WES-tminster College
Mock delegates support Gen. Clark for Democratic nomination
Dear Westminster Friends:

The mission of Westminster College is to help young men and women develop competencies, commitments and characteristics that have distinguished human beings at their best. All of us who are affiliated with the College are working toward that end each day in as many different ways as there are students on this campus. Our students have unique talents and new insights that are being developed during each interaction with faculty, staff, alumni and other students. For each student, those interactions become building blocks in their foundation for living.

The construction of a foundation for life certainly begins at home. But, liberal arts education in a church-related environment is a “values added” proposition that must be purposeful in its outcome. What do we value as educators? What do we want to happen in the lives of our students and alumni? In an effort to answer these important questions the Westminster faculty and Board of Trustees have adopted a list of eight desired outcomes for our students.

We expect students to be able to:

- reason logically and evaluate critically
- communicate effectively
- think creatively, and appreciate aesthetic expressions
- demonstrate intellectual curiosity
- acquire knowledge of self, society, human cultures, the natural world, and human relationships to God
- apply our knowledge to contemporary issues
- demonstrate moral and ethical commitments to neighbor, society, and the natural world
- demonstrate commitment to lifelong learning and the acquisition of skills for careers and responsible service as world citizens.

By focusing on our mission and assessing the outcome of our efforts, Westminster will continue to enhance and widen the appreciation of the value of each place in the class of 350 students admitted every fall. Our success will ultimately be measured by the lives of service of our alumni. Thanks to each of you for helping Westminster achieve her mission.

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Going Wireless

Westminster College has announced plans to add wireless capabilities to its TitanNet campus computer network.

Westminster is currently installing wireless access in McGill Library and Mack Science Library using funds donated by members of the Class of 1953. “Access points” have been installed on each floor of the libraries, so that students and staff will be able to use resources of TitanNet without requiring cables to connect their computers to wall outlets. The libraries are the first public areas on campus to be fully equipped with wireless access, though a single access point in Old Main has been available for a couple of years. Wireless services for both McGill and Mack are expected to be operational by May.

Wireless functionality will be placed in other campus locations as needs develop and opportunities arise to acquire the necessary equipment, according to Paul Wallace ’69, director of information services. “It is too early to establish a specific timetable for implementing wireless networking for the entire campus, but students and staff can expect to see wireless connectivity expand on a continuing basis over the next several years.”

Westminster’s TitanNet computer network was created in 1995, and was one of the first in the region. The addition of wireless connectivity will supplement Westminster’s extensive hardwired network that connects all academic buildings and residence halls. Wireless zones will extend access to locations not currently served by existing wiring. This could even include outdoor areas where students and staff meet to study or relax. Eventually, wireless may become the primary networking environment on campus. That process will occur over time as wireless technology evolves and overcomes some of its present limitations.

To realize a greater benefit from available information resources, Westminster has recommended for several years that students purchase laptop computers for use on campus. A special laptop model is offered each year that is pre-configured for immediate connection to the TitanNet network. Westminster also offers incoming students the option of enrolling in designated sections of the first-year Inquiry course that use laptops on a regular basis.

This opportunity helps students quickly gain familiarity with the campus network and learn how information resources can be used effectively in the educational environment.

Westminster Community
Exemplifies Giving Spirit

For the past six years, when a holiday or a child’s birthday has rolled around, the Lynch family of Manahawkin, N.J., has not had to go without, thanks to the generosity of Westminster College’s Greek community.

Westminster’s fraternities and sororities have raised money and purchased gifts for the Lynches since 1997, providing their “adopted family” with thousands of dollars of gifts. Bill Lynch, a 1983 Westminster graduate, met Carolyn Schramm ’85 when he was a member of Theta Chi and she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. They married in 1986. Five years later, however, Carolyn nearly died from an infection that diminished her lung capacity by half and ended her career as an elementary teacher.

Then, in 1996, Bill collapsed and died of a heart aneurysm, leaving Carolyn and their three children – Sarah, Thomas, and Megan – with no income and no life insurance.

Each of Westminster’s 10 fraternities and sororities provide gifts to the family on a different holiday throughout the year, such as Halloween or Valentine’s Day, or other special events, such as birthdays or the first day of school. Each Greek organization is responsible for its own day, but they also work together each year to take up a collection to purchase Christmas gifts for the family.

A pair of Westminster athletic teams also gave of themselves recently, aiding children from nearby schools.

The Westminster football team distributed toys and presents to 13 families from the Neshannock and Wilmington Area school districts. Members of the team contributed money to buy the gifts, which were handed out by seven players and three coaches, including head coach Jerry Schmidt ’82. Local businesses Eckerd Drugs and Eagle Silkscreening also donated wrapping paper, bows and tape, and t-shirts, respectively.

Thirteen players from the Westminster women’s basketball team and its two coaches held a free basketball skills clinic at the Pulaski Elementary School.

The group met with third-graders, answering their questions, before putting on a demonstration of skills used in practice and providing each student with individual instruction. The day concluded with dribbling relay races.

The clinic was organized by senior guard Sarah Scott, who was a student teacher at the school last fall.

“Having worked with these kids for a semester, I knew how excited they would be to have our team come in and put on a clinic for them,” Scott said. “It was nice to be able to give something back to the school after having such a positive experience as a student teacher.”
Westminster Events

Honor Black History

Westminster College celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month with a series of worship and musical events on campus.

The College opened its Spring Semester on Jan. 21 with a worship service in Wallace Memorial Chapel to commemorate King’s birthday. The Rev. Raymond Hylton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Castle, was the keynote speaker. Chaplain Jim Mohr began the service with a call to worship and chaplain’s assistant Keturah Laney gave the invocation. Registrar June Garner gave a reading of Scripture and President R. Thomas Williamson provided the welcome address.

Others participating in the service were English professor Elizabeth Ford, who read an excerpt of a King speech; freshman Joselyn Parker; resident director Seth McCormick; the Rev. Jeannette Hooks, Westminster’s director of diversity services; and the Westminster College Gospel Choir.

Earlier in the day, a birthday cake was served in the Orchard Street Café in McKelvey Campus Center.

Trustee Roberta Taylor ’75 addressed “Living History” on Jan. 23 in the Chapel and audience members were invited to lunch and further discussions in the McKelvey Campus Center Club Room.

A special show featuring the musical group The Sounds of Zion and “The Faces of Black History,” a live musical, was presented on Feb. 19 in Orr Auditorium.

“The Faces of Black History” show saluted many well-known celebrities, personalities and history-makers, including Aretta Franklin, Mahalia Jackson, Otis Redding, and others. The Sounds of Zion has starred in the off-Broadway musical “Your Arms Too Short to Box with God,” and has performed with Cissy Houston, Melba Moore, the Love Fellowship Choir, and others.

The show was sponsored by the Office of Diversity Services, the Black Student Union, and the Powers Trust. All of the events were free and open to the public.

Mrs. Lauterbach Receives First Westminster Service Award

Westminster College presented its first Westminster College Service Award to Jane Stonerod Lauterbach ’41, the wife of a former chairman of the Board of Trustees and interim president, in a private ceremony on Oct. 24, 2003.

Lauterbach’s selection reflected her lifelong devotion to the College as a student, an alumna, and spouse. She was a longtime member of the Westminster Women’s Club in Pittsburgh. Robert Lauterbach ’39, the former president and CEO of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, was chairman of Westminster’s Board of Trustees from 1978-85 and was named interim president of the College in October 1981. He served in that capacity until July 1982, when Allen Splete was named the College’s 11th president.

“Jane was willing to serve the College when it was inconvenient to do so,” said current President R. Thomas Williamson. “She left her home to move to New Wilmington on short notice, beautifully carrying out presidential social functions to make all feel welcome at Westminster.”

Former Student Hired as College Webmaster

Jonathan Smith was recently hired as webmaster at Westminster College.

Smith’s major responsibilities are to operate campus Web server equipment and software; design and implement Web pages for the College Web site in consultation with other campus organizations; oversee user access and security aspects of the Web server and Web site; provide assistance and direction in implementing new Internet applications; and conduct training for end users.

He comes to Westminster from Alcoa, where he was part of the Internet Technology Team, and designed, developed, and maintained alcoa.com Web pages.

Smith, a 2002 Westminster College graduate who majored in computer information systems, interned as an assistant to the previous Westminster webmaster. He also worked at the College help desk, where he provided support for over 2,000 faculty, staff, and students.

“I had a great experience during my first four years at Westminster, and I’m happy to be able to return,” Smith said.
Westminster Senior Spends Summer as MTV Intern

Isaac Ludwig’s summer internship was a radical departure from his experiences at Westminster College. But the senior public relations major felt adequately prepared for his stint at MTV.

Although the fast-paced music industry and metropolitan lifestyle of New York City proved drastically apart from New Wilmington, where borough residents didn’t receive MTV until a recent cable upgrade, academically Ludwig felt right at home.

“My background in my major and minors (broadcast communications and visual arts technologies) helped prepare me in every aspect of my internship,” Ludwig said. “Believe it or not, I actually learned things in the classroom that could be applied to the ‘real’ world.”

Ludwig credited public relations professors Deborah Mitchell and Suzanne Prestien, along with political science professor Andrea Grove with inspiring him for future success. He also cited a prior internship with Clear Channel Pittsburgh as additional preparation for his MTV experience.

“My day started at 10 o’clock every morning. When I got to work, I would read a series of newspapers and produce news ‘clippings’ for various people in the company,” Ludwig said. “Then I would do anything from going to record companies to pick up tapes, escorting talent to Web site photo shoots, attending and giving my input at music meetings, developing copy for Video Music Award promotions, programming my online radio stations, or doing any number of other things that I was asked to do.

“One of the highlights of my summer was the MTV Summer Creative Retreat. I was one of six interns, out of about 350, selected, based on supervisors’ recommendations,” Ludwig said. “The retreat was for six days in Montauk, which is on the easternmost point of Long Island. We did an unbelievable amount of work, but all in all, it was an amazing experience.

“We got to see the selection process for new shows, and how new ideas are born at a huge network,” he added. “We also formed relationships with executives in a laid-back environment, and got to go to an awesome beach party with celebrities and great food.”

The MTV experience combined some of Ludwig’s passions: music and writing. His other passions include kayaking and political activism.

“I started doing band marketing through street teams while I was in high school,” Ludwig said. “When it was time to go to college, I thought to myself … it would be great if I could do this thing I have fun with and really love for the rest of my life.”

A Big Thank You

Two students honored for Big Brothers Big Sisters work

Two Westminster students, Craig Carlin, a senior art major from McKeesport, and Lori Baty, a junior elementary education major from Allison Park, were recently named the Big Brother and Big Sister of the Year by the Lawrence County chapter.

The awards were based on an essay written by their “little brothers and sisters,” and the quality and quantity of time the Big Brother or Big Sister has given. Several Westminster students have won this award in the past, but this marks the first time that both awards have been given to Westminster students.

“It was more rewarding to me to read the paper that she wrote about me than it was to receive the award,” Baty said. “I believe that our relationship not only made a difference in her life, but in mine as well. She keeps reminding me that it is the simple things in life that are so worthwhile.”

“I look forward to the times when we hang out,” Carlin said. “It gives me one of those feelings you get inside when you know you are doing the right thing.”

“Over the years, more than 50 Westminster students have come to Big Brothers and Big Sisters in New Castle,” said Susie Mrozek, director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lawrence County. “They are a perfect resource because they are responsible, stay around, and are a great age to relate to young people.”

The awards were a surprise to both recipients. “I felt special and honored to know that of all the people involved in the program, I was the one they chose based on the essay that my little brother wrote,” Carlin said.

All Westminster students are required to fulfill 30 hours of community service, which is about one year of service. Most Westminster students stay longer. Both Baty and Carlin agreed that it’s really not about the credit; it’s about creating a one-on-one relationship to make a difference in the life of a child.

Westminster Alumna Wins Rising Star Award

Jennifer Shiffer Gross, a 1999 Westminster College graduate, recently received the Public Relations Student Society of America Rising Star Award.

“The award goes to the outstanding professional who has been in the public relations field less than five years,” said Deborah Mitchell, assistant professor of English and public relations at Westminster. “The first words she spoke in her acceptance speech were about the program here at Westminster, and the head start that gave her in her career.”

While at Westminster, Gross was instrumental in establishing a local chapter of the PRSSA. She also served internships with Ketchum Public Relations and St. Francis Hospital.

“I am honored to have received the 2003 PRSSA Rising Star Award, and am grateful for the experiences that have led me to this point in my career,” Gross said. “The education that I received from Westminster, especially the curriculum of the public relations major, fully prepared me for a successful career.”

Gross is currently an account manager with Skutski & Oltmanns, Inc., a public relations agency in Pittsburgh, where she services accounts across a wide spectrum of industries, including education, construction, entertainment, consumer goods, business-to-business, and technology.
Faculty Making News

Samuel Lightner, chair and professor of physics at Westminster, recently led two workshops at the national meeting of the Division of Plasma Physics of the American Physical Society. “I was a workshop leader in two workshops for high school teachers,” Lightner said. “One was ‘Introduction to Fusion and Plasma Science,’ and the other was ‘Demonstration Activities for the Classroom in Fusion and Plasma Science.’” While at the meeting, Lightner also helped to staff a booth at the Plasma Expo, where displays and demos were set up. Teachers brought their students to take part in the demonstrations. “There was also a public night, and many students and their parents came,” Lightner said. “Overall, I did demos and interacted with close to 1,000 students in two days.”

Sandra Webster, chair and professor of psychology at Westminster, recently presented her research at the 2003 American Psychological Association Annual Conference in Toronto. “South Korean and American Negative Emotion Attribution: Gender and Age,” examined Han, a negative emotional state caused by something outside the individual’s direct control, as a function of gender and generation. Participants of Websters study included the families of 105 young women attending a South Korean women’s university and 104 students attending college in Pennsylvania. Her initial research was completed as a Fulbright Lecturer in South Korea. “Traditionally, Han was caused by the history of foreign domination of Korea by the hierarchical nature of its society,” wrote Webster. “Given this history, attributions for negative emotional states are likely to be different between South Koreans and Americans.”

Associate professor of education William Evans recently co-authored a paper published in the journal Measurement of Evaluation in Counseling and Development. The paper, “Development and Psychometric Properties of Short Index of Self-Directedness,” adapts items from a larger psychological scale that measures self-directedness to make a shorter version which would be quicker to administer in a clinical setting. “The scale shows promise as a screening tool for identifying the presence of personality disorders,” Evans said.

Charlene Klassen Endrizzi, associate professor of education at Westminster, presented research at the National Council of Teachers of English in San Francisco. Her presentation, “Family-Teacher Literacy Conversations: Unifying Home and School Learning Communities,” provided an overview of her nine years of research with classroom teachers and parents. “This research has invited parents and teachers to find common ground, and begin a dialogue about ways to support readers and writers at home and school,” Endrizzi said.

R. Tad Greig, assistant professor of music and director of bands at Westminster, earned his Ph.D. in music education from Kent State University in December. Greig’s research within the field of music education focused on selection criteria and the educational aspects of band music selection.

Three Westminster College professors presented papers on author John Irving at the Far West Popular Culture Conference in Las Vegas. Associate librarian Dorita Bolger presented her paper “Lighting Rod: Popular Response to the Work of John Irving.” Her presentation examined how the reviews in popular publications such as the major news magazines and newspapers have shaped the public’s reaction to, and the reception of, Irving’s work. Professor of English Richard Sprow presented “Against the Rules: John Irving’s Movie Career,” which focused on the issues of film adaptation in general, with an emphasis on “The Cider House Rules.” for which Irving wrote the Academy Award-winning screenplay. Sprow’s work examines Irving’s own struggle with adaptation in his memoir, My Movie Business, where he compared the novel to the film. Virginia Tomlinson, associate professor of sociology, released a paper titled, “Images of Childhood: Adoption and Family in John Irving’s The Cider House Rules.” This work focuses on the images of adoption and family in the film. Written during the Reagan administration, filmed during Clinton’s term and set in the Franklin Roosevelt era, “The Cider House Rules” provides an opportunity for examining the social and political context of family and adoption over a significant period of American history. Evidence of a cultural bias against adoption and the influence of pro-adoption policies during Clinton’s term is a key thesis of this paper.

Student, Professor Present Work to Reading Council

Jessica Henninger, a senior elementary education major, and Charlene Klassen Endrizzi, associate professor of education at Westminster, gave presentations to the Lawrence County Reading Council recently at the New Castle Country Club.

Henninger’s research, “Visual Literacy: A Project in the Making,” won the Keystone State Reading Association Scholarship last year. It centers on using picture books and other reading activities to demonstrate the importance of visual cues in literacy. Endrizzi’s research is titled “The Missing Piece: Students, Teachers, and Parents.”

“My research focus over the past 10 years has been supporting teachers as they work with parents,” Endrizzi said. “Many teachers are hesitant to bring parents into their classrooms, yet we know that learning is enhanced with parental support. Teachers often overlook parents as vital learning partners, since they are overwhelmed with their own teaching load.”
Science Students Celebrate ‘Geek Week’

Westminster College recently celebrated its first “Geek Week,” a week-long competition between the various science majors.

“Last spring as a group of my friends, who are also biology majors, were in a physics presentation surrounded by physics majors, when all of a sudden Patrick Foley (junior biology major from New Castle) suggested that biology majors could beat physics majors ‘any day, any where, in any competition,’” said Tracia Despo, a senior biology major from Jamestown. “I took the idea and started to think about a real ‘Geek Week.’ I got together a committee made up of a junior and senior representative from each major.”

The committee members included: Despo and Bill Clafshenkel, biology; Jessica Smith and Lorrie Straka, physics; Emily Stull and Ashley Martucci, chemistry; Amanda Ries, psychology; and Heather Klink and Brad Patton, math and computer science.

“There were two components to each day,” said Despo. “During lunch time, there was a ‘science spoof’ from professors from the corresponding major of the day who would present something cool from the major on the first floor lobby of Hoyt. At night, there were team competitions.”

Each team was made up of three to five students from the same major. They each paid $15 to register and received a t-shirt and pocket protector. At least three members of each team had to be present at each event.

The grand prize included $25 Eat ‘n Park gift certificates, a handmade Geek Week trophy, and bragging rights for a year. This year’s winning team was the “Titrating Titans” from the chemistry department.

“Overall, the first annual Geek Week went well. We wanted it to be a time where a healthy rivalry between majors could be enjoyed,” Despo said. “For a week, everyone was a total geek, and we hope next week is even better!”

Model United Nations Team Formed

Forty-five Westminster students volunteered to form a model United Nations team to compete in scrimmages against other higher education institutions.

“A model UN is a way for students to learn about the United Nations, contemporary international issues, multilateral diplomacy, how to see problems from various perspectives, and how to engage in role playing,” said Andrea Grove, assistant professor of political science and organizer of the group.

Four Westminster College students traveled to Mercyhurst College for a model United Nations scrimmage with the University of Pittsburgh and Mercyhurst on Feb. 7. Sophomore Jessica Altman and freshman Kylie Gallagher represented the United Kingdom; sophomore Sarah Bolger and junior Brad Steines represented South Africa. The meet was a simulation of the UN Commission on Human Rights, and the topic was “Condemning Russia’s Policy in Chechnya.”

“The model UN was a wonderful experience,” Gallagher said. “It allows college students to get a feel for what it might actually be like to be in the position of the United Nations delegates. It’s not an easy task to find common ground and create a resolution.”

South African Economist Speaks at Diversity Symposium

The Westminster College Diversity Symposium recently welcomed South African economist Mzamo Mangaliso, an associate professor at the University of Massachusetts, for a speech at Phillips Lecture Hall.

Mangaliso, who teaches business policy and strategy, believes that higher education is about creating an environment where intellectually challenging discourse can take place, and knowledge can be transferred back and forth between teacher and student.

“We live in turbulent, cutting-edge times, where past assumptions cannot be taken to be valid,” Mangaliso said. “A successful pedagogical experience is one where participants leave the encounter with more questions than answers.”

Mangaliso’s research interests include: strategic planning under uncertainty; globalization and its implications; ethics and corporate social responsibility. He is widely published on these subjects in various professional journals. He has received the Distinguished Teacher Award from the University of Massachusetts, the Outstanding College Teacher Award from the Isenberg School of Management, and the Lilly Teaching Fellow from the University of Massachusetts.

The event was free and open to the public.
Titan Lineman Named Academic All-American

Jim Chaney began the 2003 football season getting acquainted with one new team and finished it with a spot on another. Chaney, who before the season switched from the defensive line to the offensive line, capped his collegiate career by earning a spot on the 2003 Academic All-America College Division First Team, as voted on by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A senior offensive tackle, Chaney is the first Titan football player since Brian Mihok in 1998 to be named an Academic All-American, and he is the first since Brian Wilson in 1993 to earn first-team honors.

“I am very pleased for this young man who has worked extremely hard, both in the classroom and on the field, and is very deserving of this honor,” said Jerry Schmitt, Westminster’s head football coach.

Chaney, a three-year letterman and two-year starter for the Titans, served as captain each of the past two seasons. After a successful season as a starter at defensive end in 2002 (52 tackles, 4 sacks), the Hubbard, Ohio, native moved to the offensive side of the ball in 2003, taking over the crucial left tackle position. He earned second-team All-Presidents’ Athletic Conference honors for his performance on the offensive line, and helped pave the way for junior running back Scott Froelich, who rushed for 1,486 yards and 15 touchdowns and was named PAC Player of the Year.

Academically, Chaney holds a 3.842 GPA, majoring in history. He has been named to the PAC Academic Honor Roll (3.6 GPA or higher) each of the past two fall semesters and was also one of four Westminster athletes named to the Academic All-District II College Division teams in the fall. Chaney’s teammate, Clint DeLuca, volleyball outside hitter Diana Barnes, and women’s soccer goalkeeper Nicole Drummond were also selected for the all-district teams.

DeLuca, a junior cornerback, was a second-team pick. He posted 60 tackles in 2003, along with seven pass breakups and one interception and has a 3.631 GPA, majoring in biology.

Barnes, a two-time academic all-district pick in volleyball and a 2003 Academic All-American in volleyball, was named to the second team. She posted a team-best 345 kills and 51 aces, while adding 322 digs and 82 blocks. A senior psychology major, she holds a 3.878 GPA.

Drummond, a junior biology major, has a 3.705 GPA. She started 21 games, allowing just 18 goals (0.94 GAA), while making 103 saves and posting eight shutouts. She was named a second-team women’s soccer all-district selection.

Westminster’s Jim Chaney earned a spot on the Academic All-America First Team in 2003 for his excellence on the field and in the classroom. The senior lineman was a second-team all-conference pick this season after switching from defense to offense, and carries a 3.842 GPA with a major in history.

Five Westminster Athletes Attain All-Region Recognition

Brothers Scott and Tom Froelich were among five Westminster College athletes to earn all-region recognition for their performances in 2003.

Scott Froelich, a junior running back, and younger brother Tom, a sophomore defensive back, were joined by senior guard Glenn Silvidi among five Westminster College athletes to earn all-region recognition for their performances in 2003.

Scott Froelich, the Presidents’ Athletic Conference Player of the Year, was a first-team all-region pick after recording 1,486 rushing yards on 281 carries (5.3 avg.). He also caught 15 passes for 193 yards and accounted for 19 total touchdowns (15 rushing, 2 receiving, 2 passing). He rushed for 100 or more yards in eight games and topped the 200-yard mark on three occasions, including a career-high 208 yards against Washington & Jefferson on Oct. 4.

Tom Froelich and Silvidi were third-team selections. Froelich led the Titans in interceptions (4), pass breakups (8) and blocked kicks (4). He chipped in 49 total tackles, recovered a fumble and scored a defensive touchdown. Silvidi, a four-year starter who was a first-team all-conference pick his junior and senior seasons, anchored an offensive line that helped the Titans average 184 rushing yards per game and allowed only 15 sacks in 2003.

A two-time all-conference first-team selection, Anderson keyed the Lady Titan defense, steadying a unit that allowed less than a goal per game (21 goals in 23 games) in 2003. She also added two goals and one assist for five points.

Pyle, also a two-time first-team all-conference pick, led the club with 11 goals and nine assists for 31 points in 2003 and finished her career ranked third in assists (34) and fifth in both goals (31) and points (96).
Fall Sports Highlights

Men’s Cross Country

Five runners captured all-conference honors as the Titans finished second at the 2003 Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships hosted by Westminster.

Seniors Sean Gallagher and Tim Snyder earned first-team all-conference honors by finishing second and fifth, respectively. Juniors Marcus Corvino (10th place), Brad Zerbe (12th), and Mike Clever (14th) were second-team selections. The All-PAC teams are based on the order of finish at the PAC meet. The top seven finishers earn first-team honors, while places 8-14 are named to the second team.

Gallagher snagged the team’s only individual title, winning the Westminster Fisher Invitational. The Titans also won the Fisher team championship and at three meets finished as runners-up.

The Titans capped their season by placing 24th at the Mideast Regionals hosted by Dickinson College. Gallagher was the team’s top finisher, placing 78th.

Women’s Cross Country

Sara Ialongo and Felicie Reid were first-team All-PAC selections by virtue of their performance at the PAC Championships hosted by Westminster.

The Lady Titans finished third overall at the conference meet. Ialongo, a senior, finished fourth, while Reid, a junior, placed seventh. Ialongo and Reid were also the top two finishers for Westminster at the Mideast Regionals, where the team placed 30th.

Football

(5-5, 3-2 PAC)

The Titans posted a midseason four-game winning streak and finished third in conference play.

After a rough 1-3 start that included an overtime win over longtime rival and NCAA Division III playoff participant Allegheny College, Westminster strung together wins over Bethany, Thiel, Grove City and Frostburg State.

Leading the way for the Titans was junior running back Scott Froelich, who was voted PAC Player of the Year and ECAC Division III Southwest Player of the Year. He rushed for 1,486 yards, the third-highest single-season total in school history, and also caught 15 passes for 193 yards. Froelich, a first-team All-PAC and All-ECAC selection, scored 17 touchdowns on the season (15 rushing, 2 receiving) and also threw two touchdown passes.

Senior guard Glenn Silvidi and senior wide receiver Brian Ekis were also first-team All-PAC picks on offense. Silvidi, a four-year starter on the offensive line, was also a first-team All-ECAC pick, while Ekis, who caught 58 passes for a school-record 927 yards and also set new single-game receiving records (13 receptions, 221 yards), was an honorable mention All-ECAC selection.

Sophomore defensive back Tom Froelich, junior linebacker Jerry Bonenberger and junior defensive end Don Waldron were first-team All-PAC selections on defense. Froelich led the team in interceptions, pass breakups and blocked kicks, while Bonenberger had a team-high 102 total tackles and Waldron added 59 total tackles. Bonenberger was also named a first-team All-ECAC selection.

Joe Getsy threw for 1,394 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2003. The senior quarterback started Westminster’s final eight games, and broke a four-year-old school record for single-game passing yardage with 409 yards in a 41-39 loss at Thomas More.
Offensive linemen Jim Chaney and Phil Frye were named to the PAC second team, while guard Aaron Detwiler, tight end Lou Fani, fullback Ryan Mitchell, quarterback Joe Getsy, cornerback Clint DeLuca, and linebackers Ryan Aleski and Tom Kaminsky were honorable mention picks.

**Men’s Soccer**

**9-10-2, 6-2-2 PAC**

The Titans advanced to the semifinals of the PAC tournament, before falling to Grove City in overtime.

Eight players were named to the PAC all-conference teams, led by senior forward Matt Roser, the team’s lone first-team selection. Roser posted a team-best eight goals and 20 points in 2003 and surpassed Jason O’Connell and Bill Van Ormer, respectively, as the program’s all-time leader in points (98) and goals (37).

Senior goalkeeper Kevin Humberston, senior defender Brian Glass, junior defender Christian Davoli, junior midfielder Sebastian Driver-Salazar and senior forward Todd Fisher were second-team picks. Driver-Salazar had a team-high five assists, while Humberston posted a 1.42 goals-against average.

Defenders Nick White and Todd Atwood received honorable mention.

**Women’s Soccer**

**16-7, 8-2 PAC**

The Lady Titans upset top-seeded Grove City to capture their second straight PAC championship and earn a bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs. Westminster’s season ended in the first round with a 3-2 loss to Frostburg State.

Senior defenders Alicia Anderson and Sharon Griffin, as well as senior midfielder Alyssa Pyle were first-team All-PAC selections. Anderson and Griffin anchored a defense that allowed less than one goal per game for the season and posted a run of four consecutive shutouts at one point in the season. Pyle led the team in goals (11), assists (9) and points (31).

Senior defender Michelle Chovan, junior goalkeeper Nicole Drummond and junior forward Angie DePascale were named to the second team.

**Women’s Tennis**

**7-5, 3-2 PAC**

Westminster posted its fourth consecutive winning season and finished third at the PAC Championships in Erie.

Juniors Bethany Grubbs and Amy Browell captured the program’s first PAC championship, winning the conference title in second doubles. For their efforts the duo also earned first-team All-PAC honors. The conference awards are granted automatically based on finish at the PAC Championships. First-team honors are given to singles and doubles champions in each flight, while the flight runners-up receive second-team honors.

Junior Amy Caliguiri was named to the second team in individual competition, losing in the fourth singles final.

For the season, Grubbs and Browell posted an 11-3 record in doubles competition. Browell and freshman Rose Friend tied for the team lead with 10 singles victories. Grubbs had an 8-6 mark, and Caliguiri was 7-5.

**Volleyball**

**12-21, 5-5 PAC**

The Lady Titans finished the season strong, winning eight of their final 13 matches, and notched a second-place finish in the conference.

Westminster, the defending PAC champion, rebounded from a poor start to reach the conference title match for the second consecutive season, but was swept by Waynesburg in the championship finals.

Four members of the Lady Titans earned PAC recognition. Senior outside hitter Diana Barnes was named to the first team after leading Westminster in kills (345) and aces (51). She also had 332 digs and 82 blocks.

Sophomore Erin Hinks (335 kills, 47 aces) and freshman Rachael Cooper (219 digs, 47 aces) were named to the second team and freshman Kate McDermott (83 blocks) earned honorable mention. Cooper was also selected as 2003 PAC Freshman of the Year.

Senior McKenzie Crowell led the team with 383 digs and junior Lauren Lalama had a team-high 528 assists.

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Support Titan Athletics through Monster.com

The National Association of College Directors of Athletics (NACDA) has partnered with Monster.com to create a new revenue stream for intercollegiate athletic programs.

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Erin Hinks was named to the All-PAC Second Team in 2003. The sophomore outside hitter recorded 335 kills, 47 aces, 152 digs and 40 blocks for the Lady Titans, who recovered from a dismal start to the season to finish second at the PAC tournament.
Citation and Award
Nominations Requested

Each year, alumni who have made significant contributions in their professional field, their community or Westminster are recognized through the presentation of Westminster College Alumni Citations and Outstanding Young Alumni Awards during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. Each May, the Alumni Council selects the recipients. If you know an alumnus worthy of recognition please submit their nomination. Please include the nominee’s full name, class year, address and their accomplishments to the Office of Alumni Relations, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001. Nominations may be submitted electronically at www.westminster.edu/Alumni/AlumniAwards&Nominations.htm.

Annual Alumni Association Meeting

The annual Westminster College Alumni Association meeting will be held in conjunction with the spring Alumni Council meeting. Open to all alumni, the Alumni Association meeting will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, April 3, in the Witherspoon Rooms, McKelvey Campus Center.

Lunch will be served following the meeting. Cost is $7. Please contact Mary Cooley James ’84, director of alumni relations, if you will be attending and indicate if you will be staying for lunch, (724) 946-7363, or mjames@westminster.edu.

Choir Tours
Southern Churches During Break

More than 40 members of the Westminster College Concert Choir and Chamber Singers performed in Southern churches from Jan. 11-18.

Among the stops the performers made was Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C., where Stephen Talley ’75 is the music director. Stops were also scheduled for churches in Brevard, N.C.; Beaufort, S.C.; Hilton Head Island, S.C.; Manassas, Va.; and Rosewell Presbyterian Church in Rosewell, Ga.

The choir program included “Alleluia” by Bach, “O Altitudo” by Asola, “O nata lux” by Lauridsen, “Salvation is Created” by Chesnokov, “Non Nobis Domine” by Quilter, and “We’ll Shout and Give Him Glory” featuring students Tom Oyer and Jaimee Davis on the piano.

The Chamber Singers featured two numbers by Mendelssohn, “Bouree” by Bach, “Stand by Me” by Hogan, and “Come to Me” by Gawthrop.

Above and left: The Westminster College Concert Choir and Chamber Singers performed at several churches in the South during winter break and enjoyed spending time with their hosts following their performances.
Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2004
October 15, 16 & 17

Make plans now to return to campus for the weekend festivities, including:
Tea with the Books, the annual Homecoming parade (judged by the Class of 1954), the Reunion Celebration Luncheon honoring the classes of 1920-54 and the Class of 1979, the All-Alumni picnic, Titan football (vs. the Bethany Bisons), campus tours, and plenty of time to enjoy with friends.

Reunions to be celebrated Saturday evening:
15th Cluster - classes of 1988, ’89, ’90, Sharon County Club
25th Reunion - Class of 1979, New Castle Country Club
35th Cluster - classes of 1968, ’69, ’70, Oak Tree Country Club
50th Reunion - Class of 1954, Radisson Inn

To my fellow Pennsylvania alumni,
I have a question for you. Have you ever driven down the road and seen a license plate from a local college or university and wished you could show your pride in your alma mater in the same way? Well, now you can! Due to the perseverance of Alumni Council members and the dedicated work of the alumni office, we are now going to be able to purchase Westminster College license plates, and drive with pride! But, in order for this to happen, we must have at least 300 applications by July 1, 2004.

What will it look like? The plates feature the landmark symbol of Westminster, Old Main tower, on the left side, with Westminster College printed across the bottom. They will be manufactured in the state’s standard colors of white, blue and gold.

We know there are many of you who would like to do this, and we encourage you to submit an application as soon as possible. Contact the alumni relations office for an application, phone (724) 946-7372, fax (724) 946-7366, e-mail alumni@westminster.edu, or write to Office of Alumni Relations, Westminster College, New Wilmington PA 16142. Please realize these plates are only available for Pennsylvania registered vehicles.

The Westminster Alumni Council is thrilled to be able to offer you the opportunity to showcase your pride in your alma mater in this special way. I look forward to seeing hundreds of you on the highways and byways very soon!

Sincerely,
Carey Anne Meyer LaSor ’86
President, Westminster College Alumni Council

Life in Thompson House
Built in the late 1880s by Professor S. R. Thompson as his family’s residence, Thompson House has a long history in Westminster’s campus life. It has served as men’s and women’s housing, as the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority house and also as home to a variety of campus offices. Were you one of the lucky people to live or work in Thompson House during your years on campus? Please let us know who you are, we would like to be able to talk with you about your experiences. Contact Dorothy Pollock ’46, Office of Alumni Relations, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001, or phone (724) 946-7372 or e-mail alumni@westminster.edu.

Upcoming events:

March 20  Reunion Planning Workshop, McKelvey Campus Center
April 3    Alumni Association and Council meeting, McKelvey Campus Center
May       Pittsburgh Area Young Alumni gathering
June      Cleveland-area alumni, Lake County Captains baseball game
July 25   Westminster gathering at Chautauqua Institute
The Endowment Demystified

The facts on Westminster’s financial bedrock, and why it’s so critical to the institution’s health

By Patrick S. Broadwater

“You think you know ...but you have no idea.”
- Tag line from MTV reality show “Diary”

On documentary-style reality TV shows such as MTV’s “Diary” or ESPN’s “The Season,” camera crews gain total access to the biggest names in music, movies, TV and sports for anywhere from one day to several months. The idea is to get an up-close and uncut peek at the behind-the-scenes, off-camera lives that envelop these pop culture icons. They are instructive programs because they strip the subjects of most of their glamour, in favor of the mundane. They expose as much their many foibles as their immense talents. And in so doing, they can counter the public’s perception of the subject.

Powerful perceptions, however, can be hard to dispel.

Take college and university endowments. Like the rock star featured on TV, an institution’s endowment is part image, part utility, and part a history of past successes. For both, a true understanding of its whole is often obscured by the fragment that garners the most headlines.

For endowments, which make do without the benefit of a prime-time cable time slot, most people don’t get past the bottom line. The total market value – particularly when it’s as large as Harvard’s record $18.8 billion endowment – is what colors the public’s perception. It’s easy to conclude that, with seemingly so many assets, colleges are awash in cash. Yet, charges for tuition and fees, and room and board keep rising.

How can that be? Why don’t colleges just use some of their reserves to offset tuition hikes? After all, even institutions with modest endowments should be able to draw enough funds to ease the burden of students and their families, right?

Well...yes and no.

The reality is that endowments are fairly complex systems which do help cover the cost of higher education, but are governed by law as well as the wishes of donors who have earmarked their contributions for a specific purpose or program. In addition, institutions must be careful not to draw down their endowments too quickly or to invest too aggressively in order to protect against a market downturn or increased inflation, which could contribute to the demise of the entire portfolio.

What is an Endowment?

An endowment is a collection of funds donated to a tax-exempt organization, so that the earnings on those gifts may be used to fulfill the institution’s charitable, religious or educational mission. At many institutions, including Westminster, these gifts have been collected over many decades, and since the principal is not spent, the endowment creates earnings year after year. These earnings provide a continual source of income, while the principal is preserved, lending stability to the institution.

The endowment also:

• Decreases the total cost of an education. The sticker price, or basic charges that families pay (tuition, fees, room and board), does not cover the full cost of an education. At Westminster, for every $70 the College receives from students and families, it spends an additional $30. The remaining funds come primarily from gifts and grants, including alumni and corporate contributions,
and income from the College’s endowment. In the 2002-2003 fiscal year, over $1.3 million was made available to Westminster students via endowed scholarships.

- **Underscores the importance of a program for which funds have been designated.** Endowing a faculty chair, lecture series, book fund, etc., assures the long-term continuation of the program.

- **Provides flexibility.** Unrestricted endowed gifts can be used for the general purposes of the institution.

- **Serves as a safety net.** Additional endowed funds are rarely tapped, but can be used in case of emergency. Several times over the course of Westminster’s 152-year history money was borrowed from the endowment, such as in 1940, when fund raising for a new women’s dormitory fell well short of its goal. The Board of Trustees authorized borrowing $150,000 to get Ferguson Hall up and running, on time and on budget. More recently, a torrent of needed repairs appeared on buildings across campus in the 1980s, mainly in the form of leaky roofs. Faced with high costs and urgent need, again the College borrowed from the endowment. “It can be done, but it’s rare,” said William Birkhead, Westminster’s vice president for finance and management services. “It’s like your home budget. You can raid your savings account for any number of worthwhile projects, but when it’s gone, it’s gone.”

Gifts to the endowment are also attractive to donors, particularly those who wish to fund a particular program in perpetuity or wish to target a particular type of recipient. For example, a donor may create a scholarship and designate that the first preference be given to students who plan to major in biology.

Donors also can take satisfaction in knowing that they’ve made a permanent and lasting contribution to an institution with which they’ve had a long-standing relationship. And, they have the option of naming the gift in memory or in honor of themselves or a family member, friend, professor, etc. Donors may also wish to perpetuate an annual gift with a bequest.

“Endowments are the lifeblood of charitable organizations,” said President R. Thomas Williamson. “Without endowment revenue, Westminster could not continue to offer quality programs and attract first-rate students and faculty.”

Endowment is also an important symbol of institutional strength.

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**Westminster College Endowment vs. Select Liberal Arts Colleges**

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* Figures represent fiscal year-end market value, according to 2003 National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) Endowment Study.

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**Investment Performance Summary, 1999-2004**

Westminster College General Endowment Fund

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* Performance data is presented on a fiscal-year basis.
Those institutions with more modest endowments are necessarily more dependent on tuition charges than more affluent institutions, making them more susceptible to changes in the markets and/or consumers. The greater an institution’s endowment, the more financial weight the college has behind its students.

How Does an Endowment Work?

Westminster’s endowment – valued at $73.8 million at the close of the fiscal year – is actually made up of three funds: a general endowment fund, the William McKee Memorial Fund, and the Gibson-Drinko Fund, plus the College’s equity shares of trusts managed by others. The general fund contains the majority of funds (about $70 million), while the subsidiary funds were set up separately because they had specific goals which would not necessarily be satisfied by investing in the general fund.

Within the general fund are hundreds of separate endowed accounts set up by individual donors, such as the John Q. Public Scholarship Fund. They are pooled together to form the general fund, which is treated as a single entity by the fund manager, the institutional Asset Management Division of National City Bank of Pennsylvania, led by National City vice presidents Raymond Rafferty and Anthony Keim.

The endowment manager splits the assets among a combination of stocks, bonds and cash as directed by the College’s endowment management policy, which is set by the full Board of Trustees. Responsibility for supervising the endowment manager rests with the finance committee of the Board, but no one from the College or the Board is involved in selecting which specific investments are chosen.

“The finance committee does not pick stocks. The endowment manager is expected to make the picks,” said Birkhead. “That’s because a certain part of the investment policy indicates how the investment manager is to be judged.”

The performance of endowment assets invested in equities, for example, is measured against the performance of the S&P 500 Index over a five-year period.

Although the manager has the option of investing as much as 75 percent of endowment assets in equities, the asset mix is typically not aggressive. The College’s investment policy points to preservation of capital as the top priority. That usually results in a flatter, steadier line of returns, rather than a roller-coaster ride of high returns one year and low returns the next.

“It’s a conservative policy,” said Birkhead. “Because of that, if you look at the endowment studies that we participate in, we come out somewhere in the middle. We’re not the best performer, not the worst performer and that’s satisfactory for the finance committee.”

That strategy proved fruitful in the 2-plus-year market downturn, when Westminster’s performance in 2001 and 2002 beat the market benchmark, shielding the College from even greater losses. (See “Investment Performance Summary, 1999-2004” for year-by-year performance of Westminster’s general endowment fund.) According to the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the median loss of 556 colleges and universities in 2002 was 6.4 percent. The broader markets fell much harder: the S&P 500 lost 19 percent; the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 16.8 percent and NASDAQ fell 31.5 percent.

The 5 Percent Spending Rule

In 1999, the Board of Trustees instituted the “5 percent spending rule,” which set the annual rate of withdrawal at 5 percent, a figure well within the 2-7 percent dictated by Pennsylvania law for non-profits. The rule is the mechanism the College uses to determine the actual dollar amount it draws from the endowment to support its annual operating budget. It is determined by finding the average of the quarterly market values – minus the funds restricted by donors – from the last three calendar years, multiplied by the approved spending rate (5%). The three-year rolling average concept was added as a buffer from the day-to-day volatility of the market.

“Five percent is pretty much the national average,” Birkhead said. “It’s a figure that doesn’t typically raid the endowment. If you were to pull out at a higher rate, you’d gradually deplete your endowment. If you went lower, then it would be building the endowment, which is OK, too, unless you need the money for operations.”

Prior to implementing the 5 percent rule, the College relied solely on the interest of fixed income investments and dividends from stocks. And what a huge difference it has made. Westminster receives about $1-1.5 million more per year under the 5 percent rule.

And where does the 5 percent go in the operating budget? It’s sliced up and distributed among each of the many accounts that make up the total endowment. For example, a hypothetical $20,000 scholarship fund would be invested in the pooled endowment but kept track of individually in Westminster’s business office. The scholarship would be expressed as a percentage of the entire $70 million endowment, and, as the endowment generates income, the scholarship would attract that same percentage of income.

Reaching the Goal

In the 2003 NACUBO endowment study, Westminster ranks almost smack dab in the middle of the list of 717 participating schools. The College is 349th, just above the median of $70 million. Harvard ranks highest in market value, one of 39 colleges and universities with endowments of $1 billion or more. Forty-eight institutions were listed with endowments of $10 million or less.

Westminster has come a long way since 1977, when the endowment was valued at $6 million. But, in its continued drive to compete with the top private liberal arts colleges nationwide, the College has pegged endowment as one area of particular focus. (See “Westminster College Endowment vs. Select Liberal Arts Colleges.”) The most recent strategic plan spells out a goal of $100 million for the endowment by 2007, plus an additional $30 million in endowed planned gifts.

In pursuit of that goal, the College has launched the For Our Future initiative, which aims to enlighten donors about the need for endowment building and the benefits of planned gifts and gifts to the endowment. More information on the For Our Future program can be found on the inside back cover of this magazine.

“An investment in the endowment is an investment in the future of Westminster College,” said Gloria Cagigas, vice president for Institutional Advancement. “The support of our alumni and friends can help make our vision for the future a reality.”

(Broadwater is editor of Westminster Magazine.)
Mary Roach-McKinley graduated from Westminster College in 1983 with a degree in computer science, but her passion has always been horses. “I just wanted to get a job, so I could afford my horse,” McKinley said. “My friends and family used to say, ‘she’ll grow out of this when she grows older,’ but I know that never happens. Once the love of horses is in your life, it’s there to stay.”
In 1990, Mary and her husband, Tom, purchased a dairy farm and converted it into an equestrian facility, Little Neshannock Stables. McKinley subsequently received her riding instructor certification in Western, English and dressage.

Now Little Neshannock Stables offers year-round instruction to students ages four and up. Pony Pals, ages four to six, teaches safe handling and riding of ponies while on lead lines. Group lessons for children seven and over stress more independent control and how to relate with the horse. The facility also offers programs to the Beaver-Castle Girl Scouts with clinics and summer day camps, as well as summer riding camps to the general public. Private boarding is also available.

In 1992, McKinley brought her passion to Westminster College students, first through physical education classes, followed by the start of an equestrian team. The physical education class is offered to horse enthusiasts of any skill level, and counts towards the student’s required physical education credits.

“The physical education class is a comprehensive program where students get a sampling of many areas of horsemanship – not only fundamentals in classical riding, but equine care and management,” McKinley said. “The program has undergone revisions over the years, and is designed not only as an introduction to horses for inexperienced riders, but is also tailored to those with prior horse experience.”

In 1993, McKinley was approached by a group of Westminster students who asked her to coach the College’s equestrian team. At Westminster, equestrian is a club sport, but team members are eligible to compete in Region 3, Zone 3 of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). The IHSA is an international organization composed of over 500 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, and oversees competition in Western and English style riding for college students.

The Westminster team competes in English hunt seat on the flat and over fences in meets between September and May of each year. The team has varied in size over the years, with anywhere from 10 to 30 members, though not all team members participate in competitions.

“Five team members practice on one day, while Mary watches and tells us who needs work,” said Dana Roberts, a sophomore business administration major. “Lessons begin when we bring our horses into the barn to groom them before we ride. We have to clean their feet, brush them, and then saddle them. When we are done, we have to cool the horses down and repeat the grooming process.”

“I’ve been riding for about nine years, and I have boarded my horse at Mary’s for the last four,” said Courtney Hoover, a senior political science major. “Dundee is a large red roan, and my best friend.”

At the IHSA competitions, students are assigned a horse to ride by lottery, McKinley said. Riders are given a description of the horse’s nature and riding behaviors, but are not permitted to try out the horse before entering the show ring.

“Shows are a personal challenge to see if I can get my assigned horse to do what he should,” Hoover said. “You have to go in with a positive attitude to get your horse to cooperate. Mary has prepared me. I have ridden many different horses since I started to ride.”

“You learn how to adapt to different horses and how to adapt to the horse’s weakness, strengths, and personality,” said Jessica Garrison, a senior biology major. “It’s more mental than physical.”

“I like the jump competition the best in the show. When you jump you are the only person in the arena, but in flat riding there are sometimes 15 others with you,” said Hoover. “When I’m not competing, I enjoy the dressage where you guide the horse through a series of complex moves, like a dance with only slight movements of my hands or legs.”

Little Neshannock Stables was the site of regional horse shows twice a year from 1993-2001, but the increasing demands of hosting as well as McKinley’s growing family – the couple’s fifth child, Morrigan Leigh, was born in November 2002 – helped persuade her to stop hosting.

“However, it is not a requirement for a team to host shows,” McKinley said. “When I began coaching the Westminster equestrian team, there were only eight schools competing in this region. Over the past 10 years, the sport has experienced tremendous growth, and now there are over 16 schools in the region. A show now needs to have at least 30 extremely well-trained horses with show experience.”

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– Mary Roach-McKinley
background and are comfortable with different horses,” Hoover said.

“Our pride comes in having a good ride and enjoying ourselves,” Garrison said.

McKinley’s involvement with her passion and her alma mater added another dimension a few years ago.

David Gray, professor of psychology emeritus, was passionate about archery and mounted archery. “He asked me about bringing a renowned European mounted archer to the United States to demonstrate the sport at the National Archery Convention in Michigan,” McKinley said. “Two horses were trained to gallop down a 90-meter straight path, while the rider shot arrows at a tri-fold target. One of these horses was chosen by the Hungarian archer to demonstrate while at my stable and then went on to Michigan. Now Professor Gray has his own horse at my stable, which he trains in hopes of expanding the sport in the United States. I hope my own children will become mounted archers, as this is a unique combination of two ancient arts – riding and archery.”

McKinley was also approached by Gray, who was then head of the Department of Psychology, about another project. He asked if she would demonstrate some horse-training techniques for an intro psychology class of his.

“I demonstrated the method of training where the horse is asked to perform certain movements around her without any halter, leads, ropes, or lines attached to the animal. The horse is set free and demonstrates a willingness to perform without being forced,” McKinley said. “This demonstration was so well received, that it has become an annual field study for some of the classes in the psychology department.

“This type of training has been around since the onset of human-kind and horse interaction, but it was suppressed in many parts of the world,” continued McKinley. “A philosophy of controlling the horse and submitting it to the human domination seems to have taken its place in most training arenas. I feel there is no right or wrong way unless you are causing undue stress to the animal. The methods I use are self-taught, and are called many things by various trainers, such as resistance-free methods, joining up, bonding, and natural horsemanship.”

When asked why they ride, Hoover, Garrison and Roberts responded similarly, characterizing the company of the horses and those who share an interest in horses as relaxing.

“I have found that horses can be therapeutic for people from all walks of life. I have offered equine therapy programs to physically challenged riders, and also to blind individuals, ladies from the women’s shelter, inner city youth, autistic children, cancer patients, recovering stroke patients, and rape victims,” McKinley said. “There are children who feel out of place at school or home, but feel a complete sense of freedom and self-esteem when they are with the horses. There is a sense of peace which we foster at the facility, and people generally feel it when they are here.”

Little Neshannock Stables has offered equine therapy programs in the past where Westminster students have participated as community volunteers, and assisted with the physically, mentally or emotionally challenged riders.

“Students assisted as side walkers, while a physical therapist oversaw the patient’s therapeutic exercises. Equine therapy is proving to be beneficial to not only physically challenged, but emotionally and mentally challenged individuals as well,” said McKinley. “We have seen children who are autistic or withdrawn, who begin to speak or engage in relationships where other therapies have brought no results. The program has been on hold for a couple of years due to revisions in managing the program, however, plans are under way to revive it and possibly even add a senior citizens program.”

McKinley recalled a story about one priest who took lessons at her stable for about a year. “He called my place a ‘Garden of Eden’ where everyone gets along – the humans, the horses, the cats, the dogs, and even the geese. I want our facility to be a part of a journey of enjoying life, and a way of helping others heal body, mind, and spirit.”

(Eberhart is a communications assistant at Westminster College.)
Another Mock Convention, another war hero on the ticket. The Rhodes Scholar from West Point, Gen. Wesley Clark seized the Democratic presidential nomination on the third and final ballot at the 17th Westminster Mock National Convention held on Feb. 5-6, 2004, edging out Ohio congressman Dennis Kucinich, who ended up on the ticket anyway as vice president.

That Clark emerged as a top candidate should come as no huge surprise to any follower of the College’s previous conventions. A partial list of veterans receiving presidential or vice-presidential nominations at Westminster over the years includes Dwight Eisenhower, George McGovern, George H.W. Bush, Al Gore, Colin Powell, and John McCain, the 2000 Republican presidential nominee (a complete list of past nominees can be found on p. 20). That certainly boded well for Sen. John Kerry, who served with distinction as a Navy lieutenant in Vietnam, and for Clark, the retired four-star general who led the NATO campaign against Slobodan Milosevic in 1999 and also served in Vietnam.

Yet, it was the surprising popularity of Kucinich, a fringe candidate hovering around 1 percent nationally and derided even by keynote speaker Paul Begala, the famed Democratic political consultant and co-host of CNN’s “Crossfire,” that nearly knocked Clark off the top of the ticket. Just a day before the Westminster delegates were scheduled to side with their candidate of choice, Begala mentioned that he liked all of the Democratic challengers before joking that “Dennis Kucinich is really going to take off once we have the Martian primary.”

“Students are generally anti-establishment, and candidates that are new have great appeal,” said James Rhoads, associate professor of political science and adviser to the Mock Convention. “Kucinich had a built-in support system here on campus due to the active chapter of the Green Party at Westminster. The Greens supported Kucinich at the convention.”

Flatly rejecting the Democratic Party’s front-runners, in part because of the strong campaign run by freshman Colby King, who had volunteered with the Kucinich operation over winter break, the Westminster contingent actually had Kucinich ahead at the conclusion of the first round of voting. His total of 169 was slightly higher than one-third of the 445 delegates available. Clark finished second on the badly fractured first ballot with slightly less than one-third of the delegates (128), while ex-Vermont Gov. Howard Dean,

Clark’s campaign manager Ashleigh Oram was able to consolidate the majority of votes from the Dean, Kerry and Gephardt camps to push the general ahead of Kucinich on the second ballot, 223-193, but failed to garner the two-thirds majority required to clinch the nomination, thus forcing a third ballot. Convention rules dictated that the third ballot would waive the two-thirds majority clause, setting up a sudden-death showdown on the final ballot. Most votes wins, period.

In the end, the Clark candidacy retained the bounce received from the rival campaigns to eke out a tight 228-202 victory. Considering all three ballots, though, Clark’s win was even narrower. Only 15 votes separated the top two finishers out of 1,314 cast.

As consolation, Westminster delegates gave Kucinich the vice-presidential nod. He easily outdistanced Dean and Kerry with 58 percent of the vote.

“I think the students were evenly split between Clark and Kucinich because both are outsiders to the party,” Rhoads said. “In addition, although all five campaigns were well-represented, Colby King and Ashleigh Oram did a better job of mobilizing their supporters.”

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS

Unfortunately for Wesley Clark his win at Westminster did not translate into actual Democratic primary votes. He officially withdrew from the race on Feb. 11, five days after the close of the Westminster Mock Convention and just one day after twin disappointing performances in the Virginia and Tennessee primaries.

Clark’s withdrawal assures Westminster that, for the fourth consecutive time, its presidential nominee will not survive his party’s convention. Notably, the only time Westminster’s selection has matched the party’s nominee in the past 24 years was the 1988 selection of Michael Dukakis to oppose the first President Bush.

But Westminster’s Mock Convention, one of the oldest in the nation, is not in the business of predicting the eventual nominee. It

Final Results

How the candidates fared at Westminster College’s Mock Democratic Nominating Convention, Feb. 5-6, 2004.

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*-According to convention rules, if no candidate captures a two-thirds majority of delegates on either of the first two ballots, the candidate receiving the most votes on the third ballot would receive the party nomination. First Ballot: Kucinich 169, Clark 128, Dean 70, Kerry 59, Gephardt 19; Second Ballot: Clark 223, Kucinich 193, Dean 10, Kerry 5, Gephardt 3.

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Westminster College’s Mock National Nominating Convention is one of the oldest surviving collegiate conventions in the country. It has been held quadrennially since 1936 with the exception of 1944, a war year. After the convention of 1956, it was decided that all future conventions would be held for the party out of power in the White House. The theory behind this decision was that a convention held for the party out of power would be more exciting since more candidates would be contending for the nomination. Prior to this decision, all Mock Conventions on Westminster’s campus were held for the Republican Party.

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<td>Henry Jackson</td>
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* Indicates candidates nominated at the national convention that year.
does, however, faithfully recreate the time-tested process of democratically selecting the candidate the delegates would most like to see nominated. That is, just as the choice of nominee at the Democratic Party convention this summer in Boston will reflect the wishes of the Democratic voting constituency, at the Westminster Mock Convention, the selection of Clark reflected the wishes of the Westminster voting constituency.

However, mock conventions such as Westminster’s are veering close to becoming historical demonstrations, like, say, cobblers at the county fair. It’s interesting to see how things used to be done before modern advances streamlined the job. In the modern political realm, conventions are taking on less and less significance, as the primary system ratchets up the competition earlier and earlier. For example, as late as January 2004, Howard Dean was the leader in fund raising and unofficial opinion polls. The small-state doctor-turned-governor had gone from long shot to the presumptive nominee without a single vote being cast. A month later, he was out of the race after going 0-for-17 in early primaries. The Democratic convention was still five months away.

“One issue we’re running into is that these conventions don’t really replicate the actual conventions any longer,” Rhoads said. “It’s hard. You’ve got to motivate students to get them involved, because in their lifetime they’ve never seen a contested convention. They’ve not even seen much of the conventions. When I was young that’s all there was on TV. Now there’s 500 channels and you can avoid it if you want to. Even the networks are only broadcasting an hour a night.”

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GETS TO WORK

Even if the actual conventions may be losing influence as they morph into coronations rather than serious debates among party members, the Westminster Mock Convention still attracts plenty of attention. Particularly in an election year such as this one, with such big security, cultural and financial issues on the table. Over 800 students were involved in some aspect of the student-run convention, including 21 who participated on the executive committee.

“I’m a double major, political science and theatre, and the Mock Convention is just the perfect mixture between acting and politics,” said junior Richard Marmura, the executive committee treasurer. “I love doing this,” said Oram, who held a spot on the executive committee before taking over the role of Clark’s campaign manager. “This is such a unique opportunity. I couldn’t not be involved.”

The committee, which worked for a solid year to plan the convention, was responsible for everything from making sure that the seats and flags were all set up in Memorial Field House to shaping the party platform, scheduling debates among campaign managers, and arranging for the keynote speaker. They worked on devising rules for the convention, contacted local media outlets, made video and audio arrangements – so people could see and hear what was happening – and doled out money to the managers for campaigning.

“This has been an exceptional group of students to work with,” said Rhoads, who joined the faculty in 1992. “I’ve had experience with three of these and we’ve always had good help, but this year was extraordinary. It’s just a lot of coordination. Everything has to be available when we need it and that takes a lot of time and effort on the part of the committee.”

“I frequently say that is remarkable that none of you were here four years ago, but thanks to the leadership you see before you today and your own participation and your leadership of your own delegations, you are in a for a real treat,” President R. Thomas Williamson said in his remarks opening the convention. “You are in for an experience you will remember for the rest of your life. You are in for the opportunity to think, and in a meaningful way, debate the issues put before you.

“It’s amazing that this convention has lasted all these years and I have no doubt that it will go on for many years to come. For those of you who have taken the bull by the horns here at Westminster Cable Network provided live coverage of the opening night of the Mock Convention.

Senior Ashleigh Oram campaigned for Gen. Wesley Clark, who won the tightly contested nomination on the third and final ballot.
Westminster and initiated something of your own – a club, a course, an idea – you will see through this convention that what you initiate here has the potential to last a very long time. We are all indebted to Thomas V. Mansell for the idea that he pursued years ago.”

THE MIRACLE AT WESTMINSTER

Begala’s keynote address harkened back much farther than the 1936 beginnings of the Westminster Mock Convention. He stressed that this gathering of minds to discuss our collective political future was more than just political theatre, more than what he called “show business for ugly people.” He invoked the Constitutional Convention of 1787 as described by Catherine Drinker Bowen in *The Miracle at Philadelphia*. This convention, Begala said, is part of the miracle that is the American political system.

Begala, one of the chief architects of President Clinton’s election strategy and a special adviser to Clinton at the White House, was also a contributor in the early days of *George*, the political magazine that was the brainchild of John F. Kennedy Jr. He recalled a packet of articles submitted for publication that Kennedy, who had just finished reading *The Miracle at Philadelphia*, had pronounced too cynical.

“This is a book about our founding written by a serious historian, who looked at the founding of this country and do you know what she concluded? There’s no other word to describe it but a miracle,” Begala said. “A direct act of God Almighty intervening in the lives of men and women! John Kennedy understood that. I understand that. I want you to understand that, too.

“John Kennedy was a guy with a front row seat to American politics. He had a massive fortune and he decided when he became an adult that the most important thing he could do with his career is to celebrate politics, make politics seem like it was cool. He saw what was going on in the media every day – telling you they’re all a bunch of fools, they’re all a bunch of crooks, it’s all a bunch of corruption, it’s all a rigged game – but he knew better. So he started a little magazine called *George*.”

In other words, look past the scandals, the name-calling and political bickering. But don’t lose sight of all that our political system is, and just as importantly, what it is not. Whether we realize it or not, the miracle continues today at the local, state and national levels, even in mock conventions, like this one. Events like these are the devices that help sustain the miracle.

“We live in a country where we have two big, broad parties, one kind of center-left, one kind of center-right. We agree on the big thing – the nature of freedom, the nature of liberty, the need to increase opportunity and guarantee equality,” Begala said. “But there’s still big things that we fight about, that’s why we have elections. That’s why I’m so excited about what you all are doing at this convention. It celebrates something that too many of my colleagues in the media and your colleagues in the next generation denigrate: political debate, political discourse, political fighting. In elections, this process is nothing less than a miracle. And you get to watch this miracle unfold in front of you.”

“We get to see on a smaller scale exactly the system we work in and how we can help and how it can really pay to be involved,” said Oram. “Talking about the issues and getting them out there is a wonderful opportunity for students to get familiar with them, whatever their personal political stance.”

“Whether you agree with the politics of the convention itself, I don’t think is really important,” said Marmura. “It’s about the American system and how it all works. This is what makes this country great, being able to say whether you agree or disagree. One of the real lessons of this is how your opinion goes into the political system. Unfortunately people don’t have a lot of political advocacy. But we all saw in the last [presidential] election how a few votes make a difference.”

“The big message here… I want to tell you that what you’re doing here is not just fun, it’s not just showbiz for ugly people, it’s the only game for grownups,” Begala said. “This stuff matters.”

( Broadwater is editor of Westminster Magazine.)
He Did It His Way

Vietnam veteran flies to the top of international helicopter association

He was a Jersey kid who later became known as chairman of the board. No, we don’t mean Francis Albert Sinatra. Like Ol’ Blue Eyes, Jim Church flew to the top of his profession. But he’s done it in a most literal fashion.

Church, born and reared in Tenafly, N.J., is chairman of the Helicopter Association International (HAI), a non-profit professional trade group with over 1,300 member organizations in more than 70 nations. In 56 years, the organization has come to be known as the voice of the helicopter industry worldwide.

Chief pilot for United Technologies Corporation and a founding member of the Eastern Region Helicopter Council, Church was elected HAI’s chairman for the 2003-2004 year by his peers. His duties include presiding over the HELIEXPO convention (and 12,000 attendees) held this year in Las Vegas. Church has been a member of HAI for 23 years and has served three three-year terms on the association’s board of directors.

A 1968 graduate of Westminster majoring in history with a pre-law concentration, Church subsequently entered the Navy, where he was accepted for flight training. He learned to fly both airplanes and helicopters, and one year later, completed Officer Candidate School.

“My first duty assignment was flying attack helicopters in the Delta region of Vietnam in support of Navy riverboats,” Church said. “My next assignment was flying both helicopters and airplanes for an Aircraft Ferry Squadron in San Diego.”

Church adds that he didn’t cross paths with Sen. John Kerry who has made his naval service in Vietnam and the Mekong Delta an integral part of his presidential campaign. But as a young pilot, Church benefited from the many nighttime flights in support of river boats and Navy SEAL units. It was good experience and allowed him to build up flight time quickly.

In 1972, Church left the Navy and joined a Navy Reserve squadron in Imperial Beach. He remained in the Reserves for over 20 years, before retiring as a commander. The job market in the United States for civilian pilots was bleak in the early 1970s, so Church ended up overseas, working for Bristow Helicopters in Aberdeen, Scotland, where he began putting together his collection of British motorcycles. His collection includes a 1972 Norton Commando and a 1953 Vincent Black Shadow, known as the Rolls Royce of British motorcycles.

“I have always had a motorcycle, even while I was at Westminster,” Church said. “In fact, my sophomore summer of 1966 I rode a motorcycle cross-country to California, down to Mexico and up to Canada. One of my first flying jobs out of the Navy was flying helicopters out to oil rigs in the North Sea.”

Church moved back to the U.S. in 1977 and a year later met his future wife, Greta. They were married the same year and have two daughters, Kristine and Kendall.

Church joined United Technologies in 1983 and last year was awarded the company’s Volunteer of the Year award. Active on the board of directors of ABC (A Better Chance), an organization that brings inner city students to suburban areas for a four-year high school/college preparatory education, he has also led the United Way’s Day of Caring project for the past six years.

Jim Church ’68 was elected chairman of the board of the Helicopter Association International for 2003-2004. HAI includes over 1,300 member organizations from more than 70 countries.

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50 Roger Jarvis and his wife, Sandi, of Kingston, Mass., are sailing a 34-foot catamaran from Cape Cod to Florida and back. During the summer months, Roger is the skipper of a charter boat.

55 Ed Gallagher of Palm Springs, Calif., won an Emmy for his stage design of the opera Faust.

Dr. Lyle Wilcox has retired from chiropractic practice in Tucson, Ariz. He and his wife, Rosemary, have relocated to Redmond, Wash.

56 Constance Mohr Wright is semi-retired from her position as an educational consultant. Connie makes her home in Fernandina, Fla.

58 Ben Benson, presidential portraitist and collector, has illustrated Presidential Profiles: An Intimate Collection of Portraits and Documents. Ben and the book’s author donated their time to the project for the Oneida County (N.Y.) Historical Society.

59 George “Tookie” James was the subject of an “Another Look” article featuring sports personalities from the past in the Beaver County Times. James, a member of the Westminster College Sports Hall of Fame, is currently a judge in the Beaver County Court of Common Pleas.

John Mansfield and his wife, Carol Paulie Mansfield ’58, have retired and moved to The Villages, Fla.

John Specht has retired from the faculty at Queensborough Community College in Bayside, N.Y., earning the title professor of music emeritus. He and his wife, Joyce, are residents of Mays Landing, N.J.

61 Tom Maroukis, professor of history and department chair at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, received the 2003 Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio Academy of History in recognition of outstanding and lifelong service to the field.

Donald Mihaloev is a professor at Portland (Ore.) State University and is self-employed as a marriage and family therapist. He and his wife, Betty, live in Eugene, Ore.

62 Tom Giles and his wife, Sandra, have retired and are living in Red Wing, Minn.


63 Carol Peterson Davis has retired as a reading teacher for the Citrus County school board. Her husband, Art Davis, is owner and manager of Carpetowne USA. The couple lives in Crystal River, Fla.

Juanita Roderick has retired from Youngstown State University with the title professor emerita. She and her husband, the Rev. Jim Latham, make their home in Sebring, Ohio.

David Taylor has retired as directing examiner with the Federal Bank of Atlanta. Dave and his wife, Cathy, make their home in Ocala, Fla.

66 Jane Breneman Busey is a student pastor attending the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. She and her husband, David, live in Scales Mound, Ill.

Barbara Zulandt Kiefer M’78 is the Charlotte S. Huck Professor of Children’s Literature at Ohio State University. She has authored or co-authored several textbooks.

67 Nancy Branscombe Higgins M’70 is the coordinator of management and marketing for the business and economics department at Montgomery College.

John Cunningham has retired after 30 years in banking. He is now the owner of his own construction business. He and his wife, Phyllis, are residents of Hernando, Miss.

Tom Gorley is a self-employed consultant. He and his wife, Carolyn, and their children live in Aurora, Colo.

Kenneth Phillips had his textbook, Directing the Choral Music Program, published by Oxford University Press. He is a professor of music education at Gordon College and makes his home in New Castle.

Dr. Gary Poole is an optometrist in Spartanburg, S.C. He and his wife, Carolyn, have recently moved to Rutherfordton, N.C.

68 The Rev. Paul DeMotte Jr. is a mission worker for Emanuel Presbyterian Church in Victoria, Texas. He and his wife, Elizabeth, will be spending the next two years in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.

Sandra Kilgore Binn and her husband, Wayne, have relocated to Wichita, Kan., where Sandy is manager of continuous improvement at Cargill.

Kathy Tidd Pride ’52 of Avonmore and her grandchildren donned Westminster attire for a photo on the family holiday greeting card. Pictured from left to right: Sara Mills, Jennie Pride, Pam Pride, David Mills, Kathy, Katie Pride, Kimberly Mills, and Eric Mills. Kathy’s children, Douglas Pride ’80 and Janet Pride Mills ’82, and Janet’s husband, Dr. Stephen C. Mills ’81, are also Westminster graduates.

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69 Chenits Pettigrew Jr. is director of admissions and student affairs at the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. He and his wife, Margaret, make their home in Swissvale.

Joseph Yost and his wife, Patricia Wright Yost ’68, have relocated to Birmingham, Ala. Joe is executive vice president, sales, at Hanna Steel Corporation in Fairfield, Ala.

70 Bruce Robinson and his wife, Dayle, live in Glenwood Springs, Colo., where Bruce is president and regional manager of Alpine Bank.

Martie Schreiner Dreisbach and her husband, Bruce, have moved to Mercersburg, where Martie is a literacy consultant. She has established READ WRITE NOW, a service to build and support lifelong learning skills in reading, writing and thinking.

71 The Rev. Donna Bodnar Papenhausen is minister of education at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Sarasota, Fla. Her husband, Phillip Papenhausen, is an advance project manager for IBM.

Mark Liesinger and his wife, Sharon, have moved to Prospect, Ky., where Mark is district sales manager for Bunn-O-Matic, a commercial coffee brewer.

72 The Rev. Emily Byrd lives in Unionsport, where she is the minister at Christ United Methodist Church.

James Burket is plant manager for Koppers Inc., a wood preserving firm in Denver. He and his wife, Lana, and their children make their home in Brighton, Colo.

William Eavenson has been promoted to delivery manager at Earnings Performance Group, a consulting firm. Bill and his wife, Wendy, and their children reside in Atlanta.

Deborah Ekas Lawler and her husband, George, have moved to Valencia. Debbie is a substitute teacher in the Pine-Richland schools.

74 Richard Ollinger is president/CEO of Cornerstone Christian Academy in Philadelphia.

Daniel Rindge lives in Newburyport, Mass., where he is a cartoonist, freelance artist, graphic designer and illustrator at The Port Planet newspaper. He has submitted “Toons” to become a nationally syndicated cartoon strip.

75 David Ferns Jr. and his wife, Mary, have moved to Schenectady, N.Y. David has been promoted to branch administrator at Comdoc Office Systems in Latham, N.Y.

Martin Kuttles is a product manager-worker’s compensation for Instec, a software development firm. He lives in Naperville, Ill., with his wife, Sally.

Rodger McCauslin is a senior systems analyst with Michael Baker Corporation, an engineering firm in Pittsburgh. His wife, Darlene Reed McCauslin ’76, is a personal banking representative with PNC Bank. The McCauslins make their home in Verona.

John Johnson is a professor of music at the University of Kansas. His wife, Ann Eckhart Johnson ’76, is a senior early childhood associate with the Kansas City ACF regional office. John and Ann live in Lawrence, Kan.

77 Michael Anthony, chairman, president and CEO of Brookstone, Inc., has been elected to the Hartmarx Corporation board of directors. Hartmarx produces and markets business, casual and golf apparel.

Bill Klink has moved to Hermitage, and is director of human resources at AVI Food Systems in Warren, Ohio.

The Rev. Keith Wells of Englewood, Colo., is director of the library at Denver Seminary.

78 The Rev. Robert Stauffer is national outreach director for Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Livonia, Mich. His wife, Deborah Crow Stauffer, is director of worship and arts at Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Youngstown, Ohio, where Bob and Debbie make their home.

79 The Rev. Harold Hartley III was recently appointed director of student ministries, vocations, and enlistment by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church. In this newly created position, Hal will serve both the Division of Higher Education and the Division of Ordained Ministry. He lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Elizabeth Prosser was elected a fellow of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine for achievements in internal medicine, the specialty of adult medical care. She is on the board of trustees of the Canton (Ohio) Medical Education Foundation, and received the Outstanding Teacher Award from NEOUCOM, Mercy Campus, where she is an associate professor of clinical internal medicine. She and her husband, Dr. Terrence Pansino, live in Bexley, Ohio.

80 Thomas Beaman is director of investment strategies/CEO of BeforeSAfter Properties, a private real estate investing firm in Wilmington, N.C. Tom makes his home in Raleigh, N.C.

William Blackie III is presently serving as a chaplain (LTC) with the U.S. Army in Babenhausen and Aschaffenburg, Germany, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Jeffrey McCandless is chief financial officer for Tier Technologies in Walnut Creek, Calif. Jeff resides in Pleasant Hill, Calif.

81 Donna Aiken of Monroeville has been promoted to manager, integrated design and documentation services, with Westinghouse Electric Company, a nuclear power generator.

The Rev. Janet Baldwin DeWater is minister at Newport Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, Wash. She and her husband, John, and their children are residents of Redmond, Wash.

82 Mary Creese Edwards has been promoted to vice president with CAP Gemini Ernst & Young, a consulting firm. Her husband, Mark Edwards, is an attorney. The couple and their children live in Sewickley.

The Rev. Elizabeth Maher Brown is director of the pastoral care office at Hillview Retirement Center of the West Ohio United Methodist Church. She and her husband, the Rev. David Brown, and their children live in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Susan Stempfle Dyssegard and her husband, Eric, live in Ashland, Ore., where Susan is office manager with Ashland Parks and Recreation.

83 Marnee Barlow Meyer has been promoted to section supervisor-captioned TV programs at the National Captioning Institute.

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www.westminster.edu/Alumni/25thReunion.html
Institute in Vienna, Va. She and her husband, Dieter, make their home in Leesburg, Va.

Keith Gates is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Barr Labs. He and his wife, Dianne, and their children live in Pulaski.

Loriann Hoff Oberlin has published her seventh book, *Writing for Quick Cash*, a resource for aspiring or established writers, students and professionals. In addition, she teaches an online seminar based on the book. She and her husband, Robert Laurenzano, live in North Potomac, Md.

Paula Winslow Uber is member retention manager for the Naperville (Ill.) Area Chamber of Commerce. She and her husband, Ron, and their children are residents of Naperville.

Todd Woodcock has been promoted to credit supervisor at International Finance Group in Frisco, Texas. He and his wife, Marcy, and their children reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

84 Dawn Dale of McLean, Va., is director of sales and training and a wealth strategist with Bank of America in Chevy Chase, Md.

Valerie Day Wilden has been promoted to assistant vice president of St. Barnabas Health System in Gibsonia. She is enrolled in the master of journalism and mass communications program at Point Park University, serves on the board of the Richland Emergency Medical Service and is a member of numerous community organizations. She and her husband, Gregory, and their two children live in Wexford.

Richard Edder is a middle school teacher and golf coach in the Freedom Area School District. Rich and his wife, Judy Brooks Edder ’85, and their two children are residents of Conway.

Ted Frambes is vice president of VoTec, Inc., a pharmaceutical controls firm in Duquesne. He and his wife, Kristen, and their two children reside in McMurray.

David Harper, his wife, Patti, and their two children have moved to Sarasota, Fla. David is an investment professional with Advantage Capital Corporation.

Dr. James Joyce is director of peripheral vascular interventions at The Cardiovascular Institute and director of cardiac catheterization labs at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, Calif. He has developed a new, non-invasive treatment for patients who are at high risk for a stroke. Once FDA approval is received in 2004, El Camino Hospital will be one of 16 sites to serve as a training center for the procedure.

Lt. Cmdr. Todd Meadows is a naval aviator in the U.S. Navy Reserve and a commercial pilot with Atlantic Coast Airlines. He and his wife, Amy, and their two children live in Jacksonville, Fla.

Suzanne Nichol Tennant received her master’s from the University of Detroit and is a language instructor in the Cranbrook schools. She and her husband, Tyler, live in Beverly Hills, Mich.


Susan Welty Baker received her master’s in social work from Akron University and is an MUI investigator with the Summit County Board of Mental Retardation. She and her husband, Patrick, live in Richfield, Ohio.

Victor Werner of Pittsburgh is a mental health crisis coordinator at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

85 Beth Foss, a travel agent in Naples, Fla., and the creator of Pink Ribbon Cruises, recently organized the first group booking for the project. A portion of the agency’s commission for the Pink Ribbon Cruise bookings is donated to the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade for breast cancer research and awareness.

88 Douglas Day was promoted to senior vice president of St. Barnabas Health System in Gibsonia. He is a member of several national and local professional organizations, a member of the Amen Corner, a volunteer for the St. Barnabas Charitable Foundation, and a member of the International Who’s Who of Professionals. He and his wife, Elizabeth, and their son reside in Richland Township.

Pamela Trautwein of Lake Worth, Fla., is store manager for Gap, Inc., in West Palm Beach.

89 Mark Finkelpearl has left the Travel Channel to become an executive producer at the Discovery Channel.

Dean Marshall has accepted a position as vice president for finance and credit services with U.S. Steel Corporation in Belgrade, Serbia. He and his wife, Nancy, and their three children will be living in Belgrade for three years.

Jennifer Reel Brancato is category director at NOP World Health, a pharmaceutical market research firm. She and her husband, Anthony, live in Bedminster, N.J.

Andrew Reid, his wife, Kristy, and family have relocated to Bay Village, Ohio, where Andy is area director with Young Life Ministry.

90 Elizabeth Barin Keiser is sales coordinator and her husband, Frank Keiser II ’89, is a home builder with Sun Tree Homes, Inc. Betsy, Frank and their three daughters live in Wellington, Fla.

Eric Duckworth of Tucker, Ga., has been promoted to investment officer at SunTrust Securities in Atlanta.

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David Flinn is golf professional at Willoughby Golf Club in Stuart, Fla. He and his wife, Janet, make their home in Jupiter, Fla.

Keith Huff is the owner of Krispy Kreme Donuts in Melbourne, Fla. He and his wife, Angel, live in Palm Bay, Fla.

Gayle Scarmack Orrico and her husband, David, are building a new house in Shenango Township, where Gayle has left outside employment to be a stay-at-home mom to the couple’s daughter.

91 Eric Hathaway is director of youth and college ministries at San Pedro Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Tuesdae Rodgers Stainbrook, her husband, Dr. Matthew Stainbrook, and their three children have moved to DuBois, where Tuesdae is director of the DuBois Regional Medical Center Wound Care and ID consultant.

92 Dr. Brian Cross is an orthopedic trauma surgeon with University of Pittsburgh Physicians. His wife, Shelley, make their home in Presto.

James Flinn is a sales representative with Permacel. He and his wife, Michelle, and their two children live in Spring Hill, Fla.

Nicolette Peters Heckel received her master’s of education from California University of Pennsylvania. She and her husband, Scott, and their daughter reside in Belle Vernon.

Brian Pfister has been promoted to director, customer management, U.S. operations, with Aventis Pasteur, a vaccines and serums firm. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are residents of Easton.

93 Melanie Bill has returned to Pittsburgh, where she is a senior training specialist with Federated Investors.

Capt. Jeffrey Crider has been promoted to chief, plans and exercises, with the U.S. Air Force. Jeff, his wife, Jennifer Arnold Crider, and their daughter are stationed at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Antoinette Cwynar is a business development consultant with Scorecard Systems, Inc., a financial reporting firm. Toni has moved to Emmaus.

Dr. Julianne Falleroni is a family practice intern at Puget Sound Family Medicine Residency, a naval hospital in Bremerton, Wash. Julie and her husband, William Wolfe Jr., make their home in Port Orchard, Wash.

James Geoghegan of Jackson, Tenn., has received his master’s from Vanderbilt University and is a medical physicist at West Tennessee Healthcare.

Kevin Knab received his master of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and is pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. His wife, Jennifer Austin Knab, is IT program manager with the Center for Disease Control. Kevin, Jenn and their two children live in Decatur, Ga.

Chad Ubry is a utility auditor for Eric Ryan Corporation in Ellwood City. He and his wife, Christina, and their daughter reside in New Castle.

Rebecca Wallen Mills, her husband, Dwayne, and their two daughters have moved to Jacksonville, N.C., where Rebecca is a third-grade teacher in the Onslow County schools.

94 Jacqueline Beale Blondeaux, her husband, Brian, and their two daughters live in Freeport, where Jacqueline is a substitute teacher.

Darrell Hess of Pittsburgh has been promoted to merchandise analyst with American Eagle.

Christina Young While and her husband, Brian, live in Youngstown, Ohio, where Christina is a teacher at Akiva Academy.

95 Tami D’Amico of Coraopolis is director of youth ministries at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Allison Park.

Amy Herschell received her Ph.D. from West Virginia University. She has moved to Pittsburgh, where she is a post-doctoral research fellow at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Kelly Horn is program coordinator supervisor at Canyon Ranch Health Resort in Tucson, Ariz.

Renee Miller of Oakmont is a case manager with Cigna Group Insurance in Pittsburgh.

Brenda Wisniewski received her master’s from the University of Phoenix. She lives in Mars and is an accountant at Pittsburgh Marriott North.

96 Bryan Bluck received his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. He has moved to Otter Rock, Ore., where he is a post-doctoral researcher at Hatfield Marine Science Center of Oregon State University.

Beth Grebnez of New Castle received her master’s in school administration from Westminster and holds a school principal certification. She is a first-grade teacher in the Hermitage School District.

Kimberly Keys Travis has been promoted to Children’s Health Outreach Opportunity Service Extension (C.H.O.O.S.E.) director at Neighborhood Ministries in Youngstown, Ohio. She and her husband, James Travis ‘93, and their daughter live in New Wilmington.

Beth Lehman of Export is an associate veterinarian at Shrader Veterinary Hospital in North Huntingdon.

Dyan Louder Siwiecki is accounting controller at St. Marys Chevrolet-Buick-Cadillac. She and her husband, Matt, and their sons have moved to Shippensburg.
Lynda Fritton is the owner of Southern Arizona Mortgage Company. She and her husband, Joe Kerwin, and their two children reside in Tucson, Ariz.

Susan Kasubick received her master’s from Chatham College. She has moved to Columbus, Ohio, where she is a physician’s assistant at Ohio State University Hospital.

Melissa Cross Paglia has moved to New Castle. She is a research assistant at the McGee Research Center of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Jennifer Panko lives in Fremont, Calif., where she is a sales representative with Color Kinetics, a lighting manufacturer.

Laura Williams has relocated to Tucson, Ariz., where she is senior member technical staff at Rincon Research Corporation.

Allison has moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she is manager of quality control at Meridian Bioscience, Inc., an in-vitro diagnostics firm.

Jaime Brinkman is a teacher in the Henrico County public schools. She and her husband, Dan, make their home in Mechanicsville, Va.

Gina Groznik has moved to Pittsburgh, where she is a physical therapist at SunDance Rehabilitation Corporation.

Kristin Keller of Oakmont is a sales consultant at ConsultUSA/Pittsburgh Project Management Center.

Megan McCaskey of Pittsburgh has been promoted to supervisor of employee education with PNC Financial Services.

Michelle Potter Keating is contract administrator for Medrad, Inc., a medical device manufacturer in Indiana. She and her husband, Matt, have moved to Pittsburgh.

Jason Rittenhouse is a third-grade teacher at Cougar Elementary School. He and his wife, Lisa Wolfe Rittenhouse, live in Warrenton, Va.

Rachel Strunk has relocated to Fredericksburg, Va., where she is office manager at Prentiss Properties.

Julie Bach Zebrine has received her master’s in social work from the University of Pittsburgh, and has been promoted to project director, Shadyside Residential Care Services in Pittsburgh. Her husband, Michael Zebrine ’00, is a high school social studies teacher in the South Butler County School District. The couple lives in Gibsonia.

Tiffany Busato of Monaca is a social worker at Mother Theresa Hospice/Progressive Home Health.

Shawn Catlos is a dentist with Ohio State University, completing a one-year general practice residency. He and his wife, Allison Culver Catlos, reside in Hilliard, Ohio.

Donald Clark of Struthers, Ohio, is a loan processor at Money Managers Inc.

Erin Duddy is a receptionist at Wendy’s International in Raleigh, N.C.

Stephen Gordon received his master’s from Carnegie Mellon University and is a software engineer at Union Switch and Signal in Pittsburgh.

Emily Klein received a bachelor of arts/teaching certificate from Dillard University. She lives in New Orleans, where she is a special education teacher in the New Orleans public schools.

Matthew Mitcheltree is IT manager for Paragon Asset Recovery Services Inc. in Coraopolis. Matt lives in Pittsburgh.

Dawn Nardis has relocated to Bensalem. She is an administrative assistant at Neshaminy Abstract, a title insurance company in Langhorne.

Leslie Newman of Wilmington, N.C., is a ninth- and tenth-grade English teacher at New Brunswick High School in Leland, N.C.

Kathryn Wylie of Windber has received her master’s of human resource management and industrial relations. She is a human resource specialist with MetLife in Johnstown.

Beth Alexander has relocated to Mayfield Heights, Ohio. She is employed at the Inventory of Skills Foundation, a non-profit healthcare organization in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Colton Donegan of Dublin, Ohio, has been promoted to sales manager at Tour Golf Products in Columbus.

Emily Filley is a claims research specialist at Erie Insurance. She and her husband, Jason Stevens, make their home in Girard.

Heather Frost Middlebrook has been promoted to assistant account executive at Jay Advertising in Rochester, N.Y. She and her husband, Stephen, live in Fairport, N.Y.

Gail Hiltabiddle has completed her master’s in education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She lives in Oakmont and is a secondary guidance counselor in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

Thomas Nulph is an IST coordinator in the Blackhawk School District in Chippewa. He and his wife, Melissa, and their daughter reside in Wampum.
Jessica Beham is a nutrient management specialist with the Armstrong Conservation District in Kittanning.

Jennifer Body Wittmann is district circulation manager at the Butler Eagle. She and her husband, Edward, reside in Zelienople.

Katherine Brentzel has relocated to Hilliard, Ohio, where she is a marketing coordinator for RWS Building Company.

Kristy Bronder has graduated from the School for Film and Television. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., and is a production intern with Proctor & Gamble Productions’ daytime drama As the World Turns.

Nathan Crozier has moved to Washington, D.C., where he is assistant director of admissions at The George Washington University and is enrolled in the school’s higher education administration program.

Rebecca Ekiert has relocated to Pittsburgh, where she is an accountant at Research Underwriters.

Jaime Helm of Pittsburgh is a substitute teacher and soccer coach in the Pine-Richland School District in Gibsonia.

Kristen Kress has relocated to Bridgeville, where she is a bartender.

Patricia Monaco is an assistant principal in the Mohawk Area School District in Bessemer. She and her husband, Jack, and their children reside in Hermitage.

Melissa Nosik of Indialantic, Fla., is a behavior analyst at Behavioral Services of Brevard.

Sarah Phillips now lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is office manager at Indecon, Inc., an IT consulting firm in Mason, Ohio.

Bethany Pinkerton is a financial service representative at First Investors Corporation in Canonsburg.

Michele Rosenberg M’03 of Aliquippa is a long term care assessor with Challenges – Options in Aging in New Castle.

Sheri Snyder is now living in Germantown, Md., and is a third-grade teacher in the Montgomery County public schools.

Darcie Yobp has moved to Los Angeles, where she is a special education teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Christina Zahniser is a park ranger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal Field Office in Buzzard’s Bay, Mass.

Mindy Falk of Orlando, Fla., is an assistant admissions representative at Full Sail Real World Education.

William Jester III is an environmental trainee/air quality regulation development with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in Harrisburg.

Amanda Kopp of Mount Joy is a graduate student at Millersville University.

Inga Laurent is a graduate student at Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

Debra McDivitt of Windham, Ohio, is an intervention specialist for sixth grade with the Southeast School District in Edinburg, Ohio.

Kate McKenzie is on the travel staff of Carlson Marketing Group.

Wendy Moore is a high school social studies instructor at Forbes Road CTC. Her husband, Andrew Swogger ’00, is an IT consultant with the accounting firm of Kinol, Sherie, Leyh and Associates. Wendy and Andy reside in Allison Park.

Corry Yeuoukis is a second-year student at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine.

Sarah Bruening Worthington is employed at Sir Walter Chevrolet. She and her husband, Lee, are residents of Raleigh, N.C.

Melissa Durse is a teacher/cofacilitator at Villa Maria Education Center. She and her husband, Dean Muscarella, live in Youngstown, Ohio.

Lori Gotch is a fifth-grade teacher at Delahunty Middle School in Hermitage.

Lydia Humenycky is an assistant account executive on the public relations team of MARC USA.

Amanda Kengersky of Monroeville is an account coordinator at Jack Horner Communications, a public relations agency in Pittsburgh.

Benjamin Robbins is a sales associate at Swope Pontiac. His wife, Sarah Robinson Robbins, is a graduate student at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Ben and Sarah live in Louisville, Ky.

Jared Van Kirk is dean of students at Eagle Heights Academy in Youngstown, Ohio. He and his wife, Julie, make their home in Enon Valley.

Dora Zanni and her husband, Bob, live in Struthers, Ohio, where Dora is a teacher.

Amanda Zelechoski of New Wilmington is a teacher with Americorp/Keystone SMILES Community Learning Center, an educational service program in Knox.

Mildred Cheers Elder and Carl B. Satterlee, April 15, 2003, at Grace U.M. Church in Somerset. Mildred has retired as a volunteer at the American Cancer Society. The couple resides in Somerset Township.

Peg McLaughry Marshall and David Lehto ’58, May 31, 2003. The couple resides in New Wilmington, where Peg is a rural mail carrier.

Peter Thambidurai and Nishrin Contractor. The couple resides in Newark, N.J., where Peter is an attorney.


Lenley Carter and Jeremy Casares, Sept. 6, 2003, at Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park. Attending alumni were Heather Vaughn Casturo, Erinn Dickson Senter, and Rich Senter. Lenley is business development advisor at Fed Ex in Moon Township.
Cheryl Chisholm and Michael Hanaway. Cheryl is director of social services at The Bair Foundation in New Wilmington. The couple lives in New Castle.

92 Carolyn Cunningham and Eric Webb, July 31, 2003. Carolyn is a registered nurse at the Coronado Skin Medical Center in Coronado, Calif. The couple resides in Solana Beach, Calif.

Amy Shawkey and Robert Russell. Amy is manager at Shawkey’s Market Place in Jamestown. The couple lives in Conneaut Lake.

95 Tracy Dusek and Benjamin Depew, July 19, 2003, in Avon Lake, Ohio. Julie Larson Cartwright was matron of honor and Dina Crimone was in attendance. Tracy is director of residence life and judicial programs at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, W.Va.


97 Krista Junko and Mark Rogers. The couple lives in Durham, N.C., where Krista is an instructor in an occupational therapy assistant program.

99 Beth Calhoun and Andrew Hoffman. Beth is a high school English teacher and swimming coach at Edgewood High School in Edgewood, Md. The couple resides in Baltimore.

00 Kimberly Davis and Andrew Kladitis, May 10, 2003, in St. Elias Orthodox Church in New Castle. Participating alumni were maid of honor Marianne Davis ’01, Marissa Grano ’01, and Megan Roussos ’03. The couple resides in New Castle.

Danielle Keau and Caleb Kyper. Danielle is a market maker/online auctions for Free Markets in Pittsburgh. Caleb is an assistant supervisor for E.H. Schwab in Turtle Creek. The couple resides in Pittsburgh.

Dawn Rispinto and Michael Musolino. Dawn is a fourth-grade teacher in Berlin Center, Ohio. The couple lives in New Middletown, Ohio.

Cheryl Vernick and David Stebick ’97, Aug. 17, 2002, in Wallace Memorial Chapel. David is an integration engineer with Arbitron Inc. Cheryl is a fifth-grade teacher in Riverdale, Md. The couple resides in Annapolis, Md.

Mary Wishart and Michael Hill. The couple lives in Waukesha, Wis., with their daughter, Makenzie (1).


02 Marci Lynn Bihler and Brian Carothers, Sept. 6, 2003, at St. Philip’s Roman Catholic Church. Marci was a maid of honor. Marci is a marketing and contracting specialist for the U.S. Air Force. The couple resides in Pittsburgh.

Also participating in the service was Jennifer Mosberger VanFosson ’97. Many other alumni were also in attendance. Mindy is a substitute teacher with Utica School District and pursuing a master’s degree in elementary education. Kirk is a manager of the Chrysler Division in the automotive sales department of U.S. Steel. The couple resides in Macomb Twp., Mich.

91 Patty Dietz Thornton and her husband, Jeff: a daughter, Jenna Elise, on June 10, 2003. She joins Trent, 10, and Lindsay, 8, at home in Charlotte, N.C.

William Luffey and his wife, Nikki: a daughter, Brooke Erin, on Feb. 6, 2003. She joins Brenden Christopher, 2, at home in Coraopolis.

Kari Proper Ferguson and her husband, Jeffrey: a daughter, Marlea Jean, on Sept. 29, 2003.

Lori Gustafson Kindberg and her husband, Stephen: a daughter, Jill Lynne, on July 19, 2003. She joins Adam, 3, at home in Canfield, Ohio.


87 Robin Stroebel Dolan and her husband, Brian: a son, Liam Henry, on Nov. 14, 2002. Robin is a director, international linguistics for The Gap, Inc. in San Francisco. The family lives in Woodacre, Calif.

Lisa Wheeler Learish and her husband, Randall Learish: a son, Christopher Randall, on June 11, 2003. He joins Acacia Rose, 2, at home in Fitchburg, Wis.

88 Michele Christina Nieves and her husband, Andre: a daughter, Isabelle Ana, on Jan. 19, 2003. She joins Pilar, 2, at home in Camden, N.J. Michele is co-owner of Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, Inc.

89 Nancy Anderson Blank and her husband, Jacob Blank ’88: a son, Andrew David, on July 12, 2003. He joins Michaela, 9, Jacob Robert, 7, and Daniel, 2, at home in New Castle.

90 Jennifer Carrier Shannon and her husband, Dr. Patrick Shannon: a daughter, Audrey, in 2003. She joins Kelly, 5, at home in Canfield, Ohio.

85 Nancy Anderson Blank and her husband, Jacob Blank ’88: a son, Andrew David, on July 12, 2003. He joins Michaela, 9, Jacob Robert, 7, and Daniel, 2, at home in New Castle.

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New Additions
She joins Breanna Rae, 5, at home in Meadville.


Elizabeth Murphy Keenan and her husband, Drew Keenan: a son, Parker Waitman, on June 27, 2003. He joins Logan, 5, and Reid, 3, at home in Louisville, Ky.

Erika Sahmel Saunders and her husband, Bruce: a son, Cameron Brady, on May 30, 2002. The family lives in Frisco, Texas.

Aaron Stitt and his wife, Kimberly: a daughter, Kyleigh Ann, on May 14, 2003. She joins Caleb, 4, at home in LaBelle, Fla.


Basil Masry and his wife, Patricia: a daughter, Sydney Elizabeth, on April 10, 2003. The family lives in Moon Township.

94 Julie Horchler Shaw and her husband, Robert Shaw: a daughter, Sydney Morgan, on Aug. 17, 2003. The family lives in Wilmington, N.C.

Christina Kistler Purnell and her husband, Blake: a son, Samuel Garrison, on July 2, 2003. The family resides in East Haven, Conn.


Amy Merrill Zaremba and her husband, Peter: a daughter, Emily Frances, on May 4, 2002. Amy is a Creative Memories consultant. The family lives in Cary, N.C.

95 Christopher Latta and his wife, Michelle: a daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth, on April 14, 2003. Chris is chief of staff, Pennsylvania Senate Banking and Insurance Committee. The family lives in Mechanicsburg.

Karen Ziem Shumaker and her husband, Gregory: a son, Aidan James, on Sept. 25, 2003. He joins his big sister, Anna, 4, at home in Pittsburgh.

96 Colleen Dion Shanafelt and her husband, Michael Shanafelt: ’98: a son, Ethan Michael, on April 1, 2003. Colleen is a physical therapist with Home Nursing Agency and Michael is a senior IT specialist at St. Francis University’s CERMUSA program.


Elizabeth Mann Haynie and her husband, Brendan: a daughter, Elliana Nicole, on May 31, 2003. The family resides in Boothwyn.


She was employed as a member of the support staff of the Presbytery of West Virginia, where she had served for over 29 years. Survivors include four children and five grandchildren.

W. David Whitney of Warren, Ohio, June 2001. He was retired as president of Dollar Savings Bank. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; and three sons, Gregory Whitney ’74, Jeffrey Whitney ’76, and Douglas Whitney ’79.

50 Francis Blair of Morgantown, W.Va., June 14, 2003. He was retired as assistant supervisor of procurement for EG &G WASC Inc.

52 James Barrick of Jacksonville, Fla., January 2002. He was formerly president of Midwest Production. Survivors include his wife, Helen, and three children.

57 Louis Toporcer of Mineral Ridge, Ohio, Oct. 26, 2003. He had been a renowned research chemist and held several patents on sealants. He previously worked for Dow Corning Corp. in Midland, Mich., and Tremco Inc., in Cleveland before retiring from Walker Silicones in Adrian, Mich. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, the ASTM (American Standards and Testing Methods), and represented the U.S. on the International Standards Organization. Survivors include a sister, a brother-in-law and sister-in-law.

60 Helene Turner Smith of Burnt Hills, N.Y., August 2003. She was the executive director of the International Center of the Capital Region in Albany.

John Vignovic of Brecksville, Ohio, Aug. 11, 2003. He was formerly manager of industrial engineering and human resources at LTV Copperweld. Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane.

61 Norman Richards of Fort Myers, Fla., Sept. 18, 2003. He was a retired assistant director of student services in the Lee County schools.

Andrew Vaughan Jr. of Schuykill Haven, Aug. 20, 2003. He was employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Survivors include his wife, Doris Bartol Vaughan.

63 Rosalie Graur of Youngstown, Ohio.

64 Suzanne McGrath of LaVale, Md., Oct. 25, 2003. An attorney, she was recently appointed by the Maryland Governor to the Judicial Nominating Committee. She was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church and the Allegany County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Maryland Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. She received advanced degrees from the University of Arizona and the Dickinson School of Law. Survivors include her husband, Roger, and a daughter-in-law.

71 Carolyn Gardner of Pittsburgh. She was employed by the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

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