The Sporting Life

Pittsburgh Steelers media relations manager Burt Lauten ’99 is one of a growing number of Westminster graduates pursuing a career in sports communications.

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Dear Westminster Friends:

Through the years Westminster has become known for its ability to develop students in mind, body and spirit. The role of athletics has complemented the curriculum by teaching the lessons of life in ways that stay with us forever.

Sports teach us to strive, to venture, to lead and to be good followers and colleagues. Competition is a natural part of the human spirit. Sports teach us that rules matter… that complaining is not productive… that positive attitude wins every time – and that over the long run, the high road is the path to success.

Coaching is an art that can be applied to teaching, managing, counseling, and parenting. Coaches are educators seeking teachable moments, and when teachable moments have been found, alumni tell us that the lessons learned have stayed with them for a lifetime.

We as fans live and die with each shot, each race, each play. We root for the Blue and White, reveling in triumphs and mourning Titan losses. The memories are made possible by the coaches and players who are willing to put it all on the line, winning or losing for all to see, striving for the glory of Westminster.

Go Titans!

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Tomlinson Chosen to Direct Drinko Center

Virginia Moore Tomlinson, associate professor of sociology at Westminster, has been chosen as the College’s first director of the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

The Drinko Center was developed to advance world-class teaching and learning at Westminster and enrich K-12 education through outreach programs for area educators. The Drinko Center helps Westminster fulfill its mission of excellence in education and public service by expanding opportunities in student life, academics and community outreach.

“I am excited about the possibilities offered by this position,” Tomlinson said. “The integrative nature of this position provides the opportunity for supporting and working with students, faculty, and the community, which is completely consistent with my own priorities, commitments, and experiences.”

Tomlinson had served for five months as interim director of the Drinko Center. During that stint she prioritized several of the Center’s goals, which included the expansion of Westminster student research and capstone opportunities and outreach programs.

“President [R. Thomas] Williamson stated our first priority as enhancing teaching and learning on our campus by expanding our undergraduate research program and enhancing the capstone experience,” Tomlinson said. “I want to enhance what is already established and provide funding for students to present their research in off-campus conferences.”

Tomlinson is also working with the Civic Engagement Task Force, chaired by associate professor of history David Twining, to enhance service learning courses, which will begin this spring.

“In the future, I want to work with the faculty to establish initiatives supportive of their ideas for enhancing teaching and learning.” Tomlinson said. “Faculty will be involved in all aspects of the work of the Drinko Center, especially working with students in collaborative research.”

Tomlinson will teach three courses in the Department of Political Science and Sociology while fulfilling the responsibilities of this half-time administrative appointment.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Birmingham Southern College, Tomlinson earned her M.Ed. from the University of Tennessee and her Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh.

Music Students Place in National Singing Contest

Westminster College music education and music performance majors William McCullough and Stephanie Nicholson finished in first and second place, respectively, in a National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) competition.

“Each singer prepares three selections, which include English and foreign language arts songs and arias for his or her particular category,” said Anne Bentz, assistant professor of music at Westminster.

McCullough, a DuBois native, sang “Mondschnicht” by Robert Schumann to place first in the sophomore men’s category; Nicholson, a Medina, Ohio, native, sang Mimi’s aria from La Boheme by Giacomo Puccini, placing second in the senior women’s category.

“The NATS is active nationally and internationally sponsoring competitions, seminars, and workshops for its members,” Bentz said. “A teacher must be a member of the organization in order for his or her students to compete.”

Westminster Junior, Alumna Honored by Pittsburgh PR Society

Westminster College public relations students past and present were honored recently at the annual Renaissance Awards presented by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

Kristan Kohley, a junior public relations major from Saxonburg, was awarded the PRSA Student Scholarship Award, while Sara Ialongo ’04, a past PRSA scholarship recipient, received the Renaissance Rising Star Award.

Kohley joins Megan Sigler ’05, Ialongo, Amanda Kengersky ’03 and Megan Duda Corbin ’01 as past Westminster students to receive the award, which recognizes the outstanding Western Pennsylvania undergraduate student in public relations based on academic achievements, extracurricular involvement, letters of endorsement, and essays.

“To be recognized among so many talented professionals was a great honor for me,” Kohley said.

While at Westminster, Kohley has served as the director for the Public Relations Student Society of America; president of Lambda Pi Eta, a national communications honor society; a teaching assistant in English and public relations department; student director for the Westminster College Learning Center; member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national honor leadership society; copy editor for The Holcad, and is a consistent Dean’s List student.

“I was pleased, but not surprised that Kristan won,” said James Perkins, professor of English and former chair of the department. “I think this run of success is a tribute to the solid nature of Westminster’s public relations program as much as it is a tribute to the individual students.”

Ialongo, an account executive at Blattner Brunner, Inc., joins Deborah Swatsworth Foster ’74 and Jennifer Shifler Gross ’99 as Westminster alumnae honored by the Pittsburgh chapter of the PRSA.
Faculty Making News

Barbara Faires, professor of mathematics at Westminster, completed a two-year term as first vice president of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). Faires has held national positions as chair of the budget and audit committees and currently heads the strategic planning initiative of the MAA, the largest professional society focusing on mathematics accessible to undergraduates. The Washington, D.C.-based association has nearly 27,000 members nationwide. During the summer, Faires was one of six mathematicians at the Science-Engineering Technology Congressional Visits Day in D.C.; chaired the national committee on revenue planning for the MAA; and gave presentations at the executive committee and at the board of governors in Albuquerque, N.M.

William Evans, associate professor of education and the coordinator of the graduate counselor education program, recently presented research to the Association of Counselor Education and Supervision's national conference in Pittsburgh. “I made several presentations about my ongoing research and collaboration with professors from California State University at Fresno, Temple University, and Youngstown State University,” Evans said. He presented “Enhancing Live Clinical Supervision through the Use of an Audio Track Overlay Package,” followed by “Dynamics of Cultural Bias and Discrimination in Public Schools: Creative Solutions for Change.” Evans also presented two papers at the Pennsylvania School Counselor Association’s Western Regional Conference: “Creating Shades of Gray with Black and White Thinkers,” and “Don’t They Get It? Understanding the Dynamics of Children and Families from Poverty.”

Assistant professor of history Timothy Cuff ’78 moderated two panels and presented his research findings at a recent Social Science History Association meeting in Portland, Ore. Cuff’s paper was based on results developed in conjunction with research published in his book, The Hidden Cost of Economic Development: The Biological Standard of Living in Antebellum Pennsylvania. Research indicates that during the early decades of the 1800s, the biological well-being of Pennsylvanians deteriorated slightly during a period of significant economic growth.

Kang-Yup Na, assistant professor of religion at Westminster, was recently elected to serve on the Lilly Fellows Program National Network Board for a four-year term. “I’ll be attending two meetings each year, much of which will be devoted to programming and planning for the program’s future,” Na said. “In particular, we will be considering, deliberating and voting on proposals for grants.”

Delores Natale ’01, a lecturer in public relations at Westminster, recently presented “Reading Between the Lines: Welty Addresses Racism” at the South Central Modern Language Association annual convention held in Houston. “Through this paper, I explored the historical events and political climate Eudora Welty encountered as she continually strove to write about the human side of her home state of Mississippi,” Natale said. While at the business meeting following the presentations, Natale was elected secretary of the Eudora Welty Society for 2006. She will become president of the society in 2007.

Kathleen Schott, woodwind instructor at Westminster, recently earned the first flute chair in the West Virginia Symphony. Schott won the blind audition over a field of more than 60 applicants, including the symphony’s acting principal chair. Schott has been the principal flutist for the Youngstown Symphony for the past four years, but will work out scheduling conflicts in West Virginia’s favor because that position not only offers an increased salary, but also tours more frequently than Youngstown. In addition to her teaching duties at Westminster, Schott plays with the Faculty Woodwind Quintet and coaches the Westminster Flute Choir. She also teaches about 25 private students near her home in Harmony and plays many church concerts.

Assistant professor of English Bethany Hickok recently presented “Companions in Disguise: The Conjures of Wallace Stevens and Marianne Moore” at the Modern Language Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. “In the paper, I argued that a close examination of the important relationship between these two poets can help us to understand better not only their poetry of the 1930s, but also their response to the dire political, social, and economic conditions of the 1930s,” Hickok said.

Helen Boylan ’95, assistant professor of chemistry, and Deborah Mitchell, associate professor of English and public relations, had a joint article, “Detective Fiction and Forensics in Collaboration,” published in the 2005 Winter issue of Academic Exchange Quarterly. “This paper is about the interdisciplinary collaboration at Westminster College through cluster courses, which typifies the best of what learning communities offer to both faculty and students,” Boylan said. “The focus is on the link between detective fiction, a literature course, and forensics, a lab science course, and how combining the two courses into a cluster course allow students to evaluate the same general topic from two disciplinary perspectives.”

Jody Guinn, harp instructor at Westminster, was featured in the cover story in the November/December issue of Harp Column, one of the nation’s two harp journals. Guinn and her colleague, Nancy Lendrim, form the Salzedo Harp Duo. They have accompanied for stars such as Clay Aiken, The Three Tenors, Ray Charles, Barry Manilow, Josh Groban, and the Moody Blues. They also perform at various events including weddings, funerals, operas, churches, and ballets.
Yemeni Matchlock Rifles

The matchlock was a welcome improvement in the mid-15th century and remained in use into the 1800s. Its ignition system is one of the oldest, most primitive systems in the world. In the operation of a matchlock, when the trigger was depressed, a lighted wick in a moveable arm struck the flash pan, igniting the powder which in turn propelled the bullet. This allowed the musketeer to keep both hands on the gun, improving his aim dramatically. The gun had its weaknesses, though. It took time to ignite the end of the wick, which left the musketeer useless in case of a surprise attack. Also, it was difficult to keep the wick burning in damp weather. For the most part, longbowmen were more effective in battle than the musketeers. The one real advantage the musketeers possessed was the intimidation factor which their weapons provided.

Portuguese traders introduced the matchlock to Eastern countries, particularly India and Japan, around 1498. Though it was superseded by the more efficient flintlock family of firing mechanisms during the 17th century, it remained in use well into the 19th century.

The first important use of musketeers was in 1530 when Francis I organized units of arquebusiers or matchlock musketeers in the French army. By 1540, the matchlock design was improved to include a cover plate over the flash plan which automatically retracted as the trigger was pressed.

Computers in Search of a Cure

Student spearheads campus project donating processing power

Westminster’s UNIX lab is doing its part to help cure diseases such as Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s and many forms of cancer.

Computers have been set up in the lab to participate in Folding@Home, a distributed computing program developed and maintained by the Pange Group at Stanford University. The program downloads work units from Stanford’s servers and processes them locally. Each work unit contains instruction for the computer on how to process the packet of information.

Folding@Home aims to understand how protein ‘folding,’ while critical and fundamental to virtually all of biology, in many ways remains a mystery.

“These machines were not in use by another department,” junior computer science major Colin Dean, who is in charge of the local effort, said. “One of my computers at home was doing folding, so when I saw these unused machines, I knew they could be put to better use while that department was determining how they could be used.” Dean made arrangements with the department to move the dormant computers into the UNIX lab in August. After a day of setup using Trustix Secure Linux, the machines started processing work units.

“It’s an important project to get involved in, and it’s great that Colin was interested and took the time to set it up and takes the time to maintain it,” said C. David Shaffer, assistant professor of computer science and adviser of the UNIX lab.
Charles W. Ferney was a member of the Class of 1935. He devoted his entire professional life to education. He taught at both the Greater Latrobe Senior High School and the Westinghouse Memorial High School, with many years spent working directly with special education students. He was proud of his profession, proud of his accomplishments and proud of the students in his care.

He was also proud of his alma mater and thankful for the education he received. How do we know? Well, for more than 20 years Mr. Ferney wrote to tell us so. A July 1975 note reads, “I am so proud of Westminster! ... I owe Westminster a lot for giving me a fine education.” Twenty years later, an April 1996 note reads, “My will is being updated by my attorney. Westminster was very good to me and always in my will.” Mr. Ferney’s affection for the College was reflected, not just through a planned gift, but also with a faithful annual giving record that spanned more than 55 years!

Mr. Ferney did not care much for personal visits, but notes and phone calls to and from the College are well documented. He understood the importance of For Our Future… long before it was used for our endowment-building effort. In fact, as early as 1973, Mr. Ferney advised the development office that he had remembered the College in his will. His name was one of the first added to The Legacy Society Honor Roll when it was created in 1994.

In February of 2004 at the age of 91, Mr. Ferney peacefully passed from this earth. As he so often promised, he left a bequest to the College he loved, a portion to be used to establish a scholarship for a “bright” student with financial need; a portion left unrestricted to be used as the College deemed appropriate.

Mr. Ferney’s gift has come full circle.

Westminster Scholarship Recipients are bright, energetic, enthusiastic…and serious about their education.

They understand and appreciate the opportunities made available to them through the generosity of alumni and friends who support our scholarship program.

Each fall, scholarship recipients write personal notes to their scholarship donors. Some of the notes are funny, most are moving, but all reflect a genuine spirit of gratitude.

If you thought your decision to support Westminster’s Scholarship Program through an endowed, named fund would go unnoticed… just check out those grins!

154 thank-you notes were mailed this year. Did you get yours?

For information on establishing a named, endowed scholarship fund at Westminster, contact Sue Rudloff at 724-946-7673 or rudlofse@westminster.edu.
Fall Sports Highlights

Cross Country
The Westminster men’s and women’s cross country teams placed fourth and sixth, respectively, at the 2005 Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships.
The Titan men were led by freshman Aaron Titus, who earned All-PAC second-team honors after placing 15th (out of 66 runners) in a time of 28:44 over the eight-kilometer course. Other top Titan runners included sophomore Willie DeLair, junior Scott Seserko, freshman Andrew Brown, and freshman James Bryan.
The Lady Titans were paced by junior Amy Carroll, who finished 26th at the PAC Championships. Other top Westminster runners included freshman LeighAnn Jordan, senior Maggie Muir, junior Kelly Spisak, and junior Alissa Bookwalter.

Football (4-6, 2-4 PAC)
An overtime win at Allegheny and league wins over Bethany and Grove City highlighted the first season under head coach Jeff Hand.
The Titan gridders won two straight early in the season, including a 12-9 victory in overtime against the Gators. Facing a schedule stacked with three Top 25 opponents, the Titans dropped five of their last seven games.
A total of 12 Titans earned All-PAC recognition, led by two first-team honorees in senior center B.A. Lambie and senior nose tackle Ryan Chmura, who led the defense with 83 tackles, and added 15 tackles for losses, and five QB sacks.
Second-team recognition went to four players: senior running back/kick returner Sean Buggey, senior defensive end Adam Hadbavny, senior kicker Chris Castillo and sophomore offensive lineman Bryan Borkovich.
Players earning honorable mention laurels included senior defensive end Matt Hanhold, senior linebacker Jerry Bonenberger, senior defensive back Reggie Williams, junior quarterback J.R. Barley, sophomore wide receiver Brett Ziegler, and sophomore punter Dusty Rhodes.

Men’s Soccer (8-12, 4-8)
Westminster, which fell to Washington & Jefferson in the semifinals of the PAC Tournament, had five players named to the all-conference teams.
A pair of juniors – defender Todd Atwood and forward Blake Ordell – were first-team honorees, while junior midfielder Alex Castillo was a second-team selection.
Atwood ranked second on the team in goals (five) and points (11) while also anchoring the Titan defensive unit. He also posted a team-high two game-winning goals. Ordell led the 2005 Titans in goals

Castillo Shines at East Coast Bowl
Westminster senior Chris Castillo put his best foot forward at the 5th Annual East Coast Bowl in Petersburg, Va., kicking two field goals and adding three extra-points to help the South team defeat the North, 27-14.
The postseason all-star game featured top senior players from NCAA Division I-AA, II and III programs throughout the Eastern U.S. Castillo was one of just 14 NCAA Division III players to compete in the contest and was the only representative from the Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC).
The South trailed 14-0 when Castillo split the uprights on a 35-yard field goal attempt to cut the lead to 14-3 in the second period. He added a pair of extra points following South touchdowns and then booted a 32-yard field goal en route to a 20-14 halftime lead. Castillo then added a final successful conversion kick on the South’s final touchdown in the fourth quarter.
A four-year member of the Westminster men’s soccer team, Castillo earned All-PAC second-team honors in a successful first season with the football team. He connected on 10-of-15 field goal attempts and 14-of-15 extra-point attempts, kicked a school-record 47-yard field goal in a win at Bethany, and booted four field goals (including a game-winning 43-yard effort in overtime) in a 12-9 win at Allegheny.

Freshman LeighAnn Jordan was the Lady Titans’ top finisher at the Thiel Invitational and Westminster’s Fisher Invitational in 2005. She placed 33rd at the PAC Championships.

Senior defensive end Adam Hadbavny had a strong season for the Titan defense. He had 15 tackles for loss, five QB sacks, forced two fumbles, recovered four fumbles and broke up six passes.
(seven) and points (15). He posted a hat trick with three goals in a 5-1 PAC victory at Waynesburg. Castillo posted three assists on the season.

Senior midfielder Fritz Julien and sophomore forward Andy Saporito earned All-PAC honorable mention laurels.

**Women’s Soccer (17-5-1, 11-1)**

With a national playoff appearance and a school record for wins in a season, the 2005 season was an historic one for the Westminster women’s soccer team.

The Lady Titan kickers, led by PAC Coach of the Year Girish Thakar, were selected to the NCAA Division III playoffs for the fourth consecutive year. Westminster opened NCAA tournament play with a 5-1 home win over Notre Dame (Md.) before falling at the eventual national runner-up, College of New Jersey, in the second round. Westminster’s 17 wins bested the old mark of 16 set in 2002 and matched in 2003.

After capturing the PAC regular-season title, the Lady Titans were upset by Grove City (1-1 tie, 4-2 on penalty kicks) in the PAC Tournament semifinals, ending the team’s three-year run as conference champs.

Sophomore forward Mallory Bugel, who posted 21 goals and eight assists for 50 points, was an All-PAC first-team selection and was named PAC Player of the Year. She also earned Academic All-America recognition (see story, page 8).

Sophomore defender Brittany McKee and freshman goalkeeper Whitney Griffin were also All-PAC first-team selections. McKee anchored the Lady Titan defense, helping Griffin post a school-record 12 shutouts.

Junior forwards Sarah Calderone and Christa Andamasaris and freshman midfielder Abby Montgomery were all-conference second-team picks. Freshman defender Jessica Losteter was an honorable mention selection.

**Women’s Tennis (6-8, 3-3)**

The Lady Titan netters finished fourth at the PAC Championships for first-year head coach Scott Renninger.

Although no Lady Titans earned all-conference honors with top two finishes, three Lady Titan individuals and two doubles teams posted third-place finishes in their respective flights. Sophomore Dana Larson was third in the second singles flight, as was junior Andrea Pastorius at fifth singles and senior Katie Huber at sixth singles. The second doubles team of senior Sara Belsito and junior Betsy Nolan placed third, as did the third doubles team of Pastorius and Huber.

**Volleyball (19-16, 7-5)**

The Lady Titans fell at top-seeded Waynesburg in the PAC Tournament semifinals.

Senior outside hitter Erin Hinks earned all-conference first-team recognition, while junior setter Rachael Cooper was a second-team selection.

Hinks led the 2005 Lady Titans in kills (429) and kills per game (3.55 kpg), while adding 156 kills, 300 digs and 56 total blocks. She is also a three-time All-PAC honoree, having earned second team and Freshman of the Year honors in 2003 and honorable mention laurels in 2004.

Junior middle hitter Katie McDermott was an All-PAC honorable mention selection.
Chmura, Lambie Earn All-America Honors
Four gridders, two Lady Titan kickers receive postseason recognition

Senior linemen Ryan Chmura and B.A. Lambie lined up on different sides of the ball, but both ended up in the same place: on an NCAA Division III All-American football team.

Chmura, a nose tackle, was named a first-team All-American by Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette and a second-team All-American by the D3football.com Web site. Lambie, a center, was a third-team All-American pick by Hansen's.

Both had been previously named to Hansen's All-South Region First Team, while D3Football.com named Chmura first-team all-region, and Lambie was a second-team all-region pick.

Also earning recognition for the Titans, 4-6 under first-year coach Jeff Hand in 2005, were running back Sean Buggey and kicker Chris Castillo.

In addition, a pair of Westminster women's soccer players, Mallory Bugel and Brittany McKee, were named all-region selections.

The Lady Titans were selected to the NCAA Division III playoffs for the fourth consecutive year and set a school record with 17 victories in 2005.

Chmura, the first Westminster player to be named first-team All-America since defensive back Nick Roberts in 1997, posted 83 total tackles for the Titans in 2005, while also ranking among the Presidents' Athletic Conference leaders in tackles for loss (15) and quarterback sacks (5).

Lambie, a two-year starter at center, was a first-team All-PAC pick in 2005 and an honorable mention pick in 2004.

Buggey, a senior running back/kick returner, was named to the Hansen's honorable mention squad. He rushed for a team-best 878 yards and 5 TD's, while catching 17 passes for 101 yards and throwing two TD passes.

Castillo, a senior kicker in his first season with the football program after four years playing men's soccer, was named to the ECAC Division III Southwest All-Star Team. He connected on 10-of-15 field goal attempts for the Titans, including a school-record 47-yarder.

Bugel, a sophomore forward for the Lady Titans, was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Great Lakes All-Region First Team. She led the team and PAC with 21 goals and 50 points. She had five game-winning goals and posted three hat tricks, including a four-goal performance against Thiel.

McKee, a sophomore sweeper, was an NSCAA second-team all-region pick. She anchored a defense that allowed just 17 goals in 23 games in 2005. She also scored the team's only goal in a 1-0 non-conference win over Allegheny.

Bugel Named to Academic All-America Team

Westminster's Mallory Bugel, a standout on the field and in the classroom, was named to the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America College Division Women's Soccer Third Team.

As a sophomore forward for the Lady Titans, Bugel was a first-team All-President's Athletic Conference and first-team all-region pick in 2005 and also was a first-team academic all-district pick. A double major in biology and chemistry, Bugel carries a 3.79 cumulative GPA.

Bugel was joined on the All-District II Women's Soccer Teams by senior defender Sarah Bouldin, who was named to the third team. Bouldin, an elementary education major, was a key contributor to a stingy Lady Titan defense that allowed fewer than a goal per game.

A Westminster football standout was also honored. Senior defensive end Adam Hadbavny was named to the Academic All-District II College Division Football First Team. A history major, he was a stalwart on the Titans defensive unit with 54 tackles, five sacks and four fumble recoveries.

The Academic All-America program honors male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom. To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.20, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director.
October 22 – Atlanta, GA.  
Atlanta-area alumni and guests gathered for a special fall gathering at the home of Bill Eavenson ’73 and his wife, Wendy. Special guests were Tom and Betty Carver. Tom was a former dean of students at Westminster. Carey Anne Meyer LaSor ’86, coordinator of the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program, was also in attendance. Thank you so much, Bill and Wendy, for hosting our Atlanta event!

November 4, 5, 6 – Eastern PA Alumni Events.  
Tom and Jean Williamson traveled throughout Eastern Pennsylvania for all alumni gatherings. Mary Cooley James ’84, director of alumni relations, and I joined them for the Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and State College events. We were delighted to have Sarah Milanovich ’06, student alumni association member, travel with us as well. Sarah spoke briefly at each event. Thanks, Sarah, for representing our students so well!

November 4 – A wonderful dinner was held at the Holiday Inn City Line with 20 alumni and guests attending. After dinner, trustee Karen Sloan Bausman ’75 introduced Tom Williamson who gave a College update. A great evening!

November 5 – Alumni and guests toured The State Museum of Pennsylvania and then gathered for a reception with Tom and Jean Williamson. Special thanks to trustee Doreen McCall for securing the museum for our event and Peggy Edmonds McConnell ’55 and Judd McConnell ’55 for hosting.

November 6 – Eighteen alumni and guests gathered at The Atherton Hotel for an early dinner and College update. An invocation before dinner was offered by Rev. Doug Pride ’80 and after dinner, Stuart Spisak ’82 introduced Tom Williamson. Special thanks to Stuart and Emily Boyle Dietrich ’99 and Robb Dietrich ’99 for their help in planning our State College gathering!

December 1 – Wadsworth, OH.  
Akron-Canton and Cleveland-area alumni enjoyed a festive holiday reception and dinner at The Galaxy Restaurant with Tom and Jean Williamson. A wonderful vocal program was presented by Sarah Timm ’07 and David Timm ’08, accompanied by Kevin Shields ’09. Special thanks to Keith McCauley ’68 and Hidge Stockhausen Claire ’49 and Chet Claire ’49 for hosting this great evening.

December 3 – Pittsburgh. I attended the Pittsburgh Westminster College Women’s Club Holiday Luncheon and Program at the Sheraton Station Square. We enjoyed a wonderful program by the Westminster College Flute Choir.

December 7 – Pittsburgh. The Duquesne Club was the setting for the Pittsburgh Alumni Christmas Open House with Tom and Jean Williamson. Over 50 alumni enjoyed meeting and sharing holiday fellowship. Trustee Barbara Braden Guffey ’70 introduced Tom Williamson for a College update.

January 5-11, 2006, Northeast Concert Choir Tour.  
Special thanks to the Westminster Concert Choir and director Rob in Lind for being such wonderful ambassadors for the College! Every performance was outstanding – a tribute to our very talented students! A number of alumni dinners were held in conjunction with this year’s tour. Also, a special thank you to college chaplain, Rev. Jim Mohr, for traveling with the choir and welcoming our alumni at the concerts and dinners.

January 5 – The choir presented a concert at Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg. Thank you to Chris Latta ’95 for helping with arrangements.

January 6 – Alumni gathered with choir members for dinner before their concert at Wallingford Presbyterian Church.

January 7 – Meredith Limmer (mother of student Winnie Limmer ’06) hosted alumni for a dinner at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Morristown, N.J., prior to their concert.

January 10 – Barbara Walling (mother of student Ray Walling ’06) hosted alumni at a pre-concert dinner at Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Wilmington, Del..

January 11 – Alumni enjoyed connecting with choir members at a dinner prior to their concert at The First and Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, Baltimore. Thank you to Jason Kissel ’97, director of music and organist at the church, for coordinating our dinner.

Cindy Dafler ’03 has been a member of the Westminster College staff since 1991. As Coordinator of Advancement Events for Westminster College, Cindy works with regional alumni groups throughout the country to develop and strengthen Westminster Connections.
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.
Dear Fellow Alumni,

We all have ties that bind us to Westminster, threads of relationships, traditions, and learning that wrap around memories and secure them to our hearts and minds. The Triennial Alumni Weekend is designed to celebrate those strong bonds and to provide us with an opportunity to reconnect with each other and the school we love. The activities, meals and accommodations have been selected to encourage all who attend to reminisce, interact and become familiar with the ever changing landscape of our college which continues to honor the past while stepping into the future.

The weekend planning committee, Alumni Council and I extend to you an invitation to come and spend time with us on campus June 23, 24 & 25. We want you to have the opportunity to explore new and renovated buildings, take part in discussions on stimulating topics, dine under the stars on the Senior Terrace, spend quality time with friends and in doing so, secure the knots in the ties that bind us to Westminster College (please see the schedule of events on the opposite page). Make plans now with your teammates, Greek sisters and brothers, roommates, classmates, family members and friends to attend our Westminster family reunion. Come to campus for the weekend or just a day to partake in some or all of the scheduled activities.

Make time to follow the threads back to their origin in New Wilmington then reinforce and reconnect. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Carolyn Waszczak Adams ’69
Alumni Council, Triennial Alumni Weekend Committee Chair

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Contact classmates and friends now to begin plans to meet on campus next fall. Looking for their e-mail address? Try the online Alumni Directory; be sure to add your listing. www.westminster.edu/alumniemail

::: An Invitation :::

If you enjoyed the sample of memories published in the summer 2005 issue of Westminster Magazine, you may enjoy the full collection of Thompson House Memories. Dorothy Pollock ’46 gathered and compiled memories from 61 alumni and employees, some humorous, some romantic, all enjoyable.

The Thompson House Memories booklet is $5 per copy, including postage. Send your check payable to Westminster College to:
Office of Alumni Relations
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Friday, June 23
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  Titan Gift Shop Open
McKelvey Campus Center

11 a.m. – 7 p.m.  Weekend Registration
TUB, McKelvey Campus Center

Noon  Golf Outing
Borland Golf Center
Social round of nine holes of golf, cart included. Register as an individual or preferred group. Borland Golf Center is on Rt. 18, one mile north of the Rt. 208 & Rt. 18 intersection, only 2.5 miles from campus. Pre-registration fee $5.00; greens fee $12.00

6 - 8 p.m.  Welcome Buffet
Witherspoon Rooms, McKelvey Campus Center

7:30 p.m.  Decade Gatherings
Berlin Student Lounge, McKelvey Campus Center

9 p.m.  Make your Own Sundae Social
Ferguson Terrace (Rain location Ferguson Lounge)

Saturday, June 24
8:30 a.m. – noon  Weekend Registration
TUB, McKelvey Campus Center

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  Titan Gift Shop Open
McKelvey Campus Center

Morning Seminars
McKelvey Campus Center
9 a.m.  “It Happened First in the One-Room School”
Dr. Darwin W. Huey
10 a.m.  Extract your DNA
11 a.m.  Great Grilling!

Noon  Lunch with Current and Retired Faculty
Witherspoon Rooms, McKelvey Campus Center

Afternoon Activities
1 – 4 p.m.  Hospitality Suite TUB, McKelvey Campus Center
1 – 4 p.m.  Pool Open, Memorial Field House
1 – 5 p.m.  Classic Car Cruise, Creek side by Memorial Field House
1:30 p.m.  Campus Tour, Information Desk, McKelvey Campus Center
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.  Volleyball, Intramural gym, Memorial Field House
Pitch ‘n Putt, Softball Field

3 p.m.  Education Majors Reception
3rd Floor Old Main
Gather for a casual reception to reconnect with fellow education majors in the recently renovated education department of Old Main Memorial.

3 p.m.  Westminster Vow Renewal
Wallace Memorial Chapel
Westminster has been the beginning point for many alumni couples. Gather in Wallace Memorial Chapel to celebrate your Westminster ties and marriage with a vow renewal and reception.

6 p.m.  The “Main” Event
Old Main Senior Terrace
(Dinner on the Senior Terrace of Old Main, then take a lovely torch-lit walk to Old 77 for dancing & celebrating.

7:30 p.m.  Evening Stroll & Dancing

Sunday, June 25
8:30 a.m.  Choir Rehearsal
Wallace Memorial Chapel
The alumni choir will provide music for the worship service. If you would like to sing, be sure to note your interest on the reservation form and attend the Sunday morning rehearsal.

10 a.m.  Worship Service
Wallace Memorial Chapel
No weekend on campus would be complete without a time for alumni fellowship and worship.

11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  Brunch Buffet

Noon – 1:30 p.m.  Room check out
Ferguson Lounge

Additional Information
Registration
The Triennial Alumni Weekend registration form is inside the back cover of this magazine and available online in a printable format at www.westminster.edu/TAW. Please complete and return to the alumni office by June 14, 2006.

Campus Lodging
Lodging in Ferguson Hall will be available Friday and Saturday nights. Amenities provided will be sheets, blanket, hand towels and continental breakfast. You will need to bring your pillow, bath towel and alarm clock. Ferguson is not air conditioned; you may wish to bring a fan.

Off-Campus Lodging
A list of local accommodations is available online, or contact the alumni office. For more information, visit www.westminster.edu/taw, or contact the alumni office at: Office of Alumni Relations Wiley Alumni House Westminster College New Wilmington, PA 16172 Phone: 724-946-7362 Fax: 724-946-7366 E-mail: alumni@westminster.edu
A college student researching a term paper...
A child reading a favorite story...
A senior citizen learning to use the Internet...
All are familiar sights in Westminster’s McGill Library, which in addition to its academic role serves as a community library for the New Wilmington area.

“That’s what sets McGill Library apart from many academic libraries,” said Molly P. Spinney ’72, head librarian. “In addition to the critical role that the library plays in undergraduate and graduate education, we meet diverse and growing community needs.”

Indeed, McGill Library’s importance is reflected in the name chosen for its upcoming $5 million renovation. “It’s no exaggeration to say that a good library is the mind, heart, and soul of a college and a community,” said Westminster President R. Thomas Williamson. “It is an academic resource that is essential to the educational development of our students. And the services that McGill Library provides to the general public are very important to surrounding communities.”

The McGill Library renovation is the final capital improvement project included in Westminster’s $35 million Shared Vision… Uncommon Results fund-raising initiative (the seven projects completed to date total $26.4 million; a $4 million student housing and Thompson House renovation project are also under way). The goal of the Shared Vision plan is to provide up-to-date educational facilities college-wide through renovation and new construction.

Built in 1937 and expanded in 1965, McGill now needs updating to accommodate evolving patterns of use. “There have been a lot of changes in libraries over the past two decades,” said Spinney. “A few years ago, everyone was talking about ‘paperless’ libraries, which didn’t really catch on.

Among its most visible changes, the project calls for a reopening of the building’s original entrance facing Market Street.

Traditional ‘hard copy’ information sources – such as books and periodicals – certainly aren’t going away, but neither are the new electronic and online sources. Similarly, in the past the predominant use was the individual student studying or researching a paper. Now, we have groups of students and entire classes meeting regularly in the library, researching and integrating multiple information sources as they work on collaborative projects. In every respect, it’s a much more informal and interactive environment.”

The McGill Library renovation addresses the merging of classroom instruction and library research, electronic and print information sources, and academic and community needs. Briefly, the major components of the project are as follows:

**Larger Collection Capacity:** McGill Library’s current collection (280,000 volumes and 850 periodicals and newspapers) is nearing capacity. Westminster’s most recent re-accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools had as one of its few recommendations a substantial increase in library collection capacity.
Improvements will include the ramping and reopening of the library’s original 1937 entrance, construction of new first-floor restrooms, refitting existing restrooms, and the installation of a new, larger elevator. These improvements will result in a more attractive, user-friendly facility that is fully accessible.

**Infrastructure:** Existing systems need to be upgraded, and new requirements met.

Infrastructure improvements will include the installation of a sprinkler system in corridors and other access areas and new fire alarms for fire safety, ventilation/heat improvements and window refurbishment to enhance user comfort and energy efficiency, electrical upgrades, and roof/masonry repairs.

**Aesthetics:** A general refurbishment will result in an attractive, up-to-date facility that retains its historic character and features.

This work will include refurbishing the main-floor lobby area (including a new circulation desk), rebuilding the deteriorating vaulted ceiling in the second-floor Ferguson Room, and general aesthetic improvements throughout.

Library technology enhancements have already been completed with the installation of a new collection management system and public access computers (funded by a $100,000 grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services) and building-wide, wireless Internet connectivity supported by a $15,000 gift from the Class of 1953.

Project planning and fund raising are now under way. To minimize disruption of academic programs, construction will take place over the summers of 2007 and 2008 with renovations completed for the opening of the fall 2008 semester.

“We urge everyone to support this important project,” concluded Williamson, “and we look forward to keeping you informed about its progress.”

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**McGill Library Volunteer Group Aims to Meet $2 Million Challenge**

The McGill Library project is off to a great start, thanks to a $1 million anonymous donor challenge and the support of an enthusiastic group of volunteers determined to meet the challenge by raising $1 million or more in gifts and pledges over the next 18 months. A kick-off luncheon was held on December 5 in the Witherspoon Lakeview Room of the McKelvey Campus Center, where volunteers learned more about the project from Gloria Cagigas, vice president of institutional advancement, and Molly Spinney ‘72, head librarian.

Volunteers include: Richard Barnhart ‘55, Matthew Hosie ‘49, Jean Swindler Hosie ’50, Darwin Huey ’74, Sally Keener Huey ’74, Mary Louise Gettemy Ireland ’45, Glenn Morris ’53, Larry Verone ’53 and Janet Wilson Verone ’53. Dorothy Pollock ’46 serves as the coordinator for volunteer activities. Volunteers begin their work later this spring.

Mabel Kocher ’32, associate professor and librarian emerita, serves as McGill Library project volunteer chair. Mabel’s association with McGill Library spans more than 63 years.

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Making the Grade

Meet a few of Westminster’s most dedicated scholar-athletes

At Westminster, over one-third of students participate in an intercollegiate sport. At the college level, varsity athletics requires a great deal of time and energy, and plenty of repetition of the basics. To succeed in the classroom takes more of the same. Discipline, determination, and a willingness to sacrifice for the sake of some future event are needed to excel at both. Here are four stories of Westminster student-athletes whose commitment to their teams and their majors – like their success – knows no limit.

Mallory Bugel ’08

It’s evident Mallory Bugel is a talented soccer player. The fact that she was a second-team all-conference defender as a freshman proves it. But consider this: Bugel switched to forward for her sophomore campaign, and all she did was lead the conference in goals (21) and points (50) en route to being named the Presidents’ Athletic Conference MVP.

The coaching staff of the Steel City Sparks thought so much of Bugel’s skills they invited her to join the club last summer to play in the Women’s Premier Soccer League (WPSL), the highest-level amateur league in the U.S. The Steel City roster not only contains players much older than Bugel, but many whose collegiate playing careers took place at big-time Division I programs.

Yet, two years ago, Bugel’s decision to attend Westminster had less to do with program size or wins and losses, and more to do with the personalized attention and liberal arts education the College had to offer.

“I wanted a school where I could get a great education and play soccer. I had to do both,” said Bugel, who listed Georgetown and Penn State as other schools she was considering. “I like it better here. I like the fact that students can go to a professor’s house for dinner.”

A chemistry and biology double major, Bugel was salutatorian at Mars Area High School with a 4.3 GPA. The complexity of her math and science classes, coupled with required laboratory sessions means she often misses off-season workouts and sometimes misses regular-season practices, and even games, since soccer is usually played in the afternoon. But Bugel does her best to keep up, even if it means practicing with the men’s team and taking summer classes.

“If you want to succeed academically and athletically, it can be done, but it’s not a breeze,” Bugel said. “You’ve just got to put the time in.”

“...In some classes, if you fall a day behind, it’s almost impossible to catch up. It gets pretty bad sometimes, but I like what I’m doing.”

Fast Facts...

Mallory Elisabeth Bugel

Hometown: Valencia, Pa./Mars Area H.S.

Class: Sophomore

Major: Biology and Chemistry

GPA: 3.79

Sport: Soccer

Organizations: Tri-Beta (biology honorary society)

Honors: Presidents’ Athletic Conference MVP, Third Team Academic All-American
Matt Kurtz ’06

Matt Kurtz studied philosophy and British literature at Oxford University last fall. While there, he took time to travel across five European countries and stayed in a snow-covered flat in the Bavarian Alps. But for the senior history major, the best part of the trip just may have been a round a golf.

Kurtz, a three-time all-conference member of the Titan golf team, shot a 76 at the home of golf, St. Andrews in Scotland.

“You don’t know wind until you play there,” Kurtz said of St. Andrews.

The entire study-abroad experience was “phenomenal,” said Kurtz, who joined 27 other students and two faculty members in a semester at Oxford.

It wasn’t the first time Kurtz has walked in the shadows of history. Kurtz specializes in Civil War history and took part in a 2003 re-creation of the Battle of Gettysburg on its 140th anniversary.

When he started at Westminster, Kurtz intended to study computer science. He also thought about playing baseball – he had played golf, baseball and basketball while at DuBois Area High School. But he quickly decided to concentrate on golf, which plays a fall and spring season, and history, which he’d loved since eighth grade. He’s excelled at both. Last year, Kurtz, a Dean’s List student with a 3.2 GPA, helped the Titans earn their first appearance at the NCAA Division III Championships, where they finished tied for 16th.

“It’s a lot of late nights, work on weekends and cramming, all the time,” Kurtz said of his workload. “It takes a toll, but it’s worth it.”

The key is to make the most of your time, Kurtz said. When studying, he tries to put all of his focus on that topic. Then when it’s time to golf, he pushes school from his mind so he can concentrate solely on his game.

“I’ve learned that when you get the chance to golf, you have to do it 100 percent. Don’t do it nonchalantly. You put the time in and you’ll succeed.”

Academics always come first. No matter how much I love golf, I can always play it later.

Matthew J. Kurtz
Hometown: DuBois, Pa./DuBois Area H.S.
Class: Senior
Major: History
GPA: 3.2
Sport: Golf
Organizations: Theatre, SAAC member (freshman to junior years)
Honors: Dean’s List, Golf team captain
Things sure have changed for Katie McDermott.
The junior middle/outside hitter for the volleyball team admits she was overwhelmed in her first semester at Westminster. Coming from a tight-knit family in Austintown, Ohio, she chose Westminster over closer schools Youngstown State University, Mount Union and Baldwin-Wallace, and struggled in her first days to leave behind longtime relationships with her high school friends and teachers, while aiming to build strong ties with her new college peers and professors. Not to mention her new coaches and new teammates. She wondered if she’d be able to compete at the next level (she could); if biology was the right major for her (it wasn’t); and even if Westminster was where she wanted to continue her education (it was).

“As a freshman I was very overwhelmed. I didn’t know if Westminster was the right place for me,” said McDermott, now a history major minoring in secondary education and Spanish. “But I stuck with it. I couldn’t imagine not going to this school now. Over the course of my freshman year to my sophomore year I realized that, ‘Wow, I really like it here. Things are going to work. Things are going to be OK.’ Even though things were hard at the beginning, you can’t give up on what you’re doing.”

A 4.0 student in high school, McDermott had surgery in her senior year to repair a torn ACL. At the ensuing physical therapy sessions she developed an interest in biology. But she soon discovered that her affections were focused more on sports than on the science. So she switched with an eye on teaching and coaching someday in the future. She got a taste of that in high school. When her injury prevented her from playing basketball, McDermott stayed on as a volunteer assistant coach.

“I have to keep my options open. I’m all about that,” said McDermott, who has a 3.7 GPA and is considering law school.

While the first few days of grad school may be chaotic, McDermott will no doubt be prepared.

“I’m a little surprised at how well I’ve become accustomed to allotting my time,” she said. “I’m very organized now. It kinda scares me a little bit.”

Fast Facts...

Katlin E. McDermott

Hometown: Austintown, Ohio/Austintown Fitch H.S.

Class: Sophomore

Major: History, minor in secondary education and Spanish

GPA: 3.7

Sport: Volleyball

Organizations: Phi Alpha Theta (history honorary society), Student Pre-Law Association, College Democrats, SAAC vice president

Honors: Dean’s List, PAC all-academic team (Fall ’05), PAC SAAC student-athlete of the month (Sept. ’05), PAC athlete of the week, All–PAC honorable mention, Thomas More all–tournament team

I have become a very organized, planned-out person. I live by my planner. If I lose that thing, or something’s not written down in that planner, chances are I won’t remember it.”
Pat Smith ’07

Pat Smith allowed himself to celebrate on Saturday night. The Titan men’s swimming team had just held off Grove City College at the three-day PAC championship meet to capture its second consecutive league crown. Along the way, Smith finished first in the 200 backstroke and second in the 400 individual medley, giving him five career conference titles and five runner-up finishes.

On Sunday, however, Smith and some teammates spent most of the day in another familiar place – the library.

“We won the championship, and that was great, but Sunday we were back in the library and back to work,” said Smith, a junior political science major from South Park. “A lot of us had tests on Monday or had missed tests on Friday. It’s tough sometimes, but it’s a commitment we’re willing to make.”

The swimming season is arguably the longest of any sport at Westminster. Practices begin in September, and meets begin in October, extending until February (March if the swimmer qualifies for the NCAA championships). During most of the season, swimmers practice twice per day, once in the early morning and once in the afternoon. For Smith, this is when his grades get better.

“When we have two-a-days our schedule is more structured and that’s when my grades are better,” he said. “I know I only have a certain amount of time to do my work at night. I have to get it done. I can’t put it off. When swimming ends, I have a lot more free time, and sometimes it’s harder to manage.”

Part of Smith’s routine includes attending study sessions implemented by swim team members a few years ago. Freshmen and those swimmers with lower GPAs are required to attend five hours per week; the required hours decrease as GPAs rise. Smith carries a 3.2, which frees him from mandatory attendance, but he goes anyway.

“You have to prioritize. Sometimes swimming isn’t the most important thing; school is the most important,” Smith said. “I can’t swim forever.”

The whole team has embraced the concept. The men’s team met its goal of finishing first in GPA among all of the College’s men’s teams in the fall after placing seventh in the previous semester.

“Coach [Rob Klamut] may be more proud of that than our swimming accomplishments,” Smith said. “That’s a positive thing. We’re student-athletes. Student comes first.”

“A lot of people do more than me; I just try to do my best. If I couldn’t handle it all, I wouldn’t try to do it. But I like doing it all. That’s why I can’t give it up.”

Fast Facts...

Patrick J. Smith

Hometown: South Park, Pa./South Park H.S.
Class: Junior
Major: Political Science
GPA: 3.2
Sport: Swimming
Organizations: Student Government Association, SAAC president, Fresh Start, swim camp counselor
Honors: 5-time PAC champion (first-team all-conference), 5-time all-conference second team
From the time he was eight years old, Darwin Huey ’74 knew he wanted to coach. Sure, he wanted to play football. But even as a boy, when he used to go every day to watch his older cousin practice with the high school team, there was something about coaching that appealed to him on another level.

“I always liked the game itself, the physical activity of the game, but I liked thinking about the game, too,” Huey said. “I knew I wanted to be a teacher, too. It’s sort of crazy that I knew what I wanted to do when I was eight years old. And that’s really all I’ve ever done – teach and coach.”

The game – in all its aspects – continues to allure Huey, a professor of education who was an assistant coach for the Titans for 23 years before retiring from coaching in 1998. But for all the time, energy and thought coaches put into their sport and share with their players and coaching peers over the years, coaching gives back to them even more. And not just in terms of wins and championships.

What do coaches get in return for their sacrifices? To start, they still get to compete. Even if they’re not on the court or field, the games or matches serve to stoke their competitive fires. Practices usually yield to teaching, giving coaches the chance to challenge their communicative abilities. Can they install a game plan in time for the next game and get the team to follow it?

“Coaching is a continuation of my desire to teach. I get instant feedback on the quality of my teaching,” said head men’s golf coach Gene Nicholson, who has also coached football, wrestling, track, swimming and tennis in 37 years at Westminster. “Tie in the fact that I enjoy the opportunity to continue competing and measuring how well I teach versus how well the opponent or other coach teaches. The competition tells if I’ve done a more effective job of teaching and recruiting the type of people who fit the system or philosophy I choose.”

In 1964, right out of college, Nicholson was hired at Wilmington Area High School as a teacher and coach. He challenged himself at the very beginning. The school had no track & field program, so Nicholson plucked five people from the student body and started a team with only provisional acceptance from the school. He used equipment donated from Westminster and practiced at the College’s track. Nicholson’s team went on to finish 10th that year at the highly competitive WPIAL championships. The program was fully funded the next year.

“I wanted to prove that we could do it,” Nicholson said. “I wanted to prove that the funding was warranted.”

It’s not only new or emerging programs that give coaches a challenge. Rob Klamut took over a successful Westminster swimming program in 1985. He has built on that legacy with an impressive run of conference championships, national championship meet appearances, and three individual national champions. But, Klamut has his sights set even higher.

“The next step is to send more swimmers to the national championships,” Klamut said. “It’s so hard to get there and so few swimmers get to go. It’s a big, big step. But that’s the focus now that we’re trying to take – getting swimmers to think that their team goals shouldn’t be limited to just winning a conference championship. Maybe a top 10 finish at nationals or getting a relay team to nationals. It’s time to take the next step.”

“We used to talk about playing a perfect game. That it would be like getting 100 percent on an exam,” Huey said. “We talked about...
playing to a standard of excellence, because if you start thinking too much about winning, you lose focus on what enables winning – doing the right things in the right way, consistently.

“I’ve been reading about John Wooden lately and after he retired, the thing he missed most was practice. I understand that. That was the teaching part. That’s where the relationships were built. Most people see the excitement of Saturday afternoon, but I always say that was our final exam.”

The relationships built between coaches and their players over the course of seasons and athletic careers are often significant and long-lasting. It has been said that the true success of a given team – no matter its won-loss record – cannot be measured until 10 years down the road. Only then, when the games have ended, but the lessons learned on the playing fields take root, does a clear picture of success emerge. Championships are glorious, but for a collegiate coach, there is no greater victory than seeing young men and women blossom into husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, doctors and lawyers, and maybe even teachers or coaches.

“It’s so nice to see that when they leave here they go on to become good citizens and do well in their careers, whatever that might be,” Klamut said. “A lot of them write back and say that swimming really helped them persevere in law school or medical school or job interviews. They would say, ‘I wasn’t even nervous. I was prepared.’ Those are some of the things they learned in intercollegiate athletics. Sending people on and having them be successful and having them be thankful when they look back on their years at Westminster, I’m just happy to have had a little something to do with that.”

“When I look at the student-athletes I’ve had the pleasure to interact with over a long period of time – to see them return to campus with their families, to see their strong relationship with the College, to see what they’ve done in

Former Titan LB Earns Ring for Work with Steelers Offense

Matt Raich ’94 was a standout linebacker for Westminster, playing on one national championship team and one runner-up. Some of the same qualities that made Raich a two-time All-American linebacker for the Titans have helped him succeed as an offensive assistant with the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers.

As a quality control coach on offense, one of Raich’s main jobs is to pore over countless hours of film to recognize a unit’s tendencies. He spends a lot of that time analyzing his own team in hopes of keeping the Steelers offense unpredictable.

Raich was among two quality-control coaches quoted in a Wall Street Journal article “The Secret Schemers: Who wins the Super Bowl strategy battle depends on some little-known assistant coaches” preceding the game.

Raich just completed his second year as an assistant coach with the Steelers. He spent the previous two years in the organization as an intern in the personnel department. He previously served as an assistant coach at Robert Morris University (2000-02; 1996-99), Glenville State University (1999) and Westminster (1993-94). In addition, he served as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach for the Hildesheim Invaders Football Club in the German Federal League in 1999.

A 10-time conference coach of the year, Rob Klamut gives instruction to a pair of swimmers at a late-season practice preparing them for the national championship meet.

the ministry or education or their profession, the successes they’ve achieved in their communities – to see them come back over a long period of time has certainly been the most gratifying thing I’ve had the opportunity to be a part of,” Nicholson said.

“But you don’t do it alone. You have to recruit great young people to be successful and you have to have the help of great assistant coaches.”

The bond between coaches can run even deeper. They spend a great deal of time working together for the sake of the program, whether it is on long bus rides, in meetings, recruiting, or watching film.

“My years working with Dr. [Harold] Burry, Coach [Joe] Fusco ’60, Coach Nicholson were just a thrill in my life,” said Huey. “Time was just irrelevant. Dr. Burry said ‘just do it’ long before Nike did. One of my greatest joys was when we got to the playoffs and tapes wouldn’t arrive from the airport until midnight. We’d get a large pizza, something to drink and study films all night long. It was like a party.”

Huey’s decision to step away from coaching was a matter he wrestled with internally for years. When he made his final decision, the hardest part, he said, was having to inform Nicholson and Fusco.

“Wow, that was a tough day,” Huey said. “I just felt like it was the right time. The passion didn’t go away, nothing filled the void. But I had grown to the point where I realized nothing ever would. I knew that when I retired, nothing in my life would replace the thrill of running down the ramp on Saturday afternoons. And nothing has.”

(Broadwater is editor of Westminster Magazine.)
By Joe Onderko M’00

[Editor’s Note: Joe Onderko has followed the career paths of these alumni with more than a passing interest. Westminster’s sports information director since 1995, Onderko has not only tirelessly publicized the successes of the College’s athletic programs for more than a decade, but he has also mentored a new generation of sports communications professionals, including the four main subjects featured in the following story. Onderko modestly declined to highlight his own contributions in this story, but his impact on their training and subsequent success cannot be denied. – PSB]

Sitting in his spacious office at the Pittsburgh Steelers training complex, located on the one-time site of a steel mill on the southern shore of the Monongahela River, a smile creases the face of Burt Lauten ’99.

He is less than two weeks removed from the greatest experience of his professional life – witnessing firsthand his National Football League (NFL) employer capture the long-elusive “One for the Thumb” with a 21-10 victory over the Seattle Seahawks at Super Bowl XL. Now, reflecting on that moment, he is asked where he was and what he remembers of Pittsburgh’s last Super Bowl win (a 31-19 victory over the Los Angeles Rams in 1980). Lauten tries to suppress a laugh before answering.

“I’m pretty sure I was at home, but I don’t recall anything about the game,” he noted with a sheepish grin. “I was three years old at the time.”

His age firmly established, the lifelong Steelers fan did have a much greater recollection of the team’s last Super Bowl appearance prior to this season, a 27-17 loss to the Dallas Cowboys in 1996.

“I was a freshman at Westminster, being rushed by Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, so I watched the game with a group of friends at an apartment above Prima’s restaurant (now Pizza Joe’s). The thought that I might be working for the Steelers someday and be present when they finally got another Super Bowl ring was unthinkable – it wasn’t even something I dreamed about.

“As a freshman, I didn’t know what I was going to do the next day, let alone in my career.”

Lauten just completed his first season as public relations/media manager for the Steelers after working the previous six years in the college sports information field. He is one of a growing number of Westminster graduates who in recent years have chosen to pursue careers in the athletic communications field, either working as public relations professionals for collegiate and professional sports teams, or working for media companies themselves in PR capacities.

Todd Lepovsky ’03 is in his second season as manager of media relations for the NHL’s Pittsburgh Penguins. Lepovsky served two internships with the Penguins while at Westminster, helping him snare a full-time job with the club after graduation.

While each brings a different story and a unique career path, they share a strong liberal arts background and a deep respect for their alma mater, which not only helped them develop and reach their career goals, but also helped to shape them as people.

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Like Lauten, Todd Lepovsky ’03 serves as a PR person for a professional sports team in the city of Pittsburgh. But there won’t be a championship in the cards for him this year.

Lepovsky is in his second year as manager of media relations for the Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League (NHL). The 2005-2006 season began with great promise and had Penguins fans hoping for a return to the early-1990s Stanley Cup glory days of the franchise. The Pens were among the biggest spenders in the post-lockout free-agent frenzy, and they acquired the top pick in the draft, which they used to select teen phenom Sidney Crosby.
But those high hopes were dashed quickly and cruelly. By the Olympic break in February, the Penguins were saddled with a league-worst 14-34-11 record; their head coach had been dismissed; team owner and all-time great Mario Lemieux had announced his retirement as a player, and subsequently acknowledged that the team was up for sale.

Despite the negatives, the current season has certainly been one Lepovsky will always fondly remember. Foremost was the arrival of Crosby, an 18-year-old considered the greatest young hockey player to arrive on the scene since Wayne Gretzky and Lemieux a generation earlier.

“After being laid off during the lockout, I was called back to work in July of 2005. There were a few of us sitting around with Edzo (then-head coach Ed Olczyk) watching the draft lottery on TV in his office. When we got to the top 10, we started to get excited. It came down to us and Anaheim in the final two spots. When we got the top pick (and the right to draft Crosby), everyone went crazy – grown men jumping up and down screaming, high-fiving and hugging each other. That lasted for about 30 seconds – then the phones started to ring. It seems like they have been ringing ever since.

“After seeing Crosby come to Pittsburgh for the first time a month later, I began to understand what it must have been like when the Beatles came to America the first time. He hadn’t played an NHL game yet, but there was this huge, screaming throng to greet him at the airport. It was surreal.”

Many other similar events followed, including an unprecedented 300-400 media members at the NHL draft in Ottawa and a capacity press box for Crosby’s first regular-season game in New Jersey. Through it all, Lepovsky was there to meet the needs of both Crosby and the seemingly insatiable requests of the local, national and international hockey media.

“The requests were unbelievable – more than we could humanly handle,” he recalled. “We focused on the national networks first, because this was the best way to help the NHL get back on the public radar following the lockout. Once the season wore on, we were able to accommodate many more of the local media requests. Then, just when it seemed to be slowing down over the holidays, Crosby played back-to-back games in Toronto and Montreal, and the whole media frenzy started back up again.”

The Penguins position has been ideal for Lepovsky, a self-proclaimed hockey nut whose father was a Penguins season ticket holder while he was growing up in the Pittsburgh suburb of Penn Hills. That love of the game carried on through his high school days at Central Catholic High School and onto Westminster, where a chance of fate during his freshman year brought him face-to-face with the career he wanted to pursue.

“I was friends with a sophomore at the time who worked for the Westminster sports information office as a statistician at basketball games. He was supposed to find a freshman to help him at the stat table, but the guy he had asked to work with him slept in for the game, so he asked me if I would work with him instead. Within 10 minutes of working on the computer stat program at that game, I knew what I wanted to do with my career.”

With a career path in his sights, Lepovsky switched from a computer science major to broadcast communications and later to public relations. He began working football and volleyball games and followed up internships with the New Castle News sports department and the Westminster SID office with an internship in the Penguins’ alumni & community relations office in the summer of 2002. Penguins announcer Paul Steigerwald assisted him in securing a year-long internship in the Penguins public relations office in 2002-03, which resulted in him being hired full-time by the club following his graduation in 2003.

Lepovsky noted that his Westminster experience was essential in giving him the foundation for success in his career. “Professors at Westminster had a way of challenging you. Coming out of college, I could not have been more prepared, even though I did not realize it at the time. You got to know teachers on a personal level and felt comfortable talking with them. Their advice sticks with you.

“Despite how small the school is, you come to Pittsburgh and see Westminster people working in these key sports communications positions and doing well. You know Westminster must be doing something right.”

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One of the local media outlets both Lauten and Lepovsky work with daily is Fox Sports Network Pittsburgh (FSP). In addition to being the main carrier of Penguins television broadcasts, FSP also locally produces nightly sports shows highlighting all of the teams in the Steel City. One of the key people making things happen behind the scenes is Jennifer Roccia Moreau ’96, who is in her second year as FSP public relations director.

A native of Cranberry Township and graduate of Seneca Valley High School, Moreau grew up the daughter of a coach in a sports-related family. That athletic background prepared her for her experience at Westminster, where the public relations major received a trial-by-fire baptism in the world of sports promotion.

“Deb Mitchell, one of my professors my sophomore year, received a call from (then-athletic director) Joe Fusco ’60, who was looking for a couple of students to help him promote the 1993 Titan football season. Westminster did not have a full-time SID at that time, so we had no real guidance. I didn’t know such a job existed before that. We dove right into it, making flyers, hanging posters, writing newsletter and press release copy, and visiting sorority meetings to encourage attendance at games. It was a great experience we got to repeat in 1994, which culminated in attending the Titan national championship game in Portland, Ore.”

That experience led to a pair of internships in Division I sports
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From there, she spent a year as an associate director of athletic communications at American University in Washington, D.C., before heading to Philadelphia, where she worked in a pair of unique PR settings. Moreau served as director of communications for the Worldwide Senior Tennis Tour (1998-2001) and the Pro Cycling Tour (2001-03). The two positions provided her with a breadth of PR experience, as well as allowing her to work in sports marketing for the first time in her career.

“Working with people like John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors on the tennis tour was an eye-opener because you were dealing with retired athletes who had already dealt with the media for a long time. They had a huge international following, especially when I went with them to a tour stop in Japan, where they were held in such high esteem. I still have my name plate from that trip, with my name in English on top and in Japanese on the bottom.

“The cycling tour was just the opposite. Rather than well-off retired athletes, you had cyclists making $20-$30 thousand per year who were holding down other jobs just to make ends meet. However, it also had a huge international presence with some events resulting in a half-million people attending.”

When her husband, Larry Moreau ’96, was transferred from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, Moreau took time off work to stay home and raise their son Graham, born in 2003. She contemplated eventually returning to work with one of the sports teams in Pittsburgh before one day receiving a call from an old colleague.

“I was told that Fox Sports Pittsburgh was creating a new PR position and if I was interested I had to send a résumé to the national office in New York that day. I was sitting home with my son – I didn’t even have a résumé together. With some help, I was able to get one together that afternoon and sent off. They called me back late that day. I interviewed the next day and was hired less than two weeks later.”

Her position, in addition to normal PR duties, puts her in charge of all external marketing for the station, including arena signage, billboards, print ads and public appearances by station talent. Moreau also handles all internal communication at the station. After wrapping up the station’s extensive Super Bowl coverage, she was already making plans to attend the Pittsburgh Pirates training camp in Bradenton, Fla., in March.

Moreau also fondly recalls her undergraduate days at Westminster, as well as one professor in particular. “I always tell people I would not trade my time at Westminster for anything. I still recall getting calls from professors when I wasn’t in class. My J-term internships also allowed me to work in the middle of basketball season in one of the best Division I athletic conferences in the nation.”

“Doc (Bill) McTaggart was a tremendous help for me with my writing as well. He always stressed that no matter what profession you went into, you had to have the ability to express yourself and communicate clearly, with writing being the permanent and lasting example of your communication skills.”

“The success of so many Westminster graduates in this field is proof that the size of a school does not limit its reach,” she said. “I didn’t know Burt or Todd when I started here – now I work with each of them every day. I also get to see Denny Wolfe ’97 (a producer at rival cable sports network ESPN in Bristol, Conn.) when he comes into town to cover a Pittsburgh team. It’s been great to develop and maintain these relationships.”

While many alumni in the sports communications field have found their calling in the region, Scott Dietz ’98 took the proverbial road less traveled – one that ended up 584 miles from New Wilmington at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass. Dietz serves as assistant athletic director for media relations at Wheaton, where he has also served as sports information director for the past seven years.

A graduate of South Park High School, Dietz began working as a statistician for women’s basketball at Westminster his freshman year. He ended up working statistics in football as well and went on to do four undergraduate internships: the Westminster and Youngstown State SID offices, the University of Pittsburgh sports marketing department, and the public relations office of the Cleveland Cavaliers of the National Basketball Association (NBA).

“I was drawn to Westminster not only by its academic reputation, but also by the very strong athletic program,” Dietz said. “Many people like me come here because we want to be a part in the history and tradition of success which is the Titan Tradition. Westminster really has a healthy balance between academics and athletics, which enhanced my student experience.”

After graduation, Dietz was spending time with his then-girlfriend (now wife) Christie Hupe ’96 near her parents’ home in Massachusetts. A chance drive through the Wheaton campus in the summer of 1999 resulted in Dietz making a cold call which would alter his career direction.

“We were taking a ride through campus when we came across a campus directory. I noticed there was not a sports information director listed – the women’s basketball coach handled SID duties on a part-time basis,” Dietz recalled. “Without knowing her, I gave her a call, told her about my background and asked if she needed any part-time help. As it turns out, they were looking for someone to do just that – launch the athletic Web site, handle some publication work, and other such duties. So I worked part-time for her for a couple of months. At the end of the year, the administration came to see how important the position was, and I was promoted to full-time status.

“So after all of my work and internships to network and gain contacts, I ended up with a job while on vacation with my future wife, talking to someone I had never met or spoken to before that.”

In addition to handling all public relations and promotional duties at Wheaton, a 21-sport NCAA Division III program, a promotion to assistant athletic director a year ago has resulted in additional administrative and supervisory responsibilities. Dietz has also worked for the past seven years as a game day PR assistant with the NFL’s New England Patriots while working as the official scorer for the Brockton Rox, a local minor-league baseball team. In the summer of 2005, he was on the organizing committee and was a panel presenter for the 50th anniversary ECAC-SIDA Workshop on Cape Cod, a regional workshop for sports information directors at all levels across the eastern U.S.

Dietz considers the work ethic he acquired at Westminster to be the most lasting benefit of his college education. “Westminster was a challenge because it tested my work ethic and pushed me to another level. The personal aspect of the instruction was unmatched and provided a great transition to this career. I don’t believe I would

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have received the same education at a non-private or non-liberal arts school.”

Despite his many professional accomplishments, Dietz is most proud of a personal milestone this year: He and wife Kristie welcomed their first child, Jordan, on January 30. While he no longer keeps close contact with many fellow Westminster alumni due to geography, Dietz is pleased to see so many fellow Titans working in the sports communications field.

“I know Jennifer (Moreau) and I were two of the first ones out of that mid-'90s era to go into the business, and I am pleasantly surprised to see all the people that followed. The most powerful marketing tool available is word of mouth, having your peers make you aware of opportunities. That has clearly continued to this day at Westminster.”

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Lauten’s path to Super Bowl XL began in his hometown of Fombell, near Ellwood City. After graduating from Riversides High School, he followed in the footsteps of his older sister Kelli Lauten Gonzales '97 in attending Westminster. He also followed Kelli’s lead when it became time to start charting a career path.

“Kelli had interned in the sports information office at Westminster, but didn’t go into the field as a career. To be honest, I did very little in the way of career preparation my first three years of college, but my senior year she encouraged me to work in the SID office like she did. It was a great experience covering a lot of different home events – that’s where it all began for me.”

While the home games provided him with experience, it was a road trip that convinced Lauten that a career in sports communications was right for him.

“The final Titan football game of the 1998 season was at Northern Michigan University, located on the Upper Peninsula. Because it was also the first week of basketball season and Westminster always opens with the Buzz Ridl Classic, I got to fly with the football team to the game at NMU. I remember coming back from that experience and deciding – that’s it. I want a job someday where I will fly to football games. From that point on, I began looking for opportunities to reach a position like that.”

The first stop was in Oxford, Ohio, for an internship at Miami University. Lauten was hired on the recommendation of fellow Westminster graduate Angie Renninger ’97, who serves as associate SID at Miami. The internship turned into a full-time position the following year. Lauten had spent less than a year full-time at Miami when a similar position opened at the University of Pittsburgh. Returning to Western Pennsylvania, he spent 4 1/2 years at Pitt before parlaying that experience into the job with the Steelers in the summer of 2005.

“It is weird to look back on it, but my career track has taken me from the small-college level to a mid-major Division I program, then to a large Division I program, and finally to the NFL. The goals are the same at all four levels, but the resources are so different that each level required different strategies to get the job done,” said Lauten, noting that fellow Westminster graduate Rich Dalrymple ’82, who serves as PR director for the Dallas Cowboys, was one of the first people to congratulate him on the new position. Lauten also works daily with former Titan football great Matt Raitch ’94, who serves as an offensive quality control assistant coach for the Steelers (see related story p. 19).

The conversation shifts back to the Super Bowl, which is still a bit of a blur to the sleep-deprived Lauten. After defeating Denver on the road in the AFC Championship game on Jan. 22, the team turned back to Pittsburgh at 10:30 p.m. that night. Lauten and the rest of the staff stayed up all night to finalize the postseason media guide, in order to have it ready when the crush of national media arrived at the team’s doorstep at seven the following morning.

“Just from the time we took off from Denver to the time I landed, my voicemail had 15 messages – every single national network, plus all of our local media,” Lauten said. “On that flight, (Steelers PR director) Dave Lockett and I decided that we would only allow one-on-one interviews in the first week after the AFC title game – there would be none the week prior to the Super Bowl. That seemed to work out pretty well and keep things at a manageable level the week before the game.”

The hard work paid off, not just because the Steelers earned their fifth Super Bowl ring. “After the game, our office got a number of compliments from the media for the job we did. It felt good to know that all the time and planning was appreciated by the people we work with,” Lauten said.

“The best thing about the Super Bowl, to me, was that my family got to experience it with me. My mom and dad were there, along with my wife (the former Amy Shallenberger ’98). They were not only happy for the team, but for me as well. After the game, my mom was nearly in tears with happiness. That really topped it off for me.”

A pair of individuals stood out for Lauten from his time at Westminster as helping prepare him for the future. “Mark Meighen (Westminster senior director of advancement administration) was a former SID who gave me some good insights while I was in college – dealing with coaches, managing time, and interviewing basics – plus basic life advice. He treated me like a peer. Also, having Jim Raykie teach journalism class was a real plus. He was someone not teaching theory, but rather someone who said – listen to me, I do this every day. This is how you are expected to do things.” Raykie serves as editor of The (Sharon) Herald in addition to being an adjunct faculty member at Westminster.

Asked what, after working with a Super Bowl champion before the age of 30, he could possibly do for an encore, Lauten demurred. “Personally, I hope to retire from here someday. Everyone told me to enjoy every minute of the Super Bowl experience, because you don’t know if you will ever get another one, so I tried to do just that. Don’t get me wrong – I hope the Steelers win five more Super Bowls and I get to work each one of them. But no matter what happens in the future, nobody can take this experience away from me.”

(Onderko is sports information director at Westminster College.)
48 Charles Davis and his wife, Marcia McQuiston Davis ’52, have relocated to Durham, N.C. Charlie, a retired superintendent of schools, recently served as consultant on improving cochlear implants to a consortium of MIT, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts Eye and Ear Hospital.

David Lloyd is a partner at KLFT Real Estate. He and his wife, Jean Basher Lloyd ’49, make their home in Butler.

The biography of Eugene Lombardi, retired orchestra conductor, violinist and educator, will appear in the 60th Diamond Anniversary Edition of Who’s Who in America. The recipient of an honorary doctor of music degree from Westminster, Eugene and his wife, Jacqueline, reside in Tempe, Ariz.

50 Cliff Jones serves on a number of boards and committees in the Harrisburg area, including co-chair of the Pennsylvania Base Development Committee, vice president/consultant to Commerce Bank, and adjunct professor at Messiah College. He has served in various capacities in state government since 1963. Cliff and his wife, Carole, make their home in Mechanicsburg.

William Paul was honored for his four decades of service on the Seneca Valley school board. Retired as owner of a sports equipment store, Bill is president of the board for Butler County Area Vo-Tech School. He and his wife, Alice Lee Craig Paul, a retired kindergarten teacher, reside in Zelienople.

56 Lorraine Adams Revelle has been inducted into the Watertown (N.Y.) City School District Hall of Achievement. She has been director of Watertown’s Northern Choral Society since 1998, increasing the size of the group from 80 members to more than 140.

57 (The following is a correction of information that appeared in the

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Summer 2005 issue.) Jane Stewart Warner has relocated to Sevierville, Tenn.

58 Diana Black Kreiling of Greensburg received the Latrobe Area Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award for 2005 for her volunteer efforts with a number of area organizations.

61 The Rev. John Cairns has retired from Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. He and his wife, Betsy Thompson Cairns ’63, now reside in Sarasota, Fla.

63 The Rev. Frank Hull IV is on leave from the graduate faculty of The Christian University in Nakan, Pathom, Thailand, and has assumed the position of associate rector at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church and Day School in Jacksonville, Fla.

64 Marilyn Korns was named one of Oil City’s outstanding citizens for 2005 by the chamber of commerce. A retired teacher, Marilyn manages the Transit Fine Arts Gallery and also volunteers with the Venango County Humane Society, 4-H, and the YMCA.

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65 Betty Grocott Weller has retired from Jefferson County School District in Wheat Ridge, Colo., where she taught all elementary grade levels. Betty continues to substitute teach and enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren and traveling with her husband, Carl.

66 Susan Craig Cox has retired after 30 years teaching in the Mars Area School District, where she taught music and third grade. She and her husband, Robert, live in Mars.

67 Robert Curry has retired from the faculty at Union Area School District. Bob and his wife, Marcia, make their home in New Castle.

James Sloan is a retired teacher. He and his wife, Cathy Cline Sloan ’70, reside in McHenry, Md.

Sister Earlene Tibbels Viano has retired. She makes her home at Georgetown Visitation Monastery in Washington, D.C.

68 Jim Turner received the Melvin L. Green Codes and Standards Medal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the 2005 Honor Award from the National Institute of Building Sciences. He and his wife, Betty Lee, are residents of McLean, Va.

70 Robert Kelley retired after 35 years with the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His last position was with the Department of Public Welfare’s western regional office of child development in Pittsburgh. Bob and his wife, Linda, live in Carnegie.

Jewl Ann Spoelhof of Grand Rapids, Mich., is employed by the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

71 Edmund Becker, a professor at Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, is a member of the Accountability Review Council for the school district of Philadelphia to evaluate the impact of the “No Child Left Behind” legislation. He makes his home in Atlanta, Ga.

Gary Brown, a member of Westminster’s Board of Trustees, is CEO of Mount West Investments in Pittsburgh.


72 Luann Moser-Rice has been promoted to principal at Turner Elementary School in Mobile, Ala.

73 Hugh Anderson and his wife, Teena Jolly Anderson ’71, have returned from their third summer
David Campbell, 78, makes their home in Davis, Calif., where Mary Lynn is head of staff at Davis Community Church and Dave is community studies specialist at the University of California at Davis.

Douglas Blythe has been promoted to vice president of American Window Concepts in Houston, Texas.

Karen Wruble Burdick is vice president – client relations with Renaissance Learning Institute, a sales and leadership training corporation. She and her husband, Jim, and their two children live in Scottsdale, Ariz.

F.J. Hartland had two plays produced in Pittsburgh. Clean Sheets was performed as part of Pittsburgh’s GLBT PrideFest at the Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre. Postcards from a Dead Dog was chosen for production in the Pittsburgh New Works Festival, where it won awards for Best Production, Outstanding Contribution by a Playwright, and Outstanding Contribution by a Director. F.J. was the guest writer for Westminster’s George Bleasby Writers Colloquium.

Tim Kaiser is producer of “Twins,” the new WB network comedy about twin sisters with opposite personalities who attempt to run the family lingerie business.

Michael Abbott is director of marketing at Thomson West. He lives in Lakeville, Minn., with his wife, Nancy Brownlee Abbott, and their two sons.

Dianna Clemens Heim is an assistant marketing director for Tower Bancorp, responsible for the company’s advertising and graphic design, media relations and event planning. Her articles, “A Divine Vintage” and “Bookshelf,” were published in Hagerstown Magazine. She makes her home in Fayetteville with her husband, Ken, and their two children.

Lisa Smith Sangregorio is a kindergarten teacher at Musser School in the Sharon City School District. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Brookfield, Ohio.

Christy Heid of Natrona Heights is the outreach/career coordinator for the workforce leadership 2+4+2 program in electro-optics at Indiana University of Pennsylvania’s Northpointe campus.

Elizabeth Schult Crum received the Mead Fellowship Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education. She teaches Spanish and English as a second language in the Quaker Valley School District. She lives in McDonald with her husband, Jeffrey, and their son.

Michael Kirschman and his wife, Kay Kearsn, and daughter have moved to Charlotte, N.C., where Michael is employed by Mecklenburg Parks and Recreation.

Dr. Meegan McCarthy Ambrose is a veterinarian at North Memorial Animal Hospital in New Wilmington. She and her husband, Mark, and their son live in New Middletown, Ohio.

Richard Andrew Landolfi, 52, and his wife, Nancy Landolfi, 51, of coverage Foundation. Richard has 9 sons of Westminster College trustee John Landolfi ’86 and his wife Christina, proudly don the Blue & White of Westminster College. The Landolfi family lives in Columbus, Ohio, where John is an attorney.

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94 Bess Godich Ondako received her master’s of education in guidance from Westminster and is an English teacher in the New Castle School District. She lives in New Castle with her husband, Larry Ondako ‘93, and their daughter.

Sharyn Hunter received her master’s from the University of Arizona and is an assistant professor of developmental English at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio.

95 Jason Bonnar is the junior/senior high school band director in the Mohawk Area School District. He and his wife, Amy Dietrich Bonnar ‘94, and their two children reside in Beaver.

Christopher Latta earned his MBA from Penn State University and has been promoted to chief of staff for Sen. Gib Armstrong ‘65. He lives in Mechanicsburg with his wife, Michelle, and their daughter. (See also New Additions)

The Rev. Matt Schultz and his wife, Elizabeth, and two sons have relocated to Watertown, N.Y., where Matt is associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church.

96 Erin Anderson Schuetz has joined Clarion University of Pennsylvania as coordinator of events and scheduling. She and her husband, Kevin, are residents of Fairmount City.

Nicole Bahr of Clarion is a sexual offenders assessment board investigator for the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

97 Kelly Brant received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan and is a postdoctoral research fellow in reproductive toxicology at the university. Dr. Danylo Butenko received his DVM from Ross University. He lives in Chicago with his wife, Daria Hankewych.

Taryn Butenschoen of Sharon received a Ph.D. from the University of Akron, and is an assistant professor at Thiel College.

Carrie Dorfield Sheckells received a master of arts degree in government at Johns Hopkins University. She and her husband, Glenn, reside in Garrettsville, Md., where Carrie is employed by the Department of Defense.

Joeo Palmer has moved to Pomfret Center, Conn. He is director of symphonic/marching bands at Killingly Public Schools.

Michael Penwell received a master’s in counseling and is a house advisor at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Renee St. Denis Jones M’03 is assistant vice president and treasury management officer at Whitney National Bank. She lives in Safety Harbor, Fla., with her husband, Ronald.

Clint Shields earned his MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University, and was promoted to vice president in the card services department at Bank of America. His wife, Heidi Shellenberger Shields ‘98, is a fifth-grade teacher at Rancho Gabriela Elementary School and is pursuing a master’s in education at Indiana Wesleyan University. The couple and their son live in Goodyear, Ariz.

Joey Slater-McFeely is an English teacher in the Midland (Texas) Independent School District.

98 Katharine Downs Kiss is a senior marketing manager with Verizon. Katie and her husband, Michael, are residents of Arlington, Va.

Connie Dunn received her master’s of divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Her husband, Harold Dunn ‘88, received his Ph.D. from Penn State University and is a principal in the Laurel School District. The couple lives in Butler, where Connie is employed at Hospice-VNA.

Alumni Spotlight: Jodi Chmielewski ‘98

Magic Soccer Ride

Pine-Richland girls soccer upends nation’s top team to win PA state title

Jodi Chmielewski missed the women’s soccer boom at Westminster by just a few months. But she came along at just the right time for Pine-Richland High School in Gibsonia.

Chmielewski was fresh out of college in the fall of 1998 when she joined the Pine-Richland School District as a teacher and head varsity girls soccer coach. Around the same time, Westminster’s women’s soccer program was preparing for its debut as an intercollegiate sport. While the Lady Titans burst on the scene with a 111-50-7 record over the past eight years, including four consecutive NCAA Division III national playoff appearances, things have been better for Chmielewski’s Lady Rams, who capped a steady rise with their first-ever Pennsylvania Class AAAA state championship in 2005.

The road to a state championship included knocking off the number one team in the nation, 1-0, in the title game. The opponent, Owen J. Roberts, previously won the title in 2003, and not only had it not lost in 24 games, it hadn’t even allowed a goal in its last 20.

“We talked a lot about this being a chance of a lifetime,” said Chmielewski, a sixth-grade math teacher. “Whatever that magic was that we had, we just wanted to keep it going.”

In recognition of the job Chmielewski did with Pine-Richland, the post-season honors rolled in, including being named coach of the year by the Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association. She was also named regional coach of the year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), and was a finalist for the NSCAA’s national coach of the year award.

“It’s been a pretty amazing experience,” Chmielewski said.

Although women’s soccer wasn’t yet a varsity sport at Westminster, Chmielewski played the sport for four years at Shaler High School and played for Westminster’s club team, the precursor to the intercollegiate program. The elementary education major was active with the chapel office and her sorority, Phi Mu, and she was also an all-region outfielder for the softball team, which won four conference championships and advanced to the national tournament her freshman year.

“My experiences, athletically, definitely prepared me,” Chmielewski said. “I was used to being successful and it carried over here. I wanted immediate results. I wasn’t accustomed to losing seasons. I let the girls know what was expected of them and that I wouldn’t allow them to make excuses.”

Pine-Richland had its share of success before Chmielewski arrived. But taking over as a 21-year-old, she shrewdly put more of the program’s emphasis on off-season conditioning and year-round play to strengthen the team mentally and physically, while also focusing on youth development camps and leagues in the area to help nurture interest among younger girls.

That strategy paid off big time in 2005. After a three-game slump in midseason, the Lady Rams rebounded to win their section (conference), their first WPIAL district championship, and advance to the state title game for the first time in school history.

“We found out that our margin for error was very slim,” Chmielewski said. “Our goal was to win the section. But we got on a roll and everything fell into place.”

For Pine-Richland, the state title in soccer was doubly sweet, since earlier that fall the school’s volleyball team also won a state championship.

“The school’s been very supportive and the community has really done a lot,” said Chmielewski. “It’s really nice for girls sports to be highlighted.”

Of course, being in the spotlight means Pine-Richland will be a very visible target for teams around the state in 2006. Just another challenge for Chmielewski and her Lady Rams.

“Everyone will be gunning for us, but hopefully we can use that. The girls know what it’s like and they’ll want to go back.”

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Erin Remai Palko has been promoted to public relations manager at UPMC Horizon. She and her husband, Tom, reside in Hermitage.

Tiffany Sander has joined WPXI-TV in Pittsburgh as an associate producer and was recently licensed as a sales associate by Howard Hanna Real Estate.

Rebecca Zeitler has been promoted to account supervisor with HealthSTAR Public Relations in New York City. She lives in Hoboken, N.J.

Kimberly Chase Paglia is pursuing a master’s in education at the University of Pittsburgh and is employed as the program coordinator for the Keystone Kids program for blind and visually impaired children. She and her husband, Tony, make their home in Mercer.

Amy Cross Evans is president of DNA Business Solutions, a marketing agency. She and her husband, Shawn, reside in Leland, N.C.

Brian Mihok is an ophthalmology resident at Des Moines University. He and his wife, Mikki, and daughter make their home in Kettering, Ohio. (See also New Additions)

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Benjamin Kelly is a research technician III at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Shelley Martin is general manager of Martin Motors in Wampum. She and her husband, Harry, live in New Castle.

Steven Sarver is a perfusionist at King’s Daughters Medical Center in Lexington, Ky. He and his wife, Emily, live in Ashland, Ky.

Kristin Sostaric received her master’s in teaching and curriculum from Penn State University. She is a high school mathematics teacher in the Montour School District.

Loretta Grate Keboe is a psychologist intern at Montana State Hospital. She and her husband, Jeremy, are residents of Missoula, Mont.

Wendy Hamilton Snodgrass and her husband, Jeff, live in Clarion, where Wendy is associate director of athletics at Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Amanda Malie Scrocco is an elementary guidance counselor in the Boardman (Ohio) Local Schools. She and her husband, Frank, reside in Youngstown.

Kylene Adams of New Castle is a fifth-grade teacher and volleyball coach in the Youngstown City School District.

Jeremy Carmen of Jamestown, N.Y., received his radiology certification from WCA Hospital, where he is an x-ray technician.

Melissa Cooper of Allison Park is a team leader/investigator with US Investigative Services in Warrendale.

Michael Dado is a police officer with the Boardman (Ohio) Police Department. He and his wife, Lisa, reside in New Castle.

Erin Dillon has relocated to Canton, Ohio, where she is a critical care nurse at Aultman Hospital.

Robin Jones of Wayne is community service and recruiting coordinator with Home Instead. Senior Care, an eldercare non-medical services provider in Lafayette Hill.

Cristin Kiehl lives in Marienville, where she teaches third grade in the Forest Area School District.

Kiersten Vendinger received her master’s in school counseling from Duquesne University and is a student assistance consultant with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. She lives in Cranberry Township with her husband, Josh.

Sarah Lohr is the alumni events coordinator at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Debra McDivitt received her master’s as an intervention specialist from Kent State University. She is an intervention specialist in the Southeast Local Schools in Ravenna, Ohio.

Anna Morris resides in Hubbard, Ohio, where she teaches third grade in the Hubbard Exempted Village School District.

Laura Mours is a supply market maker with Ariba, Inc., a procurement firm in Pittsburgh.

Autumn Myers received her master’s in guidance from Slippery Rock University. She is an elementary guidance counselor in the Ridgway Area School District.

Cara Nolfi completed her master’s in education and school psychology at John Carroll University and received certification as a school psychologist in Ohio. She is a school psychologist at Saint Barnabas School in Northfield, Ohio.

Ryan Oman teaches fifth grade at Spring Ridge Elementary School in the Frederick County (Md.) Public Schools.

Brenda Rowland is a business teacher in the Prince William County Schools in Manassas, Va.

Nicole Ryan of McKees Rocks is a research specialist with UPMC Health System in Pittsburgh.

Anna Tielsch received her master’s in nursing from Yale University. She has relocated to Quaker Hill, Conn., and is a pediatric nurse practitioner with Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut.

Sarah Tolk is a second-grade teacher in the Deer Lakes School District.

Jessica Torick has been promoted to assistant program coordinator at The Bradley Center, a residential treatment facility in Robinson for children with behavioral and emotional difficulties. She is enrolled at Chatham College in the master’s of counseling psychology and certification in school counseling program.

Heidi Vogt Dylewski and her husband, Craig, live in Erie, where Heidi is a juvenile probation officer with Erie County.

Christopher Brinker lives in Grove City, where he is system administrator at Wendell August Forge.

Kylie Budai teaches fourth grade in the New Castle Area School District.

Christopher Cassano of New Castle is a high school biology teacher in the Wilmington Area School District.

Nicholas D’Antonio has moved to Knoxville, Tenn., where he is warehouse manager at Druzak Medical, Inc.

Jared Gashel has relocated to Pittsburgh, where he is a senior auditor with KPMG, an accounting firm.

Kylene Hasson lives in New Castle, where she is a claims representative at Liberty Mutual Insurance.

Ashley Kenney is product manager at Fundamental Labor Strategies, Inc., a transportation consulting firm in New Hope. She resides in Mount Laurel, N.J.

Kourtney Kissel is an undergraduate assistant/receptionist at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Jennifer Lewis has moved to Avon, Ohio. She is a research assistant with Athersys, Inc., a biotech firm in Cleveland.

Briana Palko of West Middlesex is a math teacher at Mercer Area High School.

Jennifer Perry of Manor is an instructional aide in the Norwin School District.

Jennifer Petures received her MBA from Penn State-Behrend. She lives in Erie, where she is a fifth-grade teacher in the Millcreek School District and junior varsity basketball coach for Erie McDowell High School.

Brian Pollitt has relocated to Clewiston, Fla., where he is a music instructor in the Hendry County School District.

Kalliope Roumbakis is a mathematics teacher in the Pittsburgh City Schools.

Anne Smith resides in DuBois, where she is a gifted instructor in the DuBois Area School District.

Katie Spehar is a mentor/facilitator for group counseling and a teacher in alternative school at Child & Adolescent Services in Canton, Ohio. She is enrolled in the
support with Family Enrichment

counselor at West Montgomery Westminster and is a guidance
a master’s in education from Ricky. Elizabeth teaches English
are living in San Jose, Costa Rica. Elizabeth teaches English
is a master control
operator at WPGH in Pittsburgh.

Ann-Marie Vazzano Conroy received a master’s in creative writing from Brunel University in London. She is an editor at Business Wire, a global news wire service in Cleveland. She and her husband, Daniel, make their home in Lakewood, Ohio.

Vicki Vroble is a zookeeper at the Houston (Texas) Zoo, where she works with meerkats and is helping to develop a river otter conservation program.

Amanda Zelechowski of Richmond, Va., is a kindergarten teacher at Seven Pines Elementary School in the Henrico County Public Schools.

Thomas Campbell received a degree in mechanical engineering from Youngstown State University and is a hardware engineer with Lexmark International. His wife, Kelly Schmidt Campbell ‘03, is employed in educational sales at IKON Office Solutions. The couple lives in Georgetown, Ky.

Ryan Ciavarino of New Castle is a third-grade teacher at Union Memorial School.

Amy DalBon is a master control operator at WPGH in Pittsburgh.

Elizabeth Grepp and Isaac Ludwig are living in San Jose, Costa Rica. Elizabeth teaches English as a second language to business associates at Pro Language. Isaac does public relations for Campanario Biological Station, a field station that focuses on rainforest preservation and education.

Danielle Macioge received a master’s in education from Westminster and is a guidance counselor at West Montgomery High School in Mt. Gilead, N.C.

Katie Scarlett is a staff assistant in the Erie office of U.S. Rep. Phil English.

Tiffanie Scilla is therapeutic staff support with Family Enrichment Center in Scranton and is pursuing a master’s at the University of Scranton.

Bethanie Badger of New Wilmington is a financial analyst with ESB Bank in Ellwood City.

Megan Sigler is a corporate communications specialist and writer at the Society of Automotive Engineers in Warrendale.

Geoffrey Zimmerman has relocated to Cranberry Township and is a network technician at Robinson Industries, Inc. in Zelienople.

Marriages

Margaret Stuart and James Quinn. They live in Canfield, Ohio.

The Rev. Ralph Clingan and Laura Sanda, April 9, 2005. He is pastor at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in St. George, Utah.

Widgie Miller and Michael Carson, Oct. 8, 2005, at the Miller family farm.

Elizabeth Dawes and Robert Lynch, Oct. 8, 2005, at Christ Church, Bermuda. The couple lives in New York City.

justin DeFonso ’95. Other alumni were in attendance. Rob is an attorney with Rawls & Henderson LLC, which concentrates in civil rights, product liability and trucking litigation. The couple resides in Cranberry Township.


Dianna Peters and Randy Eberhardt, July 17, 2005, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Pittsburgh. Dianna is a mathematics teacher in the Moon Area School District. The couple resides in the Pittsburgh area.

Harmony Shaw and Thomas Sisk, July 2, 2005, at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Rochester Township. In the wedding party were bridesmaids Kristi Kitsko, Jessica Faflik Reese, Dr. Renee Bassaly, Nikki Quimby Haggerty ’00, and Jamie Joseph Demease ’00. Harmony teaches sixth grade and language arts in New Castle, Del. The couple resides in Wilmington, Del.

Kara Benedict and Zachary Beresh ‘02. Kara is a corporate lender for National City, and Zachary is a graphic designer for American Auto-Matrix. The couple resides in Pittsburgh.

Rebekah Borrelli and Brent Harlan, July 16, 2005, at First Alliance Church. Rebekah is a first-grade teacher at Neshannock Memorial Elementary School. The couple resides in Volant.

Shadra Kendall and Jody Carpenter, April 2, 2005, in Mercer. The couple resides in Virginia Beach, Va., where Shadra is a senior human resources coordinator for Stihl, Inc.

Avis Devine and Sean Taylor ‘04, Sept. 4, 2005, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, N.Y. More than 20 Westminster alumni participated in the wedding, including best man Robert Allen ’05, man of honor Preston Dibble, groomsmen Christopher Nave ‘03 and John Joseph ‘04, and bridesmaid Ashley Law Davies ’00. More than a dozen Westminster alumni and faculty were in attendance. Avis is a commercial real estate loan analyst for Dollar Bank in Pittsburgh, and Sean is a music teacher in the Beaver Local (Ohio) School District.

Marianne Orris and Christopher Kasch, July 13, 2005, in Prospect. Marianne teaches first grade at Nelson Mandela State International School in Berlin, Germany, where they reside.

Aaron Stamp and Sylvia Klimas, Sept. 4, 2005. Best man was Donald Augustine.
Alumni attendees were Eric Witt ’02 and former football coach Lenny Rich ’92. Aaron graduated magna cum laude from Youngstown State University in December with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is an accountant for Packer Thomas. The couple lives in Struthers, Ohio.

Matthew Ryan Data and Lauri Beth Saylor, Oct. 1, 2005, at Wallace Memorial Chapel. Chad Taylor ’00 was an usher, and Elizabeth Harrison was organist. Matthew is a systems analyst/programmer at Federated Investors. The couple lives in New Castle.

Shannon Haines and Bryan Joseph Piroso, Aug. 27, 2005, at New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. Alumni bridesmaids were Allison McClymonds Ciavarino, Melanie Shuluga, and Karly Foster ’01. Parents of the bride are Sam Haines ’76 and Jill Ogilvie Haines ’76. Shannon works for Northwestern Mutual. The couple lives in Laurence.

Eugenia Swartz and Jason Haines. Eugenia is a reading specialist in the Hubbard Exempted Village School District. The couple lives in Hubbard, Ohio.

Stephanie Yingling and Ethan Myler, July 15, 2005. Maid of honor was Natalie Yingling ’00. Courtney Henry was a bridesmaid, and groomsmen were Ryan Williams ’02 and Corey Utz ’04. Stephanie is a sixth-grade English/reading teacher in the Pine-Richland School District. The couple resides in Cranberry Township.


New Additions


Daniel Milliron and his wife, Marlene: a daughter, Marissa Jo, on April 28, 2005.

Brian Lasko and his wife, Crystal: a daughter, Abigail Elaine, on Nov. 8, 2005. She is welcomed by sister Adeline Elizabeth, 2, at home in New Castle. Brian is a part-time faculty member at Butler County Community College.

David Smith and his wife, Elizabeth: a son, Reid David, on Sept. 6, 2005. He joins Bryn, 3, at home in Indiana.

Dixie Prichard Bontz and her husband, Greg: a daughter, Avry Janette, on Sept. 16, 2005. She joins siblings Haven, 8, Peyton, 6, and Addison, 2, at home in Cooperstown.

Janice Geary Schiller and her husband, Mark: a daughter, Ariana Caitlyn, on Aug. 24, 2005. The family lives in Pittsburgh, where Janice is a senior systems analyst for Computer Sciences Corporation.

Laura Radjenovic Seifarth and her husband, Roodd: a son, Jacob Paul, on Nov. 13, 2005. The family lives in Ben Avon Heights.

Steven Ray and his wife, Jennifer: a son, Mason Steven, on July 25, 2005. Steven is a detective/sergeant with the Sharon police department.


Cheryl Chisholm Hanaway and her husband, Michael: a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, on March 5, 2004. The family lives in New Castle.

Amy Dillon Gargiulo and her husband, Frank: a daughter, Ava Francesca, on July 22, 2005. The family lives in Hermitage.

Kelly Manion Hillebrand and Matthew Hillebrand ’94: a daughter, Kaitlyn Kelly, on May 9, 2005. The family lives in North Strabane.


Robyn Barilla Tongel and her husband, Michael: a son, Jack Michael, on Aug. 10, 2005. He is welcomed by sister, Ellie, 2, at home in Plum Boro.

Christina Campbell and her husband, Robert Westmont: a daughter, Elizabeth James, on March 17, 2005. She joins brother Samuel, 5, Christina teaches history at Old Dominion University in Hampton Roads, Va.

Dayna Pfeiffer Willig and her husband, Robert: twins Sidney Grace and Zachary Allan, on July 28, 2005. The family lives in Gibsonia.

Amy Lynn Hammer Deems and her husband, Mark: a daughter, Jordan Renee, on Dec. 8, 2005. She joins sister, Jalyn, at home in Volant.

Dr. Deborah Mastrangelo Martin and her husband, Joseph: a daughter, Mia, on Sept. 26, 2005. She joins Joseph IV (1), at the family’s home in New Wilmington. (See also Marriages.)

Tanya SOURS Williams and her husband, Ryan: a daughter, Samantha, on Nov. 9, 2005. She joins Emma, 6, at home in North Canton, Ohio. Tanya is a bank teller for Community One Credit Union.

Allison Urlaub DiMarco and her husband, Richard: a daughter, Isabella Brooks, on Sept. 15, 2005. The family lives in Rochester, N.Y.


Sonya Balder and her husband, James: a son, Jayson Michael, on Aug. 25, 2005. He joins Kaylin, 8, Tyler, 6, and Emily, 3, at home in Salem, Ohio.

Tricia Cervi Gray and her husband, Jeffrey Gray ’93: a daughter, Camryn Tiffany, on Sept. 11, 2004. Camryn is the granddaughter of Barbara Casperson Gray ’64 and W. James Gray ’64, and the niece of Tiffany Cervi ’97. The family resides in Marshall Township.

Kelly Gallaher Caresani and her husband, Christopher: a son, Robert James, on Aug. 7, 2005. He joins Zachary, 6, at home in Pittsburgh. Kelly is a training specialist for Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh.

Karin Szymanski: a son, Nikolas Daniel, on May, 11, 2005. The family lives in Phoenix, Ariz., where Karin is vice president of programs for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona.
Lori Balderach  Pino and her husband, David: a son, Andrew  

Jill Barber  Ellis and her husband, Jamie: a daughter, Paige Sophia, on Aug. 31, 2005. Jill is social studies teacher for Southern York County Schools in Glen Rock. The family lives in York.

Chris Latta  and his wife, Michelle: a daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth, on April 14, 2005. She joins Jacob Alexander, 2, at the family’s home in Strongsville, Ohio.

Maggie  and her husband, Mark: a daughter, Mikki: a daughter, Mikayla Brianne, in 2005. (See also Class Notes.)

Jonathan Potts  and his wife, Maggi: a daughter, Lucy Jean, on Sept. 24, 2005. The family lives in Pittsburgh, where Jonathan is an associate director of media relations at Carnegie Mellon University and a freelance writer.

Kimberly Hoffman  Brant and her husband, Chad: a daughter, Gabrianna  
Meade, on Sept. 23, 2005. He joins Jacob Alexander, 2, at home in Scottdale.

Ciara Zalini  Salvini and her husband, John Salvini '95: a daughter, Gabrianna Kristin, on Aug. 10, 2005. The family lives in Mars.


Jill Brooks  Treglia and her husband, Joseph: a daughter, Angelina Gisa, on Aug. 4, 2005. Jill is a social worker at St. Barnabas Nursing Home. The family resides in Gibsonia.

Kelly Congdon  Kratas and her husband, Jason: a daughter, Mackenzie Lin, on Aug. 20, 2005. Kelly is a senior counselor at Discovery House in Hermitage and is certified by the Pennsylvania Board as a co-occurring disorders professional. The family lives in New Castle.

Jason Morse  and his wife, Marie:

a son, Jackson Andrew, on Oct. 14, 2005. The family lives in Pickerington, Ohio.


Shannon Clark  Mocharko and her husband, Brad: a daughter, Brianna Joy, on June 20, 2005. The family resides in Pittsburgh.

Jennifer Croushore  Schaeffer and her husband, Jeffrey: a son, Tyler Meade, on Sept. 23, 2005. He joins Hannah, 2, at home in Scottsdale.

Allison Culver  Catlos and her husband, Shawn Catlos: a son, Andrew James, on Sept. 29, 2005. The family resides in Circleville, Ohio.


Brian Mihok  and his wife, Mikki: a daughter, Mikayla Brianne, in 2005. (See also Class Notes.)

Summerlea Hobbs  Klinar and her husband, Henry  
Klinar: a daughter, Amelia Annabelle, on April 27, 2005. Henry is a costing manager for NV Homes.

The family lives in New Market, Md.

Heidi Abel  of Arvada, Colo.

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.

Leone Porter  of Altoonam Springs, Fla., Jan. 22, 2005. Born in Butler in 1902, she moved while in high school to Evans City, where she would become a leader in local church and civic affairs. After graduating from Westminster, she taught in the New Castle schools until marrying the son of the founder of Citizens National Bank of Evans City. In the 1930s she led the effort to open the area’s first public library. She also was active in the Westminster United Presbyterian Church of Evans City, where she served as choir director and adult Bible school teacher. Property from her late husband’s estate was donated to the Evans City library association in 2001. Proceeds from the sale of the property were used to acquire a 10,000-square-foot building in Evans City, renamed the John and Leone Irene Community Center, housing an expanded library, historical society and borough offices. Survivors include two daughters; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Louise Moreland  Baker of Sugar Grove, Jan. 3, 2006. She was formerly a teacher at Lottsville High School. She was a member of the Lottsville United Methodist Church, the Sugar Grove Reading Club, the Sugar Grove Senior Center and a former member of the Youngsville Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include three sons; a sister; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary Louise Schonhoven  Crosby of Kissimmee, Fla., Nov. 17, 2005. She began working in a bank at age 16 and rose to become chief accountant with Mercy Hospital in Muskegon, Mich., and assistant to the controller at Carnegie Institute of Technology. She was a member of the North Muskegon United Methodist Church and a member of the American Association of University Women. After retiring in 1972, she and her husband moved to Florida and traveled extensively in Europe. They were also antique dealers for more than 20 years. Survivors include a son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter.

A. Jay Wardle  Jr. of The Villages, Fla., Sept. 30, 2005. He was president and director of The McKay Machine Company, a publicly held company that began with his father and several other partners. Survivors include two children and their spouses; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Marie Love  Smiley of Washington, Dec. 15, 2005. A member of the Burgettstown Presbyterian Church, she taught business in high schools for 32 years, retiring in 1978. Survivors include two daughters and their spouses, and four grandchildren.

The Rev. Richard K. (Dick) Kennedy  of Cabot, Nov. 1, 2005. Rev. Kennedy was a retired Presbyterian minister who served in the
Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Wauconda (1944-50). First U.P. Church in Crafton (1950-56), and the East Union Presbyterian Church in West Deer Township (1956-93). He received his master of divinity degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1944 and his master of theology degree in 1952. He was the recipient of an honorary doctorate from Westminster in 1958 and was a longtime member of the Board of Trustees (1968-1988). A former vice chairman, he was named a trustee emeritus upon his retirement from the Board. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Lee Anna McCollin Kennedy '42; a son, Karl Kennedy '70; a daughter, Marsha Kennedy Crall '74 and her husband, Robert Crall '76; four grandchildren and two sisters.

Ruth Maxwell Weber of New Wilmington, Dec. 17, 2005. She earned a master’s degree from Westminster in 1964 and had been a teacher in the Butler and Ellwood City schools. Survivors include her husband of 64 years, the Rev. C. Kenneth Weber '38; a daughter, Mary R. Weber Thompson '70; two sons and their spouses, including C. Kenneth Weber Jr. '64 and his wife, Sarah Shane Weber '64; and Richard Weber '67; four grandchildren, including Linda Weber Dumbrack '87; and four great-grandchildren.

42 Marian Connor Canning of Wauconda, Ill., Oct. 18, 2005. She was a retired school and Navy nurse. A veteran of World War II and Korea, she was also a school nurse with the Chicago Public Schools. Survivors include her husband of 50 years, William; three children and their spouses; and four grandchildren.

Margaret Hopkins Anacker of Freeland, Md., Nov. 28, 2005. Survivors include her husband, William; two sons; two daughters; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

43 Anne Sigmund Camic of McKeesport, Nov. 1, 2005. A longtime teacher and civic volunteer, she continued to teach on a substitute basis at McKeesport Area High School into her eighties. She taught biology, chemistry and other science courses in McKeesport for many years and also owned several local businesses. She won a 1977 Outstanding Citizen Award from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for her many community contributions and was also recognized by the Mon-Yough Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Allegheny County. She served on the boards of Altrusa International, McKeesport College Club and the Mon-Yough Chamber of Commerce. Survivors include her husband, Joseph; a son and his wife; and four grandchildren.

Warren C. White of Adelphi, Md., March 7, 2005. He was a federal trial judge.

45 Dr. Howard Lawrence Shaffer of New Wilmington, Nov. 20, 2005. A graduate of Jefferson Medical College, he served as a medical doctor in New Wilmington for over 30 years. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the Air Force Medical Corps in the Korean war. A past president of the Jameson Hospital medical staff, he was member and past president of the New Wilmington Rotary and was named Rotary’s Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 1985. Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, including Dr. Lawrence A. Shaffer '75 and his wife, Karen Young Shaffer '75; a daughter and son-in-law; a sister; a brother; and 11 grandchildren.

46 Stanley Wasik of Kinsman, Ohio, Nov. 6, 2005. A starter on Westminster’s famed 1940-41 basketball squad, which earned a bid to the National Invitational Tournament in Madison Square Garden, he was a lifelong member of the Kinsman Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder and trustee. He was also a member of the Kinsman American Legion, the Retired Teachers Association of Ohio and Trumbull County, and served on the board of directors at the Kinsman Boyd Home for more than 25 years. Survivors include his wife, Janet; a son, Robert Wasik '66 and his wife; a daughter and son-in-law; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister.

48 Dorothy Devlin Poleno of New Castle, Dec. 20, 2005. She received a bachelor’s degree from Allegheny College before earning a master’s from Westminster. She was co-owner of Jimmy’s Sandwich Shop and Jimmy’s Fountain of Youth and also taught French, German, and social studies in the New Castle schools for 28 years. She served in the Navy WAVES and Army Signal Corps in World War II. Survivors include her husband of 58 years, James, and two children.

52 Mary Barbour of Milford, Mass., April 2005. She was formerly a new products administrator for Scripture Press Publications.

Paul Talley of Forest Grove, Ore., Nov. 16, 2004. He was a professor of speech and drama at Millersville University for 32 years. He earned a master’s degree from Purdue University and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law; a stepdaughter and her husband; two sisters; and a granddaughter.

53 Dr. Don Garver of Williamsburg, Va., Aug. 30, 2005. He was a retired clinical professor of prosthodontics at the Medical College of Virginia’s School of Dentistry. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; three daughters and a son-in-law; a son; a brother; and eight grandchildren.

54 Glenn Traenkle of Warren, Ohio, Sept. 9, 2005.

Laura Wilt of West on Axta, Va., May 22, 2004. She was a retired bookkeeper for a dental supply office. Survivors include two daughters and several nieces and nephews.

56 Irene Ward of Poland, Ohio, June 23, 2005. She received a bachelor’s degree in education from Ohio University before earning her master’s at Westminster. She was involved professionally in education for 42 years, serving the Youngstown City Schools for 38 years. She was executive secretary for 15 years and served 23 years as director of personnel. She also had the distinction of serving as head of the district on an interim basis in 1970. After her retirement, the district named its administration building in her honor. An active community member, she was a member of St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church. Survivors include two nephews and a number of great-nieces and great-nephews.

57 Bartley DuBois of Warren, Ohio, Nov. 17, 2005. He retired in 1995 after 38 years in education. He was a biology teacher, guidance counselor and principal in Ohio and later served as director of Trumbull County Joint Vocational School and the Gordon James Career Center in Lordstown. He was a member of St. William Church of Champion, where he served as a CCD teacher, commentator, Eucharist minister and the first president of the parish council. In 2000, he became an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Jean; two sons and daughters-in-law; a daughter and son-in-law; a brother; and seven grandchildren.

Mary Alice Hakes-Curry of Niagara Falls, N.Y., Oct. 27, 2005. She was a vocal music teacher at Niagara Falls High School and West Hertel Academy before retiring in 2001. One of the founding members of the Niagara Interfaith Chorale, she was a member of the Flagler Chapter #355 of the Order of the Eastern Star. She received a master’s degree from Niagara University in 1996. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law; a daughter; and two grandsons.

58 Bernard Reilly of Minneapolis, Feb. 14, 2005. He earned a Ph.D. in microbiology and genetics at Case Western Reserve University and did post-doctoral work at Scripps Institute in La Jolla, Calif., before joining the University of Minnesota faculty in 1969. He was honored with six “teacher of the year” awards from his students before retiring in 1997. Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Kathleen, a sister and niece. E. Louise Yearney Hallman of Lawrence, March 27, 2005. She was formerly a secretary for Westinghouse Corp. in Pittsburgh. Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Jack; three daughters and sons-in-law; seven grandchildren; and four brothers.

63 Howard Cook of Youngstown, Ohio, Sept. 17, 2005. He was a retired teacher. Survivors include his wife, Mary, and a daughter.
69 Sally Amos Kissick of Portersville, Nov. 20, 2005. She received master’s and doctoral degrees in behavioral psychology and was a licensed school psychologist. She was the founder and executive director of People In Need, Inc. and was a member of Mount Hermon Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her husband of 36 years, Barrett; a daughter; two sons and daughters-in-law; and two grandchildren.

Floyd Frederick of Warren, Ohio, September 2005. He was a retired treasurer in the Warren School District.

70 John Nelson Miller of Clayton, Calif., Oct. 24, 2005. A member of Westminster’s Board of Trustees since 2003, he was senior vice president for Bank of America in San Francisco. He was formerly employed at Wells Fargo, Maryland National Bank and Mellon Bank. He earned an MBA in international finance at Wharton Graduate School at the University of Pennsylvania and served on that school’s board of directors. Survivors include his wife, Linda.

74 Margaret Counts Blair of Youngstown, Ohio, December 2002.


84 Charles Zagorski of Monaca, Nov. 6, 2005. He was self-employed as a caterer and was a member of the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, New Brighton Eagles and New Brighton Croatian Club. Survivors include his wife of six months, Yvonne; his parents; a sister and brother-in-law; two nephews; a stepson and his wife; two stepdaughters; a stepson-in-law; three step-grandchildren; and a mother-in-law.

85 Jonathan Perkins of Charlottesville, Va., Sept. 14, 2005. He worked as controller for Nimbus Records/Technicolor and Klockner Pentaplast. A longtime member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, he served as church treasurer, elder and taught Sunday school. Survivors include his wife, Terri Clark Perkins; two sons; three sisters; his mother and father-in-law; three brothers-in-law; a sister-in-law; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

William J. “Doc” McTaggart of New Wilmington died Jan. 7, 2006, at his home. He was 64.

He was a professor of English at Westminster for 26 years. He joined the faculty in 1975 and was named professor emeritus upon his retirement in 2001. The longtime public address announcer for the Titans football and basketball teams, he was a proud supporter of Westminster athletics and wrote Winning: 100 Years of Westminster Football after the Titans won their sixth national football championship in 1994.

A 1962 graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, he earned a master’s degree in 1967 and his Ph.D. in 1968 from Ohio University. He was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study at Oxford University in England and had been a member of New Life Baptist Church.

Survivors include his father; a sister and brother-in-law; and two nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. William Joseph McTaggart Scholarship Fund, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172.

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.

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