Facing the Future

Members of the Class of 2006 ready to embark on a new life
Dear Westminster Friends:

Ralph Waldo Emerson said it well, “Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.” There are great things happening at Westminster – student lives that are being enriched as a result of education enthusiastically delivered, person to person.

At Commencement each year, we express pride in our institution and the faculty and staff who painstakingly work to make education of the highest quality happen here. Our pride overflows for our graduates who are at first beneficiaries of a Westminster education for a living and a life – then, later, contributors to the process, providing talent and resources that must be replaced and enhanced for Westminster to continue its mission. Each individual has a role to play in advancing Westminster’s momentum.

Great things are happening in support of the Westminster educational experience. Our current Strategic Plan for Westminster is on track. Major physical improvements to the campus have been accomplished since the plan began in 2003, including the Marge Walker Recreation Center, the sprinklering of all residence halls (fire safety), the renovation of Orr Auditorium, the renovation of Old Main, the renovation of Thompson House, and the additions of the Berlin Townhouse apartments and the Wiley Alumni House.

Soon, with your enthusiastic support, we will raise the $5,000,000 needed to bring McGill Library up to today’s standards. Thus far, $2,312,412 in pledges and contributions have been received. Our hope is that we will be able to begin construction in the summer of 2007. The newly renovated library will be yet another point of pride for Westminster.

With gratitude,

R. Thomas Williamson
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The PAC’s Man
Onderko tapped to fill conference post; Zackal named new Westminster SID

The Presidents’ Athletic Conference didn’t have to look far to find its first executive director. Westminster College’s sports information director Joe Onderko, the conference’s information director for the past five years, was tabbed to become the first full-time executive director in the PAC’s 50-year history, effective July 1. He will establish a conference office in Wexford and will be responsible for all conference administration and public relations.

“The growth and expansion of our conference in the past year resulted in a great deal of urgency to identify and hire a full-time conference executive,” said Timothy R. Thyreen, president of Waynesburg College and chair of the PAC Presidents’ Council. “Based on the excellent work Joe has done on a part-time basis over the years, upgrading his position to full-time status was a straight-forward decision that will greatly benefit the conference.”

Onderko joined Westminster in 1995 and coordinated the College’s sports information needs as the athletic program transitioned from NAIA to NCAA Division II to NCAA Division III. His athletics publications have garnered 12 national awards, including three “Best in the Nation” honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). He has also served as a member of CoSIDA’s prestigious Academic All-America committee since 1995, currently serving as national coordinator of the Academic All-American of the Year and Hall of Fame programs.

Justin Zackal, a graduate assistant in the sports communications office at West Virginia University, has been hired as Westminster’s new SID.

Zackal served as the primary media relations contact for women’s gymnastics and rifle at West Virginia the last two years as he pursued his master’s degree in journalism. His 2005 gymnastics guide was voted “Best in the Nation,” while two feature stories he wrote earned “Best in the District” honors from CoSIDA. Zackal, who concurrently served as information director for the East Atlantic Gymnastics League, also assisted with women’s basketball, men’s basketball and football at West Virginia.

Previously, Zackal spent two years as the first full-time sports information director at Waynesburg College (2002-04). Zackal has also worked part-time as a sports writer for the Herald-Standard newspaper in Uniontown, Pa., since 2000 and as a gameday statistician for the NFL’s Pittsburgh Steelers since 2002.

President of Garard’s Fort, Zackal earned his bachelor’s degree in communication from Waynesburg in 2003.
Academic Excellence Hailed at Spring Honors Convocation

Westminster College celebrated the academic excellence of its students at the annual Spring Honors Convocation held April 29 in Orr Auditorium.

The ceremony recognizes the academic success of hundreds of students, including Dean’s List students, scholar-athletes, and inductees into local and national honor societies. The College also announced departmental and non-departmental scholarships, prizes and awards, and handed out the prestigious McQuiston Outstanding Service Award and Allen P. Splete Leadership Award.

Medallions were handed out to 11 students who successfully completed the Honors Program.

Eleven seniors successfully completed the Honors Program in their respective majors. These graduates were recognized at the College’s Spring Honors Convocation and wore a special medallion at Commencement. Pictured above right (with Jesse Mann, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, and Honors moderator Bethany Hickok): Victoria Duerr (English), Renee Friedly (Biology), Rachel Harding (Molecular Biology), Benjamin Nelson (Business Administration and History), Nawal Rajeh (Political Science), Anneliese Schwartzmiller (Psychology), April Sobieralski (Psychology), Megan Swank (History and Music), Nanette Tomicek (Biology) and Ray Walling (History). Not pictured: Mary Jane Eaton (English and History).

Ten members of the Class of 2006 graduated with highest honors. Graduates earning summa cum laude honors were (at right with Dean Mann): Aaron Bruck, Nadia Buzzelli, Melissa DePaul, Jennifer Miller, Benjamin Nelson, Laura Nickel, Amy Roth and April Sobieralski. Not pictured: Justin Hayek and Christen Jones.

Hundreds Come Out to Plant on ‘Sandy Day’

Over 300 trees were planted at the Westminster Biology Field Station during a week-long blitz to commemorate Arbor Day, which was dubbed “Sandy Day” at the Field Station in memory of Sandra Edmiston ’05.

More than 250 white oak seedlings and 50 American beech seedlings were planted during the 60-hour open planting period. More than 280 college and community members participated.

The blitz was coordinated to honor the memory of Sandy Edmiston, who was a regular volunteer at the Field Station and helped many children plant trees, said Clarence Harms, director of the Field Station. Edmiston died in a rock climbing accident in August 2005, just a few months after giving the senior class speech at the 2005 Commencement.

President R. Thomas Williamson plants a tree at the Westminster Biology Field Station. Over 300 trees were planted in a 60-hour tree-planting blitz dedicated to the memory of Sandra Edmiston ’05.

Celebrity Series to Deliver Another Top-Notch Season

Performances by popular recording artist Bobby Vinton and the Vienna Boys Choir headline the upcoming 2006-2007 Celebrity Series season.

Vinton has sold more than 75 million albums worldwide in long and varied career. Some of his hits include “Roses are Red” and “Melody of Love.” The Vienna Boys Choir, originally formed in Austria in 1498, will perform “Christmas in Vienna.”

The Celebrity Series will also welcome back Broadway stars Linda Eder, who teams with Michael Feinstein in a season-opening blockbuster show, and Craig Schulman, who will be joined onstage by two other actors who have played the lead role in The Phantom of the Opera on Broadway – Kevin Gray and Cris Groenendaal.

Rounding out the season are “Rhythm of the Dance,” a dynamic show featuring authentic Irish dance and song, and Wonderful Town, a story of two Ohio sisters who take New York by storm.

Season subscriptions and single-show tickets are available by contacting the Celebrity Series box office at 724-946-7354 or mcginncl@westminster.edu.

2006-2007 Celebrity Series

Sept. 16, 2006 – Michael Feinstein & Linda Eder
Nov. 16, 2006 – “Rhythm of the Dance”
Feb. 17, 2007 – Bobby Vinton
March 17, 2007 – Three Phantoms in Concert: Craig Schulman, Kevin Gray and Cris Groenendaal w/The Youngstown Symphony Orchestra
April 16, 2007 – Wonderful Town
Students Direct Newscasts at Rival Stations

Senior Luke Garrett and junior Michael Wolenski, two Westminster College broadcast communication majors, landed jobs as weekend news/sports directors for rival Youngstown, Ohio, television stations.

Wolenski started his job a year ago, between his sophomore and junior years. “Westminster’s chief engineer Chuck Chirozzi called me at home to alert me about the opening at WYTV [an ABC affiliate] in Youngstown,” he said. “I applied, got an interview, and was offered the job later that week.”

Garrett started just a few months later after getting a call about an opening at WKBN, Youngstown’s CBS affiliate, from David Barner, associate professor of broadcast communications.

“Dr. Barner told me that a Westminster alumnus, Greg Rhoton ’93, had recommended Westminster as a place to look for candidates,” Garrett said.

The students took different paths to their current positions.

When Garrett came to Westminster, he was a sociology/criminal justice major. But he quickly lost interest in that major.

“I had a math class with a broadcast communications major,” Garrett said. “I liked what she told me about her major, so I changed majors again. This time I found what I liked. When I first declared this major, I took a sports practicum and worked with our director Amy Dalbon ’04. I knew then that I wanted to do what she was doing; working behind the scenes at sporting events.”

Wolenski had known his career path since his high school days at Peters Township, where he worked at the high school television station.

“I liked working in television in high school and in college,” Wolenski said. “I always knew this is where I wanted to be.”

“The Westminster broadcast communications program stresses experience to go with the theoretical,” said Barner, chair of the Department of Communications Studies, Theatre, and Art. “Directing live TV games and live television news shows for a real audience gives our students an education beyond the classroom. It is exciting to see that area media outlets are recognizing the quality of our students, not only in TV, but in radio and Web communications as well.”

The experience both students received at Westminster played a huge role in their hiring.

“My classes at Westminster gave me most of what I needed to know in my job, but Westminster also offers many other opportunities,” Wolenski said. “You can do the minimum and still graduate, but if you want a job, you need to get involved and do what you can in the department.”

“I truly believe that I got my job because Westminster gave me the skills I needed,” Garrett said. “I was ready to do the work, all I had to learn was a little different terminology used at this station.”

Westminster Students Present Public Relations Seminar

The Westminster College chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) presented “Passion for PR: Carving Your Niche in the Industry” March 25 in the Witherspoon Rooms of the McKelvey Campus Center.

The event features six Westminster alumni speakers: Debora Swatsworth Foster, a 1974 Westminster graduate and current vice president of corporate communications for H.J. Heinz Co. and vice chair of the Westminster College Board of Trustees; Jennifer Shifler Gross ’99, director of marketing at Steelcoast Creative; Sara Ialongo ’04, an assistant account director at Blattner Brunner; Burt Lauten ’99, public relations/media manager for the Pittsburgh Steelers; David Nobs ’80, marketing director at Ruder Finn, Los Angeles; and Rebecca Zeitzer ’98, an account supervisor at HealthStar PR.

The seminar included breakfast, lunch and a résumé workshop. The event was open to PRSSA students from area colleges and universities.

Chemistry Major Lands Summer Internship in Thailand

Valerie Kokai, a junior chemistry major from Westminster, will spend the summer doing research in Thailand.

“I discovered this internship by searching for summer programs over Christmas break,” Kokai said. “The deadline was unusually early, so I spent my break preparing my essays and applications. This program offers some incredible opportunities as well as a chance to see all of Thailand, but they only accept about eight of 60-70 applicants.”

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Seniors Start e-Business to Help Pay for Education

Two Westminster College entrepreneurs from Poland, Ohio, Benjamin Nelson and Christie Grewe, used their online business to help defray the costs of their education.

The pair operates Brown House Collectibles on eBay, selling items through auction and fixed-price formats.

“This was a joint idea,” Grewe said. “Ben came up with the idea of using the Internet as a selling vehicle, and I found the outlets where we buy our items to sell.”

“Start-up was surprisingly easy,” Nelson said. “We began our adventure by selling things around the house. At that point, it was more of a hobby. Once we gained familiarity with the systems and business environment, we began buying items with the intent of reselling them.

“We spend a good amount of time trying to conform to the IRS regulations,” Nelson said.

“Taxes are very difficult to do for small business owners,” Grewe said. “This took us much longer than anticipated and was probably the hardest part of the business.”

The extra cash generated through their store has been a boon to Nelson and Grewe.

“We make significantly more than minimum wage jobs offered to college students,” Nelson said. “We are making a profit, and this profit has grown over the past year. We have served over 3,000 customers.”

“The business has helped us get through college and to save up some money for graduate school,” Grewe said. “It gives us a little extra money that we wouldn’t otherwise have.”

Though they’ve graduated from Westminster, the partners want to continue their business. But they may need some help keeping it going.

“We might hire an employee or two to take over some of the day-to-day operations,” said Nelson.

“Owning your own business is much harder than most people think,” Grewe said. “Most people think it means working as little as possible. I personally find it to be the complete opposite. You cannot just pick up and take a vacation without some planning. You cannot just take a few days off. You are your business, so if you don’t put 100 percent into what you do, your business is not going to make it. But despite all this, I really do enjoy owning my own business.”

Students Take Top Places in Intercollegiate Honors Band

Five Westminster instrumentalists earned top spots at the 59th Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Honors Band held recently at Shippensburg University.

The band is comprised of students from colleges and universities from across the state. This year’s band was chosen from 30 Pennsylvania colleges and universities.

“I continue to be extremely proud of the talent of our instrumentalists,” said R. Tad Greig, director of bands and assistant professor of music at Westminster. “This honors festival allows our instrumentalists to compete with students from outstanding university programs across our state. Each year, our musicians consistently place at or near the top of their sections.”

The students chosen for the band were: Jacob Moon (euphonium, first chair); Allison Henley (second alto saxophone, first chair); Eric Walker (tuba, first chair); Jenna Diorio (clarinet, fourth chair); Stephen Wheeler (first bassoon, second chair).

Romeo Earns Edward Entrepreneurship Award

Stefanie Romeo, a junior history and economics major from Bessemer, was named the winner of the 2006 David W. Edward Entrepreneurship Scholarship Competition.

The competition, supported by funding from the Edward Trust in Youngstown, Ohio, and conducted by the Department of Economics and Business at Westminster, requires students, as individuals or in teams of up to three, to prepare and present a business plan depicting the creation of a new business, project and/or service.

“Stefanie’s business plan detailed the creation of a new product line of stackable trays to help preserve, transport, and store food inside larger, existing food storage containers,” said David Smith, assistant professor of accounting at Westminster. “Her business plan addressed key issues such as product design, production strategy, evaluation of the existing market and competitive environment, product marketing, key management, and cash flow and profit projections.”

Model UN Student Wins Excellent Delegate Award

Brett Hoover, a freshman history major at Westminster, recently received the “Excellent Delegate Award” at the Mid-Atlantic Model United Nations Consortium, held at St. Bonaventure University in New York.

“A panel of judges composed of the advisers from the participating colleges ranks the students throughout the day,” said Andrea Grove, founding member of the consortium and assistant professor of political science at Westminster. “The criteria are things like how well a student plays the role of his or her country; how active are they in debate and caucusing to write a resolution; and how well the student uses the procedures of debate from Roberts Rules. I am proud of Brett’s accomplishment.”

Other members of the Westminster team attending this event were senior elementary education major Jessica Altman and senior political science major Nawal Rajch. Other teams in the scrimmage were Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Lakeland College, and Mercyhurst College.

“A model UN is a way for students to learn about the United Nations, contemporary international issues, multilateral diplomacy, how to see problems from various perspectives, and how to engage in role playing,” Grove said.
Westminster Plays Host to National Gay Marriage Debate

Two prominent figures in the national debate over gay marriage faced off recently in Beeghly Theater. Robert Knight, director of the Culture and Family Institute and drafter of the 1996 federal Defense of Marriage Act, and Jason West, mayor of New Paltz, N.Y., who performed 25 gay marriage ceremonies in February 2004 before a court order forced him to stop, met to discuss the Constitutional, legal, social and cultural implications of the issue.

The debate was hosted by Allies, Westminster’s gay-straight alliance and was co-sponsored by Diversity Symposium, the diversity office, the Student Government Association Diversity Speaker Fund, Sociology Interest Group, Green Party, College Democrats, the political science and sociology department and the communication studies, theatre and art department.

“It is important to keep the students and the Westminster community informed on important issues,” said Mariella Volker, sophomore vice president of Allies. “By bringing the debate to campus, all sides of the issue can be heard, and we can in turn bring awareness to campus.”


In addition to being mayor, West was part of the first Green Party majority elected in New York state. He has won many awards for his stance on marriage equality and honored by the New York State Senate Democratic Conference, the California State Legislature, and community organizations from around the country. West has been profiled in such magazines as the New York Times Magazine, Plenty, Out, The Advocate, and Jane.

English Professor Earns NEH Award to Study Modernism in Paris

Andrew Ade, a Westminster College assistant professor of English, was one of 15 scholars in the nation selected to attend a National Endowment of the Humanities Seminar scheduled this summer in Paris.

“The topic is modernism as it developed in Paris at the start of the 20th century,” Ade said. “They have selected 15 applicants with an interest in French, English, and American and/or comparative literature, as well as those working in intellectual history, art history, film and theater arts. We will be meeting at Reid Hall to discuss the work of the international community of artists based in Paris during the modernist period (1890-1930). We will also visit museums and special exhibitions and track down the Paris locations where major artists lived and worked.”

Led by Maria DiBattista and Suzanne Nash of Princeton University, the major part of the seminar will be devoted to the revolutionary works of modernism in its ascent phase: literature by Gertrude Stein, Guillaume Apollinaire, Ernest Hemingway, Andre Breton and Henry Miller; paintings by Picasso and Braque; surrealist writings and film.

“This is a marvelous opportunity for me to pursue my research projects in modernist theatre and to prepare a future Westminster course on the American experience in Paris during the first decades of the 20th century,” Ade said. “It will also give me a chance to reacquaint myself with Paris, where I had spent a year teaching at Groupe HEC, the National Business School of France, before beginning my doctoral studies. I am excited to spend time with this particular group of teachers and researchers in one of the great cultural capitals of the world.”

Ade recently presented a workshop to theatre practitioners and educators at the 2006 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in New York.

The session, “Quick Steps to Deep Structure: Script-Analysis Technique for Directors, Dramaturgs, and Actors,” introduced a tool of literary analysis to arrive quickly at the deep structure of a play.

Faculty Making News

William Evans, associate professor of education at Westminster College, was named “Counselor Educator of the Year” by the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association (PSCA). “Dr. Evans has made a difference in the schools, colleges, and within the counseling profession,” said Sharon Longo, 2006 PSCA Conference chairperson. While at the conference, Evans also made a scholarly presentation, “Dream a Little Dream: Making Sense of Dreams,” focusing on dreams, dreaming, and dream interpretation in counseling.

Dwight Castro, professor of classics and chair of the Department of Religion, History, Philosophy, and Classics, recently presented his research, “Ad libitum Latin Composition: A Holistic Approach” at the American Philological Association (APA) in Montreal. “In 2004 I changed my approach to teaching Latin composition to focus more on allowing students to compose, in Latin, short, connected paragraphs on topics of their own choosing, rather than on simply having them translate into Latin the prescribed English passages found in the traditional Latin composition texts. My presentation focused on this new approach and included not only what I perceive as its strengths, but also certain weaknesses that I plan to address in future offerings of this class.”

The research of associate professor of sociology Kristin Park was featured in the March 2006 issue of Health Magazine. “Health Magazine is a popular magazine, rather than an academic journal where my research had been previously printed,” Park said. “I am pleased to be quoted within it because I am reaching a much broader audience. I like seeing the topic of voluntary childlessness discussed anywhere in the popular press because couples that are childless by choice often feel invisible within the larger culture.”

Westminster sociology professors Phyllis Kitzerow and Virginia Tomlinson recently presented their research, “Choices and Consequences: The Lives of Attorneys 1999-2005,” at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association in Boston. “This is a study of 1,250 attorneys looking at their careers from the preparatory stage through the current job,” Kitzerow said. “This collaborative effort looks at earnings, hours worked, perceptions of discrimination, plans for the future, and
Robertson, an associate professor of biology at Westminster, recently gave two presentations at the Federated Society of Experimental Biology meeting held in San Francisco. The poster, “Investigating Permeability Using Fish Gill,” represents work designed to adapt and apply a research technique for use in an undergraduate course laboratory setting. The poster, “Effects of Amphoterin on Gill Water Permeability,” co-authored by undergraduate Nanette Tomicek ’06, describes some original work done here at Westminster that involves investigating cell and tissue permeability—a fundamentally important physiological parameter,” Robertson said.

Assistant professor of political science Andrea Grove recently presented “A Different World: Teaching Strategies for North-South Courses” at the annual International Studies Association annual meeting in San Diego. “The massive and widening gap in living standards and way of life between the wealthy North and global South poses urgent problems for policymakers, scholars, and students—those who will shape the response of the future world—to comprehend,” Grove writes. While at the meeting, Grove also served as secretary for the Active Learning in International Affairs (ALIAS) section meeting, and served on a panel discussion about “The Processes of Peace and Reconciliation in Divided Societies.”

Rita Akin, assistant professor of economics, and Daniel Fischmar, professor of economics and business, presented their research, “Shock and Causation Across Asset Classes” at the Midwest Economics Association Conference in Chicago. “The paper examined whether futures and spot markets for foreign exchange interact in a predictable fashion,” Fischmar said. “Though both the futures and spot markets follow a random walk, we found that they have a common, predictable trend component.”

Russell Martin, associate professor of history at Westminster, recently joined several Harvard professors in roundtable discussions on Isabel de Madariaga’s recently published book, “Voyage de noces and Dora Bruder,” published in Studies in 20th and 21st Century Literature. “Voyage de noces is a contemporary French novelist whose works have interested me for quite a long time,” Murphy said. “This piece examines the relationship between two of his novels written in the 1990s. Dora Bruder actually contains a reference to the writing of Voyage de noces, a fact that intrigued me. My analysis demonstrates that the connection Modiano creates between the two works allows him to partially resolve a paradox expressed by his simultaneous preoccupations with absence and loss, on the one hand, and with the use of writing to compensate for these, on the other.”

Assistant professor of chemistry Helen Boylan ’93 was awarded the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh (SSP) College Equipment Grant at the annual SSP Award Ceremony held at Duquesne University. The proposal “Temperature Controlled Spectroscopy” led to the grant, which will allow the chemistry department to purchase two thermostatable cuvette blocks and an associated recirculating water bath, Boylan said. “This equipment will enable us to do temperature controlled spectroscopy for lab course work and undergraduate research.”

John Bonomo, an associate professor of computer science, served as judge for the 30th annual International Collegiate Programming Contest World Finals in San Antonio. Bonomo, who has served as an international judge five times, had two problems selected for inclusion in the 10-problem contest set. More than 80 teams advanced to the World Finals, won by Russia’s Saratov State University.

Timothy Cuff ’78, an assistant professor of history, presented his research at the Keio Conference, a meeting of economics historians held in Tokyo. Cuff’s research, “Geographic Pieces in the Antebellum Puzzle: Early Nineteenth-Century Pennsylvania as a Case Study,” is based on the results developed in conjunction with research published in Cuff’s recent book, The Hidden Cost of Economic Development: The Biological Standard of Living in Antebellum Pennsylvania.


The curriculum research of several Westminster College psychology professors has been published in the March issue of the Council on Undergraduate Research quarterly magazine and featured on the cover. “Multilevel Integration of Student Research in a Psychology/Neuroscience Curriculum” was written by Sandra Webster, Mandy Medvin, Jamie McMinn, Kirk Lunnen, Sherri Patakai, and Alan Gittis. “Having completed eight years of the revised curriculum, we are in a position to describe its outcomes in terms of student/faculty collaborative research and student outcomes,” Webster said. “We have national comparative data for our students that support our claims that the research-rich undergraduate curriculum benefits our student learning.”
Men's Basketball
(11-16, 7-5 Presidents' Athletic Conference)

The Westminster men's basketball team reached the semifinals of the PAC Tournament before a season-ending loss to Waynesburg.

The run-and-gun Titans, under third-year head coach Larry Ondako, averaged 102 points per game and scored a season-high 134 points in a win over Thomas More on January 21. Westminster also averaged 17 three-point field goals per game, the fourth-highest total in NCAA Division III.

Three Titans were named to the PAC all-conference teams. Senior guard Mark DeMonaco was a repeat first-team selection, while sophomore guard Craig Hannon was a second-team pick and junior guard Greg Rosatelli was named honorable mention.

DeMonaco, a three-year first-team selection led the team and finished second in the conference in scoring (20.7 ppg). He ranked second in the conference in assists (3.96 apg), fifth in free throw percentage (83.2%) and seventh in steals (1.74 spg).

Hannon, a two-year starter for the Titans, ranked second on the team and third in the PAC in scoring (19.9 ppg). He connected on a team-high 114 three-pointers and set a new career high with 45 points in a win over Thiel on January 4.

Rosatelli, a transfer from Saint Vincent at the semester break, averaged 9.3 points over 16 contests with the Titans.

Women's Basketball
(8-19, 4-8 PAC)

The Lady Titans advanced to the PAC Tournament semifinals, dropping a tough 67-64 decision to Washington & Jefferson to end the season.

Westminster, coached by Rosanne Scott, finished the season strong, winning four of its last seven games, including a conference tournament win over Thiel.

Junior guard Desiree Sterling led the Lady Titans, scoring a team-high 12.9 points per game. She also averaged 5.7 rebounds, 1.8 assists and 1.9 steals per game. Sterling was named to the PAC Second Team and on February 18 became the seventh player in Lady Titan basketball history to reach 1,000 career points.

Sophomore guard Emilee Ackerman averaged 12.7 points and 4.3 rebounds per game for the Lady Titans, and junior forward Talley Felger led the team in rebounding, averaging 7.2 boards per game.

Men's Swimming
(9-1-1, 3-0 PAC)

Westminster’s men’s swimming team held off the host Wolverines to earn its second consecutive PAC championship at the conference championship meet at Grove City College in February.

The Titans edged Grove City for the team title with eight swimmers posting victories in 10 events. Earning first-team all-conference honors for their wins at the championship meet were: freshmen Zac Gebhardt (1000 free, 1650 free), Connor Simpson (100 fly, 200 fly), Chris Lehberger (100 breast, 200 breast), and juniors Pat Smith (200 back), Adam Rady (200 IM), and Chip Hothem (100 back). The team of sophomore Tom Benoit, Simpson, Rady, and junior Ryan Trunk also captured the 800 free relay.

Second-team Titans were Trunk (50 free, 100 free, 200 free), sophomore Seth Senior (1000 free, 1650 free), Smith (400 IM), and Hothem (200 back). Trunk also earned a berth in the NCAA Championships. (See story, opposite page.)

Among the Titans earning all-conference recognition in relay events were seniors Kevin Gesacion, Nate Horrell, and Buck

Women's Swimming
(9-2, 3-0 PAC)

Westminster’s women’s swimming team captured its second PAC title in three years with a convincing win at the conference championship meet in February at Grove City College.

Junior Britt Thomas and sophomore Steph Peters each earned two event victories, garnering them All-PAC honors. Thomas won the 1000 and 1650 free; Peters won the 100 and 200 free. Freshman Megan Mier also took a first-team all-conference title with a win in the 100 back.

Thomas (500 free) and Mier (200 back) also earned second-team honors, joining senior Megan Sweithelm (100 back); junior Megan McLaughlin (200 free); sophomores Becky Giles (200 IM, 400 IM) and Ashley Linelli (200 fly) and freshman Caitlin McManus (200 breast).

Also earning all-conference recognition in relay events were juniors Amy Wirtz and Emily Staniszewski and sophomore Stephanie Kudrick.

Rob Klamut was named PAC Women’s Coach of the Year.
An All-American Repeat

Trunk swims away with two honors at NCAA meet

Ryan Trunk doubled his pleasure at the NCAA Division III Men’s Swimming & Diving Championships.

The junior from Brookline, Mass., earned All-American honors in a pair of events at the NCAA meet hosted in March by Carleton College in Minneapolis, Minn. He finished sixth in the 100 freestyle and eighth in the 50 freestyle, collecting his second and third All-American honors.

In the 100, Trunk posted a preliminary round time of 45.35. That broke his own school record of 45.49, set at the 2005 Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) meet, and earned him the sixth seed heading into the finals. He finished in sixth with a time of 45.56. Trunk finished eighth in the 50 free with a time of 21.07.

Trunk also earned All-American honors in the 100 free last year. He placed seventh at the 2005 NCAA Championships in 45.99.

For the second year in a row, Ryan Trunk earned All-American recognition at the NCAA Division III Men’s Swimming Championships.

An All-American in the 100 free in 2005, Trunk scored All-American honors in the 100 free (sixth) and 50 free (eighth) at the 2006 meet in March.

Chatham Pegged as PAC’s 10th Member

Expansion of the Presidents’ Athletic Conference has hit double figures.

The PAC recently announced that Chatham College in Pittsburgh will be the league’s 10th member, beginning with the 2007-2008 academic year.

The addition of Chatham continues an unprecedented period of growth for the PAC. The conference has welcomed four new members in the past nine months, resulting in total conference membership growing from six schools in 2004 to a full 10 schools within the next two years. The addition of Chatham, which has awarded undergraduate degrees solely to women since 1869, is historic for another reason.

“It marks the first time in the 50-year history of the conference that a single-gender undergraduate institution has been accepted for league membership,” said Timothy R. Thryeen, president at Waynesburg College and chair of the PAC Presidents’ Council. “The members of the PAC Presidents’ Council have tremendous respect for Chatham, and we look forward to having them join the conference.”

Chatham is an NCAA Division III active member which currently competes in the Atlantic Women’s Colleges Conference (AWCC). The Cougar athletic department sponsors seven women’s varsity sports and opened its new Athletic and Fitness Center on campus in 2004.

“For the second year in a row, Ryan Trunk earned All-American recognition at the NCAA Division III Men’s Swimming Championships.

An All-American in the 100 free in 2005, Trunk scored All-American honors in the 100 free (sixth) and 50 free (eighth) at the 2006 meet in March.

On behalf of the Chatham community, we are honored to be accepted to the President’s Athletic Conference, and look forward to building relationships with our new varsity partners,” said Esther L. Barazzone, Chatham president. “Like Chatham, the current and future members of the conference are committed to developing strong athletic programs within an environment of academic quality. We know that our young women will positively contribute to the conference and represent Chatham well, both on and off the field.”

In April of 2005, the conference welcomed Thomas More College of Crestview Hills, Ky., as the league’s seventh member. Saint Vincent College, in Latrobe, was accepted for PAC membership as the league’s eighth member in July and will begin playing a full conference schedule in the 2006-07 academic year. Geneva College in Beaver Falls was accepted to the PAC in September and will begin playing a full league schedule in 2007-08.

The PAC annually crowns champions in 19 sports (10 men, nine women). In 2004-05, the conference had 18 teams represent the conference in postseason play, including 12 in NCAA championship events. The conference is scheduled to receive automatic qualification (AQ) status for NCAA championships in the 2007-08 academic year.

DeMonaco Named Academic All-District

Senior men’s basketball standout Mark DeMonaco was selected to the 2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II College Division Men’s Basketball Third Team, as chosen by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

DeMonaco, a 5-8 guard, was a three-year starter for the Titans and earned All- Presidents’ Athletic Conference first-team recognition in each of the past three seasons. In 2005-06, he led the Titans and ranked second in the PAC in scoring (20.7 ppg). He ranked second in the conference in assists (3.96 apg), fifth in free throw percentage (83.2%) and seventh in steals (1.74 spg). He concluded his Titan career with 1,550 career points, ranking him sixth all-time on the Westminster career scoring charts. In the classroom, he carries a 3.21 cumulative GPA with a major in accounting.
Alumni News

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend
October 20, 21 & 22, 2006

Return to Campus, renew Westminster ties

Homecoming Parade
Alumni Worship in Wallace Memorial Chapel
All Alumni Picnic
Titans vs. Bethany Bisons
Wiley Alumni House Open House

Class & Cluster Reunions
5th Cluster Reunion - Classes of 2000, ’01 & ’02
20th Cluster Reunion - Classes of 1985, ’86 & ’87
25th Reunion - Class of 1981
40th Cluster - Classes of 1965, ’66 & ’67
50th Reunion - Class of 1956
55th Reunion – Class of 1951
60th Reunion – Class of 1946

Affinity Reunions
Chemistry Majors
1971, ’81 & ’92 Undefeated Titan Football Teams
1959–1981 Chapel Staff with Judd McConnell

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www.westminster.edu/homecoming

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Wings at Wiley House

The Student Alumni Association wrapped up its year with Quaker Steak & Lube wings at Wiley Alumni House. The successful year included many volunteer opportunities including: shuttle service during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend; sharing news of campus life at regional alumni events; coordinating the annual Mardi Gras campus celebration; hosting Networking 101; and the induction of 24 new members.

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It’s Not Who You Know, It’s Who Knows You

- It is not who you know but who knows you.
- Think of yourself as a young emerging professional.
- Get involved, meet people.
- Be enthusiastic, be yourself.

This advice, techniques for gathering information, networking tips and examples of networking were shared during Networking 101 by Becky Rickard ’98, group sales manager for Pittsburgh Public Theater; Tom Tupitza ’79, attorney and partner, Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett; and Mark Gonska, vice president of Career Transition Services for Dise & Company, founded by Ralph Dise ’74.

Networking 101, hosted by the Student Alumni Association and Alumni Council in March, was designed to provide students with networking advice to help them build connections as they prepare for their senior year and to enter the job market. The evening concluded with a dessert reception, giving students and alumni time to meet and network. Thank you to alumni and friends willing to share their experience with students – Emily Boyle Dietrich ’99, trustee Connie Dunn, Robin Willoughby Gooch ’75, Barbara Braden Guffey ’70, Rich McKenna ’84, Phil Petraglia ’83, Seth Rice ’01, Ken Romig ’85, Pat Sentner ’90, Dan Vogler ’81, Colleen Wilson ’97.

Students look forward to expanding opportunities to connect with alumni. Other areas of interest expressed by students are hearing “what really helped” find a job from alumni who have recently started new jobs and further explorations of career options by major. If you would like to add current Westminster students to your list of “who knows you,” contact Mary Cooley James ’84, director of alumni relations, at mjames@westminster.edu or (724) 946-7363.

Alumni Council Wraps Up Year at Thompson House

Council members wrapped up the 2005-06 year with a tour of current Thompson House renovations and picnic lunch at Wiley Alumni House.

Thank you to outgoing Council representatives: Carolyn Waszczak Adams ’69, Dan DiDesiderio ’02, Dixie Walker Humphrey ’54, Bill Lucas ’99 and Alan Williams ’52. Their time, experience and leadership supporting Alumni Association efforts and activities are greatly appreciated.

Pictured touring Thompson House are: Top row – Molly Spinney ’72; second row – John Scott ’00, Alan Williams ’52, Rich McKenna ’84, Jane Morgan ’62, Stephanie Yingling Myler ’03; third row – Barbara Braden Guffey ’70, Biz Ellis Hines ’70, Phil Petraglia ’83, Carolyn Waszczak Adams ’69, Widgie Miller Carson ’86; bottom row – Mary Cooley James ’84.
Regional Connections

As Coordinator of Advancement Events for Westminster College, Cindy works with regional alumni groups throughout the country to develop and strengthen Westminster Connections.

January 31 – Pittsburgh.
I met with members of the Pittsburgh Regional Planning Committee to discuss 2006 fall events. Committee members attending: Jim Giel ’74, Melissa Rea Goda ’99, trustee Barbara Braden Guffey ’70, Rich McKenna ’84, Phil Petraglia ’83, Becky Rickard ’88, Melissa Ruelle ’98, and Melissa Wiley ’00. Watch for some great upcoming events in the Pittsburgh area!

April 29 – New Wilmington.
The Westminster College Women’s Club spring luncheon was held at The Tavern. Guests enjoyed a wonderful lunch followed by a program titled “Westminster Mummy Pesed” presented by Samuel Farmerie, professor of education emeritus and curator of cultural artifacts.

Upcoming alumni events:

August 9 – Williamsport State College and Harrisburg – Williamsport baseball game featuring a pre-game picnic at Historic Bowman Field
August 25 – Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game featuring a pre-game gathering and “Skyblast!” at PNC Park
October 20, 21, & 22 – 2006 Homecoming events
December 6 – Pittsburgh Christmas Reception with Tom and Jean Williamson at The Duquesne Club
December 14 – Pittsburgh – Young alumni Christmas gathering with reception and performance of The Second City Dysfunctional Holiday Revue at O’Reilly Theater (Classes of 1990-2006). E-mail invitation only!

May 6 – Lawrence-Mercer and Youngstown Regions.
Over seventy alumnae and guests attended “More than Tea for the Young and Young at Heart” which was held in the Witherspoon Rooms of McKelvey Campus Center. Co-chairs for the event were Marie Nicholas Peterson ’51 and Barbara Jamieson Brown ’67. Tea-time music was provided by student harpist, Sarah Gold ’07. Featured speaker Deedra Mauk Kazmaier ’67 presented a program on “Discovering a More ‘Dazzling’ You.” Westminster tea hostesses and co-hostesses were: Barbara Jamieson Brown ’67 and Jennifer Nygaard Pontzer ’90; Gloria Caggas and Sue Rudloff; Connie Mahon Halttunen ’54 and Nancy Graham Sheakley ’54; Biz Ellis Hines ’70 and Susan Toth Shaffer ’74; Mary Cooley James ’84 and Carolyn Kidder Cuff ’78; Eleanore Burns Morris ’71 and Nancy Nyce Bergey ’73; Marie Nicholas Peterson ’51 and Mary Louise Gettemy Ireland ’45; Molly Spinney ’72 and Mabel Kocher ’32; Jennifer Thompson Williams ’91 and Kim Romig ’00; and Jean Williamson and Marge Walker.

Cindy Dafler ’03 has been a member of the Westminster College staff since 1991.
As coordinator of advancement events, Cindy is responsible for coordinating and implementing all events and activities associated with advancement programs – including regional alumni events.
For information about an upcoming regional event or if you are interested in hosting an event in your area, contact Cindy at 724-946-7373 or daflercs@westminster.edu.

It’s been a busy spring for Regional Connections! I am thrilled to have the opportunity to meet with regional alumni volunteers throughout the country. Please write me or call me if you are interested in making connections for Westminster in your area. I’d love to hear from you.
For more than a century, whatever anyone thought they knew about the mummy housed on the Westminster College campus, there was one thing they couldn’t know: what the grand old lady looked like. ⋆ The answer, however, will soon be on display in the Hoyt Science Resources Center.

A bust of Pesed, Westminster’s 2,300-year-old mummy was unveiled at a press conference April 4, revealing what she looked like at the time of her death, somewhere around 300 B.C.
Her elderly and weather-worn face was painstakingly recreated by forensic sculptor Frank Bender from more than 2,500 CT scans and careful deliberations regarding physical, social, psychological and historical factors. The creases in her skin and wrinkles surrounding her eyes give Pesed, mummified between 300 and 220 B.C., the look of a senior citizen, which she was. Experts place her age at the time of her death as between 55 and 70 years of age. “It’s magnificent – the sculptor has factored in aging and the effect of living in a dry desert climate,” said Sam Farmerie, Westminster’s curator of cultural artifacts. “Her face has crow’s feet, the kind of features you do not see on other reconstructions, no matter what their age.”

Although the sculpture is not yet available for viewing to the general public – the College is working on acquiring a suitable permanent display – the mummy itself is once again encased in the Mack Science Library in Hoyt after enjoying worldwide attention for the precision with which Pesed’s face was recreated. Newspapers, wire services and magazines from all over the globe picked up the story.

Donated to the College in 1885 by missionary to Egypt and Westminster College graduate, the Rev. John Giffen, Pesed was one of a group of mummies sold by antiquities dealers following the discovery of large cemeteries at the important ancient Egyptian site of Akhmim (280 miles south of Cairo) in the mid-1880s.

Crews sent to Akhmim in the spring of 1884 encountered masses of archaeological material, including mummies, coffins, and other artifacts. As economic and political factors in Egypt began to deteriorate under the pressure of a widening insurrection in the Sudan, the Egyptian government released many of its recent discoveries to various dealers for quick sale. This included human mummies recovered from Akhmim, including Pesed. At a sale conducted in Asyut, Giffen and the Rev. J.R. Alexander, Presbyterian missionaries associated with Westminster and the College of Wooster, obtained mummies for their respective schools and agreed to carry them to America.

For many, many years after the mummy arrived at Westminster, its existence was not widely known, though many stories and tall tales place Pesed at fraternity parties or in the beds of unsuspecting co-eds. Even for those who knew of the mummy, there was little known about her.

Through the efforts of experts at Westminster, including Farmerie, the Rev. Willis McGill ’33 and professor of history emeritus Delber McKee, and Jonathan Elias, archaeologist and director of the Akhmim Mummy Studies Consortium (AMSC), of which Westminster is a charter member, we have learned a great deal about Pesed in recent years. The inscriptions on her coffin reveal that Pesed – a name meaning “Sunshine” or “Bright One” in ancient Egyptian – was the daughter of an Egyptian priest named Neshor and a woman named Mehyt-ha-wer and was likely a member of the privileged class.

Carbon-14 dating of her linen wrappings dates their manufacture between 330 and 250 B.C. Analysis of initial CT scans and x-rays in 2001 in Harrisburg, placed her age at the time of death between 55 and 70, during a period when the average life span was 40 years. The data suggests that Pesed was born late in the 30th dynasty. She lived on through the age of
Pesed fun facts...

- Pesed, a 2,300-year-old mummy, has called Westminster home since 1885. She was donated to the College by The Rev. John Giffen, an 1871 Westminster graduate who was working as a missionary in Egypt.

- She is believed to be the mummy of Lady Pesed, daughter of Neshor (prophet of the eight gods associated with Min). The mummy was excavated from the city of Akhmim, about 280 miles south of Cairo.

- Originally thought to have been a teenager at the time of her death, scientific evidence indicates Pesed lived to an age of 55-70.

- The mummy was purchased for $8 and shipped to the U.S. for $5 in 1885.

- The mummy’s first trip off campus was to Greenville in Feb. 1886. She spent two weeks as part of the Citizen’s Hose Company Exposition.

- Legend has it that Pesed enjoyed an active social life during her early days at Westminster and would appear in coed’s beds during the early 1900s. The under side of the mummy case lid has graffiti in the form of student names scratched into the wood. The earliest dated 1899.

- The mummy has had four different residences on campus: Old Main Memorial, Mary Thompson Science Hall, McGill Library, and the Hoyt Science Resources Center (Mack Science Library).

- The mummy was professionally restored by Joan Gardner of the Carnegie Museum thanks to the energy and fundraising effort of Susan Grandy Graff, a 1985 Westminster graduate who tackled the project during her undergraduate years.

- Pesed, and over 100 other ancient Egyptian artifacts from the Westminster College Cultural Artifacts Collection, were part of the 2001 “Egypt: Untold Journeys” exhibit at the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in Harrisburg.

Alexander the Great and his immediate successors in the Ptolemaic Dynasty – Ptolemy I (306-282 B.C.) and Ptolemy II (282-246 B.C.).

Further investigation revealed that she suffered from what might be considered common infirmities of old age such as dental attrition (she was missing more than 60 percent of her teeth) and osteoarthritis. Though she was 5-foot, 5-inches tall, she developed a curvature of the thoracic spine commonly known as “dowager’s hump,” which would make her appear shorter. Minor pelvic trauma suggests that she gave birth to at least one child.

The cause of Pesed’s death is still a mystery, but the severe dental abscesses affecting Pesed’s upper jaw are possible culprits in the erosion of her general health. Several physicians examining the evidence conjectured that these abscesses could have been a route for infection that may have spread throughout her body. Her mummification included an unusual step: a magical charm was carefully placed in the wrappings under her left arm opposite the lung, which may have been inserted by embalmers of the day to alleviate the source of her discomfort.

The AMSC began reconstruction of Pesed’s face in January 2006. A skull model was developed from raw CT data by Dr. Robert Hoppa’s staff at the University of Manitoba’s Bioanthropology and Digital Image Analysis Laboratory. They utilized a 3D reconstruction and stereolithographic interface software called Mimes for this purpose. Through careful editing, digital information is stripped away (the mummy itself is never harmed) to reveal the basic surface of the cranial skeleton. The model itself is formed of plaster material with an interlaced bonding agent, in a process called “rapid-protopotyping.” The AMSC engaged the services of Philadelphia’s Frank Bender, a well-known forensic sculptor, to resurrect Pesed’s face. An artist with more than 25 years of experience in facial reconstruction, he created the bust based on the voluminous CT scans, her known physical infirmities, her social background, and the psychological effects of her physical condition.

Three-dimensional skull reconstructions were previously produced for other mummies, including the Akhmim mummy at the College of Wooster and the most famous of Egyptian pharaohs, King Tutankhamun. But those were created using between 1,300 and 1,700 CT scans, just more than half as many for the reconstruction of Pesed.
Although the days preceding Westminster’s 152nd annual Commencement were characterized by bleak, grey skies and nearly constant rain, the clouds parted on the morning of May 20, allowing a beautifully sunny day to greet the more than 2,000 faculty, staff, family members and other guests who gathered on the Quad for a glorious sendoff for more than 335 graduates.

Westminster awarded more than 290 bachelor’s degrees and more than 40 master’s degrees. Also receiving a degree was Charles Burke, a Westminster trustee emeritus, who was awarded an honorary doctorate in public service. Burke, chairman emeritus of the Grable Foundation, delivered a message to the graduates titled “Thoughts for a Lifetime of Days.” (See story opposite page.)

Nawal Rajeh, a political science and individual interdisciplinary major from Austintown, Ohio, was chosen by her classmates to deliver the Senior Class Remarks. “Take the ordinary things you learned here at Westminster and use them to do something extraordinary,” she said. “Use them to bridge the gaps in this world.”

Westminster also honored its faculty. Psychology professor Mandy Medvin gave remarks on behalf of the faculty and James Perkins, professor of English and public relations was given the Distinguished Faculty Award. (See story on page 18.) James Hall, a retiring professor of mathematics, was honored by the Board of Trustees and named professor emeritus.

Welcoming remarks were made by George Berlin, chair of the Westminster Board of Trustees, and President R. Thomas Williamson. Senior Stephanie Nicholson sang the College’s alma mater to end the ceremony.

The Rev. Daniel Merry ’77, associate pastor for Pittsburgh Presbytery, gave the Baccalaureate sermon, “Is God Fair?” The morning service included music by instructor Kathryn Miller and scripture readings by the Rev. James Mohr, the College chaplain.

At the Senior Class Luncheon the day before Commencement, the Class of 2006 presented President Williamson with their class gift, a check for $3,524. Over 60 percent of the seniors contributed to the gift.
Thoughts for a Lifetime of Days

By Charles R. Burke

(Editor’s Note: Charles R. Burke, a Westminster College trustee emeritus, received an honorary doctorate in public service at Commencement on May 20, 2006, and delivered the following speech.)

I could not be more grateful to Westminster for this honor. Westminster has always meant so much to me – particularly its people, those running and those attending the school.

Toward the end of my second four-year term, a friend sent me an e-mail. I read it at a committee meeting to President Williamson, who then asked me to share it with the Board as the “Thought of the Day” at the next Board meeting. I added another thought, a Sanskrit proverb. When I was asked to give remarks at this service, I could not think of anything more appropriate than those two thoughts. And so I will give them now as the “Thoughts for a Lifetime of Days.”

First the e-mail, which I will read:

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present “Seven Wonders of the World.” Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt’s Great Pyramids
2. Taj Majal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter’s Basilica
7. China’s Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, “Yes, a little. I couldn’t make up my mind because there were so many.” The teacher said, “Well, tell us what you have and maybe we can help.” The girl hesitated then read, “I think the ‘Seven Wonders of the World’ are:

1. to see
2. to hear
3. to feel
4. to taste
5. to think
6. to laugh
7. to love”

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder – that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

And the Sanskrit proverb:

Look to this day, for in its course lies all
For yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision
But today, well lived,
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day.

I wish for you all, particularly you graduates, that you look well upon each day by making best use of the wonders you have been given, so that you have many, many dreams of happiness and many, many visions of hope.

I thank Westminster again for the honor given to me – and in closing, say to you all – thumbs up, good luck, and may God bless you all. Thank you.
When James Perkins got home after a long and particularly emotional day at Baccalaureate and Commencement, his five-year-old grandson Joshua delivered a line to make a storyteller like his grandfather proud: “Poppa, you won because you had the best costume.”

Well, the 65-year-old professor did walk away from Commencement with a prize, but it wasn’t fashion-related. Perkins, who has taught English and public relations at Westminster for 33 years, was instead presented with the College’s Distinguished Faculty Award in recognition of his boundless commitment to Westminster and its students.

That he would be considered for the award was not all that surprising to Perkins. It is not a closely guarded secret that his retirement from the faculty is a year away. He suspected that his colleagues might nominate him in 2007. After all, of the previous seven winners dating back to 2000 (there were two winners that year), six were retiring that spring.

“That seems to be the tradition around here,” said Perkins. “This guy can’t cause any more damage, so let’s say he’s a great teacher.”

Instead, four senior public relations majors who spent the fall in England with Perkins as part of the Study Abroad at Oxford program launched a letter-writing campaign this year. Kaitlyn Clark, Nicole Kress, Amanda McFadden and Leigh Ann Reynolds enlisted more than a dozen of his former students and other current students to write in to Dean of the College Jesse Mann on his behalf. Their pleas were heartfelt and extremely personal. Many championed his excellence as a teacher and adviser. But almost universally, they highlighted his caring manner, his support, and perhaps, most important to them, his friendship.

“I think they’ve pretty conclusively proven that they can run a campaign,” Perkins remarked. “I know that I am not alone in looking to Dr. Perkins for advice, as I know countless other students and alumni that also do,” wrote one of the seniors who organized the campaign. “He has always been encouraging and reassuring to me that I know more than I think I do.”

“When I got married, he was there for me; when I was faced with changes in my professional life, he was there for me; when my mom died in 2004, he was there for me,” wrote an alumna from the Class of 1999. “If I am any example, his dedication to his students goes far beyond the classroom. Dr. Perkins cares about the whole student and I cannot think of a more deserving candidate for the Distinguished Faculty Award.”

Another alumnus recounted his first unforgettable impression of Perkins. “I was taking a British literature class with Dr. [Richard] Sprow and the classroom was in Old Main. The class was in the room, waiting for the professor to arrive when a guy walked in dressed in a flannel shirt, jean and sneakers, and carrying a limb from one of the oak trees in the quad. I thought
he was one of the maintenance staff. It turned out, of course, to be Jim who was standing in for Dr. Sprow that day due to illness. Jim said, ‘I know this class is about British literature, but I hate British literature so we are going to write a poem about this branch.’ I liked him instantly and after that class, made my decision to become an English major.”

Dean Mann repeated that story in his lead-in to the award presentation. It did not ring a bell with Perkins, who thought nothing of bringing a leaf or limb to class or for shooing the students out of the classroom for that matter in exercises meant to sharpen their observation skills.

“I can teach people how to write,” he said. “But I can’t teach them to see.”

That includes helping students to see themselves as the faculty see them – as intelligent, well-liked, capable individuals who are well-prepared for whatever life may throw at them. In a nod to his favorite educator, Mr. Rogers, Perkins tells students that they’re fine just the way they are. All they need is a little training and a lot of confidence.

“Every kid needs to hear that every day,” Perkins said. “We make good products here because we have good raw material. We have great kids. We just polish them up and send them off.”

“Perhaps James Perkins does not pose as the classic mentor,” wrote an alumna who now serves on the Board of Trustees, “but to think him unintentional about preparing his students to achieve their maximum potential is to underestimate him.”

A Kentucky native, Perkins earned his undergraduate degree from Centre (IA) College in 1963, his master’s from Miami (OH) University in 1965 and his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee in 1972. After teaching stints at Miami, Memphis State University, and Tennessee, he landed in New Wilmington in 1973, rising from the rank of assistant professor to professor by 1987. Perkins has certainly proven himself to be a prolific writer and scholar. He’s written nearly a dozen books, authored hundreds of articles for journals and magazines, and countless poems. He’s been a Fulbright Scholar, National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar, a McCandless Fellow and Henderson Lecturer.

In 2005, his study of Robert Penn Warren led to an effort to get the late U.S. poet laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp. When he succeeded, Perkins was named by Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher as an honorary Kentucky Colonel.

“Well, I don’t bowl,” Perkins offered as explanation for how he crammed so much into the last 33 years.

As busy as he’s been, Perkins and his wife of 42 years, Jane, knew that he’d need something to occupy him once he was no longer teaching. So, as a means of convincing Jane that he would still have plenty to do in “retirement,” Jim presented her with a five-page outline of the projects he has scheduled for the future. Not just clean-out-the-attic type of jobs, either. His list includes two more volumes of *The Selected Letters of Robert Penn Warren*, a book of short stories, and numerous collaborations with Westminster faculty members, where Perkins can use his contacts with the many publishers he’s worked with over the years to advance the careers of younger colleagues. He also has a freelance job lined up as a developmental editor for the alumnus who once confused him for the maintenance man.

Yet, for as indefatigable as he has been and plans to be after retirement, there was a moment when his legs did not churn at a blurring pace and words did not come easy. As Dean Mann reached the end of his introduction and revealed the winner of the Distinguished Faculty Award, he mentioned that the winner was a Kentucky Colonel. Only then did it dawn on Perkins that his whole family was sitting out there in the audience.

“I had a hard time walking,” Perkins said. “I got up there and Jess said, ‘You can say a few words if you’d like.’ And I said, ‘No, I couldn’t’!”

Perhaps, just that one time, he could have let Joshua speak for him.

*(Broadwater is editor of Westminster Magazine.*)
Assessing the ‘State of the Hack’

FORMER PENTAGON OFFICIAL IS KEY FIGURE IN FIGHT AGAINST CYBER CRIME

Jim Melnick ‘75 on his farm near Fredericksburg, Virginia. A former Russian affairs analyst for the Defense Intelligence Agency, Melnick is the director of threat intelligence for VeriSign, and managing editor of the Weekly Threat Report, which develops and shares information on cyber threats around the world.

By Patrick S. Broadwater

What does a Cold Warrior do next after helping to win the Cold War? If you’re Jim Melnick ‘75, you move on to the private sector and take up a whole new fight.

Melnick, who served for more than 16 years in the Army and the Defense Intelligence Agency, is the director of threat intelligence for VeriSign, a 10-year-old company that runs two of the Internet’s 13 root servers and protects more than 300 million retail transactions each day. Melnick is also the managing editor of the Weekly Threat Report, a popular unclassified publication among many in the government and intelligence communities, as well as among major financial institutions. Each week, it includes important developments in the areas of cyber crime, terrorism, critical infrastructure and a section called “State of the Hack.”

“Basically, they’re buying a service to inform them of what’s going on in the world,” Melnick said. “We’ve gotten good at finding where sources of information are on the Web and mining those, and at the same time, asking questions to develop more information.”

By now, everyone knows that there’s a seemingly limitless wealth of information available on the Internet. What’s less known is the underworld of hackers and criminals who operate in the far corners of the World Wide Web. Their aims are disruption, panic, thievery. Melnick helps to identify attacks or crimes and notifies law enforcement officials when appropriate. But his main job is to analyze, “what the bad guys are up to, what the latest trends are and so forth. That’s what our clients pay us to do.”

Melnick and his team have had their share of successes so far. Their reports on a Russian hacker group called the Hangup Team and the China Eagle Union brought a lot of attention to what those groups were doing and was well-received in Washington.

But the ongoing threat to the world’s financial markets is of tremendous concern. A black market, selling anything from stolen goods to credit card and bank account numbers and raw personal data, operates openly on the Internet. The Federal
Trade Commission estimates that 10 million Americans have personal information stolen or misused every year, at a cost of over $50 billion. Melnick, in a *New York Times* interview, called the threat to the American financial industry a cancer, a long-term threat to the industry’s security.

The problem, as he sees it, is that cyber criminals are becoming more and more sophisticated in their attacks, both in setup and application. They appear more content to skim a small amount in numerous targeted and increasingly complicated attacks than to wage a full-scale attack and risk drawing a proportional response from the U.S. At the same time, American banks, never eager to admit being hit, fear damage to their reputations if they push too hard at stepping up security. Proposing additional layers of security is akin to the push to add seat belts in cars years ago. It may be the right thing to do, but the initial response from the public will be either distrust (Why didn’t they tell us before it was unsafe?) or indifference (We never used them before, why start now?).

Cooperation between law enforcement officers worldwide is spotty at best. Even if the U.S. is fully aware of a criminal element operating in a certain country, little can be done unless the host country is willing to participate in cracking down.

“The problem is small, but manageable right now,” Melnick said. “But something could happen, some unforeseen event that breaks out, and it becomes a real, real danger. It could explode exponentially.”

Russian hackers and thieves, especially, have the attention of Melnick, who did his Honors thesis at Westminster on Sino-Soviet relations and went on to earn a master’s degree in Russian studies from Harvard.

“There’s a whole generation of Russians who are being trained, a whole culture of ‘Let’s rip off the Americans.’ It’s like a continuation of the Cold War, but it’s in the financial realm.”

Of this, Melnick knows a thing or two.

He worked in the current intelligence shop at the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon for some of the most historic moments of the Cold War, including the fall of the Berlin Wall. He has briefed National Security Council members in the White House Situation Room and briefed then-secretary of defense Dick Cheney the night that Mikhail Gorbachev was kidnapped by coup plotters in 1991.

“Our main job was to prepare the latest intelligence on the then-Soviet Union for the senior leaders in the Department of Defense and to predict what the Communists were going to do,” Melnick said. “We largely succeeded, but there were many knock-down drag-out fights within the intelligence community during those years, and nobody quite got it right that the Soviet Union would collapse as quickly as it finally did.”

Melnick’s interest in Russian studies began as a teen-ager in Youngstown, Ohio. His grandfather, who died before Melnick was born, was Russian, and occasionally the family would receive letters from relatives still living in the Soviet Union. They would take the letters to an old Russian farmer, who had been a friend of Melnick’s grandfather. The farmer would translate them, but sometimes he would chuckle as he read. When asked what was so funny, he’d say, “Oh, nothing.”

That didn’t sit well with Melnick. He began teaching himself the Russian alphabet. Then he moved on to introductory vocabulary. It just so happened that Boardman High School began offering Russian as a language class that year. Melnick took Russian for three years and then, in 1971, the 17-year-old traveled to the Soviet Union with his uncle.

“That trip really changed my life,” Melnick said. “It was an experience of a lifetime. I saw the true face of Communism, the lies of the system, the persecution of Christians. I came back after the trip and joined ROTC and started studying political science.”

At Westminster, Melnick was mentored by Thomas Nichols and took a summer of intensive study at Middlebury College. He was commissioned a second lieutenant shortly after graduating from Westminster, then moved on to Harvard, where he met his wife of 27 years, Karen. Together they’ve adopted four children, David (22), Elisa (16), Julie (14) and Emma (9), from Paraguay, Guatemala and China. They live on a small farm outside of Fredericksburg, Va. Melnick later joined the Army Reserves (he is currently a colonel in the reserves, assigned to the Office of the Secretary of Defense) and transferred to military intelligence.

One of his last projects in government involved preparing for Y2K. Melnick worked with the National Intelligence Council to help prevent catastrophe from occurring as the next millennium approached. When the year 2000 arrived largely without incident, Melnick and others were awarded a Presidential Commission medal.

“It was an amazing time of inter-governmental cooperation, where we had near carte-blanche to get things accomplished,” Melnick said. “When it was all over, it was pretty much of a letdown.”

So much so that Melnick resigned from the government and joined iDefense. Just a few months after leaving a secure career for the private sector, though, the dot-com bubble burst and iDefense filed for bankruptcy. Melnick was among the few who stayed with the company and kept it afloat. Then, on Sept. 11, 2001, as a federal bankruptcy judge was to decide the fate of the company, the terrorist attacks hit, postponing the hearing. In the aftermath, the judge saw the necessity of having a company like iDefense around and allowed it to continue operating. Less than five years later, the company was acquired by VeriSign.

“For a long time [working in government] was exhilarating. You’re doing stuff that results in the decisions the nation makes. It’s a very sobering responsibility,” Melnick said. “But you have to pace yourself. There’s only a certain amount of time you can do that. It’s a merciless schedule after a while. It takes a lot out of you.

“I’m very happy at VeriSign. It’s a much more humane schedule.”

(Broadwater is editor of Westminster Magazine.)
The Play’s the Thing

Stage production helps Major Mackenzie find inner peace in Iraq

The 2004-2005 academic year ended like all others for assistant professor of theatre Scott Mackenzie. He administered his exams, graded papers and then turned in his final grades, looking forward to a relaxing summer.

Uncle Sam had other plans for him.

Soon after wrapping up his duties at Westminster, Mackenzie got a call informing him that he had five days to get his affairs in order before heading off to Camp Atterbury in Indiana for training, followed by a tour of duty in Iraq.

A 30-year veteran of the armed forces – first in the Air Force, then the Michigan National Guard – Mackenzie had been serving in the Army Reserves as an infantry major with the 99th Regional Readiness Command in Coraopolis. Retirement from the military was just a few years away, but first he would be deployed to Baghdad where he would help train and equip the Iraqi Ministry of Interior forces, which include the police and border forces.

“I have no background in police training at all,” Mackenzie said in a radio interview at Westminster’s WWNW while on leave in March. “We have a lot of civilian police officers who do come over and help with the training, and we use our military police from the Army, National Guard and Reserves. My job is to help coordinate their efforts in the field.”

Surprisingly, Mackenzie said, despite the dangers and ongoing conflict in Iraq, there is no shortage of Iraqis looking to join the police force. A ragtag collection of police officers was formed early on after Saddam Hussein’s government fell, but those officers lacked any formal training. The current recruiting strategy involves a stricter
vetting process than what was in place – but still less strict than a U.S. police force might employ – including a literacy test and background checks to help sift through massive demand caused in part by the Iraq’s unemployment rate, which is more than 50 percent in many parts of the country. Two separate lines of training are ongoing as the U.S. troops work toward their goal of adequate staffing for a country the size of California.

“The goal is going pretty well,” Mackenzie said. “We’ve built several academies – the Baghdad Police College and 7 or 8 regional academies where they train police officers as well. It’s not a matter of getting enough bodies.”

More like getting the right bodies. Most of the officers who complete police training will be sent back to their home region, where their knowledge of the people and towns will be most effective.

“It’s not simply that we’re going to recruit X number of police officers,” Mackenzie said. “We have to recruit from the right areas, so they can go back to the right areas, and we have the right balance.”

Stationed in the International Zone in Baghdad, Mackenzie is in a relatively secure area with modern conveniences.

“I was very fortunate with that posting,” Mackenzie said. “There are Marines out in the far west, where it’s still very rough living. For them to get a hot meal once a week or twice a week is a good thing. For me, I get three squares a day and I live in a trailer with cable television and Internet access.”

One of Mackenzie’s first thoughts after hitting the ground in Baghdad was “Wouldn’t it be neat to produce a play here.” Life in the International Zone was better than greater Baghdad, where active fighting was still occurring. As someone who has been involved in teaching acting and theatre classes for more than 20 years, Mackenzie knew the restorative and diversionary power of a simple play, show or performance.

He also feared that losing touch with theatre might somehow sap his ability to teach when he returned to the states.

“When I first got there, I worried about the future, about classes. Am I going to forget everything I ever knew about teaching theatre?” Mackenzie recalled. “That’s maybe a silly thought, but still it was a thought that went through my head.”

So Mackenzie approached the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) office about putting on a play. MWR was open to the idea, but Mackenzie first wanted to settle into his job, which he soon came to realize required him to be available seven days a week, morning, noon and night. “My job was kind of a hassle, so I put off the idea of doing a show.”

Until the MWR office called him and asked if he was still interested. “I couldn’t really resist,” Mackenzie said. “I wanted to keep my skills up and do something for the community there.”

Mackenzie chose a play called “Bigfoot Stole My Wife,” by Ron Carlson, a professor at Arizona State University. It features a series of monologues based on tabloid headlines. Because every one of the actors had other demands on their time, the show was a good fit. Performers could come to rehearsal one at a time, since they didn’t need any other actors to feed them lines.

If an actor missed rehearsal, Mackenzie was the only one affected.

Opening night for the show was Feb. 17 at the U.S. Embassy, one of Saddam Hussein’s former presidential palaces. The stage for the first English-speaking play produced in Iraq since the start of the war was set up in a huge MWR room, right next to sitting areas where soldiers could read or play cards. Even with all the commotion, Mackenzie’s play unfolded, playing to full houses of 75-80 each night of the four-show run. The audience included American troops, ambassadors, Iraqi employees of the embassy and other members of the coalition forces.

“It turned out to be a pretty good production,” he said.

And a good thing for Mackenzie as well.

“I play the role of an Army major here, but I don’t really feel that is me,” Mackenzie told the Youngstown Vindicator. “I am an actor, director and teacher. At rehearsal, I got to slip into a familiar role, like an old shoe. I remember telling my wife after the first audition, ‘I feel like me again.’”
Class Notes

32 Harry Madducks lives in Blairsville, Ga., where he recently celebrated his 97th birthday.

54 Robert Merwin has co-authored The History of Rob’t. L. Merwin & Co. 1892 to 2005. The company, of which Robert is president, is located in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. The book describes how Merwin & Co. has adapted to meet the demands of changing market conditions, providing everything from electric power and insurance to truck sales and construction.

Class of 1956
50th Reunion Dinner, Saturday, October 21, 2006
Radisson Hotel, West Middlesex, PA

58 Alan Ellis received the national Clara Barton Honor Award for Meritorious Volunteer Leadership. Recipients are inducted into the Clara Barton Honor Society, the highest award the American Red Cross bestows upon volunteers. A resident of Barto, Alan is a disaster services volunteer, who most recently spent three weeks in Baton Rouge, assisting with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

59 Jill Clarkson Carlson has published her new novel, Run Baby Jake. She and her husband, Jerry, reside in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

60 Jane Wood Ross is retired. She and her husband, James, live in Binghamton, N.Y.

63 The Rev. Frank Hull IV has accepted the position of director of international studies and programs at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi.

40th Cluster Reunion Dinner, Classes of 1965, ’66 & ’67
Saturday, October 21, 2006
Holiday Inn Metroplex, Girard, OH

65 John Cisne has been teaching science and social studies in the same room at Boardman Center Middle School for 37 years. Now in his 44th year of teaching, he has no plans to retire. He and his wife, Karen Barr, reside in Beaver Township, Ohio.

Dorothy Manning Oliver of Sedona, Ariz., is a human resources assistant with the Sedona Fire District.

66 James Swett has retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., where he was a registered occupational therapist for 30 years.

68 Susan Christiansen Puhiman of Upper St. Clair is the activities and volunteer coordinator at Sunrise Assisted Living.

69 Gary Suggars is a man on the move, having trekked through Morocco and sailed the Danube last year. He sells real estate with a specialty in historic properties in the Baltimore area.

71 Kathryn Wallace has transferred from the Bankhead National Forest in Alabama to the Sacramento Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest in Cloudcroft, N.M., where she is the district silviculturalist and timber staff.

73 Gary Rice of Sykesville, Md., a former special agent with the FBI, is director of security at the National Academies in Washington, D.C.

Kathy Venema has been named director of alumni relations at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio.

74 Emily Allen has received certification in the Orton-Gillingham program of education in therapy for dyslexia. She is a reading specialist/tutor at the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children in New Castle.

Art Kusserow has accepted a position as director of Highmark’s new Minding the Storage
Growing U-Store-It firm remains a family affair

Robert Amsdell and wife Barbara Seeley Amsdell have something many couples would envy: over 400 places to store stuff.

Bob is chairman of U-Store-It, a 30-year-old company in an industry that has become one of the hottest sectors of commercial real estate. The company was founded in 1976 by Bob and his brother Barry with a single self-storage facility in Sharon. At last count, there are over 400 sites in 28 states. It’s not what he thought he’d be when he and Barb left Westminster College as part of the Class of 1962.

A history and political science major, Bob headed to Case Western Reserve Law School and eventually became a partner in the Cleveland firm of Calfee, Halter and Grisswold. In 1973, his father died, and he became more involved with the Amsdell Companies, a commercial real estate firm that has been family owned and operated for over 100 years. It is the same company for which Bob did sandblasting and tuck pointing during his college years.

Three years later, using his partner share as seed money, Bob and Barry launched their self-storage enterprise. Barb still remembers her late mother’s reaction when told her son-in-law was leaving the law practice: “Storage?!” Barb is certain her mother was expecting the young couple and their four (later, five) small children to show up on her doorstep, destitute and hungry.

When asked why he would leave a successful practice to embark on a fledgling endeavor, Bob chuckles, “I wonder that myself!” Barb points to market projections that showed it would be a good investment in an up-and-coming but largely untapped field.

Obviously, market projections were right on the money: U-Store-It grew by over $1 billion last year. When the company went public as a real estate investment trust in October 2004, the family traveled to the New York Stock Exchange for the ringing of the bell. As they stood in the midst of all the fanfare, Barb wished her parents and her in-laws could have seen how successful storage (?!) had become.

The company is a repeat winner with NorthCoast 99, a recognition program that honors 99 great workplaces for top talent in Ohio, and was featured in an article about the growing self-storage industry in The New York Times.

Today, Bob is still CEO of the Amsdell Companies, but family involvement is very evident in both companies: Brother Barry, sons Kyle and Todd, and nephew Jeff are employed in various capacities in the two businesses. A sister, Diane Amsdell ’69, was with U-Store-It for about 10 years, until retiring to a horse farm in Sharpsville.

As for Barb’s role in the corporate structure, Bob says, “She listens to me, and handles personnel issues I can’t figure out. She has a real gift for that.”

~ Sandra Chandler
Behavioral Health Unit. He and his wife, Jan, live in Pittsburgh.

76 Byron Crozier Jr. is a college counselor/teacher at Franklin Academy. He and his wife, Gretchen, and their two children reside in East Haddam, Conn.

Gus Georgiadis was recently named to the Board of Directors of First National Insurance Agency, a subsidiary of F.N.B. Corporation. President and CEO of Triad USA, Gus is also on the Board of First National Bank, F.N.B.’s largest subsidiary.

Richard “Biff” Kress was recently inducted into the Meadowville Area Sports Hall of Fame. A standout basketball player in high school and college, Biff is a real estate broker in Meadowville.

Susan Sholle-Martin and her husband, Anthony, live in Ft. Myers, Fla., where Susan is a real estate consultant with Keller Williams World Class Realtors.

77 Ann Geiger Harris has been named head teacher for the Hillcrest Christian Preschool. An accomplished harpist, she teaches private lessons. She lives in Lakewood, N.Y., with her husband, Bill, and their two sons.

Gary Shields of Goshen, Conn., has retired as general manager of New England Country Bakers.

David Wareham is senior real estate representative with First Energy Corp. He lives in New Wilmington with his wife, Mary Kay, and their two children.

78 Michael Dzuricky and his wife, Kathie, make their home in Erie, where Mike is employed in corporate sales at Telcove, a telecommunications firm.

Wayne Hennemuth of Exeter Township has been named assistant vice president for Sovereign Bank.

Janet Morrow Pate has accepted the position of director of financial development for the West Cook YMCA in Oak Park, Ill. She recently served as director of a humanitarian project for the United Methodist Committee on Relief in Kosovo.

80 Leslie Lawhead Imse, choral director in the Farmington (Conn.) Public Schools, was named Choral Director of the Year by the American Choral Directors Association in Connecticut. Involved in a number of choral activities, Leslie lives in Simsbury, Conn., with her husband, Andrew, and their two children.

Class of 1981
25th Reunion Dinner,
Saturday, October 21, 2006
Holiday Inn Metroplex, Girard, OH

81 Scott Huber is territory manager with Cardinal Health, a medical equipment firm in Washington, D.C. His wife, Jill Twentier Huber ’82, is a representative with Ventiv Health, a pharmaceuticals company. The couple and their three sons live in Highland, Md.

83 Jonathan Bigley is owner/partner of Bigley and Blikle, LLC in Harrisburg. He and his wife, Maureen, and their two children make their home in Duncannon.

Maureen Chiafulo is a teacher at Cray Challenges, an alternative education school serving Lawrence County schools. She lives in New Castle with her children.

Lynda Scott Musante was presented with the Meritorious Service Award for her efforts to start the merger process between the Hobby Industries Association and the Association of Crafts and Creative Industries. She is director of marketing, hobby/craft for Cardinal Brands, Inc. She lives in Lawrence, Kan., with her husband, Lou, and two children.

84 Michael Porter has been named public relations specialist at Virginia Commonwealth University. A former political reporter at WWBT-TV in Richmond, Va., he will write about research and activities of the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs, and will serve as liaison between the VCU police department and the media.

Wade Smedley graduated with a master’s in human resources management and an executive master’s in human resources leadership from Rutgers University. He is vice president, human resources with OraSure Technologies, a biomedical manufacturer. He lives in Nazareth with his wife, Jill Bates Smedley ’86, and their three daughters.

20th Cluster Reunion Dinner,
Classes of 1985, ’86 & ’87
Saturday, October 21, 2006
Holiday Inn Metroplex, Girard, OH

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

Eileen Petts Smith has retired as a teacher and biological researcher. She lives in Oakdale with her husband, Michael, and two daughters.

86 Bruce Bartoo has moved to the St. Louis area with his wife, Lyndsey Price Bartoo ’88, and two daughters after accepting a position as chief development officer and foundation president for Sisters of Mercy Health System, which encompasses 19 hospitals in four states.

Carole Byrnes Brachna is the new high demand materials department manager at the Cleveland Public Library. She and her husband, John, live in Middleburg Heights, Ohio.

Erin Holiday is technical manager at General Dynamics, a systems integrator in Hanover, Md. His wife, Danielle Linnert Holiday ’89, is a high school biology teacher in the Anne Arundel County Schools. The couple and their two children live in Odenton, Md.

88 Brian Titus Jr. and his wife, Jenny, live in Worland, Wyo., where Brian is a teacher at Wyoming Boys School.

89 Jeff Heidkamp has moved to Philadelphia, where he is director, cardio-pulmonary sales with Curascript, a specialty biopharmaceutical firm.

Robert Holmes earned a master’s from Wilmington (Del.) College, and was promoted to assistant principal at James Liley Elementary School. Robert and his wife, Alicia, and their six children reside in Egg Harbor Township, N.J. (See also New Additions.)

90 Karen Mehaulic Washabaugh is the owner of Taxes Done Right Fast Inc., providing accounting and tax preparation services for businesses and individuals. She and her two children reside in Uniotown.

Jennifer Riesmeyer Elvgren’s new children’s picture book, Josias, Hold the Book, was recently released from Boyds.
A pair of 1993 Westminster graduates completed their master's degrees at the Naval Postgraduate School in December. Marine Corps Major Christopher Madeline received his master's in business administration and is currently with II Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Lejeune, N.C., as a contracting/host nation support officer. He lives in Jacksonville, N.C., with his wife Stephanie and three children. Navy Lieutenant Jeff Baker earned his master's in systems engineering and is chief engineer onboard the USS Gunston Hall, an amphibious assault ship out of Little Creek, Va. He lives in Suffolk, Va., with his wife, Christina Jones Baker '93; and their two children.

Mills Press. Other children's fiction has appeared in Highlights for Children and Ladybug. Jennifer lives in Albemarle County, Va., with her husband, Erik, and their two children.

Patrick Sentner is a principal with Pittsburgh Commercial, a commercial real estate firm. He lives in Bethel Park with his wife, Michelle Lescisin, and their three children.

Heather Brown of Pittsburgh earned her juris doctorate from John Marshall Law School, and is general counsel for Excell Minerals, a metal recovery firm.

Anne Lawson Farley graduated with a master's in instructional technology from the University of Houston Clear Lake, and is studying for a master's in school library science. She lives in La Porte, Texas, with her husband, Steve, and two children.

Sean Sleeman has been promoted to field network specialist with Banctech. He resides in Pittsburgh with his wife, Amy, and their son.

William Craig is senior channel manager with American Saw. His wife, Janice Craig, is a homemaker who works part time as a CPA for Stevens Wilcox Baker Potvin Cassidy & Jakubowski. The couple and their four children live in Hampden, Mass. (See also New Additions.)

Kimberly McGovern Brindle received her certification as a medical technologist (American Society of Clinical Pathologists) from St. Vincent's Hospital, and is employed in laboratory sales with Labcorp. She lives in Jacksonville, Fla., with her husband, Bob, and their two children.

Don Novak has been named principal at Porter Ridge (N.C.) High School.

Derek Crawford is vice president for research and development with May National and Associates, an adhesives and sealants manufacturer. He lives in Mars with his wife, Dr. Michaela Crawford.

Alexander Graziani graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in December with a master's in public policy and management. He is executive director of the Smart Growth Partnership of Westmoreland County and was nominated by Gov. Rendell to a four-year term on the State Planning Board. He was also selected to serve as vice chairman. He and his wife, Eva, and their five children are residents of Greensburg. (See also New Additions.)

Karrie Patterson Kay and her husband, Phillip, live in Alexandria, Va., where Karrie is a reading specialist in the Alexandria Public Schools.

Amy Weinstock, case operations manager for the clerk's office of the Supreme Court of Ohio, received a Professional Excellence Award for consistent excellence in the performance of regular duties. She resides in Dublin, Ohio.

Richard Guthrie graduated from the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and was recommissioned a captain in the U.S. Air Force. He is currently serving an internship at West Penn Hospital. He and his wife, Dr. Kiran Mishra, live in Oakland.

Julie Isabella Vaill and her husband, Andy, make their home in Irwin, where Julie is a senior buyer with PBM, Inc., a manufacturing firm.

Brad Schatzel of El Sobrante, Calif., is a business analyst with Wells Fargo in San Francisco.

Duncan Salada is a systems engineer at L-3 Communications Titan Group. He and his wife, Nancy, and their two daughters reside in Bowie, Md.

Deryk Thompson is chief of ENG operations for WHTM in Harrisburg.

Arin Biondi is a local manager with Verizon in Pittsburgh. His wife, Lindsay Russo Biondi '99, is a behavioral specialist consultant with Sharon Regional Health System. They live in New Castle.

Rob Lytle recently returned from his second deployment to the Middle East in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He is a member of the Air Force reserves and the 32nd Aerial Port Squadron at the 911th Airlift Wing in Pittsburgh. He was promoted to Master Sergeant (E-7) last year. Rob, his wife, April Pres- ton Lytle '99 and their daughter live in Streetsboro, Ohio. (See also New Additions.)

Joel Sekuta of Seattle has been promoted to vice president of rewards at Washington Mutual.

David Stebick is QA/build engineer with Haley Systems, Inc., a business rules management software firm. He and his wife, Cheryl Vernick Stebick '90, and their daughter make their home in Cranberry Township. (See also New Additions.)

Jennifer Jeffery graduated with a master of arts in teaching from Chatham College. She lives in Baltimore, where she is a high school science teacher.

Werner Gilliam and his wife, Amanda, live in Maine, where Werner is assistant code enforcement officer/town planner for the town of Kennebunkport.

Tyson Hilovsky is a financial representative with Nationwide Financial in Cranberry Township. He lives in Butler with his wife, Reni.

Emily Klein of New Orleans is a reading content leader in the Jefferson Parish Public Schools.

Matt McCrirt completed his doctorate at the University of Minnesota and has joined the piano faculty at Carleton College. In addition to his teaching duties, he is performing concerts, giving guest lectures, premiering new compositions and serving as principal keyboardist for the Renegade Ensemble.

Autumn Mentzer Cairns teaches sixth grade in the Moon Township School District. She and her husband, Jeff, make their home in Monaca.

Wesley Moore has been promoted to assistant vice president for Greater Buffalo Savings Bank. He is branch manager of the Town of Tonawanda office. He is district chairman of the Greater Niagara Frontier Council and a board member of the Ken-Ton Chamber of Commerce. He resides in East Amherst, N.Y., with his wife, Gabrielle Bero Moore, and their son.
Amber Brikich Mariano has written Amber’s Guide for Girls, which offers advice on fame; family and fashion; coping with peer pressure, school and relationships; and a glimpse into her life and goals. She and her husband, Rob, make their home in Pensacola, Fla.

Carrie Helsel Andrews is a management associate with Transtar, Inc., a railroad company in Pittsburgh. She and her husband, Billy, reside in Avonmore.

Rachel Mackey Miller is a teacher in the Freeport Area School District. Her husband, Brian Miller, is director of admissions at Central Catholic High School. The couple lives in Pittsburgh.

Preston Dibble is organist and director of music at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Montclair, N.J. He recently gave a recital on the Wick’s pipe organ at Mary, Mother of Hope in New Castle, where he initiated purchase of the organ and served as music director.

Meghan Duda Corbin is director of publications and Web development at Mercyhurst College, where she is pursuing a master’s in organizational leadership. She lives in Erie with her husband, Ben, and their son.

David Evanoff graduated from Clemson University with a Ph.D. in chemistry, and has accepted a position as a research assistant professor in the university’s advanced materials research lab.

Karly Foster-Cianflone received her master of education degree in English/communications from the University of Pittsburgh, where she is a teacher. She and her husband, Dr. Jeffrey Cianflone, make their home in Upper St. Clair.

Kelly Holdren Shura received her master’s from Lock Haven University and is a physician assistant with Prison Health Services. She and her husband, Jason, are residents of Tyrone.

Ellen Johnston Swartzfager and her husband, Jeremy Swartzfager ’98, live in Monroeville and are employed at Swartzfager Construction, Inc.

Autumn LaQuay of South Park has accepted a position as project associate in the assessment services group with Development Dimensions International and is pursuing an MBA at Point Park University.

Samuel McKissick II is a associate publisher at Vert Markets Inc. He lives in Erie with his wife, Brie.

Justin Nicolette is senior account executive at Alan Taylor Communications, a sports and lifestyle public relations firm. He and his wife, Karis, make their home in Monroe, N.C.

Roxanne Tarantelli Bruce is a customer service representative with Mailing Services of Pittsburgh. She and her husband, Patrick, are residents of Industry.

Shannon Gray Pelini and her husband, Michael, reside in South Bend, Ind., where Shannon is pursuing her Ph.D. in the biology department at the University of Notre Dame.

Kristen Greenwood Peak is supervisor of targeted case management at Northwestern Human Services in Bensalem. She lives in Warminster with her husband, Larry, and their daughter. (See also New Additions.)

Jodi Russo is a marketing and sales assistant with Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesale Company, the largest single-site Coors wholesaler in the country. She lives in New Castle while pursuing a doctorate with the University of Phoenix.

Cory Shaw graduated from Slippery Rock University with a doctorate in physical therapy and is a physical therapist at Washington (Pa.) Hospital’s outpatient physical therapy facility.

David Zaccari of Boardman, Ohio, is the middle school band director, assistant high school band director and director of percussion in the Beaver Local School District in Lisbon, Ohio.

Scott Barrie is a marine biologist with Maritech, Proaquatix in Vero Beach, Fla.

Kristy Fetterman Berg and her husband, Joshua, live in Erie, where Kristy is an assistant manager at Northwest Savings Bank.

Gregory Foster of Girard, Ohio, teaches physics and computer applications in the Ambridge Area School District.

Lydia Hunemycky is serving as a business advisor for small business development with the Peace Corps in Togo, West Africa.

Richard Leigh is pursuing a graduate degree in music theatre performance at Arizona State University in Tempe. He has been hired as a guest director for the university’s Lyric Opera Theatre season.

Richelle Vajdich has relocated to Winter Park, Colo., where she is a lift crew leader at Winter Park Resort.

Robert Zarecky received his MBA from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and is a business analyst for VF Corporation, an apparel manufacturer.

Nicole Flickinger Walker is an accountant at Jameson Memorial Hospital in New Castle. Her husband, Curtis Walker, is assistant manager at Sherwin Williams. The couple lives in Poland, Ohio.

Kelly Abraham is a third-grade teacher at Thaddeus Stevens Primary Center in the New Castle Area School District.

Jennifer Balaski is a math teacher in the Lakeview School District. She and her husband, Barry, make their home in Mercer.

Jessica Bevan of West Mifflin is a substitute clerk in neighborhood branches of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

Megan Delyte teaches second grade in the Liberty Schools in Youngstown, Ohio. She and her husband, Mike, live in Poland, Ohio.

Kelly Fukiniti is a teacher in the South Side Area School District in Hookstown. She lives in Aliquippa with her husband, Jim.

Amie Hack is a graduate assistant at The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Dawn Holsinger is a special education teacher in the New Brighton Area School District. She lives in Ellwood City with her husband, Christopher.

Megan Johnston is a kindergarten teacher in the Poquoson (Va.) City Public Schools.

Kristin Kronstain is a receptionist at Orchard Hill Church in Wexford.

Tandi Lane of Byron, Ga., is a morning show host/music director with Opus Broadcasting in Talahassee, Fla.

Jake Lowry has moved to Atlanta, where he is a graduate student at Emory University.

Brad Stewart of Smethport is employed in the Port Allegany School District.

Mary Strohecker has moved to Williamsburg, Va. She is a teacher in the Charles City County Public Schools.

Emily Wehr of Girard is a substitute teacher.

Margery Woods is a human resources business partner with MSA in Evans City. Margie and her husband, Ed, live in Edinburg.
Marriages


92 Sany Saikaly and Stephenie Sebben, March 5, 2005, at Glenshaw Presbyterian Church. Best man was Eric Benson ’93. A number of alumni were present. Sany is a fraud investigations officer at National City Bank and was nominated for 2006 Pittsburgh Bank Investigator of the Year. He won the award in 2002. The couple resides in Wexford.

99 Sarah Pavlik and Chad Rittle. Sarah is a supervisor for Nielsen Media Research. Chad is in medical sales for Siemens Medical Solutions. The couple lives in Covington, La.

00 Jennifer Petrock and David Raspani, July 30, 2005, at Holy Rosary Church in Low-ellville, Ohio. Attending the wedding were Stacie Crimone ’99 and Chasdee Chambers ’01. Jennifer is PR/marketing coordinator for Vector Security in Warrendale. The couple lives in Poland, Ohio.

01 Matthew Colella and Jean Ferilla, Nov. 5, 2005, at Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church. Terri Ferilla ’96 was a bridesmaid. Chris Masi ’83 was a trumpeter accompanist. Matthew is project manager with NV Homes in Gath-

ersburg, Md. The couple resides in Boonsboro, Md. Jeremy Timko and Kristen, Oct. 29, 2005, in Port Tobacco, Md. Jared Timko ’98 was best man. Jeremy is police officer first class in the Charles County sheriff’s office and is a hazmat technician. The couple lives in La Plata, Md.

02 Amy Boyles and Michael Price, June 5, 2004. Amy is a fifth-grade teacher at Lake Whitney Elementary School in Winter Gar-

den, Fla. (See also New Additions.) Jocelyn Piel and Nathan Miller, May 21, 2005, in Franklin. Christin Kiehl was a member of the wedding party. Jocelyn is a piano instructor. The couple lives in Canton, Mich.

03 Keri Conger and Theodore Merklin, Oct. 8, 2005, at Wallace Memorial Chapel. Maid of honor was Amber Cole ’05 and best man was Bradley Merklin ’05. Other participants were Tracy Geisler ’04, Matthew Grubbs ’01, Christopher Leas ’02, and Chrys Ingold ’02. Keri is choir director at Saint Marys Area School District, and Ted is a traveling construction proj-

ect manager. The couple resides in Saint Marys.

04 Bethany Palla and David Hunkele, Sept. 3, 2005, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shaker. Several alumni were in attendance. Bethany is a graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Education. The couple resides in Fox Chapel.

05 Jennifer Butler and Geoffrey Zimmermann, Nov. 12, 2005, at the Harmony-Zelienople United Methodist Church. Maid of honor was Pamela Chan-

van; bridesmaid was Kimberly Nester ’07; and groomsmen were Brent Rodgers, William Shon-

delmeyer ’07, and Chaz Hackett. Among the many alumni who participated or attended were the groom’s parents, Robert and Carol (Stoves) Zimmerman ’79 ’79.

Michelle Mears and Dustin Niehenke, Aug. 6, 2005, at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Indiana. Participants were Amanda Codori and Kimberly KlapPERT Spead ’04. Several other alumni attended. Michelle is a sales associate for Coldwell Banker Real Estate. The couple resides in Jefferson Hills.

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New Additions

85 Lynn Baxter Bachman and her husband, Kirk: a son, Brooks, on Nov. 21, 2005. He is welcomed by Brady, 2, at home in Carlsbad, Calif.

86 Elaine Hopkins Taylor and her husband, Brian: a daughter, Mia Abigail, on Nov. 11, 2004. She joins siblings Alexandra, 14, and Hunter, 11, at home in New Wilmington.

87 Leeann Smith Schweiger and her husband, Craig: a daughter, Craig, on July 12, 2005. She joins her brother Gunnar, 2, at home in Grand Island, N.Y.

88 Robert Holmes and his wife, Alicia: a son, Robert Joseph, on July 8, 2005. He is welcomed by four older siblings.


90 Dean Santorio and his wife, Sandy: a daughter, Emma Grace, on Dec. 13, 2005. She joins Morgan, 2, at home in Grand Island, N.Y.

91 Pamela Amos Gaal and her husband, Greg: a daughter, Paige, in 2004. She joins Emma, 5, at the family home in Limerick.

92 Paul Caswell and his wife, Beth: a daughter, Marissa Elizabeth, on Feb. 6, 2006. She was welcomed by big sister Robyn (3). The family built a home last year near Murrysville.


94 Laura Holms and her husband, Gregory Hahn: a daughter, Olivia, on Dec. 19, 2005. She joins Samuel (9), Carly (8), Jackson (6), Luke (4), and Isabella (1) at home in Havre de Grace, Md.

95 Dani Balla Guunto and her husband, Scott: a daughter, Mackenzie Noelle, on Dec. 13, 2005. She joins Madison, 4, at home in Renfrew.

96 Matthew Esch and his wife, Angela: a daughter, Kathryn Agnes, on Jan. 29, 2006. She joins Zachary James, 4, at home in Pittsburgh.

97 Beth Addis Gillen and her husband, Mike: a daughter, Katherine Belle, on May 8, 2005. The family lives in South Fayette.


99 Valery Steffler Ciambrelli and her husband, Brian: a daughter, Ella Grace, on June 17, 2004. She joins Julia, 4, at home in Pittsburgh. Valery is a senior business analyst for Giant Eagle, Inc.

100 Beth Addis Gillen and her husband, Mike: a daughter, Katherine Belle, on May 8, 2005. The family lives in South Fayette.

101 Amy Bergstrom Crago and her husband, Brandon: a son, Brady Jackson, on Jan. 4, 2006. The family lives in Fox Chapel.

102 Elizabeth Deagon DeLauter and her husband, David: a son, Nathan, in 2006. He joins big siblings Kaitlyn and Dylan at home in Gahanna, Ohio.

103 Carrie Dorfield Sheckells and her husband, Glenn: a son, Walter Alan, on Dec. 20, 2005. The family lives in Jarrettsville, Md.

104 Michelle Hughes Cramer and her husband, Chris: a son, Thomas James, on July 5, 2005. The family lives in Suffield, Conn.

105 Catherine Latta Kiggins and her husband, Brian Kiggins: a daughter, Joselyn Stefee, on May 25, 2005. She joins...
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.


33 William Rea of McDonald, Ohio, Feb. 9, 2006. He was former McDonald Schools superintendent. A former president of Kappa Phi Lambda fraternity (now known as Sigma Nu), he worked his way through school in part by working in the McDonald steel mills during summer breaks. He obtained a master’s degree in business administration from Kent State University and did further postgraduate work at Westminster in 1957-58. He began his teaching career in McDonald in 1935, teaching two years at Roosevelt Elementary School before a 12-year stint at McDonald High School. He served as an elementary school principal from 1949-55 before taking over as the district superintendent. He retired in 1974. In 2003, the McDonald Board of Education dedicated the media center in the new elementary school in his name. Survivors include two children, including Aliceann Rea Phillips ‘58; five grandchildren; and three nieces and nephews.

34 Isabelle Kilddoo Furst, formerly of New Wilmington, March 15, 2006. She was a longtime employee of the College and following her retirement worked several more years for local physicians. She was an adviser for the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, and was active with the American Association of University Women, the New Wilmington Garden Club, and the New Wilmington PTA. She was elected to the Wilmington Area School Board and was secretary of the New Wilmington Borough Council. Survivors include three sons and their spouses; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

35 Jane Gilmore Kinikinken of New Castle, Jan. 9, 2006. She was a retired teacher in the Mohawk Area School District. Survivors include a son; two daughters; a sister; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

36 Mildred Roux M ’51 of New Castle, Jan. 27, 2006. She began her teaching career at Farrell High School in 1939, teaching Latin and English. After 16 years she took a position at New Castle High School, where she taught those same subjects for 20 years. Survivors include many cousins.

Ruth Stewart Logerquist of Boulder, Colo., March 17, 2006. She comes from a family with extensive Westminster connections. Many of her relatives, including several surviving cousins and nieces, are Westminster graduates. Survivors include two daughters, including Sally Logerquist Lampe ’67; a son; a sister; a brother; and four grandchildren. The family requests contributions in her name be directed to the Westminster College Department of Music or Habitat for Humanity.

37 Jean Semple of Hermitage, Feb. 4, 2006. She was a retired secretary to the superintendent of schools in the Sharon School District.

38 Robert E. Jamison of New Wilmington, Feb. 15, 2006. He was a third-generation Westminster alumnus. An attorney with Jamison, Seltzer and Harper, he was a former mayor and city solicitor for New Castle. A veteran of World War II, he was a captain in the U.S. Army. He also served as a board member for the Human Services Center, Shenango Presbyterian Senior Center and the New Castle Community Y. For 50 years, he was a member of Cler-Moore Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder, trustee and Sunday school teacher. A trustee emeritus at Westminster, he joined the Board of Trustees in 1964 and served for more than 15 years. He

Twins Ethan and Elyse, 3, at home in Cranberry Township.

David Mariner and his wife, Julie: a daughter, Ava Blair, on Jan. 18, 2006. The family lives in Waynesburg. David is director of admissions/media relations for graduate and professional studies at Waynesburg College.


Crystie Nicholson Mackins and her husband, Michael Mackins ’96: a son, Dylan Reese, on Nov. 4, 2005. The family lives in Sewickley.

Laurel Scaff Alexander and her husband, Greg: a son, Ethan Michael, on March 6, 2005. He joins Jackson Scott, 4, at home in Wexford.

Becky Skandera Retter and her husband, Erik: a son, Michael Edward, on Feb. 11, 2006. He joins brother Jake, 4. The family lives in Delmont.

Rachel Berresford Adair and her husband, David: a son, Andrew David, on July 13, 2005. The family resides in Moon Township.

Elizabeth Mann Haynie and her husband, Brendan: a daughter, Kaelyn Elizabeth, on Sept. 6, 2004. She joins Elliana Nicole at home in Grayson, Ky.

Cheryl Vernick Steibick and her husband, David Steibick ’97: a daughter, Alexis Renee, on June 10, 2005. (See also Class Notes.)

Meg Galbreath Waldron and her husband, Neal: a daughter, Patricia Georgina, on Nov. 7, 2005. The family resides in Avonmore.

Amy Boyles Price and her husband, Michael: a daughter, Mia Elizabeth, in March 2005. The family lives in Orlando, Fla. (See also Marriages.)

Kristen Greenwood Peak and her husband, Larry: a daughter, Hannah Ryley, on Feb. 17, 2005. (See also Class Notes.)
was a “good and faithful friend to Westminster over the years, and the College returned that affection as well,” wrote his daughters. Survivors include four daughters: Barbara Jamison Harper ’70, Nancy Jamison Grissett ’72, Janis Jamison Benedict ’75 and her husband, and Judy Jamison Leslie ’81 and her husband James Leslie ’77; nine grandchildren, including Jodi Grissett ’03, Ryan Grissett ’00 and his wife, Jaclyn West Grissett ’99, and Kara Benedict Beresh ’00 and her husband Zachary Beresh ’02; and two great-grandchildren.

Renee Sabo LeMonte of Sarasota, Fla. She was a retired properties manager.

The Rev. Kenneth Parker Smith of New Wilmington, March 25, 2006. A Presbyterian minister and educator, he earned degrees at Pittsburgh Xenia Seminary and Louisville Southern Baptist Seminary and completed additional studies at Harvard University, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and the University of Minnesota. His career as a professor included stints at Westminster and the University of Dubuque. He served for almost 20 years as academic dean of Sterling College in Kansas. He later became an administrator at Friends University in Wichita. He traveled overseas to speak with military officers from around the world and spent two years as pastor of the International Protestant Church of Islamabad, Pakistan. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Joan Smith ’37; a son and his wife; three daughters; two sons-in-law; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Jean Snow May of Davidson, N.C., Dec. 25, 2005. She had been employed in Franklin as a personal secretary and was active with the Franklin YMCA, the Girl Scouts and American Association of University Women. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, John; two daughters; and a granddaughter.

Dorthea Brush Beiler of Deland, Fla., March 4, 2006. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Deland, where she was a librarian for 45 years. She was the founder of the Presbyterian Day School and a member of the Democratic National Committee, the American Association of University Women, and Shoestring Theater. Survivors include her husband, Theodore, and a son.

Mintie Eberhart Glass of Bethesda, Md., Dec. 31, 2005. She was a member of the Chi Omega sorority and a retired art teacher for the Montgomery County schools. Survivors include her husband, Park Glass; three children; and two grandchildren.

The Rev. James Hodges of Sneedville, Tenn., Jan. 10, 2006. He served as a United Methodist missionary to Korea for 10 years and as pastor for 27 years in Western Pennsylvania. He was an Army veteran who served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He graduated from Boston University’s School of Theology in 1952 and earned a master of sacred theology degree from Duke Divinity School in 1965. Survivors include his wife, Margaret (Peg) Livingston Hodges ’48; two sons and their wives; two daughters; a son-in-law; and 10 grandchildren.

Dorothy Robins of Greenville, S.C. She was formerly a chemist at Megean Chemical Co. in Cleveland.

The Rev. John H. Galbreath of Asheville, N.C., Jan. 23, 2006. Son of Westminster’s seventh president, Robert F. Galbreath, he founded the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh in 1946 after ministering to soldiers in the Pacific during World War II. He was ordained as a Navy chaplain and served the Marine Corps in Iwo Jima and during the occupation of Japan. He was founding president of the South Hills Child Guidance Center and the South Hills Interfaith Ministry. He was president of Planned Parenthood of Pittsburgh, and served as moderator of the Pittsburgh Presbytery and vice moderator of the General Assembly. He was named Man of the Year in Religion in 1979 by the Pittsburgh Jaycees. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Joan Graham Galbreath ’45; six children, including Glenn Galbreath ’71 and Lisa Galbreath Richards ’79; sisters Ruth Galbreath DeLair ’44 and Mary Galbreath Kidd ’44; and 10 grandchildren.

Gretchen Snow May of Davidson, N.C., Dec. 25, 2005. She had been employed in Franklin as a personal secretary and was active with the Franklin YMCA, the Girl Scouts and American Association of University Women. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, John; two daughters; and a granddaughter.

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Members of the Class of 2006 offered congratulations, and some said their final goodbyes on the Quad following Commencement ceremonies on May 20.