

Washington College mourns Goldstein

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CHESTERTOWN - While Maryland mourns the recent death of longtime state Comptroller Louis Goldstein, Washington College officials are pondering another question: who will step up to the many tasks Goldstein performed for the institution?

Goldstein, arguably the college's most prominent graduate, was for 18 years the chairman of the college's Board of Visitors and Governors and a major cash contributor. Just recently, Goldstein bequeathed \$1 million

to the school for renovation of historic William Smith Hall - the latest in a long series of financial and political favors.

Goldstein was on the college board for 41 years - two more than he spent as comptroller.

"Louis Goldstein was not only the longest-serving elected state official in the nation but was also a magnificent leader at his alma mater."

Washington College President John Toll said in a written statement. "He worked tirelessly to help make Washington College one of the best small liberal arts colleges in the country with a dedication and generosity that were legendary." Toll added his condolences to Goldstein's three children; the comptroller's wife passed away several years ago.

Toll said it is solely up to the Board of Visitors and Governors to fill Goldstein's place on the board. One-third of the panel is appointed by the governor and another third is picked by alumni, but Goldstein's seat was part of the third that is cho-

sen by the board itself.

The board's next regular meeting is Sept. 19, but Toll noted that it can schedule an emergency meeting to pick Goldstein's successor if it so chooses. He would not speculate on whether that clause will be invoked, or whom the board would pick as a replacement.

In the meantime, Vice Chairman Cliff Schroeder immediately becomes acting chairman of the board in accordance with the college's bylaws. Schroeder is a resident of Richmond, Va., and a father of two Washington College alumni.