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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to report that 2003-04 was the fifth consecutive academic year that Westminster has experienced a record number of applications for admission. Needless to say, we are pleased about that, and once again this year we see growth in the number of applications for a seat in the next entering class. The demand for a Westminster education has never been greater.

Why then, do we repeat the mantra “Get better, not bigger” year after year? The reasons are qualitative in nature, traditional in scope, and practical by design.

Westminster’s goal is to improve in a number of ways each day, in order to better serve our students and successfully compete with other quality-minded colleges and universities. Our “growth” must be qualitative and accomplished on our own terms. The tradition of teaching and mentoring of students by highly qualified faculty members has evolved here because of our relatively small size. Likewise, our traditionally friendly campus atmosphere is a function of our willingness to limit the size of our enrollment.

Practically speaking, there is a strong correlation between the list of top national liberal arts colleges and the list of largest endowments on a per student basis. As we move up in the national rankings it is critical that those gains be made sustainable by increasing the amount of endowment per student.

“Get better, not bigger”… Qualitative growth is difficult to achieve and sustain. But, in our view, it is the best way for Westminster to advance while serving its mission: “…to help men and women develop competencies, commitments, and characteristics which have distinguished human beings at their best.”

Sincerely,

R. Thomas Williamson
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Sternberghs Honored for Service to College

G. Alan Sternbergh ‘51 and his wife Margaret Elliott Sternbergh ‘54 were recently recognized by the Westminster College Board of Trustees with the Westminster College Outstanding Service Award.

The Sternberghs are well-known for their longstanding service to Westminster and the New Wilmington community. The couple met at Westminster, married and returned to the campus in 1968, when Al accepted the position of director of the career planning and placement in 1968. He retired from the College in 1994.

Over the years, the Sternberghs have been involved in nearly every aspect of community life. They both served as elders and deacons at the Neshannock Presbyterian Church, helped organize the church’s 200th anniversary celebration, served as teachers in Vacation Bible School, and sang in the choir. Al was a founding member and past president of the New Wilmington Kiwanis Club. He also served the Boy Scouts, Lawrence-Mercer Softball League, and Little League. Margaret was a founding member of the New Wilmington Community Club, and has been an active member of the Jameson Junior Guild for 25 years, a member of the Thursday Club, and currently serves as vice president of the Tuesday Garden Club.

The Sternberghs were both involved in the publication of the History of New Wilmington. Al also worked closely with Eugene Sharkey on When Titans Truly Were, a history of Westminster alumni contributions to World War II.

Westminster has also benefited from their personal generosity. Both served on their 50th reunion committees, and through their class gifts established the endowed G. Alan and Margaret E. Sternbergh Scholarship Fund, which benefits students from the New Wilmington area. They have hosted many alumni functions at their home, and Al served as a volunteer fund-raiser and as a member of the Alumni Council and Westminster Fund Board.

In 2003, the Board of Trustees created the Westminster College Outstanding Service Award to honor an individual or individuals who have provided noteworthy, extraordinary service to the College. The award is intended to recognize and celebrate exceptional commitment in terms of time, talent, and resources over an extended period of time. The recipient does not need to be an alumna or alumnus of the College.

The first award, which is presented annually at the October meeting, was presented to Jane Stonerod Lauterbach ‘41.

Rural Arts Grant Sponsors Classical Concert Series

Elizabeth A. Harrison, College organist and assistant professor of music, recently received a grant of $1,851 from the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance for partial support of Capelle Meisters, a classical organ series being offered by the Department of Music through the new Western Pennsylvania Cultural Arts Center.


The remaining concerts (both at Wallace Memorial Chapel at 7:30 p.m.) are as follows:

Feb. 4, 2005–Masterworks for the Organ, Dana Robinson, University of Illinois School of Music.
April 1, 2005–Capelle Improvisations by William Porter, professor of organ and harpsichord at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y.

The series also includes outreach activities (such as demonstrations and master classes) for area K-12 schools, Westminster College students, and community organists.

This project is supported in part by the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts, the regional arts funding partnership of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency. State government funding comes through an annual appropriation by Pennsylvania’s General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. PPA is administered in this region by the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance.

The concert series is open to the public.
Former Interim President Lauterbach Passes Away

Distinguished steel executive had long record of service to Westminster

Former steel executive Robert Lauterbach, a Westminster graduate who later served his alma mater in many capacities, including stints as chairman of the Board of Trustees and interim president of the College, died Nov. 9, 2004, in Pittsburgh. He was 86.

Following his graduation from Westminster in 1939 with a degree in economics, Lauterbach joined the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation and stayed with the company for 39 years. He left briefly during World War II, serving as a master sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1943-46, but rejoined the company after being discharged and ascended to the rank of president and CEO. He retired in 1977.

His association with Westminster included serving as a visiting faculty member and a board member of the Alumni Association in the 1950s and ’60s. He joined the Board of Trustees in 1971 and served as vice chairman from 1972-78, and chairman from 1978-85. In 1981-82, he served as interim president while maintaining his role as Board chairman. He also chaired the successful 125 Fund and Challenge ’80s fund-raising campaigns, which combined to raise over $18 million for the College. He and his wife of 62 years, Jane Stonerod Lauterbach ’41, later established the endowed Robert E. and Jane S. Lauterbach Academic Scholarship for business and economic students.

In 2000, he was awarded an honorary doctorate in recognition of his professional accomplishments and service to Westminster.

“Bob cared deeply about Westminster’s future,” said Westminster President R. Thomas Williamson. “His lifelong service to Westminster has resulted in a legacy of endowed support for academic chairs, scholarships, and the soon-to-be-built Lauterbach Center in Economics and Business. We owe him a debt of gratitude.”

Lauterbach was also active and served in leadership roles for many years in a wide variety of civic, charitable, business, and educational organizations nationally and in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Survivors include his wife, Jane; two sons and their spouses; a daughter; a sister; and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Robert E. and Jane S. Lauterbach Academic Scholarship at Westminster.

Westminster Welcomes Two New Steinway Pianos

A pair of Steinway pianos were dedicated this fall at Westminster.

A seven-foot Steinway concert grand piano was purchased by the Class of 1954 in honor of its 50th reunion celebration and is located in Wallace Memorial Chapel.

A model “D” concert grand Steinway, nearly nine feet in length, was given by the extended Mansell family in memory of Margaret Louise Young Mansell. Margaret and her husband, Thomas V. Mansell, were both 1929 Westminster College graduates and longtime New Wilmington residents. It is housed in Orr Auditorium.

Nancy DeSalvo, chair of the Department of Music, plays the new Steinway piano in Wallace Memorial Chapel donated by the Class of 1954. A Steinway was also purchased and donated to the College by the Mansell family in memory of Margaret Louise Young Mansell. It is located in Orr Auditorium.
Grasping for Control

Political science professor’s Henderson Lecture discusses law, power in age of globalization

Ed Cohen, an associate professor of political science at Westminster College, delivered the Henderson Lecture Oct. 6 at Wallace Memorial Chapel.

Cohen’s lecture, “Grasping for Control,” investigated the use of law and power in the age of globalization.

“The idea that the use of power could be subjected to the law has ancient roots in Western philosophical and cultural traditions,” Cohen said. “Emerging in a number of forms, it embodies the hope that power could be put to use to secure the common good of the community, rather than being a tool used arbitrarily by tyrants according to their private and personal whims. In recent centuries, the ideal of ‘the rule of law’ incorporates constitutional government, the protection of fundamental rights, and public and impartial legal process has become the basis of global movements for human rights and for democracy.”

Cohen’s research, however, has shown that this “common good” theory is beginning to erode, and the ability of law to discipline the use of power is under threat.

Psychology Professor Continues Research in China

Sandra Webster, professor of psychology and faculty development officer at Westminster, recently spent two weeks in China continuing her research on the Korean emotion Han to determine if that emotion also appears in Chinese society.

“I spent the first week on a study tour of Western China with an international group of 45 psychologists,” Webster said. “Western China is the home for many of China’s minority groups, and we were able to witness their cultural landmarks, some of their customs, and a lot of their tourist trade.”

The second week Webster spent at the 2004 International Congress of Psychology, which was held in Beijing.

“I chose to attend sessions that were primarily Asian because I can easily learn Western psychology here, but not so easily learn Eastern,” Webster said. “Two of the keynote addresses were especially relevant for my research area. San-Chin Choi is the most prolific author on Korean emotion. The second keynote presentation was given by Uichol Kim, who presented a very provocative report on human potential, creativity and action.”

“My poster, ‘Gender and Generational Effects on Perceived Consequences of Han,’ co-authored with Ko Young Gun, was well received by Chinese and Japanese psychologists, although none of them knew what Han was. Han is considered a Korean national emotion of reacting to uncontrollable negative events with silence and inner emotion. It is believed to build character and spiritual strength.” Webster said. “I was often asked to explain why the negative consequences of Han were perceived as greater for young Korean women. I didn’t witness as much oppression of women in China as I had seen in Korea. It may be that communism erased a lot of the inequality between men and women in China.”

Webster is the McCandless Scholar for the 2004-2005 academic year. This award, designed to honor J. Bardarah McCandless and to encourage scholarly activity on Westminster’s campus, is given to one full-time tenure track faculty member each year.

Faculty Making News

Joshua Corrette-Bennett, assistant professor of biology, and Bethany Hicok, assistant professor of English, were recently selected to participate in the Summer Faculty Institute that explored the ethical, legal, and social issues pertaining to the Human Genome Project. The event was held at Dartmouth College Ethics Institute. “The Human Genome Project was a multinational, 13-year effort to identify all three billion letters of the genetic blueprint of life called deoxyribonucleic acid, or DNA, contained within a human cell,” Corrette-Bennett said. “With the completion of the Human Genome Project, the scientific community has refocused its efforts on trying to determine what the letters code for and how they direct the development and function of the human body.” Corrette-Bennett and Hicok attended this institute as a multidisciplinary team and will use the information to form a cluster course next spring that will combine literature and molecular biology.

Scott Mackenzie, assistant professor of theatre, recently earned certification in Fitzmaurice Voicework, a technique used at some of the country’s best actor training programs. “The last two weeks were the most immediately valuable, because I was able to see so many talented teachers presenting the work,” Mackenzie said. “I am happy that I now have so much more to offer our students. Beginning this semester, I am restructuring the voice and diction class.”

R. Tad Greig, director of bands at Westminster, spent much of the summer designing competitive marching band shows for area high schools. “The process includes knowledge of the instrumentation, the performance level of the musicians, and the concept presented within the chosen music,” Greig said. “I’ve created over 100 pages of marching band design for Struthers (Ohio) High School and Seneca Valley High School.” Greig has been a marching band drill writer for 20 years, and has written for many high schools and some colleges, as well. “The schools I design for are interested in creative shapes and movement that closely fit the style of the music. The challenge in drill design is not in the creation
of shapes, but rather in the flow and transition between shapes.”

Amy Camardese, assistant professor of education, recently attended the Center for International Education Exchange (CIEE) Faculty Development Seminar held in Brazil. “The seminar, ‘Societal and Economic Perspectives,’ began in Sao Paulo and continued to Salvador da Bahia and ended in Rio de Janeiro,” Camardese said.

Timothy Cuff ’78, assistant professor of history at Westminster, was recently named one of four recipients of a research grant from the Economic History Association. This $1,500 Arthur H. Cole grant is awarded annually to scholars at an early point in their careers after a competitive application process.

Cuff has also contributed to an online encyclopedia run by the Economic History Association. The article, “Historical Anthropometrics” is a shortened, simplified version of a chapter in his dissertation, tailored to a more general audience.

The American Museum of Ceramic Art in Pamona, Calif., recently purchased five porcelain cactus jars created by art professor Kathy Koop. “It’s the only museum in the country devoted solely to the collection, preservation, and display of works in clay,” Koop said. “Of course I’m thrilled to have them in such an important museum. My interest in the cacti motif was inspired by raising cacti for 30 years and many camping trips to desert regions. These plants are fascinating due to the contradictions present in their vast varieties of fleshy forms, protective spines, and glorious blooms.”

Bryan Rennie, Vira I. Heinz professor of religion at Westminster, recently had his research, “Eliaide (Further Considerations),” added to the second edition of the Macmillan Encyclopedia of Religion. “I consider this a particularly significant achievement since the Macmillan encyclopedia is the standard reference work in the field and is almost universally consulted,” Rennie said. Rennie has also completed an article “Heterophenomenology and Self-Knowledge” which will be included in the anthology, Rethinking Religion 101: Praxis, Pedagogy and the Future of Religious Studies, which will be published by the Catholic University Press. He also completed the manuscript for an edited volume titled, The International Eliaide, forthcoming from the State University of New York Press. In July, he presented a paper, “Collaborative Research Communities: The Case of Zoroastrian Studies,” to the second International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities in Prato, Italy.

Professor of French Carol Bove’s book, The Politics of Julie Kristeva, will be published by the State University of New York Press. Julia Kristeva is an internationally known cultural critic, novelist, and psychoanalyst. “In my book, I analyze the politics embodied in her French-Bulgarian theory and fiction from 1969-2002, which in various ways tell the stories of creative individuals and their psychic dilemmas.”

Kristin Park, associate professor of sociology, recently discussed cluster courses at the American Sociological Association annual meeting. “At the meeting, Weaving the Tapestry: Teaching with Other Disciplines, I discussed my experiences with Westminster’s inquiry and cluster classes,” Park said. Park’s journal article, “Stigma Management Among the Voluntarily Childless,” will be reprinted in the fifth edition of Patricia and Peter Adler’s reader, Constructions of Deviance: Social Power, Context and Interaction, a widely adopted textbook in sociology of deviance classes.

Carolyn Kidder Cuff ’78, professor of mathematics at Westminster, recently participated in the grading of over 66,000 of the College Board’s Advanced Placement Examinations. “During the course of one week, approximately 390,000 questions were scored by pairs of high school statistics teachers and college professors,” Cuff said. “In the evening we participated in faculty development activities including a lecture on experimental design and discussions of classroom activities.” Cuff also helped to evaluate the mathematics program at Texas A&M University and attended the Joint Statistical Meetings in Toronto, where she served on joint committees of the American Statistical Association and the Mathematical Association of America.

Andrea Grove, assistant professor of political science, recently attended “Creating a Culture of Peace: A Peace Studies Seminar” at the William Penn House in Washington D.C. “We heard from a range of peacemakers – from those who spend their lives working with gang members in inner-city Washington D.C., to those who work to free slaves around the world,” Grove said.

Professor of English James Perkins recently had a short story published in the Miamian, the magazine of his alma mater, Miami University. “The Discovery of Electricity” is a story about his childhood experience surrounding plugging in his dad’s console radio, and the resulting jolt that sent him “flying backwards across the living room.” This story is one of many from Perkins’ book Snakes, Butterbeans, and the Discovery of Electricity, published in 2003 by the Mercer University Press.

Alan Gittis, professor and chair of psychology at Westminster, published an invited editorial in the Journal of Undergraduate Neuroscience Education. The editorial, “Developing Graduate-Undergraduate Neuroscience Connections,” discusses the idea of providing a two-year residency at liberal arts schools for new Ph.D.’s in neuroscience.

Westminster physics professors Craig Caylor and Samuel Lightner recently presented papers at the Western Pennsylvania section of the American Association of Physics Teachers Conference held at Edinboro University. Lightner’s presentation, “New Materials from the Contemporary Physics Education Project (CPEP),” featured the new teaching chart, “The History and Fate of the Universe,” and provided the participants with information about a workshop for high school teachers using this chart in the classroom. He also talked about the CPEP’s chart, “Fusion: Physics of a Fundamental Energy Source, The Standard Model of Fundamental Particles and Interactions, and Nuclear Science.” Caylor’s presentation, “The Multiplicity of a Three-State System,” compared the results obtained in a limited number of systems, such as the two-state system, with a method that allows students to directly calculate the multiplicity of a three-state system.
Lambda Sigma Honor Society Earns ‘Honor Chapter’ Status

Westminster College’s chapter of the Lambda Sigma Honor Society was recently awarded “Honor Chapter” status by the National Board.

“This is the highest recognition that our organization gives,” said Jane Price Harmon, national president.

Lambda Sigma is an honor society with the purpose of fostering leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and the spirit of service among the men and women of the sophomore class, and to serve and promote the interest of the College in every way possible.

“The critical component is that the chapter must be exceptional in their efforts to serve the College and outside community,” said Neal Edman, dean of student affairs and co-adviser for the group.

“The National Board does not always recognize the mere continuation of the same programs and projects, despite their efficacy and effort required. Chapters must show that they’re reaching out in different ways in their service efforts and creativity. The members of Lambda Sigma worked tirelessly and selflessly this past year to achieve this recognition.

“[Kang-Yup] Na [assistant professor of religion] and I know that the men and women of this chapter were most deserving of this status,” said Edman. “We thoroughly enjoy serving as their advisers. They are a terrific group of students.”

Duo Makes Presentations at National Chemical Conference

Valerie Kokai, a junior chemistry major from Wexford, and Helen Boylan ’95, assistant professor of chemistry, recently presented their research at the American Chemical Society national meeting in Philadelphia.

Kokai presented a poster, “Exploring Athermal Effects of Microwaves on Enzymes,” at the undergraduate poster session. She had worked with Boylan during the spring and summer doing research on this topic.

Boylan also gave a presentation, “Realizing the Potential of Microwaves in the Academic Lab,” for the Division of Chemical Education. “I presented four possible lab experiments that can be done in organic chemistry, typically sophomore-level laboratory,” Boylan said. “The use of microwaves for synthetic chemistry is growing in industry and students should be exposed to this technique.”

Music Education Majors, Choral Director Participate in Pennsylvania ACDA Conference

Four Westminster College music education majors and Robin Lind, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities at Westminster, recently presented at the Pennsylvania American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) conference held at Bucknell University.

Seniors Ashley Rexrode, Kevin Rush and Amanda Ventrone and sophomore Corinna Neely presented “How to Start or Revitalize a Student ACDA Chapter.”

“The students presented an excellent session and each one spoke about a different aspect of the advantages of belonging to a professional organization such as ACDA while in college,” Lind said.

Lind presented a session on “Choral Intonation: Tuning the Text.”

“Ashley Rexrode assisted me at the piano for this presentation,” Lind said. “I discussed how the pronunciation of vowels and the articulation of consonants affect the intonation of a choral ensemble. It is not uncommon to overlook the importance of the pronunciation and phrasing of the text in choral music when working on intonation. I presented several ideas and suggestions that I have developed and used with my own ensembles at Westminster College.”

Family Day 2004

Smiles abounded as Westminster held its annual Family Day on Sept. 18. This Westminster tradition has gathered thousands of family members to the College. This year’s event featured a morning coffee with President Williamson in the Witherspoon Rooms of the McKevey Campus Center; a family barbecue at Brittain Lake; a Titan football victory over Hiram College, 41-22; and a performance from the comedy troupe, Late Night Players, in the Berlin Student Lounge.

Dean, Senior Recognized by Cancer Society

Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs, and David DiDesiderio, a senior public relations major from New Wilmington, recently received a special merit award from the American Cancer Society in recognition of their efforts organizing the Relay for Life at Westminster College.

The Relay for Life at Westminster is sponsored by the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, and has raised about $130,000 for the American Cancer Society over the past five years. DiDesiderio has held a leadership position in that fund-raising effort for the past four years. Hawthorne has volunteered her time for the event since participating in the first relay as a team member.
Alumna Displays Artwork in Westminster Gallery

A portrait exhibit by Christine Salo Swann, a 1990 Westminster graduate, was on display in the College’s Art Gallery in Patterson Hall from Sept. 27-Oct. 22.

The exhibit, titled “Face to Face,” featured pastel and watercolor portraits and included a gallery talk and public reception.

“I’ve always known I would be an artist,” said Swann, a Gibsonia resident. “My earliest memory is of drawing crooked smiley faces and putting the nose right between the eyes, and my mother telling me to ‘draw what you see.’

“This fascination has taken me on a diverse path, and my obsession now is faces,” Swann continued. “Subtle nuances that set one child apart from another, or wrinkles of life in a wise face. Although I still rely on that first art lesson, ‘draw what you see,’ I now strive to see beyond a likeness into another soul, another outlook on this visual world and try to recreate the entire union of elements and invite the viewer to stop into see what I have seen from a face to face.”

Swann is an artist and illustrator whose sensitive paintings of children have led her to concentrate full-time on commissioned portraits. She is an award-winning artist on the regional, national, and international level, and has been featured in the International Artist Magazine as a Master Portrait Painter. Nominated as Emerging Artist of the Year by the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Swann also teaches workshops on portraiture. She is a member of the Pittsburgh Watercolor society, Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh Society of Illustrators.

“Looking Inside Out,” by Christine Salo Swann ’90

Bishop Nazir-Ali Delivers Christy Memorial Lecture

The Rev. Michael Nazir-Ali, the 106th Bishop of Rochester, delivered the 18th annual Wayne H. Christy Memorial Lecture on Sept. 26 in Wallace Memorial Chapel and was awarded an honorary doctor of human letters degree by Westminster.

Nazir-Ali, who was born and raised in Pakistan and currently holds citizenship in his native country and the United Kingdom, spoke on “The Role of Religion in the Current International Situation.”

He was the youngest Anglican bishop in the world, and the first Asian religious leader to sit in the House of Lords. He is the author of a number of books on Christian mission and on inter-faith issues, particularly on Islam. He was the chair of the group which wrote The Search for Faith published in 1996, which examined some of the barriers to people believing in Christ today. He is also a regular contributor to national, international and local newspapers, the church press, radio and television.

Nazir-Ali’s first ecclesiastical appointment was as an assistant at the Christ Church in Cambridge at the age of 21. Other posts include provost of Lahore Cathedral and Bishop of Raiwind, both in Pakistan. He was appointed a member of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s staff in 1986, and assisted with the planning preparation of the 1988 Lambeth Conference, where he prepared the Report of Pastoral Letters. In 1994, Nazir-Ali was appointed Bishop of Rochester, where he heads 264 Anglican churches with more than a million members.

The Wayne H. Christy Lecture Series annually honors Wayne H. Christy, who was a longtime faculty member and chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Westminster.

Desegregation Pioneer, Author Ruby Bridges Speaks at Westminster

Ruby Bridges, the first African American child to desegregate a New Orleans elementary school, told her story to a crowd at Westminster College’s Orr Auditorium recently.

Bridges was a pioneer in school integration in 1960 at the age of six when she was selected to spend her first-grade year in what had previously been an all-white elementary school.

“That first morning I remember mom saying as I got dressed in my new outfit, ‘Now, I want you to behave yourself today, Ruby, and don’t be afraid. There might be a lot of people outside this new school, but I’ll be with you.’ That conversation was the full extent of preparing me for what was to come,” Bridges said.

Bridges and her teacher attended the school alone every day for an entire year. Both Bridges’ father and her grandparents lost their jobs because of the problems associated with her going to this school.

“It took me a while to realize just how important that sacrifice was that my parents made,” said Bridges. “The biggest problem today, I think, is that parents are not as involved with their children’s education as they used to be.”

All proceeds from Bridges’ book, The Education of Ruby Nell, go to the Ruby Bridges Foundation, which provides a unique education program that brings diverse populations together to develop relationship-building skills, strategies to collaborative work for social change, and a robust appreciation of differences all carefully aligned with state standards and classroom curriculum.

The event, free and open to the public, was sponsored by the Westminster College Student Government Association, the Diversity Symposium, the First-Year Program, the Department of Education, and the Office of Diversity Services. A book signing was held after the lecture.
Eight Greats Inducted into Titan Hall of Fame

The eight newest members of the Titan Sports Hall of Fame were inducted during a ceremony on campus Sept. 18. The Class of 2004 includes two-sport standout LaRoyal Wilson ’70; a pair of football stars, Brian Wilson ’94 and Sean O’Shea ’95; the school’s first All-American in volleyball, Heidi Jorgensen Begeot ’95; women’s basketball rebound record-holder Colleen Dion Shanafelt ’96; baseball star Greg Mencini ’84; Jim Dewar ’59, honored for his meritorious service to the Titan athletic program; and Paul Sheaffer ‘68, a former soccer standout who was inducted posthumously.

LaRoyal Wilson was a seven-time varsity letterwinner at Westminster, earning four letters in track and three in football. A three-time track team MVP, he once broke three West Penn Conference track records in one day. He resides in Mount Pleasant where he is a teacher in the Hempfield Area School District. He and his wife, Bonnie Tomlinson Wilson ’68, have two grown daughters: Marcella Wilson Biller and Patricia Wilson Hall.

Brian Wilson was a three-year starter and letterwinner at center on the offensive line for the Titan football team, earning NAIA Second Team All-America honors as a junior and senior in 1992 and 1993. Wilson was also a 1993 First Team GTE Academic All-American. He works as a systems analyst for U.S. Steel. He and his wife, Amy, live in Pittsburgh with their daughter, Emily (4).

O’Shea was the starting quarterback for the 1994 Titan national championship football team, earning Second Team NAIA All-America honors as a senior. As a junior, he was an honorable mention All-American. He completed 359-of-609 passes (58.9%) for 4,952 yards and 40 touchdowns in his career and ranks second all-time in passing yards and passing touchdowns. O’Shea resides in Avon Lake, Ohio, where he is a district sales manager for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. He and his wife, Tricia, have two daughters: Shannon and Abby.

Jorgensen Begeot earned NAIA All-American honors as a senior in 1994 after leading the Lady Titan spikers to a 36-7 record and the team’s first-ever appearance in the NAIA national championships. She also was named Player of the Year and an all-league first-team selection in the Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference (KECC) that season. She earned first-team all-conference honors in both 1992 and 1993 and garnered second-team laurels and was named District Freshman of the Year in 1991. Jorgensen Begeot is currently the director of social services at Hood River Care Center and resides in Mosier, Ore., with her husband, Ronald.

Dion Shanafelt is the all-time leading rebounder in Lady Titan basketball history, and is one of only two at Westminster to finish her career with over 1,000 points (1,185) and 1,000 rebounds (1,084). She was a four-time all-district/conference selection, earning first-team honors as a senior after being named to the second team as a sophomore and junior and honorable mention as a freshman. Dion Shanafelt was also a two-time NAIA Scholar-Athlete. She resides in Hollidaysburg and works as a physical therapist. She and her husband, Michael Shanafelt ’98, have a son, Ethan (1).

Mencini was a three-time all-district honoree on the baseball diamond for the Titans in the early 1980s. His top season came in 1982, as he led Westminster to a program-best record of 27-8 and a national Top 10 ranking while breaking the school record for hits in a season (65) and leading the nation in hitting with a .509 batting average. He was named Team MVP as a senior in 1984. Mencini resides in Pittsburgh where he is owner and president of Pittsburgh Industrial Controls. He and his wife, Sandy Sickles Mencini ’84, have four children: Emily (18), Megan (15), Amy (13) and Jake (5).

Dewar was a gridiron standout for the Titans in the 1950s, then later continued to serve Titan athletics as one of the founders and the first president of the Towering Titan Organization. Dewar was a member of the undefeated 1956 Westminster football team and also started at tight end and linebacker in 1957-58. Dewar now lives in Indian Lake, with his wife, Patricia Trosh Dewar ’59. The couple has three grown children: Dr. James C. Dewar Jr. ’82, Dorinda Dewar Clark and Laura Dewar Cregan.

Sheaffer was a member of the original Titan soccer team in the late 1940s. The team, which competed at Westminster beginning in 1946, was comprised of ex-G.I.’s who had learned soccer while serving in the armed forces. He was also a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. A native of Lancaster, and graduate of Hempfield High School, he owned the Paul I. Sheaffer Insurance Agency in Intercourse. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and four grown sons: Paul II (52), John (51), Michael (47) and Jeff (46).
2004-2005 Men’s Basketball Schedule

Nov. 19-20 BUZZ RIDL CLASSIC 6 & 8 p.m.
23 PS.-NEW KENSINGTON 8:30 p.m.
26-27 at Carnegie Mellon Invit. 1 & 3 p.m.
30 PENN STATE-BEHREND 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 7 ALLEGHENY 7:30 p.m.
11 at Elizabethtown 3 p.m.
13 at La Roche 7:30 p.m.
20 WOOSTER 7:30 p.m.
29 at Montclair St. Tournament 5 & 7 p.m.
30 at Montclair St. Tournament 1 & 3 p.m.

Jan. 3 at Case Western Reserve 7:30 p.m.
8 JUNIATA 7:30 p.m.
15 at Grove City* 3 p.m.
19 THIEL* 8 p.m.
22 BETHANY* 8 p.m.
26 WASH. & JEFF. 8 p.m.
29 at Waynesburg* 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 1 at Geneva 7:30 p.m.
5 GROVE CITY* 4 p.m.
9 at Thiel* 8 p.m.
12 at Bethany* 4 p.m.
16 at Washington & Jefferson* 8 p.m.
19 WAYNESBURG* 4 p.m.

22-24-26 PAC Tournament TBA

Home games in all CAPS
*Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) game

2004-2005 Women’s Basketball Schedule

Nov. 19-20 at Muskingum Tip-Off Tournament
23 MARIETTA 6:30 p.m.
29 at Mount Union 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 3-4 at Bethany Tournament
6 at Wooster 7:30 p.m.
10 at P. S.-Behrend Tournament 6 & 8 p.m.
11 at P. S.-Behrend Tournament 1 & 3 p.m.
20 at Allegheny 7 p.m.
30 OHIO WESLEYAN 6 p.m.

Jan. 3 at Carnegie Mellon 7:30 p.m.
11 LA ROCHE 5:30 p.m.
15 at Grove City* 1 p.m.
19 THIEL* 6 p.m.
22 BETHANY* 6 p.m.
26 WASH. & JEFF.* 6 p.m.
29 at Waynesburg* 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 5 GROVE CITY* 2 p.m.
9 at Thiel* 6 p.m.
12 at Bethany* 2 p.m.
14 at Penn State-Altoona 6 p.m.
16 at Washington & Jefferson* 6 p.m.
19 WAYNESBURG* 2 p.m.
22-25-26 PAC Tournament TBA

Home games in all CAPS
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TITAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Nominee __________________________________________ Nominated by _________________________________________
Address __________________________________________ Address _____________________________________________
City ___________________________ State _________________ City ___________________________ State ________________
Zip _____________________ Phone ______________________ Zip _____________________ Phone _____________________
Class year __________________________________________ Your class year ______________________________________

Nominees may include athletes, coaches, or anyone else who has made outstanding contributions to varsity athletics at Westminster. Nominations may be made by Westminster alumni and current and former Titan coaches.

Athletes who are nominated must:
1) be a Westminster College graduate;
2) have been out of school a minimum of eight years; 3) have earned at least two letters in the same sport; and 4) receive nominations from at least two people. Non-athletes must also be nominated by at least two people. All nominations should include supporting documentation.

Justification (attach supporting data if necessary):

- Sport(s) – ________________________________________________________________
- Letters earned – __________________________________________________________
- Awards, honors, accomplishments, etc. – ______________________________________

Deadline for nominations each year is March 1. Nominees not selected remain on the ballot for one additional year.
Please send nominations to Director of Athletics, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001.
Three alumni shared their professional experiences with Westminster students and faculty members during the 2004 Homecoming and Reunion Weekend and were honored at the annual Distinguished Alumni Lecturers Luncheon. The distinguished lecturers for 2004 were: David Beatty ’85, manager of software engineering science for Northrop Grumman’s California Microwave Systems; Rebecca Rickard ’98, assistant to the artistic director for the Pittsburgh Public Theater; and Tom MacDonald ’77, associate vice president for the NASDAQ stock market.

Calling all Westminster volunteers!

Save Saturday, April 16, 2005, to join fellow alumni and Westminster supporters for a half day on campus.

• Campus news
• Informative session on event planning, fund raising and supporting admissions
• Time with students

Distinguished Alumni Lecturers

HOMECOMING 2005!
Homecoming & Reunion Weekend
September 23, 24 & 25, 2005

Class & Cluster Reunions
• 10th Cluster ~ 1994, ’95 & ’96
• 25th Reunion ~ 1980
• 30th Cluster ~ 1974, ’75 & ’76
• 45th Cluster ~ 1959, ’60 & ’61
• 50th Reunion ~ 1955

Upcoming events:

January

7-12 Concert Choir Tour
7 Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, Savannah, GA
8 St. James Catholic Church Cathedral, Orlando, FL
9 First Presbyterian Church, Delray Beach and Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
11 First Presbyterian Church, Vero Beach, FL
12 Church of the Palms, Sarasota, FL
22 Alumni Council Meeting
30 Baltimore-D.C.-area alumni event
Phillips Harborplace, Baltimore, MD

April

16 Westminster Volunteer Workshop
Four Alumni Honored for Outstanding Achievement

Each year at Homecoming, time is taken to recognize alumni who have made significant professional accomplishments or contributions to Westminster or their community. The 2004 Westminster College Alumni Citation recipients are James P. Epstein ’72, Margaret Edmonds McConnell ’55 and Dr. John L. Mansell ’54. The Outstanding Young Alumni Award was presented to Jason Kissel ’97.

Epstein, the district attorney of Mercer County, was first appointed to the post in 1986 and has been re-elected four times. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1975 and joined the Mercer district attorney’s office the following year. He was assistant DA from 1976-79 and first assistant from 1979-86.

In the community, he is involved in many organizations, including: the Mercer County Association for the Retarded; the Shenango Valley Community Library; the Prince of Peace Center; ERASE Anti-Substance Abuse Coalition; Sharpsville Borough Anti-Teen Drinking Initiative; Mercer County Anti-Discrimination Commission; Fraternal Orders of Police in Sharon, Hermitage, and Farrell; Sharpsville Service Club; Kidron F&AM 389; and the executive committee of the Mercer County Democratic Party.

McConnell, known to her friends as Peggy, is a major gifts associate for the Presbyterian Children’s Village in Philadelphia. A chemistry major at Westminster, she served as a medical technologist at Youngstown, Jameson and Shadyside hospitals. She later completed graduate work at the University of California–Berkeley and was certified as a counselor by the National Board of Certified Counselors, which provided her with the tools to work in marriage and family counseling, crisis intervention, and suicide prevention. In the 1980s, her work career took another turn, as she became associate director of corporation and foundation development at Gettysburg College. She later went to work in several different positions for the Presbyterian Church USA Foundation before assuming her current title.

Mansell, employed at Family Medicine Associates of New Wilmington, has served as Westminster’s physician since 1968. He comes from a long line of Westminster graduates, including his father, Irving “Bud” Mansell, and his uncle, Thomas V. Mansell, both 1929 graduate and his mother, Lucille McConaghy Mansell ’28, and her sister, Helen. Mansell’s sister, Jane Mansell Alexander ’57; his late first wife Erla Jane McCartney ’55; his second wife, Ruth Ann McCartney ’64; and his son, Mark Mansell ’84 are also Westminster grads.

Mansell completed his education at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He has held leadership positions at Jameson Hospital, the Lawrence County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Affiliate of American Heart Association, the Mid-Western Chapter of Pennsylvania Affiliate of American Heart Association, the New Wilmington Borough Council, Jameson Hospital Department of Medicine, and the Jameson Hospital Credentials Committee.

Kissel, who earned a bachelor of music degree in organ performance and church music, is currently enrolled in the doctor of musical arts program in organ performance at Peabody Conservatory of Music at Johns Hopkins University. He plays for weekly services and conducts the semi-professional adult choir at the First and Franklin Street Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. While in college, he served as the organist at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, and college organist, playing for all Vesper services and performances of the college choirs. He accompanied the choir on its European tour, performing at Westminster Abbey and Chartres Cathedral. In 1997, Kissel placed first in the Region III Competition for Young Organists of the American Guild of Organists (AGO), held in Washington, D.C. He has played in England, Wales, Scotland, Germany and France. He earned his master’s degree from Duquesne University.

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.
On a blustery fall weekend, Oct. 15-17, 2004, Westminster College welcomed back friends and alumni for its annual Homecoming and Reunion Weekend. The event began Friday afternoon with the opening of an art show by Dr. Ross Musgrave ’42 and closed Sunday morning with a worship service with New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. In between, alumni were offered a variety of activities: from the College’s Homecoming football game to reunion dinners, soccer games and guided campus tours, the always popular Homecoming parade, and an all-alumni open house hosted by Tom and Jean Williamson.

Are You Ready for Some (Powder Puff) Football?

Among the activities helping to kick-off Friday’s Homecoming festivities was the ninth annual Powder Puff football tournament, held on the Quad. Each of the five national sororities and a team of independents competed in the tournament. The champion, Alpha Gamma Delta, turned to the passing game against Kappa Delta (right). The brothers of Theta Chi were honored as best fraternity cheerleaders.

Also Friday, the Student Alumni Association offered campus tours, while Tea with the Books, a get-together sponsored by the Friends of the Library, was held in McGill Library (above right). Distinguished alumni lecturers and alumni citation winners were feted at a lunch and dinner, respectively (see Alumni News, pages 10-11).

Putting on a Show

Dr. Ross Musgrave ’42, a renowned surgeon and professor of plastic surgery, displayed a trove of his fabric floral collages in the Faculty Commons on the third floor of the McKelvey Campus Center. The art show opened at noon Friday and ran through 5 p.m. on Saturday. Musgrave greeted visitors and hosted a reception at the show Saturday morning.
Zeta Tau Alpha’s Strawberry Shortcake float (above) captured the top prize in the Homecoming parade. The Peanuts gang from Phi Mu (bottom left) came in second of 10 teams competing in the cartoon-themed parade. Also participating in the parade was the Westminster College Marching Band (above left), the Wilmington Area High School Marching Band, the Homecoming court, New Wilmington Mayor Wendell Wagner ’55 and his wife, Phyllis Decker Wagner ’55, and College President R. Thomas Williamson (left). The Class of 1954, which held a piano recital and a golden anniversary memorial service earlier in the morning, provided the judging for the parade (below).
President Williamson shakes hands with Warren Watkins, co-chair of the Class of 1954 50th Reunion Committee after Watkins signed the Golden Tower Society roll. The Class of 1954 was officially inducted in the Golden Tower Society during the luncheon Saturday in the Witherspoon Rooms in the McKelvey Campus Center. The Class of 1954 also held a special reunion dinner at the Radisson Hotel Sharon Saturday night. A 25th reunion dinner was held at the New Castle Country Club for the Class of 1979, and cluster reunion dinners were held for the classes of 1988-90 and 1968-70.

Crowning Moment

Richard Humphrey and Amy Schroder were all smiles after being named Westminster’s Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of the Titan football game. Humphrey, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and a New Castle native, is a junior business administration major; Schroder, a sister of Sigma Kappa from Irwin, is a junior elementary education major. Other halftime activities included a performance from the Titan Marching Band and recognition of the 1988 and 1989 national championship football teams. At right: Three of the coaches from that national powerhouse – Gene Nicholson ’69, Joe Fusco ’60, and Darwin Huey ’74.
Turning up the Heat

Westminster’s defense, spearheaded by seniors Don Waldron (54) and Tony Ventresco (56) and junior Adam Hadbavny (99), pressured Bethany quarterback Nazih Bannah all day long (below), helping the Titans post a 27-21 Presidents’ Athletic Conference victory. Waldron had four of Westminster’s seven sacks, and Ventresco had a team-high 14 tackles. The Titans also had three interceptions, giving the Westminster faithful plenty to cheer about (right). Titan fans of all ages (left) braved the chilly weather, but came away happy. A post-game reception, open to all alumni, was held at the home of President Williamson.

*Homecoming and Reunion Weekend photos courtesy of Jeff Behm, Dave Breen, and Mark Meighen.*
When Debra Russo became a Westminster student, the initial transition from home to college was a fairly smooth one. She had grown up in Ellwood City, a small industrial town south of New Wilmington, so the adjustment was minimal. By the time she received her degree in 1977, she had experienced a world 180 degrees removed from hers.

Thomas Carver, dean of students in the 1970s, and his assistant, Lorraine Sibbet, were instrumental in developing the PEERS (Pennsylvania Exchange of Education, Residence, and Service) Project, an education program that involved an exchange of Westminster students with minority high school students from inner-city Philadelphia’s District Five. Beginning in 1971, it was offered during January Term, the month-long break between semesters at the College. It continued through the late ’70s until a lack of funding led to its demise.

Twenty high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from Philadelphia were selected based upon their potential for academic success. When they arrived on campus, they lived in residence halls and participated in one of the College’s J-Term courses, while still working on their high school assignments. For most of them, it was their first venture outside urban boundaries. Culture shock was widespread.

At the same time, 20 students and a faculty member from the College traveled to District Five to work in the public schools, each one living with a host family in the City of Brotherly Love. Debbie Russo was one of those who made the journey across the state, into completely unknown territory. “It might as well have been around the world, the environment was so foreign to a girl from Ellwood City and New Wilmington,” she recalls.

The differences were more numerous than the similarities. During her stay, she lived with a single mother who was raising four children. “She was a wonderful woman and a good mother, but her children were fathered by three different men. That took some getting used to.”

When Debbie went to school, an escort was required to get her safely across gang territories. Her assignment for the month was in the reading support program at an all-male, all-black high school. “Those boys were having trouble with three-letter words,” she said, a realization that drove home a greater appreciation for a skill she had taken for granted.

One of the requirements of the course involved keeping a journal of her experiences. After she had been away about three weeks, Debbie remembers thinking that she couldn’t wait to get back to familiar ground. “Not because I was afraid or because I disliked it, but I remember writing in my journal that the people in that area didn’t know what hope was about; they were consumed with just surviving.”

Flash forward to the spring of 2004: Debbie Russo McElwain was traveling for the Easter holiday with her husband Kevin, their daughter, and an exchange student they were hosting. With time before their flight left Atlanta, the group decided to visit a nearby shopping mall. They entered a shoe store, where Debbie began looking at a variety of footwear while her husband struck up a conversation with the store manager (“He talks to everybody!” Debbie said.). Before long, Kevin tracked her down in the aisle, saying Debbie had to meet this man.

It hadn’t taken long to discover, through the where-are-you-from small talk, that the manager had heard of their hometown in western Pennsylvania: He was originally from the Philadelphia area, and years before, had spent a January in New Wilmington as part of a high school exchange program called the PEERS Project.

Debbie relates that the man had been, in his teens, a self-described “bad [actor]” in high school. He said that while his home life was the exception – he lived with both parents – nobody could tell him anything; he was headed down the wrong road in a hurry. Participating in the project showed him there were options available to him; he didn’t have to continue down that dead-end route. By the time he returned home, he was determined to turn things around.

After high school, he was hired as a janitor at Strawbridge & Clothier, a department store. One day the store manager asked if he would be willing to try his hand in sales; all the employees in the shoe department had walked out following a dispute. He moved on to selling shoes and never looked back. He told Debbie he has lived all over the country, is married and has a family, and is very successful as the store manager. He gives much of the credit to Westminster and his experience here.

A college coed and a high school student came from opposite sides of the state and from backgrounds that were poles apart, but they agree that one month in each of their lives made a profound impact. They won’t hesitate to tell you, “It changed my life.”

(Chandler is print production manager at Westminster College.)
Large crowds normally don’t faze Ray Bower. Over the course of an officiating career that spanned five decades, Bower worked some of the most intense, heated rivalries in big-time college football, including an Army-Navy game before a standing-room-only crowd of 105,000 at Philadelphia’s former Municipal Stadium. At that level, where seemingly every call is disputed by legions of fans, coaches, parents, players, cheerleaders and mascots, a referee’s ability to block out the crowd noise is not only good form, but a requisite job (and survival) skill.

But, at Franklin Field in 2001, the reaction of a comparatively small audience of 47,000 made Bower’s pulse quicken like never before. They were cheering... for him!

Long retired from officiating, Bower had just competed in – and won – the 100 meter dash at the Penn Relays, the world’s oldest and largest track and field carnival. Sandwiched into the middle of the final day of the three-day event, a short time after Marion Jones and just before Michael Johnson blazed on the very same track, was the 100 for the 75-and-over age group. Bower endeared himself to a crowd of boisterous track enthusiasts by finishing first.

“All of those people are track people,” said Bower, a former heavy-equipment salesman who has run competitively since the mid-1970s. “They jump up and cheer when the gun is fired until it’s over. It’s quite a thrill.”

Being on the receiving end of crowd adulation is one thing Bower didn’t often endure in 30-plus years of officiating football and basketball at the local, high school and collegiate levels. It’s not the roar of the crowd that keeps him coming back, though. Rather, it’s the rush, the exhilaration of victory, the joy of competition that keeps him on the move from one meet to the next.
“I’ve been competing all my life. As a salesman I competed every day,” said Bower, now 81. “I have had some great thrills from running. It has put me in places in the world that I’ve never been. It has opened up the world to me. I’ve made friends with people who speak different languages, who come from different environments. It’s been wonderful.”

Bower, a 1946 Westminster graduate, has competed in world championship meets all over the world, including such locales as Finland, South Africa, England, Australia and Puerto Rico. He has also competed in numerous local, regional and national track events, including the USA indoor and outdoor championships.

Masters – track and field athletes over the age of 35 – are eligible to participate in hundreds of regional and national meets sanctioned by the USATF (USA Track & Field) each year. In one listing of meets in the Northeast alone, masters had over 85 different meets to choose from in 2004. Some are held indoors, others outdoors. Some include field events, others only feature track.

There are an estimated 10,000 master track and field athletes in the U.S. Men and women are classified in 5-year age groups, such as 35-39, all the way up to 100-plus. In most cases, events are open. No qualifying is necessary.

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Athletics has long been a passion of Bower’s. A lifelong Mount Lebanon native, he arrived at Westminster in 1942 on a football scholarship. Bower played but one season before the football program was discontinued because of the war. Demoralized, he left for West Virginia University the following summer. But during pre-season workouts with the Mountaineers Bower quickly read the writing on the wall. “I could see I wasn’t going anywhere, so I quit before school started.” With football out of the equation, Bower returned to Westminster and earned his degree in business.

After embarking on his professional career, Bower found a way to continue his affinity for sports.

“When I went to school, if you wanted to be a coach, you had to be a teacher. I didn’t want to be a teacher. The only thing left was to be an official,” he said. “My desire when I started was work top college football. That desire never waned. I might have been the only [college] official that never applied to the NFL.”

Bower started officiating football and basketball in Pennsylvania in the 1950s, working local games, inching his way up the ladder to work high school, then small-college affairs. He retired from football officiating in 1985 and continued to officiate basketball into the 1990s.

He was able to advance farther in college football because of his work schedule. It was much easier for Bower to schedule games and use occasional vacation days for football then, when almost all games were played on Saturday afternoon. Basketball games might be scheduled for several nights per week.

“It was my hobby,” Bower said. “And I got to work some of the best teams in the country – Notre Dame, Pitt, Penn State, West Virginia.

“I worked The Game – Yale-Harvard – I worked Army-Navy, three Pitt-Penn State games, seven or eight Pitt-West Virginia games, Clemson-South Carolina – that was wonderful – and I had a Notre Dame-Penn State game at Notre Dame.”

Three times Bower was selected to work a college football bowl game, the pinnacle of success at that level. He refereed the 1979 Peach Bowl in Atlanta (Baylor 24, Clemson 18), the 1982 Liberty Bowl in Memphis (Alabama 21, Illinois 15), and the 1983 Independence Bowl in Shreveport (Air Force 9, Mississippi 3). For him and his crew it was practically a reward for a job well done during the season, though Bower said the choice of officiating crews also depended largely on the success of the teams in the crews’ coverage area.

“It was like a bonus around the holidays,” said Bower. “Generally every guy would take his wife, have a nice vacation, and work a bowl game. They always treated us real nice.”

The Liberty Bowl appearance was especially memorable for Bower because it was also the last game in the career of legendary Crimson Tide coach Paul “Bear” Bryant.

“It was Bear Bryant’s last game and everybody knew it,” Bower said. “All of Alabama was up there, and he died within 30 days of that game.”
Bower also got to see up close a number of star players of the era. From his vantage point in the offensive backfield, he chose Pittsburgh tailback Tony Dorsett as the best player he saw in person. Dorsett, the 1976 Heisman Trophy winner as best player in college football, went on to a Hall of Fame pro career with the Dallas Cowboys and Denver Broncos. Number two, Bower said, would be Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie, who is still active at age 42 with the NFL’s San Diego Chargers.

“Both of those players, before they got into the pros, they said were too small. They’d get killed,” Bower said. “Well, you saw what happened to both.”

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The biggest event for masters is the World Masters Track Championships, held every two years. Over 6,000 of the finest masters athletes from more than 80 countries compete in the event. Bower was there for the very first world championship meet in Toronto in 1975, though he’d only started running a few years earlier.

Bower said his life changed in March 1968 when he read an article in Reader’s Digest by Dr. Ken Cooper, the creator of aerobics. The article stated that Cooper’s idea of minimum conditioning required being able to run 1.5 miles in 12 minutes.

“I thought that sounded easy,” said Bower, who besides officiating, kept in shape by playing church league softball. “After practice for softball, I told the guys to come down, I’m going to take the test. ‘Time me,’ I said. ‘I’ll knock that off in less than 12 minutes.’ I was walking by the second lap out of six. That started it.”

Within a few years, Bower would get serious about running and friends began to ask him to run in 5K road races.

“I said, ‘Why would I want to go to a road race?’ And they’d say ‘Wouldn’t you like to know if you can do it?’

“Yes, I did. So I went. And it was pitiful. I think I might have been the very last person to finish.”

Bower then joined the Mount Lebanon track club and began to attend track meets.

“And I found out that if I had any talent, it was speed.”

The rest is history. An increasing college football officiating schedule conflicted with a string of world meets in the late ’70s and early ’80s, but by the late ’80s Bower was back on the world championship circuit, missing only the 1993 and 1995 meets, in Japan and Buffalo, respectively, because of injury. In 1999, Bower qualified for a leg on the U.S. 4x100 relay team, which went on to win a gold medal in Gateshead, England.

Five years later, Bower, who runs the 100 and 200 meter dashes, shows no sign of slowing down. He has won a medal in every event he has run so far this year. Next year he hopes to compete in the U.S. masters outdoor championships in Hawaii, and the 2005 world meet in San Sebastian, Spain. He also has an eye on the 2007 world meet in Riccione, Italy.

“I just love to compete,” Bower said. “As long as the Lord gives me a body to keep going, maybe I can be the guy who’s in the 100-year-old class. This is something I can do as long as my body holds up.”

(Broadwater is editor of Westminster Magazine.)

Left and right: Ray Bower worked a number of high profile games, such as Pitt-Penn State, during an officiating career that spanned five decades. Bower refereed three college football bowl games and continued to officiate basketball into the 1990s.
Romero, Savini Aided Area Native’s Quest for Visual-Effects Success

By Ed Blank
Tribune-Review film critic

[Editor’s Note: This article on Greg Nicotero, who attended Westminster College from 1981-84, appeared in the August 8 issue of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.]

Four-hundred movies later, native Pittsburgher Greg Nicotero sounds like a kid in the world’s best playground – the film industry.

Nicotero, 41, is the “N” in KNB EFX Group Inc., a company he co-founded in 1988 with Robert Kurtzman and Howard Berger.

It’s based in Van Nuys, Calif. Kurtzman since has returned to his native Ohio to open a visual effects studio.

KNB EFX works on 25 to 40 movies and TV series a year, doing special effects, makeup and the sort of costumes you see in sci-fi films.

“We have within our company a fabrication company that builds costumes, a mechanical department that builds radio-controlled devices and a sculptural makeup department that develops old-age perspectives. We just completed all the fat suits for ‘Fat Albert.’

“Usually we’ll get a phone call saying someone is sending over a script. We’ll read it, and we’ll submit a list of all the things in the picture we can handle. We’ll make suggestions in terms of visual effects.”

It was through his uncle, local actor-broadcaster Sam Nicotero, who appeared in George A. Romero’s “The Crazies,” that Greg met Romero under improbable circumstances.

“I was always interested in filmmaking and special effects,” he says. “In a restaurant in Rome, Italy, I spotted George and introduced myself as Sam’s nephew. That was around 1977. George was there meeting with (filmmaker) Dario Argento and doing rewrites on ‘Dawn of the Dead.’”

George and his assistant and wife, Chris (Forrest), offered him a job on “Creepshow” in 1981. Nicotero was going to Westminster College at the time and couldn’t do it. But in the meantime, he became great friends with Pittsburgh-based makeup maestro Tom Savini.

“One of the best compliments was (director) Rob Reiner came up to me after a screening of ‘Misery.’ He said that as Kathy Bates raised the sledgehammer, and you start to see her swing, ‘I never felt the oxygen sucked out of a room so fast.’”

“Later I got hired on George’s ‘Day of the Dead’ and came back on his ‘Monkeys Shines.’ I’ve kept in touch with Tom and with George since.”

So how does a Sewickley Academy alum from McCandless Township wind up with his own film services company?

“It wasn’t so much the credentials I had when I arrived as people I had met. George had hired a lot of local people on ‘Day of the Dead,’ but he also brought in people from L.A., one of whom was my future partner, Howard Berger. Another was Everett Burrell, who does visual effects.

“They told me Stan Winston’s studio was doing ‘Aliens’ and ‘Invaders from Mars.’ So it was all about knowing a couple of guys who knew where the work was.”
Yup, networking.

“You can create as many credentials as you want. It’s really about getting the door open so you can expand your working horizons.”

Would he dissuade anyone from arriving “cold”?

“I think it’s always good to have an in somewhere. Tom Savini has a makeup school in Monessen. He has recommended people to me.

“There’s only probably 12 to 15 prosthetic makeup studios out here. If that’s what you’re interested in, you send resumes to those studios.

“It’s always good to have visual product. If you’re a person who does creature effects, as I do, you can show up with a portfolio of sculpture and makeup you’ve done in your basement that illustrate what your talents are. If you want to be a writer or director, you need to come out with a reel or with scripts that you can hand around.

Of the 70 employees he has, he says, probably 10 to 15 are from Pittsburgh.

“If they have talent and if there is a place for them here, it means something to me that they’re from Pittsburgh.”

The key is to establish oneself without being pigeonholed too narrowly.

“I’ve never wanted to limit our exposure. The first two years we were in business, we did a lot of low-budget horror movies. Then we got ‘Gross Anatomy,’ which was a Disney film about kids in medical school.”

It helps here to know that Greg is the son of Connie and Jim Nicotero.

“My dad is a retired physician. He ran the dialysis center at St. Francis Hospital. I could always call him with medical questions about how something would be.

“I went in and said to Debra Hill, producer of ‘Gross Anatomy,’ that I had studied pre-medicine prior to changing career direction and had provided some medical suggestions on ‘Day of the Dead,’ and we got her film on that basis. We created cadavers as realistic props. From that job, we met with Kevin Costner, (who) had us make fake buffalo for ‘Dances With Wolves.’ Then we did fake legs for James Caan in ‘Misery,’ which led to ‘City Slickers,’ and it kept building from there. We kept doing horror films, but we were able to segue into a broader perspective. My fear subconsciously was that when we got recognition from ‘Dances With Wolves’ and ‘Misery,’ we might peak too early and have our biggest films back in the beginning.’”

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**Filmography**

**Partial filmography for Greg Nicotero:**

**Make-Up Department**

1. Land of the Dead (2005) (filming)
14. Mulholland Dr. (2001)
23. Faculty, The (1998)
30. Spawn (1997)
31. DNA (1997)
32. Scream (1996)
33. From Dust Till Dawn (1996)
38. In the Mouth of Madness (1995)
40. Pulp Fiction (1994) (uncredited)
41. New Nightmare (1994)
42. Ed and His Dead Mother (1993)
43. Maniac Cop 3: Badge of Silence (1993)
44. Doubleganger (1993)
45. Army of Darkness (1993)
47. People Under the Stairs, The (1991)
48. Sibling Rivalry (1990)
49. Bride of Re-Animator (1990)
50. Tales from the Darkside: The Movie (1990)
51. Leatherface: Texas Chainsaw Massacre III (1990)
53. Intruder (1988)
54. Monkey Shines (1988)
55. Phantasm II (1988)
56. Evil Dead II (1987)

**Special Effects**

1. Land of the Dead (2005) (filming)
2. Sin City (2005) (filming)
15. soulkeeper (2001)
17. Little Nicky (2000)
22. Pumpkins Head II: Blood Wings (1994)
26. Dr. Giggles (1992)
27. Night Angel (1992)
34. Phantasm II (1988)
35. Predator (1987)
37. Evil Dead II (1987) (uncredited)

**Miscellaneous Crew**

2. Good, the Bad & the Bloody: Inside KGB
5. Ghosts of Mars (2001)
14. From Beyond (1986)
15. Day of the Dead (1985)
16. From Beyond (1986)
20. The Lost Boys (1987)

**Source:** Internet Movie Database (www.imdb.com).
Nicotero’s work can be seen in the upcoming film “Fat Albert” (above). He has helped to produce special effects for some high-profile motion pictures, including “City Slickers,” “Kill Bill,” “Spy Kids,” “The Green Mile,” “Predator,” “Hulk,” and the made-for-TV movie “Dune,” which won Nicotero an Emmy.

But what a resume, from “Unbreakable” and “The Green Mile” to “Troy,” “Catwoman” and TV shows such as “Deadwood,” “Without a Trace” and “CSI.”

“It’s all about repeat business. Right now we’re doing five different projects. We just wrapped with Robert Rodriguez on ‘Sin City.’”

He also has a crew in Australia working on the “House of Wax” remake, and one in New Zealand working on “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,” which is the first installment of “The Chronicles of Narnia,” which is being directed by Andrew Adamson, who did the “Shrek” movies.


Favorite examples of his work?

“One of the films I’m proudest of is ‘Kill Bill,’ especially the scene in the House of Blue Leaves where Uma (Thurman) takes out 80 guys with her samurai sword. It’s so cartoony and over the top.

“And I’ll never forget, on ‘Dances With Wolves’ when we demo’d one of the mechanical buffaloes, seeing Kevin Costner’s eyes light up.”

Nicotero, who won an Emmy for the visual effects in the miniseries “Dune,” says, “One of the best compliments was (director) Rob Reiner came up to me after a screening of ‘Misery.’ He said that as Kathy Bates raised the sledgehammer, and you start to see her swing, ‘I never felt the oxygen sucked out of a room so fast.’”

The movies that influenced Nicotero most?

“‘Jaws’ is my favorite film. That and ‘Dawn of the Dead’ changed my perspective of film and special effects.”

Nicotero, who says he visits his family here about twice a year, lives in Tarzana, Calif., with his wife, Shari, who is an assistant director, and their son Deven, 2, “who loves running around the shop and playing with all the monsters.”

They have in their home a replica of The Time Machine.

“It’s true,” he said. “I’ve been able to re-create the things I used to love as a kid.”

(Ed Blank is the Tribune-Review’s film and Broadway critic. He can be reached at (412) 854-5555 or edwblank@aol.com.)

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47 Edward Aiken and his wife, Nancy Horn Aiken ’49, have moved to Laurel Lake Retirement Community Center in Hudson, Ohio, and have just become great-grandparents.

52 Sue Horton Larsen and her husband, Tom, live in the historic downtown Columbus, Ohio, community of German Village, where they are active in social and civic groups. Sue is involved with the Columbus Museum of Art as a member of Beaux Arts, presenting for the past eight years in the Art in Bloom exhibition.

64 Roger Richards, a civilian U.S. Navy scientist assigned to the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, R.I., completed a research project aboard the MS Odyssey on Lake Ladoga in northwestern Russia. The research was conducted under a scientific exchange accord with the Russian Academy of Science’s Institute of Applied Physics. Roger and his wife, Mary, live in Mystic, Conn.

65 Barbara Cook Jewell, a retired public school teacher, has been pursuing her long-time interest in art. She has been juried into the Pittsburgh Watercolor Society, has won several judge’s awards in local shows and has had two paintings accepted into national exhibitions. She and her husband, Donald Green, have recently moved to Murrysville.

67 Anne Filer Schenz and her husband, Timothy Schenz ’68, have retired from Ross Products Division of Abbott Labs. Anne was a section head, Tim was a research fellow. Anne and Tim make their home in Powell, Ohio.

Robert Williams is director of information technology with Bosch Security Systems. His wife, Jennifer Miller Williams ’68, is a special education teacher assistant at Martin Meylin Middle School. Bob and Jennifer live in Lancaster.

68 Barbara Allen Roseman has been promoted to associate professor of speech pathology and director, Center for Communicative Disorders at Augustana College. She and her husband, James, reside in Moline, Ill.

Virginia Mayo lives in Pittsburgh, where she is chaplain at Hospice Preferred Choice.

Ronald Norton has retired as English department chairman in the Kiski Area School District. He and his wife, Cathy, are residents of Apollo.

Keith Patterson has retired as intermediate school principal in the North Allegheny School District.

Bonnie Tomlinson Wilson is a fitness technician at Curves, a women’s workout center. Her husband, LaRoyal Wilson ’70, is a teacher in the Hempfield Area School District. The Wilsons are residents of Mount Pleasant.

69 Lynnette Beigbeder Lancaster and her husband, Richard Lancaster ’66, are retired and live in Plymouth, Mass.

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Mabel Kocher and Elizabeth Masur Michaels (right), roommates from the Class of 1932 and longtime travel companions, reunited in Murrysville in July to celebrate Elizabeth’s 95th birthday. In addition, Elizabeth’s two children, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren were on hand to mark the occasion.

Denise Ferrara Uram ’85 poses with Brian Gates ’60 and some of their catch. Denise and her husband, James, stationed at the Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska, recently took a sockeye salmon fishing trip on the Russian River where they ran into Brian, a Florida native traveling the country with his wife, Cindy. They spent the day together, catching salmon and trout and visiting about Westminster.
John Blackman has retired as chairman, New York Marine Office, Inc. His wife, Kathleen Cross Blackman ’79, is office manager at the United Way in Darien, Conn.

Doris Nikhazy of Waterbury, Conn., is a teacher at KinderCare Inc.

Robert Rice is self-employed as a consultant to pharmaceutical companies. His wife, Suzanne Tesh Rice, is a piano teacher. They live in Rockville, Md.

The Rev. Robert Smith Jr. has accepted a position as instructor in the departments of religion and philosophy at Wright State University. Bob and his wife, Nancy, live in Fairborn, Ohio.

Richard Space and his wife, Jeannine, live in Oakmont, where Rich is president of Space Financial Services.

Robert Stanhope is a teacher at The Melrose School, a private school in Brewster, N.Y. He and his wife, Susan, are residents of Patterson, N.Y.

Linda Wiggins Martin is executive assistant to the chairman of PMA Capital Corp., an insurance firm in Philadelphia. She and her husband, Mike, live in Broomall.

Chris Heilman, chairman and chief executive of Merrill Lynch Trust Company, received the New York Anti-Defamation League’s Humanitarian Award as Private Banker of the Year. The award honors business leaders for strong leadership in the industry’s trust business and for extraordinary community service.

Bruce Miller has accepted a position as Pubnet/Pubeasy sales executive with RR Bowker with responsibility to manage the growth of e-commerce solutions to retailers and publishers with higher education and trade publishing. Bruce makes his home in Red Bank, N.J.

Peter Lefferts has been named director of planned giving at Florida Gulf Coast University. He recently completed a double The G.E.W.S. (Galbreath East Wing Residents of 1958) held their third reunion at the home of Kay Wilson-Hayes ’62 in Olney, Va., in May. Other members of the Class of 1962 in attendance were (back row, left to right): Sueanne Beveridge, Sue McDonell Graham, and Claudia Sefton Phillips; (front row, left to right): Janice Foster Clark, G.E.W. mascot Spice Girl, Debbie Boyer Steele, and Kay Wilson-Hayes.

Ironman Triathlon. He and his wife, Jodie, are residents of Naples, Fla.

The Rev. Kimberly Murman of Tempe, Ariz., is director of spiritual care at Banner Desert Medical Center.

Barbara Davis Burig and her husband, William Burig ’80, are residents of Durham, N.C. Both are employed at Duke University, Barb as development projects coordinator in the arts and science development office, and Bill as university associate registrar.

Deb DeMeester, associate executive presbyter for leadership development with the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, received her Ed.D. from the University of St. Thomas. Her dissertation focused on how leadership needs to change in the church as it moves into the 21st century. She and her husband, Paul Schalekamp, live in Bloomington, Minn.

Robert Sheehan Jr. of College Park, Md., is executive education senior fellow at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland.

Douglas Whitney is president of J. Douglas Whitney Inc., a consulting and financial planning firm in Murrysville. He and his wife, Chery, and their two sons make their home in New Stanton.

Susan Sullivan Cowboy graduated with highest distinction from Carnegie Mellon University’s H. John Heinz School with a master’s of public management, concentration in human resources. She is special assistant to the president of Development Dimensions International in Bridgeville. She and her husband, Scott, make their home in Pittsburgh.

Christine Boos Barnes has received her master of divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago and has accepted the position of associate pastor of Brooklyn (Mich.) Presbyterian Church. She and her husband, Brett, and their three children live in Saline, Mich. Her daughter, Melissa Barnes ’08, is a Young Presbyterian Scholar at Westminster.

The Rev. Charles Monts is pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Hollidaysburg. Chuck lives in Duncansville with his wife, Debra, and their two children.

Jason Whitehair has accepted the position of vice president, human resources and administration, for Consolidated Communications, provider of telecommunications and Internet services in Texas and Illinois. He and his wife, Brenda, and their two children live in Plano, Texas.

Martha Frendberg has retired as a first-grade teacher at Northwestern Primary School in the Blackhawk School District. She and her husband, J. Edwin, live in Beaver Falls.

Robert McKim is vice president, retail powers, at Amerex Group of Companies in Houston. His wife, Leslie McHugh McKim ’85, is a homemaker and skating mom. Rob and Leslie and their two children live in The Woodlands, Texas.

Craig Domeracki and his wife, Susan, have relocated to Bellaire, Texas. Craig was promoted to regional vice president of Cigna Healthcare in Houston.

Laura Turner Herrera is the elementary mathematics curriculum supervisor for Volusia County Schools. She and her husband, Hector, make their home in Ormond Beach, Fla.

Vicki Callihan completed her master’s in education curriculum development, at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. She and her husband, Brian, and their son live in Goose Creek, S.C., where Vicki is a music teacher in the Berkeley County School District.

Jacob Blank and his wife, Nancy Anderson Blank ’89 M’96,
and their four children live in New Castle, where Jake is self-employed as a specialty contractor.

Gregory Dillon is associate director of institutional research at DePauw University. Greg and his wife, Susan, are residents of Ellettsville, Ind.

Kimberly Drumheller Fortney is vice president of the Heritage Center of Lancaster County, a nonprofit museum. Kim and her husband, Jim, and their son live in Marietta.

Jennifer Gross Holland is enrolled in the master of education (reading) program at Edinboro University. She and her husband, Greg, and their two children live in Erie.

Gregory Illig is national accounts manager with Huttig Building Products, a lumber wholesaler in Greensburg. Greg and his wife, Becky, and their three children live in Eighty Four.

Jacquelyn Kleberg Witmer is a paraprofessional in special education in the Monongalia County School District. Jackie, her husband, Brian, and their son live in Morgantown, W.Va.

Jill Piper Robinson is a sales account representative with Sarstedt Inc., a medical plastic manufacturer. She and her husband, Jeffrey, and their daughter make their home in Granite Falls, N.C.

Daniel Smith is a claims adjustor for Progressive Insurance. He lives in Meadville with his wife, Shelly.

David Stover and his wife, Jana, live in Hermitage, where David is president of DES Construction, a custom building and general contracting firm.

Lori Walker VanNest is a case manager at Passavant Memorial Homes in Pittsburgh. Her husband, Russell VanNest ’87, is associate pastor at Faith Country Chapel, E.M.C. Lori and Russ and their two children live in New Castle.

Helen Segatto Castle and her husband, Christopher Castle ’90, and their daughter live in Jamestown, N.Y. Helen is an adjunct professor for Jamestown Community College and Empire State College. Chris is president of Anderson Precision. (See also New Additions.)

Michele Pander Burnstein and her husband, David, live in Gibsonia, where Michele is a stay-at-home mom to the couple’s two children.

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Attention, Educators:

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In November 1999, the state legislature passed Act 48 which requires all persons holding Pennsylvania professional educator certification to complete continuing education requirements every five years in order to maintain their Level I and Level II certificates as active. The law applies to all public school certificate holders no matter where they are, what they are doing or when their certificates were issued. Inactive certification will prevent an educator from serving in a professional position in the public schools of the Commonwealth.

Educators who are not employed as professional or temporary professional employees by public school entities may elect to request voluntary inactive certification status from the Department in order to suspend the requirements of Act 48.

At least 12 months prior to the end of the five-year period, the Department will notify educators regarding their continuing education status and the remaining credits/hours, if any, to be completed. The Department will again notify the educator at the end of the five-year period.

Information regarding Act 48 requirements and your continuing education status is available through the Department’s Web pages at www.pde.state.pa.us.

Christina Moldenhauer Gullo is an adjunct instructor in mathematics at Finger Lakes Community College. She and her husband, Todd, and their three children live in Macedon, N.Y. (See also New Additions.)

90 Robert Bishop is a distributor for Mancini’s Bakery in Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Hermitage.

Verda Byler of Poland, Ohio, is employed by Elmtree Catering and is a childcare provider.

Thomas Donati of Pittsburgh is a teacher in the Seneca Valley School District.

Betsy Granter is senior program specialist at Piedmont Virginia Community College in Charlottesville, Va. She received the 2004 Laurence Brunton Service Award for her work as a guest relations staff member with

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Mark Meury is the co-founder and vice president of technology development with JRMA Technologies, an information technology solutions company based in the Phoenix, Ariz., area.

Matthew Roberts has been named pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Carthage, Mo. Matthew and his wife, Tonya Griffith Roberts, and their son, have moved to Carthage.

Phillip Park of Arlington, Va., is a sales and marketing representative with NVR.

Rebecca Zeitler is a manager of business development at On the Scene Productions, Inc., a video news production company in New York City. The company recently produced a satellite media tour featuring Amber Brkich ‘00 and her fiancé from Survivor.

Christopher Buckley was promoted to the rank of captain after successful completion of the radar navigator upgrade course, where he was named the Distinguished Graduate. He received the Air Medal (first oak leaf cluster), the Aerial Achievement Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal for heroic actions in aerial combat as a B-52 navigator during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is stationed with the 23rd Bomb Squadron in Minot, N.D.

Carrie Geubtner McNally of Harmony recently received her master’s degree in math and science from Slippery Rock University and is now a fifth-grade teacher in the Butler Area School District. (See also New Additions.)

Ted Haynes of Pittsburgh is a senior account executive with FedEx Services.

Michael Lawrence has received his doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. She lives in Lafayette Hill with her husband, Barry.

Tracey May Schultz was recently hired to teach third grade in the Sharpsville School District. (See also New Additions.)

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Laura Kelanic lives in Arlington, Va., and teaches ninth-grade math at Wakefield High School. She received her master’s in education/teaching from Regent University and won an award for leadership and influential impact in teaching. She is active in church ministry, including short-term international mission trips during the summer.

Susan Mondok Imposimato of Woodbury, Minn., recently graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry with a B.S. in dental hygiene. (See also New Additions.)

Val Brkich is head writer for the Heritage Valley Health System at The Medical Center in Beaver. He operates his own freelance writing company, Brkich Writing Services.

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Oklahoma. He is a post-doctorate neuropsychology fellow. He and his wife, Paula Johns Lawrence, live in Danville.

00 Robert Fertelmes is a border patrol agent in Douglas, Ariz.

Andria Jones of Greensburg was awarded the doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is doing an internship at Lankenau Hospital.

Jamie Openbrier Bittner and her husband, James, have moved to Augusta, Ga., where Jamie has accepted a position as an investment consultant with SunTrust Securities.

The Rev. Adam Rodgers received his master of divinity degree from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and serves as pastor at the Stoneboro Presbyterian Church. Adam lives in Stoneboro with his wife, Lindsay, and their son. (See also New Additions.)

01 John Hauser received his J.D. from the Duquesne University Law School. He is an attorney with the Reeves and Ross Law Office in Latrobe.

Mamiko Nakata received her master’s in education from the University of Maryland. She is a seventh-grade English teacher at Buck Lodge Middle School. She makes her home in Hyattsville, Md.

Jennifer Ombres lives in Fayetteville, Ark., where she is pursuing a master of fine arts degree in poetry at the University of Arkansas.

Alyssa Snyder earned a master of arts in community counseling from Slippery Rock University, specializing in child and adolescent counseling. She is a behavior specialist for Southwestern Human Services in Pittsburgh. She lives in McKees Rocks, where she teaches the first and second grade Sunday school class at her home church.

02 Amy Balderach of Waco, Texas, was granted an assistantship at the Oral History Institute, Baylor University. She will have an encyclopedia entry published in Women and War.

Julie Dull received a master’s in physician assistant studies from Arcadia University in Glenside, and has accepted a position in pediatric cardiology with Penn State Children’s Hospital at Hershey Medical Center.

William Jester III is an air quality specialist with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at the Southwest Regional Office in Pittsburgh.

Jessica Torick of Gibsonia has been promoted to case manager at The Bradley Center, a residential treatment facility for children with emotional and behavioral difficulties. She is pursuing a master of science degree in counseling psychology at Chatham College.

Molly Weaver of North Huntingdon earned a master’s in popular culture studies from Bowling Green (Ohio) University.

03 Jennifer Heinser lives in Ashland, Va., where she is a teacher in the Caroline County Schools.

Nicole McDorman of River Oaks, Texas, is a third-grade teacher at Castleberry Independent School District.

04 Michelle Chovan teaches third grade at North Madison Elementary School in Madison Township, Ohio. In addition, she is the head coach of the varsity girls soccer team.

Molly Dyke Anderson is a high school science teacher at Gowanda High School. She lives in Westfield, N.Y., with her husband, Christopher.

Sara Ialongo has joined the staff of Blattner Brunner, Inc., a marketing services firm in Pittsburgh. She is an account coordinator in the public relations department.

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**Marriages**

88 John McKenzie and Vicky Estrada, March 22, 2003. The couple resides in Washington, where John is a pharmaceutical specialist with AstraZeneca LP.


91 Jennifer Morlock and Michael Barber, June 12, 2004. The couple lives in Helena, Ala.

94 Raychel Miller and Gabriel Carey, March 8, 2003, in Moon Township. Alumni in the wedding party included maid of honor Jillian House and bridesmaids Susan Sunara Rameas and Jennifer Call D’Amico. Other alumni attended. The couple resides in Barkhamsted, Conn. (See also New Additions.)

95 Jennifer Riznick and Christopher Hayward ’93, May 8, 2004, at Sewickley Presbyterian Church. Alumni in the wedding party included maid of honor Tara Severin ’02, best man Tom Newcomer ’97, and groomsmen Brad Russo and Shawn McGowan ’01 Jessica Furman, Jeff Karns and John Picciano ’01 were also in attendance. The couple resides in Altoona.

Rebecca Snyder and Andy Upton, June 26, 2004. The couple lives in Bethany, W.Va., where Rebecca is head women’s tennis coach and assistant professor of physical education at Bethany College.

97 Lori Bryant and Charles Dempsey, Oct. 4, 2003, at the Patrick Haley Mansion in Joliet, Ill. Alumni in the wedding party included matron of honor Shannon Bell Hoenig, and bridesmaids Deanna Drisko, Tracy Reep, and Janet Moeslein Young. The couple resides in Carol Stream, Ill.

98 Cynthia Shaffer and Gregory Allen, June 5, 2004. Jackie See Fawley was matron of honor and Trevor Fawley ’97 was best man. Amy Allen Huber also participated in the wedding. Several other alumni attended. The couple resides in Berea, Ohio.

00 Elizabeth Metzler and Marcus Gallo, July 12, 2003. The couple and their son live in Davis, Calif. (See also New Additions.)

Tina Proudfoot and Joshua Stidd, April 17, 2004. Westminster alumni who participated as assistants were Sheri Snyder and Wendy Hamilton.

The couple lives in Canton, Ohio.


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New Additions


83 Katherine Webster McKee and her husband, David: Tobias Webster, in 2004. Tobias is welcomed by three older siblings. The family lives in Cranberry Township.

85 Marcia English Pratt and her husband, Tom Pratt '82: a daughter, Isabella Jeannette, by adoption, born on April 1, 2004. She is welcomed home in Mt. Lebanon by sisters Grace (11), Margaret (8) and Caroline (4).


86 Brenda Rodgers Briggs and her husband, Brian: a daughter, Kathryn Grace, on March 12, 2004. Brenda is a teacher at Mercer County Head Start in Farrell. The family lives in New Wilmington.


Carla Maravich Kosanovich M'94 and her husband, Nick: a son, Luka, on April 28, 2003. He joins big brothers Nicholas (6) and Elijah (4). The family lives in Aliquippa, where Carla is a first-grade teacher/reading specialist at Aliquippa Elementary School.

Linda Messner Aloi and her husband, Joe: a daughter, Kaitlynn Margaret, on July 7, 2004. She joins Madison (3) and lives in Webster, N.Y.


Joy Benson and her husband, Fernando Galindo: a daughter, Maya Valentine, on Feb. 16, 2004. The family lives in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

Beth Danias Eberth and her husband, John: a son, Kevin James, on Jan. 27, 2004. Beth is an editor and special projects writer in the Office of Communications at St. Bonaventure University. The family resides in Portville, N.Y.


Christina Moldenhauer Gullo and her husband, Todd: a son, Daniel, on May 20, 2004. He joins siblings Eric (11) and Athena (5). (See also Class Notes.)

Helen Segatto Castle and her husband, Christopher Castle '90: a daughter, Sophia Jean, on Oct. 21, 2002. (See also Class Notes.)

Kim Solarik Yeon and her husband, Scott Yeon '90: a daughter, Jessica Lynn, on April 1, 2004. She is welcomed by brother Joshua, 5. Kim is a senior account manager with Wright Line LLC, a technical furniture manufacturer, and Scott has been promoted to team manager, personal claims, with Liberty Mutual Insurance. The family resides in Cranberry Township.

Dr. Keith Winkleblech and his wife, Tamatha: a son, Austyn Jay, on July 14, 2004. The family lives in Lawrence.

Saran Ball Warne and her husband, Tom: a son, Eli Herapath, on Feb. 9, 2004. He is welcomed by brothers William, 7, and David, 5, at home in Huntingdon.

Roxanne Bogo Zeisloft and her husband, Eric: a daughter, Rachel Carmelina, in 2004. She joins brothers Benjamin (5) and Joshua (3) at the family home in Washington.

Amy DiFucci Hruby and her husband, John: a son, Conner James, on March 1, 2003. The family lives in Los Angeles.

Dr. Michael Evanekovich and his wife, Kristine: a daughter, Adrianna, in 2003. She joins sisters Victoria (9), Bethany (7) and Olivia (4) at home in Waterford.


Amy Little Pizzuti and her husband, Tom: a son, Zane, on Nov. 21, 2002. He is welcomed by sister Trinity, 4, at home in Marietta, Ga.

Kerynn Cocolin Warters and her husband, Thomas Warters '89: a son, Jackson Thomas, on Dec. 24, 2003. He joins Benjamin, 5. The family resides in Milford, Conn.

Kelly Hanlin Smith and her husband, Eric: a daughter, Camryn Grace, on July 8, 2004. She joins big sister Kasey, 2, at home in Bridgeville.

Greg Wirth and his wife, Linnea: a son, Gage Allen, on April 24, 2004. He is welcomed by Mackenzie, 10, Hunter, 8, and Paityn, 4, at home in Thompsontown.

Kris Karas Holland and her husband, John: a son, Jack Karas, on July 31, 2004. The family lives in Powder Springs, Ga., where Kris is project manager/senior instructional systems designer with Pearson Performance Solutions.

Tracey May Schultz and her husband, Brian Schultz '01: a daughter, Phoebe Cecilia, on Feb. 27, 2004. The family lives in Transfer. (See also Class Notes.)

Nicolette Nicola Macdonald and her husband, David: a daughter, Elena Caroline Nicola, on May 9, 2004. She joins Ian, 2, at home in Red Bank, N.J.

Courtney Davis Moore and her husband, Aaron: a daughter, Laila Simone, on May 13, 2004. The family lives in Felton, Del.


Raychel Miller Carey and her husband, Gabriel: a son, Griffin John, on June 11, 2004. (See also Marriages.)


Jane Baker Andrusick and her husband, Brian Andrusick '96: a son, Luke Marco, on May 28, 2004. (See also Class Notes.)

Lori Balderach Pino and her husband, David: a son, Jacob Alexander, on May 12, 2004. The family lives in West Pittsburg.

Amy Byrd Kuntz and her husband, Michael: a son, Nathan Thomas, on July 3, 2004. He is welcomed by Logan Michael, 2. The family lives in Pittsburgh.

Sarah Slezak and her...
husband, Brian Slezak '92: a daughter, Maya Margaret, on May 3, 2004. She joins sister Avery, 4, at the family’s home in Franklin Park, N.J. (See also Class Notes.)

Julie Gardner Bader and her husband, Scott: a son, Carson Scott, on Jan. 5, 2004. He is welcomed by big brother Dylan, 6, and sister Hailey, 4. The family lives in Albion, N.Y.

Becky Reed Smalone and her husband, Edward: a son, Tayton Edward, on Sept. 1, 2004. The family lives in Reidsville, N.C.

96 Kerry Fero Watson and her husband, Doug: a daughter, Emilie Margaret, on April 1, 2004. The family resides in North Huntingdon.


Kristin Hollerich Sofran and her husband, Matthew Sofran '94: a daughter, Addison Ava, on March 13, 2004. She joins Noah James, 2, at the family home in Cranberry Township.

Laura Jenkins Greyschock and her husband, Shawn: a daughter, Sadie Jane, on June 27, 2004. She joins Jesse Thomas, 3, at home in Tarentum.


Susan Mondok Improsimato and her husband, Tony: a daughter, Ava Nicole, on July 7, 2004. She is welcomed by brother Alexander. (See also Class Notes.)

Fatema Saheli Baumgardner and her husband, Gavin Baumgardner '93: a daughter, Lauren Ali, on March 16, 2004. The family lives in Dublin, Ohio. (See also Class Notes.)


97 Katie Cross Cromer and her husband, Bob: a daughter, Sara Elizabeth, on Feb. 6, 2004. She is welcomed by Janie, 3, at home in Dayton, Ohio.

Janet Moeslein Young and her husband, Michael: a daughter, Lexie, on Sept. 7, 2003. The family resides in Vancouver, where Janet works as a casting director.

98 Aaron Lego and his wife, Renee: a daughter, Rachel Hannah, on May 26, 2004. She is welcomed by big sister Gabrielle.

Jamie Slack Lentz and her husband, Patrick: a daughter, Delaney Josephine, on Feb. 15, 2004. She joins Xander, 2, at home in Trafford.


99 Carrie Geubtner McNally and her husband, John: a daughter, Shaylyn Ann, on May 18, 2004. (See also Class Notes.)


Jackie West Grissett and her husband, Ryan Grissett '00: a daughter, Elise Kathryn, on April 24, 2004. The family lives in Canfield, Ohio.

00 Jennifer Drake Merli and her husband, Daniel: a son, Jonathan Daniel, on April 17, 2004. The family resides in Freeport.


Elizabeth Metzler Gallo and her husband, Marcus: a son, Frank Gerrit, on June 15, 2004. (See also Marriages.)

The Rev. Adam Rodgers and his wife, Lindsay: a son, Owen Joseph, on July 28, 2004. (See also Class Notes.)


01 Kimberly Chmura Mills and her husband, Steve: a daughter, Makenzie Nicole, on June 1, 2004. The family lives in Seven Fields.


30 Janet W. McClure of Maryville, Tenn., Aug. 14, 2004. She earned a master’s degree from Duquesne University and served as librarian in the Blairsville School District and at the Blairsville Public Library before retiring in 1971. She moved to Maryville in 1977. She was a member of the New Providence Presbyterian Church. She is survived by 13 nieces and nephews and their spouses, including Lyda McClure Byers ’61 and her husband, the Rev. Andrew Byers ’61.

Alice Grimes Jacobsen of Erie, Sept. 12, 2004. She was a Girard School District substitute and full-time elementary and junior high school teacher for more than 20 years. She was also a director at Camp Caledon for the Erie County Sunday School Association. She was co-owner and dog breeder of golden retrievers at Lakeview Kennels in Girard and had raised several AKC champions. She was a member of Girard Alliance Church. Survivors include a daughter, Jan Jacobsen-Shaver ’71 and her husband; two sons, including Jared Jacobsen ’71; and a grandson.

Charlotte Kuerner Pearsall of Cranberry Township, July 18, 2004. She was a member of the Lawrence County Garden Club, Jameson Guild, and was active at the former Almira Home, where she was past president of the board of trustees. She taught private piano lessons for more than 60 years and was a member of Northminster Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Otto Pearsall ’34; two sons; and five grandchildren.

Margaret McClure Cummings of Maryville, Tenn., June 24, 2004. Born in Blairsville, she was married to John W. Cummings, who taught at Trinity University and Maryville College. After his death in 1936, she earned a degree from Biblical (New York Theological) Seminary and taught Bible and Christian education at Maryville from 1940-69. Upon retirement she continued to be involved at New Providence Presbyterian Church, serving as elder, Sunday school teacher and circle leader. Survivors include three children and their spouses; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In Memory

Word has reached us of the passing of the following alumni and friends of Westminster College.

To submit information for the In Memory section, please provide a complete obituary notice (if available) to the Office of Alumni Relations. Please be sure to include the names and class years of any surviving Westminster alumni relatives.
Gill ’60; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ruth Clark McClure of Greensburg, Jan. 23, 2004. She was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Ligonier and served as a Tuesday volunteer in the Greensburg YMCA for many years. The former Blairsville resident was an active member of the Blairsville United Presbyterian Church, Fortnight Club and was a former employee of the Blairsville Public Library. She is survived by two sons and their spouses; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

37 Esther Dinsmore McCammon of Chambersburg. She was formerly an elementary school teacher in the New Kensington-Arnold School District. Survivors include three children.

38 Lawrence Byers of Memphis, Aug. 10, 2004. The University of Tennessee Health Science Center researcher and teacher wrote more than 130 papers and owned at least three patents. He earned a master’s degree in science from Oberlin College and was studying chemistry at Michigan State University when World War II broke out. Faced with a nationwide shortage of chemists, the draft board assigned him to work on a military project at Dow Chemical Co. After the war he enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he received his Ph.D. in biochemistry. He did schizophrenia research at Tulane University for 10 years before moving to Memphis, where he did research at Baptist Memorial Hospital and taught at the University of Tennessee. He retired in 1994. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Mary; two children; two grandchildren; a sister-in-law; a niece; and a nephew.


39 Jane Patterson Stewart of Cranberry Township, Jan. 21, 2003. She was a retired school teacher from the North Allegheny School District. Survivors include a son, David Ogborne ’70; a daughter; three step-children; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

40 Harvey Mercer of Mt. Lebanon, Sept. 4, 2004. He was formerly employed by Mutual of New York. Survivors include four children and their spouses; a brother; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

42 Jane C. Thompson Snyder of Newville, March 29, 2004. She was a member of First United Presbyterian Church, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and belonged to and was past president of Presbyterian Women. She was also a member of the Newville Historical Society, the Green Ridge Village Auxiliary and the Big Spring Senior Center. Survivors include two daughters; a sister, Margaret Thompson ’43; a brother; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

43 Marjorie Jean Benson Beddow of Allison Park, June 21, 2004. Survivors include two children and their spouses; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

44 Nancy Feich of Pittsburgh, July 30, 2004. She was formerly executive secretary for WPXI-TV in Pittsburgh. She enjoyed golfing and was a member at Shannopin Country Club. Survivors include a brother and several nieces and nephews.

46 Dr. Harry Walberg of Pittsburgh, Jan. 28, 1999.

47 Wilfred Gibson of Stony Brook, N.Y., June 3, 2004. He taught at the University of Illinois and the University of North Carolina. He also worked for the Department of the Army in Washington, D.C., before joining the faculty at Queens College in New York, where he taught psychology for 28 years. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the 333rd Infantry Regiment, 84th Division. A member of the United Methodist Church in Stony Brook, he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Louise Gayle Gibson ’44; four children and their spouses; a sister; and eight grandchildren.

48 Dr. Earl McMunn of New Castle, Aug. 5, 2004. He was a retired dentist, who earned the rank of second lieutenant in the Army Air Force as a navigator in World War II. He attended Westminster, Geneva and Kent State University before enrolling in the University of Pittsburgh Dental School. While still attending dental school, he enlisted in the Medical Service Corps and attained the rank of captain. He opened a dental practice in New Castle in 1952 and retired in 1990. He was a 50-year member of Highland Presbyterian Church and a 50-year member of the Dental Society of Western Pennsylvania. Survivors include his wife of 13 years, Elenora; two children; a sister, Jane McMunn Rosenberger ’41; six grandchildren; and three stepchildren.

Frederick V. Paine Jr. of Ligonier and Jupiter, Fla., Oct. 26, 2004. He was a trustee emeritus, serving on the Board of Trustees from 1973-85. A World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy Air Corp, he attended Westminster on a basketball scholarship and received his B.S. in chemistry. He played professional basketball for two seasons before embarking on a successful career in industry. In 1953 he joined Nalco Chemical Company as a salesman, and in 1988 retired from the Illinois firm as executive vice president. He was a staunch supporter of Titan athletics, and an avid golfer until eye problems ended his play. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Johnson Paine ’48, and their three sons, Frederick, Timothy, and Scott.

49 John Cook of Hubbard, Ohio, Feb. 7, 2004. He was retired from Gennaro Pavers, where he was office manager. Survivors include his wife, Eva; and two children.


50 William Saul of Mount Juliet, Tenn., March 8, 2004. He was retired as director of the State Technical Institute. Survivors include his wife, Mary; and two children.

Gerhard Schlumberger of New Castle, July 2, 2004. Born in Oberschefflenz, Germany, he taught German in the New Castle Area School District for 30 years, retiring in 1984. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers and taught German to Air Force personnel. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Association of School Employees and a member of Christ Lutheran Church, where he was Sunday school superintendent, treasurer and financial secretary. Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Nancy Magill Schlumberger ’64 M’67; a daughter and her husband; a son; a brother; a sister; and four grandchildren.

51 June Sabolia MacDonald of Aurora, Ohio, Jan. 15, 2004. She taught school briefly and worked in real estate in the Cleveland area. She was a member of the American Association of University Women. Survivors include her husband, George; two sons and their spouses; three grandchildren; and a sister.

52 Ann Ashbaugh Price of Bay Village, Ohio, Dec. 13, 2003. She was retired after over 40 years with the Glidden Paint Company in Cleveland. She was on the executive board and head of the Color Studios. Survivors include her husband, Bob.

53 Lawrence Pitzer of Highland Beach, Fla., Sept. 10, 2004. He was treasurer of the Bel Lido Property Owners Association and a member of the town of Highland Beach Public Safety Committee. An Army veteran, he began his professional career with Norwich Eaton Pharmaceuticals, which became a division of Procter & Gamble. He retired in 1990 after 35 years of service. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Phyllis George Pitzer ’54; a son and his wife; a daughter and her husband; and four grandchildren.

Marjorie Mowry Koenig of Hoffman Estates, Ill., July 19, 2004. She worked in the Career Center at Lake Park High School for over 20 years before retiring in 2000. She was a Sunday school teacher and an active member of Church of the Cross. Survivors include her husband, Theodore; a son; a daughter and her husband; four grandchildren; and two brothers.

John Davis of Greensburg, Jan. 28, 2003. He was a retired tax supervisor for West Penn Power Company. Survivors include his wife, Cynthia Moore Davis ‘63 and two children.

Patricia Bash Esternym of Hamburg, May 2004. She was a speech and hearing therapist for Easter Seals.

Joseph Penner of Bradenton, Fla.

Elizabeth “Betty” Holmes McConahy of New Wilmington, Sept. 8, 2004. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Randolph-Macon Women’s College in Lynchburg, Va., and her master’s in education from Westminster. She served with the American Red Cross as a hospital social worker, and taught as a substitute teacher in the New Castle and Neshannock school systems. She and her husband, John McConahy ’40, spent 22 years speaking nationally to youth about the dangers of manipulation by destructive cults. They were instrumental in the founding of the national organization formerly known as the Cult Awareness Network, as well as the Cult Information Service in Pittsburgh. She was presented with the National Cult Awareness Network Hall of Fame Award in 1985. A member of the Cascade Park Restoration Board, she was named a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Beaver and Lawrence Counties. Survivors include her husband, Jack; four children and their spouses; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Lauren Olson French M’72 of Newport News, Va., Jan. 20, 2004. She was a teacher in Newport News. Survivors include her husband, Jack, and a daughter.


Walter E. Hoffman of Greenville. He was director of the Thiel Productive Retirement Ct. He earned his undergraduate degree at Ohio State University. Survivors include his wife, Patsy; and a son, Walter G. Hoffman ’83.

Charles Front of Reisterstown, Md., June 30, 2004. He was owner of Front Material Handling in Baltimore and earned his MBA from the University of Virginia. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, and a daughter.

Peter Solis of Brandon, Fla., Aug. 26, 2004. He was a firefighter in Hillsborough County and volunteered as a youth hockey coach with the Tampa Bay Junior Lightning. Survivors include his mother.

Willard “Bud” Sarver of New Wilmington, Sept. 30, 2004. A longtime friend and supporter of Westminster College, he and his wife, Harriet Jackson Sarver ’36, entertained generations of Westminster students in their New Wilmington home. Mr. Sarver was employed at Westinghouse Electric in Sharon for 41 years. He was a school board member in the Wilmington Area School District and a deacon, elder and trustee in the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a technical sergeant in the 8th Armored Division, serving in the European theater during World War II. Survivors include Harriet, his wife of 63 years; two sons, including David Sarver ’73 and his wife, Kathleen Jackson Sarver ’73; and four grandchildren.

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Gathering Leaves
A pile of autumn leaves on the lawn outside of the McKelvey Campus Center proved to be an irresistible Homecoming playground for Mark Williams ’92 and son Benjamin (left), and Adam Slade ’93 and his sons, Tyler and Carson (right).