Student group travels to ‘warm heart of Africa’

PLUS: Dr. Richard H. Dorman begins presidency
Westminster College first came into my consciousness in the early 1980s while a graduate student at Penn State. A fellow grad student and alumnus of Westminster, Tom Ritchey, shared an office with me and he extolled the experience and education he received as an undergraduate at Westminster. Little did I know that 26 years later I would have the distinct honor and privilege of serving Tom’s alma mater as its 14th President.

During the six months prior to my official arrival on campus, I have been engaged in an active period of discovery to better understand the strengths, challenges and culture of Westminster. What I have found is immensely heartening: a faculty and staff laser-focused on the academic and personal growth of the student; dedicated trustees and volunteers highly committed to the College; a beautiful campus with impressive facilities; a strong balance sheet with a growing endowment; and an enormous desire by all to continue Westminster’s upward trajectory.

The strength of Westminster is a testament to the commitment by all constituencies to constantly improve the institution, but especially the inspired and solid leadership provided by my predecessor, president emeritus Tom Williamson during his 11-year tenure. I am grateful for the support he has rendered me during this period of transition for the College. As Tom and Jean Williamson begin their new lives in Virginia, my wife, Bev, and I join each of you in wishing them well.

But what is next for Westminster? My overarching goals during my tenure as your newest president will be to bring regional – and national – distinctiveness to the College, continue to improve its strengthening financial condition, and firmly position Westminster in a highly competitive posture relative to the competition within our higher education marketplace. How we accomplish this will be the subject of the next strategic plan, which will be our first order of business. Collectively, we must firmly establish strategies that will clearly communicate to those seeking an outstanding collegiate experience the overwhelming advantages of choosing a Westminster education. We can accomplish this with everyone joining together in concerted support of Mother Fair.

I look forward to sharing our dreams with you and inviting your active participation as I get to know many of you in the years ahead. Oh, and if you’re reading this Tom Ritchey, give me a call so I can personally tell you what an outstanding college Westminster is today.

Dr. Richard H. Dorman
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Meet the President

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Rick Dorman learned early on the virtues of hard work and diligence. As a boy he rose in the early morning hours with his stepfather, a milkman in rural New Jersey, to help deliver clanking bottles to doorsteps. He worked his way through college, holding down four jobs while studying music education at Susquehanna University. And though these days he no longer gets up at 3 a.m. and he’s scaled down his employment to one job, that strong work ethic is still evident in Dorman, who assumed the role of Westminster’s 14th President on July 1.
Hard work, determination, and a love for higher education have brought Dorman to Westminster's presidency, a position he calls “the ultimate advancement job.” He broke into higher education—after four years as a music teacher at Red Lion High School—nearly 30 years ago, doing research for the Penn State Alumni Association. Although he describes his Penn State experience as one of the “most fun” he’s had in his career, he took a detour from higher education for a few years before being recruited to University of Louisville in 1990 as director of health sciences development. In 1994 he was named assistant vice president for development at Louisville.

As Dorman logged his hours at Louisville, he kept hoping that the right position at a smaller institution might come along.

“After working at two large research facilities, I longed to get back into the traditional undergraduate setting,” Dorman said. “I love that milieu.”

Otterbein, a liberal arts college in Westerville, Ohio, turned out to be that setting. There, Dorman spent 12 years—“a fabulous learning opportunity”—as vice president for institutional advancement. Otterbein experienced its most successful fundraising years during Dorman’s tenure. A $35-million comprehensive campaign and a number of renovation and capital projects also occurred while Dorman was there.

When Dorman learned of R. Thomas Williamson’s decision to retire from Westminster, he decided he was ready for his next challenge.

“When the position came open, I knew many of the College’s values were similar to my own,” said Dorman, a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA). “This was a good segue, and I was ready to move on. It couldn’t have been a better fit.”

But was a small-town boy with a background in advancement up to the challenge and demands of Westminster?

“An academic presidency is not a job – it’s a lifestyle. And advancement work is the best training there is,” Dorman said.

One of Dorman’s top priorities as the 14th President is to begin working on a new 10-year strategic plan, but in the meantime, he’s enjoying absorbing the culture of Westminster, learning the grounds, and meeting the people.

“Westminster is a very strong school,” said Dorman. “Clearly the strength lies in its people and the dedication of its trustees, faculty, staff, students and alumni.”

“Meet the President” events will be held throughout the year. Please stay tuned for an event happening in your region. The inauguration of the 14th President will be held Saturday, Oct. 25.
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Westminster College celebrated the academic excellence of its students at the annual Honors Convocation April 19 in Orr Auditorium.

The ceremony recognizes the academic success of hundreds of students, including those on dean’s list, scholar-athletes, and inductees into local and national honor societies.

Dr. Jesse Mann, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, presented the prestigious McQuiston College Service Awards, given to rising senior men and women for unselfish service to the Westminster community during their college careers, and the Allen P. Splete Leadership and Service Award, given to Catherine Bishop, who has provided sound leadership and selfless volunteerism to the curricular and co-curricular life on the Westminster campus.

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Ms. Robins’ grandfather was a Westminster professor of classics. Her grandmother graduated from Westminster in the 1880s, followed by Ms. Robins’ mother, a sister, two aunts, and two uncles.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry in 1939, and enjoyed a successful career as an industrial chemist for several major corporations, retiring from McGean Chemical Company in Cleveland.
Spring break means volunteer work for many

Eighteen Westminster College students and two staff members joined fellow spring breakers from across the country in Habitat for Humanity’s “Collegiate Challenge” March 15-22.

Westminster students, hosted by the Macedonia United Methodist Church in Mullins, S.C., worked with the Marion County (S.C.) Habitat for Humanity to build a new one-family home.

“While many of their peers are relaxing, these students are putting in hundreds of hours of hard work during Habitat’s Collegiate Challenge,” said Alynn Woodson, associate director of Habitat’s Youth Programs department. “By the end of the week, not only have the students learned how to build a house, they’ve also seen how their actions can help improve people’s lives by providing safe, affordable shelter through a Habitat for Humanity home.”

Carey Anne M. LaSor ’86, assistant to the College chaplain and coordinator of the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program, and Dr. Jacque King, Westminster assistant professor of business, accompanied the Westminster students.

Biochemistry students win award for research

Natasha Kassim and Nicholas Mizenko, junior biochemistry majors, won the third place poster award at the sixth annual International Microwaves in Chemistry conference May 14-16 in Cambridge, Mass.

Their research, “Fluorescence Flow System for Near Real-Time Analysis of Protein Conformational Changes: Effects of Microwave and Conventional Heating,” was performed under the direction of Dr. Helen Boylan ’94, associate professor of chemistry.

“Attending the conference was a great learning experience,” Kassim said. “By listening to presentations and viewing posters of recent research by top scientists in the microwave chemistry field, I not only learned more about the uses and effects of microwaves, but also learned about a variety of research and analytical techniques important to academic and industrial chemistry.”

“To see a scientific community come together to present new ideas and theories, while at the same time providing suggestions and advice, is a wonderful thing,” Mizenko said. “Attending the conference was both an amazing and an inspirational experience.”

Travel to the conference was made possible in part by undergraduate research grants from Westminster’s Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

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Browne earns award for going green

Westminster’s Browne Hall was named the winner of the Ozone Award, a result of the semester-long “Do it in the Dark” energy conservation competition.

Sponsored by Westminster’s Sierra Student Coalition (SSC) and the Office of Residence Life, the competition ran Jan. 30-April 30 with students in Westminster’s 10 residential buildings attempting to conserve the most energy.

“We are excited that students took initiative in reducing their energy consumption, both individually and collectively,” said Leanna Stitt ’08, an English and sociology major and SSC president. “Hopefully, this trend will continue in the lives of students even after they leave school.”

Data from the energy meters of every residence hall on campus were collected and compared to the three-year average (2005-2007) of energy consumption for that residence. Browne Hall residents reduced their overall consumption by 13 percent to win $500 and the Ozone Cup.

Runners-up were Ferguson Hall and Jeffers Hall, with reductions of 9.1 percent and 7.8 percent, respectively.

“Overall, the residence halls reduced energy consumption by more than 60,000 kilowatt hours from the previous three-year average. This resulted in a savings of over $7,200 and is a reduction of 35 metric tons of carbon into the atmosphere,” said Dr. Neal Edman, dean of student affairs.

“Residents unplugged electronics that weren’t in use; took advantage of natural light during the day, rather than using overhead lighting; and only used half of the hallway and lobby lights at night,” said Laura Sahar ’08, a Christian education major and Browne Hall community adviser.

“The interest and response to this competition has far exceeded our expectations,” said Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, assistant professor of biology and adviser to SSC. “This competition underscores how a small change in our daily activities can result in substantial benefits to the community.”

Matt Shaffer, assistant director of residence life, worked closely with SSC and the residence hall staff to coordinate the competition.

The three-floor Browne Hall was built in 1928, and named for Dr. Robert A. Browne, Westminster’s second president.

Senior Gift

The 2008 Senior Class Gift Committee presents a check for $3,041.98 at the senior class brunch on May 13.
Students to study off campus this fall

Six Westminster College students will study at off-campus locations ranging from Pittsburgh to France, Scotland, and Costa Rica for the fall 2008 semester.

Zakhoury Adams, a sophomore media art major, will study at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

Kenneth Cloonan, a junior French major, will study at Stendhal University in Grenoble, France.

Amanda Ehrhardt, a senior English major, will study at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Amanda Myer, a junior Spanish major; Katie Skemp, a junior international business major; and Erin Tarpey, a senior Spanish major, will study at Las Veritas University in San José, Costa Rica.

Certain majors require study abroad, such as international politics, international business, intercultural studies, and various modern languages. These majors make up the majority of students who study abroad.

Science groups host children’s workshop

Westminster College hosted “The Science Scene,” a workshop of hands-on chemistry and biology laboratory projects for middle school students, on April 5.

Sixth- through ninth-grade students from New Castle, Mercer, Hermitage, Sharon, Wilmington, Butler, Sharpsville, Slippery Rock, and Portersville schools participated.

The workshop was coordinated by Westminster College students Nikki Batey, a sophomore biochemistry major; and Kim Worst, a junior chemistry major. Additional Westminster student assistance was provided by members of the two science clubs.

“We conducted some taste-and-smell activities for students in the sixth and seventh grades to test their senses. For the eighth- and ninth-graders, we made DNA necklaces, where students used their own cheek cells and extracted their own DNA. Chemistry projects included making ‘snow’ and revealing a ‘secret writing’ method using chemical reactions,” Worst said.

The workshop was sponsored by Westminster’s Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Chemistry Club, and Beta Beta Beta Biological Society. Additional support came from Westminster’s Departments of Biology and Chemistry.

Dr. Helen Boylan ’94, associate professor of chemistry, and Dr. Joshua Corrette-Bennett, assistant professor of biology, provided faculty support, along with Westminster Chemical Hygiene Officer Lori Micsky.
Westminster College alumnus and broadcast journalist Eric Burns ’67 presented “The Real World” at the Bleasby Colloquium on April 1.

Burns began his career as a correspondent for NBC News. He has been a commentator for “Entertainment Tonight”; host of “Arts & Entertainment Revue” on A&E; and is the former host of Fox News Channel’s “Fox News Watch.”

He earned an Emmy for media criticism and was named one of the best writers in the history of broadcast journalism by the Washington Journalism Review.

Burns is the author of five books, including Infamous Scribblers: The Founding Fathers and the Rowdy Beginnings of American Journalism, which was a 2006 History Book Club selection.

The colloquium was part of the George Bleasby Colloquia, a series of literary events presented by Westminster’s Department of English and Public Relations in honor of the late Dr. Bleasby, who chaired the Department of English at Westminster from 1954-75.

Journalist, alumnus speaks at Colloquium

UrbanPromise director offers Christy lecture

Rob Prestowitz, executive director of UrbanPromise in Wilmington, Del., presented “God’s Relentless Love: Here I Am, Send Me” at the Wayne H. Christy Memorial Lecture at Westminster College’s April 13 Vespers service in Wallace Memorial Chapel.

A native of Wilmington, Prestowitz earned an undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of Delaware. He spent 20 years with Hercules Inc., a Fortune 500 chemical manufacturer, in locations throughout the United States and Brazil, serving in research, sales, product management, manufacturing, marketing, and business management.

After reading a book by pastor and public speaker Tony Campolo, known for challenging Christians by showing how their faith can offer solutions in a complex world, Prestowitz became a volunteer and then a board member of UrbanPromise in Camden, N.J. When Prestowitz was asked to oversee the development of a new UrbanPromise program in Wilmington, he made the transition from full time to part time at Hercules, eventually leaving the company to devote his energies to the ministry of UrbanPromise.

UrbanPromise is a relationship-based ministry for at-risk urban youth ages 4 to 22. Its mission is to teach children and young adults the skills for spiritual growth, academic achievement, life management, and Christian leadership.

The Wayne H. Christy Memorial Lecture series honors the late Dr. Christy, who was a long-time faculty member and chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Westminster College. As Dr. Christy dedicated his life to relating the heritage of faith to the emerging issues of a changing culture, the lecture series seeks out men and women who distinguish themselves by relating Christian faith to issues of contemporary life.

Visit www.westminster.edu/news for more details about these stories and the latest Westminster information.
The artwork of Kathy Koop, professor of art, was featured in two Pittsburgh exhibits this spring in conjunction with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) convention March 19-21.

Three ceramic pieces were on display at the Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild March 19-22. “Table of Elements” celebrated the role ceramics plays in creating special places and moments. It showcased practical, decorative, and expressive works by nearly 100 locally and nationally established and emerging artists and educators.

Two of Koop’s pieces were included in “Japanese Threads” at Morgan Contemporary Glass Gallery March 7-April 28. The common threads which tied the 22 artists to Japan’s ceramic culture were varied, but they shared the Japanese aesthetic, which celebrates the beauty of imperfection, the elegance of simplicity, and the essence of the nature of clay.

Koop has been with Westminster since 1973.

Dr. Deborah Mitchell, associate professor of English, has earned the 2008-2009 Henderson Lectureship Award.

The 2008-2009 lecture is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the Witherspoon Maple Room of the McKeVey Campus Center. Her lecture will focus on Queen Elizabeth I, the subject of the final chapter of Royal Biopics: Filming the Lives of Queens. Co-authored with Dr. Betsy Ford, professor of English emerita, the book is slated for publication in 2009.

The Henderson Lecture was founded by Dr. Joseph R. Henderson and his wife, Elizabeth, to encourage and recognize original and continuing research and scholarship among Westminster College faculty, and to afford the opportunity for faculty to share their learning with the academic community. Dr. Henderson is a professor of education emeritus at Westminster, having served as chair of the Department of Education and as director of the Graduate Program.

Mitchell has been with Westminster since 1992.

Dr. John Bonomo, associate professor of computer science, served as judge at the World Finals of the International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) April 5-9 in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

In addition to serving as a judge for the seventh year, Bonomo had two problems used in the competition. One of the problems received eight submissions (five correct) from contestants; the other was the only problem to receive no submissions.

The final 100 teams at the competition were selected in more than 200 regional contests in which 1,821 universities from 83 countries competed.


In light of the continued shadow cast by 9/11 and the subsequent war on terror, this volume brings together a group of distinguished scholars to scrutinize the link between religion and violence. A key theme in this collection is that both the violence and the reactions to those events were linked to cultural and social authorizing processes that could be called “religious.”

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Dr. Camila Bari de López, associate professor of Spanish, attended the International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities in Santiago, Chile.

The conference, organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies of the Universidad de Santiago de Chile, drew scholars from Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Mexico, Europe, and the United States. The conference focused on social studies with an emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration.

“The presentation by Dr. Rafael Sagredo Baeza, professor of history and curator of the Medina Collection of first works published in Latin America, was of high importance for my preparation of future courses on Latin American culture,” López said.

“I am presently studying Prof. Baeza’s work on naturalist Claudio Gay and sharing it with Dr. Marosh Furinsky, assistant professor of biology, in preparation for a future cluster course on the ecosystems and culture of northern Chile and the Andean region,” she said.

SPORTS UPDATE

Sports Roundup

BASEBALL
(24-16; 8-4 PAC)

Only two other teams in school history won more games than the 2008 Westminster College baseball team. The Titans posted a record of 24-16, the third most behind the 1982 (27-8) and 2003 (25-11) teams. The Titans have posted at least 17 wins in each of the last eight seasons including four 20-win seasons since 2002.

Westminster also qualified for the PAC Tournament for a second straight season, where the second-seeded Titans lost two games and finished in fourth place in the conference standings after compiling an 8-4 mark during regular-season league play.

Four Titans earned recognition on the 2008 All-PAC Baseball Team. Senior center fielder Brandon Drespling earned a first-team selection, while junior first baseman John Izzo, junior shortstop Nick Maiorano and senior right fielder Donnie Womeldonff each received second-team nods.

MEN’S BASKETBALL
(7-19, 5-7 PAC)

The Westminster men’s basketball team posted a 7-19 overall record and a 5-7 mark in league games in 2007-08.

The Titans finished fifth in the PAC despite beating eventual conference champion Bethany in their regular-season finale. Though the Titans lost 19 games, seven of the losses were either in overtime or by three points or less.

Westminster also ranked sixth in the nation in 3-point shooting, making 10.5 per game.

Senior guard Craig Hannon, the team’s only returning starter from the 2006-07 squad that qualified for the NCAA Tournament, earned second-team all-PAC and third-team D3hoops.com all-region honors by averaging 18.6 points per game for third in the league. Hannon, who posted 13 games with 20 or more points including three 30-point games, became Westminster’s all-time leading scorer with 1,717 career points. Hannon also finished his career as the team’s leader with 355 3-pointers.

Sophomore forward Ryne Murray also earned second-team all-PAC accolades. Murray led the PAC with 10.0 rebounds per game while also averaging 17.8 points.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
(17-11, 7-7 PAC)

The Westminster women’s basketball team won its first six games, lost six straight at one point during the middle of the season, and finished the season winning seven out of eight games before losing to the nation’s third-ranked team, Thomas More, 65-58, in the PAC Championship game.

Overall, the Titans finished the season with a 17-11 record and a 7-7 mark in league games before finishing as the second-place team in the PAC for the second straight year.

Senior guard/forward Emilee Ackerman earned a bevy of postseason honors after ranking third in the nation with a 23.5 scoring average at the end of the regular season. Ackerman became the first player in team history to receive an honorable mention for the All-America team.

Her school-record 611 points during the season helped her become the team’s all-time leading scorer with 1,483 career points. Ackerman, who also averaged 9.5 rebounds per game, posted 15 double-doubles this season, 21 games with 20 or more points and six games with 30 or more points, including a career-high 37 in a 66-61 win over Geneva.
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Games and missing the PAC Tournament season, losing four straight conference, also fell victim to inconsistency late in the season doubleheaders against the two best teams in the league. The Titans also registered their fifth-straight 20-win season (21-15; 7-7 PAC) best teams in the league. The Titans also proved just how capable it was as a contender in field in four events.

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Junior Ravi Amina placed 17th on the PAC leader board with a 76 and an 83 in the finals. Amina carded the two lowest scores of the season with a 73 at Penn State Behrend and a 76 at Carnegie Mellon.

**SOFTBALL (21-15; 7-7 PAC)**

The Westminster College softball team proved just how capable it was as a contender in the PAC when the Titans swept two late-season doubleheaders against the two best teams in the league. The Titans also registered their fifth-straight 20-win season with a 21-15 overall record.

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**TRACK AND FIELD**

The Westminster men’s and women’s track and field teams produced a breakthrough season under first-year head coach Tim McNeil. The Titan women’s team enjoyed the most success having won its first-ever PAC team championship and qualifying athletes for the NCAA Division III outdoor championships for the first time in team history.

The Westminster women broke 19 school records during the season, including 12 outdoor records and seven indoor standards.

Senior Jess Cooper became an All-American in the high jump after placing third overall at outdoor nationals with a distance of 1.67 meters, falling just shy of her own school record that she set on May 9 at 1.68. Cooper, who also qualified for indoor nationals at 1.65 meters, was named PAC Women’s Field MVP after winning the PAC title in the high jump and placing second with a school-record distance of 11.08 in the triple jump.

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**MEN’S TENNIS (3-9; 2-3 PAC)**

The Westminster men’s tennis team tied for third in the PAC for the 2008 season while posting an overall record of 3-9.

Westminster placed either second or third in five flights at the PAC Championships, including sophomore Fred Romeo placing second at No. 3 singles and second with senior teammate Dusty Rhodes at No. 3 doubles. Romeo and Rhodes earned second-team all-PAC honors for their second-place results.

For a second straight season, Romeo led the Titans in singles victories with a 10-5 record while also posting a 9-5 record in doubles action, including an 8-4 mark with Rhodes.

The next best singles player on the team was sophomore Scott Lawrence with a 6-9 record, mostly at No. 5 singles before moving up to No. 4 where he placed third overall at the PAC Championships. Lawrence also joined up with classmate Mark Drabick for a 6-7 doubles mark at No. 2 and a third-place PAC finish.

**WOMEN’S AND MEN’S GOLF (Women’s 12-17; Men’s 45-38)**

The Westminster women’s and men’s golf teams placed second and third, respectively, in the PAC for the 2007-08 season.

The Titan women placed second in four events and third in two events while competing in a total of seven events during the season, giving them a record of 12-17. The Titan men compiled a record of 45-38 in 10 events, including three third-place finishes and placing in the upper half of the field in four events.

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Dear Friends,

Many Westminster alumni recall the pinball machines at The Grille uptown. As they were played, bells sounded and lights flashed as points, and more points, were scored. A successful performance required that the pinball be kept in play, bouncing from one object to another, with each “hit” adding in varying amounts to the overall total. If the ball did not keep moving around the board, making contacts along the way, one could not score any points.

Similar to a pinball which bounces around the field of play, alumni can “score” for Westminster by making contact with friends and other alumni. Each time you invite fellow alumni to an event, suggest to friends that their sons or daughters consider Westminster in a college search, or mention some positive fact about Westminster in casual conversation, you raise the consciousness of the College. You also demonstrate your personal enthusiasm which spreads among those around you, who may, in turn, contact others in the same way, thereby multiplying the effect of your efforts, all for the good of Westminster.

If you live far from campus, think about hosting an event for all alumni in your area. If you are in touch with classmates, think about organizing a mini-reunion on your own. The alumni office can provide you with names and addresses of classmates or alumni in your area. Ask the admissions office for some materials and brochures and hand them out to friends, neighbors, guidance counselors, or coworkers as they help high school students find the right college.

Your willingness to speak up for Westminster and spread the word about its programs and qualities helps to build its reputation. The more contacts you make, the more you, as a “pinball,” increase Westminster’s score with more applicants, participation by alumni, and general goodwill.

Peter Herchenroether ’76
Trustee
Alumni Council

Notes from Wiley House

SAA hosts events

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) hosted several winter events this year, enabling students to connect with Westminster alumni.

Mardi Gras Carnival
With support from the Student Government Association and Campus Programming Council, the SAA hosted the 9th Annual Mardi Gras Carnival. More than 20 campus organizations displayed carnival booths, including the SAA mask making booth, welcoming Westminster and community families. Live jazz by the Westminster Jazz Ensemble, free beads from the Mardi Gras King and Queen, and caricature sketching were also offered.

Connections in English and Public Relations
Connections in English and Public Relations provided an opportunity for students to speed network with alumni in English and Public Relations disciplines. Not only did students and alumni meet, internship opportunities were discussed and business cards were exchanged. Alumni who returned to campus to connect with current students were Jamie Carter ’05, Sherris Moreira-Byers ’97 and Richard Roda ’95.

SAA shares networking strategies
SAA members Kelly Corbin ’08 and Gene Cunningham ’09 attended the February Association of Student Advancement Programs District II Conference in North Bay, Ontario. Their presentation, “Speed Networking & Networking 101,” focused on creating opportunities for building connections between students and alumni.

50th Annual Homecoming Parade
Saturday, October 18, 2008

Our parade theme
One Fish, Two Fish, White Fish, Blue Fish
is colored by the spirit of Dr. Seuss.
All alumni are welcome to participate.

Entries may include anything with wheels, floats, antique or classic cars, walking groups - use your imagination!

To reserve your spot or if you have questions please contact:
Jim Barrie ’05, homecoming parade chair, jbarrie83@gmail.com;
Sarah Milanovich ’06, homecoming parade co-chair at
sarah.milanovich@gmail.com; or Linda Wilson, alumni relations secretary, (724) 946-7364, lwilson@westminster.edu.
As assistant director of alumni relations for Westminster College, Cindy Dafler works with regional alumni groups throughout the country to develop and strengthen Westminster Connections.

**April 15 – New Wilmington**

More than 85 alumni and guests from the Lawrence-Mercer alumni region enjoyed a dinner in the Lakeview Dining Room of the McKelvey Campus Center prior to the Celebrity Series’ performance of *Evita*. Tom and Jean *Williamson* were special guests for the evening and were introduced at dinner by Barbara *Jamieson* Brown ’67, co-chair of the Lawrence-Mercer Region Alumni Committee.

*From left are Jill Mossberger Wilson ’73, Dennis Miller ’72, Bev Whitman Miller ’71, Sandy Cebula and Ray Cebula ’66.*

**April 27 – Chagrin Falls, Ohio**

Trustee Whitney *Fraier* Bohan ’74 hosted a Fond Farewell Reception for Tom and Jean *Williamson* which was attended by 47 alumni and guests of the Cleveland, Akron-Canton and Youngstown regional alumni areas. The Pine Lake Trout Club in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, was the location for the open house. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful setting of the club and the lovely afternoon!

*From left are Steve and Jean Hartle and Jean and Tom Williamson.*

**Alumni Council elects new members**

Alumni Council President Phil *Petraglia* ’83 expressed a special appreciation to outgoing council members at the April 12 meeting held on campus. Outgoing members recognized for their volunteer support of their alma mater were: Mark *Allston* ’74, Marci *Bihler* Carothers ’02, Widgie *Miller* Carson ’86, Preston *Dibble* ’01, Joanne *Stone* Morrissey ’69, Marie *Nicholas* Peterson ’51, Harriet *Wright* Rickard ’58, and Jeanne *Douthett* Wilson ’57.

Newly elected council members were also announced at the meeting and are:

- **Craig W. Cashdollar** ’57 of Erie. He is a part-time pastor.
- **Thomas P. Gysegem** ’81 of Warren, Ohio. He serves as a Warren Municipal Court Judge.
- **Sharon *McCullough*** ’79 of Philadelphia. She is the owner of Expert Events.
- **Matthew R. *Newman*** ’01 of Beaver Falls. He is a band director/music teacher in the Beaver Local School District.
- **Rebecca A. *Rickard*** ’98 of Pittsburgh. She is a group sales/audience development manager for Pittsburgh Public Theater;
- **Wayne W. *Snyder*** ’71 of Gilbertsville. He is the regional underwriting manager for American International.
May 1 – Pittsburgh
The Rivers Club in downtown Pittsburgh was the setting for the Pittsburgh area alumni Fond Farewell Reception for the Williamson family. Seventy-eight alumni and guests were in attendance for the evening. Jim Giel ’74, member of the Pittsburgh Regional Alumni Committee, introduced Tom and Jean Williamson at the reception. Thank you to Trustee Bill Rankin ’61 for the use of the Rivers Club. Alumni enjoyed the opportunity to extend best wishes to the Williamson family.

Betty Rogers Ridl ’42 bids a fond farewell to President Williamson. Also pictured are John Baun and Betsy Ridel Baun ’70.

June 24 - Pittsburgh
The Pittsburgh Regional Planning Committee met at Uno Chicago Pizza in Cranberry Township to plan events for the upcoming 2008-09 year. Committee members attending were Jim Giel ’74, Barbara Braden Guffey ’70, Leanne Onorato ’98, Phil Petraglia ’83, Becky Rickard ’98, and Melissa Ruefle ’98. Thank you to all of our dedicated committee members. Watch for some great upcoming events in the Pittsburgh area.

It’s been a busy spring 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.

Cindy Daffer ’03 has been a member of the Westminster College Staff since 1991. As assistant director of alumni relations, Cindy is responsible for coordinating and implementing all events and activities associated with advancement programs – including regional alumni events.

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

Upcoming alumni events

- Thursday, September 25: Erie Alumni Gathering at the Erie Club to meet President and Mrs. Richard H. Dorman.
- Wednesday, December 3: Pittsburgh Alumni Gathering at The Duquesne Club to meet President and Mrs. Richard H. Dorman.
- January 6-14, 2009 Concert Choir Tour (tentative schedule):
  - Wednesday, January 7 – Lynchburg, Va.
  - Thursday, January 8 – Jacksonville, Fla.
  - Friday, January 9 – Vero Beach, Fla.
  - Sunday, January 11 – St. Petersburg, Fla.
  - Monday, January 12 – The Villages, Fla.
  - Tuesday, January 13 – Tampa, Fla.
  - Wednesday, January 14 – Sarasota, Fla.
Outdoors or indoors?
Those words were undoubtedly on Tom Williamson’s mind the morning of the 2008 Commencement. As the day crept closer to noon, the menacing-looking clouds were showing no signs of compassion. One of his final decisions as Westminster’s president was going to be a tough one to make: He had to move the traditional lawn ceremony to drier grounds.

Shortly after noon, with gray skies overhead and rain imminent, Williamson made the call to strike the current set-up at Senior Terrace and go to Plan B: move the ceremony to the Field House. At standing room only, graduating seniors, faculty, staff, family members and friends packed the gymnasium to witness the granting of more than 340 bachelor’s degrees, 14 master’s degrees and two honorary doctorates.
Receiving an honorary doctor of humane letters was Ronald A. Wolk ’54. Wolk, chairman of the board of Editorial Projects in Education, encouraged the Class of 2008 to “Be Lucky!”

“Have fun: the fun that comes from a sense of accomplishment, a sense of elation,” Wolk said. “My best advice is ‘be lucky.’ It’s the key to having fun and the key to working with good people, but it’s hard to be lucky without taking risks. It’s better to regret the things you did than the things you didn’t do.”

Williamson, retiring as Westminster’s 13th president, received an honorary doctor of public service degree.

He expressed gratitude to those who shared the honor: “My wife, Jean, who has helped me in so many ways; the Trustees; the remarkable faculty and staff; and the Class of 2008. It is my honor to be graduating with you who have made this a better place by your presence here,” he said.

He shared thoughts on “Trust and Balance.”

“Trust is the foundation of civilization and all civilized transactions and relationships therein,” Williamson said. “In life, in love, in all that is, seek balance.”
The College also honored retiring faculty Dr. Patrick C. McCarthy, biology; Dr. Warren D. Hickman, mathematics; Dr. G. Samuel Lightner IV, physics; Dr. James A. Perkins, English; and Paul G. Wozniak, accounting. All five earned emeritus status. McCarthy, additionally, earned the prestigious Distinguished Faculty Award (see story on page 8).

Jenna Diorio, an English major from Poland, Ohio, delivered the senior address.

The day’s events began with the Baccalaureate service, held in Orr Auditorium. The Rev. Dr. William J. Carl III, president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, shared “You’re Somebody.” The service included music by Kathryn Davison Miller, Westminster College organist; a welcome from Dr. Jesse T. Mann, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College; prayers by Father Phillip Farrell of St. Camillus Church; greetings from President Williamson; and scripture readings by the Rev. James Mohr II, college chaplain.

(Hildebrand is editor of Westminster Magazine.)
What happened during the course of his visit?

He bumped into Patrick McCarthy, this year’s Distinguished Faculty Award recipient.

McCarthy just happened to be in his office that weekend. He offered Ferguson a tour of Hoyt and the biology department, gave Ferguson’s mother a jar of fruit flies to share with her third-grade class, and, ultimately, altered the course of Ferguson’s life.

“Little did I know that this experience would come full circle 12 years later when I chose to study fruit fly development during my post-doctoral fellowship,” said Ferguson, who today is a post-doctoral fellow at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute of Princeton University.

Ferguson is one of dozens of former students and others who recommended McCarthy, who retired in May after 38 years on Westminster’s faculty, for the honor. His was one of 15 letters of recommendation—including one with an attached document featuring 21 additional signatures—delivered to Dean of the College Dr. Jesse Mann, urging McCarthy’s selection. The words “mentor,” “friend,” “enthusiastic,” and “inspiring” were used time and again.

Their stories, and hundreds of others untold by those who have benefited from an association with McCarthy, underscore the retired professor’s view of a life well lived.

According to McCarthy, living a good life is largely based on the people you meet along the way. Those he met along the way would no doubt agree.

“He has touched the lives of a tremendous number of students by being a great teacher, a caring and knowledgeable adviser, a research mentor, and in many cases, a trusted friend,” wrote Dr. Joe Balczon, chair of the Department of Biology. “Students love him, and he loves them in return. He nurtures them with the same care that he nurtured his own children.”

For McCarthy, it has been his students, colleagues, and the good friends he’s made at Westminster that have kept him here—and kept him happy—all these years.

He remembers students from long ago. It’s not just the names McCarthy recalls as if reading from some aged ledger; he recounts individual stories and is genuinely proud to call many of his former students friends.

This probably wouldn’t have happened, McCarthy believes, if he had gone a different route and bypassed Westminster.
While pursuing his Ph.D. at Wayne State University in Detroit in the late 1960s, McCarthy oversaw one of the department’s introductory biology labs. With 18 sections of laboratories a week and 50 undergraduates per lab, he was in contact with nearly 900 students.

“It was just mass production,” McCarthy said. “I got to know only a few students there. Here you get to know almost every one of your students—and with some of them, you make lifelong friendships.”

“That wouldn’t have happened in Detroit,” he said.

McCarthy left Detroit for New Wilmington in 1970 when he joined the Westminster faculty as the Department of Biology’s first professor specifically trained in genetic research.

He and his wife, Pat, immediately connected with New Wilmington; rural Lawrence County just felt more natural to McCarthy, who, as a boy, spent his days getting his hands dirty by playing in the woods in his small hometown of Cadillac, Mich.

It was there that a high school science teacher showed him that he could continue to get his hands dirty in the field of biology.

“I always thought I wanted to become a doctor,” McCarthy said. “I think that because I said that quite often, my parents encouraged it.”

It wasn’t until he was an undergraduate student studying unified science at Wayne State, however, that he discovered a passion for genetics.

“I had a couple of wonderful professors who just inspired me,” he said. “I knew by my senior year that I would instead go on to get my master’s and Ph.D.”

As time wore on, however, McCarthy found teaching others about his passion to be his true calling.

“I think I discovered I liked the teaching better than I did the research,” he said. “I think that in teaching there has to be a genuine love for what they’re doing and the subject area.”

“I’ve been a biologist forever and I’m still enthusiastic about biology today,” he said. “That enthusiasm—that has to be there, I think, to be a good teacher. If you don’t have that, I don’t know how you would convey enthusiasm for the subject to the students. You have to feel so passionate about it that you want to share it with others.”

Many recall McCarthy’s enthusiasm in and out of the classroom. One alumna from the Class of 2006 recounted her first meeting with him during first-year orientation when she mentioned her interest in attending veterinary school. “Without hesitation, he pulled out a notepad and pen and immediately started planning and organizing what my schedule would look like over the next three years.”

Having students who are interested in learning—“and by and large our students at Westminster are genuinely interested in academics”—only helps in the education of the students, he said.

“It’s a two-way street: I’m interested and passionate about the subject and they’ve got a pure or motivated interest,” he said. “That combination of things makes for effective teaching.”

It also helps, McCarthy said, to be passionate about a subject that is forever changing.

“In genetics and molecular biology, there is so much happening all the time,” said McCarthy, who points out that genetics and molecular biology have been “accelerating” ever since 1953 when James Watson and Francis Crick discovered the structure of deoxyribonucleic acid—better known as DNA.

“I think from that time on, it has just been an explosion of knowledge and useful applications coming out of what some call the DNA Biology Age,” he said. “There is always something new. Always.”

As McCarthy shared this kind of passion in the classroom, he was also able to continue research by participating in approximately 30 honors research projects over the years.

“All of those were pretty good research on the parts of the students,” he said. “It’s been very enjoyable and rewarding to see the students develop and learn what research is all about—and know that many of these students have a natural inclination and curiosity about the subject.”

Although he now carries the title of professor emeritus and can enjoy the pleasures that come with retirement, McCarthy’s own natural curiosity toward biology and his love of teaching won’t keep him still for long. He’s already signed as an adjunct for the fall 2008 semester, an arrangement that will be welcomed by students and colleagues alike.

(Hildebrand is the editor of Westminster Magazine.)
Bethany Olson has given many gifts in her lifetime. For holidays, birthdays, and other special occasions, she’s wrapped, ribboned and presented family and friends with various treasures over the years. But it was a simple, bookstore-purchased Westminster blanket, perfumed with the scent of heavy-duty bug spray that turned out to be one of the greatest presents she’s ever given.

The blanket, Olson’s prized possession which accompanied her on her recent trip to South Africa, became a parting gift to her Malawian host mother.

“I took various Westminster items and things from [her hometown of] Erie, but in the end I decided to give something from my heart,” said the Westminster senior who was one of a 14 students to travel to Malawi in May.

The gift was warmly and enthusiastically received—Olson’s host mother promised to wear it to church as a shawl. “The warm heart of Africa,” as Malawi is often referred, was certainly present at that moment.

Olson and Westminster students from the spring semester’s African History and Peace Studies courses—taught by Dr. Patricia Clark and the Rev. James Mohr II—spent two weeks in South Africa visiting Malawi, with stops in Johannesburg, Soweto, and the Cradle of Humankind.

But it was in Malawi—a small country the size of Pennsylvania nestled between Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia—where they spent most of their time. While the country is noted as the third most impoverished nation on the planet and faces such issues as disease, crime, and a high death rate, members of the travel group found it to be rich in culture, spirit, and humanity.

Despite the country’s hardships, members of the travel cluster—hosted by the members of the Pittsburgh Partnership, a group formed within the Presbyterian Synod of Blantyre—weren’t sheltered from the Malawian people. Instead, they were encouraged to immerse themselves in the country’s culture. There they participated in and sang in church worship services, traveled to various mission sites, toured the Mulanje Mission...
Hospital, met students from the Zomba Theological College, and got to know the smiling children from three different orphan centers. Each student also spent time with a host family.

And while a journey to South Africa would certainly be incomplete without attempting to spot the celebrated Big Five—the lion, elephant, rhinoceros, leopard and buffalo—as well as the giraffe, zebra, hippo, and wildebeest, the Rev. James Mohr II, college chaplain, definitely wanted to shift the focus from being on an African safari.

“My goal was for it not to be a trip where they went to the zoo,” said Mohr, who helped teach the Peace Studies course. Instead, the sightseeing he really wanted his students to observe had to do with the human spirit.

“It wasn’t just about taking a trip. I wanted them to meet people with an entirely different background, gain an understanding and appreciation of the culture and the people, and experience worship from an African perspective,” said Mohr.

In a country where there are more than one million orphans—mostly due to AIDS/HIV-related deaths of their parents—and the life expectancy is roughly 43 years of age, it’s difficult to imagine much happiness and a faith.

“The people of Malawi embrace life. They are fearless in their faith in God,” said Olson. She pointed out that courage—whether it be in the face of the daily horror of the HIV/AIDS crisis or the jump from a rocky cliff into a waterfall’s pool—is part of daily life in Malawi.

“We asked them ‘Isn’t there anything you’re afraid of?’ and they gave us looks of shock and responded ‘No, why? God is with us. There is nothing to be afraid of,’” said Olson.

The strong sense of community is also prevalent among the Malawi people, Olson said. “I was forced to think a lot about this idea of community, because in America, it is not uncommon to not know the name of your neighbor. When a family in Malawi gets a new goat, the whole community embraces this goat—it’s the community goat. And 60 people for dinner to celebrate the new goat really is just a few friends.”

The group attended one Harvest Service, which both Mohr and Olson recalled as one of the most overwhelming and enlightening experiences of the visit. Mohr, in fact, was unexpectedly asked to preach the service, which centered around Ecclesiastics 3:1-8, “A Time for Everything.”

Despite the economic struggles and the need to feed their own families, despite the poor growing conditions of the land, each person arrived at the Harvest Service with their gifts of grain, fruit and vegetables for God.

“Thereir sacrifices were so touching. This is food they could use to feed their children, but they were joyful to give it,” said Olson. “It was so moving to witness. The spirit of God was definitely in that room.”

And while Olson said she discovered much about the African culture, the experience forced her to look within and was surprised that she learned even more about herself.

“I left with a much broader world view,” Olson said. “This experience was so important to me personally. It allowed me to branch out and see the world differently. It helped redefine who I am as a person.”

“And now I try to take five-minute showers instead of 15, because I know what it’s like to value fresh water. Now I’m open to trying new foods because in Malawi, if you don’t clean your plate, it’s offensive and wasteful,” she said.

“This was a trip of a lifetime. One minute I’m seeing hippos and next minute I’m playing with children and making them laugh and smile,” said Olson. “Some may have thought this kind of trip was too expensive. But to me, it was worth every cent.

(Hildebrand is the editor of Westminster Magazine.)
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1953

Gertrude Martin’s pieces were included in a national exhibition of small works of art at the National Association of Watercolor Artists in New York City. Trudy lives in an old dairy barn with five art studios in Woodbury, Conn.


1964

Richard Erickson and his wife, Renee Sarchet Erickson, have retired. Rich continues to teach at West Chester University and Cabrini College; Renee is tutoring and teaching at the local Penn State campus.

Ron Hustwit was appointed to the Frank Halliday Chair of Philosophy at The College of Wooster, where he has taught 40 years. In addition, a scholarship in philosophy was named for him. Ron and his wife, Barbara Johnson Hustwit ’66, reside in Wooster, Ohio.

1969

Beverly Michael-Higgins, a mathematics professor at the University of Pittsburgh, is co-author of Explorations in College Algebra, Fourth Edition. She and her husband, Dan, make their home in Cheswick.

1972

Christine Carson Filipovich was appointed the first CEO of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS). She lives in Harrisburg with her husband, Dennis Filipovich ’65.

Dr. Glenn Charlton is director of the emergency department of Henderson Emergency Physicians LLC at Maria Farham Medical Center. He and his wife, Gerry Hooper Charlton ’71 M ’93, live in Manson, N.C.

James Epstein retired as Mercer County district attorney after serving 22 years. He and his wife, Mary Anne Phillips, live in Sharon.

Pamela Goodhart Pulkowski is assistant superintendent in the Wyomissing Area School District. She resides in Reading with her husband, Hank.

1974

Francine Todd Gedeon, a retired teacher, published My Man’s Heart. She lives in Jeffersonville, Ind., with her husband, Neal.

1976

Ronald Slater is an attorney in the legal department of the International Headquarters of Jehovah’s Witnesses. Ron and his wife, Kathleen, make their home in Patterson, N.Y.

1977

John Shaffer retired after 31 years of public service with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. He is president of Shaffer and Associates, an independent consulting firm serving public and private clients with technology solutions for criminal justice agencies.

1978

Susan Hodges of Evanston, Ill., is a business writer and consultant with Hodges Writes, a communications firm.

1979

Jan Crisman MacMillan is the business coordinator at Southerland Place, an assisted living facility in Midlothian, Va.

The Rev. Harold Hartley III was named senior vice president of the Council of Independent Colleges. Hal and his wife, Donna Parker, live in Locust Grove, Va.

Lori Proch is vice president of Dawson Insurance, Inc. She and her husband, Ron, and two children reside in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Susan McLaughlin retired after 31 years with the Sharon City School District as senior vice president of Dawson Insurance, Inc. She and her husband, Ron, and two children reside in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Chrisanne Hensley is an accountant with Hargray Communications in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Karen Preuss is grants manager at Queens Botanical Garden in Flushing, N.Y.

John Robinson hosts a bi-weekly radio show at WYCE. J.R. and his wife, Sandra Stobie Robinson ’80, live in Caledonia, Mich.

Tom Tuptiza, president of Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett in Erie and member of the Westminster board of trustees, received the Everyday Leader Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association for his community and professional service.

1981

Deborah Matthews Spencer of Pittsburgh is program director with ASSET Inc., a non-profit professional development program for educators.

1984

Robin DeWalt Wallace earned a master’s of physician assistant from Eastern Virginia Medical School and is employed by The Glennan Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology.

Robert Streeter is vice president, medical affairs at Mercy Medical Center Merced.

’62 GEWs

Susan McDonell Graham ’62, standing, welcomes her fellow classmates and GEWs—Galbraith East Wing residents of 1958—into her Spring Hill, Fla., home in May 2007 for the group’s biennial reunion. In attendance were, from left, Rhudi Forrest Miller, Claudia Selton Phillips, Sue Ann Beveridge, Kay Wilson Hayes and Debbie Boyer Steele.
1985
Chuck Hayden was named regional sales manager at Learning Tree International, based in Reston, Va.

Laree Schoolmeesters is an assistant professor of nursing at the Presbyterian School of Nursing at Queens University of Charlotte, N.C.

1986
Louis Russell completed a master’s in organizational leadership at Southern New Hampshire University.

1988
Jacquelyn Kleberg Witmer is a kindergarten paraprofessional in the Monongalia County school system. She lives in Morgantown, W.Va., with her husband, Brian, and son.

1989
Amy Phillips Nesbitt operates APN Communications, a home-based public relations firm. She lives in Pittsburgh with her husband, Gerry, and their two daughters. (See also New Additions.)

1990
Lisa George completed an intensive Pilates teacher training program to become a Pilates Method Alliance certified Pilates instructor. A database manager/information management specialist with the Shaw Group, Lisa teaches Pilates at Wellspring Studio in Pittsburgh.

Jennifer Nygaard Pontzer is a real estate agent specializing in higher market and lakefront residential properties. She lives in Erie with her husband, Patrick, and three daughters.

Halle Stiffler Stolze is a care manager for Aging Services of Washington County (Pa.).

1992
Dr. Kerry Reilly is senior orthopedic physical therapist at The Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Eric Benson is vice president/portfolio manager with National City Bank’s Private Client Group. He and his wife, Kelli, and daughter live in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Sheila Bowser Parker earned a master’s in reading education from California University of Pennsylvania.

Alexander Graziani, executive director of Smart Growth Partnership of Westmoreland County, was elected to the board of directors of the Greensburg Community Development Corporation. He and his wife, Eva, and five children live in Greensburg.

David Lindauer is an information technology specialist and member of North of Mason-Dixon (NOMaD), a country act working on their second release. He recently auditioned and was selected for a speaking role in The Road, a movie filming in Pittsburgh and starring Viggo Mortenson and Charlize Theron.

1994
Angela Erickson Milliron and her husband, Chad, have moved to Statesville, N.C., where Angela is a high school guidance counselor.

Michael Yobe is product line manager at Cooper Interconnect, an industrial manufacturer of electrical components. He and his wife, Beth, and son, have relocated to Goldsboro, N.C. (See also New Additions.)

1995
John Davis is director, construction and surety services with Cassidy, Neeser, & Brasseur. John lives in Mishawaka, Ind., with his wife, Crystal, and son.

Amanda Gashed Dillon is senior corporate counsel in the in-house legal department of Diebold, Inc. She and her husband, Michael Dillon, live in Medina, Ohio.

Jonathan Potts joined Robert Morris University as director of public relations. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Maggi, and daughter.

Andrew Erb teaches instrumental music in the Sharpsville Area School District; teaches trumpet and directs the jazz ensemble at Westminster; and is a freelance trumpeter. Andy lives in West Middlesex with his wife, Diana, and son.

Matthew Esch was licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to practice marriage and family therapy. He is a mental health therapist in the family-based mental health program of Family Resources. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Angela, and two children.

Amy Hancock Scheurman earned a juris doctorate from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and is an attorney with the Department of Homeland Security—U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement. She lives in Euclid, Ohio, with her husband, Keith.

1997
Carrie Dorfield Sheckells earned a master’s in government from Johns Hopkins University. She and her husband, Glenn, and two sons live in Jarrettsville, Md. (See also New Additions.)

Michele Shuler joined the litigation client service department of Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Angelina Yearick earned a juris doctorate from Pace University School of Law. Angie is an associate attorney with Andrews Kurth LLP in New York City.
1998
Becky Rickard was promoted to group sales and audience development manager at Pittsburgh Public Theater; was elected to the board of the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project; and helped develop a new show with Second City Comedy Troupe in Chicago.

1999
Erin Duddy of Cary, N.C., is administrative recruiting manager for Five Star Staffing & Accounting Recruiters.

Stephen Gordon is senior software engineer with Bausch & Lomb. He and his wife, Gina D'Angelo, make their home in St. Louis.

William Lucas is director of development with Volunteers America Wyoming and Montana, based in Sheridan, Wyo.

2000
Amy Brunetto Phillips earned an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh Katz School of Business and is a business development associate at the university. She lives in North Versailles with her husband, Sean. (See also Marriages.)

Jerrod Stewart of New Wilmington is account manager at The Outlook.

2001
Courtney Behm of Mentor, Ohio, earned an MBA from Cleveland State University and is marketing manager for Gilbane Building Company’s central regional office.

Sarah Phillips was promoted to human resources generalist at FRCH Design Worldwide, an architecture and design firm in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Shay Stewart Houser earned a master’s in special education from the University of Pittsburgh. She is a fourth-grade teacher in the Seneca Valley School District. She and her husband, James Houser ’02, live in Cranberry Township with their daughter. (See also New Additions.)

Amy Melissa Young earned a master’s in communication studies from Montclair State University and is director of student activities at Berkeley College. She resides in Wood-Ridge, N.J.

2002
Steven Kiebacha earned a master’s in curriculum and instruction from Penn State University. Steve is a Spanish teacher at State College Area High School.

Erin Coccia earned a juris doctorate from Capital University Law School and is an assistant public defender in the Franklin County (Ohio) public defender’s office.

Amanda Fond earned a doctorate in chemistry from Johns Hopkins University and is a research chemist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md.

2003
Erin Quinlan of Alpharetta, Ga., is a teacher at Settles Bridge Elementary School.

2004
Jason Cooper is a management trainee with Enterprise Rent-a-Car. His wife, Emily Koegler Cooper, is an assistant manager with Coach and is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Lauren Gacesa Klacic is a teacher in the New Brighton School District. She lives in Baden with her husband, David.

Kevin Huber earned an MBA from Mount St. Mary’s College and is a project manager with NV Homes/NVR, Inc. His wife, Sara Ialongo Huber, is a senior associate with Warschawski, a public relations firm. The couple makes their home in Ellicott City, Md.

Julia Malone Holzhauer earned a master’s in social work from the University of Cincinnati.

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.

Andrew Winner earned a master’s in higher education from Geneva College. Andy is adjunct faculty at Geneva and is coordinator of youth and campus ministry at Slippery Rock United Methodist Church.

2005
Jaime Carter is director of development and public relations with The Lighthouse Foundation in Butler.

Amy Roth is health coordinator/median at High Trails Outdoor Science School based in Angelus Oaks, Calif.
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WEDDINGS

1996
The Rev. Mark Whitsel and Kelly Cole, Jan. 19, 2008, at Union Presbyterian Church in Robinson Township. Kari Cole ’07 was a bridesmaid. A number of alumni attended the wedding. The couple resides in Crafton.

1998
Christina Buri and Kevin Cousins. Christina is a physician assistant for Deseret Family Medicine. The couple lives in Phoenix, Ariz.


1999
Lee Peindl and Samantha Hefferon, July 14, 2007, at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens in Belmont, N.C. Lee is an attorney with the law firm Mullen Holland & Cooper, P.A., where he practices primarily in the area of commercial construction litigation. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C.

2000
Amy Brunetto and Sean Phillips, Oct. 27, 2007. Darcie Yobp ’01 served as maid of honor. The couple lives in North Versailles. (See also Class Notes)

2001
Nathan Crozier and Kelly Gugan, June 30, 2007, at Navy Pier in Chicago. Alumni participating in the ceremony were Benjamin Tate and Matthew Hanna ’00. The couple resides in Chicago.

Autumn LaQuay and Joseph Yasher, Sept. 22, 2007, at Saint Valentine Church in Bethel Park. Several alumni were in attendance. She is a reimbursement supervisor at Centric Health Resources in Chesterfield, Mo. The couple lives in Saint Charles, Mo.


2006
Elizabeth Bacheson is a communications coordinator for GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare in Moon Township.

Thomas Heath is an account manager in medical sales with Meyer Distributing Company in Twinsburg, Ohio.

Jessica Holiday is a bilingual associate in customer communications with Coventry Healthcare in Moon Township.

Benjamin Mentzer is a workforce development specialist in unemployment insurance for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

2007
Natalie Coccia of Pittsburgh is an executive assistant at Datavibes, a software and information technology consulting firm, and is a personal assistant for a professor at the University of Pittsburgh.

Michele Fenske is serving a cardiovascular perfusion residency with the Cleveland Clinic.

Caitlin Pratt is a marketing and publicity assistant with Penguin Speakers Bureau, an organization that connects bestselling authors with events around the world.

Jennifer Rossi teaches fourth grade at Klein Elementary School in the Harborscreek School District in Erie.

Tara Timpano received a promotion and special award for her work as an adjudicator for the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C.

Kate McKenzie, ’02 and Shawn Gatto
Danielle Perfetti, ’02 and Andrew Schwessinger
Jennifer Hooks and James Litzinger, ’03
Sarah Proper and Ralph Cevetto, ’03
Christopher Hall, and Jacob Smith. Seth is an attorney at the law firm of Babst Calland and Kristen is a professional development coordinator with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. The couple resides in Pittsburgh.

2002
Beth Butcheri and Matthew Crvelin, Jan. 26, 2008, at First United Methodist Church in North Tonawanda, N.Y. Alumni in attendance were Andrea Bean, Lisa Joyce ’03, and Nikki Pencak ’05. Beth is coordinator of student services at Rochester Institute of Technology. The couple lives in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Sarah Lohr and Kyle McMullen, Sept. 8, 2007, at Dutihl United Methodist Church, Cranberry. Maid of honor was Jessica Torick.
Sarah works in the Office of Alumni Relations at Carnegie Mellon University and Kyle is a graphic artist in Green Tree. The couple lives in Pittsburgh.

Kate McKenzie and Shawn Gatto, Dec. 29, 2007, at the Duquesne University Chapel. Alumni in the bridal party were Mark McKenzie ’99, Angela Steck Lansberry, Desiree Henry, Laura Julian, and Jacquelyn Selznick. Kate is a financial aid counselor with Robert Morris University. The couple resides in Mt. Lebanon.

Danielle Perfetti and Andrew Schwessinger, Nov. 3, 2007, at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md. Alumni participating were bridesmaids Corrine Baglia Durisko, and Heather Ferry Faler ’04. The couple resides in Westminster.

2003
Jennifer Hooks and James Litzinger, July 14, 2007. Alumni participating in the bridal party were Bryan Hooks ’01, maid of honor Alyssa Leavy, and bridesmaids Janeen Griffith and Shana Johns. Jennifer and James are both teachers in Beaver County. The couple lives in Beaver Falls.

Briania Palko and Lukas Proudfoot, June 30, 2007, at the Presbyterian Church of West Middlesex in West Middlesex. Alumni in the wedding party were Erin Remai Palko ’98, Tammy Bugher, and Kelly Schmidt Campbell. Briana is a data analyst at Benefitfocus and Luke is an engineer for Bechtel Bettis Inc. The couple resides in Moncks Corner, S.C.

Sarah Proper and Ralph Cevetto, March 26, 2005, in Warren, Ohio. They live with their daughters, Rebecca and Barbi, in Warren.

2004
Heather Klink and Charles Harmon, Nov. 24, 2007. Alumni attendants were Jessica Henninger Restifo and Nicole Potockan Medjesky. The couple resides in Jefferson, Ohio.

2005
Kayla Dennis and Bill Fader, June 9, 2007, at Foxburg Inn in Clarion. Alumni participating in the wedding were Rachel Varine and Jessica Pettit. Alumni in attendance were Ian Durham, Sarah McKain Durham, Melissa Graham Rorbaugh, Adam Hadbavny ’06, and Professor Patrick Krantz. Kayla is a second grade teacher. The couple lives in Sewell, N.J.

Sarah McKain and Ian Durham, Aug. 4, 2007, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Ligonier. Kaylan Lehotsky ’06 was a bridesmaid and Marcus Corvino was a groomsmen. Many other alumni attended. The couple resides in Ligonier.

Meghan Wilson and Joseph Cowart, June 29, 2007, at First Baptist Church in New Castle. Alumni in the wedding party were Allyson Wilson Garrett ’06 and Eddie Pagley. Meghan is a kindergarten teacher in the Mohawk School District. The couple resides in New Castle.

2006
Abby Ball and Dan Prokop ’07, Aug. 4, 2007, in Mt. Vernon. Abby is Hillside/Jeffers resident director at Westminster College and Dan is the director of market communications for R.E. Whittaker Co. in New Castle. The couple resides in New Wilmington.


2007
Betsy Nolan and William “BJ” Sieg ’06, Sept. 22, 2007, in Talmadge, Ohio. Alumni in the wedding party were Buddy Thornton ’06, groomsmen Seth Senior ’08, and bridesmaids Emily Nolan Machi ’97, Stephanie Cornicelli, and Amy Cook Carroll ’08. Several alumni and a faculty member attended. The couple resides in Harrisburg where Betsy works for Commerce Bank and BJ works for the Pennsylvania Senate.
NEW ADDITIONS

1989
Elizabeth Dawes Lynch and her husband, Robert: a daughter, Catherine Claire, on Dec. 29, 2006. The family lives in Irvington, N.Y.

Amy Phillips Nesbitt and her husband, Gerry: a daughter, Sophia, in 2007. She joins a sister, Hannah, at home in Pittsburgh. (See also Class Notes.)

1991
Amy Dillon Gargiulo and her husband, Frank: a daughter, Olivia Noelle, on Dec. 6, 2007. She joins Ava Francesca, 2, at home in Hermitage.


1992

Lori Hively Thomas and her husband, Steve: a daughter, Josephine Noelle, on May 2, 2007. She joins Evan, 11, Madelyn, 9, and Jillian, 6, at home in Murrysville.

Sheri Mancini and her husband, Kenneth: a daughter, Lauren Jean, on Oct. 12, 2007. She joins Hannah Joyce, 3. Sheri and her husband are laparoscopic surgeons. The family resides in Gastonia, N.C.

Sany Saikaly and his wife, Stephanie: a son, Thomas Peter, on March 17, 2008. Sany is a fraud investigator officer/assistant vice president in the National City Bank investigations department. The family lives in Wexford.

1993
Antoinette Cwynar Glendenning and her husband, Kenneth: a son, Ian Cecil, on Nov. 13, 2007. He joins a brother, Joey, at home in Emmaus.

1994
Basel Masry and his wife, Patricia: a son, Noah Steven, on May 4, 2007. He joins siblings Sydney and Owen at home. The family lives in Moon Township.

Allison Urlaub DiMarco and her husband, Richard: a daughter, Alyssa Marie, on Nov. 21, 2007. She joins Isabella Brooks, 2, at home in Rochester, N.Y.

Michael T. Yobe and his wife, Beth: a son, Ian Michael, on March 10, 2007. The family lives in Goldsboro, N.C. (See also Class Notes.)

1995

- Amy Byrd Kuntz and her husband, Michael: a daughter, Mallory Meghan, on March 10, 2007. She joins Logan, 5, and Nathan, 3, at home in Bethel Park.

- Matthew Schultz and his wife, Elizabeth: a daughter, Anna Reese, on Dec. 10, 2007. She joins James, 7, and Andrew, 3, at home in Watertown, N.Y., where Matt and Elizabeth serve as pastors.

1996

- Emily Baldwin Gates and her husband, Chris: a daughter, Amelia Jane, on Nov. 7, 2007. She joins Abbie, 2, at home in Eustis, Fla. Emily is an intervention specialist resource teacher in the Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, Fla.

- Kerry Fero Watson and her husband, Doug: a son, Zachary Wesley, on Jan. 10, 2008. He joins Emilie, 4, and Benjamin, 2, at home in North Huntingdon.


- Annie Silhanek Sofran and her husband, Adam: a son, Tobias Joseph, on Jan. 2, 2008. He joins Bennett Charles, 1, at home in Boardman, Ohio. Annie is a marketing public relations specialist with Humility of Mary Health Partners in Youngstown, Ohio.

- Leigh-Ann Volpe Canciello and her husband, James Canciello ‘98: a son, Dante James, on Nov. 11, 2007. He joins Antonia Leigh, 6, and Gianna Lynn, 4, at home in New Castle. Leigh-Ann is a teacher at Laurel Elementary School and James is a teacher at Wilmington High School.

1997


- James Delsandro and his wife, Megan: a son, James Terry, in 2007. James is a math teacher and boys golf coach at General McLane High School. The family lives in Erie.

- Carrie Dorfield Sheckells and her husband, Glenn: a son, Henry Howard, on July 29, 2007. He joins a brother, Walter Alan, 2. The family lives in Jarrettsville, Md. (See also Class Notes.)

- Jennifer McMichael Blasko and her husband, Michael: a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, on Oct. 10, 2007. She joins Michael, 5, at home in New Castle. Jennifer is a Title I reading specialist at Reynolds Elementary School in Greenville.

- Anson Miedel and his wife, Hannah: a son, Aaron Thomas, on Aug. 9, 2006. He joins Sarah Elizabeth, 4, at home in Wooster, Ohio. Anson is an ophthalmologist at the Wooster Eye Center.
1998

Brittany Royer Beecroft and her husband, Sean: a daughter, Lily Grace, on Feb. 8, 2007. She joins a sister, Olivia, at home in Follansbee, W. Va.

Aimee Saginaw Engleka and her husband, Joel: a daughter, Isabelle Marie, on Nov. 2007. The family lives in Gibsonia.


Jenny Shifler Gross and her husband, Brad Gross: a daughter, Meredith Susan, on Nov. 29, 2007. The family lives in Pittsburgh.

Jackie West Grissett and her husband, Ryan Grissett '00: a daughter, Adlee Noelle, on Aug. 17, 2007. She joins Elise, 4, and Ethan, 2, at home in New Castle.

2000
Kimberly Davis Kladitis and her husband, Andrew: a son, Nikolos Paul, on Jan. 14, 2008. He joins Andrew, 2, at home in New Castle.

Heather Lazzini Barhorst and her husband, Nathan: a son, Anthony James, on Jan. 5, 2008. The family resides in Minster, Ohio. Heather is assistant director of admissions at the University of Dayton.

2001
Jim Peterson and his wife, Rebecca: a daughter, Adeline Green, on April 10, 2007. She joins Mackenzie Ann, 2, at home in Laurel, Va.

Shay Stewart Houser and her husband, James Houser '02: a daughter, Brynn Alouise, on Feb. 10, 2008. The family lives in Cranberry Township. (See also Class Notes.)

2002
Dyan Chupak Sowers and her husband, Jess: a daughter, Kate Marie, on July 23, 2007. The family resides in Mercer.

Jamie Freund Virgin and her husband, Matt: a daughter, Olivia, on July 5, 2007. The family resides in Pleasant Hills.

Heidi Krieger Filbert and her husband, Matt: a daughter, Kinsey Eileen, on June 22, 2007.


Jaime Sell Mikulas and her husband, Martin Mikulas: a son, Martin Dominick, on Aug. 15, 2007. The family resides in Canton, Ohio.

2003

Samantha O'Toole Vereb and her husband, Patrick Vereb: a daughter, Mallory Marie, on Nov. 10, 2007. Samantha is a kindergarten teacher for Penn Hills School District. Pat is territory manager for Donjoy Orthopedics. The family lives in Monroeville.

Jennifer Polish Changoway and her husband, Andrew Changoway '05: a daughter, Lily Elizabeth, on Jan. 30, 2008. The family lives in New Castle.

2005
Pamela Onderko and her husband, Joseph Onderko '00: a daughter, Alison Jean, on Jan. 17, 2008. She joins Erin, 7, and Lauren, 4, at home in New Wilmington.
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.

1941
Jane Stonerod Lauterbach of Pittsburgh, Feb. 1, 2008. She earned an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh in 1942. When her husband, Bob ‘39, was stationed in Washington, D.C., during World War II, she took on a position as a statistician for the government. The couple later relocated to the Pittsburgh area. In 2003 she received the Westminster Outstanding Service Award. Survivors include three children; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions can be made to the Robert E. and Jane S. Lauterbach Academic Scholarship Fund at Westminster.

1945

1946
Austa Marie Hojer Howren of Youngstown, Ohio. Prior to her studies at Westminster, she earned her degree as a registered nurse. During her college years, she worked as Westminster’s only nurse. Later she was a supervisor and taught obstetrics at Margaret Hague Women’s Hospital in Newark, N.J. She returned to Youngstown in 1945 and became director of obstetrics at Northside Hospital and later a supervisor in the nursing office. She retired in 1987 as a surgical floor nurse. She was a member of the First Covenant Church. Survivors include two daughters; a son; one brother; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1948

1950
Myra Reichard Kuhn of Indianapolis, Nov. 8, 2007. She was an elementary school teacher in Ohio, California, New York and Vermont for several years. She was a member of Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. Survivors include her husband, Robert; a daughter; a son; a sister; and three grandchildren.

1952

1953
James A. Walker of Apollo, Jan. 24, 2008. He served in the U.S. Navy as a gunnery officer on the USS Des Moines in the Mediterranean. He had been an industrial engineer at Allegheny Ludlum, Brackenridge and Lecchburg; a manager for National Material Steel Warehouse in New Kensington; and a salesman for the Brute Industrial Steam Cleaner Co. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lee; a daughter; a son; three granddaughters; two sisters, including Marjorie Walker, former faculty member; one brother; two nephews and one niece. Memorial contributions can be made to the Burry Memorial Stadium Fund at Westminster.

1992

1936
Harriet Jackson M. Sarver ‘36 of New Wilmington, April 6, 2008. She taught math at Oakdale High School in Allegheny County. During World War II she also taught the subject in the Army Student Training Program. For many years she was an office manager for Dr. Larry Shaffer and Dr. John Mansell. In 2002 Westminster College honored her with an Alumni Citation Award. She served for more than four decades as an advisor to Westminster’s Chi Omega sorority. She was an active member of New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, where she served as deacon, elder and trustee. Survivors include two sons, including David A. Sarver ’73; two sisters; and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to the Harriet Jackson Sarver Scholarship Fund at Westminster.

1932
Dorothy Thompson Ligo of New Wilmington, Jan. 11, 2008. Dorothy started her teaching career at Ligo School, a one-room schoolhouse in Mercer County. She taught math in New Wilmington schools during the 1960s. She was a member of the Neshannock Presbyterian Church. Survivors include a daughter; a son; a sister; two grandsons; and six great-grandsons.

1934

1941
Joseph Demoise of Tucson, Ariz.

1949
Norma Nightingale Hope of Greensburg, March 7, 2008. She was a member of Derry Presbyterian Church. Survivors include three sons and several grandchildren.

1953
James A. Walker of Apollo, Jan. 24, 2008. He served in the U.S. Navy as a gunnery officer on the USS Des Moines in the Mediterranean. He had been an industrial engineer at Allegheny Ludlum, Brackenridge and Lecchburg; a manager for National Material Steel Warehouse in New Kensington; and a salesman for the Brute Industrial Steam Cleaner Co. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lee; a daughter; a son; three granddaughters; two sisters, including Marjorie Walker, former faculty member; one brother; two nephews and one niece. Memorial contributions can be made to the Burry Memorial Stadium Fund at Westminster.

1953
James A. Walker of Apollo, Jan. 24, 2008. He served in the U.S. Navy as a gunnery officer on the USS Des Moines in the Mediterranean. He had been an industrial engineer at Allegheny Ludlum, Brackenridge and Lecchburg; a manager for National Material Steel Warehouse in New Kensington; and a salesman for the Brute Industrial Steam Cleaner Co. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lee; a daughter; a son; three granddaughters; two sisters, including Marjorie Walker, former faculty member; one brother; two nephews and one niece. Memorial contributions can be made to the Burry Memorial Stadium Fund at Westminster.
1956

1958
George Skiba of New Castle.

1961
Richard A. Calkins of Winnsboro, S.C., Feb. 3, 2008. He retired as a foreign student adviser at the University of Akron. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Sion Presbyterian Church where he had been a deacon, choir member and Sunday school teacher. Survivors include three daughters, including Susan Calkins Elliott ’76; one brother; and four grandchildren.

Marcus E. Seantor Jr., of Boulder, Colo., Dec. 13, 2007. He was an industrial engineer and during his 43-year career in manufacturing, he worked for U.S. Steel, Continental Can, Tin Plate Partners, and Ball Corp. He retired in 2004 as Ball’s director of steel purchasing packaging. While a student at Westminster, he was captain of the football team. Survivors include his wife, Jean; three sons; a sister; and six grandchildren.

1962
Anne Wimer Wensel of Delray Beach, Fla., March 28, 2008. Before her retirement she was property manager for 13 years at Hampton Financial in Pompano Beach, Fla. She was active within the Presbyterian Church (USA) and was a summer volunteer at the church’s national conference centers in Montreat, N.C., and Stony Point, N.Y. Survivors include a sister, Mabel M. Wimer ’64; and one niece. Memorial contributions may be made to Westminster College.

1966
David R. Cochran of Las Vegas, Sept. 9, 2007. He was a retired pharmaceutical sales representative for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. He is survived by his wife, Sharyn Len Cochran ’82.

1968
Dr. Cynthia Moury Farr of Erika, Papua New Guinea, Jan. 15, 2008. A linguist and Bible translator, she was a commissioned missionary of the Evangelical Congregational Church and a member of the Wycliffe Bible Translators since 1970. She was committed to sharing the Bible with the indigenous people of Papua New Guinea. She and her husband began their translation work in Papua New Guinea in 1972; in 1984 they completed the Korafe-Mokorua New Testament. In 1989 they began working among the Baruga people, and the Baruga New Testament is nearing completion. Her work on the Korafe dictionary was completed just days before her death. She earned a doctorate in linguistics from Australian National University. Survivors include her husband, James; her parents; a son; a sister; two brothers; and two grandchildren.

1972
Deborah Bittner West of Annapolis, Md., Sept. 10, 2007. Debbie began her teaching career in Mountain Lakes, N.J. She taught kindergarten for 17 years at the Country School in Easton, Md., and for the last 13 years she was the lower school coordinator at the Summit School in Edgewater, Md. She was a founding member of the West Annapolis Yacht Club. Survivors include her husband, Davenport “Davey” West ’74; one daughter; a sister, Jody Bittner Treadwell ’73; and several nieces and nephews.
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