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Dear Westminster Friends:

Each Commencement day I am privileged to stand at the podium. From that vantage point one can feel the relief of parents and grandparents, the pride and caring of faculty members and the eager anticipation of future alumni. Happiness abounds, and I love being a part of it. It is a day when it is easy for faculty and staff to see the results of their efforts.

Commencement is a time of looking forward. It is not until many years later as we look back that many of us begin to appreciate the remarkable things our parents and professors have done for us. On the other hand, Westminster students are exceptional in that they seem to understand and appreciate the care with which our faculty teach and mentor them. In turn, faculty “batteries” are recharged by the respect and hard work of good students.

Faculty members revere their discipline. They seek to advance the body of knowledge and they love to share their knowledge. It is no wonder that they receive the gratitude of our students in return.

From the podium on Commencement day the miracle of private, church-related, liberal arts education becomes instantly understandable. All of the participants are present and accounted for. Families, trustees, faculty, staff, alumni – all have given their gifts to the graduates through this solid, vibrant institution. It is the giving of these gifts that we celebrate as each graduate receives a diploma. The four-year transformation from first-year student to world-ready young adult is complete. The names echo off the walls of Old Main as they have for over 150 years. Our gratitude overflows.

Sincerely,

R. Thomas Williamson
Breaking New Ground
College offering townhouses for 2006; first new student housing in 40 years.

Project Greenlight
Committee affirms role of senior capstone in major, liberal studies program.

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From the Ridiculous to the Sublime
Once a “horrible” student, Betsy Ford forged herself into a master teacher.

Back in Business
Alumna, husband breathe new life into local landmark.

Memorial Gift Honors Army Officer’s Love of Music

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Michael Dines of Coraopolis gives a thumbs up as he returns to his seat with diploma in hand.

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The Westminster College Celebrity Series will cater to a variety of musical tastes, from Broadway to bluegrass, in its 2005-2006 season. “We are unusually excited about the large-scale shows that make up our next season,” said Gene DeCaprio, director of the Westminster College Celebrity Series. “The shows promise the best in American entertainment.”

Ricky Skaggs, and his band Kentucky Thunder, and a repeat performance from The Ten Tenors headline the six-show season, which begins on Sept. 27 with the Broadway hit 42nd Street. Skaggs and his all-star band, winners of a 2005 Grammy for Best Bluegrass Album, will appear in Orr Auditorium on Oct. 14 to play the best in bluegrass, country and gospel music. The Ten Tenors, one of the most popular acts in Celebrity Series history, close the season on March 31, 2006.

Other shows scheduled include “Blast,” a combination of brass, percussion and visual performance based on the pageantry of a marching band ensemble; “The Spirit of Christmas,” a family show featuring some of the most popular Christmas songs of all time and a glittering cast of Broadway singers and dancers; and “A Broadway Celebration,” a collection of hits from over 20 Broadway musicals packed into one show.

Season subscriptions and single-show tickets are now on sale. Contact Connie McGinnis, assistant director of the Celebrity Series, at 724-946-7354 or mcginncl@westminster.edu.

Westminster College and Duquesne University recently entered into an articulation agreement that benefits students seeking a degree as a physician assistant. “The articulation agreement is for students who are interested in careers as a physician assistant,” said Ann Throckmorton, chair and associate professor of biology at Westminster. “It will put students on the fast track to an advanced degree in that field. Under the agreement, students will spend three years at Westminster followed by three years at Duquesne. At the end of their first year at Duquesne, students receive a bachelor’s in biology from Westminster. At the end of the six years, they receive their advanced degree, a master’s of physician assistant. Traditionally those degrees require seven years of school, so this is a great opportunity for students who are interested in finishing school and starting their careers quickly.”

Westminster has similar articulation agreements in physical therapy, environmental science management, pre-law, and occupational therapy with Duquesne University, and dentistry with Case Western Reserve University. Westminster’s 3-2 Engineering Program has agreements with Pennsylvania State University, Case Western Reserve University, and Washington University.

2005-2006 CELEBRITY SERIES SEASON

- Sept. 27 42nd Street
- Oct. 14 Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder
- Nov. 18 “Blast”
- Nov. 30 “The Spirit of Christmas”
- March 11 “A Broadway Celebration”
- March 31 The Ten Tenors

All shows begin at 8 p.m. in Orr Auditorium

It’s Been Two Years...

It has been two years since Westminster College lost a treasure. Eugene G. Sharkey died July 10, 2003. His sudden passing left the Westminster and New Wilmington communities stunned and saddened. Dr. Sharkey was a distinguished educator, renowned author and expert historian. He was a member of the Westminster faculty from 1972 until 2003.

Family, friends and former students have been raising funds to endow the Eugene G. Sharkey Memorial Award as a permanent tribute to Dr. Sharkey. The award is designed to commemorate his high regard for student research. Contributions to the Eugene G. Sharkey Memorial Award can be mailed to the Westminster College Development Office, Old Main Room 104, New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001.

Dr. Eugene G. Sharkey 1937-2003
Broadcasting Major Lands “Today” Internship

Elizabeth Farry, a sophomore broadcast communications major at Westminster College, will spend the summer interning for NBC’s “Weekend Today” show.

“I applied for many different internships at stations near my home, but I definitely wanted the ‘Weekend Today’ show because I love that show,” Farry said. “I was interviewed by a young guy probably not much older than me. He started out as an intern a few summers back and was lucky enough to stay on board.”

Farry has a busy schedule at Westminster. She helps out behind the scenes with “Coaches Corner” and is an anchor/reporter for “The County Line” on the Westminster Cable Network television station. Farry also has a weekly radio shift and is the news director for Titan Radio. When she’s not broadcasting or in class, she is involved in Kappa Delta sorority, where she was elected secretary this year.

“My education from Westminster is going to make all the difference at my internship this summer,” Farry said. “Because of the small size of our school, I’ve been lucky enough to have hands-on experience since my first semester here, so that puts me ahead of people coming from bigger schools where they don’t get to touch the equipment until they are sophomores.”

What’s in a Name?

Campus Center grill area officially renamed the TUB

Westminster College students love their TUB.

The $14-million McKelvey Campus Center opened in the summer of 2003 with the grill area named the Orchard Street Café, a reference to the short road that abuts the new building. But almost from the beginning, to many students, alumni and professors it was still the TUB, the acronym for the original Titan Union Building, an army surplus building erected on campus as a student recreation center in 1948.

The subsequent student center – the Walton-Mayne Union Building—assumed the TUB name when it was built in 1958. And now, the grill area in the Campus Center has officially followed suit.

Spurred by petitions and a “Save the TUB” campaign drive on the College radio station, Westminster renamed the former Orchard Street Café this spring.

“It’s nice to know that Westminster is small enough where students’ voices are heard,” said Jolene Slattery, a junior broadcast communications major from Ridgway. “We’ve been putting out petitions since early this year. They were passed around to all the student organization meetings and at athletic events.

“We had a ‘Save the TUB’ week on Titan radio,” Slattery said. ‘See it, Sign it, Save it,’ was the theme. One of Dr. [Dave] Barner’s classes ‘Public and Private Persuasion,’ hung signs around the campus and ran newspaper ads in the Holcad. He authorized the DJs to have live promotional broadcasts that increased those who signed the petition from 300 to 800.”

As part of the campaign, Dr. Barner’s class interviewed 1932 Westminster graduate and College historian Paul Gamble, Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman, and Associate Dean of Student Affairs Camille Hawthorne to develop the history.

“The Student Government Association (SGA) championed the effort, and I admit I have been a helpful ally,” said Barner, chair of the Department of Communication Studies, Theatre, and Art. “The students were not asking to rename the building, just the snack bar area. Andrew McKelvey [1957 Westminster graduate and benefactor for the new union building] had personally signed the petition to change the name of the snack bar.”

Students have had a voice in naming the snack bar area since 1947, when the Holcad ran a contest to choose a name. In the 1980s, the administration encouraged the students to scrap the name, but even when WAMA was chosen as a replacement, the student body still called it the TUB.

A Congressional Reunion

Dr. Tim Murphy, U.S. Congressman representing Pennsylvania’s 18th district, has had an extraordinary career path – from an early contemplation of the priesthood, to a successful psychiatric practice, a radio show, the Pennsylvania state senate, and finally the U.S. Congress.

The events leading to Congressman Murphy’s April 15 visit to Westminster College were just as circuitous. First-year student Johanna Hutchison first met Dr. Murphy when he was serving at the hospital where she was born 19 years ago. Johanna, weighing in at one pound, six ounces, was at significant risk, and Dr. Murphy was called on to review the case. Nearly two decades later, he recognized Johanna’s parents at – of all places – an inaugural ball for President Bush in Washington D.C., and inquired about Johanna’s health, ultimately leading to his promise to visit her at Westminster.

Johanna, a member of the College Republicans, invited Murphy to share his thoughts with the campus community on the importance of students’ consideration of service to their country by pursuing careers in government. His message obviously hit its mark, inspiring several students to meet with him following his remarks in Mueller Theater.

Congressman Tim Murphy, first-year student Johanna Hutchison, and Westminster President R. Thomas Williamson.
Ushebtis and Westminster College

What are “ushebtis,” and what do they have to do with Westminster? Ushebtis are small human figurines which were placed in the coffins of ancient Egyptian mummies and intended to be substitutes for, or servants of, their masters in the afterlife. They are now valued by collectors as ancient artifacts and are prized by archaeologists as aids in determining the identity of the mummy and the time in which he or she lived. For Westminster, which has 15 or so complete figurines and fragments of others, they are a significant part of its Egyptian collection. Some of the ushebtis were donated to the College over 100 years ago; others have been given within the past decade.

Anyone viewing these figurines can quickly see differences among them. One may be only an inch long, while another may be three or four inches. One might be made of clay; another might be wooden. Others may be made of stone, alabaster, or “faience” (crushed quartz rock that, when mixed with other elements and fired, results in a brilliant glaze). The favorite colors of the Egyptians were blue and green, but other colors used were brown, red, yellow, and black. Some ushebtis might have hieroglyphic writing down the front; others may not. Various types of headdresses appear on the ushebtis. They usually have tools to help them serve in the afterlife, often having a hoe and pick on the front and a bag on the back indicating that the type of work required was agricultural.

If a ushebti has hieroglyphics on its front, the writing may be introducing the deceased to the god of the underworld, Osiris. Or perhaps, a selection from the Book of the Dead is printed across the front.

Many of these differences are easily observed, but only a trained scholar can establish dates for the objects and evaluate them in a meaningful way. Egyptologist Dr. Jonathan Elias has examined Westminster’s ushebtis and determined their age. He was particularly intrigued by one torso and head fragment that he thought might be a rare piece connected with the Pharaoh Ramses VI of the 20th dynasty (1141-1133 B.C.). Another scholar at an earlier time concluded that one of our ushebtis was from the 18th dynasty (1580-1350 B.C.) and, since it is crudely carved in wood, likely to have belonged to a peasant.

It is not surprising, of course, that styles and traditions should change over the year when the tradition can be traced back as early as 3000 B.C. Before then, human servants were apparently sacrificed when their master died. Then one ushebti became the substitute. Over the years, more and more ushebtis were added and placed in their own box beside the master. One tomb with 700 has been discovered. At one time, the ushebti was to answer to the god, but over time the ushebti came to be regarded as a servant to the deceased person. Other changes might be noted also, but it is particularly remarkable that the custom survived for so many thousands of years.

One graduate of Westminster, Susan Grandy Graff ’85, became so fascinated by the objects that she has made herself an authority on ushebtis and serves as a respected consultant in her home city of Chicago.

Various donors have generously contributed to the collection over the years. Three that should be mentioned are Dr. John R. Alexander, Dr. Paul Jamison ’43, and the Rev. Willis McGill ’33. These men lived in Egypt for many years, were connected with the Presbyterian missionary enterprise there, and had a keen interest in Egyptian artifacts.

Much of the above information was obtained from the book Egyptian Shabtis by Harry M. Stewart (London: Shire Publications Ltd., 1995). He states that “ushebti” or “ushabti” means “answerer.” This term, as applied to the figurine, originated in the Middle Kingdom (2040-1782 B.C.). Before that, “Shawabti” and “Shabti” were terms used. Ushebtis are on public display with more details about them in a display case in the Hoyt Science Resources Center.

The ushebtis are a reminder to the viewer of the strong conviction among these ancient people of the existence of an afterlife and the need they felt to make preparation in this life for the life hereafter.

– Delber L. McKee
Member, Westminster College Cultural Artifacts Committee

Presbyterian Moderator Speaks at Westminster

Rick Ufford-Chase, moderator of the 216th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), spoke at Westminster College March 7 in Wallace Memorial Chapel.

In addition to his duties as moderator, he is a mission worker for the Presbyterian Church, and in that capacity, he works in three related areas. He is the founder and international director of BorderLinks, a bi-national educational and community service organization with a staff of 25 from Mexico and the United States. He supports the work of the Evangelical Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America in Guatemala. He is a reservist with Christian Peacemaker Teams, doing nonviolent, direct intervention work in situations of extreme conflict.

Ufford-Chase is also a co-founder of the “No More Deaths” movement inviting people of faith and conscience from all over the United States to come to the border and work on behalf of migrants who are at risk crossing the desert.

As moderator, his primary concerns are to reach out to the next generation of leaders of the Presbyterian Church and to invite them into a lifetime of service. He is an enthusiastic supporter of anything that moves Presbyterians out of the pews and into the world.

The event, sponsored by the Westminster College chapel office, was free and open to the public.
Westminster College celebrated the academic excellence of its students at the annual Spring Honors Convocation held April 30 in Orr Auditorium.

The event recognizes the academic achievements of hundreds of Westminster students, including Dean’s List scholars and scholar-athletes, as well as those students inducted into local and national academic honor societies.

Honors medallions were bestowed on 13 seniors who successfully completed the Honors Program and awards were also presented to the fraternity (Theta Chi) and sorority (Sigma Kappa) with the highest GPAs.

Individual awards were also given out for outstanding service to the College, and over 150 students received scholarships or prizes for academic achievement.

With Highest Honor…

Twenty members of the Class of 2005 graduated with highest honor, summa cum laude: Lori Baty, Michelle Beil, Cherie Bond, Dennis Buffone, Andrea Ceplecci, Daphne Cortes, Sandra Edmiston, Jessica Garrison, Amy Genkinger, Stephanie Hitchcock, Mary Huebert, Bethany Huey, Katie McKissick, Russell Mills, Bradley Patton, Ashley Rexrode, Michelle Ripper, Jessica Rummel, Jeffrey Schultz, and Jarrod Takah. Also pictured is Jesse T. Mann, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College.

Honors Convocation Salutes Academic Achievement

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Thirteen seniors successfully completed the Honors Program and were awarded College Honors by department at the annual Spring Honors Convocation. These graduates wear a special medallion at Commencement. The students (pictured with their academic advisers) were: Jessica Garrison (Biology), Bradley Patton (Computer Science and Mathematics), Courtney Lander (Education), Ashley Caskey, Kristen Humphries and Matthew Snyder (English), Mary Jane Eaton (English and History), Dennis Buffone and Abigail Sumpter (History), Brooke Arens (Psychology), Autumn Tack (Psychology-Human Resources), and Jeremy Baker and Stephanie Hitchcock (Sociology).
Faculty Making News

James Hall, professor of mathematics at Westminster, recently had his article, “Tilings and Stamps,” published in PHILOMATHE, a journal of Mathematics Study Unit of the American Topical Association. “The patterns in which postage stamps of various shapes are arranged in larger sheets and panes illustrate several features of plane tessellations or tilings,” Hall said. “For each example figures are provided showing the actual stamps together with a drawing of the underlying tiling pattern. This meeting of math and stamp-collecting may offer an appealing connection to a general education student or members of a more general audience.”

Shahrourh Mistry, assistant professor of biology at Westminster, recently participated in “Training and Field Techniques for Bats and Rodents,” held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. “I was one of two instructors at the workshop,” Mistry said. “I conducted the bat half of the seminar. I taught the participants various methods and techniques for the capture, marking, survey and monitoring of organisms. I have been studying bats since 1987 and find them absolutely fascinating. They play essential ecological and economic roles in nature by consuming numerous crop pests, as well as aid the pollination of plants and the dispersal of their seeds. My research involves issues related to their ecology and conservation.”

Andrea Grove, assistant professor of political science, recently presented two papers at the International Studies Association conference in Honolulu. Her first presentation was “Simulating Global Politics, Stimulating Students: Pretending to Make Introductory IR Courses More Real.” “Employing simulation in the international relations classroom is an excellent method for engaging students in more active learning than often permitted by more passive approaches,” Grove said. “This technique, when carefully designed and executed, is especially useful for communicating to students the multidimensional and complex nature of diplomatic, military, economic, political and cultural relations among states.” The second paper was titled, “Searching for Bell-wethers: Examining Representations of Northern Irish, Palestinian, and Israeli Leaders.” “In this paper, I look at two protracted conflicts, Israel-Palestine and Northern Ireland, and show that the ways in which leaders of each community in both Northern Ireland and the Middle East had clear impacts on behavior initiated by the other side, but little impact on the behavior of their own side.”

John Bonomo, associate professor of computer science, recently returned from Shanghai where he judged the 29th annual ACM ICPC World Finals sponsored by IBM. The contest was hosted by Shanghai Jiao Tong University at the DuDong Shangri-La Hotel. Seventy-five teams competed from nearly 1,500 universities in over 70 countries. Bonomo also had a problem accepted for this competition. “The problem of mine turned out to be the third-hardest problem, being solved by only three or four teams,” Bonomo said. Bonomo was a regional judge for five years and has been selected as an international judge four times.

Delores Natale, a lecturer of public relations, recently presented “From Typist to Tyrant: Film’s Portrayal of Women in Journalism” at the 17th annual Far West Popular Culture Conference in Las Vegas. “I used excerpts from four different films produced between 1940 and 1994 to illustrate both stereotypical and balanced portrayals of women in journalism,” Natale said. “Implicit in the research is the influence the writers and actors had on either contributing to or debunking stereotypes.”

Tad Greig, director of bands and assistant professor of music, recently had an article, “Getting Started,” published in the May issue of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Journal. “This article discusses both practical and philosophical issues that new instrumental music educators should be prepared for,” Greig said. “It also addresses the philosophical balance between the performance and educational aspects within the common music education position. This article was generated by what I actually teach in my instrumental methods course.”

Woods Lecture Commemorates Einstein’s Theory


“This year is being celebrated worldwide as the World Year of Physics in honor of the 100th anniversary of that fabulous year, 1905, when Albert Einstein published several seminal papers, including his explanation of the photoelectric effect and his theory of relativity,” Samuel Lightner, professor of physics at Westminster, said in announcing the event. “Dr. Newman, who is a leading scholar on general relativity, will start his popular, non-technical talk with a discussion of scientific judgment as it relates to fads, orthodoxy, and conventional views and continue with a view of quantum mechanics and relativity.”

Newman earned his undergraduate degree from New York University, and his master’s and Ph.D. from Syracuse University. He has been an associate editor of the Journal of Mathematical Physics, president of the International Society on General Relativity and Gravitation, and committee member for the International Conference on General Relativity.

The Woods Memorial Lecture honors Dr. Robert M. Woods, professor of physics at Westminster College from 1947-1972. It is made possible by a gift from the Woods family that has been supplemented over the years by gifts from friends and alumni.
Two Westminster College education professors and one of their students recently presented their joint research, “Re-Thinking the Dark Side of the Moon: Confronting Misconceptions and the Development of an Instrument,” at the National Science Teachers’ Association conference in Dallas.

Laurajane LaVerde, a senior elementary major, Patrick Krantz, assistant professor of education, and Eileen Morelli, associate professor of education, conducted this joint research project.

“Dr. Morelli initiated this research as an inquiry-based project in her junior block class,” Krantz said. “After the class, Laurajane still had questions, so I enrolled her in an independent study and the three of us continued the research.”

“This experience has influenced my views on education in a tremendous way, and I owe much of my growth to the opportunity Dr. Krantz and Dr. Morelli afforded me,” said LaVerde, a native of Oil City and vice president of Kappa Delta Pi.

“This project was an excellent opportunity to demonstrate how faculty and student research projects can be developed,” Krantz said. “Laurajane did not do this as a requirement; she pursued this because she had questions. If you ask her, I think she’ll say that she learned a lot.”

Abigail Sumpter, a Westminster College senior history major, earned one of the book prizes for best paper at the Western Pennsylvania Regional Phi Alpha Theta conference.

Sumpter, a Corry native, presented “Blonde-Haired Blue-Eyed Betty or Hard-Hitting Hannah: Projections of All-American Girls Professional Baseball League Players in the Press, 1943-1954” at the meeting of the national history student honor society meeting at Clarion University April 2. The paper was based on Sumpter’s honors thesis at Westminster.

Her research indicated that the image of All-American Girls Professional Baseball League players portrayed by national publications was quite different from that in local newspapers. While national magazines described the players as feminine women, the local press described these players only in terms of their on-the-field accomplishments.

“Abby’s work, based on her archival research in South Bend, Ind., and at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., is important for several reasons,” said Timothy Cuff, assistant professor of history and Sumpter’s honors adviser. “She has shed new light on the way in which women athletes were portrayed by American journalists in the 1940s and 1950s, particularly in her identification of a divergence in the image projected at the national level from that projected on a daily basis in local papers. More generally, she has highlighted the need for historians to examine how local situations vary from national level developments. Abby’s paper is a valuable addition to the academic literature on the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League.”

Aaron Bruck, a junior chemistry major at Westminster College, recently learned that his summer research project has been published in the March 7 issue of the Journal of Organic and Biomolecular Chemistry.

Bruck, a Grove City native, was listed as one of the authors of “Triflic acid-catalyzed adamantylolation of aromatics in [BMIM][OTf] ionic liquid; synthetic scope and mechanistic insight” along with Kenneth K. Laali (Kent State), Viorel D. Sarca (Tulane), Takao Okazaki (Kyoto University, Japan), and Paul Der (Kent State). Bruck was a partner in this research conducted during his summer internship at Kent State University.

SIFE Team Competes in National Meets

The Westminster College Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team recently received special recognition in a Chicago regional business competition. The 12-member Westminster team was honored for business ethics and was first runner-up in the overall competition.

“Economics and Business is proud of the initiative this year’s SIFE team has shown in broadening their award-winning scope to competitions at Marshall University, University of Arizona, and Chicago regional competitions,” said Tom Rosengarth, chair of the Westminster Department of Economics and Business. “SIFE team members served Westminster as salient ambassadors for the opportunities that come to those who assume the risk of more significant goals.”


The team members were: Sybil Feightner, a senior accounting major from Mantua, Ohio; Lindsay Lutes, a senior mathematics major from Grove City; and Lauren Scheller, a junior business administration major from Orlando.

“We were presented a problem that centered around a family that was in financial crisis,” Feightner said. “The teams had to construct short, intermediate, and life-time solutions.

“Westminster courses gave me the knowledge to compete,” Feightner said. “I learned a lot about more about mortgages in the competition.”
Successful Hand to Guide Westminster Football

After two successful stints as a Division III head football coach, Jeff Hand is coming home to Lawrence County.

The 34-year-old Hand, a native of Ellwood City, was hired May 6 as the new head football coach at Westminster College. He replaces Jerry Schmidt, who left Westminster after five seasons to become the head coach at NCAA Division I-AA Duquesne University.

“We are pleased to welcome Jeff Hand as our new head football coach,” said Jim Daffer, Westminster director of athletics. “As an Ellwood City native, Jeff has an understanding and appreciation for Westminster football and the Titan Tradition. His commitment to the academic success of his players and his involvement in all phases of student and campus life has been evident.”

Hand becomes the 32nd head football coach in Westminster history (dating back to 1891), but just the fifth full-time coach at the College since 1952. He takes over a Titan football program with a deep tradition of gridiron success, following in the footsteps of legendary coaches such as Harold Burry (127-31-5 from 1952-71) and Joseph B. Fusco (154-34-3 from 1972-90), both coaching inductees into the College Football Hall of Fame, as well as Gene Nicholson (64-25-2 from 1991-98). Westminster won an unprecedented six NAIA Division II national championships (1970, ’76, ’77, ’88, ’89, ’94) and had 11 undefeated regular seasons prior to joining the NCAA in 1998. Last year, Westminster was 5-5 (2-3 and fourth place in the Presidents’ Athletic Conference).

“Growing up in Ellwood City, I saw a lot of great football played at Westminster College and a lot of great athletic teams,” Hand said. “When this job came open, that’s what attracted me: the rich academic and athletic tradition at Westminster. I hope that I can bring continued success on the football field, in the classroom, and regain some regional and national recognition.”

Hand takes over the Titan football program after spending the last four years (2001-04) at PAC rival Waynesburg College, where he posted a 24-18 overall record. His best season was in 2003, as he led the Yellow Jackets to a 9-1 regular season mark and the program’s first-ever PAC championship and NCAA Division III playoff berth.

For his efforts, Hand was named PAC and NCAA Division III All-Region II Coach of the Year.

Last season, Waynesburg was 7-3 overall in the regular season and was selected to compete in the ECAC Division III Southeast Bowl.

Prior to taking the Waynesburg position, Hand served two years as head coach at Benedictine (Ill.) College, posting a 13-7 mark (6-4 in 1999, 7-3 in 2000). Hand began his collegiate coaching career as defensive line coach at Waynesburg in 1992. He then moved to Hanover (Ind.) College where he served as defensive line coach (1993-94) and linebackers coach/special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator (1994-97). He was named defensive coordinator at Benedictine in 1998 before being named head coach the following season.

A 1992 Clarion University graduate, Hand earned a master’s degree at Indiana University Southeast in 2000.

2005 Titan Football Schedule

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*President’s Athletic Conference contest
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PAC Adds Seventh Member: Thomas More College

The Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) has added Thomas More College as the seventh member of the conference beginning in the 2005-06 academic year. Thomas More, located in Crestview Hills, Ky., in the suburbs of Cincinnati, Ohio, is currently an independent member of NCAA Division III.

“This is the first step for the PAC as we begin to grow our conference, both in size and in academic and athletic stature,” Tori Haring-Smith, president of Washington & Jefferson College and chair of the PAC Presidents’ Council, said. “We are very excited to add a fine institution like Thomas More to the PAC.”

The addition of Thomas More marks the first change in membership in the PAC since Westminster joined to give the conference six schools in 2000. The other conference members are Bethany, Grove City, Thiel, Washington & Jefferson, and Waynesburg.

The conference will begin scheduling Thomas More in all sports beginning in the fall of 2005, and the Saints will be immediately eligible for conference titles in all sports.

With seven members in 2005-06, the PAC now meets the seven-member minimum requirement to receive automatic qualification (AQ) status for NCAA Division III team championships. Although the NCAA has a mandatory two-year waiting period for conferences wishing to gain AQ status, the PAC plans to appeal to the NCAA to waive the waiting period.
Winter Sports Highlights

Men’s Basketball (15-11, 5-5 PAC)
The Westminster men’s basketball team, under the direction of second-year head coach Larry Ondako, finished the regular season fourth in the Presidents’ Athletic Conference, before falling to Thiel in the opening round of the PAC Tournament.

The Titans placed four players on the 2005 all-conference teams. Junior point guard Mark DeMonaco was a first-team pick, while senior guard Ed Pagley was named to the second team. Senior forward Pat O’Connor and freshman guard Craig Hannon were honorable mention selections.

DeMonaco, a first-team all-conference selection for the second consecutive year, led Westminster in scoring (18.7 ppg), assists per game (5.4), three-pointers made per game (3.8) and free throw percentage (83.5%). An accounting major, he carries a 3.31 GPA and (3.8) and free throw percentage (83.5%). An accounting major, he carries a 3.31 GPA and

Sophomore Ryan Trunk was a two-time All-American at the NCAA Division III Championships, where he earned All-America honors by placing seventh in the 100 free and 11th in the 50 free. He also qualified to compete in the 100 free at the U.S. Open later this year.

Other Titan swimmers posting wins included junior Nate Horrell in the 500 free; sophomore Pat Smith in the 200 back; freshman Seth Senior in the 1650 free; and freshman Ian Yarger in the 200 butterfly.

Earning All-PAC second-team laurels for finishing second in an individual event were sophomore Adam Rady in the 100 breast and 200 IM; freshman Tom Benoit in the 500 free; and sophomore Matt Kerns in the 1650 free.

Four Titans, senior Kevin Gesacion, junior B.J. Sieg, sophomore Shaun McNamara and freshman Nick Keagle, earned all-conference recognition as members of Westminster relay teams.

Women’s Basketball (21-8, 7-3 PAC)
The Lady Titan cagers posted a school record for wins under the direction of second-year head coach Rosanne Scott, breaking the old mark for wins in a season (19), set in 1988-89. Westminster earned its first PAC championship, NCAA tournament berth and NCAA tournament win (54-50 at Dickinson) before falling in the second round.

For the Lady Titans, sophomore guard Desiree Sterling was named to the All-PAC First Team, while senior forward Erica Tallo was a second-team honoree and senior forward Mary Jane Eaton earned honorable mention recognition.

Sterling, who earned second-team honors and was named PAC Freshman of the Year last season, averaged a team-high 12.6 points per game. Tallo, a three-time All-PAC honoree, averaged 11.2 points, a team-high 8.0 rebounds, and 2.2 steals per game. She finished her career ranked second on the Westminster career charts in scoring (1,227 points) and third in rebounding (929).

Eaton, who also earned All-PAC recognition a year ago, averaged 8.7 points, 6.3 rebounds and 1.6 steals per game.

Men’s Swimming (9-1)
Westminster captured the team title and 13 Titan swimmers earned All-PAC recognition after placing either first or second in an event at the PAC Championships Feb. 10-12.

Titan head coach Rob Klamut was selected as 2005 PAC Men’s Coach of the Year, while junior Josh Hensler was honored as the high point-scorer at the PAC meet.

On the men’s side, six different Titan swimmers captured individual events. Leading the way was Hensler, who was a triple-winner in the 200 breast and the 200 and 400 individual medley.

Sophomore Ryan Trunk captured the 200 free while placing second in the 100 free. He qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships, where he earned All-America honors by placing seventh in the 100 free and 11th in the 50 free. He also qualified to compete in the 100 free at the U.S. Open later this year.

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Women’s Swimming (7-3)
The Lady Titans finished second at the PAC Championships and had eight swimmers earn All-PAC honors.

Five Lady Titans captured individual titles at the PAC meet, led by freshman Steph Peters, who won both the 50 and 100 free events. Other winners included junior Megan Sweithelm in the 100 back; sophomore Sara Bonchosky in the 200 free; sophomore Amy Wirtz in the 200 fly; and sophomore Megan McLaughlin in the 200 back.

Freshman Becky Giles earned All-PAC laurels with second-place finishes in both the 200 and 400 IM. Senior April Dollard and sophomore Emily Staniszewski each received all-conference accolades as members of Lady Titan relay teams.
As coordinator of advancement events for Westminster College, Cindy works with regional alumni groups throughout the country to develop and strengthen Westminster connections.

**March 5, 2005, Mechanicsburg.** The Lady Titan basketball team traveled to Messiah College in Grantham for the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs. Special thanks to Robb Dietrich ’99 and Emily Boyle Dietrich ’99 for organizing and hosting an alumni gathering at Legends Sports Bar & Grill in Mechanicsburg. Area alumni gathered before the game and then traveled to Messiah College to cheer on the Lady Titans.

**March 15, 2005, Erie.** Members of the Erie Regional Planning Committee met to discuss 2005-2006 events. Committee members attending: Cathy Sargent Mester ’69, Christine McCammon Palattella ’90, Cari Mester Russell ’97, and John Russell ’97. The committee planned to host an Erie SeaWolves baseball game and picnic on May 22. Thank you to the committee for its hard work!

**April 11, 2005, Akron, OH.** Members of the Akron-Canton-Cleveland Regional Planning Committee set dates for the 2005-2006 year. Committee members attending: Hidge Stockhausen Claire ’49, Chet Claire ’49 and Keith McCauley ’68. Upcoming events include an evening at Blossom Music Center with a picnic before the concert on August 27, as well as a Christmas Open House with Tom and Jean Williamson at The Galaxy Restaurant, Wadsworth, Ohio, on December 1.

**April 23, 2005, Columbus, OH.** Columbus-area alumni enjoyed a wonderful evening at the home of trustee John Landolfi ’86 and his wife Christina, with special guests Tom and Jean Williamson. Alumni enjoyed reconnecting and hearing updates from President Williamson and Jim Dafler, director of athletics. Thanks John and Christina for your gracious hospitality!

**UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS:**

**JUNE**
- 25 Pittsburgh alumni volunteer event at North Hills Relay for Life, Shaler Titan Stadium
- 30 Williamsport Crosscutters baseball game featuring a pre-game picnic

**AUGUST**
- 5 Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game featuring “Skyblast”
- 7 9th annual Westminster Day at Chautauqua
- 27 Akron-Canton-Cleveland evening at Blossom Music Center with a pre-concert picnic

**SEPTEMBER**
- TBA Eastern PA Weekend Alumni Event in State College, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia

**DECEMBER**
- 1 Akron-Canton-Cleveland Christmas reception with Tom and Jean Williamson
- 7 Pittsburgh Christmas reception with Tom and Jean Williamson
April 30, New Wilmington. Jean Williamson hosted members of the Pittsburgh Westminster College Women’s Club for a spring luncheon. The program on “Herbs—the useful plant” was presented by Nancy Schaffer Varner ’63. Thank you to Carol Burry Forsythe ’63 for organizing the luncheon. What a great afternoon! Congratulations to president Lynn Lowry Foltz ’80 and club members for celebrating a wonderful 100th anniversary year!

April 30, New Wilmington, Westminster College Field Station. Special thanks to Clarence Harms, director of the Field Station and biology professor emeritus, for organizing an alumni “tree planting” at the Field Station. Mary Cooley James ’84 worked with more than a dozen alumni planting seedlings in the Offutt Microforest. Alumni, including Laura Babcock ’99, Jean Halstead ’94, Mary Ann Wall Harms ’79, Danette Harms-Robinson ’87, Mary James, Barbara Stiver Kooser ’79, Beth Lehman ’96, Apryl Preston Lytle ’99 (below), Dena Barefoot Masterino ’92, Greg & Martha McKean Michalek ’87 ’91, Judy Krehley Moore ’86, and Earl Stiver ’53, planted 45 trees during the Arbor Day event.

May 1, Westminster College campus. More than 39 Lawrence-Mercer-Youngstown area alumni and guests attended a luncheon in the McKelvey Campus Center and a performance of the Westminster College Orchestra in Orr Auditorium. The orchestra was under the direction of John Murcko. Great Westminster fellowship and a spectacular performance by our very talented students!

Special thanks to Caryn Mehalik Pizon ’96 for “meeting” with me via e-mail to organize an upcoming alumni outing at Rawhide Western Town & Steakhouse in Phoenix, Ariz., on June 4. Caryn and her husband, Tony Pizon ’97, planned to host this fun event.

It’s been a very busy winter and spring for Regional Connections! I am thrilled to have the opportunity to meet with regional alumni volunteers throughout the country. Please write me or call me if you are interested in making connections for Westminster in your area. I’d love to hear from you.

Cindy Dafler ’03 has been a member of the Westminster College staff since 1991.

As coordinator of advancement events, Cindy is responsible for coordinating and implementing all events and activities associated with advancement programs – including regional alumni events. For information about an upcoming regional event or if you are interested in hosting an event in your area, contact Cindy at 724-946-7373 or daflercs@westminster.edu.
Workshop Brings Out “VolunTitans”

More than 50 alumni and friends of the College gathered in the McKelvey Campus Center April 16 for the Westminster Volunteer Workshop hosted by the Alumni Council.

“How To” sessions on admissions, event planning and fund raising were led by Westminster alumni professionals in these fields: Bruce Bartoo ’86, executive director, foundations, Pro Medica Health Systems; Kevin Garvey ’77, vice president for development and marketing, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra; Sharon Ellwood McCullough ’79, owner, Expert Events; Syl Miele ’58, Operation Impact volunteer, Bradley Tokar ’91, senior associate director of admissions at Westminster, and Julie Shevitt Weagraff ’92, director of development, Crossroads.

During lunch, campus news was shared by President Williamson. Jeff Tobin ’78, owner, Henry Hall, Inc., encouraged attendees to consider how to best utilize their talents to be “VolunTitans” and not become “voluntired.”

Alumni gathered for workshop registration, social time, and a great view of campus in the Carlson Atrium, McKelvey Campus Center.

Thompson House Memories

Memories of Thompson House shared by those who lived or worked in the building are on their way to the press. Thanks to Dorothy Pollock ’46, letters, e-mails, photos and phone calls from over 50 residents have been compiled to provide a unique perspective of student life at Westminster since the 1930s.

The collection of Thompson House memories will be available later this summer. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations if you are interested in a copy.

Is this your sister?

Alpha Gamma Delta seniors stand on the front steps of Thompson House in this photo dated spring 1953. Do you know who these lovely ladies are? If so, please share their names with the alumni office.

Return to campus for Homecoming ’05

Come back to campus for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, Sept. 23-25, 2005. Make plans now to meet your friends in the TUB, cheer on the Titans as they take on Thomas More College, meet the Homecoming Court, and see the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen. Don’t miss the parade... the theme this year is “Game Shows.” A special addition to the festivities this year will be the rededication of Old Main Memorial. Watch your mail for event details and reservation information late this summer.

Reunions will be celebrated Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005. Make plans now to meet your classmates.
Breaking New Ground

College offering townhouses for 2006; first new student housing in 40 years

When it comes to student housing, Westminster is breaking new ground. For the first time in 40 years, the 2006 Fall Semester will open with a brand new housing option for students.

The College broke ground on May 13 for a $3 million townhouse project on the recreational field between Russell Hall and the Amphitheater overlooking Brittain Lake. The three townhouses will house 60 students – five townhouse units containing four single bedrooms in each of the three buildings.

The townhouses, designed by the architectural firm of Davis, Gardner, Gannon and Pope, will provide transitional living quarters for upperclass students, helping them to develop independent real-world living skills. Construction will be handled by Bridges General Contractors.

Thompson House, a former home that had been used for student housing before being transformed into administrative offices, will once again house students in 2006. The historic building will be refitted for student use and will accommodate an additional 12-16 students. Westminster’s alumni office will be relocated to the newly purchased Wiley Alumni House next door to Eichenauer, the last residence hall to be built (1966) at the College. The Celebrity Series office will move from Thompson House to the former dining room in Russell Hall.

Above: Breaking ground on the new townhouses on the hill near Russell Hall and Brittain Lake. From left to right: President R. Thomas Williamson, Board chairman George Berlin, architect Jeffrey Davis, SGA president Jessica Rummel, Dean of Student Affairs Neal Edman, and contractor Paul “Gus” Marquart. Right: George Berlin, chair of the Westminster Board of Trustees, welcomes a group of more than 50 onlookers to the groundbreaking ceremony. Below: President Williamson shares a light moment with Neal Edman and Jessica Rummel.
SSebastian Driver-Salazar had about two weeks to go until graduation and only minutes before he presented his senior project to an audience of about 75 fellow students, faculty members and interested observers. A smooth and fearless sports commentator so well-polished that he became the student voice and face of Titan athletics, Driver-Salazar is
equally adept at play-by-play or analysis, even handling his own studio show. But, reflecting on the seemingly endless swatches of time he devoted to his capstone project and the accompanying presentation over the past two semesters, the senior broadcast communications major was uncharacteristically slow to quantify it.

“There’s no way to calculate how many hours it was,” he said finally. “But I know it was a lot.”

Such is the nature of the senior capstone project at Westminster College. It can leave even the gibbest of the class momentarily speechless.

This spring, for the first time since its inception several years ago, the College initiated an exhaustive review of the senior capstone and found that, in practice, it is all that it was ever claimed to be – at once the most challenging, difficult, time-consuming, and yes, rewarding experience a student will endure. The College’s Curriculum Development Committee (CDC) focused on the capstone this semester after previously studying other portions of the Westminster Plan Curriculum (First-Year Program, Intellectual Perspectives, Clusters).

“We’re stepping back to see if capstones are doing what we think they should be doing,” said Jesse T. Mann, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. “We in higher education are having our feet held to the fire by the public. Are we doing what we say we’re doing? Can students write? Can they speak in public? Do they have the quantitative skills it takes in the real world? Capstones are really going to help us demonstrate that students are prepared to do what we say they are in their major areas.”

Not only a means of assessment in the major, capstones are a way of assessing the validity of the liberal studies program as a whole, said Virginia Tomlinson, an associate professor of sociology and chair of the CDC.

“What we determined and what the committee approved was an affirmation that capstone courses are both,” Tomlinson said. “They are a culminating experience and an opportunity for advanced work in the major, and the application of the general liberal studies education as well.

“We’re articulating clearly the role of capstones. Students really have two majors – one in a specific discipline and one in liberal studies – and now we’re seeing the capstone as the culmination of both of those.”

The final component of the liberal studies program at Westminster, the senior capstone course is at least four semester hours of work in which a student completes an in-depth original study, experiment or performance in his or her discipline. The capstone usually includes a public presentation and perhaps an oral defense. For Driver-Salazar, the capstone occupied both semesters of his senior year. In the fall, he was the host for “Coaches Corner,” the Westminster Cable Network’s weekly highlight show on Titan football. In the spring, he compiled a real-life résumé tape he would use in his post-college job search.

“When you do something like put together a résumé tape it really takes a long time. You have to go through all the junk to get to the few gems and it takes quite a while,” said Driver-Salazar, a Bethesda, Md., native who previously interned at WUSA-TV, a CBS affiliate, and Comcast Sports Net in nearby Washington, D.C. “Some of the things I used are things I broadcast in my sophomore year, so it really covers everything from top to bottom.

“Unlike other majors here, one of the big things is when you produce a résumé tape, it’s not just to turn in. It’s what you’re going to give to future employers. If you want to be on-air, it doesn’t matter about your GPA, it doesn’t matter about your résumé. What really is important is what they see on tape.”

“Students find capstones to be incredibly challenging,” Tomlinson said. “It’s a time they realize what they know and understand about their discipline and have come to terms with what they don’t know and perhaps don’t understand.

“For many students, it’s the most rewarding work that they do. It’s also incredibly rewarding for me as a faculty member. In one of my meetings with a student it was clear that he understood a concept in a way that he never understood it before. It was a light-bulb moment and it surprised him. I’ll never forget that moment. It was life-changing.”

The idea of a senior comprehensive project is certainly not new to academia. But extending the opportunity of a capstone to all members of the senior class – as a prerequisite for graduation – is a notion that is gaining steam in academic circles. Since the mid-1990s, the Association of American Colleges and Universities has been focusing heavily on curriculum and many of its conclusions are reflected in the Westminster Plan.

“Even in the last year or two, they’ve come out with a lot of publications on the attributes of good curricula which really resemble the way we do business,” Mann said. “One of the things they think is important is this culminating experience for all students. That’s really what drove us to the capstone concept when we put this curriculum together. We wanted an opportunity for all students to do this kind of in-depth project in their area.”

Before the Westminster Plan went into effect, students took required courses, but excepting foreign languages where a progression of skills was necessary to advance, and the Honors program, where there was a senior project in place, there was no designated sequence. Hence, no all-inclusive cap to tie in all the pieces of the educational experience.

“We’ve gotten away from that. We’re trying to be more systematic and more intentional about the way students learn,” Mann said. “First-year students are having a common experience. In the second and third year, they’re doing their breadth of studies – IP’s, clusters – and seniors are doing culminating capstones. It’s a more logical progression. It makes a lot more sense for the curriculum.”

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Westminster College conferred degrees on over 375 graduates during its 151st annual Commencement ceremony on May 14. Persistent rain forced the event indoors for the second time in four years. Honorary degrees were awarded to Jerry Boone, a former dean of students and interim president at Westminster; Jack Hoey, retired president and CEO of The Peoples Natural Gas Company and former chair of the Westminster Board of Trustees; and Mabel Kocher ’32, retired associate professor and librarian emerita at Westminster.

Above: The Westminster Brass Quintet plays for a jam-packed Memorial Field House in a prelude to the Commencement ceremony.

Right: The Rev. David Dawson ’69, executive presbyter for the Shenango Presbytery, spoke about “Continuing the Journey... The Cost of Living” at Baccalaureate.

Far right: The senior choir provided music during the Baccalaureate service.

▲ New graduate Kathleen Fisher shows off her diploma.
The 2005 Senior Class Gift Committee presented a check for $2,939 at the senior class luncheon on Friday, May 13.

English major Sandra Edmiston delivered the senior class speech, “Moving on to Keep Things Whole.”

Chairman George Berlin (left) and President R. Thomas Williamson (far right) with honorary degree recipients Jack Hoey, Mabel Kocher, and Jerry Boone.

Bagpiper Donald Wallace ’74 kicked off the Commencement ceremony by leading the grand march into the Field House.

Not even the soggy weather could dampen the spirits of Samantha Baldwin and the Class of 2005.
From the Ridiculous to the Sublime

Once a ‘horrible’ student, Betsy Ford forged herself into a master teacher

Elizabeth Ford offers a blunt assessment of her younger days on the other side of the classroom. She uses words like “horrible” and “ridiculous,” which seem peculiar descriptions for a varied and flexible academic mind who earned a Ph.D. investigating the role of children in the works of E.M. Forster and Virginia Woolf, and became a beloved professor and adviser at Westminster.

“I was terrible,” said Ford, who was named at Commencement as the 2005 winner of the Distinguished Faculty Award. “I cut classes. I failed things that I didn’t like. So I could relate to students who were like I was. I understood that I was here to prod them and make the turn a little sooner than I did.”

Married at age 19, she dropped out of Youngstown State University after her first year and immediately began a family. But while raising her children in Maryland, Ford felt compelled to return to school. She began devouring books and soon attended classes part time at the Maryland Institute of Art, then the University of Baltimore. Returning to Youngstown, and after switching majors a few times, Ford earned her bachelor of arts from YSU in 1980.

“The whole time I was raising my children, I knew I needed to go to school,” Ford said. “I read my way through two libraries in Annapolis.”

From then on out, it was full speed ahead for Ford, who began taking graduate classes in English and taught composition part time at YSU.

“I felt like an eternal student, but 12 years later, I popped out with a Ph.D.,” Ford said. “Once I started on that path, Elizabeth Ford was named the College’s 2005 Distinguished Faculty Award winner at Commencement. Ford, who joined the Westminster faculty in 1989 after completing her Ph.D. at Kent State University, retired at the end of the semester and was subsequently named professor of English emerita.
Past recipients of the Distinguished Faculty Award, presented each year to an outstanding member of the Westminster faculty:

1990 – Eugene G. Sharkey
1991 – Peter W. Macky
1992 – L. Jerold Miller
1993 – Clarence E. Harms
1994 – Darwin W. Huey
1995 – Mary W. Hill
1996 – Harry G. Swanhart
1997 – Frederick D. Horn
1998 – Warren D. Hickman
1999 – Floyd J. Zehr
2000 – Walter E. Scheid and W. Thomas Nichols
2001 – Barbara T. Faires
2002 – Kenneth M. Long
2003 – David B. Gray
2004 – Ronald P. Bergy

Past Winners

Three Westminster faculty members participated in their final Commencement ceremonies on May 14 and received special recognition of their retirement.

Philip Fawley, Betsy Ford, and S. Kipley Haas were honored by the Board of Trustees for their collective 84 years of service to the College: Fawley was named professor of biology emeritus; Ford was named professor of English emerita; and Haas was named professor of physical education emerita.

Fawley joined the Westminster faculty in 1972. He earned his undergraduate degree, master’s degree and doctorate at Kent State University. He has published numerous articles in scientific journals, taught workshops and been listed in Who’s Who in American Educators. He was also co-director in the early years of the Science Olympiad.

Fawley

Ford joined the Westminster faculty in 1989. She earned her bachelor of arts and master’s degree from Youngstown State University and completed her doctorate at Kent State University (See story above).

Haas joined the physical education department at Westminster in 1970 after three years of teaching in the New Castle public schools. Haas served as head coach of intercollegiate teams in women’s basketball, women’s tennis and field hockey at Westminster and also assisted in several programs, including women’s golf. She also taught nine classes, assisted with intramurals and led a weekly exercise class.

She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Slippery Rock University.

Haas

(Broadwater is editor of Westminster Magazine.)
Alumna, husband breathe new life into local landmark

By Carol Eberhart ’94, M ’04

Westminster College alumna Jennifer Brooks Behm ’89 and her husband, Jay, recently purchased The Tavern in New Wilmington. Visitors can expect some changes, but many things will remain the way they remember.

“For example, the wait staff no longer recites the menu, but many favorites such as ham loaf, spinach salad, and sticky buns are still part of the cuisine,” said Jennifer Behm. “We’ve tried to take the place back, as close as we could, to what it was when it was built, and tie it into Westminster and New Wilmington history. We started by investigating the history of the house and the times in which it was built.”

The Behms found that The Tavern was built in 1849 for Dr. Seth Poppino, who was one of the first teachers in New Wilmington and a key member who helped establish the First Methodist Church in town. Poppino was also the town’s first physician and practiced medicine for almost 30 years in the little building attached to The Tavern.

Jennifer Brooks Behm’89 and her husband Jay recently bought and renovated a New Wilmington landmark, The Tavern. The couple researched the building’s history and tied in its restoration to the history of both the town and College, while maintaining many of the restaurant’s distinguishing characteristics, including the famous sticky buns.

“We met with the great-great-granddaughter of Poppino, Martha Spencer, who lives in Minnesota,” Behm said. “She opened up a treasure trove of items that are now on display in the entryway. There’s an 1824 town map, some deeds and checks written in the 1800s, an 1880 Globe, and the Western Christian Advocate, an abolitionist newspaper.”

The home of Dr. Poppino was well-known for its role in the Underground Railroad. In the early years, the family harbored...
slaves in the cellar, and word soon passed that this was a safe stop, as the documents on the lobby walls indicate.

The first record of a Westminster alumna owning The Tavern was in 1933, when out of financial necessity, Ernst and Cora (Williams) Durast established a restaurant there. Since then, The Tavern has gained a reputation for fine dining.

Returning alumni will not only notice the antique papers hanging in the entryway, but will also notice that it has been opened up. The counter and carpet have been removed to reveal the refinished wide-plank wood floors.

“We tried to have all the remodeling work done in The Tavern by local talent,” Behm said. “We designed our crest, but a local artist, Gib McGill ’68 drew it for us. The Western Pennsylvania Windsor chairs in the grand dining room were made by Chris Tyner of Neshannock Woods. Gib painted all our murals in the style of Rufus Porter, a New England itinerant mural painter and inventor of the 1830s. The stencils throughout the restaurant were cut and painted by Cathy Williamson of New Castle and are true replicas of Moses Eaton, who was a contemporary of Rufus Porter. The two of them were often found painting together throughout New England.”

In the grand dining room stands a full-wall mural of New Wilmington, featuring campus and town buildings. In the back of the room there is a newly restored working fireplace, and a beautiful mural that takes the visitor up a small winding staircase to the second floor.

The staircase leads to the Liberty Room and on to a large banquet room where the Rotary met for over 50 years. The Kelly Room features a black painted floor with the pattern of the placemats hand stenciled, and a mural replica, except for the wording, of an 1840s sign over the fireplace.

“Before fraternities, there were eating clubs,” Behm said. “The Kelly Room was home to the Kelly Eating Club, which later became the Sig Eps. The Crescent Room on the first floor was the meeting room for the Crescent Eating Club. Thomas V. Mansell ’29 was a member of the Crescent Eating Club that is now the Alpha Sigs.”

Down the main stairs to the left is the Crescent Room. There visitors will notice a unique mural over a different fireplace. This mural is a replica of Porter’s Dartmouth painting, but McGill used Westminster buildings instead, while retaining the rising sun which symbolized the rising of knowledge.

“The Kelly Room has the original furniture restored,” Behm said. “It was a place for the young men to party after dinner.”

Areas that visitors will not see, such as the kitchen, have also been remodeled.

“We reconfigured our kitchen, added new floors, new equipment, and a new chef, Jackie White from the Pittsburgh Culinary Institute,” Behm said. “She comes to us from Enrico’s in Pittsburgh. We use everything fresh here. Nothing is ever frozen, not even our seafood. We’ve added a takeout lunch menu, too. We encourage everyone to stroll in no matter your dress...it can be informal or formal. Customers can also bring wine or ale, and we will store it until dinner.”

A story about The Tavern would not be complete without a mention of the glorious sticky buns.

“We found a man who worked here for 35 years, Walt Slagle, who is now 71,” Behm stated. “He had the original recipe, and he does all of our baking.”

Purchasing a New Wilmington landmark wasn’t something the Behms had ever given much thought. But when they saw an ad in the Globe announcing that The Tavern was going up for auction, they felt compelled to approach the former owners.

“We toured the building and knew right away that we wanted to revitalize this place,” Behm said. “It had too many memories to let it fall apart. We’re still not finished with the remodeling. We want to add an outdoor garden behind the little house, where people can have parties or just stop in to eat during the summer months. We hope to see many alumni in the coming months and years to share our story.”

(Eberhart is communications assistant at Westminster College.)
By any definition, Colonel Donald T. Kellett ’35 was a Renaissance man. The Westminster graduate first worked as a reporter and editor for the New York Daily News before joining the U.S. Army shortly before Pearl Harbor. During World War II, he served as an infantry officer in the North Africa and Sicily-Italy campaigns, where he was twice wounded and decorated for bravery. His post-war assignments – in a distinguished military career spanning nearly 30 years – included serving as a military adviser to U.S. embassies in Spain, Chile, and Indochina. And in retirement, he worked for 10 years as a vice president of the Bank of America in San Francisco, organizing its first trust department.

His lifetime avocation and passion, though, was music. While in the Army, Kellett noted that there was very little new military music. He began composing marches for his own and other units, nine pieces in all, which are still widely performed by the Army Band today, and he is considered the foremost composer of military marches since John Phillip Sousa.

All this from a man who had no formal training in music.

“Donald’s family had a piano in their home while he was growing up, and he just picked it up,” recalled his wife, Doris Kellett of Atherton, Calif. “He might have had a few piano lessons as a child, but that was it.”

Kellett and several friends from his hometown of Freeport, N.Y., chose to attend Westminster, where he studied English. During the summers, he returned home and played piano in a swing band called the Cliquot Club Eskimos (named for a popular soft drink of the day). This brought him into contact with many well-known Broadway performers and musicians (including the George M. Cohan family) who summered on Long Island, and encouraged the young man to begin writing his own music.

“He just had a knack… of being able to write music, and to play by ear,” said Doris Kellett. “In the service you often have to make your own fun, and at social gatherings Don would always be playing the piano surrounded by a group of friends. We had a wonderful time.”

Doris Kellett shared her husband’s love of the arts but admits that it is not always easy living with such natural talent. “I studied classical piano for 10 years, and it never came easy,” she laughed. “Finally, I gave it up, and turned to painting instead.”

Donald Kellett passed away in 1991. In 1999, Doris Kellett donated the entire collection of her husband’s music (including original scores, correspondence, early recordings, etc.) to the Westminster College Music Library for preservation, research, and educational purposes. Research inquiries have been received from the U.S. Army Band and Chorus/Europe, and the Westminster College Marching Band has recorded all of his marches (from the original handwritten scores) on a CD.

Last year, after reading about the renovation of the music department and Orr Auditorium as part of the development of the Western Pennsylvania Cultural Arts Center, Doris Kellett decided to make a major gift to the project in memory of her husband.

“Donald loved all sorts of music, opera, theatre, and other cultural activities,” she said, “and there could be no better way to honor him than to help share this love with others by supporting the new Cultural Arts Center. I knew this gift would have made him – and would make me – very happy. So, I thought, why not do it now?”

For more information on memorial gifts and other planned giving opportunities, please contact Gloria Cagigas, vice president for institutional advancement, at 724-946-7368, or Sue Rudloff, director of advancement programs, at 724-946-7673.
45 Agnes Jackson Wilson is the author of a book about her father, the Rev. James Renwick Jackson, one of the leading Presbyterian ministers in the United States in the 1940s and 1950s.

52 Richard Zimmerman retired after 38 years as organist and choirmaster at Church of the Covenant. He continues to play the organ part time and is a jury commissioner in Washington County because he “likes to work.”

55 Margaret Edmonds McConnell M’82 is employed in the development office at Presbyterian Children’s Village, a non-profit children’s agency in Rosemont. Peggy and her husband, Judd McConnell M’65, make their home in Mechanicsburg.

Jerry Shannon has retired as supervisor of student teachers at Duquesne University’s Mary Pappert School. His wife, Virginia Dickson Shannon ’58, is an adjunct faculty member and a therapist in private practice. Jerry and Ginny reside in Monroeville.

57 The Rev. Eugene Degitz has retired and earned the title of vice president for seminary relations emeritus from Princeton Theological Seminary. Gene and his wife, Jackie Adams Degitz ’59, live in Ligonier.

61 Allen Foster and his wife, Miriam Morris Foster, have relocated to Whitefish, Mont.

Wallace Growney is retired. He and his wife, Andrea, live in Lincoln, Mass.

62 Thomas Cooke of Sarasota, Fla., has retired from the real estate business.

Veto Polce has retired as special projects manager for Brandywine Homes Corp. His wife, Mary Ann McCracken Polce ’65, has retired as master teacher at The Canterbury School of Florida. They make their home in Safety Harbor, Fla.

David McLaughlin, a former assistant director of admissions and registrar at Westminster, has retired as guidance counselor and track and cross country coach in the Manheim Township School District. His wife, Nancy King McLaughlin ’80, has retired as in-service coordinator at Lancaster General Hospital. The couple lives in Naples, Fla.

64 Craig Fetters has retired as vice president/credit analysis manager with Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle. He and his wife, Linda Wood Fetters ’65, are residents of Mercer Island, Wash.

Diane Savage Miller retired after 40 years teaching high school special education. She enjoys several hobbies and is looking forward to traveling.

65 Joan McLachlan and her husband, Eugene Cimini, have relocated to Cape Cod, where Joan is a senior research consultant with Magi Educational Services.

67 Lynne Berthold Thornhill is a kindergarten teacher at Forest Hills Elementary in Coral Springs, Fla.

68 James Blair has retired as a security investigator supervisor with the Pennsylvania Securities Commission. He and his wife, Carole, live in Greensburg.

Dr. Robert Luderer received the Clarion Area Chamber of Business and Industry 2004 Citizen of the Year Award for valuing human life, friendship and his community. A staff oncologist at Clarion Hospital, he was instrumental in establishing the cancer center there. He and his wife, Karen Gardner Luderer, are residents of Clarion.

Lance Sturni of Somerset is employed by Laurel Highlands Financial Services.

James Turner Jr., chief Democratic counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, was the keynote speaker at Careers in Government Day, a job fair held at Slippery Rock University.

69 Jane Herchenroether Kirsch is northeast regional sales manager with LG Solid Source. She lives in Malvern.

Leighton Stamps has been appointed chair of the Department of Psychology at the University of New Orleans, where he has been a member of the faculty for 30 years. Lee and his wife, Nancy, make their home in Slidell, La.

70 Gary Parsons, a librarian at Florida Atlantic University, had his article “Alternative Energy: Resources from Coal to Wind” published in the January 2005 issue of College and Research Libraries News.

71 Coleen McQuaid Kasperek is an instructor at the University of Hawaii’s Kauai Community College. She and her husband, Brian, live in Kalaeaho, Hawaii.

Calvin Wallace is director of support services at Eldredge Fox & Portelli LLP, an accounting and business consulting firm. He and his wife, Kathy, are residents of Canandaigua, N.Y.

72 Terry Claypool has been inducted into the Armstrong County Sports Hall of Fame for his accomplishments as a high school wrestler at Kittanning.

Timothy Rose is president of Liberty Mutual Property in Weston, Mass. Tim and his wife, Bev, reside in Wellesley, Mass.

73 The Rev. John Blewitt lives in Baton Rouge, La., where he is pastor at Faith Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Allene Morris Scott is medical director at UnumProvident Life Insurance Company. She and her husband, Jeffrey, and their sons live in Saco, Maine.

74 Cheryl Miller DeJonge is a private piano/voice teacher and substitute teacher. Her husband, Ronald DeJonge, is a personal trainer. Cheryl and Ron make their home in Lake Lily, Fla.

Kristin Robertson Bengyl and her husband, Alan, live in Fresno, Calif., where Kit is executive director of IHSS Public Authority of Fresno County.

75 David Santschi is commercial sales manager at Excel/Allied, a relocation and transportation firm in Raleigh, N.C. Dave and his wife, Lauren, and their children make their home in Knightdale, N.C.

Drue Simpson Bellora, guidance counselor at McMurray Elementary School, has been named the 2005 Elementary Counselor of the Year by the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association. Among her many accomplishments in the district is her creation of Career Day. She is the founder of the Stephen Ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church, where laypeople are trained to provide one-on-one care for people in life crisis or transition.

Joan Woodbury Mock is an administrative assistant with Peace River Presbytery in North Port, Fla. She and her husband, the Rev. Stephen Mock ’76, live in Punta Gorda, Fla., where Steve is the minister at First Presbyterian Church, which was destroyed by Hurricane Charley. Assisting in the recovery effort is Randy Curtis ’80, the church’s music director.

76 Barbara Barley Stranksy is vice president, finance at Creative Community Living Services, Inc., a human services agency in Watertown, Wis. Barb lives in...
Stoughton, Wis., with her husband, Joe, and two children.

Ann Bauer Buechli is vice president, commercial services with Garland Agency, Inc., an insurance firm in Pittsburgh. She lives in Oakmont with her husband, Henry Buechli ’77.

Jonathan Clem is owner of G&A Services Unlimited, a financial services firm in Sunnyvale, Calif. He and his wife, Tien, live in Fremont, Calif.

James Cosentino is vice president and corporate controller at CD&L, a courier service. Cos lives in Metuchen, N.J., with his wife, Bev, and daughter.

Cdr. Robert Crall is an active duty chaplain stationed at Great Lakes Naval Station. His wife, Marsha Kennedy Crall ’74 M’76, is a teacher at Lake Bluff Middle School. Bob and Marsha reside in Gurnee, Ill.

Daniel Filipponi and his wife, Lisa, are residents of Winston-Salem, N.C., where Dan is senior vice president at Wachovia Bank of North Carolina.

Heidi Gregory Walling and her husband, Mark, reside in Hamburg, N.Y., where Heidi is a nurse at ASPIRE.

David Hall has retired. His wife, Gail Boberg Hall, is president of Actex Publications. Dave and Gail live in West Hartford, Conn.

Deborah Hall Zupanovich is an engineering program coordinator with Hewlett-Packard. Debbie and her husband, John Zupanovich ’74, make their home in Mechanicsville, Va.

George Kaye is manager, data processing with Kanbay, Inc., a consulting firm based in Rosemont, Ill. He and his wife, Brenda, and their children live in Richmond Heights, Ohio.

Ralph Kennedy II is executive director at Tennessee Family Solutions, Inc., a non-profit social service provider. He and his wife, Tracy, live in Ashland City, Tenn.

Charles Kratz III has retired as president and owner of Kratz Automotive Warehouse, Inc. His wife, Diana Bittle Kratz ’75, is a fitness instructor at The Fitness Factory. Chuck and Diana make their home in Cranberry Township.

Patricia Richards Minner is a kindergarten teacher in the South Butler County School District. Patty lives in Butler with her husband, Gary.

Michael Rimbev is senior vice president of CRC Insurance Services in Norcross, Ga. His wife, Janet Holpfer Rimbev ’75, is an elementary teacher at Midway Presbyterian in Powder Springs, Ga. Mike and Jan make their home in Kennesaw, Ga.

Robin Stephenson Altman teaches in the gifted program at Lenape Elementary in the Armstrong School District. Her husband, Gary Altman, is vice president, broker of record at Altman Real Estate Agency, Inc. The Altmans live in Kittanning.

Candace Johnson Schneckenburger is a volunteer at Dr. Weeks Elementary School. Her husband, David Schneckenburger ’76, is president of Thompson & Johnson Equipment Company, a material handling equipment distributor. Candee and Dave live in Manlius, N.Y.

The Rev. Robert Malcolm IV has been instrumental in developing a successful youth program at Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church. Cam and his wife, Laurie, are residents of Natrona Heights.

Dr. John Shaffer is executive deputy secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections in Camp Hill. His wife, Christine Vesely Shaffer ’80, is accounting and business manager at Harrisburg Area Community College.

Marc Devaney and his wife, Cheryl, have relocated to Starkville, Miss., where Marc is an elementary teacher in the Lowndes County School District.

John DiSanti has been hired as superintendent at West Allegheny School District. In his spare time, he is a baseball and ice hockey coach, a guest conductor, and a piano teacher.

Bruce Richter teaches 538 artists at Mountville Elementary School in the Hempfield School District. The students, from kindergarten through sixth grade, host an annual art show, in which each enters two pieces that portray some element of a central theme.

Roger Baney is quality assurance manager at GMA, an Allentown firm that provides inserting solutions for the newspaper industry. He and his wife, Donna, make their home in Bath.

Michael Glodowski teaches career based intervention to at-risk high school students in the Mayfield City Schools. He is an assistant football and track coach, and is mathematics adjunct faculty for Cuyahoga Community College. In his spare time, he trains for and runs in marathons. Michael and his wife, Patty, and their two children live in Eastlake, Ohio.

The Rev. Harold Hartley III received his doctorate in education from Vanderbilt University and is director of research for the Council of Independent Colleges in Washington, D.C. Hal and his wife, Donna, make their home in Locust Grove, Va.

Gary Johnson lives in Perry, Ohio, with his wife, Cynthia, and their three children. He is a fourth-grade teacher and was recently named science curriculum director in the Perry Local Schools.

Bryan Langford of Pittsburgh is employed by St. Paul Travelers Insurance.

Barbara Briggs has been promoted to director of administrative services for Health Source Associates, a healthcare provider based in West Palm Beach, Fla. Barb makes her home in Pittsburgh.

Jeffrey Drew is self-employed as chief computerhead with
Mr. Computerhead.com. Jeff lives in Darien, Conn., with his wife, Norma.

Daniel Herchenrother is a writer and consultant. He makes his home in Pittsburgh with his wife, Wendy Stroebel Herchenrother ’83, and their two children.

Cleda Klingensmith is an executive assistant for Pittsburgh City Council.

David Nobs has been appointed to the board of directors of The Giving Back Fund, a national public charity specializing in helping celebrities increase the impact of their charitable giving. Dave is general manager of Rogers & Cowan, an entertainment public relations and marketing agency. He lives in Pasadena, Calif., with his wife, Mary Beth, and their son.

Paul Thompson is principal at Pleasant Grove Elementary School. He resides in Zanesville, Ohio, with his wife, Linda.

Shelley Davies Wyant accepted a position as vice president, associate creative director at Eisner Communications in Baltimore. She and her husband, Jeffery, are at home in Ellicott City, Md.

Susan Kring is a family physician at Blue Ridge Community Health in Hendersonville, N.C.

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

Elizabeth Craft Wooster is minister of Christian education at Brecksville United Methodist Church. She and her husband, Matt, and their sons live in Hudson, Ohio.

Thomas Davis Jr. received his master’s in tax accounting from the University of Akron.

Tom, a resident of Poland, Ohio, is an accountant with Hill, Barth & King, CPAs in Youngstown.

Larry Morrison is chief financial officer with Oregon Medical Laboratories. He resides in Eugene, Ore., with his wife, Gabriela, and three children.

Mary Byers Kimbro has been named director, market segments North America, for PPG Automotive Refinish. She was awarded a patent for a new coatings technology and was a recipient of PPG’s Presidential Award for her significant contributions.

Michael Calla is supervisor of curriculum and instruction in the Sharon City School District. He and his wife, Mary Beth, and their two children live in Sharon.

Susan Cardella of San Diego is self-employed as a software consultant.

Dawn Sampson Klinger has moved to Birmingham, Ala., with her husband, Roger, and their daughter.

Ann Weiner Baumgardner has completed a course to become a lay pastor, and currently works part time as a church education director. She has had articles published in the Christian Science Monitor and has done readings of her work on public radio. She lives in West Chester, Ohio, with her husband, Erich, and daughter.

Christopher Davis is a student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Jacqueline, and two daughters.

Jonathon Sarraino is vice president of purchasing and supply chain management for M&M Aerospace Hardware, Inc., an aerospace distribution firm. Jon has relocated to Coral Gables, Fla., with his wife, Lisa, and son.

Gayle Scarmack Orrico is an independent consultant with Home & Garden Party. She lives in New Castle with her husband, David, and daughter.

David Andrews of Harrisburg has been promoted to director of enterprise application development for the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.

Cheryl Bower Morgan is assistant director for information technology at Forsyth County Public Library. She and her husband, William, live in Ball Ground, Ga.

Lauren-Judith Krizer of Brookveille, Md., is education program specialist for the United States Diplomacy Museum of the United States Department of State in Washington, D.C.

Sharon McRae, former adult services librarian, has been promoted to director of the Shaler North Hills Library.

Katie Todd Thien has moved to Zanesville, Ohio, with her three children. She teaches middle school students with emotional/behavioral disabilities in the Maysville Local Schools, and is enrolled in the graduate program at Muskingum College.

Jacqueline Chiesa is employed with the Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services. Jacque lives in Pittsburgh.

Wilbur Hilde M ’94 of Volant is an instructor at Winner Institute of Arts & Sciences, a technical school in Transfer.

Amy Towle of Oak Park, Ill., is a reading specialist in Chicago, a teacher’s assistant at the University of Chicago’s Reading Clinic, and a volunteer interpreter for the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio.

Carrie Werts Magnan, her husband, A.J., and two children are on a two-year assignment in Cairo, Egypt. A.J. works in the

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93 Allysen AIken Byers and her husband, Edward, are counselor parents at George Junior Republic. The couple and their three children live in Grove City.

Christina DeFillip Traynor is a risk assessment scientist for RBR Consulting, Inc., an environmental consulting firm in Beaver Falls. Chris and her husband, Tim, are residents of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Julianne Falleroni won second place for her presentation at the American Academy of Family Physicians national conference in Orlando, Fla. She is a second-year family medicine resident and Navy lieutenant at Naval Hospital Bremerton, where she has been elected chief resident of her program. She lives in Port Orchard, Wash., with her husband, Bill Wolfe, and two sons.

Mark Hudak makes his home in Bessemer, where he is manager of Hudak & Sons Water Treatment.

Jane King of Norristown is director of underwriting training and quality for Unirin Direct Insurance Company, a personal lines insurance firm in Plymouth Meeting.

Colleen Manzini Penak is accounting manager with Nationwide Appraisal Services Corporation. She resides in Washington with her husband, Brian, and son.

Christen Uber is human resource manager with Randstad North America, a staffing firm. Chris makes her home in Smyrna, Ga.

94 Paul Darlington is director of campus operations at The Seed Public Charter School in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Linda, are residents of Alexandria, Va.

Michael Memo and his wife, Nicole Patrick Memo ‘95, are employed by Diagnostics Direct, Inc., a medical and institutional sales business. Michael and Nicole live in Youngstown, Ohio, with their three children.

Dr. Jennifer Caske Wallen and her husband, Dr. Brett Wallen, are residents of Denver, where Jennifer is an assistant professor of anesthesiology at The Children’s Hospital and the University of Colorado Health Science Center.

James Goske has been named assistant principal at Glenwood Middle School. He lives in Boardman, Ohio, with his wife, Marlis Paroz Goske ’94, and two children. (See also New Additions.)

Heidi Jorgensen Begeot and her husband, Ron, live in Hood River, Ore., where Heidi is location manager for BSS1 and races motocross for Mid-Columbia Yamaha Marine and Motor Sports.

Matthew Koepfer is area sales manager for GE Healthcare, Philadelphia division, medical diagnostics. He and his wife, Maria Sewell, and their two daughters reside in Doylestown.

Kasey Kovalcik is analytical manager at Metametrix Clinical Laboratory. He and his wife, Cheryl, live in Lawrenceville, Ga., with their son.

Kathleen McGtighe is deputy general manager IT applications, financial and accounting with US Steel. Her husband, David Lovett ’93, does computer consulting for a Pittsburgh-based firm from their home in Kosice, Slovakia.

Chad Sutley is an office leasing specialist with Columbus Commercial Realty, a Cushman & Wakefield affiliate. Chad and his wife, Allison Gallagher, make their home in Lewis Center, Ohio.

96 David Cook is vice president of Sugg Funeral Home, Inc.

Brenna Hartzell Tatusko and her husband, Andrew Tatusko, were honored by the Phi Mu Foundation for their volunteer efforts with pet rescue. Brenna is the New Jersey state coordinator for Rhodesian Ridgeback Rescue and a volunteer with Pet Rescue of Mercer. Brenna and Andrew live in Somerset, N.J., with their son. (See also New Additions.)

Michael Leydig has relocated to Scottsdale, Ariz., where he is senior regional sales manager with ING Funds.

The Rev. Sean Martin was called to be pastor of discipleship and small groups at Gashland Presbyterian Church. He has relocated to Kansas City, Mo., with his wife, Jill Markham Martin ’97, and their five children.

Kennon Rice received his Ph.D. from North Carolina State University and is an assistant professor at Albright College. He lives in Robesonia with his wife, Tracy, and son. (See also New Additions.)

Ann Salamon of Pittsburgh received her master’s degree from Duquesne University. She is a kindergarten teacher at Dormont Elementary School in the Keystone Oaks School District.

Kristopher Zook, vocal teacher and director of choirs at Red Bank Regional High School, took his high school choir of approximately 60 students on a performing tour of Italy and Austria. Kristopher and his wife, Amanda Gottschall Zook ’97, are residents of Eatontown, N.J.

97 Christie Alberts lives in Jacksonville, Fla., where she is area sales manager with Belk, a retailer.

Amy Bergstrom Crago is a radio DJ/news reporter with WLTJ-FM and WRRK-FM. She and her husband, Brandon, live in Fox Chapel.

Leigh Buckley received her master’s from Duquesne University. She lives in Cranberry Township with her husband, Scott Milk, and daughter. (See also New Additions.)

Kathryn Daly is project manager at the Oncology Nursing Society. Kate and her husband, Bill McAdams, live in Pittsburgh.

Leigh Gura Shane is an account manager with Derse Exhibits, a tradeshow exhibits firm in Warrendale. She and her husband, Chris, are residents of Pittsburgh.

98 Christina Buri is a graduate student in the physician assistant program at the Arizona School of Health Sciences. Chris makes her home in Mesa, Ariz.

Erica Burner is a genetic counselor at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. She has moved to Farmers Branch, Texas.

Aimee Essexhaugh Victoria received a master’s in education from the University of Oklahoma and is a counselor at Antonion College Preparatory High School in San Antonio. She and her husband, Christopher, have moved to New Braunfels, Texas, after three years in England.

Brian Fairman received his MBA from Western Illinois University and is professor of finance/assistant director of international exchange at Shanghai University in China.

Paul Giunta received his Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from Florida State University and is a senior research and development scientist with Behr Process in Santa Ana, Calif.

Sarah Kripp Mansmann received her master’s from the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. She and her husband, Peter, live in Pittsburgh, where Sarah is a loan officer at Northside Community Development Fund.

Rebecca Zeitter of Hoboken, N.J., is a senior account executive at Healthstar Public Relations in New York City.

99 Laura Babcock of Monroeville is a laboratory preparatory person at the University of Pittsburgh.

Hollie Frye Rugg received her early childhood teacher certification from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and is an early childhood teacher at Rockfish Hoke Elementary School. She and her husband, Timothy, make their home in Raeford, N.C.

Matthew Hummel received his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He has relocated to
Kristen Kress is theatre director at Springdale High School in the Allegheny Valley School District. She resides in Pittsburgh.

Naomi Miller Agostino and her husband, Michael, live in Pittsburgh, where Naomi is a research specialist at the University of Pittsburgh.

Sarah Miller Stussy is a student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She and her husband, Jimmy, are residents of Beaver Falls.

Jim Peterson received his master’s in public school administration from Old Dominion University. He and his wife, Becky, reside in Norfolk, Va., where Jim is an instructional math specialist in the Norfolk Public Schools. (See also Marriages.)

Michelle Schmader lives in Warren, Ohio, where she is outreach manager with Warren City Schools.

William Spencer and his wife, Karamie, have moved to Great Falls, Mont., where William is a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Lindsey Braem has been promoted to account executive in the client services department at Blatter Brunner in Pittsburgh.

Michael Dado is a police officer with the Warren, Ohio, Police Department. He and his wife, Lisa, make their home in New Castle.

Kenya Harrington and his wife, Dawn, have relocated to Youngstown, Ohio, where Kenya is assistant principal/academic dean in the Youngstown City Schools.

Anna Morris lives in Hubbard, Ohio, where she is a fourth-grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School.

Adriani Popovich of Harrison City is an event marketing manager with Junior Achievement of Southwest Pennsylvania in Warrendale.

Kimberly Schroeder of Annapolis, Md., is a marketing/client services representative for Beltway Title.

James Shevchuk has moved to Dunwoody, Ga., where he is a research assistant at Atherogenics, a pharmaceutical research firm.

Jessica Vituccio of Marietta, Ohio, is a retail banking coordinator with Heartland Bank in Columbus.

Nicole Findley Hughes is a third-grade teacher at Flint Hill Elementary School in the Fairfax County Public Schools. She and her husband, Erik, now live in Ashburn, Va.

Amanda Kengersky has been promoted to assistant account executive at Jack Horner Communications Inc.

Tracy Mroski Herrholtz is an English teacher at Austintown Fitch High School. She and her husband, Larry, make their home in Warren, Ohio.

Ericka Peterson received a master’s in interdisciplinary science from the University of Pennsylvania, and is a Ph.D. student at the Center for Functionally Integrative Neuroscience at Aarhus Kommune Hospital and Aarhus University. Her husband, Brent Witgen ’00, is a Ph.D. student in the Stereological Research Lab at Aarhus University. Ericka and Brent reside in Aarhus, Denmark. (See also Marriages.)

Sarah Proper Cvetto is assistant manager at Kids Foot Locker. She and her husband, Ralph, and daughters are residents of Girard, Ohio.

Carolee Reed of Cranberry Township is a staff accountant at Eness Design Group, LLC.

Megan Roussos of Canfield, Ohio, is a pharmaceutical sales representative with GlaxoSmithKline.
Marriages


94 Nadine MacLeod and George Valco, Aug. 28, 2004, at St. Brendan Church in Hilliard, Ohio. Julie Bramer Cantrell was a bridesmaid. Nadine is a paralegal at Thompson Hine, LLP in Columbus.

Wendy Zirngibl and Brian Logan, May 28, 2004. The couple resides in Bozeman, Mont., where Wendy is a graduate student in environmental history at Montana State University.

97 Kelly Dura and Neil Batiancila, Sept. 25, 2004. Participating in the ceremony were Kate Daly and Sara Rothenberger. The couple lives in Philadelphia.

Kimberly McCaskey and Dr. Philip Lee, June 5, 2004, in Meadville. Alumnae in the wedding party included Emily Reilly Irvin ’96, Mary Carney Borgesi ’98 and Kori Anderson. Alumni attending included Gwen Myron ’96, Valery Stefler Ciarimboli ’96, Dr. Amy Barley Schuem, Jason Borgesi ’98, Mindi Meehan Styn, Dr. John Bailey ’77 and Christine Weymer Bailey ’76. Faculty member Phyllis Kitzerow was a guest. The couple lives in Pittsburgh.


Jennifer Dlugos and Aaron Detwiler ’04, Nov. 6, 2004. Participants included Molly Cready, Lindsey Yanke ’02, Erin Pugh ’02, Dan Detwiler ’00, Jules Dlugos ’08, Kurt Latta and Patrick Grandy ’04. Jenn is a teacher at Union Elementary School in New Castle, and Aaron is a manager trainee at 84 Lumber. The couple lives in Beaver.


Jim Peterson and Rebecca Heely, June 26, 2004, in Avon, N.C. The wedding party included Chris Campbell ’00, Brent Witgen ’00, Dan Arnett ’02 and Ericka Peterson ’03. A number of Westminster alumni were in attendance. (See also Class Notes.)

Jessica Prevost and Adam Simcox, July 3, 2004, in Pittsburgh. Alumni participants included Greta Tommarello Garsteck ’02, Sara Blankenberg ’02 and Kyelene Adams ’02. Several other alumni were in attendance. Jessica has completed a master’s in teaching and is a substitute teacher in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Michele Rosenberg and Michael Crochunis ’03, Sept. 18, 2004, in Wallace Memorial Chapel. Participating alumni included Allison McCormick Parshall ’02, John Hauser and Chris Nave ’03. Several other alumni were in attendance. The couple resides in Coraopolis.

Leah Bell and Nicholas Donovan, Nov. 6, 2004, at Mount Olivet Presbyterian Church in Independence Township. Leah is a service rep for the Social Security Administration in Ambridge. The couple lives in Zelienople.
New Additions

73 Robert Wisemann and his wife, Cathleen: a son, Patrick Allen, in 2004. The family lives in Gibsonia.


87 Dr. Cheryl Crawford and her husband, David Lott: a son, Jacob Michael, on June 11, 2004.


Linda Messner Aloi and her husband, Joe: a daughter, Kaitlyn Margaret, on July 7, 2004. She is welcomed by Madison, 3, and Alexander, 2.


89 Julie Anne McMillen Spencer and her husband, Brian: a daughter, Bergen Marie, on Jan. 6, 2005. She joins Brydan Emma, 7, and Brayden Alexander, 3. The family lives in Altoona.

90 Jeff Emerine and his wife, Carolyn: a son, Maxwell Thomas, on Jan. 25, 2005. He joins brothers Dean, 4, and Cole, 2, at the family home in Howland, Ohio.


Dean Santorio and his wife, Sandy: a daughter, Morgan Elizabeth, on June 17, 2004. The family lives in Grand Island, N.Y., where Dean is a teacher in the Grand Island Central School District.

91 Jeffrey Catanzarite and his wife, Lisa: a daughter, Nora Elizabeth, on Nov. 24, 2004. She is welcomed by Jack, 5, and Ava, 2. The family resides in Sewickley.


Eric Holmberg and his wife, Karyna: a son, Michael Charles, on Feb. 15, 2005. He joins Steven Joseph, 2. The family lives in Forked River, N.J.

Vicki Knapp Halaja and her husband, Kevin: a son, Jonas Adam, on Nov. 4, 2004. He joins Caleb, 3, at home in Kennedy Township.


Debbie Smith Hainer and her husband, Sean: a son, Andrew James, on Jan. 12, 2004. He joins Emily, 7, and Joshua, 4, at home in Warrington.


Molly Burnett Mistretta and her husband, Dave: a son, Sam, on Feb. 26, 2005. The family lives in New Wilmington.

Lorraine Fitch Harmon and her husband, Thomas: a son, Jacob Thomas, on Nov. 29, 2004. He is welcomed by sister Anna, 2, at the family home in Pasadena, Md.


Gina Lamedola McDermott and her husband, Todd: a son, Owen Lamedola, on Jan. 11, 2005. Neil, 6, and Abby, 2, welcome him to the family home in Vandergrift.


Lisa McKernan Alois and her husband, David Alois: a daughter, Morgan, on May 3, 2004. She joins Nathan, 4, at the family home in Hilliard, Ohio.

94 Heather Griffith Moffitt and her husband, Brian: a daughter, Grace Min, on Nov. 28, 2004. She joins Kaylee, 2, at home in College Park, Md.

Jennifer Jerge Shipe and her husband, Brian: twin daughters, Madeline Anne and Abigail Jane, on Oct. 21, 2004. The family lives in Glenshaw.


Marlis Paroz Goske and her husband, James Goske ’95: a daughter, Camille Dianne, on May 1, 2004. She is welcomed by brother Jimmy, 4. (See also Class Notes.)


95 Renee Hall Regna and her husband, Richard Regna ’97: a son, Luke Richard, on April 6,
2004. He is welcomed by Isabella, 3, at home in Pittsburgh.

96 Jefferson Ellis and his wife, Lisa; a son, Zechariah Paul, on May 24, 2004. The family lives in Youngstown, Ohio.

Brenna Hartzell Tatusko and her husband, Andrew Tatusko: a son, Alexander Michael, on Feb. 16, 2005. (See also Class Notes.)

Kelli Kallner Ottermann and her husband, Lew: a daughter, Riley Elizabeth, on Nov. 18, 2004. The family lives in Freeport.

Linea Keener Towers and her husband, James ‘97: a daughter, Eoin Kenly, on Feb. 18, 2005. He is joined by Jimmy, 5, and Kate, 3, at home in Bally.

Kevin Marquis and his wife, Stacie: a son, Quinn Weston, on Nov. 6, 2004. He joins Chase Tyler, 2, at home in Medina, Ohio.

Kennon Rice and his wife, Tracy: a son, Holden Everett, on Oct. 29, 2004. (See also Class Notes.)

Michele Seigley Holmes and her husband, Geoff: a daughter, Margaret Grace, on July 12, 2004. She joins Joshua William, 3. The family resides in Raleigh, N.C.


97 Leigh Buckley and her husband, Scott Milk: a daughter, Audrey Rose, in 2005. (See also Class Notes.)

Marci Bungard Probst and her husband, Jason: a daughter, Sierra Lynn, on Oct. 27, 2004. She joins Gabrielle Elizabeth, 2. The family resides in Latrobe.


Beth Harry Interthal and her husband, David ‘95: a daughter, Lucy Ellen, on Nov. 9, 2004. The family resides in Glenshaw.


Jason Young and his wife, Katherine: a son, Daniel Bradley, on Feb. 7, 2005. He joins big sister Elizabeth. The family resides in Columbus, Ohio.

99 Emily Hardisky Love and her husband, David: a daughter, Elizabeth Marie, on Dec. 4, 2004. The family resides in Mercer.


Karin Urbaniaik Galish and her husband, Jeremy: a daughter, Abigail Jean, on March 31, 2005. The family lives in Imperial.

00 Dave Gesacion and his wife, Jeanine: a son, Cameron David, on Aug. 10, 2004. The family lives in Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Melissa Zimmerman Troy and her husband, Matt: a daughter, Alexis Mackenzie, in 2003. The family lives in Westminster, Md., where Melissa is a mathematics teacher in the Frederick County Schools.

01 Natalie Leskovac Isabella and her husband, Brad: twins, Brad and Brooke, on July 5, 2003. The family makes its home in Niles, Ohio.

Christine Pinchorski Trude and her husband, Shaun: a son, Shaun Christopher, on Jan. 4, 2005. The family lives in Harrisburg.


29 Helen Shoaf Walker of Baltimore, October 2003. She was a retired teacher.

31 George Marquis of Tampa, Fla., Jan. 22, 2005. He was owner of Marquis-Hinish Sinclair Oil Distributor. He held a life membership in the Rotary Club and was a member of First Methodist Church. Survivors include two daughters, including Linda Marquis Massie ’63; a son; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

34 John Ketterer of Charlottesville, Va.

35 Ivan Yahn of New Wilmington. He was a retired research metallurgist for Sharon Steel.

36 Robert Lake of Plum, March 25, 2005. He was vice president of Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad before retiring in 1977. He previously worked as an industrial engineer for PPG Industries and for the Duquesne Works of U.S. Steel. A former member of the Gateway School Board, he was an elder at the Cross Roads Presbyterian Church and later attended Oakmont Presbyterian Church. He also worked evenings at the Valley Heights Golf Course in Plum, eventually purchasing the course in 1937 with several partners. Survivors include his wife, Lorraine; a daughter; two sons; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Isabel Scheetz Corbus of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Jan. 18, 2005. She taught for 24 years in
the Cuyahoga Falls schools. For 20 years after her retirement she volunteered at the Taylor Memorial Library. She was a member of the Falls Senior Strollers, the Descendants of the Mayflower Society, state and local retired teachers associations, Taylor Library Friends, and the Pilgrim U.C. Church. Survivors include a son; a grandson; a sister; two nephews; and four nieces.

41 Dr. Glenn Clements of Kenmore, Wash., Jan. 6, 2005. The son of missionaries, he was raised in India and attended school in the Himalayas. After graduating from Westminster, he attended Jefferson Medical School, graduating in 1945. He immediately joined the Army and served as an orthopedist for returning war veterans. He and his wife Louise went to India and Pakistan as medical missionaries. Upon returning to the U.S., Dr. Clements completed a residency in psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati and practiced medicine in Ohio and Washington for 44 years, serving as president of the Washington State Psychiatric Association. He was also a consultant for the Seattle Children’s Home and the Presbyterian Counseling Service. An avid climber who reached the summit of the 10 highest peaks in Washington, he was chairman of the parks committee for Kenmore Key Association and helped establish and maintain trails in state and national parks as a volunteer for Outdoor Washington. He was a deacon at Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife of 57 years; two daughters and their spouses; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother. E. Vinton Flickinger of Bethany, Conn., Feb. 9, 2005.

42 John Flickinger of Bethany, Md. He was president of Gilbert Management Services.

43 Jean Giffen Gnann of San Pedro, Calif.

44 Beatrice Farnsworth Oelschlager of Wooster, Ohio, Jan. 22, 2005. She volunteered in hospital emergency rooms in Scottsdale, Ariz., and Wooster. She was an active volunteer in the American Red Cross, was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, and was an avid bridge player. Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Robert; three children and their spouses; three grandchildren; and a brother.

Harriet Sarver Woodcock of Venice, Fla., April 14, 2005. She was well known for her talents in drama while in college, and for her One Star Playhouse which, for many years, she performed for communities in western Pennsylvania and elsewhere. As well as being a homemaker, she was in demand because of her extraordinary talent for entertaining dramatically and musically. She was one of the first to work at Pittsburgh’s Public Television station in the 1950s. Survivors include her husband, Dean; a daughter; two sons, including Todd Woodcock ’83; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

47 Rodney Lane of Drexel Hill.

48 Helen Clarke Raulerson of Tampa, Fla., Nov. 19, 2004. She was a retired curriculum specialist. Survivors include her husband, Ernest.

49 James Jones of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., Nov. 25, 2004. He was owner of Ontario Music in Ontario, Calif. Survivors include his wife, Wilma.

50 John Sternagel of Windermere, Fla. He worked at Unisys Corp. for 30 years as a financial manager. Survivors include his wife, Joyce.

51 Elaine Pigossi Orr of Crown Point, Ind., Nov. 6, 2004. She was a retired insurance clerk for USX Corp.


53 Carolyn Eddy of Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 17, 2003. She was a retired music teacher.

Dominic Fusco of New Castle, Jan. 2, 2005. He was an elementary school teacher in the Neshannock schools for over 30 years. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army for four years and earned a Good Conduct Ribbon, an American Theater Ribbon, an Asiatic Theater Ribbon, and a World War II Victory Medal. He was a member of the National Teachers Association and St. Camillus Church. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Genevieve; two children and their spouses; and four grandchildren.

55 Florence McKay Bain of Kailua, Hawaii, Dec. 27, 2004. She served as a missionary in Congo and Sarawak, Malaysia. She was a teacher and choir director, served as Hawaii literacy executive director and held several executive positions with the American Cancer Society. She also sang with the Kauai Chorale, Sweet Adelines and Honolulu Symphony Chorus. Survivors include her husband, Rev. Stanley Bain; two children and their spouses; and a granddaughter.

66 Quintilia Watson of Cortland, Ohio, Dec. 22, 2004. She was a retired teacher in the Warren City schools.

69 Lt. Col. John Pennycuick of San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 13, 2003. He received his Ph.D. from Texas A&M and worked for GlaxoSmithKline for nearly 15 years. He was an active member of the Oak Hills Church of Christ. Survivors include three daughters.

71 Marilyn Fambrough Nealeigh of Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 31, 2005. She graduated from Ohio State University in 1950 with a bachelor of science degree from the School of Nursing and earned master’s degrees from Westminster and Penn State University (1978). She held instructor positions at Jameson Memorial School of Nursing, Slippery Rock University, Youngstown State University, and Case Western Reserve University. She later served as director of the Unverferth House. She was a longtime member of Liberty
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Friends

Mark Jeffries of Charlotte, N.C., Sept. 23, 2004. A New Castle native, he assisted with research at Westminster, volunteered at his sons’ football games and enjoyed doing stand-up comedy. Survivors include his wife, Holly Linda Stark Jeffries ’84, and two sons.

Pamela Bercaw Gibson of Cincinnati, March 9, 2005. She had a 25-year advertising career with several agencies. She was also head of the board of trustees for Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and volunteered with the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and Mount Washington Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her husband, Tim; a daughter; her father and stepmother; and three sisters.

Mark Fleisher of Niles, Ohio, Nov. 28, 2004. He was a teacher in the Howland schools.

Sandra Mignogna Rowan of Canfield, Ohio. She was a reading specialist for Leetonia schools.

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72 Donald Lenz of Latrobe, May 19, 2004. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army from 1962-65. From 1971-97 he taught elementary school in Latrobe. He organized the girls track and cross country program from 1971-77 and coached the Latrobe and Derry girls and boys basketball teams for many years. He was also involved as a local youth official and was a member of the American Legion, the BPOE, the Trinity Golf League, and the National Education Association. Survivors include his four children; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

76 Sandra Mignogna Rowan of Canfield, Ohio. She was a reading specialist for Leetonia schools.

88 April Knapp Micsky of Greenville, Jan. 3, 2005. She received a master’s degree in music from Youngstown State University and was a music teacher in the Sharon schools since 1989. A member of the Hillside Presbyterian Church, she was the organist for more than 20 years. She was also a member of the Greenville Chapter #63, Order of the Eastern Star; past grand musician of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls; the National Association for Music Education; Pennsylvania Music Educators Association; and Pennsylvania State Educators Association. Survivors include her husband, Gregg; two sons; a brother and his wife; and her mother, Sandra McClimans Knapp ’68.
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Volleyrock’ed

Born in 1991 in an attempt to bring the campus community together, Volleyrock turned 15 this April. Although rain and cold temperatures forced the all-day volleyball tournament indoors, the day still provided lots of fun and stress relief on the eve of final exams. Students packed Memorial Field House from early morning to play volleyball matches on one of five courts (above right), listen to music, and take part in other activities such as a pie-eating contest and an American Gladiators-type competition (Above left, Mike Cacchione delivers a blow to the head of Alex Castillo.). In the afternoon, the students were treated to free Buffalo wings, compliments of Quaker Steak & Lube (right).