're brilliant at it and can make a living at it. And I think that's not true. Anything that gives you passion, that makes you feel good – stay with it. It doesn't matter if you don't get paid. It doesn't matter if it's not your profession. If you love it, it will give you something to live for. It will make your life fuller, and that's a wonderful thing."

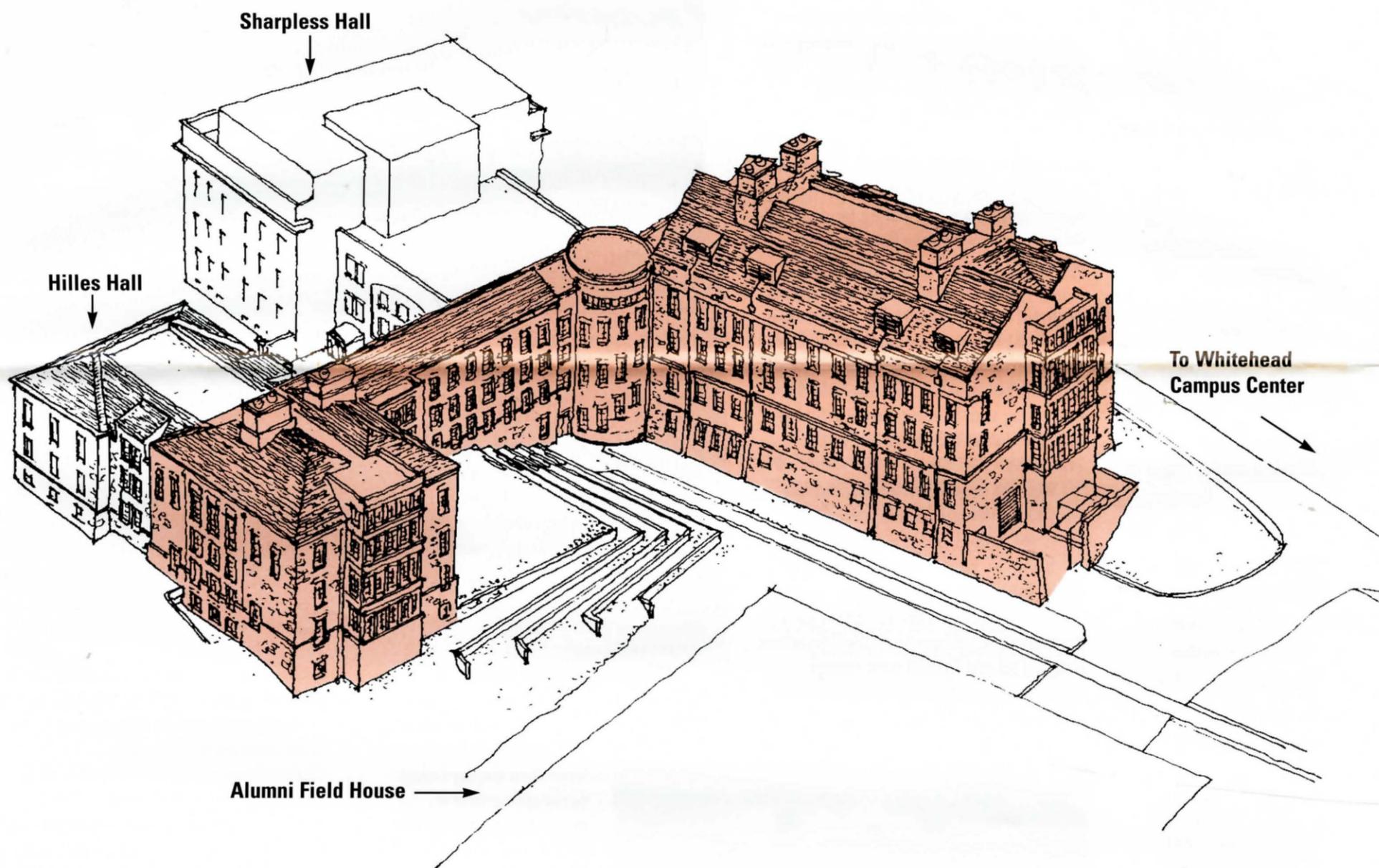


Sadako Ogata



Terry Gross

Integrated Natural Science Facility Takes Shape on Paper



IN APRIL HAVERFORD'S BOARD of Managers presented the greater college community with its first glimpse of Haverford's campus in the 21st century when it approved a \$44.1 million budget for a comprehensive construction and renovation project that will include the creation of a new integrated natural science facility.

Architectural drawings presented to the board by the firm of Ayers/Saint/Gross of Baltimore detail the construction of a \$35.3 million U-shaped four-story addition of laboratories, faculty offices and seminar rooms that will link the southern ends of Sharpless and Hilles Halls. When completed, the new 140,000 square-foot facility will enable the chemistry, physics, mathematics and computer science departments to relocate from their current facilities in Stokes Hall and join the biology and psychology departments in a fully integrated natural science complex.

Plans for the addition are the product of over a year of discussions by a multidisciplinary faculty steering committee, college administrators and outside consultants. Initial recommendations included renovating Stokes Hall - a science building constructed in 1963 to serve a projected enrollment of 700 students. Haverford currently enrolls over 1,100 students.

Several options were proposed, including

moving some, but not all, of the science departments from Stokes to a new addition to Sharpless. But it finally became apparent that housing all of the natural science departments together would further foster collaborative research and cross-disciplinary educational opportunities for students and faculty, says President Thomas Tritton.

"We seek to find common modes of inquiry, shared approaches to problems, and collaborative discovery across chemistry, physics, biology, mathematics, computer science, and psychology," explains Tritton, who notes that the major science disciplines are evolving in ways that blur the distinctions among them.

"In fact, this is happening in disciplines throughout the campus, so ultimately our reach will also extend to the humanities and social sciences," Tritton continues. "Our entire community is rich with practitioners who seek interdisciplinary frameworks for their own work, drawing together both students and faculty in new ways of thinking about and representing knowledge."

Lyle Roelofs, Distinguished Professor of Computational Science and one of eight members on the integrated natural science facility steering committee, says the proposed facility is custom-tailored to foster collaboration on all levels.

"We pushed for the idea that all of the junior level laboratories would be on the same floor so that in fact there would be students in chemistry who would be performing some of their experiments in the physics lab and vice versa and that this would happen across all disciplines," Roelofs explains.

The integrated facility would also unite the five separate science computational facilities currently spread around the campus into one science computer center.

"We felt there would be a great deal of interaction between the students since they would be accumulating, synthesizing and tabulating data here for their projects," says Roelofs.

Biology laboratories will also have linking hexagonal shaped lab tables to encourage interaction between partners and groups ranging in size from two to eight.

"In the lab setting, the interaction between partners is important," explains assistant professor of biology Karl Johnson, who helped design the lab benches. "The concept of putting in angles in the tables so that two partners could face each other and talk to each other was very important. The open hexagonal tables also provide a clear line-of-sight across the bench to promote conversation between groups."

The benches will also feature a "computer

isthmus" which will link two hexagonal lab benches and provide a fully wired port for computers. Johnson says this feature reflects the growing importance of the computer as a teaching and research tool in biology.

"The shared computer will foster pair-pair discussion along the new lab benches and connect students with the rich resources available on Haverford's Intranet," Johnson explains.

Associate professor of biology Philip Meneely, also a member of the steering committee, says the group aimed for a facility that would foster multidisciplinary learning, but not at the expense of sequestering the sciences from the surrounding college community.

"The steering committee and the architects were very sensitive to this issue," explains Meneely. "We didn't want to build a science ghetto, but a building that drew people from all disciplines on campus together."

Under the plan, the science library in Sharpless will be converted into a needed gathering spot for receptions, presentations and other activities involving all campus constituencies. A new science library will be constructed in another section of the facility and will combine the biology, psychology, physics, mathematics, astronomy and chemistry libraries, which are currently housed in different locations on campus.

"There was definitely an effort to protect and preserve that attractive space for the entire campus community," explains steering committee member David Dawson, The Constance and Robert MacCrate Professor in Social Responsibility.

The building also includes several all-purpose seminar rooms suitable for classes in the humanities and social sciences. Pedestrian traffic between Founders Green and the Whitehead Campus Center will also be routed to the facility's outside courtyard and through an archway onto the green.

"This will have the effect of inviting people into the building," explains Dawson.

It will also provide the college community and visitors to the campus with a new, dramatic view of the college's original building.

"When you walk through the archway, your first view of the green will include a sight line of Founders Hall," explains Meneely.

Architects also designed the building to "hinge" symbolically the newer and older quads of the campus together via the focal point of a dramatic circular atrium.

The overall project, which will include both new construction and renovations, will be completed in stages over a five-to-six year period. Groundbreaking for the new integrated natural science facility is tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall of 1999.

During the latter stages of the project, Stokes Hall will be renovated to accommodate the economics department as well as the academic and administrative computing centers, the Language Learning Center and the college's business office.

The new facility will be constructed on the current site of the college's physical plant building which will be demolished after construction of a new physical plant complex west of the visitor's parking lot. Construction of this complex is scheduled to begin this fall and be completed next summer.

Keeping Ahead of the Learning Curve

Haverford faculty comment on how the natural sciences are evolving in ways that blur the distinctions among them.

"I think the best kind of pedagogy capitalizes on common aspects in the human condition, and what could be more common than curiosity? You can teach anything if you spark someone's curiosity, and that is what Haverford's discovery-based, research-oriented curriculum does. We are also seeing the dawn of an age when the sciences will coalesce and redistribute themselves because of this curiosity. By providing a research-based curriculum that emphasizes interdisciplinary thinking, we will teach our students how to do science properly in the 21st Century."

— **Julio de Paula**
Associate Professor of Chemistry

"Increasingly, the most challenging scientific problems are those that cannot be addressed adequately using the traditional tools of chemistry or biology or physics alone. Furthermore, we know that most Haverford science graduates will have careers that are not centered on any one of these disciplines. This implies that most of our students will be best served by programs that combine the elements of several science disciplines. Of course most science majors already take courses in two or three science departments. The question is whether we can offer something far better."

— **Jerry Gollub**
John and Barbara Bush Professor in the Natural Sciences

"What has happened in the past 20 years is that biology has become centered on molecular biology which draws a lot of its insight from chemistry. Our discipline is increasingly important to the biological sciences. Knowledge of biology is becoming more important to chemists.... If you came into my chemistry lab, you would see a lab that is fairly similar to the one that you would see in biology. I have more equipment for synthesizing molecules, but I spend much of my time purifying proteins."

— **Robert Scarrow**
Associate Professor of Chemistry

Fundamental connections among mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology have probably been recognized for hundreds of years. However, the means to articulate the connection - educationally and experimentally - haven't been accessible until recently. Our technology and approaches are increasingly shared and our questions are converging in exciting and 'paradigm-challenging' ways.

— **Jennifer Punt**
Assistant Professor of Biology



Margaret De Paulo '98 was awarded a Woodruff Fellowship from the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. The fellowship will pay for all four years of her medical education.

Chamber Singers Tour to the Beat of a Different Culture



Led by Mark Weinsier '98, the Haverford and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers take advantage of the fine acoustics at a Venezuelan fast food eatery to sing a cappella.

The Haverford and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers have produced a new CD entitled "¡Te Quiero, Venezuela!" ("I love you, Venezuela") that includes live concert performances from their recent Venezuelan tour program. In addition to helping fund future tours, part of the proceeds from each CD will be donated to the children's choral program, "Sistema de niños Cantores," that the students visited while in Caracas. CDs can be ordered through Tom Lloyd at 610-896-1006.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN you're in a foreign country and you don't speak the language very well?

For members of the Haverford and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers who visited Venezuela this past May, you break out into song in as many public places as possible.

"We made beautiful music with complete strangers in a completely foreign land," explains Dave Zobia '98, one of 28 Haverford and Bryn Mawr students who visited the country from May 18 to May 25. Zobia found himself performing not only on stage with Venezuelan college students, but *communicating* via impromptu sing-alongs with new friends in such places as the South American fast food chain *Ki-Ki-riKi* ("Cock-a-doodle-do") where the high ceilings made for great acoustics.

At one point, the group even sang *Alma Llanera* as a way of saying good-bye to the staff at their hotel in the seacoast village of Puerto-Columbia/Choroní. The staff responded by rushing to their drums stored behind the kitchen and launching into a 15-minute set of traditional African *tambores* or drumming.

"To be able to share music with another culture was a truly an incredible experience," says Ben Flynn '99. "Barriers of language and customs disappeared and were replaced with joy and exuberance."

Assistant professor of music and the director of the Choral Program Tom Lloyd, says the students could have followed in the

typical path of many other high schools and colleges by chartering a singing trip to Europe. But Lloyd said he and his students wanted to be more than just the part of a charter group that did more sightseeing than singing.

With the help of Paul Weil '83, Ernesto Salas '94 and Lucy Alton (BMC '81), they arranged a trip to a country where they could stay with native families for three nights, sing with groups throughout Caracas and the Venezuelan countryside and, most importantly, communicate through the universal language of song.

What resulted was a trip that not only pushed aside cultural boundaries, but pushed the chorus to some of its best performances ever, Lloyd explains.

"The audiences we sang for were extremely responsive and vocal, and the students we sang with were enthusiastic and thrilled that we had chosen to visit Venezuela rather than more typical American tourist destinations," Lloyd explains. "The students had a real stimulus to sing better. On a purely musical level, our performances in Venezuela were easily among the most satisfying performances of which I have ever been a part."

Throughout the week, the students performed with college choirs from the Universidad Católica Andrés Bello and the Universidad Simón Bolívar where they had the unique opportunity to be conducted by Maria Guinand, a leading international authority on Latin American choral music. The students also visited and performed for

a special school in a Caracas *barrio* – a poor, densely populated neighborhood of crudely constructed clay and cinder block homes.

"In keeping with the traditions of Haverford and Bryn Mawr, we try to incorporate some aspect of community service into each of our tours," Lloyd explains.

For many students this proved to be especially rewarding.

"Never before have I seen such an incredible mixture of music, love and community service," Flynn recalls. "I was absolutely amazed at the children's good behavior and their enjoyment of singing. Using music, the center is making an enormous difference in the lives of these children."

There were other big and small surprises on the trip. After performing at Simón Bolívar University, the group was honored with an invitation to return to Caracas in April 2000 as part of the quadrennial international choral festival *Cantat 2000*. And, on the eve of their departure, after the group had already bid their farewells to their Venezuelan hosts, they were surprised by the entire Simón Bolívar choir who met them for dinner and more impromptu singing.

"Coming together in song made us transcend any cultural barriers that might have existed right away," explains Mark Weinsier '98. "I really feel that our shared experiences grounded in the music have forged friendships between the two groups that will last."



Ari Wassner '00 has received a 1998 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for his continued studies in chemistry at Haverford. The honor, which helps fund tuition and other academic expenses, is awarded annually to 300 undergraduates throughout the country who have demonstrated superior academic work and intellectual promise.

Watson Fellow Studies the Slope of the Green Around the World

JOHN SAROFF '98 HAS an endless summer ahead of him. But forget the tubular arc of the waves, this year he'll be studying the awesome run of the green under the sun of two different hemispheres.

Saroff is the recipient of a prestigious Watson Fellowship - an annual award given to 60 college seniors to travel to foreign locales and study a particular subject over the span of the year.

For Saroff, an observer of several Northern New Jersey golf clubs during his adolescence, this fellowship will enable him to travel to Scotland and South Africa to study the socio-economic and cultural boundaries of that obsessive sport that spares no one.

Just over a year after Tiger Woods wowed the crowds at The Masters, Saroff says he was intrigued at the social aspect of the sport and how it is perceived in different cultures as either the great leveler of rich and poor or the great divider.

"In Scotland the sport is considered an every man's sport, and its most famous course, St. Andrews, is a municipal course. There's much more of the phenomenon of the rich guy and the common guy playing

golf together," Saroff explains. "In South Africa the attitudes toward golf are obviously more tense and tight. All of the golf is played by whites in exclusive clubs."

From his own experience in Northern New Jersey as a member of country clubs with membership selection committees, Saroff also has witnessed how the same sport can be used to divide people by wealth, gender, social status and ethnicity. He's also seen the same divisions in the caddy system, where the ranks were split between wealthy white adolescents and immigrant, low-income caddies who were not permitted to be members of the same club.

"That dichotomy showed me more about golf than anything else," says Saroff. To prepare for this endeavor, last summer Saroff interned at the United States Golf Association headquarters and museum in Far Hills, N.J. As a history major at Haverford, he also studied the growth of the sport and clubs in the Main Line suburbs of Philadelphia.

With a current handicap in the mid-20s ("It's embarrassing," he says.), Saroff headed to Scotland in the middle of July where



John Saroff '98

he's caddying, working in the pro shops, maintaining the greens, studying the business end of the game and playing as many courses as possible. When the weather turns cold, he'll take his clubs and head to South Africa for its summer season and do the same. He hopes to return with a wealth of insights into the sport, the people who play it and its impact on social, racial and gender interaction. And – yes, he hopes to improve his handicap to around 10. *Fore!*

New Crew Club Sets Course on Boat House Row

THANKS TO THE EFFORTS of Virginie Ladisch '00 and David Mintzer '00, Haverford athletics charted new waters this spring when its first-ever crew club competed in three regattas on Philadelphia's Schuylkill River.

The co-ed club, with a roster of 22, raced both a women's eight and a men's four team in the three regattas, including the nationally recognized Dad Vail. They won no trophies, but their time on the river earned members a true victory for their dedicated efforts to keep the fledgling club afloat both physically and financially.

"Our total budget, including the coach, equipment rentals, regatta fees and other items is \$11,000, so to raise the rest of the money we did fund-raising such as bake sales and T-shirt sales," explains Ladisch, who, along with Mintzer, first began planning the club in their freshman year at Haverford.

Working closely with athletic director Greg Kannerstein '63, Ladisch eventually contacted Harold Finigan, the head coach of the Bachelor's Barge House on Philadelphia's famed Boat House Row. Ladisch had a connection thanks to Bachelor's current president, attorney William G. O'Neill Sr. whose sons Bill '73 and Tim '80 were among Haverford's top athletes, playing basketball and soccer respectively.



Captain Virginie Ladisch '00 (right) and fellow crew club members prepare for an early morning launch on the Schuylkill River.



Crew club members prepare for the men's four competition.

The club gained membership to Bachelor's last fall and began conditioning in November by running, doing stairs and body circuit training. They then hired coach Margaret Gordon, the former women's crew coach at the University of Miami in Florida.

In the gloomy days of early March, the team commenced official practices on the wind-whipped river, departing at 5:30 in the morning to make it to their 6 to 8 a.m. practice. As the season progressed, the club's level of skill and competition increased.

"When we competed against other colleges, most had a full fall season of rowing and competing," explains coach Gordon.

"Yet, every day's practice was better than the day before. As the spring went on, we were very competitive. We were always right in the field."

Members of the club plan to compete in the this fall's season as well as continue their fund-raising efforts. Although the Students Council contributes money to the club, membership fees to the boat house, coaching,

training and equipment are expensive and require additional fund-raising. The club rented its sculls from Lower Merion High School this past year, but got a real boost this summer with the donation of a four-man shell from Alan '49 and Dorothy Hume.

"Our ultimate goal is to become a varsity team, but until that time we are working on becoming more established as a club," explains Ladisch. "The team members are all very enthusiastic and committed, with each helping as they can in an effort to build the team."

Kannerstein says he is impressed by the club's dedication, particularly given the financial responsibilities inherent in such an endeavor.

"Student activities, including sports clubs, come and go at most colleges, but I have to say that the commitment the crew club members have made is unprecedented in my 25 years at Haverford," says Kannerstein. "Virginie and David have transmitted their enthusiasm to others, and they found great friends in Hal Finigan, Margaret Gordon and Bachelor's Barge Club. I suspect we are seeing the birth of a new tradition at Haverford!"

AAll-American track and cross country runner Ntobeko Ntusi '98 was one of only 12 Division III athletes chosen from outside the sports of basketball and football to receive a NCAA scholarship. Ntusi, a double major in biology and chemistry, will use the scholarship to defray the cost of medical school at the University of Cape Town in his native South Africa. He follows in the footsteps of Meredith Unger '97 who, as a top middle-distance runner and a biology major, was awarded an NCAA scholarship for her current graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

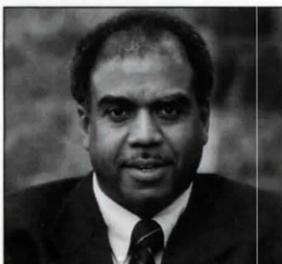
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