Dear Westminster Friends:

This academic year has been a time to celebrate Westminster’s progress and to contemplate its bright future. It is a year in which the College has been “discovered” by record numbers of prospective students and their parents. Annual applications for admissions have more than doubled in the last year.

The demand for the Westminster educational experience has never been stronger because of the commitment of Westminster people everywhere – on our campus and around the globe. Literally, thousands of individuals have contributed to the advancement of the College. Trustees, faculty, staff, and alumni represent and support this wonderful institution and her students in remarkable ways.

We know that you will enjoy getting to know President-elect Rick Dorman and his wife Beverly as they enthusiastically enter the Westminster Family. They will need your help as Westminster continues to gain momentum in the years ahead.

We are grateful to each one of you for the part you are playing in making Westminster a little better each day. Jean and I will never forget your kindness, your commitment, and your generosity of spirit.

With gratitude,

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Leanna Stitt '08, president of the Sierra Student Coalition
October set for Dorman’s inauguration

Saturday, Oct. 25, will mark another historical day at Westminster with the inauguration of the College’s 14th President Dr. Richard H. Dorman.

Dorman was selected in December to succeed R. Thomas Williamson who will retire on July 1. Williamson has led Westminster College since 1997 and announced his retirement plans in February 2007.

Dr. Dorman

College establishes Assessment Center

Westminster’s Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, in cooperation with Tri-State Area School Study Council of the University of Pittsburgh, recently established the Westminster College Center to Improve Formative Assessment.

Led by Dr. John DeCaro, program coordinator in the Westminster graduate program; Dr. Samuel Farmerie, professor of education emeritus and former director of Westminster’s graduate program; and Dr. Charles Gorman of Tri-State, the center proposes to demonstrate alternative approaches to formative assessment.

“To many of today’s teachers and educators, assessment is synonymous with ‘high stakes’ standardized tests,” said Farmerie. “Generally, results from testing come too late to have an impact on the daily direction of instruction. Formative assessment is the process of evaluating the effectiveness of the lesson plan as we progress through the activity and making appropriate adaptations to enhance the possibility of reaching the desired outcome.”

Partially funded by the Grable Foundation, the Assessment Center began working on a pilot project last August. The group includes representatives from Ellwood City Area, Shenango Area, and Union Area school districts in Lawrence County; Grove City Area and Sharpsville Area school districts in Mercer County; and Cranberry Area and Franklin Area school districts in Venango County.

The group has discussed a definition of formative assessment; delineating its tools, techniques, and strategies; implementation; and assessing the effectiveness of a project. The plan is to develop assessment processes during the current academic year, with implementation on a district-wide basis continuing through the 2008-2009 school year.

Students offer findings on water testing

Two local acid mine drainage treatment sites are working effectively, according to the findings of a group of Westminster chemistry and biochemistry majors.

As part of a service-learning project, 14 students in Dr. Helen Boylan’s Advanced Laboratory class tested the effectiveness of two passive treatment sites, implemented by the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition (SRWC).

Students investigated the chemical parameters of the water by conducting on-site field testing and laboratory testing from collected samples. Their findings were presented to the SRWC during the group’s November meeting at the Jennings Environmental Education Center.

“The analyzed chemical parameters confirmed the treatment sites are working,” Boylan said. “Untreated water was the orange color characteristic of acid mine drainage and contained no life. Water exiting the treatment site was crystal clear and even had tadpoles in it.”

“The partnership between SRWC and Westminster College has been a rewarding experience for everyone involved,” said Cliff Denholm, a member of SRWC and partner in the project. “Dr. Boylan is providing her students an opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills they have developed through their class work to a ‘real world’ situation, while providing valuable water quality data that SRWC could not afford to do on our own. The data generated allows us to evaluate the effectiveness of the treatment system.”

Wilbur Taylor of Jennings Environmental Education Center helps Mallory Lichwa collect water samples.
Lecture series welcomes environmentalists

Westminster College welcomed two renowned environmentalists to campus as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series “Perspectives on the Environment.”

In March author Janisse Ray discussed “Nature, Community and the Life We Dream,” while environmental policy expert Dr. Michael Maniates spoke about “The Power of Sacrifice in an Ecologically Full World” in October.

Ray lectures widely on nature, community, organic agriculture, native plants, sustainability, and the politics of wholeness. As an organizer and activist, she works to create sustainable communities, local food systems, a stable global climate, intact ecosystems, clean rivers, life-enhancing economies, and participatory democracy.

Ray has written three nonfiction books: Ecology of a Cracker Childhood, an award-winning memoir about growing up on a junkyard in the ruined longleaf pine ecosystem of the Southeast; Wild Card Quilt, about rural community; and Pinkook: Finding Wholeness in a Fragmented Land, the story of a 750,000-acre wildland corridor between south Georgia and north Florida.

Ecology of a Cracker Childhood won a Southeastern Booksellers Award, an American Book Award, the Southern Environmental Law Center Award for Outstanding Writing, and a Southern Book Critics Circle Award, and was recognized as a New York Times Notable Book.

Maniates, professor of political science and environmental science at Allegheny College, studies and writes about global patterns of consumption, overconsumption, and consumerism; low consumption/high prosperity paths to development; underexplored routes of citizen involvement in contemporary environmental struggles; and joyful learning and teaching in the liberal arts.

He is the coordinator of The Project on Teaching Global Environmental Politics, an electronic network of more than 300 scholars, educators, and activists focused on global environmental affairs; and the co-founder and member of the advisory board of the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security, now celebrating its 20th year of interdisciplinary policy analysis and advocacy.

He is currently working on two projects around what he calls “the politics of sacrifice” within today’s environmental movement—an edited academic volume tentatively titled The Power of Sacrifice in an Ecologically Full World, to be published in late 2008; and a lively book aimed at a popular audience with the working title of Selling Us Short: Ten Challenging Ways To Save the Planet.

The lecture series is funded by a grant from the Lewis Foundation and explores the economic, social, religious, political, and security aspects of environmental issues.

“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.” said Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, assistant professor of biology and coordinator of this series.

Westminster praised for community service efforts

The Corporation for National and Community Service named Westminster College to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors: scope and innovativeness of service projects; percentage of student participation in service activities; incentives for service; and the extent to which the school offers academic service learning courses.

A sample of recent projects involving Westminster students include:

- Make a Difference Day, a national day of service, was a new project for Westminster this year. More than 130 students volunteered 360 hours of service on nine projects, including highway clean-up, leaf-raking in the community, maintenance at a local women’s shelter, and several donation drives.
- Bright Futures Early Intervention Program, a collaborative program between Westminster College and the Campbell (Ohio) City Schools, marked its second year. Westminster students served as tutors, residential counselors, teaching assistants, and performing arts assistants.
- The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. The corporation administers Senior Corps; AmeriCorps; and Learn and Serve America, a program that supports service learning in schools, institutions of higher education, and community-based organizations.
SIFE team places third in regional competition

Four members of the Westminster College Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) group competed and placed third in a financial case study competition Nov. 1-3 in Virginia Beach, Va.

SIFE president Nate Capello and team members Matt Saines, Louis Simeone, and Brett Turk represented Westminster in the competition. David Smith, Westminster assistant professor of accounting, is the group’s adviser.

Each team was presented with hypothetical information about a woman facing financial independence as a recent divorcee, and had 36 hours to research the problem and develop an effective retirement strategy. Findings were presented to a panel of judges, who evaluated the quality and appropriateness of the recovery strategy.

The Westminster team interviewed local businesses, banks, and real estate agencies, and put together a financial plan to utilize local resources to help control expenses, increase earnings, allow for debt repayment, and save for retirement. A PowerPoint presentation supported their findings for the presentation.

“This competition is just one of many projects that our SIFE team gets involved in,” said Smith. “SIFE, which is an international organization found in over 2,000 colleges and universities, was created to assist students who want to get involved in projects to help improve the business, financial and economic well-being of people in their community. Funded by hundreds of large businesses around the globe, it also allows students to learn by teaching and doing. Plus, they can build a place on their resumes for that extra difference-making experience that is so valuable to potential employers as they leave school.”

The Westminster team’s current year projects include helping local businesses, educating grade school and high school students on issues of personal finance, market economics and ethics, and providing information to the college community about the financial skills needed to survive now and after graduation.

Student, professor present research in Oxford


They were supported by grants from the Westminster College Drinko Center and the Heritage Chair in the Humanities.

Honor society inducts new members

The Westminster Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa initiated 36 new members in a Dec. 2 ceremony in Wallace Memorial Chapel.

Omicron Delta Kappa is the national leadership honor society for college students that recognizes and encourages superior scholarship, leadership and exemplary character.

Membership in Omicron Delta Kappa is a mark of highest distinction and honor. To be eligible for selection, a student must be a junior or senior ranked in the top 35 percent of his or her class and show distinctive leadership in at least one of five phases of campus life: scholarship; athletics; campus or community service, social and religious activities, and campus government; journalism, speech and mass media; and creative and performing arts.
Egyptology expert, friend of Pesed returns to campus

Dr. Jonathan Elias, director of the Akhmim Mummy Studies Consortium and expert who assisted with the testing of the Westminster’s mummy, Pesed, returned to campus in February to discuss career options in forensic-related fields.

Sponsored by Westminster’s Career Center, Elias discussed a number of career topics, including museum exhibition programs, exhibition design; museum research; forensic analysis; mummies, science, and the public; aspects of forensic facial reconstruction; technology in museum work; collaborative research and exhibit development.

Elias completed his master’s and Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Chicago. For more than 15 years, he has advised museums and other cultural organizations on the interpretation of their collections, and how to use them to inspire and educate their audiences.

Since 2001, he has directed a forensic research project on Egyptian mummies. He specializes in exhibit development based on CT scans of mummies in the United States, Europe, and Egypt.

Elias worked closely with Dr. Sam Farmerie, Westminster curator of cultural artifacts, on the College’s 2,300-year-old mummy, Pesed. Through tests such as radio-carbon dating, CT scans, and X-rays, artists were able to create a forensic reconstruction of her face. Pesed is currently on display; along with her bust and a number of other artifacts, at the J.S. Mack Science Library in Hoyt Science Resources Center.

Elias has developed exhibit elements and research content for the Milwaukee Public Museum; the Kalamazoo Valley Museum; the Smithsonian Associates; the Buffalo Museum of Science; the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg; the College of Wooster (Ohio); and the Reading Public Museum.

Continuing education under new leadership

Elizabeth Hines, director of alumni planning and programming, was named director of Westminster’s Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning Program, effective March 1.

Hines replaces Carol Yova, who retired after serving Westminster since 1992.

Continuing education classes and seminars are non-credit and are open to all interested individuals. Formal admission to Westminster College is not required. The Lifelong Learning Program is an undergraduate study program designed for the adult learner and is taught by regular faculty members. No entrance exams are required. All classes carry full college credit, and those who have previously attended college may be able to transfer credits.

Hines began her Westminster career in 1980 in the admissions office, where she served as an assistant director and then associate director. She was the College’s registrar for 13 years before moving into the Institutional Advancement division in 1999. She was director of the Westminster Fund prior to assuming her current position in the alumni office in 2006.

Hines earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Westminster.

New public safety director named

William Brandt, former site supervisor in Westminster College’s Department of Public Safety, was promoted to director of public safety.

In this position, Brandt is responsible for the overall administration of departmental activities for the College. He replaced John Lechner, who resigned following his election as a Mercer County commissioner.

Brandt served as a Pennsylvania State Police officer for 31 years prior to joining the Westminster staff in 2001. He holds a degree in the administration of justice from the University of Pittsburgh.

Continuing education under new leadership
Westminster celebrated Earth Week April 20-26 with a full schedule of activities. Coordinated by the Sierra Student Coalition (SSC) and Dr. Helen Boylan, Westminster College associate professor of chemistry, the activities include students, faculty, and staff from all areas of the campus.

Sunday, April 20, kicked off the week with highway clean-up along Interstate 80. Tree planting was held at the Field Station just prior to an evening Vespers service at the Edmiston Memorial Labyrinth with a meditation by Dr. Clarence Harms, professor of biology emeritus, and director of the Field Station, and music by the Gospel Choir and the Praise Team.

The Chemistry Club distributed Earth Day awareness items Monday, April 21, and a Toyota Prius hybrid vehicle was on display.

On Earth Day, April 22, SSC members planted flowers at the Peace Pole and the campus’ food service provider, Sodexo, sponsored Trayless Tuesday” in McGinness Dining Hall. Art professor Peggy Cox and senior art major Sara Lucente offered a papermaking demonstration, and Cox’s Art 201 watercolor students demonstrated plant prints and plant collages in the Art Gallery.

Cox also led a public workshop on making plant prints, plant collages, and paper on Wednesday, April 23, in the Art Gallery. A bonfire and poetry reading, organized by SSC and Westminster’s Green Party, was held at the Field Station.

Westminster’s Environmental Science and Environmental Studies committees sponsored a screening of American Experience #38: Rachel Carson’s Silent Spring on Thursday, April 24. Carson was the author of the 1962 book Silent Spring, which is widely credited with helping launch the environmental movement in the United States.

The April 25 issue of the Holcad, Westminster’s student newspaper, featured articles about the environment, and the SSC-organized Earth Day 5K took place Saturday, April 26. Proceeds from the race benefited the Field Station and an environmental education summer camp for local underprivileged children.

Associate professor of biology Dr. Ann Throckmorton guided a public nature hike to conclude the week’s scheduled activities.

Trayless dining is one significant initiative encouraged by Sodexo that helps to minimize waste as well as water and energy usage while creating a more sustainable food service operation. There are many benefits to going trayless in our dining operations, including:

- Electricity, water and chemical usage are reduced because there are far fewer dishes and trays to wash. This effect alone can save thousands of gallons of water every day and generate hundreds of dollars in detergent and electricity savings.
- Trayless dining substantially diminishes food waste by encouraging guests to take only the amount of food they can carry.
- Trayless service also provides an overall positive impact on student health. It discourages overeating and requires guests to get up and walk to get more food.
- This service style also cuts back on dining overhead cost because there is no purchase or ongoing replacement cost for trays.

This year more than 80 students were awarded undergraduate research grants from the Westminster College Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Grant recipients presented research throughout the nation and were invited to participate in the Undergraduate Research Symposium, held April 19, which provided an opportunity to showcase research findings.

The Undergraduate Research Initiative provides funding for students to conduct research and to present their research at regional and national conferences.

“Enhancing opportunities for undergraduate research is an important component of the work of the Drinko Center in enriching undergraduate education,” said Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, associate professor of sociology and director of the Drinko Center.
Dr. Samuel Lightner, professor and chair of the Department of Physics, presented two workshops for high school teachers at the American Physical Society - Division of Plasma Physics (APS-DPP) meeting Nov. 12-16 in Orlando, Fla.

Lightner was a co-presenter for the workshops at the APS-DPP-sponsored Teachers Day. About 50 teachers attended the two sessions: “Plasmas 101” and “Fusion Demonstration Activities for Your Classroom.”

He also presented topics in plasma physics and fusion science to students in two Orlando area middle schools. Over two days, Lightner taught 215 students in 14 classes.

His attendance at the meeting was funded by a grant from the Department of Energy through the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory in support of education and outreach.

Dr. Amy Camardese, assistant professor of education, made two presentations at the National Council for the Social Studies national conference held Nov. 28-Dec. 2 in San Diego.


Camardese said she reads nearly 140 books each year and evaluates them for selection on the list.

The second presentation, “Crossing Borders and Building Bridges through an International Twinning Program,” was the result of a partnership between Westminster College and Western Galilee College in Israel. For the past two years, Camardese has been working with Yehuda Pelud from Western Galilee on research related to twinning (partnering) between middle schools in Israel and the United States.

Dr. Bryan Rennie, associate professor and Vira I. Heinz chair in religion, organized three academic sessions on the study of religion for the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature (AAR/SBL) at their conference in San Diego.

As vice president and program chair of the North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR), Rennie chaired the session on “Taxonomies in the Study of Religion” and organized “The Ritual Transformation of Agency” and “Novelty, Presence, and History: Pre-Modern Discourses on Method and Theory” sessions.

Rennie is also responsible for organizing the sessions at the next national conference to be held in Chicago, Nov. 1-3.

Dr. Bethany Hicok, associate professor of English, presented as part of two panels at the meeting of the Modern Language Association held Dec. 27-30 in Chicago.

Her paper, “Inviting Our Students to Join the Scholarly Conversation,” was included in the panel on “The Undergraduate Student as Scholar: Programs and Curricula.” Papers on this panel were selected for publication in a special volume by the Council on Undergraduate Research, an organization that promotes research among students and faculty at predominantly undergraduate institutions like Westminster.

Hicok said her paper is about the Westminster College English program and how Westminster, in general, promotes scholarly work among its undergraduates.

“The Westminster College English program envisions its undergraduates as scholars from the beginning by placing scholarly conversation, rather than content, at the center of its curriculum,” she said.

Hicok also chaired a panel on “Writing the Modernist City: Urban Experiences and Poetic Language.”

The January 2008 issue of Communications in Algebra includes “Centroids of Quadratic Jordan Superalgebras” written by Dr. Pamela Richardson, assistant professor of mathematics.

Richardson currently teaches discrete mathematics; differential equations and linear algebra; and abstract algebra II. Her research interests are in nonassociative algebra and, in particular, Jordan algebras and superalgebras. She is a 2005-2006 Project NExT Fellow and was a speaker at the 2006 satellite meeting on Associative and Nonassociative Algebraic Structures at the International Congress of Mathematicians in Oviedo, Spain.

Dr. David Goldberg, assistant professor of philosophy, presented a paper at the sixth meeting of the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities held Jan. 11-14 in Honolulu.

A multi-disciplinary conference encompassing all aspects of the humanities, it included many interdisciplinary presentations and a significant presence in philosophy.

Goldberg’s presentation, “Nietzsche’s Perspectivism: A Bankrupt Morality?,” concerned the issue of finding a means for adjudicating moral decisions from within a perspectival system such as Nietzsche’s. The continual complaint made against such systems is that, without an objective ground for moral adjudication, all positions are justified; hence, all are equally valid, said Goldberg.

Goldberg suggested Nietzsche’s perspectivism is capable of judging, and that this is grounded in what Nietzsche describes as the historical context in which we exist.

Goldberg took a continental approach to the subject, while keynote speaker Dr. Andrew Schoedinger addressed the same topic from an analytic perspective.

Dr. Marosh Furinsky, assistant professor of biology, presented a poster at the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology held Jan. 2-7 in San Antonio. Dr. John Robertson, associate professor of biology, was co-author of the work.

The poster, “Isolated Fish Gills as a Model for Teaching Osmotic Permeability to Undergraduate Physiology Students,” was initiated by Robertson and involves a novel approach to teaching students about water movement across biological membranes. It is a laboratory exercise that involves fish gills and is being used successfully in upper level Westminster physiology labs.
Accolades that include a team conference championship, a conference player of the year award, two conference coach of the year awards, numerous all-conference team representatives, and three teams competing in post-season play highlighted the Westminster College 2007 fall sports season.

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**  
*(15-5-3, 6-1 PAC)*

Proving what a perennial powerhouse it has become since its 1998 inception, the Westminster women’s soccer team clinched the Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship title for the second year in a row and qualified for the NCAA Division III Tournament for the fifth time in the last six seasons.

The Titans posted a 15-5-3 record, which included 14 shutouts, all while outscoring opponents by an average of two goals per game. Westminster won the PAC title over Washington & Jefferson via a penalty-kick shootout, 3-2. In the NCAA tournament, the Titans shutout Manhattanville, 2-0, at home in the first round before losing at No. 2-ranked Messiah, 3-0, in the second round.

Senior defender Brittany McKee, senior forward Mallory Bugel, and junior midfielder Christina Adams earned first-team all-conference honors. Adams ranked second in the PAC and first on the team with 37 points (13 G, 11 A).

**MEN’S SOCCER**  
*(11-6-3, 5-0-1 PAC)*

The Westminster men’s soccer team made its second straight postseason appearance as the Titans advanced to the semifinal round of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III South Championships.

The Titans, who lost in the first round of the ECAC tournament after winning the PAC title last year, posted a record of 11-6-3 and a PAC-best record of 5-0-1.

Westminster, unbeaten in its final six matches (5-0-1) heading into the PAC Tournament as the No. 1 seed, were upset by Thomas More, 3-1, at home in the semifinals. Undeterred, the Titans handily defeated Bethany, 3-0, in the first round of the ECAC Division III South Tournament, before ending its season with a 1-0 loss at regional-power Swarthmore.

Junior defender Chris Ellwanger, senior midfielder Garrett Horvath, and senior forward Andrew Saporito all earned first-team all-PAC honors. Horvath and Saporito ranked fourth and fifth, respectively, in the PAC with 32 (13 G, 6 A) and 27 (9 G, 9 A) points.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
*(23-12, 13-1 PAC)*


The Titans (23-12) entered the postseason with a 17-match win streak and winning 20 of their last 21 matches.

In PAC Tournament play, the Titans defeated Washington & Jefferson, 3-1, and defending-champion Thomas More, 3-0. Westminster drew Hiram in the first round of the NCAA tournament before losing to the 19th-ranked Terriers, 3-1, to end the team’s 13th season in program history with 23 or more wins.

Senior middle hitter Jess Cooper, who was named PAC Player of the Year and first team all-PAC, led the league with a .357 hitting percentage and ranked seventh with 3.6 kills per game.

Junior setter Traci Hassell (Hubbard, Ohio/Hubbard) also earned first-team all-PAC honors.

Tammy Swearingen, the team’s 15th-year head coach, was named PAC Coach of the Year for a second straight year after leading the team to its first PAC title since 2002.
FOOTBALL
(5-5, 2-4 PAC)

The Titan football team took another step toward restoring its winning tradition in 2007 by posting a 5-5 mark—a three-game improvement from 2006. The first non-losing season since 2004, 2007 also marked the program’s 51st season at .500 or better in the last 56 years.

Westminster won three of its first four games for the first time since 2000, and fielded a defense that ranked seventh in the nation through four games. The Titans, with a 2-4 PAC record, finished in a three-way tie for fourth place, after tying for sixth last year and being picked last in this year’s preseason poll.

While numerous underclassmen comprised the 2007 team, a pair of seniors garnered first-team all-PAC accolades in wide receiver Brett Ziegler and punter Dusty Rhodes.

Ziegler ranked fifth in the league with 5.2 receptions and 69.6 receiving yards per game. He caught 52 passes for 696 yards and six touchdowns, while becoming the school’s all-time career receptions leader with 142 catches. Rhodes led the PAC with a school-record season punting average of 39.6 yards.

Sophomore quarterback Kevin Franz and sophomore tailback Nick McKolosky ranked in the top four in the PAC in passing (1,797) and rushing (980) yards, respectively, while sophomore linebacker Jordan Blinn spearheaded the defense with 79 tackles.

WOMEN’S TENNIS
(10-6, 5-1 PAC)

The Westminster women’s tennis team tied a team record in wins while posting a 10-6 record in 2007. The Titans placed second in the PAC with 33 points at the league championships, finishing 17 points behind 21-time champion Grove City.

Sophomore Hilary Newman, a transfer from Division I Robert Morris, won the No. 3 singles title for the Titans, while Westminster occupied runner-up finishes in four other flights.

Westminster head coach Scott Renninger, coaching the Titan women’s team in his third season, earned PAC Coach of the Year honors for a second straight year.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

The Westminster men’s and women’s cross country placed third and fourth, respectively, at the 2007 PAC Championships under the guidance of first-year head coach Tim McNeil, the program’s first full-time coach.

Sophomore Jeremiah Patterson led the Titans with a 16th-place time of 28:28 in the 8-kilometer race to earn second-team all-PAC honors. Senior Will DeLair also garnered second-team all-PAC laurels with his 21st-place time of 28:49. On the women’s side, sophomore Elizabeth Beardsley earned second-team all-PAC honors for a second straight year with a 25th-place time of 25:20 in the 6-kilometer course.
Dear Friends,

Westminster Alumni Council members gathered on campus in February and April. In addition to annual efforts planning homecoming and encouraging Westminster Fund support, the meetings included news and reviews of the new online alumni community WestminsterConnect.

Alumni Citations & Outstanding Young Alumni Awards are awarded each year by the Alumni Council recognizing accomplished alumni. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the varied and interesting paths alumni have followed since their years on campus.

Think of the Westminster alumni you know. What contributions are they making to their profession, in their community or to their alma mater? Some may be very visible, others behind the scenes. There are many alumni worthy of recognition, and the Alumni Council is counting on fellow alumni to help identify accomplished alumni.

Nominations may be submitted online through WestminsterConnect [www.connect.westminster.edu](http://www.connect.westminster.edu) or send your nomination and supporting materials to the Alumni Council at:

**Wiley Alumni House**
**Westminster College**
**New Wilmington, PA 16174**

We hope you will join us for Homecoming in October. See Save the Date details on this page! Any time you are on campus please visit us in Wiley Alumni House. We enjoy welcoming alumni, hearing your stories of life since student years, and sharing campus news.

Sincerely,

Mary Cooley James ’84
Director of Alumni Relations

Westminster Connect gaining popularity

Westminster alumni are logging on to WestminsterConnect. Our new secure online community features an alumni directory, alumni event registration, message boards, campus news and career connections for posting and reviewing job listings, networking and connecting with a mentor.

**Online Alumni Directory**
Looking for a classmate, roommate, wondering if there are other alumni in your area? Use the new online Find Alumni option on WestminsterConnect. You can look for fellow alumni by name, class year, major, city, state, and some student activities. This is a great way to reconnect with Westminster friends. Once you find them you can send e-mail, add them to your friends list, send instant messages and even make plans to return to campus together.

**Career Connections**
A great opportunity for career networking, hundreds of alumni have indicated they are willing to be contacted for career mentoring and posted their career Web cards, add yours or connect with a mentor. Through job postings you can use the site to assist your job hunt or post job openings to find qualified alumni.

**Class Notes**
No alumni community is complete without class notes! You can post your news and photos. Plus, search class notes by name or class year to find out what your friends are doing.

**Online Reservations**
Homecoming, reunions, regional events—all alumni attending now have the option to register online through our secure Web site. Plus, you can see who else will be attending with a click of a mouse.

**Much More**
Log on and check out more features, photo albums, message boards, and campus news. You can even build your own Westminster Friends list.

**Save the Dates!**
Homecoming & Reunion Weekend
October 17, 18 & 19, 2008

**Return to Campus, Renew Connections!**
- 50th Annual Homecoming Parade
- All Alumni Picnic
- Recognize Accomplished Alumni
- Hear the Carillon
- Titans vs. Bethany Bisons
- Crowning of the Homecoming King & Queen
- Alumni Association Tent
- Much More!

**Reunions to be Celebrated**
- 25th Reunion: Class of 1983
- 50th Reunion: Class of 1958
- 60th Reunion: Class of 1948

Call, e-mail, IM, text, or send a letter to your Westminster friends and make plans to meet on campus.
November 27 – Erie
The Erie Regional Planning Committee met to discuss a 2008 spring-summer event. Committee members attending were Cathy Sargent Mester ’69, Christine McCammon Palattella ’90, Jennifer Nygaard Pontzer ’90, and John Russell ’97 and Cari Mester Russell ’97. Thanks to the committee and watch for news on an upcoming Erie event!

December 1 – Pittsburgh
The Pittsburgh Westminster College Women’s Club held its Holiday Breakfast and Program at the Sheraton Station Square. Carey Anne Meyer LaSor ’86, coordinator of the Young Presbyterian Scholars for Westminster, was the featured speaker. Thank you to Mary Cooley James ’84, director of alumni relations, for attending from campus and giving a College update.

January 7-14 – 2008 Concert Choir Tour
The Westminster Concert Choir traveled to West Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky this year. Special thanks to the Westminster Concert Choir and director Dr. Robin Lind for being such wonderful ambassadors for the College! Every performance was outstanding – a tribute to our very talented students!

It’s been a busy fall and winter for Regional Connections! I am thrilled to have the opportunity to meet and speak 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.

Musical connection
The annual spring concert of The Village Voices choir in The Villages, Fla., was a special one for conductor Dr. Sandra Willetts ’65. Not only were several Westminster alumni in attendance, but so were Willetts’ former teacher and choir director Dr. Clancy Martin and his wife, Helen. Willetts is in her fourth season as conductor and musical director of The Village Voices. An active conductor and clinician, Willetts has made more than 250 guest appearances nationwide and sang in the premiere of Leonard Bernstein’s “Mass,” the inaugural concert of the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Pictured from left are Carol Paulie Mansfield ’58, Jack Mansfield ’59, Jane Hepburn Anderson ’67, Raymond Anderson ’65, Helen Martin, Sandra Willetts, Dr. Clancy Martin, Alicia Williams Blaphin ’61 and John Blaphin ’59.

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Westminster’s story now has another completed chapter for its pages: The Williamson Years. Peppered with institutional improvements, the 11 years marking R. Thomas Williamson’s presidency will be remembered as the era of “getting better, not bigger.”
In a few short weeks, tears are certain to fall as the Westminster family watches retiring Williamson deliver his final formal address during commencement exercises. After most students have gone for the summer and the town of New Wilmington slows its pace just a bit more, Tom and his wife, Jean, will quietly swap the stately Mack Manse for a more modest Cape Cod-styled home nestled on the banks of Powhatan Creek, not far from the James River in Virginia.

Williamson’s retirement will mark the end of an era—one that many are saddened to see pass. It is a move that is certain to be bittersweet for Williamson, as well. Although he has long been a firm believer in institutional renewal after a 10-year period, it won’t be an easy farewell to colleagues and friends—or the College he fostered.

Since his arrival in 1997, Williamson has become one of the most beloved Westminster presidents. Respect for him is common among faculty, staff, students, and alumni. He is an affable man, a humble man. His down-to-earth charisma is genuine.

“When I met President Williamson for the first time, I was greeted as if we had known each other for years,” said Ashley Carnahan ’09, president of the Student Government Association. “His love and passion for this institution was immediately apparent. As students, we could not have asked for a better leader, counselor, or role model.”

Beyond personality traits, he’s proven to be a pragmatic leader who has gotten things done for Westminster and its legacy.

“Tom’s way was always to see the problems clearly, proceed in his easy going manner to find solutions, and then work hard to implement them without worrying about who gets the credit,” said Dr. Robert Gardner ’57, who was beginning his first year as chair of the Board of Trustees when Williamson arrived on campus.

Ever considerate of Westminster’s needs, Williamson even planned his 2007 retirement announcement to coincide with the completion of Westminster’s Strategic Plan so that the year ahead could “be filled with discussions with presidential candidates about the next set of plans for Westminster.” The College’s Strategic Plan under Williamson’s leadership called for continued improvement over enlargement. His mantra of “get better, not bigger” has produced results across the board from enrollment to endowment to improved infrastructure.

Part of “getting better” is the continued practice of attracting the finest students, and during the Williamson years, the average grade point average for incoming freshmen has risen to 3.42. And although the College is not aiming to “get bigger,” more and more students are anxious to take advantage of a Westminster education. This year more than 2,900 prospective students have applied to Westminster College, which is a 118 percent increase over last year and doubles the previous record of 1,444 undergraduate applications in 2004.

The Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning was established during Williamson’s tenure, which exemplifies betterment over physical growth. Created to advance world-class teaching and learning at Westminster, the center provides opportunities and funding for undergraduate research projects, and enriches K-12 education through outreach programs for area educators.

“I think it’s safe to say that for a while, President Williamson was the only person who understood the center’s potential and envisioned its future,” said Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, associate professor of sociology and director of the Drinko Center. “Through his commitment we have the Drinko Center of today. It’s a privilege every day for me to have the opportunity to work toward making his vision a reality.”

~ George Berlin
Past Chair
Board of Trustees
2003-06
On July 1, 1997, Tom Williamson was named President of Westminster College, and I started my first year as President of the Board. Tom and I had the dubious honor of being presented with Westminster’s first unbalanced operating budget in the school’s history. The board and the previous administration had seen this coming for years, but even after considerable time and effort, we could not find a solution.

Our first discussions focused on ways to balance the budget, and, along with most of the Board, I felt that we would be lucky if the problem were resolved in five years. By January, it was evident that Tom had found ways to reduce the College’s expenses, and by May, Tom had not only balanced the budget, but had miraculously come up with a considerable surplus. The many ways to save money were implemented quickly, smoothly, and with so little confrontation, that most people were not even aware that there had been a problem.

Tom’s way was always to see the problems clearly, proceed in his easy going manner to find solutions, and then work hard to implement them without worrying about who gets the credit. His legacy can be seen in the new campus buildings, in the quality of our students, and in the school’s daily activities. Tom surely has been one of Westminster’s greatest Presidents and will always be part of Westminster College.

~ Dr. Robert Gardner
Past Chair
Board of Trustees
1997-2000

“Getting better” has been reflected in Westminster’s recognition as a national leader in graduation rate performance. The College even joined the ranks of the U.S. News & World Report’s top 100 liberal arts colleges in the United States. Over the course of the past 12 years, Westminster has received additional national recognition through “The Best 366 Colleges” and “Best in the Northeast” by The Princeton Review, and being named the 115th best liberal arts college in Washington Monthly’s 2007 Annual College Guide.

To ensure Westminster’s future, Williamson’s administration looked closely at building the endowment. A respectable $62 million has developed into a healthy and growing $100 million over the course of Williamson’s tenure. Williamson is also credited for identifying future gifts to the endowment of more than $30 million.

Williamson’s presidency has overseen the completion of 10 major building projects totaling more than $36 million, providing better accommodations for students, faculty and staff.

President’s Staff (left to right): Gloria Cagigas, R. Thomas Williamson, Bradley Tokar, Kenneth Romig, Jesse Mann and Neal Edman

My husband Bill and I first met Tom Williamson at a dinner for donors in Pittsburgh about 10 years ago. Tom and Jean had arrived on campus a few months earlier and I was a candidate for membership on the Board of Trustees. I was immediately impressed by Tom’s obvious warmth and sincerity and by his dedication to Westminster. Jean’s great good humor made for a relaxing and enjoyable evening. We dined, danced, and laughed for several hours.

Since that first meeting, my respect and affection for Tom and Jean have continued to grow. I’ve been with Tom to visit potential donors, at student forums, to special trustee programs, and at so many other events. He is unfailingly cheerful, positive and supportive. Any time Tom enters a room, he is noticed—not because of his obvious height but because of his ability to elevate the level of goodwill and conversation.

I most admire Tom because he remains respectful always of the talents and viewpoints of others. He has that rare trait of being able to put anyone at ease—from mature alumni to a high school football player touring the campus for the first time.

Through Tom’s leadership, Westminster has prospered because of his mantra to “get better, not bigger.” Indeed, we are a much better college thanks to Tom’s prescient strategies.

Tom Williamson has made Westminster an even better place. That is thanks, in large part, to his ability to bring together people from every corner of Westminster’s extended community.

~ Debora Swatsworth Foster ’74
Chair
Board of Trustees
“I believe Tom will be remembered most as a builder,” said Leonard Carroll, chair of the Board of Trustees from 2000-03. “During his time as President, the campus enjoyed a period of unprecedented building construction and remodeling—all of which was accomplished through Tom’s fund-raising efforts with the help and support of the College’s loyal supporters.”

Perhaps the most recognized bricks-and-mortar project completed during Williamson’s presidency is the 77,000-square-foot Andrew J. McKelvey Campus Center. Completed in 2003, the $14.4 million center joins the former Walton-Mayne Student Union and Charles Freeman Hall.

Other building and renovation projects have included:

- The 1999 addition of the Memorial Field House Mansell Wing and the 2001 completion of the Edwards Wing.
- The 2000 renovation of Thompson-Clark Hall, the second oldest building on campus. Originally built in 1893, the hall now serves as home to the departments of English and Public Relations; Modern Languages; and Communication Studies, Theatre, and Art.
- A 2001 track and field area facelift, which included the addition of an eight-lane track.
- The 2003 creation of the Marjorie Walker Recreation Center, located in the lower level of Old 77.
- The 2004 renovation of Orr Auditorium and music facilities.
- The 2005 renovation of Old Main Memorial, home to administrative offices and departments of economics and business, and education.
- The 2006 construction of the Berlin Village student townhouses, which provide housing for 60 male and female seniors.
- The 2006 restoration of the Victorian-era Thompson House, which now provides housing for 16 students.
- The current renovation of the McGill Memorial Library, due for completion this summer.
- Approval of the renovation of Memorial Field and Harold Burry Stadium and the construction of the Joseph B. Fusco Plaza.

Extensive improvements to campus technology, academic equipment and residence halls—all totaling $3 million—were made during Williamson’s tenure.

“Working for and learning from Tom Williamson has been a privilege,” said Gloria C. Cagigas, vice president for institutional advancement and a member of the president’s cabinet. “Tom has been a caring, effective leader. His legacy includes campus physical improvements, financial stability, a stronger endowment, and a commitment to teaching and learning. Because of his wonderful sense of humor, working together these past 11 years to advance his vision for Westminster has been a joyful journey.”

As Williamson prepares for his life’s next journey—being closer to his children, teaching his grandchildren to swing the golf clubs and paddle a kayak, and assisting with college presidential searches with a firm named Academic Search—Westminster won’t be far from his thoughts.

“There is a sense of warmth and goodness about Westminster. Closing the door won’t be so hard, but saying farewell to so many good friends will be the toughest part,” he said.

“Each president of Westminster has moved the College forward with the help of trustees, faculty, staff, alumni and students,” said Williamson. “I would just like to be remembered as one who tried his best to do the same.”

(Hildebrand is editor of Westminster Magazine)

As chairman of the Board of Trustees during Tom’s tenure, I had the pleasure of watching him tackle the College’s day-to-day operating and administrative problems. He has the uncanny ability to make tough decisions while building consensus from all of the interested constituencies. I believe Tom will be remembered most as a ‘builder.’ During his time as President, the campus enjoyed a period of unprecedented building construction and remodeling—all of which was accomplished through Tom’s fund-raising efforts with the help and support of the College’s loyal supporters.

~ Leonard Carroll
Past Chair
Board of Trustees
2000-2003
Let’s face it. No matter where you look these days, you’re bound to see the color—or at least the word—green. Marketers are targeting consumers to buy hybrid cars, organic food and clothing, CFL bulbs, and recycled toothbrushes. Climate change is in the news daily and even Hollywood is telling us what we can do to be environmentally mindful. But how do college campuses fit in to this green movement, and just what is happening at Westminster?
“Sustainability” is one of the latest eco-terms popping up on college campuses across the nation. And while it may be the latest buzzword, it’s certainly not a new concept. For nearly 40 years, Dr. Seuss has been feeding preschoolers the concept through is cautionary environmental fable The Lorax in which a paradise covered in Truffula trees is ravaged by the forces of consumerism and wastefulness in the form of the tree-need-producing Oncelers.

Things will not get better, the Lorax warns us, “unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot.”

Sustainability. At the least, it’s a plan—an environmental blueprint—for the future. It is the understanding and comprehension of the effects of our actions today and how they impact future generations. At the most, it’s achieving human and ecosystem longevity. Under the theory of sustainability, how we live today on Westminster’s campus will impact future generations and our natural systems.

Westminster is just beginning to dip its toes into the sustainability pool, because, quite simply, it isn’t easy being green. It’s a lot of work. But with the help of environmentally-conscious faculty, campus organizations such as the Sierra Student Coalition (see related story), and growing practices toward sustainability, we’re making great strides.

At the far end of campus, for example, where the composting piles grow, and the wind can smell a bit musty when it blows, is the post of the campus’ own Lorax: Dr. Clarence Harms, director of the Field Station.

He isn’t shortish or brownish, as is The Lorax’s titular character, but he is, probably, sometimes quite mousy and often reminds us to be cognizant of our carbon footprints. Harms, professor of biology emeritus, has become the campus’ de facto keeper of the environment. He passionately composts and recycles, he plants trees, but most importantly, he educates members of the community—young and old alike—on the whys and hows of achieving a sustainable future. (See related story on page 19.)

Harms, who is often identified as a mentor for the environmentally active on campus, happily points out the inroads that have been met—geothermal heating and cooling in Berlin Village townhouses, the composting of food waste from the campus dining hall and Berlin Village, the summer harvesting of pondweeds from Britain Lake, and establishing a structure for recycling in all campus buildings—but admits he would like to see the College make a stronger commitment to conservation and sustainability as we move forward.

“We need to develop and maintain a policy of sustainability,” he said. Currently the College has no formal plan toward developing a sustainable future, but that is an outcome he and others on campus hope to achieve.

Much can be gained, Harms believes, in establishing such a commitment, and the Field Station—now in its 28th year—has much potential to assist with the further development of environmental programming and planning.

Located on 50 acres of land, formerly the Offutt Farm, the Field Station lies east of the main campus. The acreage was purchased in 1964 and in 1980 it was appropriated for use as an environmental laboratory. Today it is a rich source of resources—a composting system, a nature center, nature trail, an arboretum, an historic microforest, a seedling nursery, wetlands, a weather station, a stone labyrinth—that supports the curriculum, research, and the building of community service and environmental awareness.

The Field Station, Harms believes, can expand even further to complement any commitment to sustainability the College may undertake.

But with or without the Field Station, Harms says, “the overall College campus needs a carefully formulated comprehensive energy plan that projects the use of new and future technology related to conservation and sustainability.”

The College is moving in the right direction, as demonstrated by the recent curriculum addition of a minor in environmental studies is perhaps another step in that direction.

The new minor, accepted into the curriculum for the 2008-09 academic year, is multidisciplinary in design and will focus on environmental issues relating to the sciences, economics, literature, policy, philosophy and art. Additionally, a cluster course that includes environmental science and environmental literacy will be offered next year.

According to Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, assistant professor of biology and coordinator of the “Perspectives on the Environment” speaker series, the minor is a response to global and student interest in green issues. An e-mail poll of Westminster students showed that a proposed environmental studies minor appealed to at least 84 students.

“Issues related to how humans interact with their environment, especially when it comes to energy, pollution and climate change, have become increasingly more important. As awareness builds, so does the demand for products and services that are considered ‘environmentally friendly’ or ‘green,’” said Mistry, adding that as industry makes changes to grow greener, so must Westminster in its education and training of our students.

“Training in the fundamentals of environmental issues and an appreciation of the various disciplines needed to solve environmental issues will provide our graduates with a distinct advantage in the market place,” Mistry said.

An environmental studies minor, Mistry said, is also directly supportive of the College’s mission: it encourages our students to develop moral and ethical commitments to the natural world.

“Westminster has a long and established history in valuing community and instilling in our students a sense of social commitment and civic engagement,” said Mistry. “I see sustainability as simply an extension of this philosophy, where we expand our sense of community—both in space and time—to include the landscape of nature that surrounds us all, as well as the landscape that we leave for future generations.”

As president of the Sierra Student Coalition (SSC), the campus organization taking the green movement into the student ranks, Leanna Stitt ’08 sees Westminster students reaching to connect with the environment.

“Over the past four years, I’ve seen students gradually become more connected and more involved with the natural world around them,” said Stitt. “Each person who discovers more about themselves through connecting with nature then wants to share it with everyone they know. This is how the word gets spread. This is how anything successful begins—one by one.”

The Lorax would be proud.

(Hildebrand is editor of Westminster Magazine)
College campuses, in a sense, are closed systems. Whether or not they represent a microcosm of the planet Earth is a matter of opinion.

Westminster is a beautiful campus. Alumni return from points afar to reminisce about trees and landscaping. Nostalgic memories often shared tell us we are good custodians of New Wilmington’s showcase.

Our campus is a place where we can observe, comprehend and model the interconnections of social, ecological and economic change taking place in our bigger world. There is a buzzword for this: Sustainability. But that word doesn’t always communicate the diversity of meanings ascribed to it.

The Iroquois are credited with a concept that has been paraphrased as “Seventh Generation Sustainability,” meaning that when we make everyday and long-range decisions we should consider what the effect will be on seven generations in the future.

In 1993, Chief Oren Lyons, addressing delegates to the United Nations Organization, opened “The Year of the Indigenous Peoples” in the United Nations General Assembly with this statement: “In our way of life, in our government, with every decision we make, we always keep in mind the Seventh Generation to come. It’s our job to see that the people coming ahead, the generations still unborn, have a world no worse than ours and hopefully better.”

Most people have less clarity of vision. But we generally support sustainability—growing crops, building homes, generating electricity, and transporting ourselves—with the hope that we will not cause undue side effects. We want to live in harmony with the environment—as long as the price tag isn’t too high. To speak bluntly, we are good at the theory of sustainability—discussions of minimizing greenhouse gases and protecting endangered species—but we, as a society, fumble when we have to practice sustainability in the hum drum of life. That is particularly true of the microcosm we call college and university life.

Westminster has made tremendous strides in sustainable living since I joined the faculty in 1969. But we still have “miles to go” before we rest.

In those days we tossed our garbage into a part of the College Woods and covered it with dirt (sort of). We incinerated our trash and produced lots of fly ash. We tossed tons of glass bottles and aluminum cans into landfills where they remain today and let all the food waste go to waste, literally. If we knew better, we didn’t practice sustainable living. We acted as if there was no tomorrow. We did what was expedient and no one really is to blame—except all of us who were here.

Through the years we’ve become greener both in theory and in practice. Our classes—in the sciences, humanities, arts—have become tuned in to the buzzword. We write environmental poetry, calculate ecological costs on a spreadsheet, and attend lectures on green buildings.

We also have set in place proper procedures for sensitive disposal of paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum, and (soon) newspapers. In 2005 we began a program of composting food waste from the campus kitchen and dining hall. We haven’t yet moved that food composting agenda to the McKelvey Campus Center or the residence halls, but we’ve worked at collecting food waste from the Berlin Village townhouses.

Being a professor at heart, I give Westminster a grade of B- for our sustainability actions. We still push into the compactor too much waste of one sort or another that ends up in a landfill. We have the human trait of taking the path of least resistance—it’s too much work walking to the receptacle for empty bottles when the wastebasket is closer. Without thinking we discard cardboard boxes; unless they are broken down and flattened they are thrown into the compactor. We don’t collect coffee grounds from residence halls or most offices, thus losing good organic materials. The list goes on.

Our food waste composting efforts were given a boost in 2005 with a $90,000 grant from Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection. This made possible the purchase of equipment (tractor, compost stirrer, screener and truck) at the Field Station for handling compostables. The work goes on year round and in the course of one year about 230 tons of food waste, leaves, pondweed from Brittain Lake and shredded paper become about 115 tons of good, usable soil. As evidence
of sustainability this soil is used at the Field Station for planting trees, trucked to the main campus for nurturing those trees and given to the Borough of New Wilmington for projects of local garden clubs.

The IBM commercial that ran on television during the 2007-08 football season had a bold and cryptic message: STOP TALKING, START DOING. This message can apply to more than computer hardware. This is the message of sustainability: theory is good…but not good enough.

Westminster College has a mission and this mission must include practicing what our heritage—faith and academic—have long proclaimed. If a human generation is 21 to 26 years, approximately seven generations have passed since 1852, the year Westminster was founded. An ominous question facing us in 2008 is what will our campus world be like seven generations hence, in 2164? We do well to keep the Iroquois’ statement on sustainability in mind.

Clarence Harms is the author of a periodical column, Notes from the Field Station, which is posted on the Westminster Web site. To view his latest entry or to read about Westminster’s environmental impact, visit www.westminster.edu/green.

TANZANIA ECOTOUR 2008

An ecotour to Tanzania in June and July 2007 was so successful and well-received that Dr. Clarence Harms, professor of biology emeritus and director of the Field Station, is planning a repeat tour from June 14-30, 2008. Last year highpoints included Kilimanjaro, the Serengeti, the Ngorongoro Crater, Olduvai Gorge, and Zanzibar. Members of the group were also fortunate enough to spot the Big Five—the lion, elephant, cape buffalo, leopard and black rhino—in their natural habitats. As one ecotourist from 2007 put it, the trip was “worth every penny.” For details on costs and more information, alumni and friends of Westminster may contact Dr. Clarence Harms, Box 116, Westminster College, or by e-mail Travel_wClarence@hotmail.com or harmsc@westminster.edu.

Five of the 14 ecotourists to Tanzania chose to spend a morning in the gondola of a hot air balloon that drifted silently over a 20-mile stretch of the Serengeti. Pictured from left are: Joel Anderson and his wife Dorothy ’67, Doreen Hoover ’00, Jennifer Bennett ’01 and Clarence Harms.
Students leading the movement toward change

By Danica R. Scott ’08

While Westminster College has a long history of being environmentally conscious, one particular group—the Sierra Student Coalition (SSC)—has really pushed the idea of living green to the forefront.

With a motto of “Increasing Awareness, Restoring the Earth,” SSC’s main objective is to spread awareness, said Leanna Stitt ’08, senior English and sociology major and SSC president. “Without knowing our daily impact on the planet, action towards change will never occur.”

“The Sierra Student Coalition has been one of the most active groups on campus,” said Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, assistant professor of biology and SSC adviser. “They have brought in speakers, movies, and encouraged green practices such as recycling and energy conservation.”

This spring the SSC and the Office of Residence Life co-hosted “Do it in the Dark,” an energy conservation competition among the campus’ 10 residence halls.

“From Feb. 1 through April 30, the residence halls have been competing to see who can save the most energy,” said Stitt, pointing out that even the smallest changes—such as taking shorter showers and turning off the lights when leaving a room—can make a big difference.

At the end of every week, each resident director is responsible for reporting the energy meter readings for his or her hall. Those figures are compared with the hall’s energy consumption averages from the previous three years.

At the end of the contest, the residence hall that reduces its energy consumption the most will earn the Ozone Cup and $500 cash. Residents of the winning hall will decide how to use the money.

By turning this cause into a contest, Stitt said she hopes that students will be more excited about getting involved.

ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

FOR THE BEGINNERS

• Hit the light switch, even if leaving only briefly
• Wash clothes in cold water
• Turn off stereo, TV & other appliances when not in use
• Unplug appliances & chargers for cell phones, laptops or batteries when not in use
• Air dry your laundry or use the “air” setting on your dryer
• Keep doors/windows closed

FOR THE SERIOUS

• Only wash full loads of clothes
• Use CFL bulbs for lamps & task lighting
• Let your hair dry naturally
• Use task lighting instead of overhead
• Set computer to “Hibernate” mode
• Use sunlight instead of artificial lighting during the day

FOR THE HARDCORE

• Unplug appliances that are not in use
• Turn off the water in the shower while scrubbing
• Take fewer showers
• Replace traditional bulbs with CFL energy saving bulbs
• Minimize or eliminate use of equipment & appliances

To kick off the competition, SSC hosted a week of promotional events, including an all-campus blackout day encouraging students, faculty and staff to use natural lighting whenever possible in classes, offices and residence halls.

Other promotions included:

• The screening of “The 11th Hour,” Leonardo DiCaprio’s documentary examining the state of the global environment
• The selling of CFL energy saving light bulbs at a reduced rate. The bulbs sold out within a few days, which prompted a second sale. Customers depleted the second supply in less than three days.
• Guest speaker Joseph Gordon of Conserve Our Ocean Legacy who discussed how to protect, preserve, and restore America’s oceans
• A workshop teaching how to make recycled paper
• An online-only edition of the student newspaper, The Holcad
• “Do it in the Dark” concert featuring acoustic music from three local bands. Held in the dark, students were encouraged to bring their own creative light sources to the concert.

The Sierra Student Coalition’s sale of CFL bulbs was a bright idea. Bulbs sold out within days.
During the course of the year, SSC sponsored other projects, including a fraternity recycling competition.

“Last semester we held a TRASHed competition between fraternities to see which house could recycle the most,” said Stitt. “Our goal was to push them into implementing recycling in their houses.”

After recycling more than 1,000 pounds of glass, plastic, and aluminum, the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity took home the prize—and a $300 Home Depot gift card.

“Their system really impressed me,” said Stitt. “Phi Tau truly achieved the goal we had in mind.”

A campus newspaper recycling program, Sponsor-a-Bin, was established through SSC this year. To date, five different campus organizations monitor and empty recycling bins located in all the academic buildings.

“Getting this program started was a tedious endeavor that started about two years ago, so we are happy to see the visions of those of the past transcend into reality,” Stitt said.

SSC also sponsors and maintains a stretch of road—a mile-long section of Interstate 80—through the Adopt-a-Highway program.

SSC’s long-range vision includes encouraging Sodexo, Westminster’s food service provider, to use biodegradable dinnerware in the TUB; setting up a co-op where students can purchase their produce locally; and urging the College to purchase energy efficient washers and dryers for the residence halls.

“Reducing the ‘footprint’ of the College on the environment is an important and ultimate goal,” said Mistry.

SSC members attended a Power Shift conference, the first national youth summit to confront and tackle the climate change issue. Held at the University of Maryland last semester, students from across the country gathered to network, brainstorm about ways to improve the green scene on campuses, and to attend educational workshops. The event hosted several speakers, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and consumer activist and independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader.

“To see so many other students who are as passionate as we are about preserving the environment encouraged us to take action at Westminster,” Stitt said. SSC members will likely attend the upcoming fall Power Shift conference.

“How we deal with issues related to our environment speaks volumes of us as a culture, our priorities for today, and our ability to plan for the future,” said Mistry. “The real test for humanity is not simply how well we deal with the environmental issues of today—it is what we learn from this experience and how that changes us tomorrow.”

(Anita Scott is a senior English major from New Wilmington.)

STUDENT PROFILE

Leanna Stitt: A student of action

By Danica Scott ’08

For Leanna Stitt ’08, actions speak louder than words—especially when trying to spread the word of environmentalism.

“That is what people will notice the most,” said Stitt, president of Westminster’s Sierra Student Coalition (SSC). Known as, perhaps, the “greenest” student on campus, Stitt has worked hard at spreading awareness of the green scene on campus through speakers, films, and contests to get other students involved.

Through the SSC, she has tackled projects that aid in energy conservation, recycling, highway clean-up, and composting.

“Environmentalism is such a universal subject with a web of links to other areas of life. When SSC did a ‘make-your-own-recycled paper’ event, it was exciting to see that artistic element tied into nature. I’ve gotten so much from my connection, and I want others to find their personal, inspiration in nature as well,” she said.

However, Stitt was not always as devoted as she is now. It was her friend, cross country teammate and SSC co-founder Sandra Edmiston ’05, who helped develop her interest in going green. Edmiston died in a rock climbing accident in near Jackson Hole, Wyo., just three months following her graduation from Westminster.

“Sandy took me under her wing when I was the sole freshman on the cross country team. She gradually instilled in me a passion for preserving the beauty of nature,” said Stitt. Stitt said that she “felt a pull” that eventually drew her to the president position of the SSC.

“What better way to preserve someone’s legacy than to continue the efforts of their cause? Her spirit and enthusiasm keep me going when I feel discouraged,” she said.

Not only is Stitt committed to the work she does on campus, but she is also involved in helping out her hometown of Plum. After a long-burning mine fire in Boyce Park was finally extinguished, areas of the park were left in disrepair—massive holes had been dug and picnic areas, trees and a trail were destroyed in the process.

The damaged trail sat for several years until the Student Conservation Association (SCA) decided the park needed some changes.

“It was just a huge mess,” said Stitt. “You couldn’t run or bike on the trail anymore.”

Last summer, the SCA sent Stitt to Seattle for a 10-day training to learn proper trail restoration—knowledge she brought home and applied to the Boyce Park trail.

“I never knew so much went into making a trail,” she said. “I no longer look at one without having appreciation for every aspect of the design.”

After her return, she became a crew leader, heading a group of six students from Penn Hills High School. They worked daily for five weeks—mornings were spent at the trail and afternoons the group took field trips to gain a better understanding of the environment and to learn more about conservation. SCA had 30 crews working in Pittsburgh area parks last summer.

“I think I found my niche in this cause,” Stitt said. “There is so much to be gained by having an investment in the earth and finding that connection to nature early in life.”

Stitt, who graduates in May, plans to participate in the SCA’s national parks program this summer and anticipates being dispatched to northern California or Washington. She feels that when we are “completely removed from civilization, we’re the most real with one another and with ourselves. We can get back to the basics, and that’s really rewarding.”

Following her summer SCA experience, Stitt is considering pursuing work in the Peace Corps or Americorps following graduation.

“I want to experience the world as much as I can,” she said.
60th Reunion: Class of 1948
Saturday, October 18

1949
Audrey Duerr Feldmeier and her husband, Peter, have retired and have relocated to McMurray.

1950
The Audubon Hawk Watch at Waggoner’s Gap unveiled plans for the Cliff Jones Field Station. The station will enable a number of improvements to the site, including better access and trails, an outdoor classroom, a handicapped viewing area, and more detailed signage to interpret the site.

1951
Emil “Lucky” Reznik was honored for 40 years of service on the board of directors of the South Bend Public Transportation Corporation (TRANSPO). He received the State of Indiana’s Distinguished Hoosier Award, a key to the City of South Bend, and numerous other honors, including the naming of TRANSPO’s new operations and maintenance facility the Emil “Lucky” Reznik Center.

55th Reunion, Class of 1953
Saturday, October 18

50th Reunion: Class of 1958
Saturday, October 18, 2008

1959
Thomas Bear Jr. is professor of finance emeritus at Stetson University. Tom and his wife, Lynn, make their home in DeLand, Fla.

Chris Thompson is a professional negotiator with CST Consulting. His wife, Mary Anne Hudkins Thompson ’60, retired as children’s librarian at Taylor Memorial Library and as medical archivist at Millpond Family Practice. Chris and Mary Anne live in Uniontown, Ohio.

1961
Janet McGrath Carr retired as a teacher in the Bethel Park School District. Her husband, Kenneth Carr ’60, is controller for Marthenson-Salvili Insurance Corporation. Jan and Ken are at home in Grove City.

Saturday, October 18, 2008

1963
Bradley Peterson retired as the owner of Advanced Builders. His wife, Lynne Kimmel Peterson ’64, is secretary in the juvenile justice office of Polk County Human Services. The couple resides in St. Croix Falls, Wis.

Robert Schuyler is carpentry program director and communications liaison at Kibbuse Vocational School in Nyamarwa, Uganda, where Bob and his wife, Brenda, are missionaries for the next two years.

Edward Stanley retired from the Ford Motor Company. He and his wife, Carol, earned the designation of Life Master in bridge. The couple lives in Fort Myers, Fla.

1964
Judith Evans Stoudt retired as education specialist with the Berks County Intermediate Unit. She and her husband, Geoffrey, make their home in Wyomissing.

1965
Anthony Carsone retired as special education supervisor in Trumbull County. He and his wife, Pat, reside in Naples, Fla.

1966
Frances Treischbach has relocated to Lansdale and is director of music at Grace Lutheran Church in Drexel.

1967
Gary Hughes of Far Hills, N.J., is a manufacturer’s representative with Somerset Hughes & Company.

Jack Ridl’s collection of basketball poems, Losing Season, was selected for publication by CavanKerry Press.

1968
Jim Turner was elected to the board of directors of the American National Standards Institute, and joined the board of directors of Scientists and Engineers for America. A resident of McLean, Va., Jim is chief counsel for the Committee on Science and Technology in the U.S. House of Representatives.

1969
The Rev. Dr. Ed Babinsky of Westborough, Mass., is a hospice chaplain in Boston. He completed his second Boston Marathon this year.

Donna Christian Manley retired as a reading specialist with the Berlin Town School District in Berlin, Vt. She and her husband, Scott, now reside in Nokomis, Fla.

Gary Suggars of Baltimore is a docent at The Evergreen Museum and Library, one of two historic house collections owned by The Johns Hopkins University.

Chi Omega sisters from the 1960s get together at Jerry and Amy Ferguson’s home in Chestertown, Md. From left to right are Marcia Wimer Rodenbaugh ’64, Amy Robinson Ferguson ’64, Jerry Ferguson ’63, and Jeanette Nielsen Meyers ’63.

1971
Donna Lamm Cooke of Winston-Salem, N.C., is a programming consultant with the United Methodist Church.


1972
Thomas Bridwell is a teacher with Kelly Educational Staffing. Tom and his wife, Lina, live in Clarksville, Tenn.

Elizabeth Hambry Howard is an assistant vice president, asset-based lending with Bank of America in Atlanta, Ga.

Louis Mastroodi (M) retired from the New Castle School District, where his wife, Victoria Mastroodi (M ’75), is a French teacher. The couple lives in New Castle.

Janet Starr Mead is branch coordinator for Copper and Brass Sales, a metal distributor. Her husband, Curt Mead, is self-employed with Bencomp Communications Inc. The couple lives in Victor, N.Y.

1974
Lynita Kagarise Shimizu received the JAWK I Award for her woodcuts at the Kyoto International Woodprint Association Exhibition. Lynita and her husband, Katsumi, live in Pomfret, Conn., where Lynita works from her studio.

Wayne Mockel was promoted to senior staff chemist, global resource-process analytics with Ciba, a specialty chemicals firm. He and his wife, Cindy Cochenour ’75, live in Daphne, Ala.

The Rev. Donald Stanley Jr. is pastor of Jamestown Presbyterian Church. His wife, Doris Barron Stanley, gives private instruction in piano and voice. The couple resides in Jamestown.

1975
Cynthia Campbell Nebel is supervisor, independent evaluations with Lifesteps, Inc., a nonprofit social service agency. She and her husband, Darrell, live in Cabot.

Dr. Bernadette Kucher of Hermitage was invited by People to People International to be part of a delegation of family physicians to travel to China through their Ambassador Program. The delegation will meet with Chinese counterparts to discuss Western and Chinese healthcare systems.

1976
Susan Buesing Amerman is a para-professional in the Randolph Township School District. She and her husband, Peter, reside in Morristown, N.J.

James Carper is director of parish development at St. Peter Claver Parish. Jim and his wife, Teresa, make their home in Simi Valley, Calif.

David Clelland is senior vice president at Union Bank and Trust Company. Dave and his wife, Gail, live in Richmond, Va.

Dr. Jonathan Cole is a periodontist. His wife, Jean Mossberger Cole ’77, is office manager for Jon’s practice in DuBois.

Richard Leasure was named organist of The Presbyterian Church of Barrington (III.).

John Utz is a mathematics teacher in the Pine-Richland School District. He and his wife, Connie, reside in Mars.

Saturday, October 18, 2008

1977
John Hepler of Mequon, Wis., is senior manager, marketing planning with Miller Brewing Co.

1978
Laurie Hackett Burns teaches band, choir, drama and journalism at Gault Middle School. She and her husband, Robert, live in Tacoma, Wash.

Pete Lefferts completed the 2007 Virginia Triple Iron Triathlon in Lake Anna, Va. He finished in 14th place among an international field of 19 starters. He and his wife, Jodie, and three daughters live in Naples, Fla.


1979
Sheri-Lynn DeMaris graduated from the Kushi Institute, where she studied macrobiotic cooking. She hosts and produces a half-hour alternative health television talk show, “Tea with Sheri”; is a guidance counselor at Valley Forge Middle School; and is writing a cookbook, Clean Cuisine: Healing Foods for the Modern Day Person.

Kandice Grant is coordinator for the Virginia Department of Education’s Training and Technical Assistance Center at James Madison University. Kandy lives in Harrisonburg, Va.
David Nesbit was appointed a senior vice president of the Bank of New York Mellon. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Mary Jo, and their son.

Susan Richardson Menser M’80 is a reading specialist in the Somerset School District. Sue and her husband, Dana, reside in Somerset.

Stephen Long is a high school social studies teacher in the Southwest R-5 School District in Washburn, Mo.

Pamela Morgan Lanni, her husband, Joe, and four children relocated to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Pam is a homeschool teacher.

Terri Freshwater Cherkin is a reading specialist at TreeLine Elementary School. She lives in Fort Myers, Fla., with her husband, Brad, and two children.

Judy Braun earned a master of education degree in counseling from Youngstown State University and is director of guidance services at Ursuline High School. She and her husband, Elvin Shields, reside in Columbiana, Ohio.

The Rev. Elizabeth Maher Brown is co-pastor with her husband, the Rev. David Brown, at Normandy United Methodist Church in Dayton, Ohio.

Paul Cunningham is vice president and chief financial officer with SABA Holding Company in Exton.

Carol James is a U.S. Army veteran whose active duty included Desert Storm. She is a teacher in the Cleveland City Schools and is pursuing a master’s in education and a license to teach visual arts.

Bruce Bartoo, chief philanthropy officer and foundation president for Sisters of Mercy Health System, was elected to the board of directors of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy.

Louis Russell Jr. is a chief storekeeper with the U.S. Navy. He lives in Lewiston, Maine, with his wife, Patty, and two children.

Valerie Le Jeune is senior director, licensing compliance with SAP America, Inc., a software firm. She and her husband, Derek Moran, make their home in Mont Clare.

Michael McSwaney is vice president of business development with 4C Technologies, a business consulting and software engineering firm. He and his wife, Julie, reside in Delmont.

Jennifer Gross Holland earned her teacher’s certification from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and is a teacher in the Erie City School District. She lives in Erie with her husband, Gregory, and their two children.

Donna Strohmetz Osteen is a pre-K teacher for the Leon County School Board. She and her husband, Gene, and three daughters live in Tallahassee, Fla.

Greg Pollock is principal of Leighton Elementary School in the Aurora (Ohio) City Schools. The school was one of six chosen by the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators in the 2007 Hall of Fame program.

Greg lives in Aurora with his wife, Lori Neumann, and two children.

Scott Culley of New Castle is an 11th-grade mathematics teacher at Rochester High School.

Leslie Johnson of Philadelphia is marketing and project manager with Astral Artistic Services, a classical music firm.

Sherry Mitchell Pinto is principal at Bradley Creek Elementary School and is a doctoral candidate at Walden University. She lives in Wilmington, N.C., with her husband, Chuck, and two daughters. (See also New Additions)

Sean Sleeman is a technical support specialist with Banctec, Inc., an information technology service management firm. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Amy, and two children. (See also New Additions)

Wendy Wissinger Miller, a second-grade teacher in the Chestnut Ridge School District, received the 2007 Teacher of the Year Award for Bedford County. She was also named Coach of the Year four consecutive years in the Sideling Hill Volleyball League and is the assistant basketball coach. She and her husband, Donald, are the parents of two daughters.

Liesl Cramer Valone is a learning support teacher at Harborscreek High School. She and her two daughters live in North East.

Julie Shellito Weagraff is director of development for The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges. She
lives in Painesville Township, Ohio, with her husband, Marc, and their son.

1994

Stacy Adams Sauriol is director, marketing communications for SpinVox Inc., a telecommunications firm. She and her husband, Kristopher, make their home in Atlanta, Ga.

Angela Erickson and her family relocated to Statesville, N.C., where Angela is a guidance counselor in the Iredell-Statesville Schools. She and her husband, Chad Milliron, are the parents of two daughters.

Jennifer Lease is a team leader at the NASA Center for Aerospace Information, where she directs and monitors staff activities in acquisitions, metadata creation, records management and preservation. She lives in Baltimore with her husband, Sean Doherty, and their daughter.

The Rev. Derek W. Miller of Atlanta, Ga., is an assistant pastor at St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church. He and his wife, Kelly Margo Miller ’97, have two daughters.

Amy Phillips Bornais is a special instructor of early intervention services at Hands on Physical Therapy. She and her husband, Matt, and two sons reside in Birdsboro.

Christopher Uram of Oakmont is a senior neuroscience sales specialist with Valeant Pharmaceuticals International.

1995

Cynthia May Bonetti was named executive director of admissions and financial aid at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She and her husband, James, reside in Pittsburgh.

Jennifer Nicholson of New Castle was appointed magisterial district judge by Gov. Ed Rendell. Her district covers seven municipalities in Lawrence County.

Anastasia Rameas-Michael earned a master’s from Southern Illinois University and is a music teacher in the Chartiers-Houston School District. She and her husband, Richard, and two children make their home in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Gina Volpe is a doctor of osteopathic medicine with Partners in Family Practice, Ltd. She and her husband, Phillip Farcas, and daughter live in Hartville, Ohio. (See also New Additions)

1996

Brian Andruscik is a client account manager with McKesson Pharmacy Systems. His wife, Jane Baker Andruscik ’95, is a first-grade teacher in the Chartiers Valley School District. The couple and their two children reside in Carnegie.

Jennifer Nicholson is a magisterial district judge in Lawrence County. She resides in New Castle.

Deryk Thompson is employed with RF Central, a broadcast television engineering firm. He and his wife, Jen, make their home in Enola.


1997

Mark Ayres was named vice president, sales for the eastern half of the U.S. with Matrix Settlement and Clearance Services. He and his wife, Marlo Ziter Ayres ’98, and daughter live in Murrysville.

Lonnie Gula Isenberg, is a urology sales specialist with Allergan Pharmaceuticals.

She lives in Warren, Ohio, with her husband, Mark, and their daughter. (See also New Additions)

John Petrocelli earned a Ph.D. in social psychology from Indiana University Bloomington in May 2007. He is an assistant professor of social psychology at Wake Forest University. He and his wife, Lina, reside in Huntersville, N.C. (See also Weddings)

Julie Protopapa earned a master’s from the University of South Florida and is a high school autism teacher. She lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Sherri Skowron Houpt is a medical social worker with HCR Manor Care. She and her husband, Mark, and two sons make their home in Venetia.

1999

Julia McGlumphy of Key Biscayne, Fla., is quality manager at The Ritz-Carlton.

Brian Patterson of Sharpsville is a case closing technician with U.S. Investigation Services.

Melissa Rea Goda is an account executive with Giant Ideas, an advertising agency. She resides in Carnegie with her husband, Steve.

Michelle Stewart of Monroeville earned a master’s degree and certification in elementary education from Seton Hill University. She is a sixth-grade teacher for Penn Trafford School District.

2000

Christina Andrae was promoted to assistant director of admissions and financial aid at St. Vincent College in Latrobe.

Heather Frost Middlebrook is an account supervisor with Partners and Napier, an advertising agency. She and her husband, Stephen, and daughter live in Fairport, N.Y. (See also New Additions)

John Sherman of Aliquippa is a chemist with Schaffner Manufacturing, a manufacturer of metal polishing compounds.

Holly Tabernik earned a master’s in clinical psychology from Cleveland State University and is pursuing a Ph.D. at Sam Houston State University in Houston, Texas.

Elizabeth White of Atlanta is a district manager with Estee Lauder.

2001

Eric Bass received his National Board for Professional Teaching certificate and is a middle school mathematics teacher at Indian Hill Schools in Cincinnati. He and his wife, Harmony, and son reside in Highland Heights, Ky. (See also New Additions)

Erika Luskey Temperato earned a master’s in education from Slippery Rock University and is a biology teacher at Kennedy Catholic High School. She and her husband, Gary, and daughter live in New Castle.

Samuel McKissick II is business development manager for science and publishing with Intellor Group, an events management firm. He and his wife, Brienna, live in Erie.

Melissa Nosik of Knoxville, Tenn., earned a master’s from Florida Institute of Technology and is a behavior analyst with TEAM Centers.

Ryan Plocinik of Lafayette, Ind., earned a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from Purdue University.

Alyssa Snyder of McKees Rocks had entries published in the January/February/March
2008 edition of These Days, a devotional publication of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Her submissions are on topics related to caring for her father during his terminal illness, working at a church camp, and teaching Sunday school.

Roxanne Tarantelli is president of the board of directors of PSPA, a non-profit organization for the prevention of abuse to children, the elderly, and animals. She and her husband, Patrick Bruce, live in Wampum.

2003
Diana Barnes relocated to Youngstown, Ohio, and is a school psychologist in the Canfield School District. Tracy Gulling graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and is serving an internship at the University of Connecticut’s School of Medicine.

Erin Pugh earned a bachelor’s degree from Slippery Rock University. She relocated to Charlotte, N.C., where she is a kindergarten teacher at Steele Creek Elementary School.

Kelly Schmidt of Georgetown, Ky., was promoted to regional director of education services for Indiana and Kentucky with SmartEd Services, an educational technology firm.

Erica McCullough is a second-grade teacher in the Lakewood (Ohio) City Schools.

2004
Amy Fashano of Boston earned a degree from the New England School of Law.

The Rev. Elizabeth Wallace graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, was ordained by Shenango Presbytery, and installed as pastor of the Knox Presbyterian Church in Ellwood City.

2005
Samantha Baldwin of Centreville, Va., is an instructional assistant at Oak Valley Center, a special education day school.

Leah Ehrhardt Boccardi is a single copy territory manager with Trib Total Media. Her husband, Matthew Boccardi ’04, earned a degree from Duquesne Law School. Leah and Matt live in Allison Park. (See also Weddings)

Meredith Kerner of Greensburg is enrolled in the master of business administration program at Seton Hill University and is an inventory control analyst for the processed products division of U.S. Steel.

Heidi-Ann Kimmel McCreary is a project manager with GBS Corporation, a software development firm. Her husband, Kevin McCreary ’04, is a graduate student at Kent State University. The couple lives in Stow, Ohio.

Elizabeth King of Bronx, N.Y., is a sales coordinator with Unum, an insurance company.

Brian Martin is in management with Hertz car rental. His wife, Kathleen MacAleese Martin, is a special education teacher in the Northampton County Schools. Brian and Katie make their home in Virginia Beach.

2006
Christopher Castillo of Leesburg, Va., is a third-grade teacher at Newton-Lee Elementary School in the Loudoun County Public Schools.

Renee Friedly of Greensburg is a water sanitation for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in the Beaver Falls region.

Emilee Gustkey Waldo is a counselor at Mendell Achievement Center. She and her husband, Matthew, now live in Killeen, Texas.

Winifred Limmer of New Vernon, N.J., is a research assistant of the memory disorders project by the Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience: Rutgers University-Newark. She is a liaison with the Silverstein Aging and Dementia Research Center (NYU School of Medicine), interacting and conducting research with Alzheimer’s patients.

Kettie Matheny Lambright is a permanent substitute teacher in the Big Beaver Falls Area School District. She and her husband, Jarrett, make their home in Beaver Falls.

Kayla Pursifull of Beaver Falls is an instructional supervisor with The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School.

Jaclyn Sabolsky of Albany, N.Y., is a family development specialist with the Commission on Economic Opportunity, a community action agency.

2007
Katherine J. Chandley of Erie is an English teacher at Central Tech High School.

Lindsey Davis is enrolled in first-year studies at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

JoAnne Johnston now lives in Glendale, Calif., and is a sales and service specialist at Bank of America.
Weddings

1976

1992

1996
Janice Houser and Michael Yates, June 9, 2007, at Mountain View Inn, Greensburg. Alumni in the wedding party were Shelley Yoakam Campbell and Dyan Louder Siwiecki. Janice is a technical applications analyst for law firm of Kaye Scholer LLP in New York City. The couple resides in Canonsburg.

1997
John Petrocelli and Lina Towett, Aug. 4, 2007, in Charlotte, N.C. John is a professor at Wake Forest University. The couple resides in Huntersville, N.C.

1999
Justin Everett Craig and Tracy Marie Shiderly, Aug. 11, 2007, at Bethel United Presbyterian Church in Enon Valley. Best man duties were shared by Doug Frederick and Matt Twining ’00. Organist was Harold Henderson ’45. Justin is an investigator at Office of Personnel Management in Boyers.

2001
Autumn LaQuay and Joseph Yasher, Sept. 22, 2007, at Saint Valentine Church in Bethel Park. Autumn is a reimbursement supervisor with Centric Health Resources.

2002
Craig Gottschalk and Melissa Gass, July 28, 2007, at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Minn. Best man was Rich Marmura ’05 and Shaun Coonan ’00 was a groomsman and soloist. The couple lives in New Hope, Minn. (See also Class Notes)

2003
Marie Sekeras and Stephen Sloka, June 16, 2007, at Trinity United Methodist Church. The couple lives in Natrona Heights. (See also Class Notes)

2004
Heather Jones and Joshua Rogers, Oct. 20, 2007, at the Safety Harbor Spa and Resort

Wedding Album

1999
The couple resides in Saint Charles, Mo.

2002
Lauren Skosnik and Ryan Quallich, June 16, 2007, at St. Margaret Mary Church in Moon Township. Alumni participating in the wedding were Patty Ranalli, Corrine Hoffman, Lisa Bair Wiley, Megan Ruefle, Nicole Quallich ’01, and Josh Sunderlin. Lauren is a first grade teacher in the Moon Area School District. Ryan is a neuropsychology technician for UPMC. The couple lives in Hopewell.
in Safety Harbor, Fla. Heather is a marketing specialist for Send Tec Corporation. The couple resides in Pinellas Park, Fla.

Jacquelyn Lyons and Ted Demianczyk, Sept. 29, 2007, at Armstrong Farms Westminster Preserve in Saxonburg. Alumni participating in the wedding were bridesmaids Amy Fashano, Kate Sweeney, Courtney Lytle, Natalie Krivonik ’05, usher Michael Farner, and reader Jarred Takah ’05. Jacqueline is a recruiting coordinator at Education Management Corporation. The couple lives in Bridgeville.

2005
Leah Ehrhardt and Matthew Boccardi ’04, Sept. 15, 2007. The couple lives in Allison Park. (See also Class Notes)

Jollene Weister and Ashley Pratte, July 22, 2006. The couple lives in Ellwood City. Jollene is an eighth-grade math teacher at the Beaver Falls Middle School.

Jenn Wilms and Ryan Pike, Oct. 20, 2007. Meredith Kerner was a bridesmaid. The couple lives in Columbiana, Ohio.

2006
Ashley Seidelson and Russell Mills ’05, Oct. 20, 2007. Alumni participating in the wedding were Jamie Carter ’05, Laura Zoch, Elizabeth Bacheson, Kate MacAleese Martin ’05, Brian Martin ’05, and Greg Smith ’05. Readers were Jessica Rummel ’05 and Lee Scott ’07. The couple lives in Cranberry Township.

1985
Anne Jackson Marshaus and her husband, Stan: a daughter, Mary Vail, on Oct. 5, 2007. The family lives in Mayville, N.Y.

1990

1991

1993

1994
Dr. Brent Angott and his wife, Kimberly: a daughter, Allison, in 2007. She joins Nathan, 6, and Ryan, 4, at home in Washington.

1995
Maria Hahn Krzeczkowski and her husband, Kevin: a son, Nicholas John, on April 5, 2007. The family lives in Beaver.

Dr. Gina Volpe and her husband, Phillip Farcas: a daughter, Gabrielle Clare, on Feb. 23, 2006. The family lives in Hartville, Ohio. (See also Class Notes)

1996


Dyan Louder Siwiecki and her husband, Matthew: twin boys, Jesse Alan and Jayden Charles, on Nov. 13, 2006. They join twin half-brothers, Justin and Jacob, 10, at home in Clarion. Dyan is accounting controller for Kelly Chrysler in Brookville.

Lance Snow and his wife, Sonya: a son, Tyler Lawrence, on Jan. 17, 2007. Lance is the vice president of business development for American Adventure Sports LLC. The family lives in Cranberry Township.

Shannon Cunningham Pietrusinski and her husband, John Pietrusinski: a son, Jacob Edisin, on June 23, 2007. He joins Kaitlyn, 7, Kylie, 5, and Anna, 3, at home in Mars.


2007
- Valentine Brkich and his wife, Antonella Grace, on Sept. 20, 2007. The family lives in Bridgewater.

Courtney Collier Abboud and her husband, Michael: a daughter, Kaelin, on April 16, 2007. The family lives in Louisville, Ky.

Carrie Dorfield Sheckells and her husband, Glenn: a son, Henry Howard, on July 29, 2007. He is welcomed by Walter, 2, at home in Jarrettsville, Md.

Amanda Gottschall Zook and her husband, Kristopher Zook ’96: twin daughters, Norah Grace and Eliza Hope, on July 22, 2007. The family lives in Eatontown, N.J.

Lonnie Gula Isenberg and her husband, Mark: a daughter, Isabella Kaye, on Oct. 5, 2007. The family lives in Warren, Ohio. (See also Class Notes)

Christina Nalli Taylor and her husband, Brian Taylor: a daughter, Olivia Morgan, on Aug. 24, 2007. She is welcomed by Alexa, 2, at home in Aliquippa. Brian is president of Ellwood Crankshaft and Machine in Hermitage.

Megan Stull Riel and her husband, Jeremy: a son, Colton Andrew, on Oct. 19, 2006. He is welcomed by a sister, Juliana, at home in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

1998
► Matt Rohrbauck and his wife, Jamie: a son, Nathan Harrison, on Aug. 1, 2007. Matt is a sales representative for Scottish and Newcastle Breweries. The family lives in Cary, N.C.

1999
► Sarah Pavlik Rittle and her husband, Chad Rittle: a daughter, Addyson Delaney, on Oct. 18, 2006. The family resides in Covington, La.

1998

2000
Heather Frost Middlebrook and her husband, Stephen: a daughter, Ava Elise, on Sept. 11, 2007. The family lives in Fairport, N.Y. (See also Class Notes)


2001
Eric Bass and his wife, Harmony: a son, Logan Eric, on April 10, 2007. The family lives in Highland Heights, Ky. (See also Class Notes)

2000
Brian Rigby and his wife, Elizabeth: a daughter, Madison Grace, on July 4, 2007. The family resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.
Michael Riwniak and his wife, Kelly: a daughter, Emily, in 2005. The family lives in Salisbury, Md.

2002
► Kaitlin Ehrhardt Remensky and her husband, Dave Remensky ’00: a daughter, Jayme Nicole, on Aug. 31, 2006. The family lives in New Castle.

2003
Kristy Fetterman Berg and her husband, Joshua: a son, Noah James, on Aug. 11, 2007. The family lives in Erie.

2005

2006
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.

1931
Alice E. Bell Barrett of New Wilmington, Dec. 27, 2007. A former math teacher in Ellwood City, she also worked as a substitute teacher. She was a member of the Calvin Presbyterian Church where she served as Sunday school teacher, deacon, and elder. She was active in the Shenango Presbytery and was a delegate to two national synods of the Presbyterian Church. As a member of the hospital auxiliary and a trustee of the Ellwood City Hospital, she helped organize Ellwood City’s Meals on Wheels. She was also active in Eastern Star, the Garden Guild, and the Women’s Club. She received Ellwood City’s Distinguished Service Award and Westminster College’s Distinguished Alumni Award. She wrote an autobiography titled, On a Clear Day, You Can See Forever. Survivors include two sons; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

1936
Melda Louise Bryant McCall of Youngstown, Ohio, Sept. 17, 2007. A former real estate agent and office manager of McCall Reality in Youngstown, she was a member of the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church and the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Boardman, Ohio. She is survived by four children; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

1937
McCrea Hazlett of Rochester, N.Y., July 5, 2007. He had served as University of Rochester provost, vice president, and professor emeritus of English. In 1963 he became the first resident director of the American Institute of Indian Studies in Pune, India. During World War II he was a research specialist with the Office of the Chief Signal Officer in the War Department, later serving with the United States Army Signal Corps. He is survived by three children; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

1942
Alma Keith McCartney of Downingtown, March 27, 2006. She was a teacher with the West Jefferson Hills School District for 28 years. She is survived by three daughters; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Stanley Wetmore of Mechanicsburg, March 9, 2007. He was a physician for Wetmore & Williams MDs. He is survived by his wife, Virginia.

1944
Mary Jane McCoy Williams of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of McKeesport, Dec. 1, 2007. Survivors include a daughter; a sister; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

1947
Ruth Slaugenhaupt Wanner of Franklin Park and Scottsdale, Ariz., Sept. 20, 2007. During World War II, she entered SPARS, the women’s auxiliary unit of the Coast Guard. She later entered teaching and spent most of her 24-year career as a third-grade teacher in Bradford Woods. In 2002 the Pennsylvania Senate honored her with the Person of Distinction Award. Survivors include four children; seven grandchildren; and one sister.

Carolyn McElwain Wilson of New Castle, Oct. 17, 2007. She was a former member of the Pennsylvania Retired Teachers Association and Rose Point Reformed Presbyterian Church where she served as a precentor for more than 20 years. Survivors include her husband, John; six children; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1949
The Rev. Donald J. Davis of Sarasota, Fla., on Aug. 30, 2007. As a former bishop, he served at the Church of the Epiphany and Christ Church, Georgetown, before becoming the first rector of St. Christopher’s, Carmel, Ind. Later, he was rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Toledo, Ohio, and also of Trinity Church, Bloomington, Ind., along with chaplain of Indiana University. In 1973 he was elected Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of northwestern Pennsylvania. In addition to his Distinguished Pennsylvania Citizen award, he also received a master’s degree from Bowling Green University and an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Westminster College. Survivors include his wife, Mary Gray; three children; a brother; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Harry E. Gilbert Jr. of Oakmont, formerly of O’Hara Township, Dec. 28, 2007. He worked for PPG Industries for more than 39 years, retiring in 1989. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and was also a member of the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, where he served as deacon and elder. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou Sands Gilbert ’48; two children, including Lindsey S. Gilbert 78; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.


John Craig Pollock of Largo, Fla., Sept. 15, 2007. At the end of World War II he served in the United States Army in Japan. He did eight years of mission work in India and taught in China for one year. He served as minister of the United Methodist Church and later spent 18 years on the faculty at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky. Survivors include his wife, Peggy; two daughters; two siblings, including sister M. Jean Pollock O’Melia 47; and five grandsons.
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Stanley A. Wojtowicz of Mercer, Nov. 12, 2007. The former head buyer in purchasing at the Rockwell International Axle Division, he was an avid fisherman. Survivors include his wife, Maxine; and a stepdaughter.

1950
Marjorie “Anne” Glenn Axe of New Castle, Sept. 18, 2007. Former office manager of Axe’s Market, she was a member of the Wilmington Garden Club, Trinity Episcopal Church, and served as a volunteer with Meals on Wheels. Survivors include two children; one sister; and two grandchildren.

Dr. Norman Curtis Rudolph of Gaithersburg, Md., Nov. 2, 2007. As a former osteopathic physician, he worked in the Erie Osteopathic Hospital, the Metro Health Center, and the Health South Rehabilitation Hospital. He was a charter member of WAYSIDE Presbyterian Church, where he served as a Sunday school teacher, usher, and greeter. He also volunteered with the Millcreek Fire Department. Survivors include three children; two grandsons; two nieces; and a nephew.

1955
Carol Holden Fontaine of Greenville, Dec. 18, 2007. English professor emerita at Thiel College, she retired in 1999 after 33 years on the faculty. She also taught at University of Maine at Orono from 1963-66 and the University of Pittsburgh from 1956-60. She belonged to the Modern Language Association, National Council of Teachers of English, Children’s Literature Assembly, and the former Thiel Woman’s Club. Survivors include her husband, Ronald; two children, including Elizabeth Fontaine Hildebrand ’92; a sister; three brothers; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

1957
Harold Davis of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., Dec. 9, 2007. A standout quarterback at Westminster from 1953-56, he became the first and only three-time, first-team All-American football player in school history. Playing under legendary coach Harold Burry, Davis led the team to its first undefeated season in school history in 1953 (8-0). Westminster also went 6-0-1 in 1955 and 8-0 in 1956. He also lettered in basketball, scoring more than 1,200 points during his career. He is one of four Titans inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind. Despite being drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles, Davis chose to serve in the U.S. Army after college. He later served as an administrator in the Youngstown Public School District before working as an executive for the Xerox Corporation for 22 years. Davis was president of H&S Consulting during his retirement years. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Clarett Davis ’66; two sons; one brother; one sister; and three grandchildren.

1958
Janet McConnell Lutz of Great Falls, Va., Oct. 13, 2007. Survivors include two sons; two brothers; and four grandchildren.

1959
Jennie Vrancich DeLanzo of Niles, Ohio, Oct. 12, 2007. She was retired from the Youngstown City School System, where she had been an elementary school teacher at Paul C. Bunn and Science Hill schools. Survivors include four sisters; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

1961
Dr. Robert S. Ketterer of New Castle. He was the founder of Ridgeview Academy Charter School and served as its director of education for more than 14 years. After his death, the school was renamed the Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School. After serving in the public school sector for 40 years, he began working for Adelphi USA in 1992 by helping to provide quality
education to youth who were experiencing behavioral and academic difficulties. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; and two children.

**1962**
Virginia Carlsen Nuttall of Rockville, Md. She was a retired chief of management services with the Montgomery County (Md.) Department of Recreation. Survivors include her husband, Parker.

**1967**
W. Reed Dennison III of Jefferson City, Mo., June 19, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Suzanne; his father; a son; a brother; a sister; and two grandchildren.

**1968**
The Rev. David E. Rider of Cambridge Springs, Nov. 16, 2007. He served as pastor at various churches during his career, including St. Paul and St. Benedict in Cambria County and the Cambridge Springs Presbyterian Church, as well as Presbyterian churches in Plumer, Wattsburg and Cooperstown. He served as chaplain at Polk Center in Polk until his retirement in 2005. He also was employed by Edinboro University’s Office for Students with Disabilities for more than 10 years. Survivors include his wife, Linda Ley Rider ’69; one son; one daughter; a granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

**1970**
David J. Foster of Export, Oct. 4, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Susan Stephan Foster ’72; his mother; three daughters; a sister; and three grandchildren.

**1976**
Gerald W. Lucas of Bloomington, Ill., Oct. 16, 2007. He worked for State Farm Insurance Company and was a member of Second Presbyterian Church, Bloomington. Survivors include his wife, Linda; four children; and a sister.

**1977**
Jewl Ann Spoelhof, Sept. 27, 2007. She served as a missionary for two years in South Asia, went on annual ministry trips to Thailand, and worked for many years in the Philippines. She dedicated her time to teaching, leading Bible studies, participating in music ministries, serving in student ministries, and mentoring Filipino co-workers. Survivors include her brother, Paul William Spoelhof, M’72.

**1980**
David W. Liddell of Leaf River, Ill., Aug. 22, 2007. He spent almost 20 years as a probation officer to both youth and adults in Winnebago County. A former member of the North Grove Evangelical Church where he played guitar and sang with the musical groups, he also spent his time coaching high school runners. Survivors include his parents; a son; and two brothers, including John Mark Liddell ’79.

**1983**
James B. Sirkoch of Cranberry Township, Sept. 23, 2007. He was the former vice president of Sirkoch Associates. Survivors include his wife, Deanna; his father; two children; two brothers; and one sister.
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