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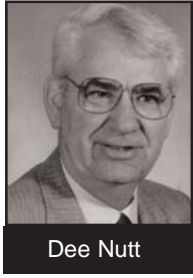
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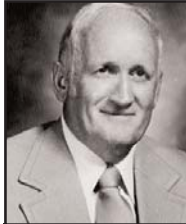
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Thirty Year Celebration

Since 1975 WCS has been blessed with faithful Christian people who have used their professional administrative skills and experience in leading the development of the school. Three men deserve credit for breathing life into WCS in the early years: Mr. Les Tome, the first "official" head of school; followed by Mr. Dee Nutt; who was then followed by Mr. Harold Wade. Each man in turn salved the "growing pains" of the school as each applied their unique abilities. "Truth is, WCS would not exist today without the vision and leadership these men had for establishing and growing a Christian school in this community," stated Robert McCloy, Executive Administrator since 1991.



Dee Nutt



Les Tome

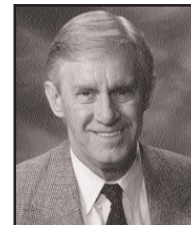
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For these thirty years WCS has also been blessed with many faithful Christians who served the school in various capacities.

Through the good times and the bad, board members, teachers and staff personnel optimistically stayed the course and contributed to making WCS the quality school it is today. Due to these good people and their selfless commitment, Christian education is alive and well at WCS.



Harold Wade



Robert McCloy

On March 12, 2005, Westbury Christian School will celebrate Thirty Years of honoring God and serving the Houston community. Everyone ever associated with WCS is invited to attend the WCS Birthday Celebration! A calendar of events and activities will be published within the next few weeks. Presently, preparations are underway to honor many different WCS groups, i.e. "founders," "alumni," "past-board members," "past faculty," and "special friends." Circle the date on your calendar and plan to attend the WCS Thirtieth Birthday Celebration.

WCS Academic Program Spirals Upward

Under the able leadership of Dr. David Lacey, the Upper School Administrator, the WCS "Operations Committee" is steadily growing the school's curriculum to "stretch the potential" of students at every level. The "Committee" members include David Lacey; David Wilson, Upper School Principal; Casey Farris, Lower School Administrator; Mike White, Director of Guidance; and Loa Glenn, Registrar. During the last two years, this Committee has made substantial changes to the academics of WCS. Nearly every facet of academic operations has experienced improvement and they are far from being done.

The committee's purpose is to constantly monitor and review the effectiveness of the content, methods, and materials of every class offering. Using the standards set forth by the school's accrediting agencies and the Texas Education Agency, the Committee continuously evaluates the learning environment for areas that need improvement or adjustment. In so doing, parents can be assured that their student is on task and will be well prepared for the next level.

Strategic planning for the future of academics is an integral part of the Committee's assignment. Researching wants of parents, the needs of students, and the requirements of societal changes is one way that the Committee makes sure our students are well served.

A few of the changes for which the Committee is responsible include adding a dozen Advanced Placement courses for sophomores, juniors, and seniors; expanding the offerings in technology; adding a web based communication tool called "Edline" that allows immediate communication between the home and the school; evaluating student test scores to determine curriculum strengths and/or weaknesses; mandatory tutoring for students failing subjects; and increased teacher

evaluations with follow-up consultations to improve teaching and student learning. These and other changes too numerous to mention here are already proving to be immensely valuable to the school's academic effectiveness. Several other improvements and additions are in the planning stage and will be implemented in the near future.

The work of the Operations Committee during the last two years has elevated the opportunity for student success at all grade levels. Attesting to that, comparison of the most recently available Stanford Achievement Test scores with those of the finest public schools in the area show WCS students scoring substantially higher in almost all areas.



Operations Committee: (Front Row-L to R) David Wilson, David Lacey, Casey Farris (Back Row-L to R) Mike White, Loa Glenn

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Alumni Notes

❖ 1986 ❖

Tonya (McDaniel) Vaughan - She is trying to organize class reunions for classes from 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987. Contact her at tvaughan@simulis.com.

❖ 1987 ❖

Amy Jo (Preble) Oliver - Resides at 508 Fairdale, Friendswood, TX 77546. She and husband, Wayne have a 15 month old son, Wyatt and expecting a second in early November. She is a stay at home mom and would love to hear from her friends. Email: hiamyjo@houston.rr.com.

❖ 1988 ❖

John Lasater - Would like to hear from his classmates. Wife's name is Kara and their email address is: lasater@ipa.net.

❖ 1991 ❖

Melanie (Frank) Hobbs - Resides at 2171 Braeburn Parkway, Indianapolis, IN 46219 and email: Melanie.Hobbs@USOncology.com.

❖ 1993 ❖

April Wilson - Email: awilson@fulbright.com.

Annie Chang - Currently the third year chief resident for the combined internal medicine and pediatrics residency at the Texas A&M University College of Medicine-Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple, Texas. She would like to get together with her classmates to plan a reunion. Email: Achang2001@aol.com.

❖ 1994 ❖

Premal (Shah) Patel - Resides in Waco, Texas. PO Box 531, Waco, TX 76703. Email: premsalsa@yahoo.com.

❖ 1997 ❖

Vincent Yao - His email address is: Vincent_Y79@yahoo.com.

❖ 1998 ❖

Catherine Brock - Graduated from Texas A&M in December 2002 and is now working for Ernst & Young LLP. Email: Catherine.brock@ey.com

Amanda Bailey - Graduated from Lubbock Christian in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in Social Work and received her Master's Degree in Counseling Rehabilitation from East Central University. She recently married Tyson Baldrige. email: mandajo22@hotmail.com.

❖ 1999 ❖

Heather (Lacey) Holland - Graduated from Harding University in 2002. She and her husband, Jonathan, live at 2620 Sterling Park Dr., Raleigh, NC 27603. Heather works at NC State University in Human Resources and taking MPA course work. Email her at: hmhollan@gw.fis.ncsu.edu.

We invite our alumni to share your life with WCS. Please send information about weddings, births, colleges, jobs, etc. to jpearson@westburychristian.org.

Memorials

In memory of **Clyde Chisum** by Ms. Joan M. Powell

In Honor Of

Bradley Crider by Fred & Pauline Bankston

Scott, Susan and David Whisner by Mrs. Zee Klein

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A Visit to the WCS Web-Site

WCS friends are invited and encouraged to visit the school's web-site. Under the direction and watchful eye of Mr. Paul Pollard (webmaster), the WCS web site is a fun adventure. It changes daily as information and pictures are added. One of the highlights is the "Picture of the Day" showing people and campus activities. "Click" on the heading "Events" on the home page, scroll down to "Picture of the Day" and then you can click on any of the pictures to enlarge them. Visitors can view pictures from the first day of school. It is a very interesting web site. We invite our readers to pass the word along to friends and family so they can share in the work being done at WCS.

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Wildcats Nationally Ranked

For several years WCS boy's basketball has been the school's premier athletic team due to the stable coaching staff led by the seasoned, twelve year head coach, Greg Glenn. His two assistant coaches, Casey Farris and Reed Sutton, combine for nine years coaching at WCS. Together they have developed a program that is the envy of high school coaches across the state of Texas and beyond.

As the new basketball season begins, several pollsters have ranked high school teams in the pre-season nationally! The "Hoops USA" poll has the WCS Wildcats ranked number eight nationally. Whether the poll is close to being correct remains to be seen, but it is an indication of how several of the Wildcat players performed on the summer AAU tournament circuit. Pollsters use the AAU circuit and major summer basketball camps to observe and compare players in making their decisions.

Short of injuries or other unforeseen complications, this could be the year our "Wildcats" distinguish themselves nationally as they enter the season boasting five starting seniors. The 'Cats have size, quickness, depth and experience on their side, but when considering teams that compete for national prominence, most of them have close to the same qualities in personnel.

The Wildcat's schedule includes several tourna-



WCS Wildcats 2004-05

ments that boast other nationally ranked teams and outstanding basketball programs. In December, the 'Cats will play in the Marshall County Hoop Fest in Benton, KY; the Gonzaga Classic Tournament in Washington D.C.; and the Academy National Invitational (National Division) held here in Houston, TX. In January the 'Cats will travel to Erie, PA to participate in the McDonald's Classic; and Trenton, NJ to play St. Anthony's High School in a one game "shoot out." This high level competition should have the 'Cats primed for post-season play in District and beyond, hopefully.

Campus News

Michael Francois, a WCS junior was recently selected to receive a \$500 scholarship from FACTS Management Company of Lincoln, Nebraska. Annually FACTS selects a student from one of the schools who is accredited by the National Christian Schools Association (NCSA) to receive the Dr. Vaughn Luster, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Michael was selected because he epitomizes the character of WCS students. He is a Christian young man who takes his studies seriously and is an active leader on campus.

Cross Country returns to the WCS agenda of athletic offerings. Although young and inexperienced, this group of energetic runners have already set their sites on qualifying for the State Cross Country Meet. **New Faces** gracing the WCS campus as faculty and staff members are: **Rachel Bentch, Kelly Braun, Mindy Casey, Debbie Curtis, April Cusic, Lindsay Dorriety, Sandra Ellis, Cindy Fletcher, Denise Goode, Tina Hays, Ben**

Johnson, Nathan and Stephanie Lang, Jyusef Larry, Martin Miller, Anne Mitchell-Phillips, Reyna Ramirez, Julie Ruiz, Melacyn Turner, and Ben Zickafoose. All of these fine people are dedicated Christians who believe in the mission of WCS. Thank God for their great spirit.



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