



CORPS — On October 25 Charles R. Baquet III, acting director of the Peace Corps, spoke at the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service on "The Value of Volunteerism: Peace Corps Enters the 21st Century." Before the address Baquet, left, met with Wagner School Dean Jo Ivey Boufford.

NYU welcomes parents of GSP international students

David Finney, dean of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies, and Steve Curry, General Studies Program (GSP) associate dean, hosted a reception in August to welcome the parents of a unique group of sophomores, the first-ever enrollees of the GSP Freshman Year in Florence program, who spent the 1998-99 academic year studying in Florence, Italy.

Parents attending the reception hailed from 14 countries, including Brazil, Taiwan, Luxembourg, France, and Jordan, and had come to New York City with their sons and daughters who are now studying at the Washington Square campus.

In fall 1998, NYU admitted 67 students to the GSP Freshman Year in Florence program. These young men and women lived at La Pietra, the flagship campus of NYU's study-abroad program, where they completed the first-year courses of the General Studies Program. The students made up an internationally diverse group, representing 33 countries.

Finney, Curry, and NYU President L. Jay Oliva addressed the nearly 40 parents on hand at the August reception.

"Your sons and daughters are truly special," said Oliva. "Their spirit and discipline are major reasons for the success of the GSP Freshman Year in Florence program. This is an initiative that

embodies NYU's commitment to mainstreaming international education throughout the curriculum."

Finney said, "By allowing students to see firsthand the art, architecture, and other significant artifacts that are the focus of their studies, the GSP Freshman Year in Florence gives students an especially enriching first-year experience. In the fall semester, students focus on the great works of the ancient world and visit archaeological sites and museums in Italy. In the spring, when the curriculum centers on the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, students need travel only minutes to central Florence to find themselves surrounded by many of the great treasures discussed in their classes."

"I've known many of these parents since the day they brought their children to La Pietra," said Curry, "and I was delighted to have the opportunity to share in the pride they have for their sons and daughters. The La Pietra experience has given these students greater openness to new ideas, a more in-depth understanding of other people and their customs, and an increased confidence in their ability to excel in various cultural settings. I look forward to watching their continued success here at Washington Square."



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Varsity Club inducts four to Hall of Fame

The New York University Athletics Department has inducted four new members into its Hall of Fame. The new honorees are Roy Chernock, Class of 1950, Adam Crawford, Class of 1994, Risto Hurme, Class of 1975, and Melissa Wiltzius, Class of 1995. The induction ceremonies took place in October.

In addition, five student-athletes received awards for their outstanding achievements during the past school year.

Roy Chernock has long been a recognized figure in collegiate and high school track and field coaching. As an NYU athlete he captured the Indoor Metropolitan IC long jump, the AAU Metropolitan low hurdle title, and placed third at the ICUA Indoor Mile relay. In 1950, Roy was one of five Violet athletes to be named to compete at the Maccabiah Games in Tel Aviv. There he captured gold medals in the low hurdles, 4 x 100 relay, and the 4 x 400 relay. He finished third in both the 110 hurdles and triple jump.

Roy went on to coach successfully at Oceanside High School (1956-1967) in Oceanside, NY, C.W. Post College at Long Island University, Baruch College, Princeton University, and William and Mary. He has also headed the USA National Team to Moscow, been head coach of the 1974 and 1977 USA Maccabiah Teams, and head coach of the USA National Team that traveled to England for the 1993 World Indoor Championship.

Adam Crawford was a four-year standout in varsity basketball, holding the number four position in



Adam Crawford

points scored during a career. In addition, he is NYU's all-time record holder for three-point field goals with 181, third all-time in three-point percentage at 38.8%, first in three-point attempts (467), first all-time in steals with 243, second all-time from the free-throw line with a 79.7% mark, and fifth all-time in field goals made with 528. While his numbers speak for themselves, it was his leadership and commitment to the game that set him apart. Only three players have ever been selected as two-time solo captains, Adam being the latest ('93-'94, '92-'93). During his tenure he started 107 of a possible 109 games, missing just the first two starts during his freshman year. He was elected to the three All-UAA teams including first team selections as a junior and senior. During the 1993-94 season, Adam was named UAA Player of the Year and finished in the top five in four UAA offensive categories as he led NYU to the national championship game. Adam led NYU with 24 points and 12 rebounds during that emotional, 66-59 final overtime loss to Lebanon Valley.



Roy Chernock

Risto Hurme's NYU and international fencing exploits are second only to the legendary Mike Lofton. This three-time NCAA epee champion is the only person to ever win three titles in one weapon category. His all-time national championship record is second best all-time in NCAA history. His US national championship team participation helped lead them to first-place finishes on three occasions (1973, 1974, 1975). He finished fourth overall at the World Championships in 1971 and 1973. A two-time Olympian, at the 1972 Munich games he finished eighth as an individual, and was a member of the bronze medal team. He also competed at the 1976 Montreal games.

Risto also won a number of US national championships and was a member of the Finish Olympic team on two occasions. He was the junior and epee Finish National Champion in 1969.

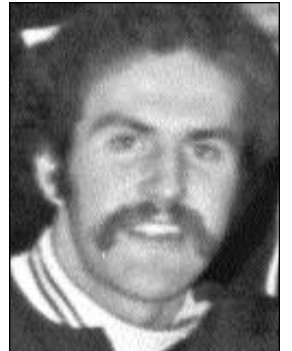
Melissa Wiltzius left her mark during one season of track and field competition when she became a three-time All-American in 1994, accomplishing the feat in both the indoor and outdoor seasons during that year. She took fourth in the 55m hurdles at the 1994 NCAA indoors, and was a fifth-place finisher in the heptathlon and sixth in the 100 meter hurdles at the '94 NCAA Division-III National Outdoor Championships.



Melissa Wiltzius

Melissa still holds or shares seven different indoor and outdoor records. She is still the record holder in the following outdoor events: 100m hurdles, (:14.7, 1997), 400m hurdles, (1:07.54, 1994), Heptathlon (4381 points, 1994) and is a member of the 400m record-setting relay team (:50.52, 1994). In addition, she holds the following indoor track and field records: 55m hurdles (:8.45, 1994), 200m (:27.59, 1994), 1600m (4:24.25, 1994). She was named Most Outstanding Performer at the University Athletic Association Championships in 1994. She was named assistant coach at Emory University.

The student athlete award recipients were: Jehan Clark (women's basketball), Class of 1999, the Sid Tannenbaum Memorial Award; Robert Schwarz (volleyball), Class of 1999, the President's Student-Athlete Academic Award; Christina Keller (swimming), Class of 1999, the President's Student-Athlete Academic Award; Mitch Kallick (volleyball), Class of 2002, the Freshman Athlete of the Year Award; and Leah Shapiro (volleyball), Class of 2002, the Freshman Athlete of the Year Award.



Risto Hurme

At Gallatin, life-long education is family affair

At NYU's Gallatin School of Individualized Study, life-long education is a family affair. Take the Barowitzes and the Walkers, for example. Members of both families share artistic convictions with eclectic venues and non-traditional career paths. And at Gallatin they found the educational environment and the flexibility of interdisciplinary studies that allowed them to successfully weave together college and career.

The Barowitzes — Elliot, Jane and their sons, Zachary and Jordan — were involved with Gallatin at its genesis. In 1972 Jane was a returning adult student, married and with two young boys. She remembers the first graduating class as a "tiny band" of individuals. Jane graduated with a BA, and was a Founders Day Award recipient.

Elliott has been advising Gallatin students for the past two decades, and is currently teach-

ing a course in addition to his mentoring duties. He became drawn into Gallatin as Jane was finishing, and credits his close friendship with Laurin Raiken for his involvement.

Eldelst son Zachary grew up in the midst of his parent's involvement with the school, and took a keen interest in his father's student advising sessions. He credits the experience of watching and listening to these sessions for his current advisement role at Gallatin.

Jordan is pursuing his MA in political communication at Gallatin and is finalizing his thesis on the impact of the growth of e-media on political campaigns. He currently works for the New York City Council as a press officer.

The Walkers, all siblings, also became involved with Gallatin early on. Patricia, the eldest, was the pioneer in her family. As her brother Perry said, "She turned us all on to the idea of a Gallatin

education." Entering in fall 1977, Trish was returning to school in the midst of a successful career in dance and performance education. She received her BA, under the guidance of her advisor, Laurin Raiken.

Perry came to Gallatin in the mid-1980's to find direction for his burgeoning photography career. He received his MA in 1989 and the school's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1999. In his current project, Delta Access, Perry is bridging the "cultural divide of the Mason Dixon line" by bringing together art and artists in Memphis and New York City.

Mary Elizabeth, the youngest, enrolled two years ago. She is interested in writing, and for her Gallatin offers the structure, encouragement, and opportunity to define and refine her skills.

For the Barowitzes and Walkers, Gallatin remains a place to merge life experience and unique educational opportunity.