Madison Alumnius Appointed Texas Supreme Court Justice

Wallace Jefferson is first African American to serve on highest court in Texas

Wallace Jefferson was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court on March 14, 2001 by Governor Rick Perry. Jefferson, who is certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, has argued and won two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court—both in 5-4 decisions. The term to which he is appointed ends in December 2006, but he must stand for election in 2002.

After graduation from James Madison College in 1985, Jefferson followed his brother, Lamont, to law school at the University of Texas, where he encountered famed constitutional scholar Charles Alan Wright. He returned to San Antonio in 1988 to practice law at the law firm of Groce, Locke & Hebdon before founding the appellate specialty law firm of Crofts, Callaway & Jefferson in 1991.

As reported in the Dallas Morning News, Jefferson said he believes there is an ideal in the law that is inherently good, and contradictions must be eliminated through time and understanding. “My father, who was in the military for a while traveling across the state, was not permitted by law to stay in certain hotels,” Jefferson said. That kind of history and how or whether it should be remedied is something “the law is grappling with every day,” he said.

Jefferson has said that he has stood on his ancestors’ shoulders to get where he is now, and that history is part of who he is. His great, great, great grandfather, Shedrick Willis, was the slave of a McLennan County, Texas district judge. Willis, a blacksmith by trade, became a community leader upon gaining freedom. He served on the Waco City Council for two terms after the Civil War. Another of Jefferson’s ancestors, also a former slave, became an East Texas lawyer at the turn of the twentieth century.

Madison College, says Jefferson, taught him critical thinking and writing skills and developed his ability to make persuasive verbal arguments. He remembers with
From the Dean

A Matter of Pride and Responsibility

James Madison College passed another milestone this past year. Two of its graduates, Herman Marable, Jr. (Urban ’84) and Wallace Jefferson (Urban ’85), became, we believe, the college’s first African American judges. Mr. Marable won election to the Flint District Court here in Michigan in November 2000. Mr. Jefferson was appointed to the Texas Supreme Court in March 2001.

Both men would stand out in any field of endeavor. Mr. Marable has long been active as an outstanding attorney and a fixture in Flint politics. He was serving as an assistant county prosecutor at the time of his election. Mr. Jefferson has established deep roots in the San Antonio community, where he has lived and practiced law since 1988. He was a co-founder of Crofts, Callaway & Jefferson in 1991 and named one of the 40 rising stars of the city by the San Antonio Business Journal in 1996.

Mr. Marable and Mr. Jefferson are active supporters of the college. Both exemplify Madison’s tradition of attracting bright African Americans and providing a foundation for a successful legal career. Mr. Marable in particular helped me understand this tradition in one of my first meetings with alumni in 1999. He pointed out that, by his count, nearly 60 African Americans graduates of James Madison College are now members of the Michigan Bar. He said this with a mix of pride in the accomplishment this figure represented and frustration over the need for the college to expand the number of African American and other minority students enrolled the college.

Precisely because Madison has proven to be a ladder to both personal success and broader community service, the college must make sure it places the rungs of that ladder within the reach of every student who wants to climb it. To that end, we have begun a Mott Foundation effort in the Flint area schools—under the direction of Grant Littke and Professor Louise Jezierski—designed to reach out to students and teachers there with public-policy-oriented programs and student-to-student mentoring. We are working closely with the Lansing and Detroit affiliates of the National Urban Leagues on special college-oriented programs. The MSU Honors College, Lyman Briggs College, and JMC will hold a special conference in the coming school year on precollege leadership and technology for minority students.

The college’s W.E.B. Dubois Society has worked with our director of admissions, Jeff Judge, to contact a targeted list of high school counselors and encourage minority applications. I have appointed Deanna Edwards as coordinator of diversity programming at the college. She is at work on new events and programs for minority students and for the student body as a whole. The generous gift of Jeff Cummings (M M ’84) has established the Nelson and Marlene Cummings Scholarship. Our strong links with the Conference on Race in 21st Century America (institutional, financial, and, because of Professor Curtis Stokes, personal) bring an unparalleled public policy and educational opportunity to our students.

Ultimately, though, these and other efforts must be embraced and magnified by the college as a whole, especially by its many alumni with roots in so many communities across the country. Madison College, like the country at large, is divided on many aspects of the race question. Affirmative action (a recent case study in MC 201) is as controversial here as it is elsewhere. There is no question that the society around us is becoming more diverse and, in a very real sense, more divided. It is my view that, in response, we should have no question in the college about our responsibility as a community of educational excellence to be also a community of educational opportunity.

Sherman Garnett, Dean
James Madison College

I need your help. As we update the JMC Website, explain the college to foundations and other donors, and work with prospective students, we want to convey both what a Madison education is and what it has meant to its graduates over the years. To do so, I am collecting paragraph-long statements from alumni reflecting on their time at Madison and what it has meant to them in later life (see examples throughout this newsletter). We will use these paragraphs in our outreach to a wider public. If you are willing, please send me your thoughts and reflections. A selection of these will also appear in future issues of the newsletter.
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particular fondness his classes with Professors Evans, Waltzer, and Zinman and his participation in a Moot Court Competition. He was also impressed with the commitment of the faculty to provide support to students in their future endeavors, an element that makes Madison unique among academic programs.

Jefferson served as the San Antonio Bar Association president in 1998-99 and was the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association’s Outstanding Young Lawyer in 1997. He was among the 40 Under 40 Rising Stars named by the San Antonio Business Journal in 1996 and received the Pillars of the Foundation Award by the Northeast Independent School District in San Antonio. He has served as a director of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, of the Alamo Area Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and on the education committee of the San Antonio Area Foundation.

Jefferson and his wife, Rhonda, a former schoolteacher, have three sons. Jefferson continues friendships made at Madison with Jeffrey Cummings, Glenn Oliver, and Michael Parham and regrets having lost touch with others. He welcomes contact with old friends, and those wishing to reach him may do so by sending a note to JMC Scene.

Founder’s Circle Presents David Broder

David Broder, a national political correspondent reporting the political scene for the Washington Post, will be the featured speaker at this year’s JMC Founder’s Circle luncheon. Broder writes a twice-weekly column that covers a broad aspect of American political life. The column, syndicated by The Washington Post Writers Group, is carried by more than 300 newspapers around the globe.

Broder was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in May 1973 for distinguished commentary. He has been named “Best Newspaper Political Reporter” by Washington Journalism Review. A survey for Washingtonian magazine found that Broder was rated “Washington’s most highly regarded columnist” by both editorial-page editors and members of Congress, leading 16 others in ratings for “overall integrity, factual accuracy and insight.”

In 1990, a survey by Washingtonian magazine of the opinion-page editors of the largest 200 newspapers rated Broder as “Best Reporter,” “Hardest Working,” and “Least Ideological” among some 123 columnists. And in March 2001, the magazine rated Broder among the top four best and most influential journalists, calling him “the most unpredictable, reliable and intellectually honest columnist working today,” adding that “while the journalistic pack is pestering a flack, Broder is out with the people; no one gets a better sense of the pulse of American opinion.”

Broder has been called “the high priest of political journalism” by author Timothy Crouse, “the unchallenged ‘dean’ of what many political reporters like to think is their ‘priesthood’” by U.S. News, and “probably the most respected and influential political journalist in the country” by columnist Richard Reeves.

Before joining the Post in 1966, Broder covered national politics for the New York Times (1965-66), the Washington Star (1960-65), and Congressional Quarterly (1955-60). He has covered every national campaign and convention since 1960, traveling up to 100,000 miles a year to interview voters and report on the candidates.

Broder is a regular commentator on CNN’s Inside Politics and makes regular appearances on NBC’s Meet the Press and Washington Week in Review.

JMC Founder’s Circle Luncheon featuring David Broder

Friday, October 12, 2001, 12:00 p.m.
MSU Kellogg Center, $25.00 per ticket
Space limited—call Kim Allan, 517/353-3381 for more information.
Looking Forward to a Year of Promise

On the heels of the Porteous Challenge, made successful largely because of the generosity and interest of the college's alumni, the upcoming academic year holds a great deal of promise for the James Madison College and your alumni association.

This fall we say goodbye to two James Madison College Alumni Association (JMCAA) board members who have served the college well for many years. Ed Dougherty and Chere LaRose-Senne, who served for nine and six years respectively, are stepping down from the board. While we thank them for their years of service and regret seeing them go, their departure provides an opportunity for other interested alumni to become more involved with the JMCAA as a board member.

An alum interested in serving on the JMCAA board must designate James Madison College as the desired constituent group when joining the MSU Alumni Association, and must commit to remaining active and involved in the life of the college. Anyone interested in running for a seat on the board should contact Kim Allan at allank@pilot.msu.edu. Please note that the JMCAA annual meeting, at which new board members will be elected, will be held on September 29, 2001 in Case Hall at 2:00 p.m., and all members of the JMCAA are invited to attend.

Aside from the annual meeting, there are a number of events scheduled for this fall. Of note, the college will be hosting its second annual Homecoming Tailgate. Please join us for the festivities. Also, the alumni association will be hosting its traditional “Law Night” forum this fall. Previously held in the spring, we have changed the timing of the forum to better accommodate the needs of interested students. If you are interested in serving as a panelist, please contact the college for additional information.

In addition to our standard issues of business, the JMCAA’s fall agenda will consider two key issues. The first relates to a potential new student scholarship that may be offered by the association. As mentioned in a previous issue of JMC Scene, the generosity of our alumni permitted the award of $6,000 in scholarships through the Alumni Diversity Scholarship and the Alumni Endowed Scholarship in the spring of 2001. The association is currently considering the creation of a new student scholarship, to be offered on behalf of Madison alumni, to further benefit the students of the college. The details and structure of such a scholarship are to be considered in the upcoming months. If you have any thoughts or input on that issue, please contact us.

The second issue relates to the long-standing question regarding the establishment of regional JMCAA groups. Christopher Tracy, a Chicago-area alum, is working to develop such a group. The role of a regional group can vary, and may include professional networking, social events, and/or identification of prospective Madison students. Interested alumni can contact Mr. Tracy at ctracy@fghr.com. Further, if you live in another geographic area, you may consider joining fellow Madison alumni in your area to create a similar regional group. In support, the JMCAA can provide certain contact information and potentially some limited funding.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our alumni who continue to support the JMCAA through direct participation and through the financial support we receive when you designate the college as your constituent college of choice. Both efforts allow us to continue our support and assistance to help maintain the quality that we have come to expect of James Madison College.

Christopher Iamarino  
JMCAA President  
JMCD/IR ’91
John P. Walters (JMCD, ’74) has been selected by President George W. Bush to be the U.S. Drug Czar. Under the previous Bush administration, Walters was Deputy Director for Supply Reduction in the Office of National Drug Control Policy, responsible for developing enforcement policy and coordinating efforts to reduce the supply of illegal drugs. He also served as the senior advisor on national security matters related to drug control and senior liaison to the White House and all executive departments.

John P. Walters is president of the Philanthropy Roundtable, a national association of over 600 individual donors, corporate giving representatives, foundation staff and trustees, and trust and estate officers. It provides publications and programs for donors on all aspects of charitable giving. Previously, he had been president of the New Citizenship Project, an organization created to advance a renewal of American institutions and greater citizen control over our national life. He was a member of the Council on Crime in America, a bipartisan commission on violent crime co-chaired by former U.S. Attorney General Griffin Bell and former Drug Czar Bill Bennett.

During 1993, Walters was a visiting fellow at the Hudson Institute, writing and speaking about antidrug policy. He was also a creator of the Madison Center, a public policy organization devoted to advancing improvements in education and related fields, including early childhood education and drug abuse prevention.

Between 1985 and 1988, Walters worked at the U.S. Department of Education, serving as assistant to the secretary and secretary’s representative to the National Drug Policy Board and the Domestic Policy Council’s Health Policy Working Group, and was appointed chief of staff and counselor to the secretary in 1988. He also served as acting assistant director and program officer in the Division of Education Programs at the National Endowment for the Humanities from 1982 to 1985. He has taught political science at James Madison College and at Boston College and is a co-author (with William J. Bennett and John J. DiIulio Jr.) of Body Count: Moral Poverty and How to Win America’s War Against Crime and Drugs.
OTHER ALUMNI NEWS

1970s

Rogers Smith (JMCD, ’73) has been appointed Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. Smith taught for many years at Yale University.

Tony Mazzaschi (IR, ’77) and Alta Charo (professor of law and bioethics at the University of Wisconsin) discussed stem cell research on National Public Radio with Bob Edwards, host of Morning Edition. Mazzaschi is director of the Council of Academic Studies and assistant vice president for Biomedical and Health Sciences Research with the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Gregory Browne (JMCD, ’79) recently published the book Necessary Factual Truth (University Press). Browne is a philosophy professor for Central Michigan University’s Extension Service in the Detroit area. He has taught at Macomb Community College and Oakland Community College. He received his Ph.D. in philosophy at MSU in 1994.

1980s

Sanford Perliss (IR ’80) announces that his law firm, Perliss & Gross, in association with attorney Jean-Marc Sellier, is opening the Law Offices of Perliss, Gross & Sellier in Chengdu, China. The office will serve American and multinational companies doing business in China and Chinese companies doing business in the United States and internationally. Perliss was a legislative intern in the office of U.S. Senator Donald Riegle and later worked in Washington, D.C., as a staff assistant for U.S. Congressman William Broadhead. Before forming his law partnership, he was a deputy district attorney for the County of Los Angeles, CA. He is also a former part-time Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem. Perliss earned a J.D. at Southwestern University School of Law in 1984 and is admitted to practice law in California and the United States Federal Courts.

Richard Cordray (JMCD, ’81) has been selected to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award from the MSU Alumni Association. He will be honored with other MSU alumni at a ceremony on October 11, 2001. He received the JM Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award in spring 2001.

Jay Austin (JMCD ’85), with Carl Bruch, edited The Environmental Consequences of War: Legal, Economic and Scientific Perspectives (Cambridge University Press, 2000). The book brings together leading international lawyers, military officers, scientists, and economists to examine the legal, political, economic, and scientific implications of wartime damage to the natural environment and public health. Austin is senior attorney and co-director of the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C.

Teresa Scollon (IR, ’85) started an organization development consulting practice in 1998, specializing in intercultural and diversity consulting, strategic planning, management development, and community capacity building, working with both nonprofit and for-profit organizations. Previously she worked in organization development for Amoco Corporation. Scollon received her MBA from the University of Michigan. She maintains her practice in Chicago and farms organic vegetables in Wisconsin.

Paul Long (Urban, ’88) and his wife Melissa (MSU microbiology and osteopathic medicine) announce the birth of their first child, Patrick Dawson, on April 12 at 9 1/2 pounds and 22 inches long. Long is vice president of public policy at the Michigan Catholic Conference. He recently completed his three-year term on the MSU Alumni Association Board of Directors, having served as both vice chair and chairman. Long is a member of the James Madison College Board of Visitors.

David Maurer (IR ’88) is senior analyst with the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO), International Affairs and Trade Division. He received an M.P.P. with an international trade concentration in 1990 from the University of Michigan Institute of Public Policy (now the Ford School) and began work at the Detroit GAO regional office focusing on environmental and military issues. Since 1993 he has worked at the GAO’s Washington, D.C. headquarters on such topics as peacekeeping in Somalia, assistance to Russia, the European Monetary Union, and war crimes in the former Yugoslavia. Maurer is married and has two boys, ages two and four.

Robert Vallier (JMCD ’89) has been appointed assistant professor of philosophy at George Washington University, effective fall 2001. Vallier, who did his graduate work at DePaul University, has spent the last few years studying in Paris and teaching at DePaul. He recently completed a dissertation on the thought of Maurice Merleau-Ponty.

JMC alumni and college reception, March 29, 2001 at the University Club, East Lansing.
**1990s**


Todd Luke (IR, ‘90) has received his certificate in Biblical studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois. Luke and his wife, Maria, have two children, Marco and Leydi, and are expecting a third child.

Alec D. Rogers (PTCD ‘90) has been named counsel to the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. He had been serving as legislative director and counsel to U.S. Congressman Nick Smith (R-Michigan). Rogers is a 1990 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and resides in Alexandria, VA.

Barton Deiters (IR, ‘91) is a reporter for the Grand Rapids Press. His former jobs include news editor and education reporter for the Holland Sentinel. Deiters’s professional accomplishments include being awarded the Detroit Press Club Award and the Columbia School of Journalism Public Service Award.

Andy Kutler (JMCD ‘92) has joined the U.S. Secret Service as a special assistant to the director. Previously, he spent seven years on Capitol Hill working on national security issues as senior legislative assistant to Senator Richard Bryan (D-NV). Kutler currently resides in Alexandria, VA where he coaches a first-place Little League team. He is engaged to be married in May 2002 to Stephanie Batko.

Michael Wolf (IR ‘92) is teaching political science at Indiana University – Purdue University in Fort Wayne, IN.

Zack Ruderman (IR ‘94) and his wife, Marcia, announce the birth of their first child, Gabrielle Leah Ruderman, on April 4, 2001.

Susan Shafer (PTCD ‘94) was named the director of communications and press secretary for Governor John Engler (MI) in May 2001. Previously, she was deputy press secretary for the governor’s office. She also served on the governor’s staff as a communication’s specialist, was the director of communications for former Senator Bob Dole’s presidential campaign, and the director of communications for the Michigan Jobs Commission.

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**2001 Madison Graduate Receives Prestigious Carnegie Endowment Award**

By Kristin K. Anderson, M SU University Relations

Andrew Krepps of Marquette, MI (IR 2001) is the first M SU recipient of a Carnegie Endowment for an International Peace Junior Fellow award. Krepps was one of 10 college seniors selected from 200 institutions across the country for the 2001-02 fellowship. They were selected on the basis of an interview, resume, letters of recommendation and a policy paper. Krepps chose to write a comparison of the policies of Russian Presidents Vladimir Putin and Boris Yeltsin.

Junior Fellows provide research assistance to associates working on a variety of organizational projects. They conduct research for books, are co-authors of journal articles and policy papers, participate in meetings with high-level officials, contribute to congressional testimony, and organize briefings by scholars, activists, journalists, and government officials.

“I have a very intense interest in international affairs, and the Carnegie Endowment in Washington, D.C., is one of the best places to be,” said Krepps, who will be working on the organization’s nuclear nonproliferation project. “They get some incredible scholars there, and I will get to work with some very talented people and be exposed to international affairs issues in Washington.”

An M SU nominee for the Marshall Scholarship, Krepps said the process of applying for this award and his educational opportunities in James Madison College will serve him well during his yearlong program, which began in July.

“I’ve had a great educational background here, and because of the school’s challenging classes, I’ve had to consider these types of international issues from a variety of angles,” he said. “My undergraduate career here has helped me develop both intellectually and personally. The professors here have taken an interest in me, and they want to see me succeed.”

Madison Dean Sherman Garnett noted that Krepps has compiled an outstanding record of academic achievement and public service over the past four years.

“Andrew’s combination of intelligence, good judgment, diligence and passion for service make him a natural for service as a junior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace,” Garnett said. “I spent 16 years in such work in and around the U.S. government, so I was delighted to find someone with his mind, heart, and other gifts pursuing a course that would lead him in this direction.”

Following his fellowship with the Carnegie Endowment, Krepps plans to go into government public service. His special interests are diplomatic service, national security issues, and the National Security Council.

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As always, the JMCAAA welcomes any ideas, suggestions, or input from our members. Further, if you are interested in volunteering with efforts such as Law Night, phone calls to prospective students, or other events, contact Kim Allan at (517) 353-3381 or fill out and return the form on the JMC Website in the alumni section at www.jmc.msu.edu.
Alumni Scene continued

Paul Cherrin (SR, ’95), a recent graduate of the Detroit College of Law, has been appointed assistant director of the Swiss Refugee Project, which distributes funding from the recent Claims Conference Settlement to people who worked as slave laborers for Swiss firms under the Nazi regime.

Patricia Nordeen (PTCD, ’95) is an advanced graduate student in the Department of Political Science at Yale University, where she is completing a dissertation on the origins and development of the idea of civil society. Nordeen has been appointed assistant editor of the journal Political Theory and an instructor in the Department of Government at the University of Virginia.

Meredith Perish (IR ’95) has begun work as an international training administrator in the International Education and Training department at Chemonics International, in Washington, D.C. She will manage study tours and other training activities of international delegations. Her training portfolio will include Europe and Eurasia as well as the Health and Environmental Responsibility Services departments. Perish previously served in the Peace Corps.

Marc Stewart (IR, ’95) joined W BIR-TV news in January 2000 and currently lives in Knoxville, TN. Previously, he worked at W L N S-TV in East Lansing. Stewart also spent time studying at NATO in Brussels, Belgium. In June 2001, he spent two weeks traveling throughout Germany and Belgium on a fellowship sponsored by the Radio/TV News Directors’ Foundation. From a nationwide pool, only 12 recipients were selected.

Athena Trentin (IR, ’96) currently resides in California where she is an international student counselor for the College of the Desert. Previously, she taught English as a second language.

Amy Kirlin (SR, ’97) has completed a two-year leadership development program at El Pomar Foundation in Colorado Springs, CO. In fall 2001 she will start a master’s program in counseling and human services at Colorado University in Colorado Springs.

Mark Moon (IR ’97) will begin graduate school at Harvard University in fall 2001. Previously, he taught elementary school in China and Indonesia before applying for graduate work in public policy, with an emphasis on the environment, at Duke and Carnegie Mellon. Moon was accepted by both institutions, but decided to remain in China for an additional year.

Amanda Sloat (PTCD, ’97), has been appointed a research fellow at Queens University in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Sloat, who recently completed her doctoral work at the University of Edinburgh as well as an internship at the European Union in Brussels, spent summer 2001 working as an advisor to the Scottish Parliament’s European Committee. She has also revised her dissertation, turning it into a book.

Beau Kilmer (IR, ’98), with the RAND Drug Policy Research Center, was asked by a Dutch quasigovernmental organization to travel to Utrecht to assess whether legal status has an impact on cannabis use for a forthcoming Pan-European meeting.

Danielle Schopp (SR, ’98) is currently pursuing her law degree and master’s in public affairs at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Tarek Anandan (PT, ’99) is pursuing a master’s degree in public policy and continues to redesign Websites as a research associate for the Committee for Economic Development, a policy research organization in Washington, D.C.

Mark Holbert (IR, ’99) will begin work as director of a suburban task force at the Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights in Chicago. He recently returned from Germany, where he was doing research as a Fulbright scholar.

Mike Strausz (IR, ’99) successfully defended his master’s thesis “National Identities and Transnational Activism: Home Country Alliances and Diaspora Mobilization in Japan and Germany” at the University of Washington, Seattle, where he will continue to work on his Ph.D. in political science with an emphasis on Japan. Strausz studied Japanese in Japan in summer 2001.

Roman Zeltser (IR ‘99) has recently been appointed a junior program analyst to support the Fissile Material Control and Storage Program in the Defense Threat Reduction Agency’s Cooperative Threat Reduction Directorate. Zeltser is responsible for providing financial and technical support for storing and dismantling warheads in the former Soviet Union. Previously, Zeltser worked as an intern, first, for the State Department at the Bureau of European Affairs, Ukraine-Belarus-Moldova desk, later, at the U.S. Mission to NATO in Brussels. After his internships, he remained in Brussels to research Russian mass media for the Office of the Special Advisor on Central & Eastern European Affairs.

2000-01

Cary Dumas (IR, ’00) will attend Catholic University in Washington, D.C., on a full-tuition scholarship beginning fall 2001. Dumas recently married Sara Aeschilam.

Jenny Livesay (IR ’00) was recently promoted to head of international sales for Lebow Products, Inc. Livesay lives in Harrison Township, MI.

LeCarl Lockley (IR, ’00) has finished his first year at University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

Jelena Sijovic (IR, ’00) will move to Washington, D.C., to work in the Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training Office in the Central and Eastern European section at the U.S. Department of Justice in fall 2001.

Catherine Chen (PTCD ’01) is a national security analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense, working on projects involving nuclear weapons.

Melissa Green (PTCD, ’01) will attend George Washington University Law School. Green was a gymnast at MSU and a recipient of a Champions in the Classroom scholarship through the MSU Ralph Young Fund.

Joshua D. Madlinger (IR, ’01) has been commissioned into the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and will attend flight school at Fort Rucker in Alabama in fall 2001.

Jeff Roth (SR ’01) served as a cadet battalion commander in the ROTC as well as a fire support officer in the
Fulbright Scholar Reflects on His Experience

By Mark-Andre Timinsky

Timinsky (IR ’00) spent two semesters at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany as a Fulbright scholar studying and doing research on social mores of the German people during the Weimar Period (1919-32) and applying lessons learned to international politics of today.

My time abroad started in August, 2000 when I attended an orientation program in Frankfurt for all American Fulbright participants studying in Germany. It was interesting to get to know students from all over the country, studying in various subjects. Afterwards, I spent six weeks in a language training course in Regensburg, a Bavarian city on the Danube River in southern Germany. During the mornings and afternoons, we went through a series of rigorous grammar and literature courses.

I spent a few weeks traveling around Germany before I started my studies in Mainz. It was particularly striking to see how much Berlin had changed in the three years since I had last been there. The city has been transformed to such an extent that it is hard to believe that it was once divided.

In the middle of October, I arrived in Mainz to begin my studies. The university is named after the famous inventor of the printing press, Johannes Gutenberg. His original printing press is still on display at a local museum.

One of the biggest differences between the American and German university system is that there is no credit system here. Courses are categorized as either Vorlesungen (lectures) or Seminars. The former involves only lectures with no outside work, while the latter involves extensive outside work. In most courses there is only one exam at the end of the semester. Upon completion of the exam, a Schein is awarded with a grade on it. When students earn enough Scheins, they then take a test encompassing four to five years of accumulated knowledge. And I thought a semester exam was bad! The flexibility of the German system, and the fact that you do not pay based on credit hours, allowed me to attend and enroll in courses that interested me. One of my favorite courses was a dance class.

During my stay in Mainz, I am living in a Wohngemeinschaft, or WG (dormitory) on the outskirts of town. It takes about half an hour to get to the university by tram and bus. The WG is made up mostly of international students, so it was easy to meet a lot of new people within a relatively short time. Each student has a single room and shares a bathroom and cooking area with a roommate. Unlike MSU, the campus has only one main cafeteria. One of the biggest differences between German and American dormitories is that each German dormitory has its own bar.

Most of the other international students are European. I have picked up a lot of Spanish and French from friends and have several invitations during the break. Because of Mainz’s central location in Europe, it is possible to travel quickly to places like Paris, London, and Switzerland.

It is now the middle of June and my period of study in Germany is coming to a close. I never imagined the year could go by so fast. Over the semester break, I attended the annual Fulbright conference in Berlin and met with students studying throughout Europe. One of the guest speakers was Roger Cohen, senior European correspondent for the New York Times. I’m sure that many Madisonians are familiar with his articles. He spoke about the role the media plays in shaping American opinions about Europe and vice-versa. After the conference, I spent several weeks traveling through Germany, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina. It was particularly striking to see firsthand an area of the world that I studied so much as an undergraduate. The scars of war are still evident, but signs of peace and progress are also present. It was moving to take a step back from Western society and experience the realities that, for most of us, are confined to newspaper columns or magazine articles.

My classes this semester deal with international law and European law. I have been able to share American concepts of law, while learning the different schools of legal philosophy outside of the common law sphere. My research project has been going well and is nearing completion. The research and writing skills I have learned at Madison have been very useful. Also, my 1997 MSU study abroad experience in Mayen, Germany and an internship at the U.S. Embassy in Bonn the following year helped me with research and communication skills.

In a few short weeks, I will take my exams and turn in my research project. After a few weeks of travel, my transition to law school will begin. I am enrolled for the fall semester at the University of Iowa Law School in Iowa City. The experiences lived and friendships made during this year are ones that have greatly enriched my life. It has truly been a meaningful chapter in my life that will always remain important to me.

I strongly recommend that anybody approaching senior status should consider applying for a Fulbright Scholarship. It is available to more than 100 countries and is a wonderful way to broaden your academic and cultural horizons. More information is available at www.iie.org/fulbright.
Alumni Scene continued

Michigan Army National Guard before being commissioned into the U.S. Army in May 2001. He commanded the Pershing Rifles extracurricular group in 2000. Roth participated in an award seminar on the National Security of the United States at the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, VA, where he was awarded the George C. Marshall ROTC Leadership Award. Roth ran for the Michigan State House of Representatives in fall 2000; worked part time with 4-H Youth Development; has worked with orphaned/abandoned children in Iasi, Romania; and enjoys performing magic as a hobby. Roth is currently setting up projects to provide technical training to some of the children he met in Romania.

Adam Wright (PTCD ’01) is the winner of the 2001 Jack Chapin Memorial Prize, awarded annually by the JMC faculty to the outstanding senior in PTCD. Wright maintained an almost perfect grade point average. His honors thesis explored the question: “Is moderation a political virtue?” and evolved as a series of case studies of Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation, Roosevelt and the Social Security Act, and Clinton and the Health Security Act. Wright was the communications director for Dianne Byrum, a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, during the fall 2000 campaign. Wright will attend Harvard Law School.

Annual Campaign a Big Success

A record number of alumni donors and dollars marked giving during 2000-01 for James Madison College. As of June 30, the end of the fiscal year, the number of donors to the college had increased to 618 from 345 the previous year. Alumni giving had increased to $126,000 from $75,422 the year before. Scholarships established by alumni Jeff Cummings (JMC 84) and Burton Gerber (MSU 55) also highlighted the year.

All donations to the college, regardless of size, are important not only for scholarships, faculty development, and extra programming but also as a barometer to gauge alumni support. A strong base of talented alumni who have successful careers, are active in the college, and support the college financially is critical to the future advancement of Madison. For this reason, Dean Garnett and the administration of Michigan State University have been investing in JMC outreach efforts. Setting new records in alumni giving sends a positive message about Madison to the dean, MSU administration, alumni, and potential donors.

We continue to need your support and commitment to take Madison to the next level...to make JMC an even more attractive place to get a great education. I believe Madison is coming of age as an institution. The college is now well-positioned to solidify its outstanding reputation and bright future on a higher plateau. In past issues, I have mentioned our responsibility to do a good job in communicating the college’s needs and in asking for financial support. We also have an obligation to show you the direct impact of your gifts on the quality of a Madison education and on advancing the college’s mission. I trust the positive results during this last year are an indication we are doing a better job communicating this message.

Thank you for your support, both financial and in other ways. Madison has come a long way, but we face important new horizons. We look forward to reaching them with you!

Rocky Beckett
JMC Director of Development

Generous Tax Credits for Michigan Residents Who Donate to Madison

The State of Michigan allows a generous tax credit for donations to public educational institutions such as James Madison College. In brief, an annual donation to James Madison College of $400 by a married couple costs that couple only $88 after state credits and federal deductions (assuming a 28% tax bracket). Using the same formula, an annual donation to JMC of $200 by an individual costs that individual only $44. (Most Michigan residents will qualify for this credit, but please check with your tax advisor for advice about your personal situation.)

Here is how it works: You and your spouse make a $400 contribution in 2001. When you file your Michigan income taxes, you can take a $200 credit off the taxes you owe. If you itemize your deductions on the federal return and are in the 28% bracket, you save another $112 in taxes. Thus the $400 gift costs you $88 out of pocket, but the entire $400 goes to Madison for scholarships, faculty development, or other programs.

Consider this: More than 2,000 Madison graduates are currently Michigan residents. If just half of them make a gift to JMC of $200 this year alone, the college will receive $200,000. To date, the largest sum ever raised by the college in any one year from all sources was $229,378—in 1996.

Please consider making a gift and maximizing your state tax credit if you are not already doing it. Contact Rocky Beckett at (517) 432-2117 or becketttr@msu.edu if you have any questions. Send donations to James Madison College, Attn: Development Office, Michigan State University, 359 S Case Hall, East Lansing, MI 48825-1205.
JMC Dean Garnett Co-Directs Bipartisan Russian Task Force

In spring 2001, JMC Dean Sherman Garnett was invited by John Mroz, president of the New-York-based EastWest Studies Institute, to co-direct its Bipartisan Russian Task Force to examine the Putin administration’s record over the previous 18 months. Other project directors were Mroz and John Tedstrom, senior RAND economist. The task force was co-chaired by former U.S. Senators David L. Boren, John C. Danforth, and Alan K. Simpson.

The task force was given unprecedented access to top Russian officials, including President Putin, by the Russian presidential administration. The study, which began in April, included meetings in both the Russian Federation and Washington, D.C.

Garnett helped craft the final report, “Toward the Common Good: Building a New Relationship with Putin’s Russia,” and participated in presenting it to U.S. President Bush on July 16. The report identifies problem areas and makes recommendations for improving bilateral ties. Available at www.iews.org, the report was also issued at the G-8 Summit in Genoa.

Madison Faculty Participate in International Conference in Cluj, Romania


The conference examined the political, social, and economic impact of global restructuring (globalization and liberalization) on the political economies of transition states in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia from a multidisciplinary perspective and assessed transition “progress” in the region over 10-12 years.

The conference was sponsored by James Madison College and the MSU Center for European and Russian Studies. Participating Madison faculty included Sherman Garnett, Norman Graham, Erik Herron, Louis Hunt, Folke Lindahl, Linda Racioppi, Michael G. Schechter, Katherine O’Sullivan See, and Jonas Zoninsein.

M. Richard Zinman has been awarded the title of University Distinguished Professor, along with nine other MSU faculty members. The designation, recommended by President Peter McPherson and Provost Lou Anna Simon, is given in recognition of achievement in the classroom, the laboratory, and the community. Nominees must have been recognized nationally and usually internationally for the importance of their scholarly achievements. Individuals holding the professorship receive, in addition to their salary, a stipend of $5,000 for five years to support professional activities. Zinman’s expertise is in political thought. He is executive director of MSU’s annual Symposium on Science, Reason and Modern Democracy.
Pam Aronson is now a postdoctoral teaching fellow. In academic year 2000-01, she completed four publications on social movement participation, feminist identities, and adolescent, including an entry in the Encyclopedia of Sociology, a chapter in Advances in Life Course Research: Identity Across the Life Course in Cross-Cultural Perspective (JAI Press, 2000), and a chapter in Self Identity, and Social Movements (University of Minnesota Press, 2000). She also made presentations at the National Women's Studies Association and American Sociological Association annual conferences on young women's feminist identities and the ambiguous nature of the contemporary transition to adulthood. In June 2001, she presented “Growing Up in the Shadow of the Women's Movement: The Influence of Women's Studies on Young Women's Feminist Identities” at the National Women's Studies Association.


Ron Dorr's essay “Twelve Days in February: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Washington, D. C.” has been accepted for publication by David Anderson, editor of MidAmerica. The essay is a revision of a presentation Dorr made at the Conference of the Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature three years ago. Dorr, along with professor emeritus of Justin Morrill John Duley, has taught a five-week course on Parker Palmer's book The Active Life: A Spirituality of Work, Creativity, and Care. Palmer, noted writer, speaker, and consultant in secondary and higher education, will visit MSU for several days in September. Dorr also led a one-day retreat in July on the autobiographical work of Palmer, Let Your Life Speak, and participated in an MSU retreat in August on Palmer's best work, The Courage to Teach.

Mark Elder presented “MITI and Industrial Policy in Japan: Are Reports of Their Demise Exaggerated?” at the annual meeting of the Association of Asian Studies in Chicago in March 2001. Elder is also a recipient of a Lilly Teaching Fellowship for 2001-02.

Sherman Garnett, at the invitation of the Aspen Institute, addressed 18 U.S. senators and members of Congress at the Capitol in June on the trends and likely future outcomes for the Russian-Chinese strategic partnership. Garnett described the forces pulling the two countries together, especially the strong push of the two leaders and a growing suspicion of the United States. The two countries also have developed an important military relationship, with Russia supplying weapons and defense technology to a modernizing Chinese military. The long-term strategic impact of this relationship could be significant, as Russia appears ready to improve a range of key Chinese nuclear and conventional systems.

Linda Racioppi has been appointed full professor.

Michael Rubner published a review of Israel's First Fifty Years, edited by Robert O. Freedman, in Middle East Policy, No. 68 (May 2001).
**Michael Schechter** published “Possibilities for Preventive Diplomacy, Early Warning and Global Monitoring in the Post-Cold War Era; or, the Limits to Global Structural Change” in Adapting the United Nations to a Postmodern Era: Lessons Learned, edited by W. Andy Knight (London: Palgrave Publishers Ltd., 2001). He also worked as a consultant in June 2001 at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA providing advice on how to internationalize the curriculum, including the establishment of a major in international relations. Schechter presented “Resistance to Globalization: An Assessment of Facilitative Conditions” in July at the 2001 Hong Kong Conference of International Studies.

**Colleen Tremonte** published “Visual Literacy, Moving Images and the Problem of Interdisciplinarity” in the August 2001 issue of The National Teaching and Learning Forum. In June 2001, she presented a paper on the Carnegie Project at the European Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in London. Tremonte was also invited to participate in the Knight Higher Education Collaborative National Roundtable at Princeton University.

**Curtis Stokes**, in recognition for innovation and outstanding efforts that demonstrate achievement toward excellence in diversity, was awarded an Excellence in Diversity award in April 2001 by MSU. Recipients of the award receive a $2,500 stipend. Stokes was recognized for his work as the director of James Madison College’s SUC-CESS program, which assists students of color in meeting academic requirements. He has been involved in efforts both on and off campus devoted to launching questions on race and has co-led statewide conferences on black/Jewish and black/Latino relations. Through his leadership, the biennial Race Conference has put MSU at the forefront of a national dialogue on race. Stokes was recognized for his work as the director of James Madison College’s SUC-CESS program, which assists students of color in meeting academic requirements. He has been involved in efforts both on and off campus devoted to launching questions on race and has co-led statewide conferences on black/Jewish and black/Latino relations. Through his leadership, the biennial Race Conference has put MSU at the forefront of a national dialogue on race.

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**Ken Walzter** and other directors of Integrative Studies at MSU were recently notified that MSU will receive a $150,000 grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation to integrate faculty designed, course-based assessment into general education at MSU. The grant will run for two years. Walzter and other directors attended the Assessment in General Education conference of the American Association of Colleges and Universities in Atlanta in February 2001.

**J. Richard Zinman** was Distinguished Guest Professor at the Institute for Political Studies at the Portuguese Catholic University in Lisbon. For three weeks in March, he taught an intensive graduate seminar, “Republicanism, Ancient and Modern,” to 25 students enrolled in the institute’s M.A. and Ph.D. programs (including diplomats from Brazil, Great Britain, and Ireland) and a small group of junior faculty members from Portuguese universities. Texts were Aristotle’s Politics and The Federalist Papers. In addition, Zinman organized two conferences (with Professor Nathan Tarcov, University of Chicago) on Leo Strauss’s Natural Right and History. These conferences were sponsored jointly by the Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy at M SU, the John M. Olin Center for Inquiry into the Theory and Practice of Democracy at the University of Chicago, and the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung of Munich, Germany. The first, which was held at M SU in April 2001, reconsidered the book itself. The second, held in Chicago in May, explored the contexts (European and American) in which it was conceived and published. A third conference is planned for Munich in June 2002. Zinman also delivered the public lecture “Nietzsche, Democracy, and the Pathos of Distance” at the University of Chicago in May. This was the final lecture in a year-long series organized by the Olin Center and the Committee on Social Thought on Nietzsche, Heidegger, and the Future of Democracy. Zinman also boasts an edited collection of essays titled Politics at the Turn of the Century (which he published in conjunction with Arthur Melzer and Jerry Weinberger). (See also box on page 11.)
What JMC Has Meant To Me

"A Madison education is the beginning of a lifetime of learning and exploring . . . an understanding of world issues that provides a foundation for analyzing not only U.S. public policy, but also foreign policy, north to south relations, developed to developing countries, and much more. . . . A Madison education can prepare one for numerous pursuits after graduation. I chose to continue my studies with a Master of International Affairs, and subsequently a Master of Science, Information Systems. I would not have succeeded with either degree if I did not have the solid foundation of how to think and write that I gained at Madison."

Kristin Lado (IR '92)
Knowledge Management Consultant
The World Bank

Applications to JMC Increasing

By Jeff Judge, JMC Admissions Director

James Madison College is anticipating the matriculation of an impressive first-year class for fall semester 2001. Representing numerous states and every region within Michigan, the first-year class appears capable of continuing the tradition of excellence that defines JMC. Total applications, out-of-state applications, and minority applications exceed totals in previous years.

During the past year, Madison has initiated a number of collaborative efforts to inform students and families about the educational opportunities available in the college. We have:

- Instituted or continued programs that focus on precollege students, specifically fifth- and eighth-grade students
- Collaborated with the MSU Office of Admissions and Scholarships, the Honors College, and Lyman Briggs to develop programs with Urban League chapters around the state of Michigan
- Co-sponsored efforts, along with a number of other departments, that assist high school counselors who work with children of migrant labor families to explore educational opportunities available at MSU
- Developed a model program, spearheaded by JMC Dean Sherman Garnett, in which the college works closely with high schools, enabling high school students to visit MSU and Madison as well as participate in numerous activities sponsored by the college

Without support from James Madison College alumni, it would be difficult to inform high school students and parents about the programs we offer. Support from the JMC Alumni Association has enabled us to expand our recruiting area and visit a number of new locations.

During the past nine months, representatives of Madison have attended college fairs and visited high schools in Washington, D.C., New York City, Chicago, Cleveland, Boston, and numerous locations within Michigan. We have attended national college fairs in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Chicago.

Alumni themselves have assisted our efforts by representing MSU and JMC at college fairs. They have also developed new scholarships that provide valuable financial assistance to students. The JMC Alumni Association and the college’s Board of Visitors were extremely helpful in contacting students admitted to the college for fall semester 2001. These initiatives have had a positive impact on prospective students and their families. With the support of all members of the James Madison College community, we have enjoyed a successful year.
What JMC Has Meant To Me

“My education at James Madison College gave me three assets, in particular, that continue to serve me well in my professional life. First, I learned how to think. I often disagreed with the positions my professors took on various issues, but I was never told what to think. . . . Second, I learned how to write effectively. As a research analyst, I know that a high premium is placed on my ability to communicate effectively. . . . Third, I experienced an overseas internship in Vienna, Austria during the fall semester of my senior year. To this day, the person who hired me for my current position maintains that this is the most unique qualification that he has ever seen on a resume. . . . JMC equips people for life, not just a job.

Walt Schmidt (IR ’93)
Vice President/Portfolio Strategies
First Tennessee
Capital Markets/Chicago

Aaron Payne (IR, senior) is a recipient of the Walter and Pauline Adams Scholarship for the 2001-02 academic year. The scholarship is awarded to undergraduates with good academic standing, demonstrated leadership ability, and who are planning a career in public service or law.

Michael Schaefer (PE, senior) has been awarded a National Security Education Project scholarship to support his Central European Studies program at Palacky University next fall.

Jeff Ziarko (PE, senior) recently received a student fellowship award from the State Farm Insurance Companies. Winners were chosen on the basis of scholastic performance and business leadership potential. Ziarko is the director of undergraduate budgetary affairs for Associated Students of MSU. He is considering a career in educational policy.

Spring Commencement 2001
Madison Homecoming Tailgate Picnic

Mark your calendars and plan to return to the MSU campus on Saturday, October 13, 2001

Join college alumni, faculty, students, and friends behind Case Hall for plenty of good food and great company.

Festivities will begin two hours before kick-off of the MSU vs. Iowa game, rain or shine.

Contact Kim Allan at 517-353-3381 or allank@msu.edu for more information or to rsvp.

OTHER EVENTS

JMC Founder’s Circle Luncheon
Featuring David Broder
Friday, October 12, 2001, 12:00 p.m.
See page 3 for details

Alumni Reception in Novi
Featuring Professor Ken Waltzer and Dean Sherman Garnett
Wednesday, September 5, 2001
5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
FDI Group, Inc.
Summit Pointe Office Center, First Floor
39500 High Pointe Blvd.
Novi, Michigan

Madison Library Dedication
Friday, September 21, 2001
Program, 1:00 p.m., Club Spartan
Reception and open house, 1:45 p.m.
MSU president, provost, and trustees invited

Reunion of the JMC Class of ’71
Saturday, September 22, 2001
Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m.
MSU Kellogg Center

The new JMC Website is up and running!
Visit http://www.jmc.msu.edu, sign on to the alumni registry, look around the site, and let us know what you think.