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Carillon player Paul Musser '45

Still Ringing Out the Bells of Old Main



A Message from the President

Dear Friends:

The marketing of colleges and universities is in the news these days. Newspaper articles write of million-dollar marketing campaigns featuring slick viewbooks with catchy tag lines – trips to campus for high school guidance counselors replete with spa treatments and tickets to entertainment or sports venues, and radio and TV spots all intended to build awareness of an institution’s name.

Indeed, Westminster must “market” itself to the various publics it serves. The primary goal of our current Strategic Plan (2003-2007) is to... “Enhance and widen appreciation of the value of a Westminster liberal arts education and the values imbued in this church-related environment.” However, there is more to our story than feel-good tag lines or spa treatments can relate. The heart of the Westminster story is the remarkable value of a single seat in the entering class each year. In monetary terms, that seat is worth far more than the tuition paid by a student and his or her family. Roughly 50 percent of the cost of each place in each class is covered by endowments, gifts, scholarships and governmental grants. The true value of the seat is found in the Westminster educational experience where there are “values added” along the way... values and relationships that last a lifetime and beyond. The 350 chosen souls who earn a place in the entering class each fall cannot fully understand the care and expertise with which they will be educated until they experience it.

Those who have experienced Westminster can best describe its value to an ever-growing group of well-prepared prospective students. Alumni, teachers, guidance counselors, clergy persons, as well as college faculty and staff are uniquely qualified to communicate your understanding of the Westminster experience to young people you know. We won’t promise you free tickets or spa treatments, but the act of helping young people to connect with a promising future will be even more rewarding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style. The signature appears to read "R. Thomas Williamson".

R. Thomas Williamson

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Five New Members Elected to Board of Trustees

Westminster College's Board of Trustees added 11 members in its Class of 2008, including five first-time trustees.

Melinda Claire **Knight** '77, Glenn **Mahone**, and Roberta **Taylor** '75 were elected to their second consecutive four-year terms, while former chairman Leonard **Carroll**, Ann **Hope** Haldeman '48, and Ross **Musgrave** '42 rejoin the Board after a one-year absence.

New to the Board in 2004 are Charles **Burke** Jr., William **Carlton** '67, John **Landolfi** '86, Doreen **McCall**, and Jeffrey **Wiley** '75.



Burke

Burke is chairman of the Grable Foundation in Pittsburgh. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Kenyon College, and a master's in French literature from Bowling Green University. He has served as a board member for Family Communications, Inc., Pace School, Mentoring Partnership of Southwest Pennsylvania, and was chair of The Pittsburgh Project's capital campaign. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Laura, and their four children.

Carlton is chairman and CEO of Carlton & Company, a full-service fund-raising consulting firm. After graduating from Westminster, he earned a master's in divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and worked for 20 years at Ketchum, Inc., reaching the post of executive vice president.



Carlton

Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Adrienne, and their daughter, reside in Osterville, Mass.

Landolfi is a partner in the Columbus, Ohio, law office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP. A graduate of Westminster and Ohio State University College of Law, he is a member of the Columbus, Ohio, and American Bar Associations, the Ohio State Bar Foundation, the American Cancer Society, and a number of other organizations, including the Towering Titans Organization. He also serves on the board of directors of A&F Trademark, Inc., and J.M.H. Trademark, Inc. He lives in Columbus with his wife, Christina, and their three children.



Landolfi

McCall is chief counsel for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in Harrisburg and also serves as counsel to the state's Historic Preservation Board. She previously served as assistant general counsel, then deputy general counsel in the Governor's Office of General Counsel.

She received her undergraduate degree from Slippery Rock University and her law degree from Ohio Northern University, and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Dauphin County Bar Association, and the American Inns of Court. She resides in Harrisburg.



McCall

Wiley is managing director for the law firm of Dickie, McCamey, and Chilcote. He earned his undergraduate degree in political science from Westminster and his law degree from Case Western Reserve University's School of Law. A former assistant



Wiley

district attorney in Allegheny County, he is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Allegheny County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Defense Institute and was formerly a member of the board of directors of North Hills Passavant Hospital. He lives in Allison Park with his wife, Sharon, and their daughter.

Four new associate trustees were also elected for 2004. Barbara **Faires**, professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and James **Rhoads** Jr., associate professor of political science, were named faculty representatives. Junior Jaime **Carter** and senior Russell **Mills** were added as student representatives.

Eight Full-Timers Added to Faculty Roster

Westminster College added eight new full-time faculty members and several new administrators for the 2004-2005 academic year.

The Department of Religion, History, Philosophy, and Classics added two new faculty members: Patricia **Clark**, assistant professor of history, and Beverly **Cushman**, assistant professor of religion and Christian education. The Department of Economics and Business also added two new full-time members, welcoming Walter **Dunlavy**, instructor of economics and business, and David **Smith**, assistant professor of accounting.

Also hired was Keith **Corso**, instructor of speech communication; Gisela **Gonzales-Dieter**, visiting lecturer in Spanish; Natacha **Merz**, instructor of mathematics; and Sherri **Pataki**, visiting assistant professor of psychology.

A number of Westminster professors were promoted in rank. Darwin **Huey** was named professor of education, and librarian Dorita **Bolger** was also named a professor.

Promoted to associate professor were: John **Bonomo** (computer

science), Martha **Joseph** (chemistry), Deborah **Mitchell** (English and public relations), Ann **Murphy** (French and Spanish), and Tammy **Swearingen** (physical education).

Alan **Gittis** and Nancy **DeSalvo** were named chair of psychology and music departments, respectively. Gittis replaces Sandra **Webster**, while DeSalvo takes over for Grover **Pitman**.

Webster, a professor of psychology, has added administrative duties, taking over as faculty development officer in the Office of Academic Affairs. She is joined by Jeffrey **Bersett**, assistant professor of Spanish, who is the new director of off-campus study.

The College also hired Bonnie **Van Bruggen** as its new director of disability services. She was most recently adjunct associate professor of special education at Geneva College.

Melissa **Krenzer**, a former science specialist at Grove City Christian Academy, and Floyd **Zehr**, a professor of physics *emeritus* at Westminster, have joined the Science in Motion staff. Krenzer serves as the elementary mobile educator, while Zehr, who taught at Westminster from 1965-2000, is the new physics mobile educator.

Furno Family Establishes \$2 Million Scholarship at Westminster

Qualified graduates from Monongahela Valley school systems will have the opportunity to attend Westminster College on a full scholarship thanks to the generosity of a \$2 million bequest from Virginia and Joseph Furno.

“We are grateful to the Furnos for remembering the College and establishing this scholarship,” said Gloria Cagigas, vice president for institutional advancement. “It gives the opportunity for bright, motivated students from the Monongahela Valley to

begin their future at Westminster College.”

Joseph Furno, a 1929 graduate of Westminster, served 37 years as an educator and athletic coach in the Elizabeth Forward School District. The scholarship in his memory will support scholarships for the academically well prepared students who have a minimum high school grade point average of 3.0 in academic subjects and demonstrated leadership qualities through involvement in a range of extracurricular activities.

The four-year renewable Joseph R. Furno Memorial Scholarship Fund is designed to provide deserving students with a full scholarship that meets the full cost of tuition, room, board, books and related academic fees. Two scholarships will be awarded annually starting in 2005.

Information on memorial scholarships and other planned gifts may be obtained from Sue Rudloff, director of advancement programs, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172 or call (724) 946-7673.

Westminster One of Nation's Best in Graduation Rate Performance

Westminster College ranks third among liberal arts colleges and sixth in the nation overall in graduation rate performance, according to *U.S. News & World Report's 2005 Guide to America's Best Colleges*.

The category ranks schools based on the difference between an institution's six-year graduation rate for the Class of 1997, and the predicted rate for the class. The predicted rate is calculated using a formula that accounts for the standardized test scores of the students and the school's expenditures on them over the year. Westminster's 77 percent graduation rate was 17 percent higher than predicted.

Only Lane College (+38%) and Fisk University (28%) posted higher rates among liberal arts colleges. Widener College (27%), Alabama A&M University (22%) and St. John's University (21%) had higher rates among national universities.

Westminster was also recently featured in the 2005 version of *The Best 357 Colleges*, published by The Princeton Review.

The rankings, based on the company's survey of 110,000 students, named Westminster one of the “Best 115 Colleges in the Mid-Atlantic,” and placed the College's theatre program 16th nationally in the “Great College Theatre” category.

Vereen, Louise Mandrell Headline 2004-2005 Celebrity Series Season



Mandrell



Vereen



The Ten Tenors

Performances by song-and-dance man Ben Vereen, the versatile Louise Mandrell, and a tribute to the music of Harold Arlen highlight the 2004-2005 Celebrity Series season, which began on October 1.

Also scheduled to appear this season are the Mendelssohn Choir, The Ten Tenors, a touring production of *Crazy For You*, as well a holiday concert featuring the John Pizzarelli Trio and the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra.

Vereen will be joined by an 18-piece orchestra, as he performs the songs of Sammy Davis Jr., as well as hits from his own Broadway show, while Mandrell's show promises to showcase her considerable talents and a blend of her bluegrass and Broadway backgrounds.

Broadway stars Faith Prince and Tom Wopat will team up to celebrate 100 years of the music of Harold Arlen, including “Over the Rainbow” from “The Wizard of Oz.”

The Ten Tenors, a vocal group from Australia, kicked off the season, followed by the Gershwin musical, *Crazy For You*. The 100-voice Mendelssohn Choir will appear with Grammy Award-winning musical director Robert Page. The John Pizzarelli Trio will perform holiday favorites with the Youngstown Symphony, under the direction of Isaiah Jackson.

October 1	The Ten Tenors
October 20	<i>Crazy For You</i>
November 20	Mendelssohn Choir
December 3	The John Pizzarelli Trio and the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra
February 2	Tom Wopat & Faith Prince: Celebrating a Century of Harold Arlen
March 19	Louise Mandrell
April 9	Ben Vereen Sings the Songs of Sammy Davis Jr.

All shows at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call the Celebrity Series box office at 724-946-7354.

Faculty Making News

Darwin **Huey** '74, chair of the Department of Education and director of the Graduate Program at Westminster, was awarded the Counselor of the Year Award by the Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International. The award is given annually to the graduate of the program who consistently exemplifies the finest qualities of a professional counselor.



Huey

Martha **Joseph** and Helen **Boylan** '95 recently presented a poster at the National Meeting of the Council for Undergraduate Research in LaCrosse, Wis. The poster, "Building Bridges with Administration: Faculty Grass Roots Movement Results in Teaching Load Reduction," highlights the cooperation between Westminster's faculty and administration in dealing with the difficult issue of teaching loads.



Harms

Clarence **Harms**, professor of biology *emeritus* and director of the Biology Field Station, recently lectured at the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. His lecture – at the invitation of Meri Beth **Gubanic** Furlong '98, the Grable intern coordinator at Phipps – centered on rainforests and other areas with important ecosystems.

CSI: Westminster Forensics Expert Lectures at College

Ron Freeman, a retired commander of the investigations branch of the Major Crimes Unit of the Pittsburgh police, spoke at Westminster May 6, in the McKelvey Campus Center's Mueller Theater.

Freeman, who teaches forensics seminars at LaRoche College, Duquesne University, Point Park College, and the University of Pittsburgh, offered insights into evidence collection, preserving and reconstructing the crime scene, the link to the interrogation process, and associated topics.

He also shared insights from some of his most memorable cases.

The event was free and open to the public and sponsored by the Westminster College Career Center.

Westminster Charter Member of Akhmim Studies Consortium

Westminster College is a charter member of the Akhmim Studies Consortium, which will research items related to Egypt's historic Akhmim region and its relationship to the art and culture of Ptolemaic Egypt.

The consortium was recently established at the Reading Public Museum.

"For years we have been seeking a vehicle to disseminate research on our mummy," said Sam **Farmerie**, Westminster's curator of cultural artifacts. "This is a great opportunity to share with other scholars, both nationally and internationally."

Pesed, Westminster's 2,300-year-old mummy donated by the Rev. John **Giffen**, an 1872 Westminster graduate who was working as a missionary in Egypt, has already been CT scanned. The mummy was professionally restored by Jane Gardner of the Carnegie Museum thanks to the energy and fund-raising effort of Susan **Grandy** Graff, a 1985 Westminster graduate who tackled the project during her undergraduate years.

"Work on Reading's mummy has already shed additional light on the mummy in Westminster's collection," said Jonathan Elias, project director. "It's exciting to contemplate how far additional work may take us in understanding the people of ancient Akhmim and Egypt more generally."

"Akhemim Studies Consortium has established the Mummy Scanning Initiative, which is committed to expanding our knowledge of Akhemim's people through CT scan-based evaluation of its mummies," Elias said. "Mummy research has never been so regionally focused. The potential contribution to science is enormous, as no fewer than 25 Akhemimic mummies have come into American collections since the mid-1880s."

Pesed is believed to be the mummy of Lady Pesed Ma Rheres, daughter of Heshor, priest of Khem, and his wife, the Lady Urt. Khem was a small Egyptian town on the Nile near the present city of Luxor. The mummy was excavated from the city of Akhemim, about 235 miles south of Cairo.

Area Educators Complete Science in Motion Workshops at Westminster

Several area educators recently completed summer workshops held by the Westminster College Science in Motion program.

The Science in Motion (SIM) program is a state-funded partnership between higher education, technology, and local schools. The goal of the Westminster College Science in Motion program is to provide laboratory experiments, current instrumentation, and teacher support in Allegheny, Butler, Crawford, Lawrence, and Mercer counties.

"Workshops are a key component of the program because they allow the SIM mobile educators to meet with teachers and demonstrate new laboratory experiments designed for the classroom," said Stephanie **Corrette-Bennett**, biology mobile educator. "Currently, the Westminster College SIM program supports science education at the preschool through high school level."

This year the summer program included two-day introductory workshops in biology, chemistry, physics, and elementary science for teachers who were new to the program. Advanced workshops were held in biology, chemistry and physics for teachers who previously participated in the SIM program.

Teachers from Hickory High School, Maplewood High School, Moon Township High School, Neshannock High School, New Castle Christian Academy, Seneca Valley Intermediate High School, Ursuline High School, Westminster College Preschool Lab, and Wilmington Middle School participated in the summer workshops.

Workshops are also planned for the fall. These Saturday morning sessions are designed to help teachers re-acquaint themselves with the experiments and instrumentation before using them in their classrooms.

Westminster Students Build Homes During Break

While many college students head to southern beaches during spring break, 15 Westminster College students spent their vacation building Habitat for Humanity houses and renovating homes for Hosanna Industries.

Ten students traveled to Raleigh, N.C., with Keturah Laney, chapel assistant at Westminster, and five students traveled to Rochester with the Rev. James Mohr, the College's chaplain.



The Westminster contingent – 10 students and chapel assistant Keturah Laney – posed for a snapshot with the home they were helping build in Raleigh, N.C.

"It was an amazing trip," said Erin Bartley, a sophomore biology major. "There we were – 11 women with no experience. We were given a blueprint, measurements, sawhorses and tools. I was impressed by the leadership there. They were available to answer questions, but we were left to make cuts and put it together on our own."

"We weren't babied, and they didn't assume that we didn't know anything," said Sarah Melanovich, a sophomore business administration major. "We built three exterior walls with window and door frames, five interior walls, and raised the walls by the end of the week."

"Students learned how to use a miter saw for cutting the two-by-fours for the walls, and a rip saw for cutting out the windows and doors," Laney said. "One crew of three women worked on attaching the metal flashing between the exterior walls and the porch."

It was not all work for the group. They got in some sightseeing, too.

"We visited Duke University, which was about 15 minutes from where we were staying," Bartley said. We also visited the Natural Science Museum, where we saw the Titanic exhibit. We also got to explore Raleigh."

"The best part of the trip was meeting the lady who will own the house we were building," Melanovich said. "We were building a house not for the homeless, but helping the working poor. The owners have to spend at least 300 hours working on their own house, and they will have a mortgage. They are families, like mine, with kids running around what will be their yard. You really have to see it because I can't put into words how that makes me feel."

"Work was secondary," Bartley said. "First was what you learned about yourself. I could see the fruits of our labor at the end of the day, and not everyone can say that."

Tropical Ecology Class Culminates in Australia

Seventeen Westminster College students recently finished their biology class not with their noses in a blue book, but strolling barefoot on the coral reefs of Australia.

"I just want to tell everyone to take this class," said Katie Schultz, a junior music major. "It was such a great, once-in-a-lifetime experience."

The early rising each morning did not deter Schultz's enthusiasm.

"Our routine on Lizard Island included breakfast, snorkel, lunch, lecture, snorkel, and dinner. After our first breakfast there, we never wore shoes," Schultz continued.

Before leaving for Australia, the students spent a semester in a Westminster classroom studying the fish and coral in the area.

Their Australian guides continued the learning experience with daily lectures about the local fish, how they interact, and what happens when man interferes with their habitat. After learning about marine life in Australia, the class went to stay at Mungalli Falls where they hiked twice a day to visit falls and study the natives.

Russell Buttler, an Aboriginal elder, talked to the class for two days about their culture.

Relay for Life Raises \$24,000 for Cancer Research

With some help from the campus and New Wilmington communities, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi raised nearly \$24,000 for the American Cancer Society in its seventh annual Relay for Life.

"This brings our total to almost \$150,000 over the past seven years," said David DiDesiderio, a junior public relations major from New Wilmington and Relay for Life chair from Alpha Sigma Phi. "There were 447 people that participated in 48 teams. We had several sponsors such as UPMC, Giant Eagle, R&A Screen Printing, Staley Communications, The Tavern on the Green, McDonalds, Krispy Kreme, Titan Radio, Alpha Sigma Phi, and Westminster."

The concept behind Relay for Life involves teams of 8-15 people taking turns walking or running around the track, relay-style, for 12 straight hours. Each team member is asked to raise donations to support the American Cancer Society's services, programs, and research.

"Cancer affects everyone in one way or another," said DiDesiderio. "It's important for us to do our part to fund cancer research, provide services for cancer patients, and achieve our ultimate goal of eliminating cancer forever."

Westminster Student Presents Research at Student Symposium

Felicie Reid, a junior environmental science major at Westminster College, recently presented her research, "Effects of Chlorine on Population Growth of *Selenastrum Capicornutum*," at the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition Student Symposium.

"I tested local wastewater treatment plant effluents being released into the Little Neshannock Creek behind Westminster's campus for free and total chlorine concentrations," Reid said. "From this data, I conducted toxicology tests of chlorine's effect on *Selenastrum* population growth. *Selenastrum* is a unicellular algae commonly found in freshwater and moist soils.

"I found that increasing chlorine concentration caused a decrease in *Selenastrum* growth. I also concluded that chlorine does indeed have a significantly detrimental effect on algal populations at the concentration being released into the Little Neshannock."

Founder of College's International Film Series Recognized

Jacob Erhardt, professor of German *emeritus* at Westminster, recently received recognition for founding the College's International Film Festival.

The series was renamed the Jacob Erhardt International Film Series in his honor and he was presented with a plaque which was hung in the Sebastian Mueller Theater in the McKelvey Campus Center, where the films are shown.



"Jake taught German at the College for 36 years and was a major contributor to his field and the campus," said Ann Murphy, chair of the Department of Modern Languages. "We hope this is one way that he and his contributions will always be remembered here."

Erhardt, who began teaching at Westminster in 1968 and was department chair from 1970-86, retired in 2004 after 36 years of service.

Triennium Attendees



Several first-year Westminster students attended the Presbyterian Youth Triennium held July 20-25 at Purdue University. Pictured, clockwise from upper left, are: Andy Polack, Young Presbyterian Scholars coordinator Carey Anne Meyer LaSor '86, Sarah Westermeier, Willy DeLair, and Amanda Bohler. Visit www.westminster.edu/yyps to learn more about the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program.

Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning Offers Clinics

Westminster College's Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning offered Total Leaders, a two-day seminar for school district administrators.

Charles Schwahn, co-author of the book, *Total Leaders: Applying the Best Future-Focused Change Strategies to Education*, shared his ideas and work with teams of school district administrators to develop change strategies. The Total Leaders approach integrates concepts from the authentic, visionary, cultural, quality and service leadership domains and applies them to schools.

In the spring, the Drinko Center and the Tri-State Area School Study Council sponsored the second annual Mathematics Coaches Clinic in the McKelvey Campus Center.

The clinic was open to all mathematics teachers, administrators, department heads, and all interested education personnel.

The John Deaver and Elizabeth Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, which is located in Westminster's new \$14-million Campus Center, is designed to advance world-class teaching and enrich



The Total Leaders two-day seminar, held in the Witherspoon Rooms this August, was offered to local school district administrators by the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

K-12 education through outreach programs for area educators. The Drinko Center helps Westminster fulfill its mission of excellence

in education and public service by expanding opportunities in student life, academics, and community outreach.

Titan Golfer Matune Competes in U.S. Amateur

Westminster men's golf standout John **Matune** competed in the 2004 United States Amateur Championship, held Aug. 16-22, 2004, at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y.

A junior at Westminster, Matune shot a two-day, 36-hole total of 81-84-165 at the nation's most prestigious amateur golf tournament. The top 64 finishers (36-hole scores of 150 or below) advanced to the match play competition.

Matune qualified for the U.S. Amateur by finishing fourth out of approximately 135 golfers at the Cleveland Area Sectional Qualifier on July 26. He fired a 72-72-144 in rounds at Lake Forest Country Club and Fox Den Golf Course in Hudson, Ohio. The top five finishers at the sectional qualifier earned a spot in the national championship field at Winged Foot.

A two-year letterman for the Titan golf team after transferring from Ohio State University in 2002, Matune earned Team MVP honors in 2003-04 with a team-low 77.35 stroke average in 17 rounds. He was named to the All-Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Second Team after placing sixth (79-81-160) at the league championships, helping the Titan linksters to their second consecutive PAC team championship. He was also medalist at the Pitt-Greensburg Fall Invitational (71) last season.

In 2002-03, Matune earned first-team all-conference recognition after shooting 76-77-153 to place second at the conference event. He was also medalist at the Thiel Invitational (76) and posted a 79.76 stroke average in 17 rounds.



Westminster's John Matune earned a highly coveted spot in the U.S. Amateur Championship at Winged Foot Golf Club this summer. The junior golfer placed fourth at the Cleveland Area Sectional Qualifier (72-72-144) to advance to the national tournament.

LeViere, Pancake Receive Postseason Honors

Westminster spring athletes Brooks **LeViere** and Jennifer **Pancake** received postseason recognition after splendid 2004 seasons.

LeViere, a junior outfielder on the 2004 Titan baseball team, was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association Division III Baseball Second Team, while Pancake, a freshman pitcher/designated hitter, was one of 15 players named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Southern Softball Second Team.

LeViere hit .369 with 10 doubles, 10 home runs, 40 runs scored, 40 RBIs and 10 steals for the Titans, who finished 18-22 in 2004. His homer total tied the Westminster single-season record set by Scott **Higgins** in 1982 and matched by Rob **Nogay** in 1995.

Pancake, named to the All-ECAC team as a DH, batted .387 with team-high totals in hits (46), doubles (eight), home runs (three), and RBIs (34). On the mound, she posted a 15-9 record with a 1.59 ERA. The Lady Titans finished 28-13 overall.



LeViere



Pancake

Froelich Named to Two Preseason All-America Lists

Westminster's Scott **Froelich** was named an NCAA Division III Preseason All-America by a pair of publications this summer. The senior tailback was named a second-team preseason All-American by *Lindy's National College Football Magazine*, and was a third-team pick by *Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette*.

Froelich was named Player of the Year in both the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) and the ECAC Division III South Region in 2003. As a junior, he recorded 281 carries for 1,486 yards (5.3 avg.) and 15 touchdowns. He also caught two touchdown passes and threw for two more on halfback options. His 2003 rushing total was the third-highest mark in school history, and his total of 3,552 career rushing yards is 1,717 shy of the school's career rushing mark.

Westminster, which finished 5-5 in 2003, including a 3-2 mark and third-place finish in the PAC, was picked to place third again in 2004. Results of the voting done by conference coaches, sports information directors and members of the media were released at the annual PAC Football Media Day in Pittsburgh. The Titans earned four of 36 first-place votes and finished with 152 points in the poll, trailing defending PAC champion Waynesburg (195 points, 22 first-place votes) and Washington & Jefferson (175 points, eight first-place votes).



Froelich

Spring Sports Highlights

Baseball

(18-22, 6-9 PAC)

Under first-year head coach Carmen **Nocera**, Westminster posted a three-game sweep of Thiel to finish fifth in the Presidents' Athletic Conference Tournament.

After a rocky 3-9 start, the Titans finished the season strong, winning 15 of their final 25 games.

Five Titans earned All-PAC honors, including a pair of first-team selections. Senior second baseman Brian **Goettler** batted .381 (53-of-139) with 11 doubles, 27 runs scored, 10 stolen bases, and 26 RBIs, leading the Titans in hits, at-bats and doubles. He was joined by junior outfielder Brooks **LeViere**, who hit .369 with 10 doubles, 10 home runs, 40 runs scored and 40 RBIs.

Second-team honorees included senior catcher Ben **Yeckel**, junior first baseman Brian **Andrews**, and senior third baseman John **Hanlon**.

Men's Golf

The Titan linksters captured their second consecutive PAC championship in 2004, as Westminster overcame a one-stroke deficit after the first day of competition to defeat Washington & Jefferson by 13 strokes. Head coach Gene **Nicholson** was voted PAC Coach of the Year for his efforts.

Four Titans earned All-PAC recognition for posting Top 10 finishes at the league championships. Junior Scott **Voelker** and sophomore Matt **Kurtz** were both first-team honorees for the second straight year, while sophomore John **Matune** and freshman Robbie **Jewell** earned second-team laurels.

Women's Golf

In just their third season of varsity competition, the Lady Titan linksters completed their meteoric rise with a commanding 51-stroke victory over Washington & Jefferson, giving Westminster its first-ever PAC women's golf championship.

Head coach Debi **Behr** was named PAC Coach of the Year following the victory.

Four Lady Titans finished in the overall Top 10 at the conference tournament, securing All-PAC recognition. Freshmen



Freshman Kelly Spisak was named first-team all-conference after placing fourth at the PAC Championships at Crispin Golf Course in Wheeling, W.Va. She shot a 27-hole total of 133, helping the Lady Titans post a 51-stroke victory and their first PAC title in three years of varsity competition.

Sara **Bonchosky** and Kelly **Spisak** finished third and fourth, respectively, in overall competition to be named to the All-PAC First Team. Sophomore Kayla **Pursifull** and senior Rena **Peroz** were second-team selections.

Softball (28-13, 7-3 PAC)

The Lady Titan softball team placed third in the PAC and posted its 21st winning season in the past 23 years.

Westminster placed five players on the 2004 All-PAC teams. In addition, freshman pitcher/DH Jennifer **Pancake** was named 2004 PAC Freshman of the Year and 2004 PAC Co-Pitcher of the Year, while Lady Titan head coach Jan **Reddinger** was named 2004 PAC Co-Coach of the Year.

Three Lady Titans were selected to the All-PAC First Team, as Pancake was joined by junior first baseman Heidi **Kimmel** and senior catcher/third baseman Julie **Zappa**. Pancake, 15-9 with a 1.59 ERA as a pitcher, posted team-high totals in batting average (.387), hits (46), doubles (eight), home runs

(three) and RBIs (34). Kimmel batted .312 this season with team-best totals of 28 runs scored and five triples. Zappa hit .255 with four doubles, one triple, 11 runs scored, one stolen base and 22 RBIs.

Junior shortstop Lauren **Boris** and sophomore second baseman Abby **Mazar** were selected to the All-PAC Second Team.

Men's Tennis (10-9)

The Titans posted a second-place finish at the 2004 PAC Championships and recorded the program's first-ever individual PAC champions.

Westminster's #3 double team of senior John **Libert** and sophomore brother Ben **Libert** captured the PAC title and first-team all-conference honors with a pair of three-set wins.

Three Titans posted second-place finishes in singles competition, good for second-team all-conference laurels: junior Corey **Sacca** at #2 singles; junior Dave **Molitor** at #5 singles; and Ben Libert at #6 singles.

Men's Track & Field

The Titan track & field squad posted a third-place finish at the 2004 PAC



Senior Phil Frye grimaces as he lets loose in the shot put at the Grove City Invitational in April. Frye captured the discus title at Grove City and placed third in the discus and fifth in the shot put at the PAC Championships for the Titans, who placed third at the conference meet for the second consecutive year.

Athletic Department Hands Out First WESPY Awards

The Westminster College Department of Athletics hosted its first WESPY (Westminster Exceptional Sports Performances of the Year) Awards ceremony last spring in Orr Auditorium. The WESPYS, which replaced the annual fall and winter/spring sports banquets, honored team MVPs for 18 Titan varsity sports teams, and also featured numerous annual awards and recognition of top athletic achievements throughout the 2003-04 academic year.

Highlighting the event was the awarding of the annual David B. Fawcett and Marjorie A. Walker Awards, given annually to honor and acknowledge those individuals who best exemplify the qualities of fairness, sportsmanship, leadership, determination and competitiveness. The Fawcett Award was given to senior football player James **Chaney**, while the Walker Award was presented to senior swimmer **Brittany Jardine**.

The Senior Scholar-Athlete Awards, given annually to the graduating senior male and female student-athletes with the highest cumulative GPAs, went to Chaney and senior volleyball/track & field standout Diana **Barnes**. Jim Smith of New Castle, a regular fixture at nearly all home athletic events and many road contests over the past several years, was named an Honorary Titan.

Several new WESPY awards, nominated and voted on by members of Westminster's Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) and members of the athletic department staff, were introduced as well. The WESPY, given for the top single-event athletic performance, was given to freshman swimmer Ryan **Trunk**, who captured seven gold medals (three individual, four relay) at the PAC Swimming & Diving Championships, and to senior women's soccer defender Michelle **Chovan**, who scored two goals, including the game-winner, in a 3-2 upset victory over top-seeded Grove City in the PAC title game.

WESPY Coach of the Year honors went to men's basketball coach Larry **Ondako** and women's swimming coach Rob **Klamut**.

WESPY Team Performances of the Year went to the Titan men's basketball team and the Lady Titan golf team.



Senior swimmer Brittany Jardine accepts the Marjorie A. Walker Award at the WESPY Awards ceremony, as Walker and athletic director Jim Dafler look on.

WESPY Team Comebacks of the Year went to the Titan men's golf team, which rallied from a one-stroke deficit to capture their second straight PAC championship, and the Lady Titan volleyball team, which rebounded from two regular-season losses to Washington & Jefferson and a 30-19 loss in the opening game, but rallied to top the Presidents and advance to the PAC Tournament finals.

WESPY Comeback Athlete of the Year laurels went to senior defender Nick **White** of the men's soccer team and senior Megan **Lytle** of the women's swimming team. White recovered from a season-ending injury in 2002 to earn All-PAC honorable mention and NSCAA/adidas College Men Scholar All-East Region honorable mention honors in 2003. Lytle was an 11-time conference swimming champion, including six conference titles after being diagnosed with Systemic Lupus

Erythematosus (SLE). She also led the Westminster women's swimming teams to PAC championships as a junior and senior.

Finally, the following individuals earned Team MVP awards for the 2003-04 academic year:

- Baseball - Junior outfielder Brooks **LeViere**
- Men's Basketball - Junior guard Ed **Pagley**
- Women's Basketball - Junior forward Erica **Tallo**
- Men's Cross Country - Senior Sean **Gallagher**
- Women's Cross Country - Senior Sara **Ialongo**
- Football - Junior running back Scott **Froelich**
- Men's Golf - Sophomore John **Matune**
- Women's Golf - Freshman Sara **Bonchosky**
- Men's Soccer - Senior midfielder Brian **Glass**
- Women's Soccer - Senior forward/midfielder Alyssa **Pyle**
- Softball - Freshman pitcher/DH Jennifer **Pancake**
- Men's Swimming - Freshman Ryan **Trunk**
- Women's Swimming - Senior Brittany **Jardine**
- Men's Tennis - Sophomore Ben **Libert**
- Women's Tennis - Junior Bethany **Grubbs**
- Men's Track & Field - Senior Tim **Snyder**
- Women's Track & Field - Sophomore Carrie **Fleckenstein**
- Volleyball - Senior outside hitter Diana **Barnes**

Championships under first-year head coach Don **Augustine**. Westminster had several individuals post solid finishes at the event.

Three Titans captured individual PAC titles at the event, led by sophomore Adam **Hadbavny**, who won both the discus (46.22 meters) and shot put (14.49 meters) while placing third in the javelin (49.00 meters). Hadbavny fell just short of qualifying for

the NCAA Division III Championships.

Other victors included senior Tim **Snyder** in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (10:28) and junior Josh **Drab** in the 800-meter run (2:03.08).

Women's Track & Field

The Lady Titan track & field squad, in just its third season as a varsity sport, also

finished in third place at the PAC meet under Augustine.

A pair of athletes earned individual PAC crowns. Sophomore Sonya **Cole** placed first in the shot put (11.92 meters), while junior Felicie **Reid** was the top finisher in the 10,000-meter run (49:06).

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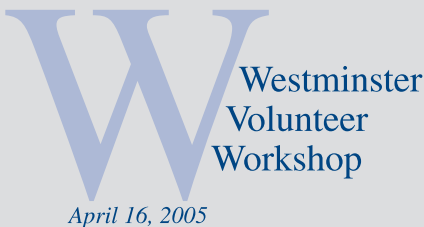
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What can you do?

What can you do to be an involved alumnus/alumna? Are you already an active volunteer interested in learning more about your alma mater and how best to offer your support? Come to the Westminster Workshop, Saturday, April 16, 2005, for a half day packed with Westminster news, informative sessions and a chance to meet current students.

Aeros-dynamics



Akron-area alumni rooted for the home team during a June Akron Aeros baseball game.

First row: Chet Claire '49, Hidge Stockhausen Claire '49, Erma Smith Lewis '57, Jack Lewis '57, Jim Perkins, Jane Perkins, Sue Oestreich, Nelson Oestreich; Second row: Cindy Dafler '03, Amanda Gashel Dillon '95, Noelle Dillon, Mike Dillon '95, and Tyler Dillon.

**What do you remember of
 Thompson House?**



Were you a resident of, or spent much time in, Thompson House? The effort to identify residents and gather memories of time in the house continues. We would love to know when you were in the house and what you remember. Please send your memories, or send your name and phone number to the alumni office so we may contact you. Dorothy **Pollock** '46, Office of Alumni Relations, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001, or phone (724) 946-7372 or e-mail alumni@westminster.edu.

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See the highlights of the British Isles as part of a vacation planned for May 19-June 1, 2005. Start with two nights in London, then embark on a 10-day cruise aboard the *Golden Princess* to Holyhead, Wales; Dublin and Belfast, Ireland; and historic Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland; plus the Orkney Islands.

Enjoy a luxurious tour at an incredible price which includes airfare from New York to/from London. For information, contact Clance **Martin** at cj.martin@worldnet.att.net, 126 Colony Dr., New Wilmington, PA 16142. Before Oct. 15, call 724-946-8449; after Oct. 15, call 772-229-8119.

REMINDER

**Homecoming & Reunion
Weekend, October 15, 16 & 17**



Watch the mail for your Homecoming & Reunion Weekend mailer. The full weekend schedule and reservation form for both reunions and Homecoming activities are included. Information and a printable reservation form are also available online, www.westminster.edu.

Reunions to be celebrated at 6 p.m. Saturday, October 16:

- 15th Cluster – classes of 1988, '89, and '90 – Sharon Country Club
- 25th Reunion – Class of 1979 – New Castle Country Club
- 35th Cluster – classes of 1968, '69, '70 – Oak Tree Country Club
- 50th Reunion – Class of 1954 – Radisson

For more information, contact the alumni office at (724) 946-7362 or alumni@westminster.edu.

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Pennsylvania alumni, show your Westminster pride with a commonwealth of Pennsylvania license plate. A minimum of 300 applications are needed to begin production and we are halfway there. Don't wait to submit your application! For an application, contact the alumni office, phone (724) 946-7372, fax (724) 946-7366, e-mail alumni@westminster.edu or write to the Office of Alumni Relations, Westminster College, New Wilmington PA 16172-0001. Printable applications are available online, www.westminster.edu/alumni/license_plate.cfm.



Friday Night Concert



Pittsburgh-area alumni and friends enjoyed music and fresh air during the "First Fridays at the Frick" outdoor concert featuring Harmonious Wail at the Frick Art and Historical Center. Richard Sass '62 is wearing his Westminster College sweatshirt, and wearing the hat is Cindy Judd Hill '46.

Upcoming events:

October

15-17 Homecoming & Reunion Festivities

December

15 Pittsburgh-area alumni at the Pittsburgh Public Theater for "The Chief"

January

- 7-12 Concert Choir Tour
- 7 Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church, Savannah, GA
- 8 St. James Catholic Church Cathedral, Orlando, FL
- 9 First Presbyterian Church, Delray Beach and Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 11 First Presbyterian Church, Vero Beach, FL
- 12 Church of the Palms, Sarasota, FL

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Through the Roof

Westminster reports big increase in applications, freshmen as competition heats up

Westminster welcomed a larger-than-average incoming class of 420 first-year and transfer students in August. But, the competition for each seat at Westminster also continues to increase.

The College announced that it received over 1,500 applications for a spot in the Class of 2008, the most ever in the school's 152-year history. The total represents a rising trend for Westminster, which has seen its applications increase in each of the last five years. Its 1,547 applications for 2004-2005 is up 17 percent over last year's record of 1,327.

The 388 new freshmen and 32 transfer students represent a 14 percent increase over last year's incoming class. Westminster traditionally limits its incoming classes to 350 new students and 25 transfers, but a large graduating class allowed for a one-year expansion.

"Since we stress quality over quantity, it forced us to make some tough admissions decisions," said Westminster Dean of Admissions Doug Swartz. "We have implemented an early action program to help high achieving students secure a spot in future classes. We also have two special merit scholarships to allow Presbyterian pastors and Westminster alumni employed in the education field to nominate deserving students during the early action phase."

The College's two new nominated merit scholarships – the Young Presbyterian Scholarship and the Jerb Miller Scholarship – were an immediate hit in their first year of operation. Together, they yielded 99 students from over 200 applicants.

The Young Presbyterian Scholars (YPS) Program, originating from the College's 150th anniversary celebration in 2002, offers up to 150 scholarships, worth \$11,000 annually, to outstanding Presbyterian Church (USA) students who wish to continue to grow in faith and leadership in college. Applicants must be active in a PC (USA) congregation, exhibit a cumulative 3.5 GPA and be nominated by his/her pastor. (Visit www.westminster.edu/yps for more information.)



▲ Members of the Fresh Start team are present to assist first-year students and their families in many ways on their first day of college, including hauling in heavy appliances.



▲ Dave Barner, associate professor of broadcast communications, gave the address, "Letters from Home, Freshman Memories."

▼ After getting unpacked, some students found time to sit back, relax, and open their mail.



▲ The Rev. Jim Mohr delivered the invocation and benediction at the Opening Convocation ceremony for first-year students and their parents.



The inaugural class of YPS students, including the great-grandson of former Westminster president Robert **Galbreath** (see sidebar at right), had an average SAT score of 1098 and hailed from a number of states outside of Westminster's traditional recruiting area. Applicants came from such states as California, Oregon, Florida, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, and Maine, to name a few.

One hundred Jerb Miller Scholarships, named in memory of the beloved professor of education who taught at Westminster from 1968-1992, award \$10,000 annually. Students must possess a 3.5 high school GPA and be nominated by a Westminster alumnus in the education field. (Visit www.westminster.edu/jerb for more information.)

The 59 Jerb Miller Scholarship recipients had an average GPA of 3.73.

Applicants for both scholarships must submit their application by November 15, meaning that next year up to 250 seats in the first-year class could be claimed during the early action period. Early projections put the size of the Class of 2009 at about the usual 350.

"We already have over 14,000 high school juniors inquiring about admission for fall 2005," Swartz said. "All of the available space in our residence halls is filled, so we expect admission into Westminster to be even more competitive next year."

"We strive to keep class sizes level each year, and becoming an impersonal mega-university is not part of the Westminster plan," said Westminster President R. Thomas **Williamson**. "We have a strategic plan that emphasizes controlled growth. We strive to become a better college, not a bigger college. Westminster prides itself on recruiting bright, well-rounded students, and then exceeding their expectations while they are here."

The Class of 2008 came to Westminster with a solid academic background and an average high school GPA of 3.42 in core classes. The Westminster freshmen have an average SAT score of 1082, 80 points higher than the average score in Pennsylvania and 56 points higher than the national average.

Galbreath Descendent Lands in First YPS Class

Among the students accepted into Westminster's first class of Young Presbyterian Scholars is someone whose roots run deep both at Westminster and the Presbyterian Church.

William DeLair, a first-year student from Zanesville, Ohio, is the great-grandson of former Westminster president and Presbyterian minister Robert F. **Galbreath**.

Galbreath, a 1907 Westminster graduate, was a popular president, who led the College through the Great Depression and World War II. Prior to becoming president, he was a United Presbyterian minister. After resigning from the presidency in 1946, he then served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New Castle from 1947-1956. Galbreath Hall, dedicated in 1957, was named in his honor.

Galbreath's daughter Ruth, a 1944 Westminster graduate, married Edward DeLair and they had three children, including William's father, also named Edward. Dozens of Galbreath descendants have attended Westminster in the last three-quarters of a century, but William DeLair is the first brought in on a Young Presbyterian Scholarship.



DeLair



Galbreath



◀ Among their many stops, students lined up to have their picture taken for their TitanCard.



▲ At the close of the reception following Opening Convocation, students posed for pictures and said their goodbyes as they headed off to orientation.

First-year students arrived on campus on Friday, August 27. They were welcomed by nearly 70 Fresh Start student volunteers, who helped them move in and led them through a weekend of orientation.

Among the list of activities on the first day, new students attended the Opening Convocation, officially welcoming them to the College. The convocation, which included welcomes from President Williamson, Dean of the College Jesse **Mann**, and SGA president Jessica **Rummel**, was held in the newly renovated Orr Auditorium with air conditioning. Dave **Barner**, associate professor of broadcast communications, gave the address, "Letters from Home, Freshman Memories." A reception was held following the convocation on the patio outside of McKelvey Campus Center.

During their first weekend, first-year students attended educational workshops on academics, social issues, residence life issues, chapel opportunities and were introduced to the campus computer network. They also participated in the Titan Traverse program, received Fitness Center orientation and heard about services in the Career Center and Safety and Security.

Classes began on Tuesday, August 31.

Westminster Freshman Helps Open Democratic Convention



Rupert

Steven **Rupert**'s trip to Boston was so much more than just a summer vacation. It was a journey to the center of the nation's political process.

The 18-year-old Moon Township native was one of two youths chosen to gavel open the Democratic National Convention at the Fleet Center on July 27. Rupert's essay, "I Believe," was picked as a co-winner from more than 400 entries in the Democratic National Committee's "Gavel in the Future" contest, which asked 13- to 18-year-olds to write about how they can use politics to improve their communities.

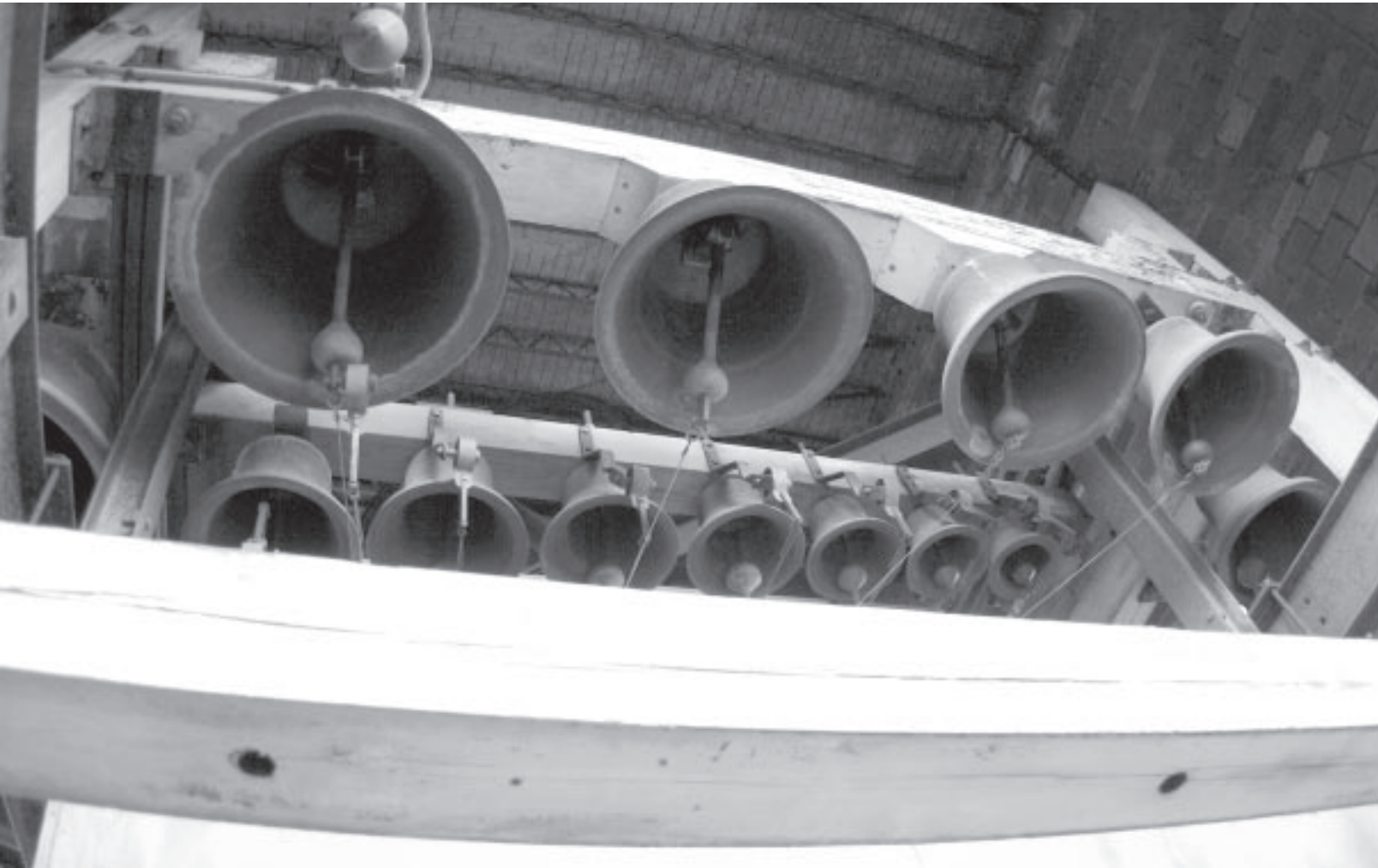
"I wasn't nervous at all. I was just excited," Rupert told the

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

Rupert, who gave a two-sentence address, shared the stage with 13-year-old Kristen Turner of Boston. Together they banged the gavel opening the convention.

He told the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* that he saw the speeches of former presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, as well as Ron Reagan Jr., and rubbed elbows with such Democratic heavyweights as Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean. He also attended a taping of MSNBC's "Hardball with Chris Matthews."

"It was a great thing that I'll never forget," said Rupert, who plans to major in political science and economics. "It's a story I'll tell for the rest of my life."



The Chimes of Your Life

Friends of the Carillon aims to keep tower bells ringing for generations to come

By Patrick S. Broadwater

Before he met the other love of his life, Paul Musser heard bells. The bells in Old Main Memorial, to be specific. ♦ “I was taken by hearing the bells at the conference,” said Musser, a 1945 Westminster College graduate who first heard the chimes ring in 1937 while attending the New Wilmington Missionary Conference. “The students played them for the conference and I thought that was real nice.”

His immediate connection with the melodic tunes seemingly floating down from the sky above kindled a lifelong affection for bells. As a freshman, he dove into the topic, choosing to write a research theme on musical bells. Although Musser was involved in the school band, during his first year at Westminster he was soon on the receiving end of an unexpected request. Music professor Donald **Cameron** approached Musser, a Bible/psychology/philosophy major, and asked if he'd be interested in playing the chimes for 15 minutes each evening, Monday to Friday.

"They couldn't get a music major up there, so he asked me," said Musser, who developed a repertoire of 75-80 hymns for which he rewrote music to suit the bells. "The wires were all rusted, the pulleys were tight, nobody had played it for a long time. I got up there with a can of oil and some rags and knocked the rust off it. The first thing I played was an Easter Sunday morning service."

That same year, Musser was sitting in the Chapel when inspiration struck again. This time, it was meeting Margaret (Peggy) **Newcomb** '45, who sat two seats away during compulsory chapel services.

"There was a gal between us, but she cut chapel all the time," Musser said. "So we were using the hymn book together a lot."

They began dating the following year and have been together ever since. So it was that two lifelong passions began for Paul Musser in the same year.

One can still find, 62 years later, undergrads discovering (or searching for) lasting love while the tower bells provide a pleasant and reassuring accompaniment from above. For nearly 70 years, the bells have resonated, producing for students a soundtrack of sorts of their time at Westminster, and for alumni, a nostalgic echo of days gone by.

The 1944 *Argo* made the bells the theme to its yearly chronicle, crafting a timeless valedictory to its routine:

For all of us, when we are away, perhaps the one thing which will longest be close to our hearts, a real substance in our treasured memories, the one thing held truly typical of Westminster will be the Chimes.

The Chimes, the pulse beat of our college, have accompanied us through every experience here. Ringing out through the day and the dark, awakening us for our eight-o'clocks, faithfully reviewing each quarter-hour through classes, signaling the approach of dinner, and calling us out to an evening of "college life." They were understanding, and seemed to ring more slowly as we said good night to that certain someone; then later, more gently than ever, bade us goodnight and pleasant dreams. Again and again, we had our happy hearts made more light by the droning of the Victory bell, and we, the conquering Titans, laughed brazenly at the losers. But, then came the quiet of Sunday morning, and the Chimes invited us to the calm of the church, and to chapel in the evening. The Chimes and "Tell Me Why," ringing through the shadows and over the hills ... symbols of the Westminster we love.

The fear of losing that special connection is what prompted Musser to start a group dedicated to recognizing and preserving

that relationship, the Friends of the Carillon. Over the years, very few students have been trained to play the bells and no students were learning to play when the group was formed last spring. The hope of the Friends of the Carillon is to raise enough money to fund an endowed scholarship, which would be given each year to a person or persons who would agree to play the bells during specified times.

"You get much more color in playing by hand than you can if it's automatically done. That's like kissing through cardboard. It doesn't have any feeling."

- Paul Musser '45

"What would Westminster College be like without our friendly bells?" Musser wrote to a small group of bell enthusiasts in the spring. "Through the years our gifts will continue to produce funds for many student players. We will make certain that our fight song and alma mater will never die."

The original 12 bells – known collectively as chimes – were a gift to Westminster from William and Mary **Duff** in honor of their daughters, Charlotte and Letitia. Originally crafted for Delaware-DuPont Estate Gardens, the bells were never installed there due to the Depression. The Duffs purchased the bells and presented them to the College on Easter 1935. In 1978, Katherine **Stewart** Armington '16, then a member of the Board of Trustees, presented 23 additional bells, bringing the total to 35.

The current 35-bell arrangement is known as a carillon, an instrument composed of 23 or more bells tuned in chromatic sequence. It is played from a console that resembles a simple organ, with batons (for the hands) and pedals (for the feet). The batons, like the keys of a piano, move the clappers (metal balls) that strike and sound the bells, which remain stationary.

At Westminster, the console is housed midway up the tower on the roof of Old Main, accessible by a small, iron, winding staircase. The bells are directly overhead. In the center of the bells is the "victory" bell rescued from the fire that destroyed the original Old Main building.

Carillons can be set to be played automatically – Westminster's carillon chimes automatically every 15 minutes from 8 a.m. until midnight – but electric mechanisms fail to deliver a variation of touch and thus a variation in sound, speed or volume that would be required for proper musical performance. Electrically operated clappers hit the bell with the same force each time, muting the range of each bell, which can be exploited by a manual player.

"The good part about playing by hand is you get more expression," said Musser. "If you have an electronic gizmo hooked up, you can't slow down or go softer. Softer is simply a lighter push. Harder, you get louder. You get much more color in playing by

hand than you can if it's automatically done. That's like kissing through cardboard. It doesn't have any feeling."

Musser and a few others, including Raymond Ocock '50, professor of music *emeritus*, continue to play the carillon manually for special occasions – Commencement, Homecoming, weddings, memorial services, even vespers. But it's not hard to envision a day when no one on campus is trained to play the instrument.

The physical act of playing the carillon isn't terribly demanding. Greater physical challenges often arise just trying to get there. Players must ascend to the third floor of Old Main, squeeze through a closet, up a set of stairs and out onto the roof, where they cross to the tower and head up the spiral staircase to the console. The console cabin is surrounded by a few open windows, and the player is exposed to the weather conditions. It's stifling in the summer and bitter cold in the winter, though a fan in the summer and heat lamps in the winter make it more comfortable.

It's not easy to find a carillon to practice on. The College has a practice console in the music department, which uses batons and tuned metal bars, instead of bells, so students can learn the baton movements without the whole neighborhood hearing their mistakes. Most active carillons are located in Europe, where the instrument originated. Fewer than 200 exist in North America. Thirteen are located in Pennsylvania, and of those, only two are located on college campuses – at Westminster and Penn State-Behrend. (Doug Gefvert, a 1971 Westminster graduate, is carillonneur at the Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge.)

For now, when not trying to line up future carillon players, Musser will continue to play the bells when asked. "I just like to play," he said. He lives only a block away from Old Main, so after each performance, he walks home and checks in with his wife, Peggy, a music major.

"I say, 'Well, how'd I do?' and she'll say, 'About a B-minus,'" said Musser. "She listens to it and she knows when I slip up.

"But I've gotten an A several times."



Ringin' Out the Bells in Old Main...Paul Musser is pictured playing the chimes in Old Main tower in 1943. The old console, then located at the base of the tower, was connected to only 12 bells. Twenty-three additional bells were added in 1978, forming a 35-bell carillon.

For information on the Friends of the Carillon, contact Paul Musser, associate member, Guild of Carillonneurs of North America, at 724-946-2114 or pmuss@earthlink.net. Gifts can be made to Westminster College, designated to Friends of the Carillon.

(Broadwater is editor of Westminster Magazine.)



Revitalization of Old Main Moving Forward

The preliminary phase of Old Main Memorial renovation has been completed, but the bulk of the project remains to be conducted during the next 12 months.

The \$3 million revitalization project to upgrade the building infrastructure, accessibility and general aesthetics began quietly in the summer. Bridges and Co., of Pittsburgh, which handled the renovation of Thompson-Clark Hall, was chosen as the contractor. The tower masonry was repointed and cleaned, while inside the building, some areas were remodeled and reconfigured to accommodate a reorganization of offices on the first floor.

To minimize disruption of educational and student programs, work will pick up again in mid-December and continue through winter break. The remainder of the work will be completed from May to August 2005.

With a 75-year-old electrical system still in place, electrical remediation is the primary focus of the revitalization project. Other improvements likely to occur include upgrading the heating system, possible installation of air conditioning to select areas, and the installation of an elevator on the east end of the building.



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Majoras Rules

Westminster alumna appointed chairman of
Federal Trade Commission

by Patrick S. Broadwater

By her own admission, the new chairman of the Federal Trade Commission was a shy, somewhat sheltered, small-town girl when she entered Westminster College in the early 1980s.

Those attributes may seem incongruous for someone whose appointment nearly a quarter of a century later to head a federal agency responsible for protecting consumers and fair trade practices has

made her a very public and powerful figure in the nation's capital. A distinguished career at one of the world's largest law firms and her key role in the resolution of the government's highly visible case against Microsoft certainly helped prepare Deborah Platt Majoras '85 for a place in the hot seat.

So, too, did her Westminster education, which Majoras credits with bringing her out of her youthful shell and allowing her to expand her world in so many ways.

"Westminster was exactly what I needed at that time in my life," said Majoras, who was sworn in as chairman of the FTC on August 16. "I was a little shy and rather sheltered, you might say,

and I was not really certain what I wanted to do with my life. Westminster was a very supportive environment in which to learn. That made a big difference. I gained a lot of confidence in my own abilities, not only in terms of intellectual abilities, my ability to make a living, but also in my ability to deal with people while working with organizations."

A native of Meadville, itself a small college town, Majoras had an idyllic vision of college life – all green quads, towering stone classrooms and smiling faces. But she also wanted to spread her wings a bit. She found in Westminster a college that fit her image of what college should be like, and was both near and far enough from home to make her comfortable.

She soon also discovered the beauty of a liberal arts education that went so much farther than memorization and multiple-choice tests. She found herself seeking out classes with a particular professor, taking courses outside her primary study interests, joining a number of campus organizations, and taking a leadership role in them.

Majoras, a sociology and Spanish major, was a member and president of the Sociology Interest Group and a drill instructor for Spanish. But she also served as vice president for Zeta Tau Alpha, was senior class treasurer, and was a member of the May Court, in addition to belonging to the "alphabet societies" like Lambda Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa and Pi Sigma Pi.

"I always think back on it and how the professors taught me how to think," Majoras said. "There's a real difference in learning facts and learning to think. They taught me how to think for myself. Not just the course work, but with the other things I was involved in, too. I learned how to communicate – both written and oral communication. Those are the skills you have to have no matter what you decide to do in life. The major is not really what's important. But leaving with a skill set, a good tool kit, is critical."

Two professors in particular shaped Majoras' undergraduate experience: Nancy Mandlove, now a professor of Spanish at Wofford College in South Carolina,

and the late Eugene Sharkey, who taught history at the College from 1972-2003.

"Dr. Sharkey was phenomenal. I took anything in Latin American history that he taught," she said.

Majoras recalled how Sharkey had seen the 1984 Goldie Hawn movie "Protocol," about a charming young cocktail-waitress-turned-diplomat who takes Washington D.C. by storm, and he said it made him

think of her and her roommate Kirsten Sampson Snyder '85, who is now employed at the National Academy of Sciences.

"He said, 'I can see you two down there in Washington, just making

such an impact.' Well, Kirsten lives down here now and sometimes when we go out and have a glass of wine, we'll think back all these years and wonder 'How did we get here?' I still think of us as girls living together in our freshman dorm. And I often think of Dr. Sharkey's comment, how we're down here tearing up Washington."

Mandlove, a language professor at Westminster from 1972-1990 and former chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, encouraged Majoras to leave her comfort zone – to try choosing courses for what they will expose to her, rather than her probability of getting an A. That a perfect 4.0 GPA, while a testament to maintaining excellence amid the increasing pressure each subsequent semester brings, is somewhat hollow without courses that challenge and broaden her sphere of knowledge. Part of that broadening involved a J-Term independent study in Lima, Peru, where Majoras lived with a native family, did interviews, and kept a journal in Spanish.

"It was wonderful," Majoras said. "It was my first trip out of the country, other than to Canada, and it was my first time on an airplane. It was definitely the highlight of my college experience."

"I certainly remember Deborah Platt as one of the most outstanding and most interesting students I had the pleasure of teaching at Westminster," Mandlove said recently. "She is certainly impressive and a real credit to Westminster."

"Dr. Mandlove taught me a great deal. She identified in me something very early on. She could see that I was such a perfectionist. She was afraid that I was not taking chances, not doing anything exciting, because I was afraid of not getting an A," Majoras said. "She convinced me to take advanced literature in Spanish, and to take it pass/fail. I would never take it pass/fail. I did it and she told me not to worry, to take chances and

“Westminster was exactly what I needed at that time in my life.”

– Deborah Platt Majoras '85
Chairman, Federal Trade Commission



Sharkey



Mandlove

to write beautiful literature and not to worry.

"She taught me about taking risks. When you stay so perfectly within the lines – you certainly want to follow the rules – but to stay too much within the lines sometimes is not necessarily the ticket to success and happiness."

In her professional career, Majoras has certainly shown the strength to color outside the lines a little bit, while still getting ahead. After graduating from Westminster *summa cum laude*, she earned her J.D. from the University of Virginia, where she was articles editor of the Law Review, and was a member of Order of the Coif. She then served a two-year clerkship for Judge Stanley Harris, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. In 1991, Majoras joined Jones Day, a huge global law firm with over 2,100 lawyers in 29 locations around the world. She was based first in Chicago, then Cleveland, rejecting repeated offers from the firm's partners to join the Washington office, instead choosing to fly in and out of the capital only when required for business.

"I was really soured on the environment of Washington," Majoras candidly admitted. "I was concerned about whether this city's environment was conducive to living with the values that I hold so dear."



Above: Deborah Platt's senior picture from the 1985 Argo. Below: A recent corporate headshot.



One of the firm's partners finally helped persuade Deborah to come back to Washington: her husband, John Majoras.

"He doesn't understand the objection. But I think – we've been back since early 2001 – that we've been very happy here," Deborah Majoras said. "I do appreciate this city and all it has to offer. I also appreciate that all of us that work in Washington, particularly in the federal government, everyone should be humble enough to recognize that it's very easy to get caught up in politics, the power struggle in this city. It's important for all of us to get out sometimes – that's why I like to get home and visit family and friends – to realize that there's

life outside the Beltway. After all, the people we work for live outside the Beltway. Sometimes we need to be reminded of that.

"I like to go to Meadville a lot. My parents are still there. I think there's something really important about staying close to your roots. There's something very spiritually uplifting about going back home."

Majoras' straight-forward attitude toward public service and her ability, while serving as deputy attorney general for the antitrust division of the Department of Justice, to maintain relationships in the face of disagreement, particularly during a time when the cross-talk between opposing parties has become deafening, have not gone unnoticed.

"By the time she left the justice department, two things were clear: That she dealt with the business community and its legal representatives in a way that was candid, direct and thoughtful," William Baer, a former director of the FTC's Competition Bureau, told Dow Jones Newswire. And that inside the justice department, "the affection she developed was extraordinary."

Majoras is "emblematic of the kind of person who does well in this town," Mike Pettit, president of a technology trade association called ProComp that opposed the Microsoft settlement, said in the Dow Jones story. "You can vehemently disagree with her on policy, but still get along."

"You can build great working relationships even when you disagree," Majoras said. "When practicing law, whether working for the government or a private party, you have to represent your client aggressively and to the best of your ability. You don't have to hate the opposition. You can show respect to everyone on all sides."

That demeanor was especially beneficial in the highly public and controversial Microsoft case. When Majoras left Jones Day for the Department of Justice in 2001, she was thrown into the middle of the long-running, contentious antitrust case against the software maker.

The trial began in 1998, and in a 1999 preliminary ruling, Microsoft was found to hold monopoly power with its Windows operating system and that it used that power to harm consumers, computer makers and other companies. The judge in the case ruled that the company be split in two. The U.S. Court of Appeals in 2001 issued an opinion that upheld the antitrust violation findings, but reversed the trial judge's order to break up the company.

"We were looking for a remedy for the violations the court sustained. So we went back to trial court and we were ordered to go into intensive settlement negotiations over five weeks in 2001," said Majoras, who was assigned by the assistant attorney general to be the government's chief negotiator. "I got married to John in the middle of the negotiation, but we did manage to get married. And we also ended up settling the case."

The settlement made portions of the Windows software code available to competitors and gave computer makers the option of choosing which Microsoft

products it wanted to load onto new machines without fear of reprisal from the software giant.

In such a high-profile case, where seemingly everyone who owned a computer had an opinion on the matter, there was no shortage of backlash against the settlement, including Microsoft's competitors, opponents, and even prosecutors for nine states, who within days of the settlement announced that they would seek harsher punishment.

"The settlement was controversial to a lot of people," Majoras said. "A lot of people wanted Microsoft brought down to its knees and split in two, but we couldn't do that. When the Court of Appeals threw out the case, it threw out that remedy. We did some other things, but some felt that wasn't strong enough."

The trial court, however, approved the settlement with a glowing opinion, and Majoras herself argued in its defense before the six-judge Court of Appeals, which this June upheld the settlement 6-0.

"Debbie negotiated it and Debbie argued it, and the Court of Appeals reviewed and affirmed what we did," said R. Hewitt Pate, who became assistant attorney general and head of the antitrust division in 2003. The Court of Appeals had the final say, and its conclusion was "'well done,' exclamation point," Pate told Dow Jones.

"That was a challenging negotiation. But those experiences, you can look back on them and say, 'Wow! That was an amazing experience and I learned a lot having gone through it,'" Majoras said. "One of the great things I learned is how to withstand public criticism, which I'm sure will help me in this job."

Majoras left the justice department in December 2003 and returned to Jones Day. But she didn't stay long. Sitting in her new office, surrounded by stacks of unpacked boxes, she got a call gauging her interest in a future opening on the FTC. She had been back in private practice for less than a week.

By May 11, FTC chairman Timothy Muris had announced his resignation and President Bush had signaled his intention to nominate Majoras as his replacement. As chairman of the FTC, Majoras would oversee the executive and administrative functions of the agency, which is charged with protecting consumer interests and protecting competition through enforcement of antitrust laws.

Her confirmation hearing went without so much as

a mention of the Microsoft case. But her nomination was held up in the U.S. Senate by Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden, who pressed her on the rising gasoline prices in his state and nationwide. He used parliamentary maneuvers to block her confirmation in the Senate Commerce Committee.

"I did think the Microsoft case would be raised somewhere along in the process," said Majoras. "I knew pe-

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trolem issues were foremost in many members' minds, so I was not surprised that I was called upon to answer to that industry. Obviously, it's very important to consumers."

With Congress out of session this summer, the Bush administration did an end-around the blocked nomination and, on July 30, used a recess appointment to install Majoras as chairman. Her appointment, without Senate confirmation, is good for only one year, instead of running until 2008 as confirmation would have allowed. Her tenure may be longer or even shorter, depending on whether she is re-nominated and confirmed in 2005.

In the months between her nomination and recess appointment, Majoras sweated out the wait. Literally. Since her caseload was limited – to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest – she dove headfirst into athletic pursuits; running, playing tennis, and had even taken up golf, which she said, "is now my passion." But then in July she broke her foot and spent the remaining weeks of waiting on crutches, struggling to find anything to take her mind off the confirmation process.

"Everyone was trying to keep me upbeat and my friends would constantly remind me that this is really not something you can take personally. I worked hard to take that advice. I've had to find ways to keep myself busy and calm," said Majoras.

"It's definitely been one of the more interesting summers of my life."

(Broadwater is editor of Westminster Magazine.)

Young or Old, Field Station Taking on Increased Role

Outdoor Laboratory component includes College's "oldest academic building"

By Patrick S. Broadwater

The Nature Center at Westminster's Field Station was created a little more than a decade ago. But, if Clarence Harms gets his way, it would be recognized as the College's oldest academic building.

Harms, professor of biology *emeritus* and director of the Field Station, believes the retrofitted barn to have been constructed in 1877, well before such longstanding classroom buildings as Old Main Memorial (1929), or Thompson-Clark Hall (1893). Even before Hillside, the residence hall built in 1885 and widely considered the College's oldest building.

An inscription on a door found on the 46-acre plot included the initials "W.C." and a number of dates from the 1880s and one that said "1877." Harms at first assumed that the carvings were the work of a proud, but perhaps indolent, Westminster College student with a pocket knife. But about four years ago, he received a call from a woman inquiring about a barn built by her great-grandfather, William Cox. Upon further inspection, Harms discovered another door etched with the initials "Wm. C.," leading him to conclude that the barn had been raised nearly 130 years ago.

"It's now an academic building and we use it for instruction," said Harms. "It deserves to be recognized as the oldest academic building."

Whatever its pedigree, the Nature Center is just one component of a growing facility called the Field Station. The former farm, converted into at least 15 separate specialized components, is used extensively by the College's biology, chemistry and environmental science students and has become an essential part of the academic curriculum.

In just the last few years, as funding has increased and upgrades



A Foundations of Biology (BIO 110) class held inside the Nature Center.

have been made, the facility has also become an increasingly bigger part of the social fabric of the College and the surrounding community. The Field Station now regularly attracts non-science majors, art classes, community and College organizations, preschool and elementary school children, and even walkers, who can stroll along the Lucile Beerbower Frey Nature Trail.

Last spring, over 400 trees were planted at the Field Station, many by local preschool and elementary students. Beta Beta Beta, the biology honorary, and Circle K helped with the planting, and the local Kiwanis Club donated \$400 for the purchase of some trees.

"We have an obligation to the community, we feel, in the area of environmental education," said Harms. "That means opening this facility and the whole area for school children, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, the College's preschool. Whatever opportunity there is to help people understand what is going on in the world of nature – why we have some tree here and not others – that's part of our mission as we see it."

The Field Station, Brittain Lake, and the College Woods, a 40-acre mature woodlands adjacent to the President's home along Rt. 158, comprise the College's Outdoor Laboratory for Biological and Environmental Science. Brittan Lake, a man-made lake built in 1951, is often used by biology classes to study standing bodies of water, while the College Woods, which hasn't been logged for over 100 years, is mostly utilized for ecological studies that require a mature, undisturbed woodland.

The Field Station is situated to the southeast of campus between the Little Neshannock Creek and Fayette-New Wilmington Road. It includes the Nature Center, an arboretum, a microforest, a nursery, wetlands, a weather station, a composting center, a nature trail, successional plots, gardens, and more. The College purchased the property in 1964 but made no direct educational use of it until



The Nature Center, built in 1877, was converted from a barn into a classroom and laboratory facility. It is one of at least 15 components of the College's Field Station, a part of the Outdoor Laboratory for Biological and Environmental Sciences.

1979, when the biology department proposed using it as an outdoor teaching and research area.

The Board of Trustees agreed, allowing the property to be used in that manner for a 10-year period. In 1992, the Department of Biology was granted an unlimited extension. Soon after, the Field Station began to really take shape. In 1994, the College received a grant from the 1525 Foundation in Cleveland, which allowed for several important improvements: the building of a boardwalk over the muddiest portions of the nature trail; the purchase of field equipment, such as tractors to properly care for the grounds; and the retrofitting of the old barn, converting one-third of the upstairs area into a classroom and lab.

Subsequent bequests from Jean **Van Vranken Reichmann** '42 and Lucile **Beerbower Frey** '26, a former professor of biology at Westminster, added more essentials to aid in making the most of the area's potential. A second and then third classroom was added to the Nature Center, as well as a restroom and a furnace, making it an all-season, all-weather facility. Funds were also set aside for an endowed undergraduate student summer research program in ecology and environmental studies, and for a salary for the director of the Field Station.

"Education has to be the driving force behind everything we do," said Harms. "Every first-year biology class spends time out here. Last week, we had a total of seven different classes and labs out here during the week. Making use of the facility in that way is important.

"Students doing independent study and honors work, if they can tackle an environmental or biological issue that can be solved out here, they can do that. Some upper-level classes spend a great deal of time out here. When I taught Field Zoology, we were out here 90 percent of the lab time."

While it's not unique to have such outstanding natural resources available to students, most colleges don't have those resources in their own backyard. At some institutions, outdoor laboratory facilities are 25, 100, 150 miles away from the main campus.

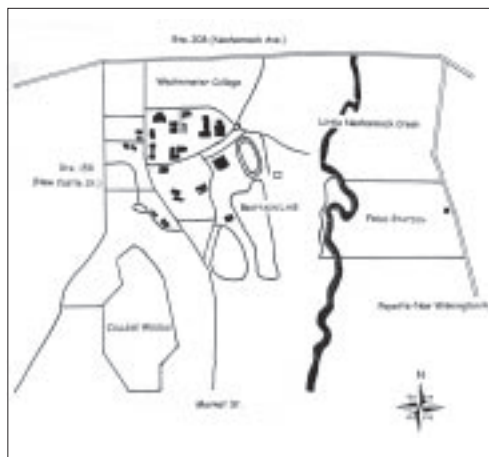
At Westminster, the campus is connected to the Nature Center by the half-mile Frey Nature Trail. Completed in 1998, it includes a 700-foot boardwalk, benches and a wildlife observation tower. The trail passes through a wetland, a forest and a pasture, giving walkers opportunities to observe a variety of organisms and ecological communities.

In the arboretum, trees are planted on an eight-meter grid based on their taxonomic classification – all the oaks together, all the



Biology 110 students in the field.

A rough map of the three parts of the Outdoor Lab – the Field Station, Brittain Lake and the College Woods – in relation to the rest of the campus.



maples, etc. Bordering that area is the William and Virginia Offutt Microforest, which aims to reconstruct a forest as it would have looked before development. Trees are selected by native species that would have existed in that area in the 18th and 19th centuries, but are planted in random locations. Each tree, though, is numbered and its position is noted by global positioning software. All of the trees are then tracked on a chart that includes such information as when they were planted and by whom. Their rate of growth and the mortality rate can also be tracked, promising a significant future study of Pennsylvania forests.

Each tree can also be identified for its planter. When children plant a tree, they're invited to come back to visit it. Using the tracking system, the tree can quickly be located when its owner returns.

"I tell the children that they own the tree," said Harms. "They just have to leave it here.

"If you plant a tree, I say you're an optimist: there will be a future. Trees don't do their thing in one year or even 10 years. It takes a long time."

Time is a key factor in another component – successional plots along the southern border of the Field Station. In 1981, one acre of land was plowed up, then left unattended, no mowing or weeding. Another acre was plowed up a little farther along the southern property line in 1993. Next year, a third plot will be plowed. The intention is to be able to observe succession as it occurs without human involvement. In future years, as the number of one-acre plots grows, students and others will be able to march through time and observe how the undisturbed growth varies in 12-year intervals.

The College's weather station for monitoring basic meteorological data was established by Robert **Travis**, professor of biology *emeritus*, in 1979 and then moved to the Field Station in 1983. This station was officially named the Robert Travis Weather Station by the Board of Trustees in 2003 to honor Dr. Travis who served as the first director of the facility. In addition to data on precipitation and air temperature, the instruments were upgraded in 2001 to electronically monitor and record a dozen environmental factors, including barometric pressure, soil temperatures, solar energy, wind speed and more. Historic data of this type are necessary for many ecological studies.

"This facility forms an integral part of the curriculum," Harms said. "It's not just a luxury. It's essential for a good biology program. But, we can do more. We're still in the embryonic phase in the sense that we have not arrived at all we can do."

(Broadwater is editor of Westminster Magazine.)

49 Doris **Masse** Bower was awarded the 2004 Service to Journalism Award, given annually to an outstanding journalist in Pennsylvania by The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania. She and her husband, Howard **Bower** '50, live in Sewickley, where Doris is an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

51 Richard **Coleman**, former editor of *The Kane Republican*, received the Kane Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award for his volunteerism with Kane Community Hospital, the Lutheran Home, the American Red Cross, the Kane Area Recreational and Cultural Commission, and the school board. Dick is the first person to receive the award twice. He and his wife, Elizabeth **Wagner** Coleman '52, live in Kane.

52 Al **Krause** and his wife, Ruth, are writers and photographers in Birch Bay, Wash.

54 MaryBeth **McIndoe** Hoekje of Corpus Christi, Texas, is a musician and retired teacher. "Ms. Beth the Bird Lady" was honored as a recipient of the Jefferson

Volunteer Award for her work in educating the youth of her community about birds. As a volunteer in the KEDT Educational TV Department, she visits school-age children, tailoring her message to the age of the group.

60 The Rev. Charles **Brewster**, pastor of a church in Queens, N.Y., was named moderator of New York City Presbytery for a one-year term.

Donald **Mitchell**, professor emeritus of chemistry and retired director of science outreach at Juniata College, received the Technology Educator of the Year Award from the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania and was recently the subject of a feature story in *The New York Times*. While at Juniata, Don founded the Science in Motion outreach program, which has expanded to 10 states and 10 additional colleges in Pennsylvania, including Westminster.

62 Anita **Coryea** McMann of Orient, Ohio, has retired as accounts receivable and credit manager at Buckeye Steel Castings in Columbus.


Jane **Gary** Schubert and her husband, Bob Woolfolk, live in Washington, D.C., where Jane is employed in educational research at the American Institute for Research.

63 Jane **Miller** Beiswenger received the 2003-2004 Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching in introductory level courses at the University of Wyoming. An instructor in the Department of Zoology and Physiology, Jane and her husband, Ron, make their home in Laramie, Wyo.

64 Ann **Armstrong** Shira has retired as a foreign language teacher in the Mohawk Area School District. She and her husband, Charles, live in Enon Valley.

Renee **Sarchet** Erickson and Susan **McClinton** Lloyd have

A Grand Celebration



Three members of the Class of 1961 who met as freshmen recently visited the Grand Canyon to celebrate their 47-year friendship and the retirement of Ila Jeanne Sensenich as a federal magistrate judge for western Pennsylvania. Pictured from left to right are Ann Boardman Rodgers, Ila Jeanne Sensenich, and Janet Foster Anderson.

retired as elementary school teachers. They have collaborated on a musical CD and songbook, *Pieces of the Puzzle*, which includes songs on character education and reading instruction.

68 Evanna **Baldwin** Murray has retired as a reading specialist in the Stamford School District. She and her husband, Keith, live in Pace, Fla.

Sandra **Neininger** Armstrong and her husband, Thomas **Armstrong**, live in Avon, Conn. Sandy is the chief information officer for the UConn Health Center, which includes a hospital, physician practices, and medical and dental schools. Tom is a senior partner in environmental law with Reid & Riege.

69 John **Mangieri** and his wife, Debbie, reside in Charlotte, N.C., where John is president of the Center for Leadership and Personnel Development. He is co-

author of *Power Thinking: How the Way You Think Can Change the Way You Lead*, which ranked No. 1 in sales in February among leadership/management books.

Milann **Ruff** Daugherty recently concluded six years of service on the Pennsylvania State Board of the P.E.O. Sisterhood by presiding at the Pennsylvania State Convention in Allentown. Milann is a teacher at the New Castle Christian Academy and lives in New Castle with her husband, Bill **Daugherty**, and their two children.

71 Douglas **Gefvert** of King of Prussia is carillonneur at Washington Memorial Chapel.

Nancy **Heilman** Kichak received a 2003 Presidential Distinguished Ranks Award, one of the nation's highest civil service honors. She is employed in the Office of Personnel and Management.

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Kappa Delta Reunion



Several members of Kappa Delta held their fourth mini-reunion at Sanibel Island, Fla. Pictured are Carole Burry Forsythe '63, Judy Zellefrow Lightner '64, Marge Schmidt McConahy '63, Mary Keim Pfister '64, Ann Allen Kirk '63, and Janet McVicker Ecke '63.

Adam **Smith** of Knoxville, Tenn., is self-employed as a writer.

72 James **Klebe** is a licensed psychologist at Camp Hill State Correctional Institute. He and his wife live in Elizabethtown.

73 Bruce **Robinson**, general manager of Laurel Valley Golf Club, was named to the board of directors of Commercial National Financial Corporation. He lives in Greensburg.

74 Noel **Calhoun** has accepted the position of director of development at The Allendale Association, a not-for-profit agency serving troubled youth. He and his wife, Judy, live in Gurnee, Ill.

Ralph **Dise Jr.** has been elected president of the Northwest Ohio Human Resource Planning Society. He and his wife, Kathy, reside in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Whitney **Fraier Bohan** is vice president, marketing and external affairs, at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens in Akron, Ohio.

75 William **Baker**, president and CEO of Irwin Car and Equipment, was named a finalist for the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2004 Awards in western Pennsylvania. One of more than 50 nominees, Baker purchased the Irwin Car and Equipment in 1993 and raised total sales from \$700,000 to \$18 million annually.

77 Sue **Barrow** Schmidt and her husband, Patrick, are employed by Wycliffe Bible Translators. They are stationed in



Yaounde, Cameroon.

John **Hepler** of Indian Springs, Ohio, is senior marketing manager, mid-central region, for Miller Brewing Company in Cincinnati.

Jim **Leslie** is income development specialist with the American Cancer Society. He and his wife, Judy **Jamison Leslie** '81, and their three children live in New Castle.

78 Signe **Myhren**, vocal music teacher at the Dorchester School in Woodcliff Lake, N.J., was honored by the New



Jersey Symphony Orchestra as a master teacher for 2004. As a participant, she created lesson plans that will be used by music teachers throughout the state to introduce their students to the music that will be played by the symphony during their upcoming season.

Peter **Pfaff** is a product manager for Travaini Pumps USA. He resides in Yorktown, Va.

79 Scherrie **Binder** Creasy M'82 is a math teacher in the Seneca Valley School District. She resides in New Wilmington.

Jeffrey **Boyer** received his master of human resource management from St. Francis University and is a human resources administrator at Salisbury University. He and his wife, Gemma, and their three children live in Salisbury, Md.

Dean **Boyle** is CEO and president of Intermountain Insurance Agency in Great Falls, Mont. He lives in Great Falls with his wife, Patricia, and their two children.

Ralph **Clingan** is a resident of Germantown, Md., where he is associate pastor at Neelsville Presbyterian Church.

James **Grose II** of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, is purchasing manager with Aztec Components Inc., an electronics reseller.

Donna **Runge** Strobel is a sixth-grade math teacher at Bay Shore Middle School in Leonardo, N.J. She and her husband, Gregory, and their three children are residents of Matawan, N.J.

Michele **Stipanovich** Kirsch is MBA admissions director at the Smeal College of Business at Pennsylvania State University. She was recently interviewed for a feature in *Business Week*.

Tracy **Thomas** is self-employed as an attorney. She and her husband, Henry Smith, and their two daughters live in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Cindy **Weber** Gibb recently received a master's degree from West Virginia University. She lives in Benwood, W.Va., and is a teacher in the Marshall County School District.

81 Jeffrey **Murray** lives in Saranac Lake, N.Y., where he is a teacher/lawyer with Adirondack Leadership Expeditions.

Gail **Sternbergh** Durrett is an inclusion specialist in the Conroe Independent School District. She and her husband, Jaime, and their daughter live in Spring, Texas.

82 Mathew **Swogger** is owner of the Angel City Fitness Center in Los Angeles. He resides in Marina Del Ray, Calif., with his wife, Leah.

83 Melanie **Magula** Werner and her husband, Eric, live in Sewickley, where Melanie is the owner of Galerie Werner, specializing in antique European art.

J. R. **Miller** was inducted into the Fox Chapel Area Schools Sports Hall of Fame for his athletic achievements. While at Westminster, he was all-district and honorable mention NAIA All-American defensive back.

85 Joe **Jordano**, head baseball coach at the University of Pittsburgh, opened Diamond Training Center, a year-round instructional facility in Cranberry Township. His business was

A Family Affair

Johnstown a collaboration of three generations

By Sandra E. Chandler

It's not unusual for two family members to work together on a writing project, but when Lyndee **Jobe** Henderson '77 set out to pen *Johnstown*, a history of her hometown for Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series, she enlisted the aid of her spouse, her parents, even her adult children.

The desire to be a writer began when Lyndee was in second grade, but took a secondary role in her adult life. When Lyndee was a junior religion major at Westminster, she applied to seminary, certain that ministry was her calling. It was at the same time that the Episcopal Church ordained its first female pastors, causing a rift in the denomination. Her application denied, Lyndee was advised by the local bishop to "go out and work in the world for five years, then reapply. The controversy should die down by then." Five years later she had a husband, two children and a career in sales and marketing. She never made it to seminary.

She credits her father, R. Dean Jobe, the co-author of *Johnstown*, for fostering a love of history at an early age. An amateur archeologist, Jobe took his daughter on digs at sites that included Ft. Ligonier. At the age of nine, she learned that history is a study of life rather than of the past.

Stories and local lore of the Johnstown Flood had always fascinated her, so when she left her business career in 1999 to pursue writing full time, the topic seemed clear. By then, she and her family were living in Illinois, and the subject was at the long end of a 13 1/2-hour drive. Her father, a 50-year resident of Johnstown who had worked in Bethlehem Steel's general office for nearly 30 years, became invaluable in advising on details and researching facts.

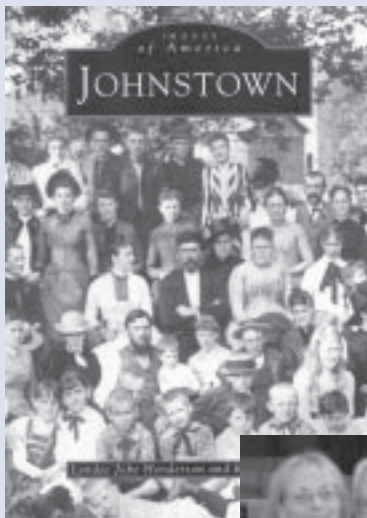
Several more family members assisted in the photo department. Her mother contributed a photo from the 1950s, showing a young Lyndee on "Romper Room," a children's TV show. Lyndee's daughter shot photos of the Iwo Jima monument (one of the flag-raisers in the famous Joe Rosenthal photo was from Johnstown), while her husband, Lawrence "Larry" **Henderson** '78, helped repair and restore old, damaged photos.

Many of the images owned by the Johnstown Area Historical Association were severely damaged by flood waters and were considered unusable. Thanks to digital photography techniques, Lyndee and Larry, a vice president at Kodak, were able to restore them.

The book includes over 200 rare images, some published for the first time. Hundreds of phone calls were made in an effort to track them all down, one call often leading to another. Many of the steel mill shots came from Mr. Snavelly, an octogenarian who met Lyndee at a meeting of the local historical society and invited her to have a look at his father's pictures.

Originally published in May, the book is already in its second printing. Lyndee has two more books on the horizon. *Illinois Firsts: The Famous, Infamous and Quirky of the Land of Lincoln*, a history trivia book, is awaiting publication and should be out by year's end. *More Than Petticoats: Remarkable Illinois Women* will be coming in 2006.

(Chandler is print production manager at Westminster College.)



Lyndee Jobe Henderson '77 and her father, R. Dean Jobe, co-authored *Johnstown, a history of the Pennsylvania town part of Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series. Several other family members, including Lyndee's husband, Larry Henderson '78, collaborated on the project.*



recently featured in the *Pittsburgh Business Times*.

86 Dory **Uhlman** Leahey was selected dean of student retention services for Harrisburg Area Community College. She was



recently recognized as a rising leader in education as part of the National Institute for Leadership Development. She and her husband, Steve, make their home in Palmyra.

88 Carl **Missigman** is an operations manager for Kissimmee Construction Management. He lives in St. Cloud, Ill., with his wife, Rae, and their five children.

Keith **Stevens** is music director and afternoon drive personality on Star 99.1 FM in New York. He lives in West Milford, N.J., with his wife, Susanne, and their four children.

Esther **Vendemia** of Louisville, Ky., is vice president, internal audit, for First Bank, Inc.

89 Lauren **Hutnik** is a resident of Palm Coast, Fla., where she is a real estate sales executive with Ocean Hammock Realty.

Beth **Rankin** and her family are the owners of Weatherby's, a fishing and hunting lodge in Grand Lake Stream, Maine.

90 Katherine **Edwards** Shanosky received her MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University and is regional sales manager with AT&T Communications. Kathy, her husband, Christopher, and their two sons reside in Lake Mary, Fla.

Leslie **Johnson** received her master's in music from The Hartt School and her A.D. from The Yale School of Music. She lives in Philadelphia, where she is project manager with Astral Artistic Services, a classical music organization that gives assistance to young emerging artists.

91 Julia **Sampson** was promoted to associate professor and was granted tenure at Malone College in Canton, Ohio. She is the Sam Walton Fellow for the Malone Students in Free Enterprise team, and was selected to receive the 2003-2004 Malone College Distinguished Faculty Award for Service.

92 William **Craig** is industrial marketing manager with Ingersoll-Rand, manufacturer of vehicle tools. He and his wife, Janice **Farren** Craig, and their two daughters are residents of Allentown.

Joseph **Diggins**, CPA has been promoted to the partner level in the assurance and advisory business services practice at



Ernst & Young LLP in Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Hope, and their three children live in Sewickley.

93 Jennifer **Bowser** Pittore is controller for Exact Software North America, Inc. She and her two children live in Dublin, Ohio.

94 Christian **Shane**, a teacher in Pittsburgh's North Allegheny School District, was named one of 15 semifinalists for the 2005 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Award.

Chad **Singiser** of Coral Springs, Fla., is an export sales manager for an international logistics firm.

95 Capt. Edward **Grimenstein** is completing a Th.D. in homiletics from the University of Toronto. He is currently serving as chaplain in the U.S. Army, 3-27th Field Artillery Regiment stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Heidi **Jorgensen** Begeot, director of medical records at Oregon Veterans' Home, races motocross for Mid-Columbia Yamaha Marine & Motor Sports. She and her husband, Ron, make their home in Mosier, Ore.

Sun, Sand and Singing

Westminster alumna living the American summer dream

Who wouldn't want to spend the entire summer at the beach, and get paid for being there? Julianne **Laird** '84 did just that this season on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, a favorite childhood vacation spot.

From September through May Laird can be found in an elementary classroom in the Indiana (Pa.) Area School District, where she is a music and chorus instructor. A woman of many talents, Laird is proficient on the piano, cello and guitar. And then there is her voice. As a high school student, "What I really wanted to do was sing and play guitar. I wanted to be a folk singer," she told the *Blairsville Dispatch* in a recent article.

She continued to study voice when she entered Westminster in 1980, but was steered toward more formal vocal styles, for which she came to develop a true appreciation. After graduating with a degree in music education, she took over as choral instructor and music teacher for the entire Commodore Perry School District. She later added a master's degree in voice performance from the University of Akron. "My voice professors told me that if I went back to teaching, my voice career would be over," due to the strain on both her voice and her time.

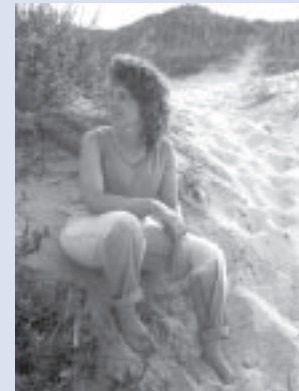
She put in time as a freelance artist, including three seasons with the professional core of the Mendelssohn Choir, the elite group of singers with the Pittsburgh Symphony. The call to teach, however, was very strong. She realized that she couldn't do that and drive to Pittsburgh for evening rehearsals and performances, so she spent a year substitute teaching before being hired full time by Indiana.

Throughout the changes in her life and career, the love of folk music and an adventurous spirit remained. A year ago she ventured down south unannounced to find someone willing to hire her as a short-term performer. Armed with her business card, her guitar, and a CD of her original songs, she drove up and down the beach, stopping to ask if anyone was hiring. She ended up spending five weeks in Nags Head, playing at the Lone Cedar Café, a family-style restaurant.

The experience was so rewarding that "I thought I'd take the whole summer and come down here." Twice a week she could be found on the deck of the Lone Cedar, performing acoustic island music that included a lot of music by Jimmy Buffett and the Beach Boys. In addition, she played outside a complex of boutiques once a week in Manteo, N.C. When she wasn't performing, she was writing songs and preparing to record a new CD.

"I plan to return to the Outer Banks to perform next summer," Laird said.

Coming from a musical family certainly helped prepare Laird for a lifetime of sweet harmony: Her brother, on the faculty of the North Carolina School of Science and Math, is a nationally recognized string pedagogue and serves as a guest clinician and conductor for youth symphony festivals. Her sister teaches music and is principal second violinist for the Johnstown Symphony. But preparation for singing on the beach? "When I was a little girl, I used to go out in the sandbox and sing at the top of my lungs."



Laird

96 Brian **Rising** is administrative quality manager with FedEx Ground. He and his wife, Amanda, and their children are residents of York.

97 Douglas **Kamper** has moved from Chicago to Pittsburgh, where he is a financial adviser with AXA Advisors.

Gary **Lyons** Jr. and his wife, Melissa, live in New Castle, where

Gary is a teacher in the Shenango Area School District.

98 Jennifer **Bronder** received her master's in education from New York University. She is associate director of education for Making Books Sing, an educational non-profit in New York City.

Kristin **Keller** resides in Manassas, Va., where she is a

pharmaceutical sales representative.

Shelly **Walters** is a trader for Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta.

00 Michael **Loos** is a CPA in the federal government auditing and accounting practice of Clifton Gunderson LLP. He resides in Arlington, Va.

Dana **Toth** of Vandergrift received her master's of human resource management from LaRoche College.

01 Jill **Boreman** recently graduated from Seattle Pacific University with a master of science degree in marriage and family therapy and a post-graduate certificate in medical family therapy. She resides in Seattle.

Lisa **Gasperi** has moved to Dayton, Ohio, where she is employed at WRGT Fox.

Jay **Lundy** of Punxsutawney graduated from Ohio Northern University's Pettit College of Law.

Seth **Rice** has relocated to Pittsburgh, where he is an attorney with Babst Calland Clements & Zamnir, PC.

02 Dan **Arnett** of Hermitage is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Andrx Laboratories, Inc.

Sarah **Lohr** of Oakmont is assistant manager of special events at the Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History in Pittsburgh.

Rita **Longan** lives in Philadelphia, where she is program coordinator for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Catholic Social Services.



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Attention, Educators:

FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT TEACHER CERTIFICATION

In November 1999, the state legislature passed Act 48 which requires all persons holding Pennsylvania professional educator certification to complete continuing education requirements every five years in order to maintain their Level I and Level II certificates as active. **The law applies to all public school certificate holders no matter where they are, what they are doing or when their certificates were issued. Inactive certification will prevent an educator from serving in a professional position in the public schools of the Commonwealth.**

Educators must maintain their certificates as active by earning six collegiate credits or six PDE-approved in-service credits or 180 continuing education hours or any combination of the above every five calendar years. The first five-year period began on July 1, 2000, and included the 600,000-plus educators whose records are maintained by the Bureau of Teacher Certification and Preparation at the Department of Education.

Educators who are not employed as professional or temporary professional employees by public school entities may elect to request voluntary inactive certification status from the Department in order to suspend the requirements of Act 48.

At least 12 months prior to the end of the five-year period, the Department will notify educators regarding their continuing education status and the remaining credits/hours, if any, to be completed. The Department will again notify the educator at the end of the five-year period.

Information regarding Act 48 requirements and your continuing education status is available through the Department's Web pages at www.pde.state.pa.us.

Carrie **Mathers** is a graduate student/research assistant in early childhood research at Purdue University.

Kate **McKenzie** is a resident of Pittsburgh, where she is student finance adviser at The Pennsylvania Culinary Institute.

03 Glynnis **Armogost** of Emmaus is employed in the housewares department at Bed Bath & Beyond in Whitehall.

Michael **Crochunis** of Coraopolis is a licensing analyst with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

Jaime **Lynn** has relocated to South Euclid, Ohio, where she is a credit analyst at MBNA America.

Jerilyn **Matejka** of Wexford is a sales and marketing representative with Ryan Homes in Pittsburgh.

Erin **McCronich** Erickson and her husband, Herman, live in Brookville, where Erin is a Spanish teacher in the Brookville Area School District.

04 Patrick **Boyle** is assistant manager at Sherwin Williams in DuBois.

Diane **Brest** and her husband, Bill, are residents of Hermitage, where Diane is head teacher at Hermitage Elementary School.

Robert **Cucitrone** and his wife, Danielle, live in Hermitage, where Robert is a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch.

Michael **Farner** has moved to Annapolis, Md., where he is employed by Ameriquest Mortgage Co.

Thomas **Freed IV** is an accountant with Born2Run sports complex in Grove City.

Brian **Glass** is employed at CRC Advertising in Falls Church, Va.

Hillary **Gustafson** resides in Boardman, Ohio, where she is employed at Creative Corner Learning Center.

Kevin **Huber** has moved to Friendship, Md., and is a production supervisor at NV Homes.

Marisa **Ialongo** of Ellwood City is a math teacher at Butler Senior High School.

Niels **Jorgensen** is co-owner of Jorgensen Construction in New Wilmington.

Heather **Klink** is a math teacher in the Jamestown Area School District.

Ralph **Ledbetter** and his wife,

Gennifer, live in New Castle, where Ralph is attached to the 402nd Quartermaster Battalion of the U.S. Army.

Jacque **Lyons** of Allison Park is in the manager training program with Abercrombie & Fitch in Pittsburgh.

Marriages

91 Jennifer **McHenry** and Erik Lorence, Sept. 20, 2003, at Holy Family Church in Latrobe. Alumni participating in the wedding included Wendy **Bock**, Tuesdae **Rodgers** Stainbrook, Joe **Shaffer**, Kerry **Wood** Casarella, Trina **Bond** Barkley '92, Chris **DeFillip** Traynor '92, Laura **Hipkins** Slawuta '92, Mishele **Thomas** Grimpe '92, and T.J. **Grimpe** '94. The couple resides in Butler.

92 Douglas **Kirk** and Gloria Moscatello, March 6, 2004. Eric **Holmberg** was in attendance. The couple lives in Little Ferry, N.J., where



Doug works at Holy Name Hospital.

94 William **Maurizio** and Heather Ward, Aug. 2, 2003, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Irwin.



Alumni in attendance were Ronda **Witkowski**, Jeff **Witkowski** '99, Charlene **Thomas-Schiller** '95, and Dale **Richards** '66. William is manager of software development in the media division of Management Science Associates, Inc. in Pittsburgh. The couple lives in Oakmont.

95 J.C. **Thomas** and Sylvia Rose, April 24, 2004, in Nags Head, N.C. Alumni and fraternity brothers in the wedding party included David **Gormel** and Robert **Andrews** '96. Alumni in

attendance were Frank **Samarin** '96, Amy **Sheliga** Samarin '96, Richard **Holsopple** '96, and Angela **Kiefer** '99. The couple resides in Durham, N.C., with their daughter, Emma.

97 Kelly **Limmer** and Dr. Michael Greer, June 16, 2001, in Volant. Many alumni were in attendance, including the groom's mother, Virginia **Johnston** Greer '67, his aunt Rebecca **Johnston** '63, and his grandfather Carter **Johnston** '36. The couple resides in Kannapolis, N.C.

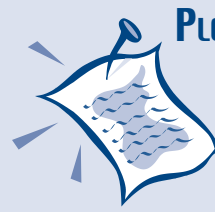
98 Courtney **Baker** and Chad Luchette, Feb. 7, 2004, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Sewickley. Courtney is national accounts liaison for Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The couple lives in Sewickley.

Anna **Straughn** and Joshua Wilkinson, March 20, 2004. Matron of honor was Kristina **Parker** Jean '97. Anna is juvenile probation officer in Mercer County. The couple lives in Greenville.

99 Karin **Urbaniak** and Jeremy Galish, Oct. 4, 2003, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Burgettstown. Kelly **Urbaniak** Wheeler '98 was a matron of honor. Alumni bridesmaids were Amy **Peppel** Williams '98, Jaclyn **West** Grissett, and Jaime **Putt** Mikulas. Karin is safety sales coordinator for Fisher Scientific in Robinson Township. The couple resides in Sturgeon.

00 Sal **Hanna** and Melissa Hicks, May 15, 2004. Mike **Leiper** and Kevin **Bell** were groomsmen, Mike **Baily** '99 was an usher, and John **Creasy** and Alyssa **Mann** Creasy performed special music. The couple lives in Ligonier, where Sal is a summer camp director.

01 Stephen T. **Hierro** Jr. and Sarah Holokai, May 1, 2004, in Youngstown, Ohio. Best man was



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Future Events:

Future events (e.g., pending marriages or births) are not listed in Class Notes. Please send us your news after it has happened.

Marriages:

Because of the great response to Class Notes, we cannot accommodate photos of your wedding party. Please send your information and a photo of the bride and groom only. Include name(s) and class year(s) of any Westminster alumni who participated in the ceremony.

Deadlines:

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Ryan **Plocinik**, and ushers were Bill **Spencer** and Brad **Ebel**. Stephen is a chemist in Cleveland. The couple lives in North Royalton, Ohio.

Amy **Nansen** and Cassidy Chase. Amy is first-grade teacher in the Warren County School District. The couple lives in Youngsville.

Tina **Proudfoot** and Joshua Stidd, April 17, 2004. Tina is sixth-grade teacher at Taft Middle School in Canton, Ohio, where the couple resides.

Jennifer **Rich** and Geoffrey Wheelock. Jennifer is second-grade teacher in Mercer Area School District. The couple lives in New Castle.

Kelly **Sloan** and Mark Nord, Feb. 28, 2004, at St. John's Lutheran Church. Betsy **Finley** was a bridesmaid. Kelly is a CPA with Carbis Walker.

03 Nicole **Beaver** and Ryan **Williams** '02. Ryan is an investment advisor for Butler Wick & Co. in Franklin; Nicole is employed at GNC Headquarters. The couple lives in Cranberry Township.

Sarah **Plimpton** and Scott Sempier, May 22, 2004. Sarah is a computer programmer for Computer Sciences Corp. in Moorestown, N.J. The couple resides in Cherry Hill, N.J.



Please remember to send your photo with your Class Note

New Additions

84 Rebecca **Logoyda** Cantler and her husband, Karl **Cantler**: a daughter, Holly Christianna, on Feb. 8, 2004. She is welcomed by eight siblings: Seth (18), Jared (17), Joshua (14), Noel (10), Joy (8), Justin (5), Kaylee (4) and Joseph (3). The family lives in Waynesboro.

85 Lynn **Baxter** Bachman and her husband, Kirk: a son, Brady, on Jan. 25, 2004. The family lives in Carlsbad, Calif.

87 Scott **McClain** and his wife, Sheila: twin daughters, Abigail and Amanda, born on Oct. 16, 2002. They arrived at the family's home in North Huntingdon from China in September 2003.

91 Kerry **Wood** Casarella and her husband, Rocco: a daughter, Victoria Marie, on Oct. 27, 2003. Kerry teaches special education in the Hazelton Area School District. The family lives in White Haven.

94 Kara **Ezdebski**-Blasko and her husband, Gregory: a son, Van Andrew, on Sept. 26, 2003. He joins Avery (4) and Ellie (3) at home in Poland, Ohio.

Shayne **Garcia**-Bish and her husband, Todd: a daughter, Juliana Barragan, on Dec. 11, 2002. The family lives in Butler.

95 Amy **Langer**-Salada and her husband, Ronald: a son, Nathan, on Dec. 1, 2003. He joins Victoria (3) at home in Harrison City.

Jeffrey **Pepperney** and his wife, Kirsten: a son, Mark, on April 6, 2004. He joins Luke (3) at home in Algonquin, Ill.

96 Lisa **Krotzer** McClintchic and her husband, Mark: a daughter, Sadie Rose, on March 20, 2004. She joins Mia (3) at home in Pittsburgh.

Stephen **Murphy** and his wife, Beth: a daughter, Lily Grace, on March 17, 2004. The family lives in Greensburg.

97 Christine **Knight** Stillwagoner and her husband, Dennis: twin sons, Joshua Allen and Seth James, on April 28, 2004. They join Kaylee Marie (2) at home in Martinsburg, W.Va.

Julie **Pry** Kunkleemann and her husband, Gregg **Kunkleemann** '94: a son, Kason Gregg, on Dec. 14, 2003. The family resides in Cranberry Township.

00 Jennifer **Roth** Harvey and her husband, Ryan **Harvey** '99: a son, Cameron Ryan, on Feb. 25, 2004. The family lives in Slippery Rock.

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.

28 Evelyn **Winger** French of Pasadena, Calif., March 31, 2004. A retired teacher and missionary to China, she had recently celebrated her 98th birthday. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

31 Hazel **Bergland** Owens of Dade City, Fla., March 7, 2003.

Virginia **Duff** Chambers of New Castle, March 16, 2004. She did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin and taught at George Washington Junior High School. She was active with the Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church, the P.E.O. Women's Club, Lawrence County Historical Society, and American Field Service. She was also former president and treasurer of the board of trustees for Almira Home. Survivors include a daughter, the Rev. Nancy

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Chambers '67, and her husband; a son, and his wife; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

32 Edward A. **Dunlap** of New Wilmington, March 27, 2004. An eye surgeon and the author of several books and more than 50 articles on eye disease, Dr. Dunlap was the division head of ophthalmology at the Cornell Medical Center, New York Hospital. He retired in 1972 and was named clinical professor *emeritus*. He developed new techniques in eye surgery, and headed ophthalmologic teams on voyages of the S.S. *Hope*, which sailed the world teaching American practices in medicine. He was awarded the Westminster College Alumni Achievement Award in 1969, and in 1973 was he was the speaker at Westminster's Commencement, where he was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree.

35 Jean **Beatty** Magill of Eau Claire, Nov. 6, 2003. She worked for many years in the finance

office and was treasurer of J.M. Beatty Automotive. Survivors include a brother, and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Clement **Lausberg** of Greensburg, May 3, 2004. He was an area development director at West Penn Power before retiring in 1977. He worked at the Kittanning, Springdale and Cabin Hill plants. He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, where he was a former choir member, and was past president of the Westmoreland Symphony, a member of Hannastown Golf Club and participated with the Greensburg Art Club and AARP. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Frances; a son; two daughters; and five grandchildren.

Thelma **Merrilees** Williamson of Bradenton, Fla., April 10, 2004. She was formerly a teacher in the New Castle schools.

36 Catherine **Hittner** Brown of Hilton Head, S.C., April 12, 2004. Survivors include three daughters and their spouses; a sister, Ann

Hittner Collins '38; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Marjorie **McGeorge** Denniston of Mount Holly, N.J. She was formerly a teacher in the New Castle schools.

37 Lorna A. **Wells** of Hockessin, Del., June 11, 2004. She was a retired chemist in biochemical research at Haskell Laboratories, and was a member of the Nature Conservatory and the Delmarva Ornithological Society. Survivors include two nieces.

39 Robert **Goss** of Tulsa, Okla., May 22, 2004. He was formerly general manager of sales for Picoma Industries. Survivors include his wife, Alice, and two children, including Douglas **Goss** '66 and his wife, Lyn **Hill Goss** '66.

40 Margaret "Peg" **McCracken** McKibben of New Castle, March 18, 2004. She spent her entire 44-year career as a teacher at Arthur McGill Elementary School, retiring in 1986 with the most seniority of any teacher in the New Castle Area School District. She taught dramatics, and was a fourth-grade teacher for 30 years. She was a former president of the Junior Woman's Club and a member of the New Castle Civic Club, the Jameson Hospital Junior Guild, the Pennsylvania Retired Teachers Association, the Trinity Episcopal Church, the Trinity Junior Guild, and the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. Survivors include a sister and a nephew.

41 John E. **Heselbarth** of Tionesta, April 29, 2004. Survivors include his wife, Edith.

42 Lois **King Baker** of Trafford, May 28, 2004. She was formerly a librarian at the Trafford Public Library.

Paul R. **Thomas** of Edinburg, Nov. 16, 2003. He was a measurements engineer for General Electric.

Anne C. **Thompson Snyder** of Newville, March 29, 2004. She

was a member of First United Presbyterian Church, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and belonged to and was past president of Presbyterian Women. She was also a member of the Newville Historical Society, the Green Ridge Village Auxiliary and the Big Spring Senior Center. Survivors include two daughters; a sister; a brother; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

46 George R. **Zambelli** of New Castle, Dec. 25, 2003. The head of the famed Zambelli Fireworks Internationale, he took over as president and owner of the company in 1946. Since then, he proved to be an innovator and an astute businessman. He was the first to introduce choreographed fireworks displays and helped expand the market, incorporating fireworks in more intimate settings, such as weddings, and cultural and religious festivals. The company, founded by his father in 1893, now produces more than 3,500 fireworks displays a year worldwide. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Connie; five children; a brother; and 10 grandchildren.

47 Josephine **Chitti** Martin of Springdale.

Donald R. **Snyder** of Sarasota, Fla., Feb. 28, 2004.

48 Jane **Campbell** Cruickshanks of Indianapolis, May 6, 2003. She was retired from National City Bank.

Elizabeth **Luther** Simpson of Canandaigua, N.Y., April 6, 2004. She was a retired elementary school teacher. Survivors include her husband, James **Simpson** '49.

49 Eve **Elsas** Guggenheim of Hilton Head, S.C., April 25, 2004. Born in Stuttgart, Germany, she went on to receive a master of science degree from Columbia University (1952) and a juris doctorate from the University of Toledo (1967). She was a practicing attorney in Ohio, Pennsylvania and South Carolina. She is survived by her son.

Dr. Harold **Hassel** of Naples, Fla.

Maurice "Mac" **McLure** of Akron, Ohio, Jan. 21, 2004. He worked in corporate industrial relations and corporate industrial engineering at B.F. Goodrich and Firestone Tire for 32 years. He was an avid golfer and was a longtime member of Firestone Country Club. His hobbies included assembling his own golf clubs and woodworking. Survivors include his wife, Janette **Diehl** McLure M '51, and two sons.

50 Leroy **Barnett** of Scotts, Mich., March 26, 2004. He was a decorated veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He was a sales manager at Fisher & Porter and a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Masonic Temple. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Emogene; two children; and two grandchildren.

Richard Dale **Baxter** of New Castle, June 6, 2004. He was a retired financial and tax consultant. A World War II veteran of the Navy Air Corps, he worked for 25 years each at IDS and Financial Concepts, and was self-employed as a tax consultant for 50 years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, Polish Falcons, Tall Cedars and New Castle Consistory. He was also an avid golfer and a member of Second Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Joanne; three daughters; two sons-in-law; a son and daughter-in-law; a brother; and six grandchildren.

Robert M. **Garis** of Zelenople, April 1, 2004. He retired from Johns Manville and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the American Legion Post 474. He is survived by a niece and nephew.

Marion **Powell** Popp of Tampa.

51 Janet **Lindsey** Cready of Clairton, Dec. 18, 2003. She retired from U.S. Steel in 1989.

Edgar H. **Moorhead** of Jacksonville, Fla., March 3, 2004. He was a veteran who served in the Army during World War II and as an Air Force officer in

Korea. He retired from the Air Force in 1963 as a major in the Office of Special Investigations. He taught ROTC at the University of Florida and was a guidance counselor at the Florida State University School before retiring in 1980. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Kayron; two daughters and their spouses; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Homer C. **Neff Jr.** of Hamilton, Ohio, May 12, 2004. He retired in 1988 as superintendent of the Summit County Schools. He previously served as assistant superintendent, high school principal, teacher and coach. He was an elder and deacon at Christ Presbyterian Church. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of VFW Post 14000, American Legion Post 138, the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, and served on the Board of Control of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Survivors include three sons; a daughter; six grandchildren; a brother and two nieces.

54 Merle **Leak** of Charlestown, Mass., March 11, 2004. He started and administered daycare and Head Start centers in Philadelphia and Massachusetts. Survivors include three sons and their spouses, and four grandchildren.

55 Doris **Whittaker** Andre of Wesley Chapel, Fla., April 29, 2004. She was formerly head of libraries in the Franklin School District.

56 William B. **Carson Sr.** of Lake Mary, Fla., July 2003.


Harry **Jacobson** of Poland, Ohio, March 5, 2004. He was a foreman for Youngstown Sheet & Tube for more than 20 years and later worked for Stambaugh Thompson. He was a member of the Brownlee Woods Presbyterian Church where he was deacon and elder. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Anita; three daughters and their spouses; a son and his wife; two sisters; and six grandchildren.

57 Dr. H. William **Knab** of Sarver, March 25, 2004. A prominent local physician, he was a board certified general family practitioner; a member of the medical staff at Allegheny Valley Hospital for 41 years; a physician for many years at the Colonial Clinic; and a school physician for 40 years at South Butler County School District. He was a member of the Christian Medical Dental Association for 32 years, serving as a trustee for six years, and participated in medical missions to Third World countries for 18 years. He also donated time to a well-baby clinic, providing free medical care to infants whose parents could not afford it. Dr. Knab was president of the general staff at Allegheny Valley Hospital from 1988-1990 and a former member of the Board of Directors. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Society, American Osteopathic Association, and American College General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medical. He was also a member of Saxonburg Memorial Presbyterian Church, where he

was a Sunday school teacher and elder, and co-chaired for 30 years the Community Good Friday Men's Breakfast. Dr. Knab was past president of the Westminster College Parents Association, and co-chaired the Saxonburg Festival of Arts Photography Exhibits for three years. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Patricia **Bowley Knab** '56; two sons, William P. **Knab** '86 and his wife, and Kevin D. **Knab** '93 and his wife, Jennifer **Austin Knab** '93; two daughters, Karen **Knab Williams** '82 and Laura **Knab Walters** '83 and their spouses; and 11 grandchildren.

60 Dean K. **Shoup** of Emlenton, Dec. 7, 2003. He was retired as a guidance counselor in the Oil City Area School District. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte.

68 David **Miller** of Port Clinton, Ohio, April 28, 2004. He was a teacher and principal for 37 years and was active with the Playmakers Theatre, where he performed in over 25 plays. He was principal of Port Clinton Junior High School from 1976 to 1982 before becoming a



Friends

Charles H. **Cook Jr.** of Jonesport, Maine, April 5, 2004. He was a professor of English *emeritus* at Westminster College, having served the College for 32 years (1953-85). After receiving an undergraduate degree at Northeastern University and his master's and Ph.D. at Boston University, he taught at Sampson College and Colby College before joining Westminster. He settled in Jonesport upon retirement, where he enjoyed sailing his 22-foot sloop, *Endeavour*, and feeding wild animals from his deck. Survivors include a daughter, Carole **Cook Donovan** '68, and her husband; a brother; a sister; and several nieces and nephews.

history and government teacher and tennis coach at the high school. He retired from the Port Clinton schools in 1993, but taught at Temple Christian Academy for an additional six years. He was active in the Grace Baptist Church and sang with the Sandusky Choral Society. Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Ruth; two sons; a brother;

and seven grandchildren.

David M. **Robinson** of Hamburg, N.Y., Jan. 7, 2004. Survivors include his wife, Susan **Minich Robinson**, and two children.

69 Ann Marie **Filicky** of Youngstown, Ohio.

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Class of 2008 Legacy Students

A whopping 18 members of the Class of 2008 are following the footsteps of at least one parent who previously attended Westminster College. First-year legacy students, pictured left to right, are: Front row – Jaclyn Pfeiffer, Jacqueline Faber, Johanna Hutchison, Kelli Shaw, Kathryn Pride, Jennie Pride, Melissa Barnes; Back row – Jared Foster, Luke Cypher, Jack Marti, John Cochran, Ellen Venema, Beth Porter, Emily James, Justin Sedlak, Jared McConkey, David Timm, Gene Cunningham.



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