The Holcad is moving to a new website on Friday, Oct. 18, marking the beginning of the paper’s transition to an online platform. There will no longer be a weekly physical paper after this edition, but there will still be at least two special editions printed for the academic year, one of which will be for the Mock Convention in November.

Each edition of the Holcad will still be uploaded to Westminster's main website at westminster.edu in the publications section. However, the main home for The Holcad will be wcn247.com. The site will have more interactive features than the regular editions posted to the main Westminster College site. This site will also host the Westminster College Network (W2CN247) and Titan Radio.

The primary reason for The Holcad to move online is because of the new budget restrictions that were put in place. Westminster reduced the activity fee for students last year, but a consequence of this action was that the college’s student publications budgets were reduced. The Holcad’s budget was cut by two-thirds according to Dr. Barner, one of the advisors for the paper this year.

"It was either go digital or not go at all. There's no way you can print the papers the way that we've been doing it with the money we were given," Barner said.

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Great news! The Holcad is now accepting applications for Correspondents, Photographers, and Copy Editor.
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Two Westminster Professors Publish Books

As students, we are our professors for who they are to us. We see them as the brains teaching us new concepts and information. We see them as the smiles (or frowns, depending on the day) greeting us as we walk into class. While our professors are all of these things to us, many of them are even so much more once they leave class for the day. In the case of Dr. David Swerdlow and Dr. Alison DuBois, they are recently published authors.

Swerdlow, Westminster English professor, achieved this title when his debut novel Television Man was recently published. The novel focuses on a small, rural western Pennsylvania town after it becomes the scene of a school shooting.

"In this era of mass shootings, hate crimes, 24-hour news cycles, and political tweets, Television Man tells the troubling stories of the community’s men, women and children as they navigate the 48 hours following the horrifying assault," a Westminster College press release explained.

DuBois, Westminster associate professor of education and director of the Graduate School, recently co-authored Overcoming Burnout and Compassion Fatigue in Education and the Effective Treatment of Challenging Behaviors in the Classroom.

Ms. Mistrota earned her undergraduate degree from Westminster in 1993.
If you’ve been tuned in to even an inkling of Westminster news during the past year, you are very privy to the idea of change as it is happening on campus. Change is surrounding the student body of Westminster College. The newest form in which we see this: the Holcad — the newspaper you are holding in your hands at this very moment — is being converted to an almost exclusively online presence.

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Roach is looking forward to the opportunity The Holcad will have to advance its content given the new platform. “It’s important to realize the benefits that going online has. It will help us to be more timely with our news since we won’t have to worry about the printing process. It will also help us to have more multimedia components to really spuce up our storytelling,” Roach said.

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Holcad Editor-in-Chief Sydney Roach said, “I think we’re going to lose a lot of our readers in the community. Holcad’s approach to promoting the paper has typically been to just put our physical copies in front of many people as possible by stapling it around campus and in New Wilmington. I feel like our readers in the community are used to seeing the paper around town and have come to expect a physical copy every week.”

Reading is sometimes difficult to promote. The Holcad exists in an atmosphere where people react most strongly to what is directly in front of them.”

Holcad Publicity Editor Alex Briggs said, “I think the transformation is a waste in this community. So many people get excited to see the newspapers. The online copies would not maintain the same reception. People barely read the papers, so why would they read the online version?”

Our surrounding community, no doubt being somewhat influenced by our Amish neighbors, tends to resort to “old fashioned” ways of operation. Connecting to campus news via the internet is not likely a huge appeal to our community members. It seems an oversight to not factor in the communal consumption of news since they do make up a large percentage of our readership.

I feel as though the many older members of the community who read the Holcad won’t be pleased with the change. To older generations who have never known a world without physical copies of the newspaper, they might see the online switch as a hassle.” Holcad News Editor Danielle Grace said.

A large appeal of virtual content is the “shareability” it may have. It is easier to send to a link to family or post an article on social media “shareability” it may have. It is easier to send to a link to family or post an article on social media than it is to mail the entire newspaper home for mom and dad to see. Prior to this movement, though, The Holcad had both virtual and physical copies made of each edition. Virtual copies are helpful in reaching alumni and families who are not immediately present on campus. The stories published in The Holcad, though, are about people on campus.

However, physical distribution seems like a small price to pay when we now face the possibility of no distribution. The general consensus seems to denote that nobody will take the effort to find out about campus news if it is not published as a physical copy they can see and pick up around campus. A virtual form of The Holcad leaves writers as though they are shouting into the void.

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Holcad Layout Editor Erica McNatt said it is exciting for The Holcad to try something new.

Keeping current is a good reason to try things you might not otherwise pursue. It is important to consider how much we value our publications when trying new forms, though. We have seen the loss of budgeting for a lesser-consumed student publication in the past year with Argo. If The Holcad diminishes while in its online platform, will it be given another chance to produce in print, or will it, too, be cut from the budget?

The edition of The Holcad you hold in your hands is the last one you will hold for a while. Change is unavoidable. It is true of every aspect of our lives. It just not certain it’s always worth the risk.

Inations on student publications through budgeting is spiraling out of control. Will The Holcad be lost in its conversion to an exclusively online platform?
**Features**

The stage was set for the Titans on Saturday, with masses of students, professors, and alumni flocking to Burry Stadium. The Titans seemed poised to shake off their loss last Saturday and push back into the win column. After a hard-fought homecoming game, the final score came down to one mishap and what may have been inches from the goal line.

This was the first time the Titans have lost at homecoming under current head coach Scott Benzel, along with losing to Grove City two years straight in the final seconds of the game. After scoring 14 unanswered points on their first two drives of the game, Grove City quickly asserted their offensive dominance over Westminster. The Titans were able to answer with a Dwanye Brown touchdown catch from Cole Koniecza from nine yards out. Grove City once again scored, but the Titans were able to block the extra point, making the score 27-14. Westminster rounded out the first half with another score, answered quickly by yet another Grove City touchdown, making the score at the half 27-14.

Coming out of halftime, Grove City kicked a quick field goal, followed by a 1-yard rushing touchdown by Cole Koniecza. This only amounted, however, to six points after a failed two-point conversion. The Titans defense was able to hold off Grove City’s offense, allowing their own offense to score yet again on a Conner Cox receiving touchdown, bringing the Titans within three points. After Grove City scored yet again, the Titans came back to score two more touchdowns, giving them the lead for the first time in the game. Looking to hold their 41-37 lead, the Titans defense was able to force a Grove City turnover only six yards away from the goal line. However, after a unsportsmanlike conduct penalty drove Westminster back to the two-yard line, a long pass attempt resulted in a Grove City recovery and touchdown. This sealed a humiliating 43-41 loss which may have closed the door on any chance the Titans had to win the PAC championship. This single mistake capped off a day that Westminster hopes to move past quickly.

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"In the last show I did have good conditioning, but I kind of lacked a good bit of size in some areas. So, when preparing for this show there was a lot of manipulating the carbohydrates, increasing my carb intake to fill me out. I was able to make what I looked like last show like it was nothing and I was able to surpass that. That was an essential thing to do because this was a much bigger show!" said Leon on preparing for his most recent show. "For this show, I actually spent the night in a hotel that Friday night. I decided to leave class early on Friday because I wanted to feel comfortable. I did not have to do this show having to drive back and forth from Cleveland!"

"This show, compared to his previous outings, was the largest he has participated in with around four-hundred total competitors. The Titans defense was able to hold off Grove City’s offense, allowing their own offense to score yet again on a Conner Cox receiving touchdown, bringing the Titans within three points. After Grove City scored yet again, the Titans came back to score two more touchdowns, giving them the lead for the first time in the game. Looking to hold their 41-37 lead, the Titans defense was able to force a Grove City turnover only six yards away from the goal line. However, after a unsportsmanlike conduct penalty drove Westminster back to the two-yard line, a long pass attempt resulted in a Grove City recovery and touchdown. This sealed a humiliating 43-41 loss which may have closed the door on any chance the Titans had to win the PAC championship. This single mistake capped off a day that Westminster hopes to move past quickly.

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