Dear Friends,

Summer is a time of planning and building on campus. Our building projects this year include (not so exciting – but necessary) road and sewer projects as well as the (very exciting) completion of the Berlin Village Townhouses and renovation of Thompson House for student housing.

Much of the planning and building that will provide a lifetime of benefits for our students cannot be seen as readily as bricks and mortar. I am speaking of the work that Westminster faculty do throughout the year to stay current in their respective scholarly disciplines. They are advancing their role as teachers and mentors by continuing their scholarship, sometimes on their own and sometimes with the aid of Westminster’s Faculty Development Program. Our aim is to make our Faculty Development Program one of the best anywhere – and we are well on our way with the participation of all faculty members and the leadership of our faculty development officer, Sandra Webster.

Each week, Dr. Webster convenes a well-attended Faculty Forum in the Mueller Theater of McKelvey Campus Center. The spirit of interdisciplinary education is alive and well at the College thanks to the enthusiastic presenters who bring their remarkable research activity to life before our eyes. If I am unable to attend Faculty Forum I feel as if I have really missed an opportunity to learn. When I am able to attend, I marvel at the excellent presentations and cannot help but think to myself, “How fortunate our students are to be educated by people who care deeply about their subjects and their students.”

As we plan for and build an ever-better Westminster we want to be certain that faculty development will be a sustainable activity at the College – forever. For this reason we have identified the Faculty Development Endowed Fund as a high priority for endowed gifts in the Strategic Plan for Westminster. We are grateful for the many alumni and classes that have contributed $656,333 thus far as we make our way toward the $2,000,000 goal.

On behalf of our faculty, I thank you for helping to keep the educational offerings at Westminster as solid as the campus buildings that house them.

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Tokar Named Interim Dean of Admissions; Gerber Tabbed to Lead Financial Aid

Two familiar faces have assumed the lead roles in the areas of admissions and financial aid at Westminster following the summer departures of Doug Swartz and Bob Latta '63.

Brad Tokar '91 M'97 was selected to serve as interim dean of admissions, while Cheryl Gerber was named director of financial aid.

Tokar has worked in the admissions office since 1993, most recently serving as senior associate director. He will preside over the areas of admissions and financial aid until the search for a permanent replacement is completed.

“I know that Brad is looking forward to working with the entire College community as we select the members of the first-year class that will be entering Westminster in the fall of 2007,” said President R. Thomas Williamson.

Tokar replaces Swartz, who joined Westminster in 1998 and was recently named vice president for enrollment management at Wittenberg University.

Gerber, a graduate of Grove City College, was formerly the assistant director of financial aid. She was chosen to take the job left vacant by Latta’s retirement. Latta joined Westminster in 1978 and served the College in several capacities, including serving as interim dean of admissions in 1987-88 and 1997-98. He had been director of financial aid since 1988.

Regene King ’03, who had been a secretary in financial aid since 1999, was named assistant director of financial aid. Mary Jo Evanoff ’04 joined the office as financial aid assistant. She previously served the College as student receivables clerk.

Four New Trustees Elected; Foster Chosen as Chair

Four new trustees, including three Westminster alumni, were part of the nine-person class of 2010 added to the College’s Board of Trustees.

Peter Herchenroether ’76, the Rev. William Jackson ’57 and Valerie Day Wilden ’84 joined Mark Weinstein as first-timers elected to the Board. Whitney Fraier Bohan ’74, Wendell Freeland and William Rankin ’60 were re-elected to serve their second consecutive four-year terms, while Stephen Hartle and William Hazen ’65 were selected to rejoin the Board after a one-year absence.

Five new associate trustees also joined the Board. Psychology professor Alan Gittis, English professor James Perkins, and Virginia Tomlinson, associate professor of sociology and director of the Drinko Center, were named faculty representatives. Seniors Lee Knight and SGA president Matthew Kerns were selected as student representatives.

In other Board news, Debora Swartsworth Foster ’74 was named chair of the Board of Trustees, succeeding George Berlin. John Weisel ’79 was named vice chair.

Foster, who recently retired after a 30-year career in communications with Heinz, first joined the Board in 1998. She is the first female to be elected chair of Westminster’s Board of Trustees. She lives in Pittsburgh with her husband, William Foster ’74. Their son, Jared Foster, is a junior public relations major at Westminster.

Herchenroether has been director of Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C. in Pittsburgh since 1990. He had previously been a partner at Alter, Wright & Barron and earned his law degree from Vanderbilt University. A member of the Allegheny County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations, he is currently board secretary for Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Susan Suomi Herchenroether ’77, have two children and live in Pittsburgh.

Jackson received graduate degrees from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Princeton Theological Seminary and an honorary doctorate from Westminster. A former dean of the chapel at Westminster, he served as senior pastor at Presbyterian churches in Boardman, Ohio (1970-79); Canton, Ohio (1979-89); and Flint, Mich. (1989-99). He and his wife, Vail Watson Jackson ’58, have two children and live in Pittsburgh.

Weinstein is a graduate of Carleton College and earned an MBA from Harvard. For the past 10 years he has served as general director of the Pittsburgh Opera. He previously worked as vice president of operations at National Artists Management Co., and was managing director for business and finance, then executive director for the New York City Opera. He and his wife, Susanne Marsee, have a son and live in Pittsburgh.

Wilden is currently assistant vice president at St. Barnabas Health System, where she has been employed for more than 20 years. She earned a master’s degree in journalism and mass communications from Point Park University and is spokesperson for WPXI-TV/St. Barnabas Charities Presents for Patients program. She is a member of the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania and the Northern Allegheny and Cranberry Chambers of Commerce. An active volunteer and Sunday school teacher, she lives in Wexford with her husband, Gregory, and their two children.
Seven Full-Timers Added to Faculty Roster

College names chair in political science; Vance hired as assistant dean of student affairs

Westminster College hired seven new faculty members, leading a host of personnel moves for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Marosh Furimsky, assistant professor of biology, earned his undergraduate degree and his doctorate from the University of Ottawa. He comes to Westminster from the Department of Molecular Medicine of the Ottawa Heath Research Institute. He has taught at the University of Ottawa and the University of British Columbia-Okanagan.

Teresa Johnson-Evans, visiting lecturer of French, earned her undergraduate degree from California University of Pennsylvania and her master’s from West Virginia University. She has taught at West Virginia University, the Community College of Allegheny County, and the University of Pittsburgh. She was also an English assistant at Lycée Jean Monnet in Vitrolles, France.

Brian Kail, assistant professor of chemistry, earned his undergraduate, master’s, and doctorate degrees from Duquesne University. He comes to Westminster after working in several different research programs and teaching at Duquesne University.

Jacque King, visiting assistant professor of economics and business, earned his undergraduate degree at Washington & Jefferson College and his master’s and doctorate degrees from Regent University. He has past experience in the positions of doctor of strategic leadership program director and administrator, adviser, and assistant professor at Regent University.

Angela Lahr, visiting assistant professor of history, earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Evansville and her master’s and doctorate from the Northern Illinois University. She has taught at Texas A&M University, Benedictine University, and Northern Illinois University.

Pamela Richardson, assistant professor of mathematics, earned her undergraduate degree from Bowling Green State University and her doctorate from the University of Virginia. She has taught at John Carroll University, the University of Virginia, and Piedmont Virginia Commuter College.

Matthew Sivils, assistant professor of English, earned his undergraduate degree from Arkansas Tech University and his master’s and doctorate from Oklahoma State University. He comes to Westminster after teaching at Oklahoma State University.

A number of Westminster faculty also received promotions, including Ed Cohen, who was named chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology. Charlene Klassen Endrizzi was named professor of education, and Linda Domanski was promoted to associate professor of education. Also rising to the rank of associate professor were Terri Lenox (computer science), Robin Lind (music), Kang-Yup Na (religion), John Robertson (biology) and David Shaffer (computer science).

Among the changes in the College’s administration, Gina Vance was hired as the assistant dean of student affairs for residence life and leadership development. She was previously assistant director of residence life at Baldwin-Wallace College. She also served as director of residence life, and later as assistant dean of students at Ursuline College. Vance earned her undergraduate degree at Mount Union College and her master’s at Kent State University.

Changes in job responsibilities and titles were made in the Office of Institutional Advancement. Elizabeth (Biz) Hines ’70, previously the director of the Westminster Fund, has been named director of alumni planning and programming. Mary James ’84, previously the director of alumni relations, is now director of alumni relations and young alumni programs. Merrianne McGill ’05, previously a development assistant, has been named coordinator of the Westminster Fund.

New Majors Announced

One new major and one revised major dot the curriculum for the 2006-2007 academic year. Westminster added its 41st major in quantitative economics, while the former speech communication major has been changed to communication studies.

Quantitative economics, an interdisciplinary major which integrates courses from economics and mathematics, addresses the increasingly quantitative nature of economics. It is aimed primarily at economics students interested in pursuing graduate work and to mathematics students interested in the applied areas of their discipline.

The communication studies major title change was made to more accurately describe the major as it has been offered. The content of the major is largely unchanged.
Faculty Making News

Bryan Rennie, associate professor of religion and Vira L. Heinz Chair in Religion, has been invited by organizers of two major conferences to present his research. Rennie was invited to present his paper, “The Influence of Eastern Orthodox Christian Theology on Mircea Eliade’s Understanding of Religion,” at the conference of Paradigms and Politics: Mircea Eliade and Joachim Wach, to be held in November at the University of Chicago. Rennie was also invited to Germany to present “Iranian Eschatology and Middle Eastern Religion: How Should We Explain the Relative Absence of the Zoroastrian Tradition from Mainstream Biblical and Religious Studies?” at the 6th International Conference on Irano-Judaica at Hamburg University in October. Rennie has also been notified that his work, “Mircea Eliade: Apologia pro Opere suo,” has been published as a chapter in Thinking About Religion: A Reader published by Blackwell. “This volume has been edited by Ivan Strenski of the University of California, Riverside,” Rennie said. “What is notable about this publication is that all of the contributors to the volume are major figures in the study and the history of religion, and commentaries upon them by very significant scholars in the field. It’s a great honor to be included among such notable figures.”

Peter Smith, assistant professor of chemistry at Westminster, recently presented his research, “Palladium-Catalyzed Synthesis of Tripodal Arylamines in Tetraalkylphosphonium Ionic Liquids,” at the American Chemical Society meeting in Atlanta. “My research involves developing new techniques for making nitrogen-rich compounds,” Smith said. “These compounds have traditionally been made under oxygen and moisture-free conditions. The traditional method also uses a large amount of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) as solvents. My method would eliminate the strict reaction conditions and allow the reactions to be performed in the open atmosphere. I am also attempting to replace the VOCs with ionic liquids which are not volatile and can be recycled for reuse.”

Three Westminster College professors participated in the annual reading and scoring of the College Board’s advanced placement (AP) examinations this summer. Martha Joseph, chair and associate professor of chemistry, was a table leader and graded chemistry; Carolyn Kidder Cuff ’78, chair and professor of mathematics, graded calculus; and Sandra Webster, professor of psychology and faculty development officer, graded psychology. Each year the AP Program, sponsored by the College Board, gives more than one million high school students an opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses and examinations. Based on their exam performance, students can receive credit and/or advanced placement when they enter college. Approximately 2.3 million examinations in 20 disciplines were evaluated by over 8,000 readers from universities and high schools.

Bethany Hicok, Westminster College assistant professor of English, was selected to receive the Henderson Lectureship Award for the 2006-07 academic year. Hicok delivered the lecture, “Marianne Moore’s Student Hero: Poetry and Politics in the 1930s” Oct. 4 at the Witherspoon Rooms in McKelvey Campus Center. The Henderson Lecture was founded by Joseph R. Henderson and his wife, Elizabeth, to encourage and recognize original and continuing research and scholarship among Westminster College faculty, and to afford the opportunity for faculty to share their learning with the academic community.

Associate professor of computer science John Bonomo recently attended the Discrete Mathematics: Curricular Issue, Pedagogy and Nifty Examples workshop at Messiah College held in conjunction with the Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (EPADEL) section of the Mathematical Association of America. “Various issues relating to the preparation of teaching discrete math were addressed at the conference,” Bonomo said. “Participants developed or refined their own outlines and syllabi for a discrete math course or sequence and were introduced to examples which connect mathematics to topics in other areas such as computer science. We worked in teams to create our own examples.”

Natacha Fontes-Merz, Westminster assistant professor of mathematics, recently had two of her articles published. “A Multidimensional Version of Turán’s Lemma” was published in the Journal of Approximation Theory. “The Norm of an Interpolation Operator on H-(D)” was co-authored with Dr. Alfred Cavaretta, professor of mathematics at Kent State University, and published in Frontiers in Interpolation and Approximation, a book dedicated to the mathematician Dr. Ambikeshwar Sharma.

Professor of English James Perkins has co-authored David Madden: A Writer for All Genres. “My book is a collection of critical essays by various writers on different aspects of the work of David Madden,” Perkins said. “Randy Hendricks of West Georgia University and I solicited the essays and edited them for this volume. I wrote an essay on Madden’s short fiction, and Randy wrote an essay on his criticism. Each of us conducted an interview and edited them into a single interview for this volume.” Perkins has followed Madden’s career since he had him in an undergraduate class at Centre College.

David Madden: A Writer for All Genres is available through the University of Tennessee Press at www.utpress.org.

Camila Bari de López, associate professor of Spanish, recently presented a paper at the 6th International Orbis Tertius’ Conference on Literary Theory and Criticism in Argentina. Her topic, “Metonymy and Novel: for a Critical Approach to the Ethnic and Gender Fiction in Latin America,” reviewed the concept of metonymy from its inception in Greek rhetoric up to its new encompassing use in Freud, Jakobson, and Lacan. Following Freud’s and Lacan’s characterization of metonymy as the “most appropriate way used by the unconscious to avoid repression and censorship,” López connects metonymy to the tradition of oppression and colonialism in Latin American literature and to women’s fiction as an expression of marginalized identity.
Westminster Ranks Third in Graduation Rate Performance by U.S. News

Westminster College is once again among the nation’s best in enhancing the educational achievement of its students, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2007 Guide to America’s Best Colleges.

The guide ranked Westminster third among Liberal Arts Colleges and in the top five of all colleges in graduation rate performance. Westminster’s 76 percent graduation rate was 17 percent higher than predicted.

Talladega College in Alabama (+35%) and St. Anselm College in New Hampshire (+20%) were the only Liberal Arts Colleges with higher graduation rate performances. South Carolina State University (+24%) was the only National University with a higher graduation rate performance.

The indicator, developed by U.S. News and previously called “value added,” shows the effect of the college’s programs and policies on the graduation rate of its students after controlling for spending and student aptitude. The score is determined by measuring the difference between a school’s six-year graduation rate for the class that entered in 1999, and the predicted graduation rate for the class. The predicted graduation rate is calculated using a formula that accounts for the standardized test scores of these students and the school’s expenditures on them over the years. If the actual graduation rate is higher than the predicted rate, the college is enhancing the students’ achievement.

“We are pleased to be recognized by the national media for serving our students—Westminster’s number one objective,” said Westminster College President R. Thomas Williamson. “Westminster is a student-centered college, and this ranking reflects that commitment.”

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching reclassified higher education institutions in 2000. This year 215 colleges were included in the category, and these institutions must award at least 50 percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines and emphasize undergraduate education.

Westminster Among Princeton Review’s ‘Best 361 Colleges’

Westminster College offers students an outstanding undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review, the New York-based education services company.

Westminster College is featured in the 2007 edition of The Princeton Review annual college guide, The Best 361 Colleges. Westminster is also honored as one of the “Best Northeastern Colleges.” Only about 15 percent of the four-year colleges in America and two Canadian colleges are included in the book.

The guide’s editors describe Westminster as a place “where personal attention is the norm, and students cite the faculty and administrators as one of the school’s greatest assets. Clearly, many of the teachers related well to the students and their needs, cultivating a personal and comfortable atmosphere in the classroom, which extends outside of class as well. It’s not unusual to be invited to a professor’s house for a meal; even the president hosts picnics and dinners to get to know the students.”

Students surveyed by Princeton Review said, “Westminster is loaded with people looking to make each student’s life a little easier.”

“We chose schools for this book primarily for their outstanding academics,” according to Robert Franek, Princeton Review’s vice president of publishing. “We evaluated them based on institutional data we collect about the schools, feedback from students attending them, and visits to schools over the years. We also considered the opinions of independent college counselors, along with students and parents we talk to and survey.”

The rankings are based on The Princeton Review’s survey of 115,000 students. Additional information about the guide is available at www.PrincetonReview.com.

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Drinko Center Hosts Summer Youth Programs

Westminster College’s Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning conducted a series of summer programs, bringing hundreds of students (preK-12), teachers and administrators to campus.

More than 20 Westminster faculty and 10 undergraduate students were involved in coordinating and producing these programs. Among the half-dozen programs for students were two 10-day camps in June for students from Campbell (Ohio) High School. The Bright Futures Performing Arts Program and the Bright Futures Academic Program were funded by the Resch Foundation and will be held annually for the next three years.

The performing arts camp featured seminars and lectures from professionals in the performing arts, including filmmaker Billy Jackson, and rehearsals with One World Tribe, a multicultural group that performs numbers from reggae, soul, hip hop, funk, Jazz, African pop, Latin and salsa. The camp culminated with a performance from One World Tribe and the Campbell students.

The academic camp focused on developing skills in subjects such as math and writing, as well as providing ACT preparation. The camp also promoted cultural and enrichment activities. The group took field trips to historical and cultural sites and plans to visit numerous colleges and universities over the next three years.

Several other camps focusing on areas of the performing arts were held for students from area schools.

• The Youth Foundation Theater Camp for students ages 12-18 was held over five days in June. Campers were immersed in a series of lectures, improvisations, character-building exercises and scene rehearsals. A performance for family, friends and the general public was held at the end of the week.

• The week-long Musical/Performing Arts Workshop was held on campus from July 31-Aug. 6. The camp included workshops for drama/music teachers and culminated in performances of “A Little Bug Music,” a children’s opera held in Berlin Student Lounge.

• Piano Camp for High School Students was held Aug. 1-2. It featured private lessons and supervised practice sessions, as well as ensemble rehearsals and an introduction to movie sound track production.

A science arts camp for preschool students was held in early June. The five-day program featured daily themes such as nature and Earth, motion and energy, water and air, and reaction and matter.

In addition, multiple workshops and seminars for administrators, teachers and counselors were held on campus, including programs for elementary science teachers, high school science teachers, and choral directors.

“The mission of the Drinko Center is to enrich undergraduate education, and I think we really did that this summer,” said Virginia Tomlinson, director of the Drinko Center. “With student and faculty involvement, we expanded the range of learning opportunities for preK-12 students and teachers this summer... and we all benefited.”

Nearly two dozen students from Campbell (OH) High School participated in the 10-day Bright Futures Performing Arts Program at Westminster this summer. The students attended seminars and lectures from professionals in the performing arts and completed the camp by performing in concert with the multicultural group, One World Tribe.

Campbell High School students participating in the Bright Futures Academic Program at Westminster not only developed academic skills in math and writing, but were also involved in cultural and enrichment activities, such as canoeing.
Four-way Kidney Swap Aids WC Professor
Krantz receives transplant with assist from education department colleague

Joyce Hoellein gave her kidney for Patrick Krantz. She just couldn’t give it to him. So she did the next best thing. Hoellein donated a kidney to another kidney patient, Peter Welden, whose son, in turn, donated a kidney to Krantz.

The double transplant was successfully performed on a single night in May at Akron City Hospital’s Renal Transplant Center.

“I feel better now than I have in years,” Krantz said nearly four months after the transplants. “I am slowly getting back to a ‘normal’ routine. My medications are being tweaked and reduced. I will be on anti-rejection medication for the rest of my life, but it is clearly worth it.”

“To have it work out so well is absolutely amazing,” said Hoellein, a lecturer of education at Westminster.

Krantz, an assistant professor of education, had been on dialysis for over three and a half years and had consulted with several hospitals and potential donors about a kidney transplant. But he could not locate a donor with matching blood type and tissue composition. Among the willing donors who were not his match was Hoellein. Meanwhile, Peter Welden, a doughnut shop owner in Alliance, Ohio, was going through the same thing. None of his seven children were a perfect match for him.

Finally, a transplant coordinator at Akron City Hospital noticed that Krantz and Welden could get the kidney they needed by switching donors.

“It is easy to say that Joyce gave a kidney,” Krantz said. “But Joyce did so much more than give a kidney, she radically changed my life. She changed my wife’s life, my family’s life, Pete Welden’s life, and so on.”

Education Students Deliver Toys to Pittsburgh Children’s Hospital

One student’s recollection of a painful experience in her life is helping to make hospital stays a little more tolerable for patients at Pittsburgh’s Children’s Hospital.

Sara Belsito, a senior elementary education major and a leukemia survivor, suggested to her classmates in Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary Classroom course last spring that they donate toys and games to the patients undergoing treatment and procedures at the hospital.

“Sara shared that while children are undergoing treatment, toys and stuffed animals aid in making an unpleasant experience bearable,” said assistant professor of education Amy Camardese. “But hospital budgets do not provide money for toys and games, so they rely on donations.”

Members of the class decided to contribute one dollar each week for “dress-down Fridays.” In addition, elementary block students distributed containers around the Westminster campus and at Muggies Coffee Shop in New Wilmington to collect contributions for Children’s Hospital. A total of $231 was collected and Toys R Us donated another $70 in merchandise. Together, $300 worth of toys, games, stuffed animals, crayons, books, and coloring books were donated to the Children’s Hospital Oncology/Hematology Department.

Renowned Architect Launches Distinguished Speaker Series

Renowned architect and designer William McDonough inaugurated Westminster College’s Distinguished Speaker Series with his lecture, “Perspectives on the Environment” Sept. 14 in Orr Auditorium.

The lecture series, funded by a grant from the Lewis Foundation and hosted by the DrINKO Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, explores the economic, social, religious, political and security aspects of environmental issues. All lectures are free and open to the public.

“To acquire knowledge of, and to demonstrate moral and ethical commitments to the natural world is an integral part of a liberal arts education at Westminster,” said Shahrourkh Mistry, assistant professor of biology and coordinator of the series. “This speaker series is an important step toward developing an interdisciplinary and cooperative approach to engaging students in becoming knowledgeable and responsible stewards of the natural world and their communities.”

McDonough is the winner of three U.S. Presidential Awards: The Presidential Award for Sustainable Development in 1996; The National Design Award in 2004; and the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award in 2003. Time magazine recognized him as a “Hero for the Planet” in 1999, stating that “his utopianism is grounded in a unified philosophy that – in demonstrable and practical ways – is changing the design of the world.” Esquire magazine designated him “The Big Thinker of the Year” in 2005 for “reinventing almost everything” for the better.

McDonough is the founding principal of William McDonough + Partners, Architecture and Community Design, an internationally recognized design firm practicing ecologically, socially, and economically intelligent architecture and planning in the U.S. and abroad. He is also the cofounder and principal, with German chemist Michael Braungart, of McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry (MBDC), which employs a comprehensive “Cradle to Cradle” design protocol to chemical benchmarking, supply-chain integration, energy and materials assessment, clean-production qualification, and sustainability issue management and optimization. He has designed corporate campuses and facilities for clients including The Gap, Herman Miller, Ford Motor Company and Oberlin College. He is currently working with the Chinese government, which has hired him as the master planner of six cities, each presenting a different ecological challenge. His new book, Cradle to Cradle, challenges the belief that human industry must do damage to the natural world.
Baseball (18-19, 6-12 PAC)
The Westminster baseball team fell short of defending its Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) championship. The Titans won seven out of eight non-conference games during a stretch in April, but could not capture momentum in league action.

Three players were named to the PAC's all-conference second team: sophomore outfielder Don Womeldorff, sophomore second baseman Don Kirkwood, and freshman designated hitter John Izzo.

Womeldorff led the Titans in hitting with a .361 average (44-of-122) with nine doubles, two triples, three home runs, 24 runs scored, 15 stolen bases and 25 RBI. He led the team in hits and tied for the team lead in doubles.

Kirkwood batted .333 (39-of-117) with six doubles, three triples, one home run, 35 runs scored, 10 stolen bases and 17 RBI.

Izzo hit .343 (37-of-108) and led the club with three triples and six home runs. He added six doubles, 22 runs scored, nine stolen bases and 28 RBI.

Sophomore pitcher Andy Robison (2-5) posted a team-low ERA of 3.38, while senior pitcher Brenton Gilmore (2-4) started a team-high nine games and led the staff with 46 strikeouts.

Men's Golf
Westminster's reign atop the PAC came to an end in 2006 as the Titans placed second at the PAC Championships held at the Speidel Golf Course in Wheeling, W.Va.

The Titans fired a two-day, 36-hole total of 321-319-640 to finish behind Washington & Jefferson, which totaled 616 for the tournament.

Westminster was led by sophomore Jeff Skubick, who earned all-PAC first-team honors after firing a 70-86-156 to tie for fourth place in individual competition. Gary McGovern shot an 80-80-160 to finish in a tie for eighth place, earning all-PAC second-team laurels.

During the season, the Titans competed in 13 invitationals, winning the Grove City MBA Invitational.

Women's Golf
The Lady Titans saw their conference title streak end at two, finishing second to Washington & Jefferson at the PAC Championships held at the Crispin Golf Course in Wheeling, W.Va.

Westminster posted a two-day, 36-hole total of 408-382-790. W&J shot a 728.

Senior Kayla Pursifull shot an 89-95-184 to finish in third place among individuals.

The women's team competed in six invitationals during the season and finished second on three occasions.

Softball (22-18, 9-3 PAC)
Westminster's softball team also set out to defend a conference title in 2006. The Lady Titans seemed geared toward achieving that goal, carrying a streak of 13 wins in 15 games into the PAC tournament. However, the Lady Titans were upset, exiting the conference championships after two straight losses.

Westminster achieved its 23rd winning season in the last 25 and had four players named first-team all-conference: senior second baseman Abby Mazar, junior pitcher/designated hitter Jennifer Pancake, junior outfielder Stephanie Cornicelli, and junior first baseman Kristin Zyskowski.
Mazar earned All-PAC recognition for the third straight season. For the season, she batted .314 (38-of-121) with three doubles, 22 runs scored, and 25 RBI.

Pancake was tabbed to the first team for the third consecutive season after posting a 17-13 record and team- and PAC-best 1.34 earned-run average with 104 strikeouts (second in the PAC) in 188 innings. At the plate, she batted .325 (39-of-120) with team-high totals of 11 doubles, three home runs, and 25 RBI.

Cornicelli posted a team-high .359 batting average (46-of-128), good for eighth in the PAC. She also posted a team- and PAC-high 13 stolen bases on 14 attempts, while adding a team-best 25 runs scored and nine RBI.

Zyskowski batted .315 (34-of-108) with a team-high 11 doubles, one triple, 17 runs scored, and 14 RBI.

**Men’s Tennis (6-9, 3-3 PAC)**

The Titan men’s tennis team completed its season by tying for sixth at the PAC Championships, held at the Pennbriar Athletic Club in Erie.

The Titans finished the tournament with five points, trailing champion Grove City (50), Thiel (30), Waynesburg (20), Thomas More (14) and Washington & Jefferson (11), while tying Bethany.

While no Titans earned all-conference honors, sophomore Gene Cunningham and freshman Stefan Hadricky each posted victories at the event.

Cunningham posted a 2-1 overall singles mark to finish in third place in the fourth singles flight. Hadricky finished in fourth place in the fifth singles flight. He was the only Titan to post a winning singles record (10-8) during the season.

**Men’s and Women’s Track & Field**

Westminster’s men’s and women’s track and field teams placed fourth and third, respectively, at the PAC Championships.

The men’s team featured senior Adam Hadbavny, who qualified for the NCAA Championships in the discus before placing 13th overall. Hadbavny was named Field Athlete of the Year in the NCAA Division III Mideast Region, after capturing PAC titles in both the shot put and the discus, and producing his NCAA-qualifying distance of 168-3 in the discus.

Overall, Westminster track and field athletes captured eight titles at the PAC meet. In addition to Hadbavny’s titles, Cory Criss won the 800 meter run for the men, while women’s team members winning titles included freshman Kate Kushnner (100 meter hurdles, 400 hurdles), senior Sonya Cole (shot put), sophomore Jessica Cooper (triple jump), and freshman Rebecca Shiner (800 meter run).

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**Top Athletes Honored at WESPY Awards**

The Westminster College Department of Athletics hosted the Third Annual WESPY (Westminster Exceptional Sports Performances of the Year) Awards at Orr Auditorium, honoring the top athletic achievements of 2005-2006.

Highlighting the event was the awarding of the David B. Fawcett and Marjorie A. Walker Awards, given annually to acknowledge those individuals who best exemplify the qualities of fairness, sportsmanship, leadership, determination and competitiveness. The Fawcett Award was given to Adam Hadbavny, while the Walker Award was presented to Abby Mazar.

Hadbavny earned seven letters at Westminster (four in track & field, three in football). In track, he was a five-time Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) champion in the throwing events (discus, shot put, javelin) while setting two school records. In football, he was a two-year starter at defensive end, earning academic all-district honors. Mazar was a four-year starter at second base for the Lady Titans, earning All-PAC honors each of the last three seasons while leading Westminster to its first-ever PAC softball title in 2005.

The WESPY Award, given for the top single-event athletic performance, was voted on by the entire campus community. The male WESPY went to Titan junior swimmer Ryan Trunk, who earned All-America honors in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle at the NCAA Division III Swimming Championships in Minneapolis, Minn. The female WESPY went to Lady Titan freshman track & field athlete Kate Kushner, who captured PAC titles in both the 100 meter hurdles and 400 meter hurdles in 2006.

The Senior Scholar-Athlete Awards, given annually to the graduating senior male and female student-athletes with the highest cumulative grade-point averages, were given to basketball player Brian Fadden and baseball player Brenton Gilmore (both had a 3.51 GPA) and soccer player Tara Hoellerman (3.82).

Honorary Titan Awards were given to Bob Latta and Joe Onderko M’00. Latta, who recently retired as director of financial aid at the College, served as a clock operator at Titan games for several years and is a long-time supporter of Westminster athletics. Onderko has served as sports information director at Westminster for the past 11 years before becoming the first full-time executive director of the PAC in 2006-07. The athletic department also honored a Westminster faculty member for his support of Titan athletics. David Barner, associate professor and chair of the communication studies, theatre, and art department, was given the WESPY Towering Titan Faculty Award. Barner has served as voice of the Titans on Westminster radio and television for the past several years.

WESPY Coach of the Year honors went to men’s swimming coach Rob Klamut and women’s soccer coach Girish Thakar.

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

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**Team MVPs**

**Baseball** - Senior catcher Ed DeRose

**Men’s Basketball** - Senior guard/forward Brian Fadden

**Women’s Basketball** - Sophomore guard/forward Emilee Ackerman

**Men’s Cross Country** - Senior Jordan Hinds

**Women’s Cross Country** - Junior Amy Carroll

**Football** - Senior running back Sean Buggey

**Men’s Golf** - Sophomore Jeff Skubick

**Women’s Golf** - Junior Kelly Spisak

**Men’s Soccer** - Junior defender Todd Atwood

**Women’s Soccer** - Sophomore forward Mallory Bugel

**Softball** - Senior second baseman Abby Mazar

**Men’s Swimming** - Junior Ryan Trunk

**Women’s Swimming** - Junior Britt Thomas

**Men’s Tennis** - Freshman Stefan Hadricky

**Women’s Tennis** - Junior Sara Belsito

**Men’s Track & Field** - Senior Adam Hadbavny

**Women’s Track & Field** - Sophomore Jessica Cooper

**Volleyball** - Senior outside hitter Erin Hinks
Men’s Basketball Team Completes Tour of Belize

Westminster’s men’s basketball team completed a weeklong tour of the Central American country of Belize this summer, posting a 3-1 mark on the trip.

The Titans defeated a split squad of professional and amateur players from the University of Belize in the capital city of Belmopan, then traveled to Belize City for their three remaining games. Westminster posted wins over the Universidad de Quintana Roo (Mexico) and the University of Belize. After an off day, the Titans dropped a contest to the University of Belize.

The trip was beneficial for the Titan program, according to fourth-year head coach Larry Ondako, for the team camaraderie and especially for it being the unofficial start to the 2006-07 season.

“It was just a great trip for the guys to go down there and see a different place,” Ondako said. “Basketball-wise we were able to get two players (Bobby Glass and Dom Joseph, both of whom sat out the 2005-2006 season) some game experience, and they are going to help us during the season.”

Between games, the team toured ancient Mayan ruins, went snorkeling on the island of Ambergris Caye, and watched several semipro basketball games. Former Westminster player Kevin Siroki ’92 helped organize the trip. Siroki is the head coach at the University of Belize and is an assistant for the Belize National Team.

Trunk, Swim Teams Head List of Academic Honorees

Junior Ryan Trunk earned individual Academic All-American honors, leading a strong showing from the Westminster College swim teams in awards handed out by the College Swim Coaches Association of America (CSCAA).

The women’s swim team achieved a GPA of 3.41 for the winter/spring, earning “Superior” status from the CSCAA, while the men gained “Excellent” status by posting a 3.04 GPA.

Trunk was recognized for his 3.964 GPA for the semester.

Men’s and Women’s Track & Field

Westminster’s men’s and women’s track & field teams were recognized by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) as Division III All-Academic teams. Teams must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher to qualify.

The men’s team was one of only 31 teams in the nation recognized, while the Lady Titans were one of only 50 teams honored.

Senior Adam Hadbavny was also honored as an individual by the USTFCCCA for posting a GPA of over 3.25 while qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

Hadbavny qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships in the discus and placed 13th overall. He was also named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District men’s track & field/cross country team as a second-team selection in the District II College Division.

Softball

Two members of the Westminster softball team were named to the 2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II College Division Softball teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Junior outfielder Heather Gurgiolo was a first-team selection, while senior second baseman Abby Mazar was named to the third team.

Gurgiolo started 34 games in right field for Westminster in 2006, batting .295 (38-of-121). In the classroom, she maintains a 3.96 GPA.

Mazar started all 40 games for the Lady Titans at second base, batting .314 (38-of-121) with team-high tying 25 RBIs. Academically, she carried a 3.64 cumulative GPA.

The District II College Division consists of all non-NCAA Division I colleges and universities in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. To be nominated for the Academic All-America program a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 or higher and is a starter or significant reserve.

Varner Added to Football Coaching Staff

Westminster head football coach Jeff Hand completed his 2006 coaching staff by announcing the hiring of Josh Varner.

Varner, 25, will serve as defensive line coach and special teams coordinator. He replaces Don Augustine, who left Westminster to pursue a career in public education. Augustine will remain on the athletics staff part time as the men’s and women’s track and field coach, a position he has held for the past three seasons.

A native of Fayette, Iowa, Varner joins the Westminster staff after spending three seasons (2003-05) as an assistant at Wisconsin-Platteville. He completed his master’s degree in counselor education at Wisconsin-Platteville and served as the Pioneers’ assistant offensive line coach in 2003 and ’04 and defensive line coach in 2005.

A 2003 graduate of Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, with a bachelor’s degree in sociology, Varner lettered in football all four years at Loras and was a first-team all-conference offensive lineman.
Alumni News

REGIONAL CONNECTIONS
With Cindy Dafler ’03

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

May 26 – Pittsburgh, PA. ▶
A group of Pittsburgh “Young Alumni” from the classes of 1990-2005 gathered at the Firehouse Lounge for networking and socializing with fellow alumni. Hosts from the Pittsburgh Regional Alumni Committee for the evening were: Rich McKenna ’84, Becky Rickard ’98, and Melissa Ruefle ’98. The group had a great time reconnecting with classmates and meeting new alumni!

June 11 – Akron, OH.
Over 227 alumni and guests enjoyed a wonderful day at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. Alumni were greeted by hostess and Westminster trustee Whitney Fraier Bohan ’75, at a reception in the Carriage House Tent before heading off to explore the estate. Alumni toured the Manor House; exotic butterfly exhibit; garden-gauge train exhibit; and the beautiful gardens! All guests attending had an outstanding day. Thank you so much, Whitney, for hosting this very special event! ▼

Upcoming alumni events:

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!

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

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

As coordinator of advancement events, Cindy is responsible for coordinating and implementing all events and activities associated with advancement programs – including regional alumni events.

For information about an upcoming regional event or if you are interested in hosting an event in your area, contact Cindy at 724-946-7373 or daflercs@westminster.edu.
Alumni Breakfast at Wiley House

More than 50 alumni gathered for breakfast on the lawn by Wiley Alumni House in July. The annual breakfast provides alumni on campus for the New Wilmington Missionary Conference with an opportunity to gather for Westminster fellowship and news. The breakfast and visit from President Tom Williamson were accompanied by an opportunity to tour the new Wiley Alumni House.

Return to Westminster – the place, the people, the spirit
Homecoming & Reunion Weekend
October 20 & 21, 2006

Events include:
Carillon Concert
Alumni Worship Service in Wallace Memorial Chapel
Homecoming Parade – Fairy Tale Floats
Tea with the Books - John Fontanella '67 speaking
Tour Thompson House, a Berlin Village townhouse and Wiley Alumni House
Titans take on Bethany Bisons

Celebrate Westminster People
Each year Homecoming brings an opportunity to recognize the unique and meaningful accomplishments of alumni in their professions, communities and their connections with alma mater.

The 2006 recipients of the Westminster College Alumni Citation are Judge George “Tookie” James ’59, Dr. and Mrs. Paul and Margaret Newcomb Musser ’45 ’45 and Dr. Timothy W. Schenz ’68. The 2006 recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award is Mr. Robert C. Jackson ’91. Join in honoring these special alumni during the Citation Celebration Dinner Friday evening.

Reunions, Saturday, October 21
Watch your mail for the Homecoming and Reunion Weekend brochure including the reservation form and full weekend schedule.

5th Cluster Reunion for the Classes of 2000, ’01 & ’02
Casual pre-game lunch in Old 77
Join us at the reunion!
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• Connect with Westminster news.
• Connect with Westminster sports.
• Connect with Westminster events, some announced only through e-mail.

Add your current e-mail address to the online Alumni E-mail Directory.
www.westminster.edu/alumniemail
20th Cluster Reunion for the Classes of 1985, ’86 & ’87
Dinner at the Holiday Inn Metroplex, 1620 Motor Inn Drive, Girard OH (330-759-0606)
We look forward to seeing you at the reunion!

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25th Reunion – Class of 1982

40th Cluster Reunion for the Classes of 1965, ’66 & ’67
Dinner at the Holiday Inn Metroplex, 1620 Motor Inn Drive, Girard OH (330-759-0606)
Join us to share memories and catch up on life since our years on campus!

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50th Reunion – Class of 1956

55th Reunion for the Class of 1951
Reunion Open House, Home of Marie Nicholas Peterson, 221 Meadowbrook Drive, New Wilmington. Late afternoon reception with classmates, great time to gather after the Titan game before heading out for the evening.

Marie Nicholas Peterson ’51
Jim & Jane Boore Bower ’51 ’51
Al and Margaret Elliott Sternbergh ’51 ’54

60th Reunion for the Class 1946
Pre-game luncheon in McKelvey Campus Center including special class seating during the Reunion Celebration Luncheon.
Looking forward to seeing you at the reunion!

Dorothy Pollock ’46 dotpol@aol.com

Affinity Reunions:

Chemistry Alumni Reunion
Pre-game lunch in Hoyt
Busy day and you can’t make it for lunch? Be sure to stop by later for conversation!

Football Reunion Luncheon, 1971, ’81 & ’92 Undefeated Titan Football Teams, Memorial Field House
For information and reservations contact the athletic department, (724) 946-7307.

1959-81 Chapel Reunion
In the spring a small group of former chapel staff along with Judd McConnell ’55 and Mabel Wimer ’64 formed a committee to organize a reunion of chapel program participants from 1959–81. Since that time we’ve been combing through files to identify the people who were part of the worship and work of the chapel program. Whether your participation was great or small, we hope you will consider returning to campus for this reunion within a reunion. During that weekend you will be able to attend a wide variety of general homecoming events including those we have specifically planned for you. Please consider attending our three R’s.

First is the opportunity to Reacquaint with each other on Friday. This is an informal event where we can begin to catch up on each other’s lives and enjoy seeing chapel program photographs and memorabilia. Then join us for lunch on Saturday to Remember. A master of ceremonies will help us share both our serious and humorous memories of chapel services, events and key people that influence our lives. Finally, on Saturday evening, take time to Renew your spirits at an Agape Feast. As in the past, music, art and dance will be an integral part of this worship service.

Please join us for one or all of the events we have planned. Our intention is to make this reunion an inclusive time so spouses, friends, and families are welcome to attend.

We look forward to reconnecting with you in October!

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Alumni Marching Band
An alumni marching band will be formed for Homecoming on October 21. Instruments will be provided. Music will be sent out in advance and a short rehearsal will be held the morning of Homecoming, following the parade. Alumni will not need to march. They will simply take the field along with our marching band to combine for a great performance.

All interested alumni should contact: Dr. R. Tad Greig at greigrt@westminster.edu or call (724) 946-7279.
Class of 2010 Dives into College Waters

More than 340 new students dove headfirst into college life at Westminster with the traditional Opening Convocation Aug. 25 at Orr Auditorium.

The opening ceremony, which featured a keynote address from Scott Mackenzie, officially welcome to the College a new class of first-year and transfer students. The Class of 2010 was met early in the morning by waiting Fresh Start volunteers and members of the Titan football team, who unloaded vehicles and helped move the newcomers into their residence halls.

After picking up essentials, such as their Titan Card and books for their first semester, the new students headed to Orr, where they were greeted by President R. Thomas Williamson, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College Jesse Mann, College Chaplain Jim Mohr and senior Matt Kerns, president of the Student Government Association. Mackenzie, an assistant professor of theatre at Westminster who recently returned from serving in Iraq, then delivered a speech titled "Once and Future." Special music was presented by the Westminster College Brass Ensemble. Senior Nikky Douglas led the singing of the alma mater.

Clockwise from top: A note left on a dorm room message board sums up the spirit of the day; A team of tie-dyed Fresh Start volunteers take a breather outside of McKelvey Campus Center; President Williamson meets some of the new arrivals; Scott Mackenzie isn’t new to Westminster, but he’s back in the classroom after spending a year in Iraq.

Lasting Legacies

For at least 11 members of the Class of 2010, attending Westminster College was a family affair. Among the first-year students who are at least second-generation Titans are (pictured with their alumni parents after Opening Convocation): Dave Bauer, Amanda Everett, Gabriella Hiles, Nathan Hunter, Mary Beth Memo, Heather Merry, Jonathan Morrow, Rebecca Ruppert, Laurel Sprague, Leah Timm, and Andy Ubry.
A cell phone here, a pair of baggy sweats there; slowly, almost imperceptibly, student life at Westminster College has changed over the years. Fads and fashions come and go, but there’s no mistaking that the campus atmosphere of 2006 is a far cry from 1956, 1976 or even 1996. Not necessarily better; not necessarily worse. Just ...different.

Consider how technology alone has affected student life. Today’s students may, in a single day, receive 20 cell phone calls and at least as many text messages and e-mails or, with the popularity of social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace, make friends with students from around the country without leaving their room. Within the confines of the campus, changes have been less dramatic, more gradual. But, they’re there.

Each year, over 1,000 young men and women descend on little New Wilmington and build a community of their own. Based on the makeup of each incoming and outgoing class, one year’s community is necessarily different from the next. This series of articles focuses on one community at one sliver of time – today’s Titans. With the help of student contributors Amy Lavallee, Danica Scott and D.J. Yokley, and the lens of freelance photographer Tiffany Shaffer, we queried more than 30 students about nearly every aspect of student life – from dining to dating, dorm life to nightlife. This is what we found...
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o these are the best days/ nights of our lives? We stay up late, party all night, wake up mid-day and wander around our dorm from room to room looking for something to put in our empty stomachs. YEAH, RIGHT! Try pulling all-nighters studying, just to wake up at the break of dawn to go to your 8:10 class to take an exam that would even make Einstein’s eyes roll. Say hello to the life of Eric Miller. Granted, it is not an everyday occurrence to have an exam, but with four classes and his job with the football team during this semester, it’s important that he stick to his study habits. Some say that the rough road lies ahead for a college student. But if you ask Eric, and his weeks full of 17-hour days, the future is smooth sailing.

7:15 am
Eric wakes up to the dreaded sound of the alarm clock, and before he opens his eyes immediately regrets the extra half-hour video game session he had with his roommate the previous night. Eric pulls himself off the mattress and stumbles over to the sink to splash water on his face.

7:43 am
Eric makes his way through the line at the TUB with his breakfast to get his morning kick started. He walks to his usual seat by the TV, where he can multi-task – eat, watch TV, and read the sports section of the newspaper. His breakfast today consists of cereal, a bagel, and milk. He pounds it down the hatch and takes off to his first class of the day.

8:05 am
As always, Eric shows up five minutes early to his class in Patterson Hall, and he is first in the classroom. He takes his seat in the middle of the room and waits to learn about the history of Pennsylvania. Still feeling the effects of morning, Eric yawns and begins to pull texts from his bag in search of his notebook which he finds and lays out on his desk. As the professor arrives, Eric prepares for review and perks up ready to learn.
9:09 am
As class comes to a close, and books are put away, Eric stays an extra two minutes to ask a question about the material gone over in class. Though he can’t stay too long because of his 9:20, he makes sure that he has a firm grasp of the new information before he heads off to the second of three classes on the day.

10:21 am
Philosophy of the Mind is a wrap for Wednesday, and not a moment too soon. Eric has to hustle to make it on time to Neuropsychology of the Mind, where there is going to be a test on Friday, so this session is critical for review.

11:32 am
With all of his classes done, the only thing on Eric’s mind now is food. He walks over to the TUB with a couple of classmates as they talk about how they feel about the upcoming exam. Eric goes through the line and picks up a salad, and a milk, and off he goes back to Eichenauer to refuel his tank and gear up for a well-deserved relaxation session.

Noon
After mowing down his greens, Eric falls dramatically on his bed, still wondering why in the world he stayed up that extra half hour to play games next door. Eric turns on the TV and watches until his eyelids slowly give way and he passes out.

1:03 pm
Suddenly awoken by a sandal that had been thrown at him by his suitemate, Eric crawls out of bed and slips into his Westminster T-shirt and his navy blue mesh shorts, and starts to tie his shoes as he prepares himself to workout at Memorial Fieldhouse. Today the focus will be on the biceps and the back.

2:08 pm
Eric makes the journey uphill to Eichenauer to get back to his room and begin the first of many study sessions over the next two days. He cracks the bind on his Philosophy of the Mind book, inhales and lets out a massive sigh before he locks his eyes on the letters and loses himself in the text for the next hour and a half.

3:32 pm
Ready to toss his books out his 3rd floor window, Eric pulls himself away from his desk and finds his shoes once more. It’s now time to head down to the practice football field and film the Titans as they gear up for the upcoming game. Eric throws on a hooded sweatshirt and out the door he goes.

7:03 pm
With the sun creeping down behind the trees, Eric makes the journey back to his room to pick up his suitemate. He will once again make his presence known in the TUB. Dinner is Eric’s favorite meal of the day. On this day Eric chooses a wheat wrap with roast beef and cheese, so he can take it back and throw it on the grill.

8:09 pm
After dinner and a little TV, Eric decides that it’s probably best to head back to the studies so he doesn’t have to cram it all in later in the week. Out come the trusty backpack and the neuropsychology textbook. Accompanying them is what seems to be a tree’s worth of notes. This might prove to be a long night of studying.

10:47 pm
Once again interrupted by his suitemate, Eric is convinced that playing Xbox is going to help his focus in the long run. So he takes a study break to shower, then partakes in a friendly game of college football.

12:18 am
Eric gazes at the clock after his loss, and comes to terms with reality. Once again he will go without the amount of sleep he feels he needs. Eric gets up out of the recliner, begins to walk out the door with his head down, knowing he’ll be prepping for bed. He mumbles out, “I guess you’re only young once.” Then looks up with a smile and says “One more game?”

(D.J. Yokley is a junior broadcast communications major from East Palestine, Ohio.)
these days, technology has almost completely taken over our campus. Everywhere you go, you see students listening to their iPods, typing on their laptops, “stalking” people on Facebook, and talking on their cell phones. Just the other day I watched two girls leave my building side by side. They seemed to be deeply engaged in conversation, until they turned down a sidewalk and I saw they were each on their respective cell phones! Has technology taken the humanity out of communication? Or is it helpful and convenient?

Some students believe that communication is becoming impersonal because of the wide variety of technology available to students these days. Karah Churmusi, a junior elementary education major, says that, “technology is ridiculous. Everyone has a cell phone attached to their ear, and everyone is addicted to the Internet. No one bothers to actually go talk to anyone in person anymore.” Every student surveyed admits that they are more likely to just call someone on their cell phone, rather than walk over to their room. Mark Amaismeier, a sophomore physics major, added that it’s “so much easier to use the cell phone than to walk across campus to have to talk to someone.” Many students do not use their in-room phones, and some do not even bother plugging phones into their room jacks. Personally, I find a cell phone unnecessary for my needs, so I have never considered purchasing one. Though I must confess, when I need to contact someone immediately, my phone card does not always make the grade. If there is no pay phone around, I'm out of luck, and am forced to rely upon the significantly less popular form of communication: e-mail.

When I first came to Westminster, current students informed my incoming class that they probably check their e-mail an average of eight times a day. Thinking that this was an obvious exaggeration, since of course no one checks their e-mail more than once a week or so, my friends and I laughed at the idea of being so enslaved to a computer. Little did we know. It was soon made very clear that e-mail was the main stream of communication from the faculty and administration of the college. Sometimes a professor may only give a half hour warning e-mail that they are changing classrooms, assuming that every student would certainly check their mail during that time. Now

I have my e-mail page up at all times, and I refresh the page about every 15 minutes if I can. This is my dominant form of communication, seeing as how I lack the hot commodity of a mobile phone. However, Rachel Webb, a sophomore English major, said, “I don’t have a computer in my room, so I only check my e-mail once a day. I don’t rely on it for communication. Cell phones make it way easier to contact someone.” So even now, different forms of technology are racing against one another, almost tumbling forward to be the fastest and the best. E-mailing has been pushed to the back burner.

More recently, it’s not even really necessary to be acquainted with someone to be friends with them. Now, with the new phenomenon of social networking sites like Facebook, people
can create entire networks of “friends” on their college campus and with all other college-going students. Though this can be a useful tool when needing to find someone, it is also lacking when it comes to being personable. Facebook allows students to be informed about all different aspects of a friend’s life, without ever even speaking with them at all. Though some may think of this as saving time, I think it’s eliminating something we all need: real friends who care enough about us to inquire about our lives. Sarah Girard, a sophomore fine art major, expresses her distaste with a use of the network: “I hate when people ‘friend’ complete strangers just to get their number of ‘friends’ up. That’s not real. If you don’t ever even speak to somebody in real life, then they’re not your friend. So what if you have 7,000 ‘friends’ on Facebook? If you don’t have someone to talk to, you’re going to be lonely.”

Facebook itself represents yet another problem with all this technological access: addiction. With Facebook, its constant additions and multiple facets of detail make it difficult to keep up. Hundreds of students are self-proclaimed addicts of Facebook, joining groups called “I am a Facebook addict,” “Facebook is my life,” and the original, “My roommate is worried about me because I live on Facebook.”

Many students also seem to have a problem putting down their cell phone. “Everybody has a phone ringing in class,” claims Eric Miller, a junior criminal justice major, “but professors don’t miss a beat.” Indeed, many professors tell their students their rules on day one, or include it in the syllabus. Some professors take phones from you for the rest of the class, will keep them for the day, or, most amusingly, answer their student’s phones for them.

AOL Instant Messenger, more fondly known as “IM”, is a feature that many students spend a lot of their time with also. Churmus says, “IM is addicting, plus it’s a huge distraction if you’re trying to do homework.” True, it is difficult to keep from checking on what all of your friends are doing if you’re on the computer, but IM can be really helpful too. “Instant messages... help students to get in contact if [they] need help on homework or for group projects,” said Ryan Brolley, a junior math major. I admit that I’ve used it to conduct interviews sometimes. It’s easy because you can leave a message for someone, and as soon as they get back to their computer, they can see it and respond. It’s also nice because you could be up at all hours of the night, but still be able to “talk” to people without disturbing roommates. Colin Dean, a senior computer science major and editor of the Holcad, says that AOL Instant Messenger is life, unfortunately. Students talk socially on it, use it for collaboration [on work projects], and even interview each other for assignments using it.”

So there you have it. Technology has affected communications drastically on campus. Although a lot of items make communicating impersonal, others can be almost as good as talking right to someone. Anthony Buck, a junior business administration major, is all for it. “You can do more, easier, and in less time,” says Buck. It’s the McDonaldization of technology, but for students who are always lacking time, it may almost be necessary.

(Danica Scott is a junior English major from New Wilmington.)
es, that is Britney Spears staring out a window near the east entrance of Eichenauer Hall.

The pop princess stands smiling in the window, larger than life. But unfortunately for her caretaker/admirer, she is made of cardboard. No matter. The young men in Eichenauer, like the young men and women in Russell or Galbreath, or any of the other seven residential buildings on campus, are living on their own away from home, learning to express themselves, to get along with others and make good choices, which is a large part of what dorm life is all about.

By its nature, dormitory living presents students with a double-edged sword: On one hand, your friends are always right there; on the other hand, your friends are always right there.

“A friend of mine lives at the beginning of my hallway, and so I stop in to see her before going to my room. It’s really convenient that I can see my friend anytime,” said sophomore Lynn Elliott. “When I have work to do, though, it’s difficult to be right down the hall from her.”

“Dorm life is a love/hate relationship,” said junior Karah Churmusi. “You either love your roommate and the place you are living, or you hate it. It takes compromises sometimes.”

The best part, students agree, is building close friendships with their hallmates, and the fact that there’s almost always somebody around. Even at 2 a.m.

“I enjoy having a roommate because it’s someone to have with you and not feel so lonely,” Churmusi said. “Alone time is great, but when you need someone to talk to having a roommate, or even just others in your hall, is wonderful. A lot of us (including myself) feel lonely and friendless during winter break and summer because we’re so used to having people in our rooms so often.”

“My favorite thing about living in the dorm was the camaraderie you had with the girls on your hall,” said junior Danielle Adams. “I know last year we had a really fun hall, all the girls were friends and we did hall socials and hung out. You’re all in the same type of situation and can relate to each other.”

Still, communal living is not for everyone, especially those who are assigned to older buildings.

Things are getting better in that regard. Westminster has replaced much of the dorm furniture around campus in recent years, and the 2006-2007 academic year featured the opening of two new living facilities: Thompson House and the Berlin Village townhouses. Together, the remodeled Victorian home and the new condo-style apartments provide living space for nearly 80 students.
Michael Gorka has it all worked out.

“The usual plan is TUB for lunch, dining hall for dinner,” the junior chemistry major said. “So, for lunch, you get something light and don’t have to pay a lot. And dinner, you can get as much as you want.”

For some students at Westminster, choosing between the TUB (named after the former Titan Union Building) in the McKelvey Campus Center and McGinness Dining Room (cafeteria or ‘caf’) in Browne Hall is no choice at all. For others, it’s a tough call that involves taking many variables into careful consideration.

“It depends on the time of day,” said junior Eric Miller. “The TUB is too crowded sometimes, so it’s a pain in the butt.”

Each dining area has its own supporters. The TUB, opened at its present location in 2003, has plenty of booths for study groups, is open nearly all day and offers great food selections, including snacks and Starbucks coffee. Located in the Campus Center next to the Bookstore and the campus mailboxes, foot traffic is heavy, making the TUB a popular social destination.

“I like the TUB,” said sophomore Kelsie Smith. “I like the atmosphere because everyone walks through there, so you can just say ‘hi’ to everybody.”

“I eat at the TUB more often because it’s open later and convenient for me,” said junior environmental science major Dave Van Dyne. Junior broadcast communications major Terese Marszalek, meanwhile, prefers the TUB because the “cafeteria makes me feel fat afterwards.”

However, for cash-strapped college students, it’s hard to beat the all-you-care-to-eat menu offered at the cafeteria. It offers a wide selection of foods for lunch and dinner, including a salad bar and desserts for one price. Newly refurbished last year, McGinness now more resembles a trendy restaurant than an institutional cafeteria.

“My friends generally prefer to eat in the dining hall because they like the salad bar and having more choices,” said sophomore Lynn Elliott. “The TUB is a good place for study groups, snacks, and the occasional meal, but the ‘caf’ really affords the best dining atmosphere for groups. I’m too poor to buy my food off campus!”

Of course, not everyone eats every meal on campus. Fraternity members eat their meals at their houses, while the tenants at the brand-new Berlin Village townhouses can fire up their stoves or microwaves and make their own meals.

For a quick and inexpensive meal, Pizza Joe’s is popular, and Mugsies coffeehouse is also a hot spot for the college crowd.
What is an oxymoron? Some might say dating at Westminster. And, to be honest, I was guilty of believing just that before I was asked to write this article. However, after talking to several students on campus and gathering their thoughts on dating within our quaint community, I learned a few things. It has been said that everyone has the exact love life that they want. Add some much-needed creativity and a few fraternity houses, and you may begin to get a feel for what the dating scene is like here at Westminster.

Many readers may have met their special someone while attending classes here and later went on to get married and are still together to this day. Well, believe me when I say that current students are feeling the pressure. And, while Westminster is still known to have quite a few seriously involved or even engaged couples, for the most part the single life is making a comeback.

Junior Karah Churmsi sees the college years as a perfect time to find your independence. “Sometimes I think dating at college isn’t a good idea because one of you will feel like you have to follow your significant other just to be with them, and therefore you can’t make your own decisions and feel independent. I like my independence and sometimes dating at college might get in the way.”

I was actually surprised to find that the majority of students I talked with came into college with little or no expectation of finding a serious relationship and just want to see what happens.

However, if you are one of the lucky ones that managed to grab the attention of that certain someone, you may remember some of the things you enjoyed doing together around New Wilmington. Yes, I am implying there are things to do around here (see Nightlife at Westminster, next page). While the occasional romantic dinner at Rachel’s or a late afternoon stroll around the lake are still popular, more and more students are coming up with their own dating strategies.

Junior broadcast communications major Danielle Adams gave me a few ideas to consider. “I think if you look hard enough you can find something to do...even if it’s just stupid things like sledding down the street or playing capture the flag.” It helps to be creative when it comes to dating here, especially if you’re looking to do something after dark when the town is less than lively.
You may be thinking that there can be no downside to dating at Westminster. Well, I hate to be the one to break it to you, but there were a few complaints. “Dating at Westminster is similar to dating in high school. Being single you have to be really careful with who you date here and what you do with them as far as intimacy goes because the entire campus will know,” said senior broadcast communications major Stevi Nelson. “When I first came here, I was dating a football player and everyone seemed to have a story to tell about him – like him with another girl and what he did – and it’s hard because it’s not like that in the real world; you don’t necessarily have people coming up to you tarnishing reputations.” Which brings to mind a very good point: you can’t do anything on this campus without everyone knowing about it the next day, if not sooner, which left some students hesitant to act on their love interests.

Finally, I managed to scrounge up some guys’ opinions on dating, which wasn’t easy considering how outnumbered they are here. (And, yes, there are guys on this campus who know the definition of the word.) Junior Michael Gorka talked about some of his expectations coming into college and why finding that special girl isn’t as simple as it may seem. “Honestly, I remember it was like a six-to-one girl-to-guy ratio, so I thought my odds were pretty good! And, not to sound like a total loser, but [it is] not necessarily easy [to meet girls]. A lot of times you’ll meet people when you’re hanging out with kids in your major, working on a project or even at parties.” Movies seemed to be an especially popular option for guys when it came to finding something to do. Let’s face it: being a guy and a college student makes having a budget a legitimate concern. So, what better plan than some Easy Mac and a good “chick-flick” to sweep a girl off her feet? Just kidding, guys. Most of you said you would at least swipe her for a meal at the TUB. Sophomore physics major Mark Amaismeier is in a relationship and a big fan of what Westminster has to offer. “I look forward to this every day. I have been seeing a girl here for seven months. We are able to do all kinds of different things right on campus, like watch movies, take walks around the lake, and attend many of the Christian functions such as FCA, Seekers, and Newman Club.”

I hope I didn’t drive too many girls to the junk food aisle of the Bookstore while doing my research in trying to find out why or why not people are in relationships at Westminster. Even though I am a student here and have a first-hand look into the dating scene (or, in some cases, lack thereof), I found out that I didn’t have a very accurate picture after all. Whether students are in relationships for the “long-haul” or just out to have a good time and live everyday to the fullest, I found that, for the most part, people were content with their current status. Of course, as senior business administration and music major JoAnne Johnston pointed out, “I think as girls we’re always trying to find someone…it’s in our nature.” There are still a lot of us out there looking. For those of you reading this that are happily married to fellow Westminster graduates, rest assured that some of the activities you once enjoyed around campus are still being taken advantage of today…just maybe with a few more cell phones.

(Amy Lavallee is a senior broadcast communications major from Delmont.)

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### Nightlife at Westminster

I got a variety of responses when I talked to students on campus about Westminster’s nightlife.

“Night life is either great or bad,” said senior JoAnne Johnston. “Westminster doesn’t offer a whole lot on weekends to do, so it’s either watch a movie at the theater, or in your room, go to a frat, or hang out with friends. Sometimes I think a lot of us want to go out, but we obviously have no city and a tiny town where everything closes at 6 p.m., except Mugsies.”

“In the evenings I typically just talk to people on AIM,” sophomore Mark Amaismeier said. “About two nights a week I usually run across some friends at the bridge by the tennis courts and on the Frisbee field. We stay there and talk for a while about a lot of different things.”

Fraternity parties are a big part of Westminster’s nightlife. Since New Wilmington is a little lacking in the “night spots” department, students usually resort to fraternity houses to hang out, dance, or drink. However, this is not necessarily true for everyone. Amaismeier was less than flattering when asked about local night life. “Fraternity houses are smelly and dirty. I do go to them on occasion, but there is usually too much smoke and pressure to drink there so I typically don’t.”

Westminster is similar to most colleges when it comes to Greek life. Going out is not for everyone, but it seems to be popular due to a lack of more appealing options. However, one senior pointed out that there is something unique about going out at Westminster. Johnston explained that there are definitely some perks to having such a close-knit campus community. “One of the things that really impresses me about Westminster and the frat system here is that the girls tend to really stick together. A lot of times if someone gets sick and they need to leave, you’ll find girls that aren’t even really friends with them making sure they get home and making sure everyone is okay. So, I think that’s really different from anywhere else.”

— AKL
24 William McCreery recently celebrated his 104th birthday. The former teacher, school principal and superintendent was profiled in the Tampa Tribune, citing the extensive personal history he has compiled over the years through photographs, journals and ledgers.

45 Mary Louise Gettemy Ireland was honored by the New Wilmington Rotary as Distinguished Citizen of 2006 for her volunteer service to the community.

50 Margaret Anderson Stock has retired after 50 years as a missionary in Pakistan. In her most recent assignment she was a Bible teacher and literacy coordinator, working in partnership with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission.

53 Joan Carnahan Howard has been invited to be a consumer reviewer for the Department of Defense as it evaluates proposals for breast cancer research. Joan and her husband, William, live in Chicago, where Joan is owner and president of JK Communications, Inc., an advertising and public relations firm that specializes in business-to-business accounts of privately held companies. Schartner House at Carroll Village in Dillsburg, an apartment complex for senior citizens, has moved to New Castle.

61 Caroline Rifile has retired as a child therapist with West Olmos Mental Health in San Antonio. She and her husband, Ralph Koenig, reside in Floresville, Texas.

62 Anne Wimer Wensel, a retired office and property manager from Delray Beach, Fla., is a summer mission volunteer at Stony Point (N.Y.) Conference Center.

64 Myra Kier Toomajan has retired from Cuyahoga County Public Library. She and her husband, Leo, have moved to Aiken, S.C., to enjoy sun and volunteering.

Mabel Wimer is an executive assistant to the president/CEO with Silverstar Holdings Ltd., in Boca Raton, Fla.

67 Lynne Berthold Thornhill retired after 30 years teaching in Broward County, Fla. At the urging of former classmates Betsy Girty Shoup, Dede Mauk Kazmaier and Barb Jamieson Brown, she has moved to New Castle.

Larry Bonney, a retired FBI agent, is deputy director of the Missing Children's Division at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. He and his wife, Diane Myting Bonney '66, make their home in Wilmington, N.C.

Raymond Dombrowski, professor emeritus, received the Distinguished Educator Award from Lock Haven University in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the education profession. He resides in Erie.

Ed Dudek has published O God, If I Could Just Be Holy, which uses Biblical texts, illustrations and examples to help in understanding and experiencing the crisis and process of a genuine spirit-filled life. He and his wife, Milta Rabell Dudek, make their home in Savage, Minn.

Linda O'Bryant Messier retired from teaching Spanish in the State College Area School District. She and her husband, Russ, have relocated to Clarksville, Va.

Cathy Close Choma was honored by the Teacher Excellence Center as an outstanding educator. With 35 years experience, she teaches grades 10 and 12 world cultures and AP European history at Woodland Hills High School.

Donald McKim, academic and reference editor for Westminster John Knox Press, has published Calvin and the Bible, a book he edited for Cambridge University Press. He and his wife, Lindalo, are residents of Germantown, Tenn.

Dr. Glenn Charlton is a physician and clinical content developer with Catalis, Inc. He and his wife, Gerry Hooper Charlton '71 M'93, reside in Cedar Park, Texas.

Daniel Hricko is vice president, business development for MIS and Jannx, medical consultant companies. He and his wife, Jean, make their home in Wadsworth, Ohio.

Thomas Shafer is field marketing manager for Silverline Building Products. Tom and his wife, Bonnie Boyd Shafer, live in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Scott Colvin has been elected to a three-year term on the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants’ board of governors.

He is professor of accounting at Naugatuck Valley Community College; a member of the firms of Scott R. Colvin, CPA, LLC and Valuation Advisors, LLC; and is active in numerous professional associations. He and his wife, Sandra, are residents of Shelton, Conn.

The Rev. Rick Conrad, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, was featured in the Beaumont Enterprise for the way he integrates jazz piano and other forms of contemporary music into his services. He and his wife, Sherry, reside in Beaumont, Texas.

Debora Swatsworth Foster has retired as vice president of corporate communications with the H.J. Heinz Co. and was recently featured in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. The chair of Westminster’s Board of Trustees, Deb and her husband, William Foster, make their home in Pittsburgh.

76 Health Care for the Homeless presented its President’s Award to Shirley Bigley LaMotte, a member of the board of directors, for her extraordinary contributions in offering pro bono legal services to the organization. The agency provides health care services to nearly 8,000 people annually at clinic sites in several locations in Maryland.

After 11 seasons as head football coach at Clarion University, Malen Luke has joined the Northwood University (Midland, Mich.,...
Alumni Spotlight:
Jodie Lynne McClintock ’77

What Survives Is Love
Alumna makes feature film debut in United 93

Listen to Jodie Lynne McClintock ’77 for a few minutes and you know two of the passions in her life are Westminster College and acting. You also know her experiences at the former led her to the latter.

McClintock remembers clearly her first day on campus, when dean of the chapel Judd McConnell ’55 announced he would be teaching Christ Images in the Arts, a J-term (January) class in New York City. “I turned to my mom and said, ‘That will shape my destiny. I have to go.’ When Mom said we couldn’t afford it, I told her I’d get a scholarship, or do work-study, anything.” That trip and McConnell’s influence were “extremely important” in setting her life’s path, and shaping her strong belief that everyone has a responsibility to live creatively and leave this world a better place.

Fast forward almost three decades and McClintock is an accomplished actress and acting coach living in Queens with her husband, Arthur Pearson. Her stage credits include roles on Broadway and off; at the Theatre Royal in London’s West End; at Israel’s National Theatre, the Habimah; and at major regional theaters across the U.S. She was seen on the small screen on Showtime and PBS, as well as an episode of “Law and Order: Criminal Intent.” She is currently appearing in a Nickelodeon comedy series, “The Naked Brothers Band,” in which she plays the wife of the band’s video director.

Her feature film debut in United 93 came just this past spring, when she assumed the role of Marion Ruth Britton, assistant regional director of the U.S. Census Bureau and one of the passengers aboard the ill-fated United Airlines flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001. McClintock describes the experience as difficult, unique and spiritual.

“Most of the [actors portraying] passengers were from New York and all had their own 9/11 stories,” McClintock was no exception. As she explained in an interview with the Pittsburgh Tribune Review’s film critic, Ed Blank: “I thought my husband was dead on 9/11. I had gotten up with a horrible migraine at 5 a.m. that morning and was just going back to bed when Arthur left for work….I knew he had a meeting in Manhattan. I woke up at about 9:30, 9:45 and noticed the answering machine was flashing. There was a cell call message from Arthur trying to awaken me. He said, ‘I have just seen a plane hit the World Trade Center from my rearview mirror.’ I ran to the television and turned it on….I was transfixed. And then the second tower fell. It occurred to me Arthur might have been in his car under the rubble.” Pearson arrived home later after a harrowing six-hour trip out of Manhattan, unable to call because his cell phone had died. Later that evening, he received an e-mail telling him two of his close friends (Joe De Luca and Linda Gronlund) had perished on the United flight that crashed in a field outside of Shanksville. The heroics of the passengers on that doomed flight formed the basis for United 93.

The film’s production in London was unique in the way it was filmed. Most movies are shot in four- to six-minute segments, resulting in 500,000 to 750,000 feet of film that are edited down to the finished piece. Director Paul Greengrass originally planned to film in the traditional way, but as a piece of cinéma vérité. However, it quickly became apparent that shooting in short takes and asking the cast to hold their positions—and emotions—while the cameras reloaded was not going to work. Instead, United 93 was filmed with two hand-held cameras, each shooting four minutes at a time, but at overlapping intervals so the actors could continue uninterrupted. Since many of the cast were stage actors, the continuous flow was natural for them. In addition, sets are often manipulated—walls removed, for example—to get a particular camera angle. All filming for this portion of the movie was done within the confines of the aircraft, without peeling back the plane’s outer shell for a different angle, giving the viewer a sense of what it felt like to actually be on the plane. When completed, over two million feet of film had been shot to capture a representation of each of the 44 people on board.

McClintock, Pearson and many of those involved with the film were in Shanksville with the Flight 93 families for the fifth anniversary observance on Sept. 11. One week prior, on Sept. 5, three DVD versions of the film were released: a widescreen version, a letterbox version, and a special two-disc collector’s edition with additional documentaries on the Flight 93 families, the military and the FAA. All releases include special commentary by the director.

Martin Amis wrote “All That Survives Is Love” for the London Times, an article about 9/11 and the movie. His title is taken from the last lines of the Philip Larkin poem, “An Arundel Tomb”

...and to prove
Our almost-instinct almost true:
What will survive of us is love.

McClintock agrees: “It’s our duty as artists to respond to life events and experience them from various perspectives – to open a dialogue that challenges people to create change and to share the life lessons we have learned. Talking with the families of Flight 93, you come away with an overabundant sense that all the phone calls from the plane that day in the midst of that horror had one purpose – to let those on the ground know how very much they were loved. Love is the most important legacy.”

– Sandra Chandler
Kevin Garvey and his family have relocated to Savannah, Ga., where Kevin is vice president of Savannah College of Art and Design.

The Rev. Kimberly Murman received her MBA from the University of Phoenix. She resides in Mesa, Ariz., where she is director of spiritual care at Banner Desert Medical Center.

James Rumbold Jr. is a physical education teacher in the Poudre School District in Ft. Collins, Colo.

Martha Von Hillebrandt is a graduate student at Ohio State University, pursuing a master’s in foreign language instruction. She lives in Powell, Ohio, with her husband, Rob Whittington, and their five children.

Dave Bailey has joined Harte-Hanks, a worldwide direct marketing organization, as vice president, pharmaceutical markets. He resides in Sparta, N.J., with his wife, Lori, and their two children.

James Blackie III and his wife, Jean, are residents of Honesdale, where Bill is minister at First Presbyterian Church and is a military chaplain.

Laura Dean has moved to Athens, Ga., where she is on the graduate faculty in college student affairs administration at the University of Georgia.

Pamela Morgan Lanni and her husband, Joe, live in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., where Pam is a homeschool teacher to the couple’s four children.

Deborah Bonner MacGray is a speech therapist with Pediatric Therapeutic Services. Deb and her husband, Douglas, and their three children live in Wilmington, Del.

Don Eaves is accounting manager at Brooks Automation. He and his wife, Zenalia, are the parents of three sons, the oldest of whom recently returned from a seven-month deployment to Iraq. The family resides on Merrimack, N.H.

John DeGruttola has been promoted to market leader for central Ohio with UnitedHealthcare. He and his wife, Nancy, and their two children make their home in Westerville, Ohio.

Paul Cunningham has accepted the position of chief financial officer of EP Global Communications, Inc. EP publishes Exceptional Parent magazine, which provides information to parents, doctors and caregivers of children with special needs. Paul and his wife, Kathy Salem, live in Johnstown.

Roger Ferrante has been appointed managing director of investment banking for Grandview Capital Partners, and serves as director of Business Advisors, a CPA firm. A father of two, Roger makes his home in Boardman, Ohio.

David Boyle and his wife, Debbie Berlin Boyle, and their four children live in Akron, Ohio, where Dave is president and CEO of National City Bank.

Denise Stone DeMasì received a master’s in education with a focus on reading and literacy from Walden University in Minneapolis. She teaches first grade in the Washington (N.J.) Borough School District. She and her husband, Scott, and their two children live in Bethlehem.

Andrew Shaffer serves as pastor of Camp Run Presbyterian Church and chaplain for the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department in Beaver County. Andy lives in Fombell with his wife, Cheri, and their two children.

Jill Cona Littrell is a nutrition program educator for the Eat Smart New York program, a collaboration of Cornell University and the Department of Social Services. She lives in Queensbury, N.Y., with her husband, Shawn, and their two children.

An anonymous donor has established the Young Alumni Scholarship Fund with an initial gift of $25,000. A second anonymous donor has pledged an additional $25,000 for the fund if each class between 1992 and 2006 can add to its participation by 25 new donors.

Further details and updates on the challenge can be found in this space in upcoming issues of Westminster Magazine.

Gifts to the Young Alumni Scholarship Fund can be made by mail, phone (724-946-7532) or online at www.westminster.edu/giving.

For more information on this exciting challenge, visit www.westminster.edu/youngalumni or contact your class agent.

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Joyce Barron Lintner Lancaster is advertising and marketing partnership relations manager with SAE International in Warrendale. She resides in Allison Park with her husband, Skip.

Kara Bartorona McMillan is a software engineer for Hewlett Packard. She and her husband, David, and their two daughters now live in the Netherlands.

Randall Kruger received his master of physical therapy degree from the University of Pittsburgh and is an instructor of physical therapy. He and his wife, Debi, and their three children are at home in Butler.

Jason Lener has accepted the position of deputy athletics director at Miami University (Ohio). He oversees the business office, ticket operations/group sales, and marketing and promotions. He and his wife, Jodi, and their three children are at home in Butler.

Christy Park is central station team leader with Vector Security, Inc., in Pittsburgh.

Patricia Flora is employed with iGate Corporation, an IT consulting firm in Pittsburgh.

Audra Eberhart received her master’s in special education
from Slippery Rock University and is a special education English teacher in the Farrell schools. She and her daughter live in Clark.

Julie Gardner received a master’s in library science from the University at Buffalo. She and her husband, Scott Bader, and their three children have moved to Ft. Myers, Fla.

Michael Koepfer and his wife, Kristen, and their two sons live in Wexford, where Michael is employed at New Community Church.

Linda Rice was one of five Ohio University faculty selected to receive the University Professor Award, which includes a cash award and the opportunity to teach two classes on a subject of her choosing. An assistant professor in the Department of English, Linda has written What Was It Like? Teaching History and Culture through Young Adult Literature, and is currently co-authoring and editing a book on African literature for the International Reading Association.

Tammy Richter Zink was promoted to president of the Denver division for Richmond American Homes. She and her husband, David, and their daughter live in Aurora, Colo. (See also New Additions.)

Scott Shearer teaches seventh-grade world geography in the Wilmington Area School District. He and his wife, Chris, and their two daughters have moved to New Wilmington.

96 Arli Eicher Tejada and her husband, Fredy, reside in Silver Spring, Md., were Arli is senior research analyst with United American Nurses, AFL-CIO.

Jennifer Smith Galbraith earned her FAA senior parachute rigger’s license and her USPA skydiving coach’s rating. She is an optometrist at Pease-Sieber Eye Associates in Harrisburg. She and her husband, Chad, live in Litchfield.

97 Kip Botirius is vice president for account services with Prodigal Media Company, an advertising agency in Poland, Ohio.

Bethany Marty of Coraopolis received special education certification from LaRoche College and is a learning support teacher K-3 in the Carlynton School District.

Brian Rue earned his master’s degree in environmental management from the University of Houston. He is employed by Ashland Specialty Chemical Company as a territory sales manager. He lives in Conroe, Texas, with his wife, Elin Hilliard Rue ’96 and their three children. (See also New Additions.)

John Sloane Jr. received a master’s from American InterContinental University and is president/owner of SPC Networks, Inc., an information technology firm in Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Cheri Kovic Sloane, and their son make their home in McMurray.

Megan Stull Riel is foundation administrator and alumni coordinator at John Tyler Community College Foundation, Inc., in Midlothian, Va.

Anthony Trombetta has relocated to Brookline, Mass. He is an athletic trainer in the sports medicine department at Northeastern University in Boston.

98 Joseph Blasko has been promoted to sales manager with NV Homes. He and his wife, Vicki, live in Sykesville, Md.

Jason Mihalcin received his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is serving an internship at Memorial Hospital in York. He and his wife, Jennifer Luxky Mihalcin, are the parents of a daughter.

Melissa Ruefle is an attorney with Carrelli Breachler McTicnan & Conboy LLC in Pittsburgh. Jason Straigand received a master’s from the University of Pittsburgh. He has moved to Cleveland, where he is director of curriculum and instruction at E Prep School.

99 John Giancola has been named principal at Rowan Elementary School, and is working on a doctorate in education administration from Duquesne University. Jack resides in Sarver with his wife, Denise, and their two daughters.

Bill Lucas and his wife, Rebecca, have moved to the Chicago area, where Bill is director of development for Americans for Limited Government, a national political advocacy non-profit organization.

Karen Matis has been selected as a participant in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. She and her husband, Andrew, live in New Castle, where Karen is a reading teacher in the Shenango Area School District.

Stacey Weber-Feve received a Ph.D. in French studies from Ohio State University, and has joined the full-time faculty of Iowa State University as an assistant professor of French. She and her husband, Sebastien, reside in Ankeny, Iowa.

00 Elizabeth Cicuto is chair of the Department of English at Kennedy Catholic High School. She and her husband, Robert, make their home in Hermitage.

Amy Shuluga Hurst and her husband, Matthew, have relocated to Virginia, where Amy is event director with ESI International, a project and contract management firm in Arlington.

01 Dan Campana teaches computers to sixth graders in the Howland School System and was recently appointed head boys varsity basketball coach at Mathews High School. He lives in Warren, Ohio.

Preston Dibble earned his master of music degree in sacred music from Duquesne University and is organist and director of music at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Montclair, N.J. He lives in Morristown, N.J., with his wife, Mary. (See also Marriages.)

Megan Duda Corbin graduated with a master of science in organizational leadership from Mercyhurst College, and received the 2006 Walker School of Business Award for academic excellence. She is the director of marketing and public relations at Mercyhurst and is a member of the adjunct faculty. She and her husband, Ben, and their son reside in Erie.

Lisa Gasperi has been hired as a television producer at WPXI in Pittsburgh.

Dana Glunt of Hendersonville is an escrow officer with Nationwide Appraisal Services Corporation.

Matthew Moats is a computer technician with Best Buy in Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Jennifer, and their son reside in New Castle.

Jennifer Ulakovic Oprosky is a claims representative with Progressive Insurance in Wexford. She and her husband, Jonnah, live in Tarentum. 

02 Brad Dell received a master of fine arts from Western Illinois University. He lives in Ames, Iowa, where he is a lecturer of theatre at Iowa State University.

Julie Tommay received a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is serving a residency in family practice at Washington (Pa.) Hospital.

03 Emily Henry Woodford is a high school math teacher in Bristowville, Ohio. She and her husband, Jon, are residents of West Farmington, Ohio.

Kacie Higgins of Beaver is the office operations coordinator at Community Development Program of Beaver County.
Lisa Howard Fogle and her husband, Brian, live in Pittsburgh, where Lisa is a second-grade teacher in the Shaler Area School District.

Autumn Ondash teaches first grade in the Charters-Houston School District.

Leigh Pascarella is the financial services manager at Preston Motors, Inc., in New Castle.

04 Michelle Best is an eighth-grade English/reading teacher in the Austintown Local Schools. She lives in Masury, Ohio, with her husband, Brian, and their four children.

Craig Carlin is marketing communications and design coordinator with First National Bank of Pennsylvania in Hermitage.

Elissa Curtis Rogers is a financial leadership development associate with Lockheed Martin. She lives in Mount Laurel, N.J., with her husband, Kevin.

Jason Davis of New Bedford, Mass., is a research biologist with Genzyme Pharmaceuticals involved in pre-clinical laboratory research addressing muscular dystrophy.

Laura Nelms Pappas is a prevention specialist with Behavioral Health Commission in Mercer and is pursuing a master’s in counselor education at Westminster. She and her husband, Christopher, make their home in West Middlesex.

Lauren Perkins of Pittsburgh is a paraprofessional in the North Hills School District.

Melanie Piddington M’06 of Sharon is an elementary guidance counselor in the Hermitage School District.

Michael Ranella is a financial analyst with Ariba, Inc., in Pittsburgh.

Ellie Wells Statler is a teacher in the DuBois Area School District. She and her husband, Adam, are residents of Reynoldsville.

05 Roberta Filer and her husband, Jeff, live in New Castle, where Roberta is employed in the Shenango Area School District.

Meredith Kerner is an inventory control analyst for the processed products division of the United States Steel Corporation.

Tara Sue Timpano of Falls Church, Va., is a special police officer at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

06 Kara Baker teaches fifth grade at Cortland (Ohio) Elementary School.

Jacqueline Boila is a high school science teacher in the Lowellville (Ohio) Local Schools. Jackie and her husband, Ray, live in Struthers, Ohio.

Sara Camerota of Cheswick is an accounting assistant in the office of student accounts at Point Park University.

Gina Clark is a special education teacher in the Campbell (Ohio) City Schools. She lives in New Middletown, Ohio, with her husband, Jeremy.

Rachel Donner has moved to Erie and is a mathematics teacher in the General McLane School District in Edinboro.

Sylah Feightner of Mantua, Ohio, is a tax accountant at Pease & Associates in Cleveland.

Tara Hoellerman is a creative assistant at PeterDavid Communications, a graphic design/public relations firm in New Wilmington.

Brian Mulhollan and his wife, Melissa, make their home in DuBois, where Brian is a seventh-grade math teacher in the DuBois Area School District.

Anneliese Schwartzmiller of Pittsburgh is a child development specialist at The Bradley Center, a psychology/social work agency in Robinson.

Ashley Young has relocated to Sharon and is a credit analyst with FNB Corporation in Hermitage.

Marriages

88 Kathryn Pontz and Bryan Gates, April 8, 2006. The couple resides in Winston Salem, N.C., where Kathryn is a first-grade teacher.

96 Lance Snow and Sonya Thompson, May 8, 2004. The best man was Brian Hardy. Lance is the director of key accounts for Datavibes, Inc. in Pittsburgh. The couple resides in Cranberry Township.

97 Dr. John Rothrauff and Maureen Lowry, March 25, 2006, in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. In attendance was Donnie White. John is a dentist at Ohio Valley Dental in North Lima, Ohio. The couple resides in Boardman, Ohio.

98 Tiffany Sander and Ryan McKenzie, May 20, 2006, in Ligonier. A reception was held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Alumni in the wedding included bridesmaids Jayme Garlic Butcher, Sarah Kripp Mansmann, and Christine Quinn, readers Erin Kripp Marks and Adam Marks and soloist Rebecca Rickard. Several other alumni were in attendance. Tiffany is a real estate agent with Howard Hanna, Mt. Lebanon, and the director of marketing at the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute. The couple resides in Pittsburgh.

02 Necole Corvino and Brian Tibolla, April 22, 2006, at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown, Ohio. Sarah Anzelmo was a bridesmaid and several other alumni were in attendance. Necole is a critical care nurse in the Cardiothoracic ICU at Duke University Hospital. The couple resides in Raleigh, N.C.

Kati Draper and Justin Shearer, Oct. 1, 2005, at Canfield Presbyterian Church. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Kevin Heckathorn ’91. Kati is an associate scientist for Ross Products in Columbus, and Justin is pursuing a doctorate at Ohio State University.

Jaime Sell and Martin Mikulas, Sept. 17, 2005, St. John’s Catholic Church in Canton. Alumni in attendance were bridesmaid Karen Faulhaber, and best man John Mikulas ’96 and Rusty Mikulas ’99. Jaime is a nurse at the Altman Hospital in Canton, and Martin is employed by the U.S. Postal Service. The couple lives in Canton.

03 Jennifer Polish and Andy Changoway ’05, Aug. 6, 2005, at Fellows Riverside Gardens in Youngstown. The best man was Patrick Dudas ’06, and several other alumni were in the wedding party. Jennifer is a first-grade teacher at Laurel Elementary School, and Andy is a software specialist for Eastern Software. The couple resides in New Castle.
New Additions

85 Marcia English Pratt and her husband, Tom Pratt ’82: a daughter, Kathleen English, born on May 12, 2006, and adopted into the Pratt family. She is welcomed home by her siblings Grace, Maggie, Caroline, and Isabella. The family lives in Pittsburgh.

86 Brenda Rogers Briggs and her husband, Brian: a son, Bowen Robert, on Oct. 28, 2005. He is joined at home by his sister, Kathryn Grace, 2. Brenda is a teacher at the Mercer County Head Start in Sharon. The family resides in New Wilmington.

88 Leslie Kranich Liburdi and her husband, Matthew: a daughter, Ava Anne, on Nov. 24, 2005. She is welcomed by brother Mason, 6, at home in Hermitage.


Susan Uriah Street and her husband, Richard: a daughter, Nancy Kate, in 2006. A.J. was born in 2001, Sue is an elementary school teacher at the Spotsylvania county schools in Fredericksburg, Va. The family lives in Fredericksburg.

89 Anne Marie Klug Will and her husband, Scott: a son, Declan Scott, on Aug. 2, 2005. Anne Marie is the accountant for the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. The family resides in East Amherst, N.Y.


91 Kelley Andersen Auer and her husband, Bernie: a son, Andrew Andersen, on May 13, 2004. He is joined at home by Riley, 4, in Bemus Point, N.Y.

92 Hope Donald Diggins and her husband, Joseph Diggins: a son, Cameron Brian, on Dec. 8, 2005. He is joined at home in Sewickley by Reilly, Pierce, and Reagan.

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Inga Groteluschen Schnitzius and her husband, Greg; a son, Ryan Scott, on June 12, 2005. He joins his sister Greta at the family’s home in Tampa, Fla.


Kate O’Rourke Wilson and her husband, Reid: a son, Liam Reid, on Dec. 12, 2005. He joins Haley, 6, and Olivia, 3, at the family’s home in Columbus, Ohio.

Lynn Bonci Pitzer and her husband, Jeffery: a son, Nathaniel Forbes, in March 2006. The family resides in New Castle.

Marcie Edinger Pesi and her husband, Michael Pesi ’91: a daughter, Madeline Grace, on April 19, 2006. She joins Dominic, 3, at home in Melbourne, Fl.

Darlene Fleming Farabaugh and her husband, Raymond: a son, Riley Thomas, on May 18, 2005. He is welcomed by Parker, 5, and Bailey, 2. Darlene is a teacher in the Peters Township School District in McMurray. The family resides in New Castle.

Nicole Patrick Memo and her husband, Michael Memo ’94: a son, Michael Patrick, on March 8, 2006. He joins Alexandra, 6, Elizabeth, 4, and Cristina, 2. The family resides in New Castle.

Kristine Pette Schwartz and her husband, Brian: a daughter, Emily Hannah, on Aug. 31, 2005. She joins Jacob Harrison, 4, at the family home in Syosset, N.Y.

Tammy Richter Zink and her husband, David: a daughter, Alena Marie, on Feb. 23, 2005. The family lives in Aurora, Colo. (See also Class Notes.)

Christopher Sellers and his wife, Wendy Dillinger; a son, Braydon King, in 2006. The family resides in O’Fallon, Mo.

Lori Sloane Pash and her husband, Jim: a daughter, Leah Morgan, on Jan. 21, 2006. She is welcomed by Lucas, 2. Lori is a teacher and college professor for PAVCS in Norristown. The family makes its home in Pittsburgh.

Emily Reilly Irvin and her husband, Bill: a daughter, Alice Reilly, on April 1, 2006. She joins Peter at home in St. Louis.

Ellin Hilliard Rue and her husband, Brian Rue ’97: a daughter, Gracie Renee, on Sept. 30, 2005. She is welcomed by Collin, 4, and Keaton, 2. The family lives in Conroe, Texas. (See also Class Notes.)

Elizabeth Mann Haynie and her husband, Brendan: a son, Jonathan Daniel, on April 11, 2006. He joins Elliana, 2, and Kaelyn, 1, at the family’s home in Grayson, Ky.

Heather Meinke Rohde and her husband, Tim: a daughter, Hope Elizabeth, on Feb. 6, 2006. The family resides in North Ridgeville, Ohio.

Autumn Mentzer Cairns and her husband, Jeff: a son, Nolan Patrick, on April 14, 2006. The family lives in Monaca.

Adam Rodgers and his wife, Lindsay: a son, Nelson Randall, on March 19, 2006. He is welcomed home by Owen, 2. The family resides in Stoneboro.

Sara Surgenor Arbaster and her husband, Mark: a daughter, Emily Grace, on Oct. 28, 2005. Sara is an investigator for the Office of Personnel Management in Boyers. The family lives in Mercer.

Erin Halpin Yunn and her husband, John: a son, Logan John, on March 26, 2006. The family resides in North Versailles.

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Deadlines:
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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.

21 Dr. James Spencer of New Wilmington. He was a physician at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown, N.J.

34 Emily Parker Mackall of Rogers, Ohio, Aug. 15, 2006. After earning a master’s degree from Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Business Administration, she taught for 10 years at Geneva College, and in 1956 she became associated with the Youngstown State University Department of Economics, where she served as department chair for 25 years. She retired in 1982. Upon retirement she was appointed to the Youngstown State Board of Trustees, serving as chair from 1989-91. She served on the Board of Trustees at Westminster from 1994-2002 and in 2003 was named Trustee Emerita. Survivors include a brother and his wife; two sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

38 Mary Boyd Carter of Atlanta, Feb. 3, 2006. She was a retired teacher. Survivors include two sons, including Graham Carter ‘71; and a daughter.


41 Thomas Ashcom Jr. of Newton Square, March 23, 2006. He was a retired manager for the Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia. Survivors include a niece and two nephews.

44 Raymond Fredericks of Ashland, Ohio, May 17, 2006. A veteran of the Army who served in Germany in World War II, he was retired from the Budd Co. in Johnson City, Tenn. Survivors include three daughters and two sons-in-law; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister; two brothers and two sisters-in-law.

45 Joan Graham Galbreath of Black Mountain, May 20, 2006. She was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, the Rev. John H. Galbreath ‘41. Survivors include six children, including Glenn Galbreath ‘71 and Lisa Galbreath Richards ‘79; 10 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

47 Douglas Russell of Brigantine, N.J., March 3, 2006. A World War II veteran who served in Europe from 1943-46, he earned a juris doctor degree from Northwestern University in 1950 and embarked on a 47-year legal career in Millville, N.J. He was a former president of the Cumberland County Bar Association, the Kiwanis Club and American Red Cross, served on the board for the Maurice River schools and Cohanizck Country Club. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Arlyne Roemer Russell; three children; and six grandchildren.

49 Dan Remley of Duncannon, Jan. 11, 2005.

50 John “Jack” Bennett of Carrollton, Ga., May 9, 2006. He was a teacher, guidance counselor and assistant principal with the Palm Beach County schools and was a professor of education at Florida Atlantic University. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Priscilla Barnes Bennett ’52; two sons; a daughter-in-law; and a daughter and son-in-law.


54 John Cram of Youngstown, Ohio, May 2004. He was a retired vice president from Commercial Shearing Co.

55 Joanne Foster Evert of Bethel Park, June 21, 2006. She was a retired teacher from South Park School District. She was a former board member for the League of Women Voters of Pittsburgh and was an active volunteer at South Hills Interfaith Ministries and John McMillan Presbyterian Church. Survivors include two children and their spouses; four grandchildren; and a sister.

William Godward of Scottsdale, Ariz., Feb. 25, 2006. A World War II veteran, he was a former high school science and physical education teacher and driver’s ed instructor. Survivors include his wife, Lois; two daughters and a son-in-law; and two grandchildren.
56 Harry Senheiser M 78 of New Castle, April 15, 2006. He was a teacher and administrator for 36 years in the Neshannock Townships School District. He retired in 1992. He was a board member for many local organizations, including the Lawrence County Humane Society, the Pennsylvania Lung Association, the Lawrence County Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Abuse committee and the New Castle Community Y. Survivors include several cousins.


Russell Stump of New Castle, May 30, 2006. He was a retired vice president of Mahoning National Bank and served in the National Guard for 11 years. He earned a master’s degree from Rutgers University and was a member of Edinburg Christian Church, where he served as an elder, and treasurer of the Sunday school. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Carol, a brother and half-brother.

59 Robert McElroy of Hermitage. He was a former principal in the West Middlesex schools.

60 Helmut Schaefer of Laurens, N.Y., April 7, 2006. He taught German for more than 30 years at Oneonta High School. He retired in 1993. Survivors include his mother, a daughter; a son; and two grandsons.

61 Ray Hepner of Butler, Jan. 24, 2005. He was a former reading director for New Mexico State University.

62 Olga Roman Reider of Highland, Calif., May 17, 2006. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Slippery Rock University before earning a master’s at Westminster. A longtime teacher, she moved to California in 1964 and retired in 1977. Survivors include three sons; a daughter; a sister; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

66 Laila Elmey Mack of Port Charlotte, Fla., Feb. 9, 2006. She was a retired music teacher and a counselor for the Guam Island government. She played the viola and was a former member of the Pops Orchestra.

67 Frederick John of Kittanning, March 18, 2006. He was an attorney in private practice and was also assistant district attorney for Armstrong County. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Law School in 1972. Survivors include two sons; a daughter; and a sister.

Edward Perrott of Beaver Falls, June 17, 2005. He was a supervisor of special classes at the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit.

68 Susan Anderson Lydon of Farmington Hills, Mich., April 19, 2006. She earned a B.S. in nursing from the University of Iowa and worked as a neurosurgical nurse in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the VNA of Michigan. Survivors include her husband of 37 years, Patrick Lydon; a son; a daughter; two grandchildren; her mother and brother.

99 Philip Simington of Euclid, Ohio, April 30, 2006. He worked in the customer service department for Seeley Medical in Cleveland and was a member of Poland Presbyterian Church, where he was president of the youth organization. Survivors include his parents; a stepmother and stepfather; a sister; a brother; two step sisters; and two stepbrothers.

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