Dear Westminster Friends:

I am often asked, “How are things at Westminster?” “Really great,” I usually say, resisting the temptation to blather on about all the wonderful things that are happening for the College. So permit me to blather here for just a moment in abbreviated fashion:

Did you know...

- Westminster’s semester in Oxford program will enable 30 students and two professors to experience England for the fall semester
- the Old Main renovation is completed and paid for in full
- the College will be constructing new townhouse apartments for students who are seniors (completion date – August 2006)
- Thompson House will soon be completely renovated as a residence hall for women students (completion date – August 2006)
- the Westminster endowment now totals $86 million
- the Westminster Faculty Development program is fast becoming a model for other institutions to emulate
- that 98 percent of our students are employed in the field of their choosing or in graduate school one year after graduation
- *The Princeton Review* has selected Westminster as one of “361 Best Colleges and Universities” in America (There are over 3,000 colleges and universities in America).

Things are going well at Westminster. I could go on with great news about faculty awards and student achievements… But, the best news of all is this: After all the changes, the new facilities and the honors – Westminster is still the same: unpretentious, friendly, devoted to building successful lives one life at a time. As long as this is true, things will continue to go well for Westminster and her students.

Sincerely,

R. Thomas Williamson
Westminster College
and New Wilmington
Good Neighbors since 1852.

Thompson House
Memories

Everything I Needed to Know
to Stay Home with My Children,
I Learned at Westminster College

On the Cover...
Thompson House, the former home of profes-
sor S.R. Thompson, has served the College in
many capacities over the years, most recently
being reassigned to student housing for
women.

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Majoras, Brown, Simpson Join Board of Trustees

Westminster College’s Board of Trustees added 13 members in its Class of 2009, including three alumni elected to the Board for the first time.

Deborah Platt Majoras, a 1985 Westminster graduate and current chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, was among the first-timers added. She is joined by Gary Brown ’71 and Linda Wright Simpson ’81.

Karen Sloan Bausman ’75, Robert Gardner ’57, George Greer, Christian Heilmann ’72, Wayne Miller ’61, and John Weisel ’79 were elected to their second consecutive four-year terms. Peter Andino ’77, James Dewar ’59, Carolyn Jones ’58, and Richard White ’61 were selected to rejoin the Board after a one-year absence.

Majoras, a former deputy attorney general in the Department of Justice’s Antitrust Division, earned her law degree at the University of Virginia. She served as a law clerk for Judge Stanley Harris in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before joining Jones Day as an associate in 1991. She became a partner with Jones Day, then served in the Department of Justice from 2001-2003, overseeing the resolution of the government’s antitrust case against Microsoft. She briefly rejoined Jones Day in 2004 before being appointed by President Bush to head the FTC. A member of the American Bar Association, the Federalist Society, the Independent Women’s Forum and Business and Professional Women’s Association, Majoras resides in McLean, Va., with her husband, John, and three step-children.

Brown is president of Iron City Sash & Door Co. in Pittsburgh and also serves as an assistant girls basketball coach at Mt. Lebanon High School. He received the 2004 Great Alumni Award from Mt. Lebanon and serves on the Salvation Army Greater Pittsburgh Advisory Board. Brown was formerly a vice president at Iron City Sash & Door from 1971-91, and served as assistant boys basketball coach at Mt. Lebanon.

Simpson is a former U.S. bankruptcy administrator for the Western District of North Carolina (1988-2003). She previously held posts as an attorney with Mitchell & Ball and the U.S. Postal Service. A graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law, she is a member of the North Carolina State Bar, the North Carolina Bar Association and the Mecklenburg County Bar Association. A Girl Scout leader and elder and Sunday school teacher at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, she lives in Charlotte, N.C., with her husband, David, and their two children.

Five new associate trustees were also added to the Board in 2005. Dwight Castro, classics professor and chair of the Department of Religion, History, Philosophy, and Classics, and professor of psychology Mandy Medvin were named faculty representatives. Junior Lee Scott and seniors Nicole Udanis and Ray Walling were selected as student representatives.

Six Added to Full-Time Faculty Ranks

The hiring of six new full-time faculty members was part of the many personnel changes at the College for the 2005-2006 academic year.

David Cushman, a visiting professor of economics, joined the Department of Economics & Business and was named chair of the department, replacing Tom Rosengarth ’76.

Katherine Robertson joined the Department of Biology, as an assistant professor of biology. Joe Balczon was also named chair of the department, replacing Ann Throckmorton.

John Gresh, visiting assistant professor of theatre; Kristianne Kalata, visiting instructor of English; Jonathan Moser, visiting instructor of music; and Joel Postema, instructor of Spanish, were also added to the full-time faculty roster.

Cushman received his undergraduate degree from Stetson University and his master’s and Ph.D. at Vanderbilt University.

Robertson is a graduate of Paddington (U.K.) College and earned her master’s and Ph.D. at the University of London.

Gresh completed bachelor’s and master’s degree work at Point Park University; Kalata, a 2000 Westminster graduate, earned a master’s degree from Duquesne University; Moser received his bachelor of music degree from Shenandoah University and his master’s from Arizona State University; Postema earned degrees from Calvin College and Western Michigan University.

Carolyn Kidder Cuff ’78 (mathematics and computer science), Linda Domanski (education), and Ross Wastvedt (English and public relations) took over as chairs of their respective departments.

Several faculty also received promotions prior to the current year: Mandy Medvin was named professor of psychology; Natacha Fontes-Merz was named an associate professor of mathematics; and Timothy Sherwood was named an associate professor of chemistry.

Associate professor of sociology Virginia Tomlinson joined the administration as the interim director of the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Matt Shaffer joined the Student Affairs administrative staff as assistant director of residence life. He comes to Westminster from the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, where he was coordinator of residence life. He earned his undergraduate degree at Juniata College and a master’s in student affairs in higher education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.
Westminster Welcomes Class of 2009
Three hundred ninety new students arrive for start of College’s 153rd year

Westminster College ushered in its newest class on August 26, welcoming 368 first-year students and 22 transfers.

The Class of 2009 enters with a solid academic background – an average high school GPA of 3.41 in core classes and an average SAT score of 1074, more than 50 points higher than the national average.

Westminster’s Fresh Start team, comprising 80 student volunteers, greeted the newcomers and, with the aid of the Titan football team, helped to move them into their residence halls. The Fresh Start team also guided the first-year students through a four-day orientation program. Associate professor of broadcast communications David Barner was the featured speaker at the College’s official welcoming, Opening Convocation. Classes for the 2005-2006 academic year began on August 30.

In their first full year of operation together, Westminster’s nominated merit scholarships brought in nearly one-third of the first-year class. The Young Presbyterian Scholarship and the Jerb Miller Scholarship programs accounted for 118 new students. The College awarded 40 Young Presbyterian Scholarships to outstanding Presbyterian students wishing to grow in faith and leadership. Applicants must be active in a Presbyterian Church congregation, hold a 3.5 GPA and be nominated by their pastor. The 2009 class of YPS scholars, who are each awarded $11,000 annually, had a combined 3.61 GPA and average SAT score of 1114.

The Jerb Miller Scholarships are $10,000-per-year awards created in memory of the beloved professor of education who taught at Westminster from 1968-92. Applicants must have a 3.5 GPA and be nominated by a Westminster alumnus in the education field. The 78 recipients of the Jerb scholarships carried a GPA of 3.64 and had an average SAT score of 1091.

Westminster received nearly 17,000 inquiries and 1,400 applications for a spot in the Class of 2009.

Westminster: The Next Generation

Fifteen members of Westminster’s incoming class are at least second-generation Titans. The legacy students, pictured left to right, are: Front row – Shayna Marti, Annastacia McGill, Renee Powner, Rosie Hassell, Kathryn Molchan, Jessica Ringbloom; Back row – Jordan Belosh, Billy McCallion, Ian Turner, Gary Hanssen, Jenn Byers, David Mills, Andrew Smith, Kassie Gustafson, Rachael Conn.
Faculty Making News

Delores Natale, lecturer of public relations, Suzanne Prestien, assistant professor of English and public relations, and Richard Sprow, professor of English, recently attended the 17th annual meeting of the Far West Popular Culture Association in Las Vegas. The “Images of Popular Culture in Film and Literature” panel was moderated by Sprow and heard Prestien present “It’s Better to Burn Out Than It Is to Rust: Rock N’ Roll Biopics and the Making of Modern Mythology,” which examined several film versions of rock singers’ lives. Natale presented “From Typist to Tyrant: Film’s Portrayal of Women in Journalism.” This paper studied several film depictions of female journalists and examined the differences in the ways they were treated compared to male journalists.

Sprow presented “Louisville Sluggers, Tight Ends, and the Full Nelson: Images of Sports in John Irving.” His paper showed examples of sports imagery in several Irving novels and examined the importance of sports as a theme in his fiction.

Professor of English David Swerdlow presented a paper at the Associated Writing Programs annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia. Swerdlow’s paper, “The Unknown Master of the Pure Poem Walks Nightly Among His Roses: Traveling Toward the Idea of God with Charles Wright,” celebrates the 70th birthday of poet Charles Wright, a Pulitzer Prize winner. “Specifically, I discussed the splendid failure of his poetic pilgrimage toward a personal relationship with God. I also discussed his commitment to writing a body of poetry rather than individual poems.”

David Barner, chair of the Department of Communication Studies, Theatre, and Art, recently presented his research to the Broadcast Education Association convention in Las Vegas. “My research, ‘Audio Basics-Skills that Bridge the Disciplines: Professional Advice for the Digital World’ involved personally interviewing media professionals in radio, television, and theatre fields for their advice on what should be taught in a beginning level audio production course,” Barner said. “I presented ideas on how to move teaching from traditional analog media, such as audio tape, to the newer digital, computer-based media. I placed a special emphasis on skills that could benefit multiple disciplines.” Barner was also part of a larger panel on “For the Good of Students: Integrating Radio/Audio Production Skills Throughout the Entire Curriculum.”

Becoming a Kentucky Colonel

By James A. Perkins

I teach public relations. In order to maintain my credibility in the classroom, I flash my PR skills from time to time. I did this most recently for the centenary of the birth of the American writer Robert Penn Warren. I am a member of the Robert Penn Warren Circle and a member of the advisory board for the Center for Robert Penn Warren Studies. Five years ago I began asking “What are the plans for Warren’s 100th birthday?”

No one wanted to hear that question then, but they were happy to name me “Special Program Chair for the Centenary” which put me in the position of being able to plan for the event. The chief thing most folks wanted was a United States postage stamp issued to honor Warren. I said I would work on it.

The process is straightforward. I read the criteria and found that Warren met them. I then wrote a letter to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Commission outlining Warren’s qualifications and asking the commission to issue a stamp in his honor. They answered my letter saying that they would take the matter under advisement and assuring me that my part in the process was over and that I should wait patiently for their decision.

But, as I said, I teach public relations, so with the help of a number of students, especially E. J. Campbell ’02 and Jon McKay ’02, I wrote letters to the senators and representatives of every state Warren lived in and to the presidents of every college he attended or taught in to ask for their support of the effort to get a stamp for Warren. Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and then-Senator Fred Thompson of Tennessee were particularly helpful in the lobbying effort.

On Friday April 22, 2005, in Warren’s hometown of Guthrie, Ky., the United States Postal Service introduced the 37 cent Robert Penn Warren commemorative stamp before a crowd of 3,000 or so, including Warren’s son and daughter and members of the Center and the Circle.

In appreciation of the efforts of the members of advisory board, the Center for Robert Penn Warren Studies asked the governor of Kentucky, Ernie Fletcher, to name us Kentucky colonels. And that evening we received our commissions. As a native of the state of Kentucky, I prize this award more highly than does the retired Air Force colonel from Texas whom we now call Colonel Colonel. However, I know that most of the people on the block I grew up on have probably been colonels for years.

(Perkins is a professor of English and public relations at Westminster.)
Bryan Rennie, Vira I. Heinz Professor of Religion at Westminster, was recently convener of the 19th World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions in Tokyo. “I organized three sessions, and I was the convener of the symposium on ‘The Underlying Terror: Religious Studies Perspectives on the War on Terrorism,’” Rennie said. “I was also the convener and presenter for the session on ‘The Philosophy of Science and the Study of Religion: How Can Methods and Theories from the Philosophy of Science Contribute to the Interpretation of Religious Data?’ where I gave a paper on Myths, Models, and Metaphors.”

David Goldberg, assistant professor of philosophy at Westminster, presented a paper at the International Association of the History of Religion in Tokyo, Japan. His paper, “Neuroanatomy and the Religious Experience: Demystification of Religion?” dealt with a recent trend in which neuroanatomy is used to examine religious mystical experiences.

Russell Martin, associate professor of history at Westminster, joined a team of translators creating an English-language version of the Web site for Grand Duchess Maria Vladimirova, the current legal heiress to the vacant throne of Russia. The Web site contains separate pages outlining the claims of the Grand Duchess to the throne: the laws of succession, and other documents such as press releases and official statements. “My work on the Web page was in many ways aided by Kristin Kronstain, a senior history student who is studying the Russian language with me as an independent study. She studied Russian in Moscow last summer, and over the course of this year, her skills with Russian have improved to the point where I felt confident that I could ask her to tackle some of the translation work.”

Craig Caylor, assistant professor of physics at Westminster, won the Web site contest sponsored by The Physics Teacher journal for the months of April and May. “There is a new challenge problem each week. I submitted solutions to all the problems for the March, April, and May contests. The solution to each problem takes about two to six hours to prepare. Much of that time is spent writing up the solution with the clearest possible presentation.”

Paul Wozniak, professor of accounting at Westminster, recently attended a meeting of the Strategic Advisory Board of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) in Philadelphia.

Bethany Hicok, assistant professor of English at Westminster, recently attended the American Literature Association conference in Boston. Hicok organized a panel, “Women Poets in Cultural Context: Dickinson, Moore, and Plath.” “The panel featured three papers, all of which re-contextualized the work of three American poets, Emily Dickinson, Marianne Moore, and Sylvia Plath, by re-establishing the historical and cultural context of their poetic production,” Hicok said. Some of the work Hicok did was in collaboration with Lindsay Onufre, a 2004 Westminster graduate.

Amy Camardese, assistant professor of education, and Bonnie Van Bruggen, director of disability support services, recently presented their research at the Council for Exceptional Children national conference in Baltimore. Camardese presented “Working with Asperger’s Syndrome at a Small College,” focusing on the need to learn more about students with the disease and how they can be supported at college. Van Bruggen spoke on the subject of determining when students with disabilities are most likely to succeed at college.

Gene DeCaprio ’49, director of the Celebrity Series, was recently presented with the Commander’s Award for Public Service by the Department of the Army. He was honored for his outstanding public service to the United States Army Field Band, while acting as a concert coordinator and sponsor for seven performances by the Musical Ambassadors of the Army over 12 years.

Westminster Ranks Fourth in Grad Rate Performance

Westminster College once again ranks near the top in enhancing the educational achievement of its students, according to ranking published in the U.S. News & World Report’s 2006 Guide to America’s Best Colleges.

Westminster tied for fourth among liberal arts colleges and in the top ten of all colleges in graduation rate performance. Westminster’s 76 percent graduation rate was 17 percent higher than predicted.

Graduation rate performance measures the difference between a school’s six-year graduation rate for the class that entered in 1998 and the predicted graduation rate for that class. The predicted rate is calculated using a formula that accounts for the standardized test scores of the students and the school’s expenditures on them over the years.

Fisk University in Tennessee (+25 percent), Barber Scotia College in North Carolina (+23), and St. Anselm College in New Hampshire (+18) were the only liberal arts colleges with higher graduation rate performances. Richard Stockton College in New Jersey and Siena College in New York also exceeded expected graduation rates by 17 percent.

South Carolina State University (+28), the University of California-Irvine (+22), Widener College in Pennsylvania (+22), and St. John’s University in New York (+20) were the only national universities with higher graduation rate performances.

Westminster was also featured in the 2006 version of The Best 361 Colleges, published by The Princeton Review. Westminster was named one of the Best in the Northeast.

Only 15 percent of the four-year colleges in America are included in the book. The rankings are based on the company’s survey of 110,000 students.
The Case of the Fraudulent Falcon

We are all familiar with human mummification, but what about animal mummification? The Egyptians were just as skilled at this practice. The animals whose torso was mummified included baboons, bulls, scarabs, falcons, jackals, raptors, snakes, ibises, shrews, crocodiles, gazelles, rams, perch, cats and dogs.

There were three reasons for mummifying animal torsos. Each satisfied a spiritual/psychological need. The creature was a favorite pet, it was a sacred animal or it was used for a votive offering. If the pet predeceased its owner, it was mummified and saved until the death of its master. If the master died first the pet was mummified when it died and then placed in the tomb. In the second scenario, sacred animals, like bulls, were mummified and interred in special cemeteries, particularly at Saqqara. The last instance involves mummifying animals to be placed as offerings in catacomb-like chambers at temples. This reason was the most common. It parallels the practice of some Christians in placing votive candles. The decline of animal and human mummification coincided with the spread of Christianity in the third century.

The Egyptians were also concerned with the physical needs of the deceased. This was partially satisfied through a different form of mummification: that of ducks, geese and various cuts of meat, i.e., chops, ribs, steaks, etc. They even went to the extreme of fabricating miniature coffins in the shape of the fowl or cut of meat.

The procedure for animal torsos was essentially the same as for humans. Large numbers of animals were required to meet the demand. Evidence indicates that 10,000 birds were mummified annually.

Some of the animals were farm-raised for this purpose, while others were captured. Raptors are very difficult to raise in captivity, making them in short supply. As a result, Egyptian entrepreneurs began counterfeiting raptors to sell to religious pilgrims. The bogus raptor mummies were filled with rags, old bones or other debris.

Dr. Joseph Raught, a local veterinarian, volunteered his services to x-ray the College’s animal mummies. We discovered that one falcon may be fraudulent (x-ray, right). Two other falcons appear to be genuine. The other animal mummies in the collection—cat, kitten and crocodile—appear to be bona fide.

(Source: animalmummies.com)

Putting a Face on History

College hoping CT scan will reveal face of 2,300-year-old mummy

Pesed, the Egyptian mummy who has called Westminster College home for the past 120 years, recently underwent a CT scan that scientists are hoping will provide enough information to allow a forensic artist to construct a bust of her, revealing at long last what the 2,300-year-old mummy looked like.

The mummy has been the property of Westminster since the Rev. John Griffin, an Egyptian missionary and a Westminster alumnus, gave her to the school in 1885. Pesed was taken to College Fields MRI in Neshannock Township for a CT scan, during which computers produced images of half-millimeter-thick slices of her entire body. The 2,500 images will allow forensic artist Frank Bender to sculpt the bust, a process that normally takes weeks.

“This is a chance to get to know her better,” said Jonathan Elias, of the Akhmim Mummy Studies Consortium, which paid for the CT scans. Researchers have already pieced together some biographical details about the woman, who was mummified between 300 and 220 B.C. CT scans and X-rays conducted in August 2001 revealed that Pesed was a 55- to 65-year-old woman who had osteoporosis at the time of her death. They also revealed abscesses along her jaw, which could indicate that she had an infection that could have led to malnutrition or death.

During this round of scans, Elias also plans to focus on an amulet tucked under Pesed’s left armpit, which researchers found during the last scan four years ago. The scans will allow him to take a closer look at the small metal charm without disrupting the mummy’s wrap. Egyptians, who believed the body transcended into the afterlife, placed charms on the body to cure wearers’ maladies, Elias said. The placement of the charm under Pesed’s arm might indicate that she suffered a chronic pain in that area, he said.

(Source: animalmummies.com)
Westminster Receives Composting Grant

Westminster College recently received a $75,000 grant from Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection to help expand its compost program.

“Westminster will also add $15,000 to the state grant to upgrade the compost operation at our Field Station,” said Clarence Harms, director of the Field Station at Westminster. “This is a major boost for recycling organic materials in our region. The benefits will go far beyond the College campus. There will be extensive College and community involvement in our operation that will recycle an estimated 45 to 60 tons of organic waste, including food waste and yard waste, each year.”

The major equipment that will be purchased with the grant will be a truck to haul compostables, a tractor and mechanical turner to stir the compost windrows, and a screener to remove non-composted materials at the end of the cycle. Chemical supplies and consumable materials will also be purchased.

Recycling and composting are not new to Westminster College. Campus-wide recycling of glass, aluminum and paper has been in effect for over 10 years. Recycling of corrugated cardboard began in September 2004. Student groups and the local Kiwanis Club have collected and recycled athletic shoes since February 2005. At the Field Station, compost windrows have been built from yard waste, chipped Christmas trees, autumn leaves, corn cob litter from animal housing facilities of the Departments of Biology and Psychology, pondweed removed mechanically from Brittain Lake, and shredded office paper.

During the composting process, various classes and research programs will use the compost. Joseph Balczon, associate professor of biology, and Helen Boylan, assistant professor of chemistry, have written lab exercises that will test for nitrogen, pH, and pesticides in the composting process. Students in broadcast communications and journalism will play roles in advertising the compost operation, and students in graphic arts will design posters for the dining halls where post-consumer food wastes are placed.

Victory!

The Friends of the Carillon recently raised more than $25,000 for an endowed scholarship to be granted to students who agree to play the carillon during specified times and events during the year. A production crew was recently invited to visit the tower of Old Main to film and record the bells, including the storied Victory Bell (above), for a DVD to be produced this year.

FTC Chairman Returns

Deborah Platt Majoras, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, poses with Westminster business students and faculty after a May speech in the Witherspoon Rooms of McKelvey Campus Center. Majoras, a 1985 Westminster graduate, later accepted an invitation to join the College’s Board of Trustees for a four-year term.

Westminster Theatre Majors Accepted into Prestigious Programs

It was a good spring for Westminster theatre majors Tracy Harmon and Robert Allen.

Harmon, a junior theatre and elementary education major from Pittsburgh, was awarded by Ben Vereen a full scholarship to the Ann Reinking Broadway Theatre Project; Allen, a 2005 Westminster graduate, was accepted into the Actors Studio Drama School in New York City.

Harmon, who met Vereen backstage before his Celebrity Series performance at Westminster in April, received a call from the veteran performer a few days later, granting her a spot in the theatre training project in Tampa, Fla. The Broadway Theatre Project is a three-week intensive musical theatre training program. Students attend classes in acting, dance, and voice seven days a week, from 8:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. The classes are taught by Broadway, theatre and film professionals from around the world, and only about 150 students are accepted nationwide.

Allen, who appeared in every theatre production on campus during his four years at Westminster, applied to the drama school in January and was notified in mid-February that he had been invited to audition.

He chose classmate Kauleen Cloutier as his audition partner, and they performed a scene from Lucia Mad.

“I started looking at theatre schools when I was a sophomore at Westminster,” Allen said. “Actors Studio looked like a good program, but I thought it was a long shot to get in because they cut 30 percent of their applications before even meeting you.

“Because of Westminster’s size, I was able to be on stage a lot, and had the opportunity to grow. I was in a leading role more than once, and always got a part in every play, which gave me a good all-around understanding of theatre,” Allen said.
Spring Sports Highlights

The 2005 spring season was an historic one at Westminster, with four different Titan teams capturing Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) championships. Here are capsule reviews of each spring sport:

**Baseball (21-16, 8-7 PAC)**

Entering the PAC tournament as the third seed, the Titan diamondmen reeled off four wins (including two at top-seeded W&J) to capture the team’s first-ever PAC title and the program’s first conference championship since winning the Western Pennsylvania Conference crown in 1965. Westminster overcame a 3-0 deficit in the championship game to defeat the Presidents, 5-3. Senior outfielder Brooks LeViere keyed a five-run seventh inning with a three-run homer and junior Brenton Gilmore pitched three scoreless innings to earn the save in relief of starter Craig Hannon.

A pair of Titans were named to the All-PAC First Team: senior second baseman Kevin Gesacion, who was a third-team all-region pick (see story page 10), and senior first baseman Brian Andrews, who hit .333 with team-high totals of four home runs and 25 RBIs while adding eight doubles and 27 runs scored. Second-team recognition went to junior outfielder Ed DeRose, who hit .333 with seven doubles, 21 runs scored and 19 RBIs; and sophomore pitcher Tony Cunningham, who was 5-5 with a 3.50 ERA, two saves and 44 strikeouts. In addition, second-year Titan head coach Carmen Nocera was tabbed as PAC Coach of the Year.

**Men’s Golf**

The Titan linksters reached new heights this spring. Westminster rolled to five invitational team titles this year before posting a come-from-behind victory at the PAC Championships, marking the program’s third straight league title. To cap off the season, the Titans were selected for the first time to compete at the 2005 NCAA Division III Men’s Golf Championships in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., May 9-12.

Westminster finished the four-day, 72-hole tournament in a tie for 16th place with regional rival Allegheny College. Head coach Gene Nicholson was honored as PAC Coach of the Year and, later, as Mid-Atlantic Region Coach of the Year.

All five of the team’s starters earned all-conference recognition for finishing among the top 10 finishers at the PAC tournament, including three first-team (top five) honorees. Senior John Matune fired a 76-74–150 to finish in second place, followed by junior Gary McGovern in third with 75-78–153 and senior Scott Voelker in a tie for fourth place with 80-75–165. The second-team honorees were junior Matt Kurtz in eighth place with 82-78–160 and sophomore Robbie Jewell in a tie for ninth with 86-75–161. Matune led the team at nationals with a four-day total of 78-81-76-77–312, followed by Kurtz with 75-85-75-78–313.

**Women’s Golf**

Despite having finished behind Washington & Jefferson in a pair of regular-season tournaments, the Lady Titan linksters turned the tables on the Presidents at the PAC Championships, posting a 25-stroke victory at the two-day, 36-hole event. It was the second consecutive PAC title for Westminster, while third-year coach Debi Roud was selected as PAC Coach of the Year.

Four Lady Titans were named to the all-conference teams after posting top-ten finishes at the league tournament, led by first-timers Kayla Pursifull and Kelly Spisak. Pursifull, a junior, placed fourth with an 87-92–179, followed by Spisak, a sophomore, in fifth with 92-93–185. On the second team, freshman Danielle Adams was sixth with 101-98–199, while senior Katie Etzel was 10th with 112-118–230.

First baseman Brian Andrews led the Titans with four home runs and 25 RBIs in 2005, as Westminster captured its first conference baseball championship in 40 years.

Senior John Matune was Westminster’s top finisher at the PAC and NCAA Division III Championships. The Titans won their third consecutive conference crown in 2005 and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history.

Junior Kayla Pursifull topped the Lady Titan golf team with a two-day total of 179 at the PAC Championships. Westminster racked up its second straight conference title, earning head coach Debi Roud coach of the year honors.
Westminster Honors Top Athletes at WESPYs

The Westminster College Department of Athletics hosted the second annual WESPY Awards at Orr Auditorium, recognizing the top athletic achievements for the 2004-05 seasons.

Highlighting the event was the honoring of the David B. Fawcett and Marjorie A. Walker Awards, given annually to honor and acknowledge those individuals who best exemplify the qualities of fairness, sportsmanship, leadership, determination and competitiveness. The Fawcett Award was given to senior soccer player Sebastian Driver-Salazar, while the Walker Award was presented to senior basketball player Mary Jane Eaton.

Driver-Salazar was a four-year starter for the Titans and earned first-team all-conference honors after posting five goals and a team-high seven assists for 17 points in 2004. Eaton, a two-time All-PAC forward for the Lady Titans, helped lead the team to a school-record 21 wins and the program’s first PAC championship and NCAA tournament appearance.

The WESPY Awards, given for the top single-event athletic performances by Titan and Lady Titan athletes, were voted on by the entire campus community. The male WESPY went to Titan sophomore swimmer Ryan Trunk, who became the school’s first CSCAA/NCAA Division III All-American after placing seventh in the 100 freestyle and 11th in the 50 freestyle at the NCAA Division III Championships in Holland, Mich. The female WESPY recognition at the conclusion of the season, including three first-team honorees: sophomore pitcher/DH Jennifer Pancake, senior first baseman Heidi Kimmel and senior outfielder Lauren Boris. Pancake was 22-4 with a 0.71 ERA and 117 strikeouts while hitting .276 with a team-best three home runs and 24 RBIs. Kimmel led the team in hitting (.336 average), doubles (nine) and RBIs (30), while Boris batted .331 with six doubles, 26 runs scored and 10 RBIs. Freshman shortstop Maria Joseph was the team’s lone representative on the All-PAC Second Team, while senior outfielder Katie Porter and junior second baseman Abby Mazar were both honorable mention selections.

(A complete list of WESPY award winners can be found at www.westminster.edu/athletics.)

Softball (29-10, 4-4 PAC)

The Lady Titan softball squad entered the PAC tournament as the third seed and rolled to four wins, including two at top-seeded Bethany, to win the program’s first-ever PAC championship. Ninth-year head coach Jan Reddinger helped deliver the program’s first conference title since winning the NAIA Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference (KECC) in 1998. Westminster was then selected as the top-seed and placed second at the ECAC Division III South Region Tournament at Montclair State University.

Six Lady Titans were honored with All-PAC recognition at the conclusion of the season, including three first-team honorees: sophomore pitcher/DH Jennifer Pancake, senior first baseman Heidi Kimmel and senior outfielder Lauren Boris. Pancake was 22-4 with a 0.71 ERA and 117 strikeouts while hitting .276 with a team-best three home runs and 24 RBIs. Kimmel led the team in hitting (.336 average), doubles (nine) and RBIs (30), while Boris batted .331 with six doubles, 26 runs scored and 10 RBIs. Freshman shortstop Maria Joseph was the team’s lone representative on the All-PAC Second Team, while senior outfielder Katie Porter and junior second baseman Abby Mazar were both honorable mention selections.

Westminster’s softball team captured its first PAC championship and qualified for the ECAC tournament in 2005. After one of the ECAC games in Montclair, N.J., the team held a makeshift graduation ceremony for three seniors who missed Commencement to compete in the tournament.

Westminster men’s & women’s track & field teams, under the direction of second-year head coach Don Augustine, placed third and fourth, respectively, at the PAC Championships.

On the men’s side, junior Adam Hadbavny was the team’s lone event champion as he captured the discus with a toss of 154-2. Senior teammate Phil Frye earned All-PAC second-team laurels with a second-place finish in the discus (142-3), while classmate Marcus Corvino was a second-place finisher in the 3,000 steeplechase (10:34.11).

The Lady Titans were paced by freshman Jessica Cooper, who captured the high jump (5-2) while placing second in the triple jump (34-9).

Westminster women also earning All-PAC second-team honors included junior Sonya Cole in the shot put (38-4) and junior Carrie Fleckenstein in the pole vault (8-6).
Voelker named Academic All-American

Titan senior Scott Voelker was one of just 39 NCAA Division III men’s golfers in the nation to be honored as 2005 GCAA/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholars.

Voelker, a four-year starter and three-time All-Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) honoree for the Titans, posted a 78.8 stroke average in 20 rounds in 2004-05 while maintaining a 3.67 GPA, majoring in economics.

To be eligible for the award, golfers must be either a junior or senior, possess a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher (on a 4.0 scale), possess a stroke average of 79.0 or lower, and be of high moral character.

A pair of Westminster swimmers was named honorable mention Academic All-Americans by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA).

Freshman Stephanie Peters (3.68 GPA, majoring in education) and sophomore Amy Wirtz (3.55 GPA, majoring in chemistry) led the Lady Titan swimmers, who were one of 62 NCAA Division III teams to earn Academic All-American honors. The team had a 3.08 GPA, earning “Excellent” status from the CSCAA.

Seniors Sandy Eddiston and Rick Straw were Academic All-District II selections in their respective sports.

Eddiston, a member of the cross country team, was one of 10 athletes named to the Women’s Track & Field/Cross Country Second Team. She finished 28th at the PAC Championships in 2004 and maintained a 3.98 GPA, majoring in English.

Straw, a catcher for the baseball team, was named to the ESPN The Magazine Baseball Second Team. He started 22 games and batted .338 (23-for-68) for the Titans.

Gesacion Catches All-Region Honor

Westminster senior Kevin Gesacion capped a stellar season with a spot on the 2005 American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) All-Midwest Region Third Team.

Gesacion, a second baseman and outfielder, was a four-year starter for the Titans, who was named to the Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) First Team in 2005 and earned PAC Coaches Honors in 2002. The College’s all-time leader in stolen bases (78), he hit .368 (43-for-117) for the Titans in 2005, leading the team in hits and at-bats, while also leading the club and the PAC with 20 steals. He also added 28 runs scored, eight doubles, one home run and 22 RBIs.

Gesacion was one of only three PAC players to earn all-region honors, joining Washington & Jefferson players Shaun Pfeil (first team third baseman) and Mike Trumpower (second team pitcher).

Westminster Tops All-Sports Scoring Third Straight Year

It was another banner year for Westminster athletics. The Lady Titans captured their second consecutive Presidents’ Athletic Conference All-Sports Trophy, helping Westminster post the best combined score among PAC schools for the third straight year.

The PAC All-Sports Trophies are awarded annually to the schools which perform the best across the board in league competition. First-place conference finishes in each sport are worth six points, while sixth-place finishes earn one point.

Westminster’s women’s program captured four of nine PAC championships in 2004-05, winning titles in soccer, basketball, golf and softball. Volleyball and swimming added second-place finishes as the Lady Titans finished the year with 44 points, easily topping second-place Grove City (39.5). Washington & Jefferson was third with 38 points, followed by Waynesburg (25), Bethany (19) and Thiel (16.5).

On the men’s side, Westminster captured conference championships in swimming, baseball and golf, while cross country placed second en route to a 40-point finish for the year, just behind Washington & Jefferson (42). Grove City was third with 37.5, followed by Thiel (28.5), Waynesburg (27) and Bethany (22).

In combined scoring, Westminster maintained its firm grip on the top spot, finishing with 84 points, four better than runner-up W&J.

Seven New Assistants Join Football Staff

The Westminster College football team entered the 2005 season with a nearly brand-new coaching staff. Head coach Jeff Hand announced the hiring of seven new assistant football coaches – two full-time, three part-time and two interns. Dwayne Pavkovich and Clark Rolli were added to the Titan staff in a full-time capacity, while former local high school coaches Bill Hand, Gary Schooley and John Latouf will coach on a part-time basis. Sean Ross and Paul D’Imperio were added to the staff as coaching interns.

Pavkovich serves as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, and will also double as an assistant baseball coach in the spring. A 2002 graduate of Hiram College, he was offensive coordinator at Jack Britt (N.C.) High School in 2004.

Rolli was named assistant defensive coordinator and will have additional teaching and administrative duties in the athletic department.

Bill Hand joins his younger brother on the Westminster sidelines, coaching the offensive line and coordinating the running game. He previously worked as an offensive line coach at Geneva College and head coach at Riverside High School (2002-04). Schooley was tabbed as secondary coach at Westminster. He previously was head coach at New Castle High School (1995-2004) and Mohawk High School (1994). Latouf, a 1993 Westminster graduate, was an assistant under Schooley at New Castle for six seasons (1998, 2000-2004).

Ross, a 2004 Waynesburg graduate, coaches linebackers. He was a standout linebacker for the Yellow Jackets from 2000-03. D’Imperio, a 2005 Waynesburg graduate, coaches wide receivers. He was a standout receiver for Waynesburg from 2001-04.
Memories, traditions, friendships—all are part of our connection to alma mater. All alumni are invited to return to campus for Triennial Alumni Weekend 2006. Renew your ties to Westminster and enjoy a refreshing weekend away. Weekend highlights include:

Decade Gatherings & Sundae Social
Gather with fellow alumni from your decade—and visit with other Westminster friends. Special commemorative gifts will be given away before we head to Ferguson for ice cream sundaes!

Saturday Seminars
• Extracting DNA
• Dr. Darwin Huey - “It happened first in the One Room School”
• Great Grilling! Suggestions and samples with a chef from the Springfield Restaurant Group

Saturday on the Green…Classic Cars & More!
Generations of our alumni can browse the classic cars of years past. Do you have a classic car? Be sure to bring it to campus—a $5 entry fee per car. Other activities by the Lake include bocce, volleyball, and a pitch ‘n’ putt contest.

The “Main” Event & Splendor Under the Stars
After dinner on Senior Terrace of Old Main, take a lovely torch-lit walk to a warmly lit tent on the Quad for dancing and celebrating. The evening will feature dancing, certainly, but not just any dancing, we will be instructed by a “real” dancer and then anyone can learn and enjoy “The Ties that Bind!”

Sunday Worship Service and Brunch
No weekend on campus would be complete with out a time for alumni fellowship and worship in Wallace Memorial Chapel. Then bid farewell to friends during brunch in the TUB.

Awards & Nominations Accepted
If you know an alumnus/alumna who would enjoy the opportunity to be involved with the Alumni Council, Board of Trustees, or is deserving of a Westminster College Alumni Citation, please let us know.

Alumni Representatives to the Board of Trustees
Each year, two alumni are selected to serve four-year terms as members of the Board of Trustees. Alumni representatives to the Board are selected by the Alumni Council from a pool of nominations submitted by alumni.

Alumni Council Representatives
All Westminster graduates are members of the Alumni Association. Providing direction for alumni activities and serving as a communications conduit between the College and alumni, the Council provides leadership for the Association. Each year, three representatives are selected to serve four-year terms on the Council.

Westminster College Alumni Citations
Do you know someone who graduated from Westminster and has achieved significant accomplishments in his or her profession, or made meaningful contributions to a community or to Westminster? These contributions and accomplishments may be visible and high-profile, or behind-the-scenes effects which are less apparent.

Outstanding Young Alumni Award
An opportunity to recognize alumni of 15 years or less, who are making a significant contribution as they build careers, serve their community or Westminster.

Contact the alumni office for a nomination form or submit a nomination through the Web page.

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Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172
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alumni@westminster.edu

Alumni Web Connections
Can’t make it back to campus but in need of a new Westminster hat, hoodie or tee shirt? The Titan Gift Shop is now online:

www.westminster.edu/bookstore

Coming back to campus or just looking for a Westminster friend? Check out the online e-mail directory, searchable by name and class year. Be sure to submit your listing.

www.westminster.edu/alumni/directory/search.cfm

Looking for homecoming, reunion, regional event and other alumni activity information, check out the alumni relations section of the Westminster Web page.

www.westminster.edu/alumni/ar/ar_overview.cfm

Support the Westminster Fund with “one-click” giving.

www.westminster.edu/giving

Pennsylvania alumni, show your Titan spirit with a Westminster license plate. Download the application and send to the alumni office for processing.

www.westminster.edu/alumni/license_plate.cfm

Westminster news, Titan sports updates, campus calendar and more!

www.westminster.edu
As coordinator of advancement events for Westminster College, Cindy works with regional alumni groups throughout the country to develop and strengthen Westminster connections.

May 10, 2005, New Castle
Local alumnae, Marie Nicholas Peterson ’51 and Barbara Jamieson Brown ’67, and I met in New Castle to begin planning events for Lawrence-Mercer County alumni. Plans are under way for a “Ladies Only Tea” on May 6, 2006.

May 22, 2005, Erie
Erie-area alumni enjoyed a sunny day as they gathered for a fun afternoon of Erie SeaWolves baseball including a picnic before the game. Special thanks to Cathy Sargent Mester ’69, Christine McCammon Palattella ’90, and John Russell ’97 for hosting this fun alumni event.

June 4, 2005, Phoenix, AZ
Thirteen alumni from the Phoenix area met for a special evening under the stars at Rawhide Western Town & Steakhouse. The group enjoyed reconnecting with fellow alumni and making new alumni friends while enjoying dinner and special entertainment. A special “thank you” to Tony Pizon ’97 and Caryn Mehalik Pizon ’96 for organizing and hosting this event. The Phoenix group had such a wonderful time together, they look forward to planning another gathering very soon!
UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS:

**November**
- 4-6 Eastern PA Alumni Weekend event in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and State College

**December**
- 1 Akron-Canton-Cleveland Christmas reception with Tom and Jean Williamson
- 7 Pittsburgh Christmas reception with Tom and Jean Williamson

**May**
- 6 Lawrence-Mercer-Youngstown “For Ladies Only Tea”

**Spring 2006**
- TBA Akron-Canton-Cleveland Cleveland Indians baseball game

**June**
- 11 Akron-Canton-Cleveland, Lawrence-Mercer-Youngstown: Tour and alumni gathering at Stan Hywet, Akron, OH

**June 25, 2005, Pittsburgh**
A special group of Westminster alumni volunteers gathered at Shaler Titan Stadium in Pittsburgh to participate in the Pittsburgh Cancer Society’s “North Hills Relay for Life” walk. Our alumni raised $630 in support of cancer research. Special thank you to our team: Christina Andrae ’00, Judy Wilson Baker ’70, Kara Benedict ’00, Zach Beresh ’02, Elizabeth Caskey ’01, April McCarthy ’01, Diane Walton Wiley ’70, and Melissa Wiley ’00. Thanks, also, to trustee Barbara Braden Guffey ’70 for hosting the group at a gathering before the walk!

**June 30, 2005, Williamsport**
Williamsport-area alumni enjoyed a beautiful summer evening as they gathered for a pre-game picnic before the Williamsport Crosscutters baseball game at historic Bowman Field. Thanks to Emily Boyle Dietrich ’99 and Robb Dietrich ’99 for planning and hosting a great alumni outing.

**July 20, 2005, Akron, OH**
Gloria Cagigas, vice president for institutional advancement, and I traveled to Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens in Akron to meet with trustee Whitney Fraier Bohan ’74, vice president of Stan Hywet. What a beautiful estate and gardens! Plans are being made for an alumni event at Stan Hywet on Sunday, June 11, 2006. Thank you, Whitney, for a great meeting and tour!

It’s been a very busy spring and summer 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.
Westminster College and New Wilmington: Good Neighbors since 1852

Shoppers stroll down South Market Street in New Wilmington during the Arts & Heritage Festival, an annual event hosted cooperatively by Westminster and the borough.

“I think having Westminster College in New Wilmington really sets New Wilmington apart from many of the surrounding towns,” said Ken Romig, a 1985 Westminster graduate who serves as president of the Borough Council and Westminster’s vice president of finance and management services. “From a financial perspective, Westminster provides many jobs to people in New Wilmington and the surrounding area. Westminster is also the borough’s largest utility customer. The borough finances most of its operations through its utilities, primarily through the sale of electricity. Having a large customer like Westminster certainly eases the financial burden on the citizens of New Wilmington.

“ Apart from the financial impact, the College is a great source of culture for the people of New Wilmington,” Romig added. “Westminster hosts the Fourth of July celebration, the Arts & Heritage Festival, Business Expo, and Celebrity Series events, as well as many other performances and lectures. Westminster also

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Ken Romig ’85
President, New Wilmington Borough Council
Vice President for Finance and Management Services, Westminster College

In 1852, the 200 citizens of New Wilmington, a quaint village without paved streets or sidewalks, pledged $10,000 toward the endowment of a new college, and some local residents offered free building sites. This began a relationship between Westminster College and the local community that has thrived for over 150 years.

The initial investment by the community has been repaid many times over. Westminster’s over 400 employees and $45.3 million operating budget results in an estimated $80 million being spent locally each school year, but being a good neighbor is about more than money.

“There are so many benefits,” said Tom McKinley, president of the New Wilmington Area Chamber of Commerce. “Obviously Westminster provides a huge direct economic benefit that brings a large amount of money into the area. Aesthetically, the College’s beautiful campus adds so much to the town’s charm, and the myriad programs that Westminster makes available provide educational and artistic opportunities to our residents that are unheard of in most towns.”
provides New Wilmington with a library and enhances the educational opportunities for area residents.

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McKinley agrees that Westminster students provide vitality to the community.

“The energy the students bring with them into town each semester along with the vibrant campus life that inevitably spills out into the town itself is always a breath of fresh air. The unique environment that academia encourages adds a special something to a business community that is hard to define, but would be sorely missed if absent,” McKinley said.

Sometimes a little too much energy is injected into bucolic New Wilmington.

“There are times when there is friction between the borough residents and the College students,” Romig said. “However, Westminster has always taken an active role in trying to find resolutions to these problems. The commitment that Westminster has shown has always been appreciated by the borough.”

Westminster’s 300-acre picturesque campus also benefits the community.

“I feel like I live next to a big park,” Romig said. “The College does a great job in keeping its grounds looking beautiful, and it is always accessible to the people of New Wilmington. You always see people out walking on campus or jogging around the track. The College also provides the local residents with a great place to take their families fishing and canoeing. Unlike some colleges, which try to fence their campuses off to keep people out, Westminster does a great job of making the townspeople feel welcome.”

McKinley, who lives near Westminster’s Outdoor Biology Field Station, joked, “The College is a GREAT neighbor! The garbage is always picked up, the lawn is always mowed, the snow shoveled, and no toys on the sidewalks to trip over.”

McKinley gets serious when discussing the impact Westminster has had on the three-year-old Chamber of Commerce. In addition to having Westminster employees serving on the Chamber board, the College hosts most of the larger Chamber events and also provides interns and volunteers.

“Our Chamber is a young one, just three years old, and was formed as a vehicle to help local businesses leverage the unique economic opportunities available by virtue of the College, the local government, and our other resources. The active role the College takes in supporting the Chamber has allowed us to grow and provide programs we just could not have been able to provide on our own.”

Romig reflected on the past and predicted the future of the relationship: “The fates of Westminster and New Wilmington are intertwined. The College has always been a good neighbor to the borough, and the borough has always been a good neighbor to the College. New Wilmington and Westminster have developed a good sense of mutual appreciation and cooperation.”

A look at Westminster’s effect on the surrounding community:

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The S.R. Thompson House is located on Market Street in New Wilmington, and is currently owned by Westminster College. It was constructed in the Victorian period during the transitional time between the Stick Style (1860-1890) and the Queen Anne Style (1880-1910). Samuel R. Thompson, a professor of physics and the developer of Westminster College’s science department, built the house in 1884. Upon Thompson’s death in 1896, his wife Lucy, who provided room and board for Westminster students and professors, inherited the house. Ina M. Hanna, Thompson’s niece and physics assistant at the College, inherited the house in 1920 and continued the operation of the boarding house until 1931 when the building became a sorority house for one year. It was then a lodging for men for two years with Mrs. Jane Yahn as residence director. Westminster purchased the building in 1945. From 1934-45, freshman women lived there with Mrs. Yahn (two years), then Mrs. Mary C. McConagha as residence directors. The yearly cost was $288/$300 for a single/double room. In the spring of 1945, the six sorority presidents met in dean Mary Jane Stevenson’s office. Each was to pick a slip of paper out of a bowl, determining which of the six campus houses her sorority would claim as their residence in the fall. The Alpha Gamma Delta sorority lived in Thompson House until 1959 when the house was designated for administrative use. It housed the offices of alumni, public information, the assistant to the president, non-teacher placement, and public relations. From 1973-84, women again resided in Thompson House. In 1985, the house was placed in the National Register of Historic Places and has housed College offices ever since: development, alumni relations, AAIE, celebrity series and church relations. In 2005, the College announced plans to once again use the building for women’s housing. Significant changes occurred at the College during the times of eight presidents. From the time of S. R. Thompson’s death, there were many changes in the makeup of those who resided or worked in Thompson House. We take great pleasure in sharing these excerpts of Thompson House Memories from those who have been a part of its history.

Dorothy Pollock ‘46

PAUL GAMBLE, 1932
When I dated a freshman girl in 1929 who lived at Thompson House, I was greeted at the door by the housemother (Miss Ina Hanna) who invited me to have a seat in the living room. At this time the house was leased by the College for freshman women housing. Miss Hanna was the niece of Professor Thompson who had built the house. In the fall of 1931, my senior year, the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority moved in for one year. When Thompson House was vacated, Dr. Orr was planning to bulldoze it for a parking lot. I proposed that we use it to house the offices of alumni relations, public information, and church relations. I moved into the front room where I had previously met my date. It was my favorite of the eight different offices I have occupied during my 58 years of service to the College. In January 1984, at the request of President Allen Splete, I explored the possibility of getting Thompson House on the National Register of Historic Places. It was officially added to the Register on March 7, 1985.

ILA MUSSER COLE

As I think of memories of Thompson House, I am reminded of many happy summer conference days spent in the house from 1934-40. It was occupied by 16 young women under the guidance of Etta McClure.

GEORGE MITCHELL, 1937

Housemother Mrs. Yahn, with son Ivan and daughter Betty, lived on the first floor, and when it would get noisy upstairs, she would come to the foot of the stairs and call out for us to quiet down since Ivan was studying. Of course we complied. We had double bunks. My room was on the second floor in front with a huge window that allowed us to look across campus into the very portals of that great stone structure known as Browne Hall which housed a goodly number of our fair freshman lassies. On one particular Saturday, three of us, Dick Morris, Russ Leiby and myself, were stretched out across my bunk bed taking in this scene and wishing that some of those dear lassies would venture forth from that formidable citadel. Then, we saw three of them, arms linked, coming down the entrance steps – lo, the gods were with us. When they turned toward the street and us, it was time for the men to take action. We went down to our front steps where we would be close to the street in case they turned to go up town. We needed to drop in behind as a rear guard to protect them against those long-haired Amish fellas who hung around Isaly’s. We followed them up town at a discreet distance and we each had picked out our girl. Mine was this cute little thing on the right flank. I thought she was the sweetest thing I had ever seen – I was already falling in love, and I wanted to talk to her. Being a fellow who hadn’t dated in high school, I was scared to death of women. Little bits of conversation soon erupted and before long it was no longer three girls and three boys but three couples. We took a long walk and by the time we returned to campus I knew that this sweet lady was Margaret Eversole. I would then intercept her between classes and walk her back to the dorm. Many dates followed to events and picnics and walks around the beautiful town. This went on during the four years on campus when we formed a close bond between us. By the time graduation rolled around, Peggy Eversole and I knew that we wanted to marry. Unfortunately the economy, jobs, and medical problems delayed the marriage until May 10, 1941, a wonderful moment when Peggy became Mrs. George Mitchell. It continued with love and devotion for 61 years, until the Lord took my Peggy home.

ISABEL MELOY GEHR, 1938

In the fall of 1935 Thompson House became housing for sophomore women and I was one of the fortunate ones who got to live there. I lived on the third floor with my roommate, Mary Boyd Carter, and with three other Alpha Gam sisters. Anne Stevens Klein and Dorothy Yeasey Way roomed together, and Izora Mangus Snyder lived in the little room by herself. We felt like we had a mini sorority suite that year. Other residents that year were Marjorie Dunn, Jean Drummond, Mary Lou Schonhoffer, Agnes Donaldson, Miriam Cassidy and Betty Barrett who belonged to different sororities. Our housemother was Mrs. McConagha and we all loved her. I remember her as being rather elderly but also as being patient with a bunch of giggly girls. On the morning after Halloween that year we wakened to find a manure spreader in front of the house by the steps. We later discovered that some of the members of the Kappa Phi Lambda fraternity had “borrowed” the spreader from a farmer in order to “impress” us residents. Of course we thought it was great fun, but I imagine the farmer wasn’t happy about it.

ELIZABETH YAHN MILLER, 1942

Dr. Robert Galbreath had been the pastor at our church in Pittsburgh. When he became president of Westminster College in 1932, he hired my mother, Mrs. Jane Yahn, to be housemother for the men who were going to live in Thompson House. When we arrived at the house in the summer of 1932, Miss Hanna, Dr. Thompson’s niece, was still living there. The house needed to be cleaned in preparation for the arrival of the new residents, but she couldn’t find anyone to clean it. I said that I would clean the house for her and I did – all three floors, for which I was paid fifty cents. I am the only young girl in the history of the College who lived in a residence hall for men. My brother Ivan, who was in college at the time, and I, who was 11 years old, lived at the house with my mother. For me it was like living with a family of older brothers. The first big room to the left of the entrance lobby was the living room. Since I was taking piano lessons, that is where I did my practicing. The boys never minded it. The large room behind was dormitory space. Behind that was the library, full of Dr. Thompson’s books. Behind the lobby was the dining room, behind which was the kitchen. My mother and I slept in the little room at the back of the first floor. Ivan’s room was upstairs with the other students. The phone was at the bottom of the steps; I was “all ears,” listening to the conversations of the boys with their girlfriends. Things I heard made me wiser in the ways of the world. Ivan took care of the furnace. He taught a Sunday school class of young boys at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. He would bring his ties. Our housemother (she taught public speaking and directed FRANCES CLARKE CALDWELL, 1946

Fourteen girls lived in Thompson House from 1942-1944. The parlor was the large room to the left of the entrance hall. Whoever asked first for the room was allowed to entertain her boyfriend there that evening. Two girls lived in the room behind the parlor. On the second floor there were two single rooms and three double rooms. Mary McConagha was housemother (she taught public speaking and directed
the May Day events). She was very particular in her inspection of the rooms for neatness. Towels had to be folded neatly on the towel racks. On the second floor it was possible to go from room to room through the clothes closets.

SHIRLEY NELSON RAWLS, 1946
Ten girls (1st and 2nd floors) rushing to dress to get to breakfast. One bath, meaning one tub, one lavatory, and one toilet. A shower?? What was that?? We really got to know each other. We had to be careful using the on-the-wall first floor phone. For one thing, there were five other “parties” on the same line; no secrets could be told. I can’t prove this, but one of the parties was the phone in Old Main Tower. Every night, a group of students were up there watching for German or Japanese planes on their way to bomb Conneaut Lake or some place near. I never heard a plane fly over us, so those students must have been very bored. I wonder – did they relieve their boredom by listening to our calls? And, every evening in cold weather a student would be in the basement stoking up the coal furnace. Problem: the air grill was on the floor directly in front of the phone; the stoking sent up clouds of smoke thru the grill. Any conversation ended abruptly.

Mrs. McConagha, our wonderful housemother, told us soon after we moved in that we weren’t allowed to have radios. But, “Oh,” we said, we needed to get the war news. She couldn’t argue with that, and I think we did actually listen to some news programs, but we also moved the dial to popular music stations. I put my record player in the living room; it was very popular. I can remember a record “My Ideal,” which “Mrs. Mac” thought was terrible music. We should be listening to classics – but I didn’t have any such records. I don’t think she could hear Dorsey or Miller back in her apartment. That record player served all through my time at Westminster. I can remember my last summer – 90 girls and 10 boys, dancing on the Ferguson Hall patio.

M. JOANN COCHRAN, 1947
In 1945, the move from Ferguson Hall to separate the six sorority living quarters was widely accepted. When our president, Jean Lawton, drew Thompson House for Alpha Gamma Delta at the meeting of the six sorority presidents in Dean Stevenson’s office, it was a splendid move for us. We felt that the house was stately and dignified, reflecting its early Victorian origins. The exterior architectural touches, whether “gingerbread” or “jigsaw” or “ornamental” did not deflect from the interior warmth of the home. I remember the large entry/lobby area, the high ceilings, marble fireplaces and that grand staircase. It was a favorite place for photographing Alpha Gams in formal dresses. Just off the first floor bedroom was a small library. Bookcases lined two walls – we used the interior space for clotheslines to dry our clothes. The interior fire escape at the back of the house became the sight of an occasional cigarette or the clandestine outing for a poor soul on house limits. A fraternity pin also was celebrated at that spot. We didn’t have far to sprint to meals at Ferguson Hall dining room. The Alpha Gams were proud that Thompson House was their home.

JOAN BEERBOWER RANDEL, 1952
I lived in Thompson House my senior year, 1951-52. My roommate and I shared the front bedroom, third floor. Windows were floor to ceiling, streetside only. There was plenty of space for two single beds, two desks, two bureaus and a shared closet. Storage was at a minimum. It was always cozy, adequately warm and insulated enough to give quiet for study. The only bathroom was at the back of the hall and had to be shared with everyone on the floor, perhaps 6-8 of us. There were no laundry facilities, so we sent things home until a laundromat was opened next to the only drugstore in town. The kitchen, somewhat antiquated, had an old black range. None of us knew how to cook. We had a spaghetti dinner for the new sisters, which turned out rather well in spite of our lack of expertise. On the second floor, back bedroom, there was a door leading to the fire escape. Some of the girls used it to sneak in and out after hours. We could be very adept at signing in for someone else by distracting the housemother for a moment. We thought it was clever, but fear would invade our minds until the tardy one returned and was safe inside. At the end of the school year, but early enough that the nicest days were beckoning us outside, we spread blankets in the yard and studied in the sun. We weren’t allowed to wear shorts or slacks on campus. We played a few tricks on the housemother, and ourselves, shortsheeting beds, Vaseline on the toilet seats, and misplacing items that happened to turn up in odd places. One girl had a popcorn popper that sent wonderful odors throughout in the evenings. The same girl would try to sell some of her clothes to get some desperately needed money. Her father had died suddenly and left the family without funds. She had to get a job as a waitress and I can still remember her serving us hamburgers. We could barely afford to eat out, let alone leave a $0.25 tip. Another girl didn’t return from Thanksgiving break. She had been diagnosed with Hodgkin’s disease and died soon after. Her uncle came to collect her things including the little portable washing machine which we hooked up to the sink in the bathroom and drained it into the old bathtub with the claw feet. Then there was the beautiful girl who was secretly married but had to stay at the sorority house for the rest of the year for financial reasons. I can still see the look on her face as she left him at the door night after night. My roommate, on breaking up night after night. My roommate, on breaking up, on breaking up with her beloved, spent all night cramming for an exam in the bathroom, so as not to disturb my sleep. The next morning she told me that she now understood our professor who taught philosophy of religion. Only a few made the grade in his class. She couldn’t explain it, I wasn’t ready. She passed, I failed. I think she met God that night. I loved living at Thompson House. There were tough
The Centurian, Homecoming, 1952. (Photo courtesy of Constance Beaman Dugan ’53.)

times – separation from family, breaking up with my first deep love, and stepping into adulthood. The time there was all too short.

CONSTANCE BEAMAN DUGAN, 1953

I entered Westminster College as a freshman in the fall of 1949. I treasure the friendships I made, particularly the ones as a member of Alpha Gamma Delta. I lived in the house my senior year, when I shared a room facing the TUB, on the second floor, with Kay Young. We studied in that room, and slept in the adjoining room through the little doorway under the sloping roof. Due to an emergency appendectomy after Christmas 1952, I couldn’t return to school until the end of January. When I did finally return, I had to show everyone my scar to prove that I wasn’t just taking an extended vacation. The front parlor was where your date waited and where you could socialize – no guys upstairs. Mrs. Purdy, our housemother, was a very sweet lady who crocheted lovely bedspreads and table covers as a pastime. One of the first floor back rooms was our meeting room, as well as where we gathered every spring to rehearse our music for Sing and Swing, a sorority/fraternity/independent evening of choral competition. This was a wonderful event performed in the gymnasium in Old 77. Homecoming was a huge weekend for everyone. It included a formal ball off campus on Saturday night. Decorating the sorority/fraternity houses and dormitories for the Homecoming judges was a big endeavor. Today they have a parade. Every fall we had to come up with a big idea for decorating the front of Thompson House. With the idea and materials on hand, we were up at dawn, out front putting it all together. The theme in 1952 was the 100th anniversary of the college. Judging time was 10:00 a.m. Everyone pitched in and worked very hard on the “Centurian” ship, and of course, we were most disappointed that we didn’t win. I believe my favorite memories in the house would be the late night talks, the wonderful friendships, and the simple unstructured fun. It was bittersweet as we gathered on the front steps after commencement, not knowing whether or not we would meet again. Laura Jane Russell Loomis and I took a nostalgic walk through the house when we returned in October, 2003 for our 50th reunion. We could almost hear the echoes.

CAROL GALLWITS HOFER, 1956

Mrs. Purdy was our lovable housemother when I lived at Thompson House as an Alpha Gam during my junior and senior years. The rope that was coiled on the third floor near a window was the “fire escape.” When my mother saw it she wasn’t sure that I should be living in the house. There was one telephone at the bottom of the steps. Mrs. Russell, our patroness, kept our manners on the straight and narrow. Once a year she took us to the Tavern for dinner. We were instructed in the proper etiquette beforehand. The only rule I have broken through the years (I hope) is that I no longer wear white gloves when I dress to go out. One room on the second floor, a triple, had cabbage rose wallpaper. When a sorority sister was “pinned,” the fraternity serenaded her on the front steps and the Alpha Gams living in the house stood in the background. The large chapter room was also used for “Sing and Swing” rehearsals.

NANCY PETSINGER OLIPHANT, 1956

I remember the cold, snowy winters when we lived in Thompson House. We three roommates, Ronda Vogan, Junie Gunther and I, were warm and cozy inside our sorority house. Mrs. Purdy was our wonderful housemother. One warm spring evening, we put an old “no swimming” sign in her bathtub.

EVANN GABREATH GARRISON, 1975

During my senior year (1974-75) I lived in Thompson House. The last Saturday evening of the regular term, my friend Josie Youngman Wilmore gave a free haircut to Roman, her boyfriend’s ping pong and Frisbee buddy. Anyway, Roman and I met on the fire escape that evening while Josie was cutting his hair. We graduated eight days later, both honors students who were sitting next to each other. We had a couple of dates in the intervening week, and a year later, August 1976, we were married in the Chapel. Thompson House was a special place to live – the best of my four years at Westminster College – and it holds a very special place in my and Roman’s heart.

DIANE ILLIS, 1984

My roommate Chris Cottom Ruffolo and I were so excited when we got a room in Thompson House for our senior year. In my opinion it was the best of the campus housing. We teamed up with two other girls (Kathy Fishburn Miller and Beth Helgerman Jewel) who had been friends in the same freshman hall, and got a room on the first floor of Thompson House. Compared to our previous rooms, the quad seemed palatial. The door to our room was directly across the lobby from the front door, just to the left of the stairs. From our quad we had access to three rooms, two porches and the basement. We shared a bathroom with the girls in the triple next door. We used the front room as a living area, the middle room as the bedroom (two sets of bunks), and the last room as a combination closet/study area. With four girls, we actually had the desks spread out in all three rooms. We had visions of using the one porch as a breakfast area, but we used it only one time. The second porch came in handy as an auxiliary refrigerator in the winter months. The basement was lots of fun – there was a blocked off tunnel and we imagined all sorts of stories in relation to the tunnel (the Underground Railroad was our favorite). If nothing else, it was good conversation material. That year I came up early with my sister Susan Illis who was starting her freshman year. Chris was still in town because she had worked during the summer at the radio station. We had an unpleasant surprise when we discovered a bat in the house. We stunned him with a broom and he departed the premises. Thankfully, we never saw him again. Chris and I were “off board” that year so we utilized the kitchen on the third floor. It was little and tucked under the eaves, but we loved it. After cooking, we would take our plates out onto the fire escape and enjoy both the food and our view of the town. Thompson remains my favorite of all the places I lived at Westminster. In fact, my first apartment out of college was in a house remarkably similar to Thompson House. It was a wonderful time and I fondly remember many stories and incidents from that year.
There is always that potentially awkward moment when in conversation someone asks me, “So, what do you do for a living?” At this point in my life I am a stay-at-home mom of two children — technically I am not employed. No corporate ladder to climb, no reward shares to earn, no reason to hang the diploma on the wall behind a mahogany desk covered in reports marked “Urgent.” As my 10-year class reunion approached, I took some time to reflect on the education I received at Westminster College. I am suddenly realizing that my education at Westminster is still invaluable as I work my way through this phase of my life as the “unemployed.”

I graduated in 1995 with my bachelor of arts. I majored in Christian education and had a minor in theatre — perhaps not the most widely received degree combination in higher education, but I loved what I studied and it served me well as I worked at various churches as a director of Christian education and later as coordinator for elementary ministry. I wrote curriculum, organized mission trips, drafted vision statements, trained volunteers, managed budgets, and even performed the occasional puppet skit. Once my first son, Jude, was born, I packed up the diploma from my office and thought, “Someday I will use this again,” not realizing how, in a million different ways, my experiences at Westminster had prepared me to be the mom of two delightful and energetic boys.
One of the big buzzwords while I was at Westminster was “cooperative learning.” Almost all of my projects were done with a team of other students working together towards a common goal. It wasn’t always easy. The teams I worked on had different personalities, different ideas, and different schedules to coordinate. My collegiate experiences with cooperative learning served me well as the mother of an infant. It was the same scenario—different personalities, different ideas, and certainly different schedules, but the same goal. The patient exchange of ideas I learned completing my college projects prepared me to navigate the treacherous waters of caring for a newborn. A perfect example? Breastfeeding. He wanted to eat. I wanted to feed him. We sure better work together to get it done right.

As my children have gotten a little older, one of the most often used lessons from Westminster is one I learned from Dar Huey in Educational Psychology. It is the theory that you can manage negative behavior in a classroom more effectively with a quick look or a gentle touch than by yelling. Although there have been days when my form of correction would have earned me a better grade in my Voice Production class than in Ed Psych, I have found that in most situations the look or gentle hand on the shoulder is the Holy Grail of public discipline.

Even the liberal arts classes serve me well as a stay-at-home mom. In statistics class I learned about the concept of probabilities. This knowledge has helped me keep realistic expectations as a mom. Just because my older son tried flushing his underwear down the toilet does not necessarily decrease the likelihood that his younger brother Calvin will also attempt this same experiment with similar results. And how would I ever answer the unlikely question of the three-year-old mind about why there is a partially digested berry in bird poop on the sidewalk without taking biology? (“Why? Because that bird must be an herbivore or omnivore, son.”)

But some of the most important things I learned at Westminster that I use every day aren’t facts or figures, but an outlook on life that has best prepared me for parenting. As I dream of the day when my sons will enroll at Westminster, I hope that I can begin instilling in them now some of the most valuable lessons I learned in my time there.

I hope my children grow to enjoy learning as much as they enjoy success. My senior year I finally got up the nerve to join the handbell choir, even though I couldn’t read music well and had never picked up a handbell in my life. It was just something I had always wanted to learn. With a lot of work on my part, and even more patience on the director’s part, I played about a dozen notes right in the spring concert. It was my favorite personal performance because I knew how hard I had worked to get there. Those 12 notes were a greater accomplishment than any solo in a packed concert hall could have been.

I hope my children have adults in their life who press them to try harder, think differently, and believe in themselves. In the difficult moments that inevitably happen in life, my professors encouraged me immeasurably. There wasn’t anything that happened in my time at Westminster that a visit to the late Peter Macky’s office couldn’t help me get perspective on. I hope my children not only find their own Dr. Mackys in life, but also look for opportunities to speak that kind of encouragement into the lives of others.

As the days until my reunion ticked away, I have been reminded of the most valuable thing I learned at Westminster that prepares me for every day as a stay-at-home mom. When I think about my time at college, I don’t automatically think of the big things—I probably couldn’t name all the classes I took or even what grades I earned—but I do remember snowball fights in the Quad, the thrill of seeing mail in Box 296, and the sound of the flag snapping in the wind over Old Main on a crisp fall day. Life then, and life now with two young boys, is really about the little things. It is the simple things of life that become the most valuable memories. I am reminded of this when I receive a wilted dandelion, when I catch my son singing a song in the mirror at the top of his lungs, or when we cuddle up at the end of the day for a few moments of peace before bed.

I know I will have to answer the “What do you do for a living?” question in September at my reunion, but this time I will probably feel more nostalgic than awkward as I answer. While I don’t have a career that gets me listed in the “Class Notes” or contacted by a recent graduate for career advice, I know every day that my education and experiences at Westminster have been invaluable as I navigate my new life as the “unemployed.”

(Ann Ekdahl Kimmel lives in Gallatin, Tenn., with her husband, Mark, and their children, Jude, 3, and Calvin, 13 months.)
44 Donald Fox has been re-elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the American Miniature Horse Association, representing Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan. Don and his wife, Anne, live on the family farm in Enon Valley, where Don has been raising champion miniature horses since 1996.

55 Jody Groves Smith is a consultant medical writer with Wyeth, a pharmaceutical development firm in Collegeville. Jody and her husband, Kirby, make their home in Philadelphia.

Suzanne Shepard Myett has retired as a social worker with the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare. Sue lives in Buzzards Bay, Mass.

57 Jane Stewart Warner and her husband, Andrew, have relocated to Pensacola, Fla.

61 Dorothy Spitler Scillo received her 8,000 hours of service badge/pin for her continued volunteering in a hospital gift shop. Dorothy and her husband, Frank, make their home in Bellaire, Fla.

62 Wilber Jones has retired after 38 years teaching chemistry at Concord University. His wife, Carolee Paul Jones ’61, has retired from teaching middle school science at Athens School. The couple lives in Princeton, W.Va.

Ronald Walker ’68 has retired as a professor at Ashland (Ohio) University. He has been appointed by Ohio Governor Robert Taft to the board of trustees for North Central State College in Mansfield, Ohio. Ron and his wife, Cora, live in Ashland.

63 Jim Fisher has written Ten Percent of Nothing, The Case of the Literary Agent from Hell, a book that chronicles fee agents, vanity presses and book doctors who promise to represent, publish and improve the works of writers.

Joe Stewart retired as pastor of Cody Bible Church after 17 years at the church, 29 in the pastorate. He and his wife, Bonnie Brown Stewart ’64, spend time traveling and have increased Joe’s bees for honey production. The couple resides in Cody, Wyo.

William Fulmer retired from the administrative science department at Clarion University. He taught management and labor relations courses, including development of the International Business Seminar program.

64 Elizabeth Hamilton Hildreth has retired from teaching Spanish at Delaware Academy. She lives in Delhi, N.Y., with her husband David.

Diane Savage Miller has retired after 40 years teaching secondary special education. She and her husband, Hugh, reside in Norman, Okla.

65 Patricia Meyer Meckins has retired from photobiology research at the University of Utah and is a docent at Utah’s Hogle Zoo. She takes animals to elementary school classrooms for talks about animal needs, habitats, adaptations and raising young. As a raptor handler, she takes owls, hawks and falcons for educational talks with zoo patrons. She and her husband, Terry, live in Sandy, Utah.

66 Dr. Glenn Jamison is a psychiatrist at Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic. He lives in Honeyoe Falls, N.Y., with his wife, Linda Durns Jamison ’67, a retired teacher.

67 Nancy Branscome Higgins received the Mentor of the Year Award from students at Montgomery College in Rockville, Md.

68 The Rev. Henry Heidrich has retired as minister at McNaugher Memorial Presbyterian Church. Harry and his wife, Edith, live in Pittsburgh.

Marilyn Rush Garthwaite is an account manager with Lyons Companies, an insurance agency in Wilmington, Del.

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A Golden Cruise
Clance and Helen Martin hosted a group of 34 alumni, friends, former faculty and staff for a cruise aboard the Golden Princess. After a short stay in London, the ship sailed to Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow and Edinburgh. Pictured on board are (first row, left to right) Nancy Wright, Emma Remick, Priscilla Ross Franks ’64, Janet Cooley Spain ’64, Margaret Craft M’47, Lois Colp ’67 and Lynette Wilson Graham ’53; (second row) William Wright, Neil Whispey M’58, Penny Pollock McFarland ’64, Patricia McClure Harding ’52 and Leonard Harding ’49; (back row) Dewey DeWitt, Clarence Martin, Kenneth Whispey, Carol Jean Young McKenzie ’62, Beverly Bemiss Walz ’58, and Ruth Randall Watto ’51.
and her husband, Gene, reside in Landenburg.

70 Linda Ingling Rogness is an associate professor of education and chemistry at Muskingum College. She makes her home in Zanesville, Ohio.

71 Leland Baker has retired after 33½ years teaching math in the Shaler Area School District. Bud resides in Allison Park.

Steve Vinciguerra, senior manager of tourism sales for SeaWorld Orlando, was recognized by the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association as the 2004 Allied of the Year. The award signifies his commitment and steadfast volunteerism to the organization as a leading business partner.

Richard Willoughby and his wife, Linda Satterfield Willoughby, have relocated to Brighton, Mich.

72 Linda Henry Champanier was appointed director of institutional advancement for Westchester Community College, SUNY. She will be working on the capital campaign for the Gateway Center, a collaborative academic center that will include business, volunteer and professional development programs with English language programs and training for immigrants and foreign residents. She and her husband, Paul, live in Stamford, Conn.

74 Dennis Fike M’77 and his wife, Vicki, live in Hermitage, where Denny is a music teacher in the Hermitage School District.

Jennifer Fox Fogle is assistant principal at St. Agnes School in Pittsburgh. She and her husband, Bruce Kalik, are residents of Verona.

William Maston and his wife, Sylvia Schneider Maston ’75, have relocated to Merion Station. Bill is an attorney with offices in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Robert Talvan of Beaver is self-employed as a contract investigator.

75 Diane Brown Davis is adjunct faculty in music at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. She and her husband, Randall, reside in Jerome, Idaho.

Frederick Curtze and his wife, Mikie, live in Erie, where Fritz has retired as president of Curtze Steel, Inc.

Rosemary D’Amato Hughes and her husband, Mark, of Warren, Ohio, are team over-the-road truck drivers for Interstate Distributor Company.

James Durlesser and his wife, Joy, make their home in McKeesport, where James is the minister at Greenock United Methodist Church.

Cynthia Fagan Hessinger is owner of Printing Technologies, a commercial printer. Cindy and her husband, Bob, live in Erie.

Dr. Thomas Hartman has retired as a veterinarian at Shoreland Animal Hospital. Tom and his wife, Lynn, and their two sons are residents of Toledo, Ohio.

Daniel Hacker and his wife, Iva, make their home in Birmingham, Ala., where Dan is a management consultant with YMCA of the USA.

Dr. Bernadette Kutcher has completed a nonfiction manuscript, Paralysis of the Spirit, about her spiritual journey as a doctor with neurosarcoidosis, a rare brain disease. She was inducted into the Academic Hall of Fame at Mercer Middle/High School and was a semi-finalist at The Writers Network. A resident of Hermitage, she is writing two additional books and is lecturing at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Patricia Moon Massey is a second-grade teacher at Apison Elementary School. Patti and her husband, Terry, are residents of Ooltewah, Tenn.

Karen Sloan Bausman and her husband, Bob, live in Lansdale, where Karen is executive vice president/national sales with Countrywide Home Loan.

Thomas Sniezek is the warden for the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Elkton, Ohio. Tom and his wife, Dorothy, reside in Canfield, Ohio.

Barry Spaeth is an attorney with Robbins, Kelly, Patterson & Tucker in Cincinnati. He and his wife, Doreen, and their two sons make their home in West Chester, Ohio.

Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers (left to right) Jim Mitchell ’80, Dave Hasson ’78, Bruce Haldeman ’77 and John Shaffer ’77 gathered at Bruce’s farm in Ligonier to celebrate his 50th birthday.
Martha Tripp Garing is military academic advisor at Excelsior College in Albany, N.Y. Her husband, Gerald Garing ’81, is a physics teacher at Schenectady High School. They live in East Glenville, N.Y., with their son.

Peter Zimmerman and his wife, Mary Clarke Zimmerman ’77, have relocated to Raleigh, N.C., where Pete is director, warehousing and logistics with John Deere.

Robin Davis Hunt is global IT training manager with HP Financial Service. She and her husband, Kenneth, make their home in Oak Ridge, N.J.

The Rev. Tempe Earl Fussell and her husband, Curtis, reside in Mebane, N.C., where Tempe is minister at Cross Roads (PCUSA).

Karen Evans of Valencia is the business manager for Worthington at Adams, an assisted living facility in Mars.

Tracey Hitchen Stagaard is employed in real estate sales with Burgdorf Realtors. Her husband, Donald Stagaard ’72, is senior art director with Brushfire, an advertising firm. They are residents of Chatham, N.J.

Daniel Humphries is a vice president with Sky Insurance in Canonsburg. Dan and his wife, Anne Treleaven Humphries, live in Beaver, where Anne is a teacher in the Beaver Area School District.

Shirley Klindienst Sanders is assistant director of the guardianship program with Ursuline Services Inc., a social service agency in Pittsburgh. Shirley and her husband, Gerry, and their son live in Lower Burrell.

James Pearson has been named treasurer of FirstEnergy Corp., a diversified energy company with headquarters in Akron, Ohio.

Cecelia Abraham of Atlanta is vice president of Arch Insurance Group.

Jane Davis Minton and her husband, James, live in Rochester, N.Y., where Jane is school counselor at Council Rock Primary School.

Lynette Robinson Pittman and her husband, Adam, reside in Cary, N.C., where Lynette is project designer with Computerbilities.

Sharon Wallace Brown of Lombard, Ill., is controller with ThyssenKrupp Elevator.

Harold Hartley III recently completed his Ed.D. in higher education, leadership and policy at the Peabody College of Education at Vanderbilt University and has joined the staff of the Council of Independent Colleges as director of research. Hal and his wife, Donna Parker, live the Washington, D.C., area.

Leslie Hofer Gildea of Meadville is pursuing a master’s in community counseling at Edinboro University.

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Alumni Spotlight:
Sheri Mancini ’92

Surgeon’s Navy Service Included Stint in Iraq

The uneasiness welled up inside Lt. Sheri Mancini as she headed out to sea aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The ship departed on the heels of the Sept. 11 attacks – just eight days after – and was heading to the Arabian Sea, not far from the coming military action in Afghanistan. Mancini was the sole surgeon aboard, responsible for the trauma care of over 5,000 personnel attached to the carrier.

A 1992 Westminster graduate who attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine on a full Navy scholarship, Mancini had just finished a five-year residency in general surgery at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh and was fully prepared for whatever medical situations might arise. Her initial angst instead stemmed from more pedestrian issues.

“I was more nervous because the carrier is the ‘real Navy,’” so to speak. I was nervous about wearing my uniform properly, remembering to say ‘Yes, sir’ and ‘No, sir’ to my superiors, and finding my way around the huge ship without looking like a doofus,” Mancini said. “But everyone was very nice, and the transition turned out to not be so bad.

“On the aircraft carrier, ironically, I felt safer than I did on U.S. soil. September 11th had just occurred and nobody knew where the next attack might occur. I was more worried about my family than myself. When I was out on the carrier, I was on a warship equipped with advanced defense systems and surrounded by a battle group of Navy ships, all designed to protect the aircraft carrier. You couldn’t get so much as a rowboat within hundreds of miles of the carrier. And from a personal standpoint, I had daily contact with home via e-mail. In retrospect, to be funny, it was quite luxurious. I had a warm dry bed, fresh food everyday, a sterile operating room, and contact with home.”

That certainly wasn’t the case on Mancini’s next assignment. Up to that point, Mancini’s Navy service included the six-month stint at sea, followed by a year at a naval hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. She was then assigned to a field surgical company, or mobile trauma team in times of war, that was headed to Kuwait and Iraq in support of the Marines, who do not have their own doctors.

Her arrival in Iraq in January 2003 was unpleasant. “A huge sandstorm hit just after the helicopters dropped us off. The problem was that our supplies, tents, etc., were coming by ground. When the sandstorm hit, we had only a couple of tents for 200 people, so most of us had to just sit outside in the storm. We had sand caked on our scalps, in our teeth, nose, ears, and under our clothes. You could barely eat (while hiding under a blanket) because the sand was relentless – on your food as soon as you unwrapped it, in your mouth as soon as you opened it.” The sandstorm lasted only a day, but the supplies were slow to arrive and the shower tents were not set up for seven days. To top it off, Mancini and the others had only a couple of tents for 200 people, so most of us had to just sit outside in the storm. We had sand caked on our scalps, in our teeth, nose, ears, and under our clothes. You could barely eat (while hiding under a blanket) because the sand was relentless – on your food as soon as you unwrapped it, in your mouth as soon as you opened it.”

“Now, for the Marines, this is how deployed life was and they were ready for it,” said Mancini. “For the Navy medical folks, however, it was quite a trying experience.”

The operating room activity was also quite different than anything Mancini had experienced before. In operating tents blanketed with sand, she was called on to work quickly; control the damage, stabilize the patient and then move on to the next patient.

“Most patients came by helicopter, and we never knew how many were coming or when. We would have Marines, Iraqi soldiers, and Iraqi civilians all dropped off at once. We treated them equally. The sickest patients were taken care of first, regardless of who they were. If an Iraqi was bleeding out and a Marine was stable, the Iraqi was taken first.”

In between her stints abroad, Mancini wed her fiancé, Kenneth Williams, who is also a surgeon. Mancini had an especially close relationship with Ken’s mother, Joyce, who was terminally ill when they met a few years earlier.

“Unfortunately, while I was in Iraq, she passed away. I had to say goodbye to her in the hospice over the satellite phone. I was given special permission to use the military satellite phone, but I wasn’t allowed to leave because I was a surgeon. My husband held the phone to her ear and I told her I loved her and missed her, and without actually saying the words, because I couldn’t, I said my goodbyes. It was the most painful day of my life,” Mancini said. “I was given word via e-mail the next day that she had died. I tried to get home for the funeral, but I didn’t make it. They saved an empty seat for me next to my husband, and I visited her resting place when I returned from Iraq. When we had our baby girl, we chose the name Hannah Joyce in her honor.”

After six months, Mancini’s deployment ended, and she returned to the naval hospital in Jacksonville. She completed her military commitment in July 2005, but remains a lieutenant commander and a member of the inactive reserves. Mancini is an attending general surgeon and member of the medical staff at the civilian St. Vincent’s Hospital in Jacksonville, where she lives with Ken and Hannah, born in January 2005.

“Well, I do miss the camaraderie of Navy medicine, but it feels good to be back in a very large, busy civilian hospital again,” Mancini said.

— Patrick S. Broadwater
Todd Flyte is sales manager at Clayton-de Windt Associates, a manufacturers sales agency. He lives in Bloomfield, Mich., with his wife, Michelle, and their three children.

Lisa Liszka Demarest is high school vocal music teacher in the Greenville (Pa.) School District. She and her husband, Charles, and their two children are residents of Greenville.

Randall MacKenzie is marketing coordinator with Hapag Lloyd America, a container shipping firm. He lives in Vallecito, Calif., with his wife, Hsin-Jung Tsai, and their two sons.

Sally Russell Drewes is marketing manager of product research and development at Gund, a plush toys wholesaler. She and her husband, Howard, make their home in Fanwood, N.J.

Peggy Ryan Aloisio is manager of marketing communications with Celgene Corporation, a pharmaceutical manufacturer. She and her husband, Steven, and their daughter live in Basking Ridge, N.J.

Deborah Sharp Molchan is a psychologist in private practice at Molchan & Associates, Inc. She and her husband, David, and their two daughters live in Uniontown.

Linda Suomi Bethke teaches third grade at Immanuel Christian School and gives private watercolor lessons in her home studio. She and her husband, Paul, and their two sons reside in Annandale, Va.

Pamela Swartz Sopher is a paralegal in the law office of Joseph P. Valentino, P.C. Pam and her husband, William, and their daughter live in Hermitage.

Bruce Weber of Raleigh, N.C., is a business development associate with Wolfpack Sports Marketing.

Tania Schmidt is project manager with Manulife Financial in Waterloo, Ontario. She and her husband, Kevin, reside in Kitchener.

Maria Martonik Worst and her husband, Paul, and four children are residents of Butler, where Maria is a marketing associate at Direct Buy, a sales firm owned by Paul Barranti ’84.

Jonathan Bigley is senior vice president for government relations with Triad Strategies, LLC in Harrisburg. His wife, Maureen Remley ’83, is an independent grant writer. The couple lives in Duncannon with their two children.

Joseph Juliano was appointed chief executive officer of Prime Revenue, Inc., a leader in financial supply chain solutions and services in Atlanta. He lives in Alpharetta, Ga., with his wife, Patricia, and two sons.

Polacheck Company, owned by Rebecca Polacheck Wanovich, recently merged with Pierson and Scott, Inc., founded by Robert Pierson ’56 and Ralph Scott ’56. Current owners include Rebecca, Raymond Pierson II ’61 and Bruce Thomas ’79.

Marnie Arnold, a teacher in the Avonworth School District, has been named co-director of the Summer Institute 2005 of the Western Pennsylvania Writing Project, a graduate writing program for teachers at the University of Pittsburgh.

Melissa Boswell-Wyatt is key account manager for Pepsi Americas in Twinsburg, Ohio. Missy and her husband, Chris, make their home in Euclid, Ohio.

Meredith Vance Shafer is training and quality control manager with United Healthcare in Frederick, Md. She and her husband, Seth, reside in Carlisle.

Brian Fisher has launched a financial planning and investment firm, B.E. Fisher Associates, Inc., and has written 7 Investment Tales. Brian and his wife, Jessica Headrick Fisher ’93, and their two sons reside in Canonsburg.

Chad Sutley is an office leasing specialist with Columbus Commercial Realty, an affiliate of Cushman & Wakefield. He and his wife, Allison Gallaher, make their home in Columbus.

Anthony Carrabba of Murraysville is director of strategic planning with Giant Eagle, Inc., a grocery chain in Pittsburgh.

Nicole Green received her master’s from Daemen College. She has relocated to Buffalo, N.Y., and is a physician assistant with Family Care Physicians.

The Rev. Emily Rodgers is pursuing a doctorate of theology in homiletics at the Toronto School of Theology. A resident of Toronto, she teaches courses on preaching and worship at Knox College and preaches regularly in the area.

Erin Shephard of Cheektowaga, N.Y., is a financial advisor for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Sean Byers is senior loan officer with Washington Financial Services. His wife, Veronica Pechart Byers, is a third-grade teacher in the Peters Township School District. The couple and their daughter live in McMurray.

Lonnie Gula Isenberg and her husband, Mark, live in Warren, Ohio, where Lonnie is a professional sales representative with Odyssey Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Sarah Priester received her master’s in English with a graduate certificate in professional writing and editing from Youngstown State University. She lives in Coral Springs, Fla., and is employed at the Broward County Public Library.

Tina Turley of Mentor, Ohio, is a master control technician at WESN ABC News Channel 5 in Cleveland.

Anna Wolfe received her master’s in education from Slippery Rock University. She has moved to Lewis Center, Ohio, where she is a senior high math instructor in the Columbus City Schools.

Denny Wolfe and Ben Webber ’00 of ESPN’s “SportsCenter” won their second Emmy for Best Daily Studio Show. Denny and Ben were also part of a team nominated for their work on “Outside the Lines,” and Denny received a team nomination for “NFL Countdown.”

Justin DeVanna was awarded an Army HPSP veterinary scholarship and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He is a student at Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine. He and his wife, Jennifer Passarelli ’99, live in Lafayette, Ind.

Scott Ferguson received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and is a postdoctoral fellow in biomedical research at Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Princeton University. His wife, Kristy Johnson Ferguson ’99, received her master’s from the University of Pennsylvania and is academic coordinator at the university’s School of Medicine. The couple resides in Levittown.

Jamie Gardner Pritchard is self-employed as a speech pathologist. She lives in Albion, N.Y., with her husband, Bradley, and their two children.

Kevin Kauffman lives in Morgantown, W.Va., where he is a manager with Boston Beer Restaurants, Inc., and is recovering from esophageal cancer.

Jared Timko is a research specialist for the U.S. government. He and his wife, Amanda, reside in Fairfax, Va.

John McCombie III is a Pennsylvania State Police trooper, based in Bensalem.

Kelli Williams received her reading specialist certification from the University of Pittsburgh and is a reading specialist at Burrell High School.

Kathryn Wylie received her master’s of human resource management from St. Francis University. Katie lives in Pittsburgh, where she is a corporate retirement specialist at UPMC.

Ashley Law and her husband, Jonathan Davies, make their home in Conway, S.C., where Ashley is executive director of Main Street USA, a nonprofit community relations program to stimulate economic development through historic preservation and promotion.

Elizabeth White received her master’s from the University of Virginia. She lives in Charlottesville, Va., where she is a faculty instructor at the university.

Anne Wilson of New Castle is staff accountant at SCA North
Alumni Spotlight:
Samuel Cunningham ’96

Westminster Alumnus Awarded Bronze Star

First Lieutenant Samuel C. Cunningham, a 1996 Westminster College graduate, was recently awarded the Bronze Star with combat distinguishing device by the United States Marine Corps for his achievements in combat operations. Cunningham has moved from New Haven, Conn., to become a research specialist in the neuroscience molecular imaging program at Yale University School of Medicine. A co-author of four journal articles and three reviews, Shannan is also employed as a brain imaging consultant by UPMC.

Michael Zebrine received his master’s in history from Slippery Rock University and is a history teacher in the South Butler County School District. He and his wife, Julie Bach Zebrine ’99, reside in Gibsonia.

Shannan Henry has moved to New Haven, Conn., to become a research specialist in the neuroscience molecular imaging program at Yale University School of Medicine. A co-author of four journal articles and three reviews, Shannan is also employed as a brain imaging consultant by UPMC.

Anna Leroy VariTheemsche of King George, Va., has accepted an administrative position as an instructional technology liaison at Sealston Elementary School.

Shawn McGoran has relocated to Presto. He is a senior accountant with Dick’s Sporting Goods.
Alumni Spotlight:  
Nate Williams '98  

A Capital Idea!  
Westminster alumnus gets in on the ground floor with startup company

When Entrepreneur magazine announced its Hot 100 list honoring the fastest growing and most successful U.S. startup companies for 2004, Capital Media Group claimed number 11. Not only was this the highest spot of any Ohio company, the Columbus-based enterprise is the youngest on the entire list.

Nate Williams ’98, vice president of market development and one of the founders, was elated: “We are really encouraged by our spot on the list, and we are equally excited about our current growth opportunities and future prospects in the wholesale market.”

Williams explained, “We are a wholesale distributor of removable storage media, [which is] any type of tape, CD or DVD that you can put data onto. We buy from companies like Sony, Maxell, Verbatim and Samsung. We warehouse the product and sell it to over 200 computer product resellers like OfficeMax, Iron Mountain and Corporate Express.”

To be considered for the Hot 100 list, a business must have been founded no earlier than 2000; the founders must be actively involved in the daily operation and have a controlling interest; and annual sales for 2004 had to exceed $1 million.

Founded in December 2003 with an initial investment of $170,000, Capital Media’s reported revenue in 2004 was $10.1 million. According to Williams, “We are pacing to $18 million this year, which is above our projections.”

Williams, a public relations major, credits his Westminster experience for contributing to his success: “The PR department was great ([James] Perkins and [Deborah] Mitchell). I also learned both inside and outside the classroom from [David] Swerdlov, Wayne Nickerson and Steve Montgomery. I also drew from my experience as Alpha Sig’s president.”

Williams and his wife, Amy Peppel Williams ’99, live in Lewis Center, Ohio.

Laura Krutschmitt is employed at WKST-FM radio station.

Brian Martin resides in Columbiana, Ohio, where he is employed by L&E Tent and Party Rental, Inc.

Lauren Martin of Cabot is an eighth-grade English teacher in the Moniteau School District.

Erica McCullough is a substitute teacher in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Russell Mills has moved to Burlington, Vt. Russ has a graduate assistantship at the Snelling Center for Government and is enrolled in the master’s of public administration program at the University of Vermont.

Rebecca Morey lives in West Chester. Becky is employed at Cephalon Inc., a pharmaceutical firm.

Ashley Roberts of Hillsville is an on-air personality with Forever Broadcasting in New Castle.

Ashley Williams of Washington is a graduate student at Duquesne University.

**Marriages**

79 The Rev. Ralph R. Clingan and Laura Charlotte Sanda, April 9, 2005, at Newville Presbyterian Church in Germantown, Md. Several alumni were in attendance.

84 Chuck Zagorski and Yvonne Olenick Brown, Feb. 12, 2005, at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church in Center Township. The couple lives in Center.

91 Kimberly Weisbecker and Daniel Cain, May 14, 2005. The couple resides in Lake Hopatcong, N.J.

93 Amy Shannon and Paul Colbeck, April 8, 2005, in Maui, Hawaii. Attending the wedding were Patrick Shannon ’90, Jennifer Carrier Shannon ’90, and Janet Chisholm Shannon ’67. Amy is a nurse practitioner at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. The couple resides in Bay Village, Ohio.
Jennifer Schwab and Vincent Paterra, May 3, 2003. Participating in the ceremony were Dana Scott and Heather Bloom ’95. Alumni in attendance included Mandee Patterson Russell and Kathleen Miller—Dakota. The couple resides in White Oak with their son. (See also New Additions.)

95 Jonathan Potts and Maggi Newhouse, Oct. 5, 2002. Alumni in the wedding party were Jeffrey Potts ’82, and Keith Summerville. A large group of alumni was in attendance. Jonathan is associate director of media relations at Carnegie Mellon University, and a freelance writer. The couple resides in Pittsburgh.

98 Julie Monbeck and Andrew Obara, Nov. 20, 2005, at Riverwood Community Chapel in Kent, Ohio. Alumni in the wedding party were Jennifer Seaver Hancox, Molly Shellhammer Atwood, and Laura Easterling Wieland ’95. Guests included Stephanie Saad Krarup, Laura Miller, Paige Dearth Miller, Autumn Stewart ’99, Jessica Vivo, and Kathy Langer ’95. Julie completed her master’s program for educational administration and is an elementary classroom teacher. The couple resides in Kent.

00 Melanie Meyers and Jeffrey Murphy. Melanie is an elementary school teacher. The couple resides in Rochester, N.Y.

01 Kelly Corcoran and Ryan Plaherty, Oct. 23, 2004, at St. Paul Cathedral in Oakland. Participants included Angie Locke and Kristy Broder. Several other alumni were in attendance. The couple resides in Scott Township.

02 Julie Anne Dull and Christopher Jones. Julie is a physician assistant at Penn State Children’s Hospital, Hershey Medical Center. The couple resides in Lancaster.

Melissa Grace Fye and Jeremy Jack, Nov. 27, 2004, in the Evangelical United Methodist Church in Brookville. Maid of honor was Jessica Behlo; alumnae bridalt attendants were Anna Morris and Rita Longan. Readings were provided by Christopher Curry ’96 and chapel assistant Keturah Laney. Melissa is a mathematics teacher at Hollidaysburg Area High School. The couple resides in Altoona.

03 Kristy Fetterman and Joshua Berg, May 14, 2005. Alumnae in the wedding party were Christina Waszcak Douglass, Diane Farry ’04, Stephanie Morris ’02, and Hillary Gustafson ’04. The couple resides in Bridgeville.

Daniel Klipa and Lindsay Woods, May 21, 2005, at St. Nicolas Serbian Orthodox Church in Monroeville. Alumni in the wedding party included best man James Klipa ’01 and groomsmen Pasquale Reino and Bobby Fisher. Daniel is a mathematics teacher at Baldwin High School and a graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Education. The couple lives in Jefferson Hills.


Robin Stroehel Dolan and her husband, Brian: a son, Aidan, on Oct. 14, 2004, He joins Liam, 2. Robin is director of brand services, international logistics, for Gap, Inc. The family resides in Woodacre, Calif.

08 Mary Clare Nappi Reynolds and her husband, Gerald: a daughter, Maggie Clare, on Jan. 13, 2005. The family resides in Mt. Lebanon.

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William Snyder and his wife, Linda: a daughter, Katelin Jane, on March 15, 2005. She is welcomed by sister Annie, 2. William is executive director of finance for Medrad, Inc. The family lives in McCandless.

92 Roberta Davis Carson and her husband, Mike: a son, Davis Michael, on March 29, 2005. He is welcomed by sister Bobbie Lynn, 3. The family resides in Euclid, Ohio.

Sheri Mancini and her husband, Ken Williams: a daughter, Hannah, on Jan. 31, 2005. The family lives in Jacksonville, Fla., where Sheri is a general surgeon.

LuAnn Mastrangelo Cade and her husband, Donald: a son, Dominic Augustus, on May 31, 2005. He is welcomed by Maria, 5, and Donny, 2, at the family home in New Castle.

Heather Minnaugh Carberry and her husband, Christopher: a daughter, Lucie Alexandra, on Feb. 7, 2005. She joins older sister Madeleine at home in Beverly, Mass.


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

Laura Niedra Gray and her husband, Matt Gray ’94: a son, Levi Thomas, on Jan. 20, 2005. He joins Nate, 5, Noah, 3, and Thad, 2, at home in Beaver.


94 Jennifer Schwab Paterra and her husband, Vincent: a son, Michael Vincent, on Feb. 12, 2005. The couple resides in White Oak, where Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom. (See also Marriages.)

95 Elizabeth Ringle Suto and her husband, Michael: a son, Joseph, in 2002. The family resides in Dublin, Calif.

96 Lori Amma Hu and her husband, Huchun: a son, Evan Xaver, on June 14, 2004. He joins brother Ryan Zachary, 3, at their home in Philadelphia.

Meghan Boyle Coulehan and her husband, Tim: a son, Brendan Patrick, on Feb. 17, 2005. The family lives in Mt. Lebanon.

recently graduated with honors from Kutztown University with a master’s in art education. She is an art teacher for the Allentown School District.

Emily Reilly Irvin and her husband, Bill: a son, Peter William, on April 8, 2004. The family lives in St. Louis.

Amy Richardson Baldwin and her husband, Dave: a daughter, Emma Joy, on April 27, 2005. She joins Mason, 2, at home in Seven Fields.

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

Naum and her husband, Ivan: a daughter, Anna, on April 1, 2004. The family lives in Munhall.

Reeves and her husband, Jeff: a daughter, Olivia, on Nov. 29, 2004. He joins Annie Mackenzie, 4, and Austin James-Gregory, 2, at home in Grove City.

04 Alena Cody Fink and her husband, Richard: a son, Derick, on Jan. 20, 2005. The family lives in Mercer.

In Memory

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

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

31 Martha Byers Hile of Upper St. Clair, Dec. 23, 2004. A graduate of the West Penn Hospital School of Nursing, she was an accomplished seamstress and quilter and loved to read. Survivors include three daughters and their spouses; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

33 Ruth Wagoner Becht of San Antonio, Texas.

34 William Williams of Cocoa Beach, Fla., April 18, 2005. He was a teacher, coach and retired superintendent of Harbor Creek schools. A member of the Towering Titan Organization and Sigma Phi Epsilon, he played on three conference championship basketball teams (1931-32, 1934) and the 1933 team, which defeated St. John’s University in Madison Square Garden. He earned his master’s in school administration from Penn State University. An elder at Harbor Creek Presbyterian Church, he was an associate member of the Riverside Presbyterian Church in Cocoa Beach and served on the board of directors at the Sea Oats condominium in Cocoa Beach. Survivors include two daughters, including Kathleen Anderson ’72, Marilyn Anderson Raux ’75 and William Raux ’75; a brother, Dr. Norval Christy ’43; sisters-in-law Lola Sewall Christy ’35 and Marjorie Scott Christy ’36; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

37 Edith Hover of Mercer, Feb. 7, 2005. She was retired from the Mercer County Department of Welfare Board of Assistance, where she worked as a caseworker. Survivors include six nieces and nephews, including Martha Hover Kaupang ’68.

38 William Melver of Butler, March 19, 2005. He worked for Insurance Services Organization in Pittsburgh for 40 years, retiring in 1976. A member of Trinity Episcopal Church, he belonged to the Masonic Lodge of the Craft. Westminster Lodge 433, Scottish Rite Valley of New Castle and the American Field Service. Survivors include five daughters; a son; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

39 Mary Holmes Outterson of Rocky River, Ohio.

Everett McLaughlin of University Park, Oct. 22, 2004. He joined the engineering faculty at Penn State University in 1941. He retired from the department as professor emeritus in 1978. He served on the board of directors and was president of the Centre County Historical Society. He was a longtime member and past treasurer of the Civil War Roundtable, was involved in the Centre County Federation of Sportsman’s Clubs, served on the board of directors of the Centre Community Hospital and was active in the State College Presbyterian Church. Survivors include three daughters and their spouses, including Kathleen Anderson ’72, Marilyn Anderson Raux ’75 and William Raux ’75; a brother, Dr. Norval Christy ’43; sisters-in-law Lola Sewall Christy ’35 and Marjorie Scott Christy ’36; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

41 John Davis of Peoria, Ill., April 5, 2005. He was professor of music emeritus at Bradley University and was a recipient of the Westminster College Distinguished Alumni Award. He received a doctorate in music from Columbia University and taught at Bradley for 35 years, retiring in 1985. An Army veteran, he served from 1941–45 as band director in the 9th Armored Division and received a Bronze Star. Survivors include his wife, Ann Hausman Davis ’43; a daughter; a son; sisters Charlotte Davis Young ’43, Sara Davis May ’50 and Carolyn Lincoln ’50; and four grandchildren.

42 John Flickinger of Bethany, Conn., Feb. 9, 2005. He worked as a research chemist for Uniroyal Chemical for 30 years. He ran his
own consulting business after his retirement and was chairman of the Bethany Board of Education. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Margaret; two daughters; two sisters; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

CmDr. Richard Regester of Ventura, Calif., May 12, 2005. He was a naval aviator in the Pacific during World War II and continued his career, rising to commander before retiring in 1969. In retirement, he attended Ventura College of Law and volunteered at Grey Law and served as a court appointed special advocate for children in foster care. Survivors include two sons, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

Carolyn “Jackie” Downs Clements of Glenview, Ill., April 30, 2005. She taught first- and second-grades in Illinois and retired in 1981. Survivors include her husband, E. Vinton Clements ’43; two sons, including Wallace Clements ’73 and his wife, Sandra Rorison Clements ’73; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother.

Jean Everhart Pethick of New Kensington, July 29, 2004. She was a volunteer for the Red Cross for 21 years and served on its board of directors at General Hospital. She co-founded the Red Cross chapter at Belair Nursing Home. She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church. She also cooked for Meals on Wheels and volunteered at the Alle-Kiski Historical Society. Survivors include four children and their spouses; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister; a sister-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

The Rev. James Hares of Shreveport, La., June 28, 2005. He served churches in Pennsylvania before moving to Texas in 1952. He was an associate professor of religion at Southwestern University and associate pastor at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas before becoming pastor at Northaven United Methodist Church in 1966. He went on to serve as an administrator with the Methodist church and visiting instructor of theology at Southern Methodist University. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; a son; three daughters; four sisters; three brothers; three stepchildren; four grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

M. Jeanie Myers Zech of Stuart, Fla., April 25, 2005. She was a retired teacher and a professional soprano soloist. Survivors include her husband, Chalmers Zech; three daughters; and a sister.

Ruth Stroup of Whitehall, April 28, 2005. She was a school librarian in the West Mifflin schools for many years.

Russell Klinger of Elizabethtown, Dec. 15, 2004. He received a master’s degree from Westminster in 1950 and spent 26 years as a business educator at the Milton Hershey School. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Jane; two daughters; a son, William Klinger ’74; and nine grandchildren.

Marjorie Losterott Wetmur of New Castle, May 24, 2005. She taught for 35 years at Lincoln High School in Ellwood City. She was named Educator of the Year in 1975 and was a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association and the National Education Association. Survivors include a stepson and three step-grandchildren.

Ellis Daugherty of Sharon, April 12, 2005. He was retired as partner of Daugherty Baker & Associates.

Richard Muse of Vienna, W.Va., March 31, 2005. He served in the Army during World War II in the 99th Infantry Division and was sergeant of the guard at the Nuremberg War Crimes trial. He received the Bronze Star and three battle stars for his duty in combat. He returned to the U.S. and taught for three years in New Castle before joining the steel industry. He retired in 1985. Survivors include three children and their spouses; three grandchildren; a sister; and three nephews.

Marilyn Mossman Wallace of Richardson, Texas, March 31, 2005. She taught for 28 years at Dover Elementary in Richardson. Upon her retirement, the library at Dover was named in her honor.

She received the Ross Perot Award for Excellence in Teaching. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, the Pathfinder Sunday School class, the PEO Sisterhood, Chi Omega, the Libri XXV Book Club, the Richardson Women’s Club and was an active supporter and board member of the Richardson Symphony Orchestra. Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Ross Wallace; a son and daughter and their spouses; and four grandchildren.

William Patton of Mercer, July 25, 2004. He owned and operated The General Window Cleaning Co. of Mercer and had been a brakeman for the Baltimore-Ohio Railroad. Survivors include his wife, Janet; two daughters; three sons; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Phyllis Decker Wagner of New Wilmington, June 8, 2005. A member of Westminster’s Board of Trustees, she retired from the Wilmington Area School District, where she taught business for 26 years. In addition to her involvement with Westminster, she was active with the American Cancer Society and the League of Women Voters. She also served on the board of directors for the Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County. An active member of the New Wilmington United Methodist Church, she was a member of the choir for 54 years. Survivors include her husband, Wendell Wagner; a son and daughter and their spouses; a granddaughter; and two brothers.

Dave Burns of Franklin, March 11, 2005. He was a retired dentist.

Betty Howcroft Simpson of Houston, May 15, 2003. She was a former math teacher in the Chartiers-Houston School District.

Larry Nord of New Castle, April 14, 2005. He was executive director of the Lawrence County Association for the Blind for 19 years. He had been superintendent of Pymatuning Valley and Southington Area schools and served in the Ohio State Legislature. A past member of the New Castle School Board, he was a past president of the executive committee of the American Red Cross, past president of the New Castle Lions Club, and past district chairman of the Moraine Trails Council of the Boy Scouts. He was a board member for many civic and corporate organizations, including the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen; four sons; three daughters-in-law, including Kelly Sloan-Nord ’01; and five grandchildren.

Dr. Richard Robinson of Michigan, Aug. 12, 2004. He taught at Southern Methodist University before relocating to Dearborn, Mich., where he opened a private psychology practice and joined the faculty of Henry Ford Community College. In 1974 he joined the staff at Veterans Administration Medical Center, where he provided assistance to military veterans. He retired in 1992. Survivors include three children; a brother; and a sister.

John Spina of New Castle, Dec. 9, 2004. He taught physics and chemistry for 34 years and retired in 1993. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Deronda; a daughter and her husband; two grandchildren; and a sister.

Ruth Dombaugh Packard of Greenville.

Nancy Robison Stevenson of Porterville, March 26, 2005. She was a retired teacher. She was a member of Rose Point Reform Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her husband of 59 years, William; a daughter; a son; a brother; and four grandchildren.

Fred Iovanella of New Castle, Feb. 5, 2005. He was a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam and received numerous medals during his military career, including the Bronze Star. He earned his undergraduate degree from Youngstown State University in 1966, and a certificate in education from the University of Pittsburgh in 1974. He was a teacher at Lockley Elementary School and the Lawrence County Vo-Tech. Survivors include a sister...
and her husband, and several nieces and nephews.

73 Thomas Dryburg of Downingtown, March 12, 2005. He served as director of the New Castle School of Trades, assistant principal of Butler High School and the director of the Chester County Vo-Tech. A Navy veteran of World War II, he later moved to Florida, where he was involved in real estate and employed by Health South. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Betty; two daughters and two sons-in-law, including Jens Jorgensen ’67; a son and daughter-in-law; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Jacques LaPerriere of Sun City Center, Fla., April 15, 2005; An Army veteran of World War II, he was a retired teacher. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; a daughter; a sister; two stepsons; and five step-grandchildren.

75 Dr. Jayne Snyder Miller-Lewis of Cynthiana, Ky., Aug. 20, 2004. She was a board-certified anesthesiologist at the University of Kentucky Hospital. Survivors include two daughters; three brothers; and a sister.

76 Richard Bartolomeo of Ellwood City, Nov. 10, 2004. He was a teacher in the Ellwood City schools for 33 years. He taught physical science and honors biology and also served as baseball and track and field coach. He was a member of the Holy Redeemer Parish, president of the American Federation of Teachers for the Ellwood City schools and member of the Ellwood City Wolves Club and Sons of Italy 608. Survivors include his wife, Ann; three daughters; two stepchildren; three brothers; three sisters and two brothers-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Carl Eirich Jr., of Sharon, May 30, 2005. He was a teacher for 31 years in the Sharon and Warren (Ohio) schools. He was a football and track & field coach and also a sales manager for Prudential. A past president of the board of directors of Sharon Community Health Center, he was a member of the Shenango Valley Initiative and St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Naomi, a son and daughter-in-law.

Helen Hinish of Williamsburg, Va., Nov. 26, 2004. She taught Latin for 27 years in junior and senior high schools in Volant, Eastbrook and New Castle. She retired from teaching in 1968 and soon joined the library staff at Westminster, where she worked until 1974. She is survived by a son and a sister.

85 Steve Finney of Cranberry, May 3, 2005. He was a major account manager for Cisco Systems. Survivors include his wife, Nicole; and two sons.

94 Matthew Swanson of Beaver Falls, May 7, 2004. He was an assistant chaplain at Geneva College. Survivors include his wife, Renee, and two children.

Friends

John Griffiths of York, Sept. 17, 2004. He was superintendent of schools for Ringgold School District until 1972. He then joined the faculty at Westminster as associate professor of education. He retired in 1975. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Nancy; a son and a daughter-in-law.

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Jean Larson of New Wilmington, Nov. 15, 2004. She worked in the alumni office and did secretarial work in the infirmary. Her husband, Carl Larson, was a former chair of the Westminster art department. Survivors include a daughter, Cynthia Larson ’81, and a son, Eric Larson ’77.

Dr. Leon Radaker of New Wilmington, June 22, 2005. He was a professor emeritus at Westminster, having taught in the education department from 1964-81. He previously taught at Butler High School and was the district’s first school psychologist. Survivors include a son, Robert Radaker ’62; a brother; and several nieces and nephews.

James “Jinks” Wagner of New Wilmington, March 1, 2005. He was a maintenance worker and groundskeeper at Westminster for 25 years. Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law; a son; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Information Update

Have you moved, changed phone numbers, or do you have some news about yourself or your family that you want to share with other Westminster alumni? Fill out the form below and return it to the Office of Alumni Records – Updates, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001.

Name ____________________________ Class _______ Today's Date ________
Address __________________________
City ____________________________ State ___________ Zip ____________
Social Security Number ____________ I.D. Number (see mailing label) ______
Occupation ________________________
Name of Employer __________________ City ____________________ State __ Zip __
Home Telephone __________________ Business Telephone ________
Spouse's Name ____________________ Spouse's Westminster Class ________
Children's Names and Birth Dates __________________________________________________________________________________
Here’s my news: ______________________________________________________________

❑ Include my e-mail address in the online directory ____________________________
❑ This is an address change.
❑ This is new information which I have not submitted before.
* Please state your zip + 4. Refer to your utility bills for this number.
The setting may change, but the commitment to intellectual vitality is timeless.

**THEN....**

1932 – A group of students studying in the fourth-floor library of the Old Science Hall.

**& NOW....**

2005 – Sophomores Lindsay McCarty and Marissa Shetler studying on the lawn outside the McKelvey Campus Center.

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Westminster College Nominated Scholarship Opportunities...

**Jerb Miller Scholarship**
Westminster College alumni employed in the education field can nominate a deserving student for a four-year, $40,000 Jerb Miller Scholarship. The nominated student must have a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average. Nominations must be received by Oct. 31, and the nominated student must apply by Nov. 15. Only 100 Jerb Miller Scholarships are available. Visit www.westminster.edu/jerb for additional information, including an online nomination form. **If you’re not employed in the education field, please remind your Westminster educator friends to nominate a deserving student for the Jerb Miller Scholarship.**

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