From the Director...

Welcome to the 2008-2009 Academic Year in the Wolfgram Memorial Library.

While a little work remains to be done, we hope that you will enjoy the improvements that have taken place over the summer.

It is easy to notice the new, clean white coat of paint on the building, giving the building a fresher appearance. It is also easy to appreciate the new handrails that are sturdy and splinter-free. But there are other changes that are not as immediately apparent that are designed to make study and research easier and more efficient.

Changes have been made to the library catalog to improve its operation and the effectiveness with which users are connected to full-text article resources. The process should be much more transparent than before.

The large classroom in the library—Room 106—has been relocated, enlarged and reequipped to become a better teaching and learning facility. It is now located at the bottom of the library’s main staircase in the area formerly occupied by the Computer Lab.

The computer lab has moved to the room formerly occupied by Room 106. It is still a staffed computer lab, but you will find that it is somewhat smaller than before because, in a cooperative venture between the library and ITS, 18 fully-functioning ITS lab computers and a printer have been relocated throughout the library facility, primarily on the mezzanine level of the library, to allow computer access in a more comfortable manner. Four computers have been installed in the New Books Area on the main level of the library, and two group study computers have been installed in the lounge area of the mezzanine level. Additionally, the study tables in the mezzanines have been equipped with power and network access to accommodate laptop users.

These changes, along with computer desks and new seating provided by ITS, are designed to make this year at Wolfgram a more comfortable and effective experience.

A Warm Wolfgram Welcome to:

Lin Ostrander, Sr. Acquisitions Assistant, under the supervision of Mrs. Deena Medzie, Head of Acquisitions.

Cynthia Mumley, Reference Assistant, under the supervision of Mrs. Maria Varki, Head of Reference Services.

Congratulations are in order for:

Delma Kearney, Serials Assistant, proud grandmother of a new grandson….

Travis Herrington, Jr.,
Born: September 23, 2008

Carole Diorisio, Sr. Cataloging Assistant, boasts two grandsons within a month of each other….

Andrew Phillip Mannherz
Born: April 13, 2008

Anthony Joseph Diorisio
Born: May 19, 2008
William John Wolfgram
By Teresa Cartularo
From the Archives Collection

The Wolfgram Memorial Library is named in honor of 2nd Lt. William John Wolfgram, the only child of Frank and Edith Wolfgram of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A student of the Northwestern Military and Naval Academy of Wisconsin, Bill graduated at the top of his class. At Harvard, which he entered in the Fall of 1940, he continued to excel in his studies. His love of country and sense of duty resulted in his leaving Harvard to enlist in the U.S. Army and to attend the Advanced Course ROTC program at Pennsylvania Military College (now Widener University). At PMC, Wolfgram studied Industrial Engineering and graduated from the ROTC program in 1943 with top academic honors and the Alumni Award for his military skills. He also earned the highest average in his class at Officers' Candidate School. Following this, Wolfgram volunteered for the 10th Mountain Division and trained in the Colorado mountains. In the winter of 1944, this elite group of white clad warriors was deployed to Italy where Bill Wolfgram's leadership and military skills were much appreciated by his fellow soldiers. He died while leading his platoon away from heavy enemy fire to a safety zone. 2nd Lt. Wolfgram was in line for a battlefield promotion to 1st Lt. when he died on April 16, 1945 on Riva Ridge, just weeks from the May 2nd surrender of the Germans in Italy. In a letter to his parents, Bill Wolfgram's bravery and concern for his men were expressed by his commanding officer as well as by many of his comrades. Lt. Wolfgram was a member of the 10th Mountain Division, 87th Mountain Infantry, Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion, Company L. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Man's Badge and the Bronze Star. He had planned to return to PMC to complete his degree. In recognition of his service in World War II, Harvard University chose to include Wolfgram's name on its role of honor.

In her speech at the dedication of the library, Mrs. Wolfgram spoke on behalf of her deceased husband and herself about their son’s actions and demeanor, which had inspired them to donate a library in his memory because "he was an avid reader of good books from the time he could read at all...." In a letter postmarked June 15, 1944, Pando Colorado, Bill Wolfgram wrote to his father from Camp Hale for Father's Day telling his Dad how much he appreciated being his son and how "it doesn't take long in this man's army to find out the value of parents...."

Library Resources - -
What’s New @ Wolfgram
By Susan Tsiouris

A-Z Electronic Journal List- Found in our list of Databases by Title. By entering a journal title, you will be directed to databases where the journal title can be found.

LinkSource-A new feature which links databases. If an article is not available in one database, a quick click on LinkSource may direct you to the full text of the article in another database.

Literature Criticism Online—This database replaces the hundreds of books currently located in Reference area.

Over the summer months we have upgraded several of our resources. Check out the new look...

EBSCO Databases: Familiar databases such as Academic Search Premier, Business Source Elite, CINAHL, SPORTDiscus, and many more, now have a new sleek look.

ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan: Your old ILLiad Username and Password will still work!

Library Exhibit: In celebration of Banned Books Week, there are books, bookmarks, videos and posters on display in the Wolfgram Memorial Library Lobby. For a list of challenged and banned books, go to: http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/bannedbookswEEK/challengedbanned/frequentlychallengedbooks.cfm

Teddy Bears @ the Library? Just in time for the holiday season, Wolfgram Library staff in collaboration with the Salvation Army dress up dozens of teddy bears for children in the community. Stop by the Circulation Desk and see the adorable critters next time you are in the library.
Wolfgram Launches New Digital Library for the Archives

By Jan Alexander & Jill Borin

Visit http://digitalwolfgram.widener.edu to view exciting Archives exhibits on a new platform. These include:

The Timeline

View all the pictures from the recently installed PMC/Widener section of the timeline in Alumni Auditorium (1821 to the present).

*Staging for a 1968 Time Magazine ad: “We decided PMC needed a more rounded student body.”*

Scrapbooks

Explore life at PMA and PMC in the late 1800s and early 1900s while browsing three scrapbooks: Albert Huntt Scrapbook, 1882 – 1893; William Cosgrove Scrapbook, 1875 – 1877; and President Frank Hyatt Scrapbook, 1931 – 1958.

1880s: Bed ticking, blanket, bedspread and mattress

Yearbooks

Browse the complete 1933 and 1958 yearbooks.

Campus Buildings

View the campus as it looked from 1894 to the present, with aerial views and pictures of over 60 campus buildings.

1960s: Campus under construction

Caps Exhibit

Learn about the changing style of caps worn by PMA and PMC cadets from 1863 - 1972.

PMA Cadet from the 1880s

School Histories and Newspapers

Read the full text of three school histories, oral history transcripts and over 100 issues of the PMC News from 1916 – 1950.

Instructions: (These exhibits are best viewed with Internet Explorer)

* Go to http://digitalwolfgram.widener.edu
* Once there select Browse
* Click on dropdown box
* Choose an exhibit to view
* Click on Go
* Click on picture on left
* For items with many pages, click on menu on left to see individual pages
* Click on Help for more information