Westminster College students have been awaiting the end of the summer heat since they arrived on campus one month ago. Cooler weather was finally ushered in alongside the 2018 Student Government Association-sponsored Fall Festival last Friday, Sept. 21. This year’s Fall Festival was different from in years past in that it took place on a Friday, rather than a Saturday.

SGA President Sarah Conn said, “We had budget cuts, so we had to find the best way to have a large event with a small budget, (which led us to) fuse SGA Day and Fall Fest together.”

Controversy arose between SGA Senators regarding the shift in the day of the event from a Saturday to a Friday. Senators were worried about the possibility of classes interrupting and negatively affecting attendance of the event.

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It's Okay to Not Be Okay

Curiouser & Curiouser

Michaela Sidewick

Westminster College is confused

According to a Facebook status update from September 12, Westminster College is feeling confused. The post in question, pictured above, is the response to the shock that many people in the Westminster community may have felt when they saw the sun in the sky after a series of murders, over several days. But this post isn’t alone in its eccentricity. Recent posts to Westminster’s social media accounts, like the one pictured to the right, has seemed distinctly quieter than in years past, and this new “winfulness” has been raising some serious attention, both from alumni and from students.

While Westminster is trying something new with their social media marketing strategy, not everyone is on board with the changes. Ashley Knox, class of 2012, now works as the assistant director of social media at Hanover College. Knox mentioned that she found the new posts “totally off brand.” Indeed, the recent changes seem shockinglyathanet, especially as an institution for higher education. I mean, how many colleges do you know that post pictures of Spoonful-of-Happiness hang-ups on campus?

While “alternative social media strategies are awesome, they have a time and a place,” said senior Alina Clough. “I do all fun, but as a senior applying to grad schools, Westminster’s small stature already feels like an uphill battle in terms of how seriously our school is taken. It’s easy to feel overwhelmed. If you have a bad day, your thoughts can spiral until it looks like it’s just setting you up for failure. Everyone around you tells you to look on the bright side, but sometimes that just isn’t enough. If you try to think positively, and then you end up feeling even worse because your struggle isn’t always rainbows and sunshine, and we need to acknowledge that.

Twins, however, just don’t seem like the best time to be charging up. After all, there’s this pretty fine line between having fun and just muddling along. Maybe it’s just me, but I’m happy to see some fun, some social media out of WC,” said Erin Wall, who graduated in 2010 with her Bachelor’s in broadcast communications. “It has a total awesom savour in your years.”

You failed a test. That exam you had last night ending for some book with a big red “F” on it. Or maybe, you messed up at work and your boss criticized you in front of everyone. Or you had a fight with your significant other and now your world is falling apart. It’s easy to feel overwhelmed. If you have a bad day, your thoughts can spiral until it looks like it’s just setting you up for failure. Everyone around you tells you to look on the bright side, but sometimes that just isn’t enough. If you try to think positively, and then you end up feeling even worse because your struggle isn’t always rainbows and sunshine, and we need to acknowledge that.

There has been a revamp of awareness for mental health nationwide. There is an emphasis on talking about personal and maintaining a tough persona. People are more willing to admit when they need help. The National Alliance of Mental Illness’s website states that the stigma surrounding mental health creates an intimidation of shame, but each child. In 1996, Congress officially named the first week of October as Mental Illness Awareness Week as an effort to help and the harmful stigma. Recently on our own campus, Westminster’s social media has produced a video supporting the prevention of mental health that has been shared online numerous times. “It okay to not be okay,” the video says to have a bad day, to fail a test or to simply break down and cry. It’s okay to not be okay. All those firsts are okay.

It’s important to share this message with others, but it’s even more important to fully live it out ourselves. Sometimes, the glass isn’t half full. It’s an inspirational thought to always assume the best out of a situation, but if you always anticipate the positives, you’re not taking in the full spectrum of feelings. Don’t get me wrong, there are good things. But for many people, it’s actually one of those good things. It’s an inspirational thought to always assume the best out of a situation, but if you always anticipate the positives, you’re not taking in the full spectrum of feelings. Don’t get me wrong, there are good things. But for many people, it’s actually one of those good things.

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October is creeping around the corner and marks the beginning of preparation for a welterload of holidays. As the fall season winds down, bringing along a gradual falling of the leaves, the cold crisp air, and plenty of causes for celebration, it’s okay to take a step back and reassess your peers, friends, and family.

The fall season carrying us into the inevitable darkness of winter can be daunting for some. As each day grows shorter and shorter, we are hit with a punch to the gut of depression. The darkness especially takes it toll beginning on the first Sunday of November, when we lose that extra hour, which causes the darkness to set in much earlier.

We will mark the end of Daylight Savings Time (DST). On this Sunday in two years, we will turn the clocks back an hour, which causes the darkness to set in much earlier. Dec. 21 of 2018 will be the shortest day of the year, and only after this winter solstice will we finally begin to work our way back up with increasingly longer days.

The shortening of the fall can be taxing for everyone. As college students with papers to finish, research to conduct, and breaks. We are instructed to put on our oxygen mask before anyone else. You are not going to be able to make anyone else happy if you're not. This idea is parallel to that of a hypothetical plane crash. You have to take care of yourself to be just a little selfish.
A Fresh Perspective and Brand New Traditions

Julie Vanke

On Saturday, Sept. 22, Westminster hosted its annual Family Day event. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., students and families were able to enjoy food and drinks, background music and face painting, all while learning more about the college and its many opportunities.

Hannah Grimes, Westminster’s director of admission, hosted the event on campus.

“Family Day is such a positive experience for both Westminster and a beautiful art exhibit. Parents and students can meet people who mean something to their students, they can make connections with other families, creating a network of resources, and they can see their student and how they interact with their friends and the College. All that together helps Westminster to thrive, helps the family members breathe a little easier, thanks to Francesca Manilla, Westminster’s new Advisor to CPC, Manilla works with Campus Programming and the Club Board to provide and improve on campus programming. She arrives to help Westminster students find opportunities for learning and fun, to coordinate or participate in the events. Events like Student Government Association Day, Fall Fest and Volleyball already exist at Westminster, but Manilla would like to create more. Her idea is to have an annual ghost tour around campus, held on the night of Halloween. This event would continue as a tradition, because ghost stories could be Westminster lore.

Manilla also highlighted the necessity of engaging not only with the Westminster faculty but also with the community. When students feel excited to participate in sponsored events, Manilla also hopes to provide faculty with resources that will help them increase student engagement as well. Some Resident Assistant assistants may be offered new opportunities to make their programs more public, hopefully increasing attendance at their meetings and hall socials.

In addition to her position as the Assistant Director of Student Engagement and Advisor to CPC, Manilla also serves as the Advisor to Panhellenic Council and Interfraternity Council. Jennifer Thigpen, the director of residence life, added that the CPC, one of the organizations Manilla advises, was planning this year’s festivities. The planning process has been “wonderful and positive experience for both Westminster and students alike. We love for them to come to the place that their students call home. It allows them to really see those things. “Manilla’s passion for Greek Life inspires her to work with Westminster’s Greek Organizations. The plans include what Manilla calls a “cultural change” for Greek Life here in Westminster’s campus, which will affect everything from Sorority ‘Pick Up Day’ to Big Day to the image of Westminster’s Greek organizations. She will be prioritizing updating any outdated policies that no longer work and emphasizing risk management. Manilla hopes to create new traditions and programming specifically geared toward Greek Life as well as those meant for the general campus.

Ultimately, Manilla wants Westminster students to be engaged and in the spirit of the day that the college provides for their entertainment. She thinks that her position makes her a resource to both faculty and students, and puts her in a place where she is able to bridge the gap between the amount of student engagement around campus.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM CPC Movie in Mueller: Downsizing
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Steel Blossoms
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
8:00 AM - 9:00 PM Professional Networking Symposium
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tailgate Party
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Rollerbossa Ballastic
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
4:00 PM Peggy Cox and Mary Lou Alexander, Botanical Treadles
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM CPC Movie in Mueller: Downsizing
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Open Door Worship
10:00 PM - 12:00 AM CPC Movie in Mueller: Downsizing

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1
11:40 AM - 12:10 PM Come & Sea Chapel Worship
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM CPC Fitness Night: Beach Brunch
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball vs. Geneva

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3
11:40 AM - 12:40 PM Faculty Forum
James R. Rholes Jr., Michael E. Aleprete, 2018 Honor Recipients
Jeffrey T. Bersett

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM Resumes Workshop
Campus Blood Drive

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The New Castle Playhouse will be performing the Broadway musical "A Chorus Line" on Sept. 28th, 29th, and Oct. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The musical will be directed by Brett Rodgers. The ticket prices range from $11 to $16, and tickets can be bought through the NCP's website, Newcastleplayhouse.org, or by calling their box office at 724-655-1300. The musical features popular songs such as "Put It All Out There," "One," "I Hope I Get It," and "At the Ballet." The musical typically takes on a stage with little to no props to emulate what an audition stage would look like. Each person auditioning gets to show the audience a glimpse into who they are and what decisions they made to become dancers. "A Chorus Line" first premiered on Broadway on July 25th, 1975. As a smash hit, the musical won nine Tony Awards and won the 1976 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

"A Chorus Line" is a full-scale children's theater production, with performances and creative productions. The organization also boasts a quality theater arts experiences, produced by the community, performances. It is stated on the NCP website that: "the New Castle Playhouse exists to foster community, civic, social, and cultural enlightenment, through quality and unique theater experiences, that are for the community, and the community strives to provide the residents of Lawrence County and the surrounding areas with quality and unique theater experiences."

On Sept. 29th, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the village of Volant, PA will be transformed into a 'Spooktacular' festival for their 11th annual Witches' Night Out. Their Facebook event page tells vistors to "come on out for a weeknight fun night of fall fun with fantastic shopping." The night will offer guests the opportunity to peruse shops offering specialty treats and sales, participate in a costume contest, candy or cake contest, and to watch a parade with music. Medium readings, tarot readings, and fortune telling will also be available for sale, all proceeds will benefit the "Volant Mills" restoration project. Admission to the event is $3 for adults and $1 for children.

Every year, a day in October stands out above the rest. Streets and homes are decorated in orange and black, children are dressed in costumes of all kinds and lovers are curled up on couches to share a scary movie together. All of these traditions represent the best day of the year - Halloween.

Halloween is celebrated on October 31st of every year by many people across the globe. However, this holiday is unlike any other because it celebrates frights and fears rather than family and friends. We have the pleasures to share those frights with our friends through scary movies, dark stories and haunted attractions. If you're worried about missing these "at home comforts," Westminster might just have something you can enjoy. Only 50 minutes and 31 miles away is the Beaver Hotel in Beaver.

Today, the hotel stands as a restaurant, bar and haunted Halloween attraction. Senior music education major and Butler native, Zoey Povlick, reflected about the countless times she's spent at the hotel during the fall months:

"I'm really excited to see all the decorations in town and have a fun night with friends after a long week of school," she said.

Junior Rachael Lamberts is excited for Witches' Night Out because she always "loves the events that go on in Volant." Martinis will be attending the event with some of his friends, who will plan on dressing up in costumes and hanging out for the night. When asked why he wanted to attend, Martinis explained that: "it's a nice excuse to have a party and go with friends for the night." Junior Nicole Douglas explained that she is attending the annual event because it is "another fun way to celebrate fall and to dress up in costumes." "It's very exciting to find some little homemade items and enjoy the night," she said. Douglas does not have any specific plans for the night, but hopes to visit as many dogs as possible and see some really cute dogs in costumes.

"It was a great place to hang out with friends! We all went there when I was in high school. We would go in groups of friends, at the costume, shoes, and candy contest, which will have separate categories for adults, children, and pets. An outdoor witch's ring toss will be set up at Wynfield Handmade Gift Shop, which will also feature homemade inventory featuring witches' candles, cauldrons and woven wear.

Knockin' Noggin Ciderie and Wines will offer witches' wine and pumpkin cider. Panic 'n' pumpkins will also be available at Knockin' Noggin for guests that pro buy tickets. Right down the street, the famous house will be bringing up party beverages at Vintage Vogue on their mill-side porch. Specialty drinks will include mystery potion punch, "Get 'em Pumpkins" spiced apple cider, "southern spooky's" spiced apple cider, and their homemade fermentation beer. The Distillery Ward will also have pumpkin spice and caramel apple mimosas for sale.

A few other shops will be offering special activities and themed merchandise. The show will last 3 hours. Volant as you prize treat and craft readings, and they will also provide a specialty poison potion punch. Oak Creek Creations will have a photo booth with props and bewitching cocktails. Wine from mugs and frappe dipped glasses will be available at Miss Scarlet's Gift Painter. Roaming out the shops, James Creek Galleries will host a guess-the-weight of the pumpkin contest, and the winner will win a fall wreath. Senior Julianne Halmo expressed her enthusiasm at the possibility of seeing lots of people and possibly fellow students, dressed up at the event. Halmo plans to visit Knockin' Noggin to try some of their specialty sodas and also have a tarot reading done at The Lounge.

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Wish You Were Here

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

ANSWER TO TODAY’S PUZZLE
The Westminster College Career Center has announced that it will be hosting the annual Professional Networking Symposium on Saturday, Sept. 29. The Networking Symposium is being held to give students and recent alumni a chance to meet with potential employers and make connections that can lead to future jobs, careers, and internships. 

There are also many opportunities for students, alumni, and friends of Westminster College to meet and network with others in their field. The Symposium includes a career fair, three breakout sessions with a variety of specially designed tracks to choose from, a networking luncheon, and an off-site thank you reception for participating alumni and friends," said the official website for the network symposium. "Sessions are designed to address specific topics and interests, include participants with directly relevant experience, and are moderated by experienced professionals." 

The official schedule for the networking symposium states that the opening registration is at 8 a.m. on the second floor of the McKelvey Campus Center. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. The remainder of the day is divided up into a series of three speaking sessions with the actual career and technical fair occurring at 10 a.m. There will be lunch provided to all participants, which will be specified when registering online. 

Some reserved seating has been created but it is mostly open. 

With the prospect of potential employment and internships for students, experts say there are a variety of steps that participants should take in order to prepare for not only the networking symposium, but meetings with potential employers in general. The University of California at Berkley has issued a comprehensive checklist of items that should be considered for success:

- Bring multiple copies of your resume and personal business cards for the case of the companies' representatives.
- Dress in at least business casual or business attire. For men this consists of a business suit, a dress shirt, and a tie. For women this means a pantsuit, or a jacket and a dress.
- Introduce yourself, give a firm handshake, and practice your "elevator pitch". You should have a 30 second introduction of yourself and have some questions prepared for the people representing the various organizations at the event.
- Take notes and keep on to the business cards that you gather at the event.
- Research the companies that will be represented at the career fair and how to make a good impression.
- Keep up further correspondence after the event such as sending a thank you email or (preferably a traditional thank you card) to the people you met at the Networking fair.
- Registrations are still open for students to attend the networking fair on the 29. Registrations can be made by contacting Bethany Lockie at the Professional Development Center or via email to b.lockie@westminster.edu.
- A hospitality area will be set up by the Professional Development Center during the course of the career fair. There will be a variety of light breakfast foods, coffee and other refreshments served. This is being held as an opportunity for students and alumni to further engage with employers.

Heritage Festival

Alina Cough

The annual Professional Networking Symposium on Saturday, Sept. 29. The Networking Symposium is being held to give students and recent alumni a chance to meet with potential employers and make connections that can lead to future jobs, careers, and internships.

The Heritage Festival is a joint effort between the McConnells Mill park team and the McConnells Mill Foundation. The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday the 29 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday the 30. Activities run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday the 29 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday the 30. Activities will close at 5 p.m. on the 30.

Some frequent the Mill for its climbing, which ranges from boulder features to more top rope climbs, complete with bolt anchors in a number of locations. Those who prefer to keep their feet on the ground might have taken a quick trip to Hell's Hollow to see the waterfall or a more challenging day trip on the Slippery Rock Gorge Trail: 14.1 miles out and back. Though the park is never short on things to do, a festival over a quarter-century in the making holds promise.

Owing to McConnell’s patriotism in this era, the Heritage Festival highlights include Civil War reenactments and period candletimes every hour on the hour. In the past, an Abraham Lincoln reenactor has also been present.

An event given to the New Castle News last year, a spokesperson for the park said the event would start at the time the grist mill would have been in operation. There will be antique cars, tractors and engines, (and) the Civil War reenactment will feature the 10th Ohio Artillery and the 101st PA Infantry and the Society of Civil War Surgeons will have a tent there.

The reenactment is not the only part of the festival showing attendees a good old-fashioned time. "We have craft vendors who sell their wares" said Dana Opy, who helped organize last year's festival. "Some of the craft vendors will be handcrafted, woodworked and fabric crafts — items that might not be out of place in the time period of the mill."

For Westminster students who have grown up in the area, this festival could be a fun and interactive way to explore the history of their home. For those who come from farther away, it is an inexpensive way to spend a fall weekend outdoors, and an excuse to become acquainted with a beautiful nearby park.

The festival is a joint effort between the McConnells Mill park team and the Porterfield-Prospect Rotary Club. Admission and parking are free, and the festival is set to run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday the 29 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday the 30. Activities will be located in the Elkridge picnic area near the grill.
Gas Explosions in Pennsylvania & Massachusetts

Dami Grady

Two unrelated gas explosions occurred within a week—one in Pennsylvania and one in Massachusetts.

A natural gas pipeline exploded early Sept. 10 in Beaver County, less than an hour away from campus. The blast leveled one home, burned several cars and prompted the evacuation of more than two dozen homes, according to CBS Pittsburgh.

The company that owns the 24-inch pipeline, Dallas-based Energy Transfer, initially suspected that成立 in the area took out the structural integrity of the pipeline, causing it to rupture and explode, Pittsburgh Action News reported. An investigation has since been launched to determine the role that the landslide and heavy prior rain played in the incident.

The pipeline was not fully commissioned at the time of the explosion, according to WPXI. Gas was in the line, but not yet at a full pressure.

Energy Transfer is working to inspect the rest of the gas line and review whether there are any other areas of it that the rain may have affected.

People living on Iry Lane and Pine Street said they awoke to the loud explosion and flames around 5 a.m. that morning, Pittsburgh Action News reported.

Witnesses describe what they were experiencing as both a "huge fogball" and looking like it was "sharply outside," according to CBS Pittsburgh. Others compared the noise that the explosion made to that of a freight train or plane crash.

Sensors on the pipeline quickly detected the problem and started shutting down the gas, CBS Pittsburgh reported. Flames and smoke could be seen for miles, with a fire burning for at least 13 minutes.

Center Township Police Chief Barry Kramer thanked the prior rain for helping them contain the fire.

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Later that same day, a series of gas explosions occurred in Massachusetts on Sept. 13, killing one, injuring at least 25, damaging more than six dozen homes and forcing widespread evacuation, according to NBC News.

Colombia Gas, Massachusetts' pipelines erupted in explosions throughout the Boston suburbs of Lawrence, Andover and North Andover. The pressure in the pipelines prior to the explosions was reportedly 12 times higher than it should have been, the Chicago Tribune reported.

Leond Rollins, 16, was killed when one of the explosions sent the chimney of a Lawrence house down on the car he was in, according to NBC News.

Jill Douglas, first-year biology major, is from Fastertown, N.J., but less than two hours away from where the explosions occurred. She hopes that officials figure out what caused the explosions and that those responsible help replace the lost amount of services.

"I am beyond devastated for those who lost their homes and for the parents and family of the victims," Douglas said. "Laws should be passed that prevent something like this could happen and kill someone like me again.

Gov. Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency the day following the blasts. He faulted the response of Colombia Gas, according to NBC News, and directed another utility company to take over in restoring utility services in the three towns affected.

Massachusetts residents who had to evacuate have returned to their homes, and the state's senators are continuing to seek answers about the explosions from Columbia Gas.

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"We have extended bids to five fabulous ladies and we're so excited to welcome them into our sisterhood," said Anna Lab, senior and chapter president. "We are in the process of planning another event to gain interest of potential new members."

Before the pilot program, the Panhellenic Council would look at each chapter and find the average number of women involved, and decide on a quota. The women involved in Greek life in Hawaii have all agreed that they want an equal number of women in each chapter, so some chapters may now have more than the previous number of members.

"We contrasted the way we are accounting total, where now we're taking the chapter's size and adding it to the number of women in the chapter to determine total," said Millena De Moura, 20 women have been picked up through COB as of September 21, and Manilla expects more to be added soon.

"I did not know it at the time, but these statements were reflective of Westminster's reputation that a women's school? or statements like, "I didn't know they admitted men to Westminster. "

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An Unstoppable Force

McKenzie Kobbe

When it comes to writing, I would say to let your inner thoughts flow. Think outside the box and have fun with words. A friend of mine once said, “Don’t be afraid to be creative and don’t let anyone tell you otherwise.” I believe this is true, and I try my best to apply this advice in my writing.

In high school, I started writing for my school newspaper, and I found that I enjoyed it. It was a way for me to express my thoughts and ideas, and it gave me a sense of accomplishment when I saw my articles in print. I continued to write throughout college and even after graduation, and I found that it was a way to keep me connected to my passions.

One of the biggest challenges I faced as a writer was finding my voice. I knew that I wanted to write, but I wasn’t sure what I wanted to write about. I tried different genres and styles, but it wasn’t until I started writing for a specific purpose that I found my voice. I decided to write about my experiences in school, and I found that it was a way to connect with other students and to share my stories.

I have always loved writing, but I never knew that I could actually use it towards something until I entered college. My experience writing for the Globe has been life-changing. I never knew I was capable of expressing my thoughts and ideas in such a powerful way.

Finally, if your writing could change one thing in the world, what would it be? Why?

If my writing could change anything in the world, I would want it to be a way for people to see the beauty and creativity that exists in everyone. I think that everyone has a special something that makes them unique, and I believe that it is important to express this uniqueness.

If you believe in yourself and in your dreams, you are an unstoppable force. I will always be rooting for you in your corner, even when you think it is empty and the world is against you. The only true form of love we have is our belief in other people and in ourselves.

The Babbling Barista

By McKenzie Kobbe
Globe Leader Writer

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Volleyball Hot Streak
Brett Steinmiller

The Westminster Titans volleyball team has begun to work on a really strong start this season. The team has started their season with a very impressive 16 wins and 1 loss, with their only loss coming against Mount Union on the 7th of September. Since that game against Mount Union, the volleyball team has gone on to win 12 straight games. In that 12-game span, the team has obviously been undefeated in conference play but the total conference games that they have played has been 4. Winning those 4 games and losing one in conference, the 6-1 overall record for the Titans has the Titan volleyball team on top of their conference rivals.

Other than their loss to Mount Union, the hardest game that they have had this year might have been against Washington and Jefferson on the 22nd of September. This was a hard-fought win, as the Titans had to come back from a 2-set deficit. With just one more set loss, the Titans would have walked away from the game with their second loss of the season. However, that was not the case at all. They went on deep and ended up winning the last 3 sets of the game to narrowly beat Washington and Jefferson. While it was a team effort to secure this comeback, there were some individual performances that stood out from the rest.

The first athlete that really helped lead the Titans during the comeback win was senior, Reilly DeGeorge. In the third set of the match, the score was tied at 21. That was fine with the Titans as they finished the set with a 4-0 run with set ending on Reilly DeGeorge’s service ace, winning the game to a more manageable, 2-1 Washington and Jefferson lead. The fourth set was also a set that just went back and forth. The set ended with the Titans barely holding on and beating Washington and Jefferson, 25-22, to tie up the game 2-2. With the momentum now looking to be in Westminster’s favor, they went into the final set looking for that comeback victory. However, that momentum was quickly lost and before anyone knew it the Washington and Jefferson Panthers won set 3 to the Titans. This did not faze the Titans though, and they kept battling to get that set score to 13-9 in Washington and Jefferson’s favor. Then all of a sudden, like the Titans have been doing all season, they went on a tear. Scoring 6 straight points, the Westminster Titans went on to win the set 15 to 13. The set ended highlighting two seniors’ abilities as Shanna Daniels set up Delaney Sexton for the kill to give the Titans the win. Increasing their record to 3-1 in conference play, as well as their win streak to eleven games.

Later that same day, the Titans easily handled their in just three sets, with set scores of 25-16, 25-19 and 25-20. This game highlighted DeGeorge, Sexton and Daniels, once again, as well as, senior Rachel Moore and first-years Samantha Kelly, Mary Stoner and Becky Ackerman. After this win, the Titans’ season record extended to 16-1 and 4-0 in conference play. Once again, their win streak remained intact and they are now riding a 12-game winning streak. With only about half of the season done, there is still a lot of time for this team to do a lot of impressive things. If there is one thing the Titans have is looking to compete and be competitive at PAC’s and this start to their season will definitely help.

The Titans will begin competition on October 26th with the annual relay meet and have a dual meet against Penn State Behrend the following day. This season will be a wild ride as the team is pushed to new levels. You’re not going to want to miss a minute!
Congratulations, New Sports Hall of Fame Inductees!

TITAN ATHLETICS

FINAL SCORES

Women's
- Soccer: Lost against Carnegie Mellon 0-4
- Golf: Placed 4th out of 5
- Tennis: Lost against Washington and Jefferson 3-6, Won against Penn State Behrend 9-0
- Volleyball: Won against Washington and Jefferson 3-2, Won against Pitt-Greensburg 3-1

Men's
- Cross Country: Placed 8 out of 11
- Football: Won against Bethany 21-3, Placed 6th out of 7 against Mount Union, Placed 3rd out of 12 at Westminster Invitational

WATCH THIS WEEK

Women's
- Cross Country: Washington and Jefferson Invitational Friday September 28
- Golf: PAC Championship October 1st-2nd
- Soccer: Chatham September 29th, Waynesburg October 3rd
- Tennis: Clarion October 1st, Saint Vincent October 5th
- Volleyball: Grove City September 29th, Saint Vincent September 29th, Geneva October 2nd

Men's
- Cross Country: Washington and Jefferson Invitational Friday September 28
- Football: Case Western Reserve September 29th
- Golf: PAC Championship October 1st-2nd
- Soccer: Waynesburg October 3rd
ARIES
The differences between generations will be more apparent this week. Lucky moves: envision the older generation as people who were once your age. Try and demystify something about the younger generation. Ask questions. Ideally your team should involve people of all ages.

GEMINI
The change that’s afoot may not be working for you right away. It’s seemingly too costly. You’ll wish to return to the way things were. Take heart – the pendulum always swings back from whence it came, or approximately so. In the meantime, don’t miss the opportunity inside this altered state.

LEO
Waste no time waiting for hopes to be fulfilled. What will happen is what you make happen. You’ll get organized. You’ll write all your intentions and get them directed. Success will be a function of alignment. You’ll be amazed at how momentum builds very quickly once all is congruent.

LIBRA
The good thing about getting older is that minutia seems less bothersome to you and you care less about unimportant things. Right now it’s one way, but it really has been a lot of different ways and it will change again soon. So the main point is just not to get too comfortable with how things are.

SAGITTARIUS
Just because the majority of people share an opinion about how things should be run, that doesn’t make their opinion correct, moral, ethical or anything other than popular. Investigate your opinions. You might be the first one willing to challenge what’s going on, but you won’t be the only one.

AQUARIUS
Creativity is paramount to you, and you’ll get the chance to be in a group, operating on a higher level to solve problems together. It’s a terrific feeling coming from your part of the world. You radiate warmth and sensitivity and those who need extra care are attracted to the vibration.

TAURUS
Romance is in the air, bringing such features as giddy butterflies and imaginings of a shared future. That said, try not to get too caught up in thinking about relationships. Basic animal compatibility follows the genius of biochemistry, no added effort needed from a thought process.

CANCER
You’re brave and capable, but you can’t handle absolutely everything on your own. Why would you want to? When you rely on your friends, both of you get a gift. You get the gift of their assistance and they get the gift of helping you, and feeling needed and important.

VIRGO
Suffering is a part of life, and you’re not going to have a week that goes by without it. The point is to become tolerant of it, to do your thing even though it comes with a little discomfort. You grow powerful as you become more accepting of a wider range of feelings and circumstances.

SCORPIO
Contentment is wealth. Money without contentment isn’t worth much. You’ll be making yourself feel more content this week as you learn about what really pleases you. Your enjoyment is so important, and, as you’ll find out, not always expensive either.

CAPRICORN
There’s nothing lonelier than being surrounded by people who aren’t on your wavelength. To be in proximity and yet not relating—that’s worse than being alone. When you’re alone, you can and will give yourself the love you need. You’re free to focus your energy where it will bring you joy.

PISCES
If the world isn’t being particularly sweet on you, it’s difficult to generate a lot of love and compassion in return. One way to manage it is to be very kind to yourself and then let the overflow from that seep into the world. By the end of the week you’ll feel lucky, loved and quite glorious.

WEEKLY BREAK

SUDOKO

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