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Dear Westminster Friends:

In this issue you will find an interesting article on the many great ways to help assure that Westminster will get better and better – every day, every year. Alumni have an important stake in the future of the College.

Years ago, as our children were growing up, our family would invite a child from the “Fresh Air” program in New York City to spend two weeks with us each summer. Among other things, we would take them to the Clarkson University alumni reunion each July.

On one such occasion I was seated with our young NYC guest, Manny, as we ate ice cream at the reunion picnic. Suddenly, he pointed to the campus buildings and said, “Mr. Williamson, who owns this place?”

“What owns this place?” I repeated as I stalled for time and thinking space. “Good question.”

“Thanks,” he said. “But who does?”

Feeling trapped by an eight-year-old, I pointed to the picnicking alumni and blurted out, “They do.”

I went on to explain that they were the people who had earned degrees from the institution and had the most to gain or lose from its successes or failures. That may have been a little more than Manny wanted to know, but it was the best I could do at the time.

Today at Westminster, upon reflection, I believe it may be the best that I will ever do with Manny’s question. For it is with a sense of ownership that our alumni help to guide and sustain this marvelous institution.

I am grateful to Manny for asking the question and I thank each of you for being a part of the answer.

Sincerely,

R. Thomas Williamson
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Westminster Offers M.Ed. in Adventure Education

Beginning this summer, Westminster College will offer a master’s degree in adventure education.

The new graduate program blends Westminster College’s faith heritage, leadership training, and outdoor experiential components into an innovative program for classroom teachers, business leaders, trainers, youth workers, camp staff, outdoor professionals, and others who are interested in learning alternative means of teaching and learning through adventure programming.

“We believe that education, which models life as an adventure, will transform the world,” said Steven Montgomery, director of Westminster’s Titan Traverse and employee of the Coalition for Christian Outreach. “Courses in adventure education will combine academic thought and content in tangible contexts with practical applications. Students will study to learn adventure education from the perspective of three anchor points: conviction, character, and community.”

Some of the courses offered in the adventure education curriculum include: The Theology of Recreation and Play, Leadership in Adventure Education, Effective Group Development, Critical Issues in Adventure Education, Design and Facilitation, and Adventure Education Administration.

Students can choose a master’s degree track or a non-degree track, according to Montgomery. The M.Ed. track requires the completion of 30 hours of graduate work, and includes philosophical, psychological, and research foundations of education.

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New Wilmington History Chronicle Now Available

A new book covering New Wilmington’s long and rich history is now available.

*The History of New Wilmington, 1797-2003: The Story of a Small Town* was compiled by a committee that included former Westminster College professors and administrators, including Delber McKee, professor of history emeritus; Dewey DeWitt, professor of chemistry emeritus and curator of the College archives; Paul Gamble ’32, associate professor of English emeritus and College historian; Alan Sternbergh ’51, former director of the College placement office; and the late Eugene Sharkey, former professor of history.

The 12-chapter book includes over 100 photographs and explores the history of the borough, including sections on local government, civic and community organizations, churches and the Amish, Native Americans, family histories, and, of course, Westminster College.

The cost of the book is $29.95. Order forms are available from the Westminster alumni office or in the Westminster Bookstore.
Governor’s Whistle-Stop Tour Hits Westminster

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell paid a visit to Westminster College on April 19 as part of his whistle-stop campaign for a statewide ballot referendum. He divided his hour-long appearance in the Witherspoon Rooms of McKelvey Campus Center between an unscripted speech and a question-and-answer session. Before taking the podium, he was presented with a Westminster College sweatshirt from President R. Thomas Williamson. The governor’s appearance, ahead of Pennsylvania’s April 27 primary election, was in support of the referendum, which authorizes the commonwealth to borrow $250 million to fund grants and loans for the construction, expansion or improvement of water and wastewater infrastructure. The ballot referendum passed comfortably.

Million-Dollar Smile

Amber Brkich, the 2000 Westminster graduate who rose to prominence on the reality show “Survivor,” got a second chance at the game and came away a big winner. In more ways than one. Brkich, who finished sixth in the show’s second season, “Survivor: The Australian Outback,” not only took home the $1 million grand prize as winner of “Survivor: All-Stars,” she also accepted the surprise marriage proposal of fellow contestant Rob Mariano, who got down on one knee to pop the big question live on national television before an estimated 24.1 million viewers. Brkich and Mariano, who developed a strategic relationship in the game that quickly turned romantic, outlasted their peers to become the final two contestants in the 18-player all-star edition of the popular show. Brkich was narrowly voted the winner of the show by the seven-member jury, 4-3. The finale aired May 9 on CBS.

Romig Named VP for Finance

Kenneth J. Romig, a 1985 Westminster graduate, has been appointed the College’s new vice president for finance and management services, replacing Bill Birkhead, who retired on June 30 after 17 years of service to Westminster.

Romig had been senior vice president of finance at Sky Bank, a $12 billion bank with offices in five states and the largest subsidiary of Sky Financial Group, Inc. He earned his CPA certification in 1987. Romig previously worked as senior auditor for Arthur Anderson & Co. in Pittsburgh, before becoming vice president and controller, then chief financial officer for the First Western Bancorp, Inc.

“My enthusiasm for this position is the result of the experiences that I had as a student, my ongoing interactions with Westminster College as an alumnus, and as a member of the New Wilmington community,” Romig said. “As a resident of New Wilmington for the past 15 years and as a member of the New Wilmington Borough Council for the past 10 years, I am very familiar with the vital role that Westminster College plays in enriching the lives of area residents.”

The vice president for finance and management services also serves as the College treasurer, and oversees all areas of finance and business affairs, including the business office, human resources, physical plant, and auxiliary services.

Birkhead joined the College in 1987 as one of four new vice presidents under newly hired president Oscar Remick. He previously worked for Gamma Biologicals and the Exxon Corporation. Birkhead and his wife, Marlene, have three children and seven grandchildren.

Romig lives in New Wilmington with his wife, Kimberly Crumbacher Romig ’00, and their two children, Nicole and Nathan. He is a member of Jameson Memorial Hospital Board, and a deacon in the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church.
Newbery Medal Winner Visits Westminster

Patricia Reilly Giff, a Newbery Award-winning children’s author, made an appearance in the Witherspoon Rooms of the McKelvey Campus Center on March 26. Her presentation, “Writing ...The Story of My Life,” was followed by a book signing.

Giff is well known for two series of books that deal with friendship, The Kids of the Polk Street School and Polka Dot Private Eye. Her 1998 book Lily's Crossing received the Newbery Honor, as well as several other awards. She was awarded the Newbery Honor again in 2003 for Pictures of Hollis Woods. Her most recent book, Maggie's Door, has also won several awards.

The event was sponsored by the Westminster College Department of Education.

Woods Lecturer Discusses ‘Collisions’

Robert Thorne, professor of physics at Cornell University, delivered the Woods Lecture, “Collisions! From Mass Extinctions to the Assassination of JFK,” on May 6 in Phillips Lecture Hall.

Thorne, who received his undergraduate degree in engineering from the University of Manitoba, earned a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois, where he worked with Nobel laureate John Bardeen.

His research includes a broad range of interests, including the physics of novel one- and two-dimensional electronic materials, problems related to determining the structures of protein molecules and other large biological molecules, developing better ways for freezing sperm cells, and attempting to recover the test from 2,000-year-old eroded limestone and marble tablets.

The Woods Memorial Lecture honors Robert M. Woods, professor of physics at Westminster from 1947-1972. It is made possible by a gift from the Woods’ family that has been supplemented over the years by gifts from friends and alumni.

Orr Discusses Environment, Politics

David W. Orr, a 1965 Westminster graduate and son of former President Will W. Orr, returned to the College on May 6 to discuss his latest book The Last Refuge: Patriotism, Politics, and the Environment in an Age of Terror.

His book, a set of 13 essays, pits his views of the current state of American politics against the backdrop of mounting ecological and social problems.

Orr, who earned his master’s from Michigan State University and Ph.D. in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania, is currently the chair of the Environmental Studies Program and the Paul Sears

Theologian Unlocks Da Vinci Code


The author of seven books and more than 150 articles, Bailey is an expert on the Bible. He spent 40 years teaching the New Testament in the Middle East and founded the Institute for Middle Eastern New Testament Studies at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies in Jerusalem.

His presentation, April 21 in Wallace Memorial Chapel, investigated the fictional murder mystery in The Da Vinci Code, and its supposed historical truths about the origins of the Bible and the Christian faith.

Pride Delivers Christy Lecture


Pastor of the Clearfield Presbyterian Church, Pride gave a speech titled “The Forgotten Third: Jesus’ Call to Preach, to Teach, and to Heal.”

Pride earned his master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and has led many mission trips to the Dominican Republic and study tours to Israel and Jordan. His development of the TAGG Team Youth Ministry program has led 18 Clearfield-area students to the ministry and mission fields.

The Wayne H. Christy Lecture Series annually honors Wayne H. Christy, who was a longtime faculty member and chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Westminster. The program seeks out men and women who distinguish themselves by relating religion to issues of contemporary life.
Huey Lifts Veil in Henderson Lecture


Huey’s lecture explored historically black colleges through words of faith, pages of literature, fields of sport, and roads of travel throughout the American South. In preparation for the lecture, Huey spent a year visiting colleges and historic sites, interviewing people involved in black education, and reading various documents related to the subject.

“The design of this research is similar to my ongoing study of the past many years,” Huey said. “It’s built upon my interest in African-American history in general and historically black colleges in particular.”

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

Education Professor Presents Research at National Conferences

Amy Camardese, an assistant professor of education at Westminster, recently presented her research at a pair of national conferences.

She presented “Perspectives of Students, Parents, and Teachers on the Social Implications of Inclusion,” to the Council for Exceptional Children National Conference in New Orleans.

“My presentation addressed the need to learn more about students with learning disabilities and their demonstration of social skills,” said Camardese.

She also presented “Using Literature to Teach Democracy, Freedom, and Patriotism” at the National Council for the Social Studies National Conference in Chicago.

Camardese, who has been with Westminster since 2001, earned her undergraduate degree from Ohio University, her master’s from the University of Pittsburgh, and her Ph.D. from Kent State University.

Gumberg Honored for Board Service

Stanley Gumberg of Pittsburgh (center) was honored on April 1 for his 16 years of service on the Westminster Board of Trustees. Gumberg was presented with a Board citation naming him a trustee emeritus, and joined by (from left to right:) Robert Patton ’50, Board chairman George Berlin, President R. Thomas Williamson, Wendell Freeland, and Don Wiley ’50.

Political Science Professor’s Papers Featured at International Studies Conference

Andrea Grove, assistant professor of political science at Westminster, recently presented two papers at the International Studies Association in Montreal.

“Ancient Hatreds or Manipulable Leaders? Shifting Representations in Cases of Conflict Intervention” was co-authored by Grove and Chris Scholl, assistant professor of political science at Wheeling Jesuit University. This paper proposed a research design to probe the plausibility of the claim that United States leaders shift their focus on the causes of internal unrest around the world as the United States moves closer to intervention.

“Searching for Bellweathers: Examining Representations of Northern Irish, Palestinian, and Israeli Leaders” was co-authored by Grove and Donald Sylvan, professor of political science at Ohio State University. This paper examines the phenomenon of leaders representing intergroup relationships differently to disparate audiences.

Webster Named McCandless Scholar

Sandra Webster, professor of psychology and department chair at Westminster, has been named McCandless Scholar for the 2004–2005 academic year.

The award, designed to honor the memory of J. Bardarah McCandless and to encourage scholarly activity on Westminster’s campus, is given to one full-time tenure track faculty member each year. The McCandless Scholar receives eight credit hours of reassigned time and monetary support for research and scholarship expenses.

Webster will use the time and money provided by the McCandless Award to continue her research on the concept of Korean emotion Han, which is a negative emotional state caused by something outside the individual’s direct control, as a function of gender and generation.

Her project, “Turning Adversity into Character: Further Explorations of the Korean Emotion Han and its Possible Counterparts in Other Cultures,” will explore if the concepts of Han can be generalized into other nations or culture groups.
Westminster Hails Academic Excellence

Westminster College celebrated the academic excellence of its students at the annual Spring Honors Convocation held April 24 in Orr Auditorium.

The event recognizes the academic achievements of hundreds of Westminster students, including Dean’s List scholars and scholar-athletes, as well as those students inducted into local and national academic honor societies.

Honors medallions were bestowed on 13 seniors who successfully completed the Honors Program (see photo at left), and awards were also presented to the College’s most outstanding fraternity and sorority.

Individual awards were also given out for outstanding service to the College, and over 150 students received scholarships or prizes for academic achievement.

Senior Nathan Zuzack is congratulated by President R. Thomas Williamson after receiving an Honors medallion at the Spring Honors Convocation April 24 in Orr Auditorium.

Nineteen members of the Class of 2004 graduated with highest honor, summa cum laude: Lauren Campbell, Tasha Dodd, Logan Edmiston, Pamela Englert, Heather Ferriero, Tiffany Gardiner, Jessica Henninger, Kelly Hope, Mary Kingston, Stefanie Maccaglia, Stephanie Moser, Lindsay Otufer, Bethany Palka, Alicia Roberts, Rachel Smith, Kristy Stockdill, Anna Thomas, Elizabeth Wallace, and Jessica Young. Also pictured is Jesse T. Mann, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College.

Thirteen seniors successfully completed the Honors Program and were awarded College Honors by department. These graduates wear a special medallion at Commencement. Twelve students were presented with medallions at the annual Spring Honors Convocation: Tacia Despo and Logan Edmiston (Biology), Michael Schmetz (Biochemistry), Jessica Henninger (Education), Mary Kingston, Lindsay Otufer and Joshua Storey (English), Rebecca Gonda (Molecular Biology), Devayani Wintrode (Neuroscience), and Laura Nelms, Rachel Smith and Nathan Zuzack (Psychology). Not pictured: Eryn Lees (Sociology).
Westminster Juniors Earn History Award

Westminster College junior history majors Benjamin Nelson and Ray Walling were honored for their groundbreaking research presented at the Phi Alpha Theta History Conference held recently at Washington & Jefferson College.

Their presentation, “The Rulings of Judge Webster Thayer: A Statistical Analysis of Prejudice in the Sacco and Vanzetti Case,” is a statistical look at the rulings of Judge Thayer, who presided over this highly politicized 1920s case involving two anarchists, Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, accused of murder and robbery in a small Massachusetts town.

Nearly 1,000 rulings were entered into a database to reveal patterns in Judge Thayer’s rulings.

“Using this database, we unearthed an obvious, yet never before seen pattern in the rulings that suggest the judge was deliberately helping the prosecution convict Sacco and Vanzetti,” Walling said.

“Generations of scholars have tried to make a case that the judge was biased, but no one really was able to prove it,” said Russell Martin, associate professor of history.

“This is truly a big achievement. Their research won the first book award, which is essentially the ‘best paper’ prize for their session at the conference. I’m incredibly proud of them.”

Chemistry Majors Present Posters at National Meeting

Two Westminster College senior chemistry majors, Jacklyn Gates and Emily Stull, recently presented posters at the National American Chemical Society Meeting held in Anaheim, Calif.

The students traveled with Helen Boylan ’95, assistant professor of chemistry at Westminster, who was an invited speaker at the meeting. Boylan presented an oral report in the Younger Chemists Committee session on career and development. Her talk was titled, “Teaching in the Small College Setting: Opportunities and Challenges in Academia.”

A Gold Coin Speaks

The inscription on its obverse side identifies this gold Arab dinar as having been produced under the authority of the incumbent sultan at Constantinople. It is a statement, often used on Ottoman coinage, which declares the sultan to be “Sultan of the two lands, Sovereign of the two seas, the Sultan, son of the Sultan.”

The inscription’s significance is two-fold: geographic and dynastic. By using the twin affirmations – “Ruler of the two lands, Sovereign of the two seas” – the formula is identifying the physical location of the government by means of geographic allusions. Constantinople is situated at the meeting point of “the two lands,” i.e., Asia and Europe. It is also situated at the meeting point of “the two seas.” These are, in our language, the Black Sea and the Mediterranean. But it is interesting to note that in Arabic, the primary name of the latter is the White Sea. Thus, to Arabic-speaking people, Constantinople was where the Black and the White seas meet.

The second part of the formula identifies the ruling dynasty. The title “Sultan” (i.e., ruler, exerciser of authority) had come to be recognized as the unique title of the supreme wielder of power in Constantinople, capital of the Ottoman Empire. During its long history there were 36 sultans, each one a lineal descendant of the foundling ‘Uthman (1299-1326 A.D.). The last one was Muhammad VI (1918-1922). The formula, in effect, acknowledges the incumbent sultan, inasmuch as he is “the Sultan, son of the Sultan,” as the legitimate authority validating this coin, even if it was not minted in Constantinople.

The reverse provides the coin’s specifics: “Exalted be his dominion” (izza nasruh) is an expression often inscribed on Arab coins. Then “Struck in Egypt” (duriba fi misr) and the year 1171 A.H., meaning 1757 A.D. Searching the long list of governors (often called “Waly” or “Pasha”) appointed by the reigning sultan to exercise Ottoman authority in Egypt, we find that in this case he was Mustafa III, who was at least the titular ruler of Egypt from 1757-1773, a mere 25 years before Napoleon’s invasion. However, we must remember that the sultan’s appointees were often ineffective, owing largely to the presence of many regional lords, the Mamelukes, who wielded the real power in the land, as both Napoleon and Muhammad Ali discovered.

Be that as it may, governors often exercised the right to issue coinage. This coin shows that Mustafa III did just that. Not only did he have the date of his accession inscribed at the bottom edge of the reverse side, he also had his name worked into the “Tughra” emblem, which occupies the upper half of the coin’s reverse.

The “Tughra” was the artistic, very intricate invention of a scribe in the court of the 10th Ottoman sultan, Suleiman the Great (“the Magnificent”), 1520-1566 A.D. Skilled in calligraphy, the scribe maneuvered Suleiman’s name into this unique design, which became known as the “Tughra.” Suleiman and his successors (and even his appointees) developed the habit of using it like a signature or seal on documents and coins.

This gold dinar, a fine example of Ottoman coinage, was donated to Westminster College’s artifacts collection in December 2000 by the Rev. and Mrs. James W. Pollock. Their earlier gifts included authentic Pharaonic-era scarabs, amulets, and beads, as well as more gold coins issued by Roman and Byzantine emperors.

-The Rev. Willis A. McGill ’33
Westminster College
Committee on Cultural Artifacts
Winter Sports Highlights

The winter sports season was a strong one for Titan athletics, with the men’s basketball team and women’s swimming team each claiming Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) championships. In addition, both the men’s and women’s basketball teams received bids to the ECAC Division III South Region Tournament.

Men’s Basketball (15-13, 8-2 PAC)

Under Larry Ondako, their first-year coach, the Titans rallied from a 2-8 start to capture their first league championship since the 1997-98 season. Adopting a fast-paced offensive attack that allowed them to score 100 points or more in half of their final 18 games, the Titans earned the top seed for the conference tournament and defeated Bethany, 97-88, in the PAC title game. They also earned the program’s first ECAC tournament bid, but dropped a 74-57 decision to Alvernia in the opening round.

Sophomore guard Mark DeMonaco was named to the All-PAC First Team. Juniors Pat O’Connor and Ed Pagley were both second-team selections, while junior guard Chris Hatch and sophomore forward Dom Joseph both earned honorable mention laurels. Ondako shared the Coach of the Year title with Grove City’s Steve Lamie.

DeMonaco led both the team and the conference in scoring (14.4 ppg) and three-pointers made per game (3.57), while also ranking in the PAC Top 10 in rebounding (4.9 rpg), assists (3.86 apg) and steals (2.2 spg). DeMonaco posted a career-best 47 points while nailing a school-record 11 three-pointers in a win over Case Western Reserve.

O’Connor led the Titans in rebounding (5.5 rpg) while averaging 13.9 points and 2.25 steals per game, ranking him in the PAC Top 10 in all three categories. Pagley led the PAC in steals per game (2.5 spg) while averaging 15.8 points, 2.9 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game.

Hatch averaged 8.3 points, 2.7 rebouds and 2.3 assists per game this season, while leading the Titans in free throw percentage (84.8%). Joseph averaged 9.7 points and 4.9 rebounds per game while adding a team-high 25 blocked shots.

Women’s Basketball (15-11, 7-3 PAC)

Westminster earned its first trip to the ECAC Division III South Region Tournament, falling at Lebanon Valley, 55-53, in the opening round.

Junior forward Erica Tallo was named to the All-PAC First Team, while freshman guard Deseree Sterling was a second-team honoree and junior forward Mary Jane Eaton earned honorable mention laurels. Sterling was also named PAC Freshman of the Year, while Rosanne Scott shared Coach of the Year laurels with Bethany mentor Jina DeRubbo.

Tallo led the Lady Titans in scoring (14.4 ppg), rebounding (10.4 rpg) and blocked shots (28). She also led the PAC in rebounding.

Sterling averaged 12.6 points, 4.3 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.8 steals per game, while leading the Lady Titans with 28 three-pointers. Eaton averaged 7.9 points and 6.4 rebounds per game.

Men’s Swimming

The Titans finished second out of four teams at the three-day PAC Championships, held at Grove City College.

Ryan Trunk was named PAC Men’s Swimmer of the Year. He was a three-time first-team honoree, capturing the 50 (21.56), 100 (46.84) and 200 freestyle (1:43.74) events. Other Westminster winners included freshman Pat Smith in the 100 (54.95) and 200 backstroke (1:59.59); and sophomore Andy Hudak in the 100 (1:00.24) and 200 breaststroke (2:11.84). Smith was also a second-team selection in the 400 IM (4:18.60).

Other Titan All-PAC honorees included sophomore Nate Horrell, second in the 200 butterfly (2:04.55) and third in the 100 butterfly (54.27) and 500 freestyle (4:51.62); freshman Matt Kerns, second in the 100 freestyle (1:02.30) and third in the 1650 freestyle (17:27.46); sophomore Buddy Thornton, second in the 200 backstroke (1:59.82) and third in the 100 breaststroke (55.40); and junior Kevin Gesacion, third in the 50 freestyle (22.30).

The Titan men swept all five relay events at the PAC Championships. Also earning All-PAC recognition in relay events were sophomore B.J. Sieg and freshman Shaun McNamara.

Women’s Swimming

Five Lady Titans earned first-team laurels by winning their respective events. Freshman Sara Bonchosky won both the 100 (54.46) and 200 freestyle (1:56.49), while classmate Emily Staniszewski captured the 100 (1:09.69) and 200 breaststroke (2:32.65).

Other victories included senior Brittany Jardine in the 400 IM (4:42.66); sophomore Megan Sweithelm in the 200 backstroke (2:12.91); and freshman Megan McLaughlin in the 200 IM (2:15.74).

Other PAC awards for the group included Bonchosky, third in the 500 freestyle (5:15.72); Staniszewski, third in the 200 IM (2:17.63); Jardine, second in the 50 freestyle (24.65) and 200 butterfly (2:09.92); Sweithelm, second in the 100 backstroke (1:01.50); and McLaughlin, second in the 200 backstroke (2:13.64) and third in the 200 freestyle (2:00.75).

Also earning All-PAC recognition for the Lady Titans was senior Katie Alukonis, second in the 500 (5:12.42), 1000 (10:47.47) and 1650 freestyle (18:13.03); and freshman Amy Wirtz, third in the 100 butterfly (1:01.08).

The Westminster women also touched first in four of the five relay events (200, 400, and 800 freestyle, 400 medley) while touching second in the 200 medley. Senior Megan Lytle swam a leg on the winning 200 freestyle team. Head coach Rob Klamut was tabbed as PAC Women’s Coach of the Year.
College Football Hall of Fame Opens Doors to Davis

1950s star quarterback is fourth Titan selected for induction since 1996

In an era of unparalleled success, Harold Davis ’57 was an unparalleled talent.

During his four-year career at Westminster, the standout quarterback led the Titans to a 28-1-1 overall record, including the program’s first three undefeated seasons (8-0, 1953; 6-0-1, 1955; 8-0, 1956), and became the first – and still only – Titan player to be named a First Team All-American for three consecutive years.

Nearly half a century later, Davis has been selected for the College Football Hall of Fame. Davis will be one of nine former players and coaches officially inducted into the Hall’s 2004 divisional class during enshrinement ceremonies at the Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., on Aug. 13-14, 2004.

“When I first got the news about the induction, my thoughts immediately turned to the guys I played with at Westminster,” said Davis. “I thought about men like Bill White, Jay DeBolt, Vince Cortese and Bill Freshwater – guys I started with as freshmen in 1953. It was wonderful to recall all the great times we had together on campus in New Wilmington, as well as the tremendous success we had as a team for our coach, Harold Burry, on the football field.”

Davis becomes the fourth person from Westminster to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in the past nine years. His coach, Burry, who posted a 127-31-5 (.814) coaching mark from 1952-71 and led the Titans to the inaugural NAIA Division II national championship in 1970, entered the Hall in the inaugural divisional class in 1996.

In 1998, former Titan linemen/linebacker Larry Pugh was tabbed for induction. Pugh was a two-time All-American (1962, ’64) at Westminster and went on to join the NFL’s Cleveland Browns. Burry’s successor as head coach, Joseph Fusco, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2001. Fusco compiled a record of 154-34-3 (.814) from 1972-90, leading the Titans to four NAIA Division II national titles (1976, ’77, ’88, ’89). A total of 61 players and 26 coaches have entered the Hall of Fame since the enshrinement of the first divisional class in 1996, with 5 percent representing Westminster.

“Since coming to Westminster, it has been my great honor and pleasure to get to know Harold Davis,” said Westminster Director of Athletics Jim Dafler. “The Department of Athletics is very excited that Harold has been selected for induction, and very proud that he will be joining other Titan greats in the College Football Hall of Fame.”

Davis’ athletic exploits were not limited to the gridiron. He was also a four-year letterman for the Titan basketball team (1953-57) and finished his career with 1,209 points, which ranked third all-time at Westminster at the end of his playing days and still ranks 17th. He was also a standout for the Titan track & field team. He is a member of both the All-Time Football and All-Time Basketball Teams.

“I truly believe that Harold Davis was the greatest all-around athlete I have witnessed at Westminster College,” said Fusco, who began as a student at Westminster in 1956-60, then returned to his alma mater as a football coach and also served as athletic director before retiring in 1999. “I believe if Dr. Burry was alive today, he would say the same thing. His athletic accomplishments have never been equaled, and likely never will be.”

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, and graduate of North High School, Davis notes that he originally signed with NCAA Division I Kent State University coming out of high school. “I was signed and sealed to Kent, but not delivered. Even after I signed to Kent, Coach Burry kept coming to the house trying to get me to come to Westminster. It made my parents very happy when I finally decided to go to Westminster because of the immense respect they had for Dr. Burry.”

Davis retired after a career as an executive with the Xerox Corporation and is currently president of H&S Consulting. He resides in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., with his wife, Shirley. The couple has two sons, H. Wade and Michael, and several grandchildren.

As he heads into college football immortality, Davis has just one regret.

“It truly wish Dr. Burry (who died in 1992) was here to see the induction and be a part of it, because I know how proud he would be. I know he’s looking down on me right now and smiling,” he said.

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Westminster License Plates Now Available

Show your Westminster pride with a commonwealth of Pennsylvania Westminster College license plate. The plates feature the landmark symbol of Westminster's Old Main Tower on the left side with Westminster College printed across the bottom. They will be manufactured in the state's standard colors of white, blue and gold.

The plates are only available for Pennsylvania registered vehicles. Submit your applications soon – a minimum of 300 applications are needed to begin production.

For an application, please contact the alumni office at (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 16142.

Printable applications are also available online at www.westminster.edu.

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.

Hawaii Trip

From March 26 through April 4, Westminster alumni and friends enjoyed a Hawaiian vacation led by Clarence J. Martin. The trip began with three days on Honolulu, including visits to Pearl Harbor, the USS Arizona monument and Diamond Head, in addition to many of the attractions that are available on Oahu. The next leg of the trip was a seven-day Norwegian Star cruise to the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai and Lanai. At each port, the group took excursions that included whale watching, scuba diving, helicopter tours, submarine rides, plantation tours and shopping.

Pictured above:
Clarence Martin, Margaret Minteer Craft ’47, Harry Craft, Betty Cooper, Al Sternbergh ’51, Margaret Elliott Sternbergh ’54, Scott Kirschler ’63, Carolyn Benson Runey ’74, Susan Price Kirschler ’63, Beverly Bemiss Walz ’58, Marie Miller, Dewey DeWitt, John Shaw, Frances Turnock Pridgen ’44, and Helen Martin.

Save the Dates!
Westminster Volunteer Workshop Scheduled

All volunteers and those interested in serving as Westminster volunteers are encouraged to participate in a Westminster volunteer workshop on Saturday, April 16, 2005. The day will include “how-to” sessions, campus news, time with current students, as well as fellowship time with other alumni. This will be an opportunity to gain more insight to your role as a Westminster volunteer as well as skill you can apply to efforts supporting your local community organizations.

Plan Beginning for Triennial Alumni Weekend 2006

Following the success of the Sesquicentennial Birthday Bash Alumni Weekend, Alumni Council has been asked to provide future weekends for alumni to enjoy on campus. Beginning June 23-25, 2006, Alumni Council will host Alumni Weekend on campus every three years. This will be a great weekend for all alumni to reconnect with fellow alumni, take time for educational and recreational activities and catch up on current campus news.

Event details and printable reservation forms available online, www.westminster.edu/alumni/Alumni-Calendar.htm

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Homecoming & Reunion Weekend
October 15, 16 & 17, 2004

Weekend Highlights

**Friday October 15**
1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Golden Tower Society Hospitality Suite, Ferguson Lounge
3 p.m. Tea with the Books, McGill Library
6:30 p.m. Citation Celebration Dinner, Witherspoon Rooms, McKelvey Campus Center

**Saturday, October 16**
9-11 a.m. Alumni Hospitality Tent, Quad by Old Main
Registration, refreshments and sign-in board
9 a.m. Piano Recital, Wallace Memorial Chapel - Nancy DeSalvo, assistant professor of music, playing the new Steinway piano from the Class of 1954

10:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade
11:30 a.m. All-Alumni Picnic, Anderson Amphitheater
Reunion Luncheon honoring 1988 and 1989 national championship teams, Memorial Field House
Reunion Celebration Luncheon for classes of 1979, 1954-1920
1:30 p.m. Titan Football Kick-off, Titans vs. Bethany Bisons, Memorial Field
4 p.m. All-Alumni Open House with President Williamson, President’s Home, 521 New Castle St.
5 p.m. Women’s Soccer vs. Bethany, Wilmington Greyhound Stadium
7 p.m. Men’s Soccer vs. Bethany, Wilmington Greyhound Stadium

**Sunday, October 17**
10:30 a.m. Worship Service, New Wilmington Presbyterian Church

**Reunions to be celebrated**

6 p.m. Saturday, October 16
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
Grant to Help Library Extend Community Outreach

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Westminster College plans to increase library public services with a $100,000 grant presented to the College by U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum on May 26.

“This grant will help Westminster College serve the community by installing an automated library server system and 25 computers,” said Westminster President R. Thomas Williamson. “Our area residents have enjoyed the community bookshelf, children’s collection, artifacts, and research capabilities of McGill Library for decades. Thanks to Senator Santorum’s efforts, Westminster can now be an even better neighbor and partner for progress.”

“The upgrades to the McGill Library system will not only benefit the 1,600 students who attend Westminster College, but the residents who live in the surrounding communities served by the library,” Santorum said of the federal appropriation. “Providing families and seniors with reading and learning resources is a quality of life issue that this grant will help to improve.”

McGill Library, built in 1938 with an addition completed in 1966, serves a dual role as a community library for the greater New Wilmington area as well as an academic library for the College. Community services include a community bookshelf, which provides popular reading materials for area residents, and a children’s collection that offers a summer literacy program for children with reading difficulties. Westminster has two additional specialized libraries: The J.S. Mack Science Library, located in Hoyt Science Resources Center, which opened in 1974, and the music department library, which contains records, CDs, audio and video tapes, and...
music scores, and is located in Patterson Hall.

“New Wilmington never had a public library, so we welcome town users,” said Molly Spinney ’72, head librarian and associate professor at Westminster. “The community bookshelf has increased from two shelves, when it was established by the town in 1976, to 30 now. It’s full of bestsellers of popular fiction that many of our town residents read.”

“There are over 125 town cards in use, and they have access to everything we have,” said Yvonne Ayers, circulation assistant at McGill Library. “The children’s library is used frequently by grandmothers and grandfathers who bring their grandchildren to read them a story. We even have Amish teachers who stop by and use our material for their work.”

“We have some people who stop in every day just to read the newspapers,” Spinney said. “Others come in every week or two to use Value Line, a reference tool for investments in the stock market.”

The main Westminster library is also used by the significant retirement community in New Wilmington.

“It’s a big selling point for us,” said Betty Jones, director of marketing at Shenango-On-The-Green, an independent residential facility located right across the street from McGill. “Our residents are educated active seniors. When we tell them about the beautiful library right across the street where they can walk, well, they love having that at their fingertips. We have three or four librarians and a great many educators who live here, and over one-third have college degrees, so it’s an important resource for them.”

The Westminster library also reaches out to local schools in a number of ways.

“My daughter’s teacher brings her advanced placement English class to McGill on Sundays to review for the exam,” said Mary McCoy, lecturer of education at Westminster. “My daughter Lindsay, who is a senior at Wilmington High School, practically lived at McGill while working on a research paper on Shakespeare’s plays.”

“Wilmington High School and Middle School can search our catalog from their schools because they are directly connected,” said Spinney. “They know before they come where to get what they need. In the library as part of the month-long Summer Reading Program, said Charlene Klassen Endrizzi, associate professor of education and head of the program. “Their parents gathered there each Monday morning for a two-hour group workshop.”

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“U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum (right) presented a check to President R. Thomas Williamson and George Berlin, chair of the Board of Trustees, in McGill Library on May 26. The $100,000 grant for a technology upgrade will allow Westminster to better serve its 1,600 students and the greater New Wilmington community.”

“Our Preschool has one official visit per year, where I tell the children about the rules of the library. They especially like the rule about us not wanting them to put their books away,” said Spinney. “Their teacher and I read a story to them, but it doesn’t end there. It’s a place that is always open to children, and I see many parents bringing them back.”

Shenango and Neshannock schools, as well as Butler County Community College, also use Westminster’s research facilities, and the College promotes reading through community reading programs, such as the Summer Reading Program and Kappa Delta Pi’s Reading is Fun Program.

“We also offer a teacher workshop,” said Spinney. “We teach how to search, what resources on the Internet have been reviewed by librarians and are legitimate, and how to evaluate a site to get reliable information.”

“In the past, we have had about 20 area elementary and middle school students spend two hours each weekday in the library as part of the month-long Summer Reading Program,” said Charlene Klassen Endrizzi, associate professor of education and head of the program. “Their parents gathered there each Monday morning for a two-hour group workshop.”

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Way(s) to Go!
Class of 2004 celebrates Commencement, contemplates an unknowable future

Their four-year struggle called college is over. Now, for many of the 311 members of the Class of 2004 thoughts turn to career, family and service. But, the 150th graduating class at Westminster faces an unknowable future armed with the strong liberal arts education celebrated at its Commencement ceremony on May 22.

They also embark on their journey with the advice of some successful and influential alumni. Honorary degree recipients Andrew McKelvey ’57 and Dorothy Pollock ’46 provided wise words for the graduating seniors in their Commencement remarks, and Rev. Carolyn Jones ’58 gave a similarly thoughtful Baccalaureate sermon.

McKelvey, the chairman and CEO of Monster Worldwide, the parent company of Monster.com, urged the graduating seniors to be entrepreneurial.

“Whatever you do, you have to have drive, and you have to have ambition,” said McKelvey, who along with Pollock, was awarded an honorary doctorate in public service. “As you go through life, it’s really a challenge. Your challenge is to do absolutely the best you can possibly do. I can’t tell you how important that is.”

Pollock, a former research scientist and a longtime volunteer at her alma mater, focused on two words – gratitude and service – that, added to their education from...
Westminster, will make their lives more meaningful and more exciting.

“The challenges and opportunities to serve that come your way, both personally and professionally, often develop into wonderful life experiences,” said Pollock. “The benefits outweigh every sacrifice or inconvenience.”

Jones, a member of the Board of Trustees and interim executive presbyter of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery, delivered an address titled “Questions and Answers,” which highlighted the growing importance of finding the correct questions, rather than the correct answers.

“Discovering the right questions is ultimately more significant than parroting the right answers,” said Jones.

In addition to the undergraduate degrees handed out, 44 students earned their master’s degrees.

The ceremony also included opening remarks from George Berlin, chair of the Board of Trustees, and President R. Thomas Williamson. College chaplain Rev. Jim Mohr provided the invocation and David Swerdlow, professor of English, served up greetings from the faculty.

John Libert, a speech communication major from McDonald, delivered the senior class remarks.

The Baccalaureate service featured readings by Rev. Mohr and chaplain’s assistant Keturah Laney, as well as a performance by the senior choir under the direction of Robin Lind.
The End of an Era
Quick-witted accounting professor Ron Bergey retires after 42 years at head of the class

By Mark Meighen

Roaming the Old Main hallways will be much less entertaining now that accounting professor Ron Bergey has retired after 42 years at Westminster College.

No one was safe from Bergey’s quick-witted comments. He prefaced questions to President Tom Williamson with the title “Head Genius.” Jesse Mann, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, was labeled as “Mr. Liberal Arts.” Other retorts can’t be shared in a family magazine, but all titles were bestowed with affection.

Bergey takes his profession, but not himself, seriously. He modestly claims he was able to teach for 42 years because “it wasn’t that demanding of a job.” The nearly 4,000 students he has taught and over 400 graduates he has personally helped land meaningful jobs would disagree with Bergey’s humble assessment.

When Bergey was awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award during Commencement this May, for the first time in 42 years he was at a loss for words. His normally gruff voice cracked. His affection for Westminster and dedication to her students couldn’t be hidden beneath a crusty exterior.

“If I could have had more than three seconds I could have come up with some witty retort,” Bergey said looking back on the special day. “I was shocked that an accountant could win that award at this haven of the liberal arts. You could say that my son and some of my former students wanted to know why it took me 42 years to get it.”

Bergey and his wife, Nancy, both Philadelphia-area natives, didn’t plan on settling down in New Wilmington in 1962. He chose Westminster over an offer from the accounting firm Ernst & Ernst.

“Weinstein gave us a nice house on Gateway for 90 bucks a month with water in the backyard, so we decided to stay a couple

Bergey, Erhardt Recognized for Service to Westminster

Two members of the Westminster faculty with 78 years of service to the College officially retired and were honored during Commencement.

Ron Bergey and Jacob Erhardt were recognized by the Board of Trustees for their distinguished careers; Bergey was named professor of accounting emeritus and Erhardt was named professor of German emeritus.

Bergey, who earned his undergraduate degree at Juniata College and his master’s at Indiana University, joined the College in 1962 as an instructor in the economics and business department. He rose to the rank of assistant professor in 1966, associate professor in 1970, and became a full professor in 1982.

Erhardt joined the faculty of the then-Department of Foreign Languages in 1968 after teaching at both Case Western Reserve University and Bowling Green State University. He was chair of the department from 1970-1986 and since 1991 has held the McCune Endowed Chair in the Humanities.

Erhardt earned his B.A. from Baldwin-Wallace College, an M.A. from Middlebury College and his Ph.D. from Case Western.
A volunteer committee of alumni has initiated a Ron Bergey Project to name an Old Main classroom and establish a scholarship in his honor. Contributions can be sent to the Development Office, Westminster College, 319 S. Market St., New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001, or for more information call Diane Ubry at 724-946-7007.

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of years. I thought I’d stick around a couple of years and then go into accounting and find a real job,” he said.

“I got into some accounting in New Castle and just decided I could teach and do accounting at the same time. My real-world experience helped my teaching,” Bergey said. “It gives me realistic examples of accounting to share.”

Bergey’s examples are as legendary as his persona.

A colleague wrote the following in nominating Bergey for Westminster’s highest faculty honor: “The apocryphal stories that Bergey uses in class are so deliciously funny and irreverent that even the most reluctant student finds something of interest in the subject. More than anything, Bergey is genuine and unique – a person of great honesty and wisdom, qualities that colleagues will sorely miss. When you talk to Ron Bergey, you learn something valuable and enjoy the experience.”

Being an accountant at a liberal arts college gives Bergey a distinct perspective.

“The curriculum constantly changes, especially the required courses. Every 10 years or so, we revamp it to try to find the meaning of life. I’m not into that. I’m in accounting. I’m interested in the meaning of net income and understanding a balance sheet,” Bergey said.

“Ever since I’ve been here, we’ve been trying to find the meaning of life: What is real? What is truth? What is justice? My comment is if you haven’t found it after 42 years, I’d abandon the search!”

“I don’t have anything against the liberal arts, but I’d still say the main purpose of a kid coming to a college is to get a J-O-B. They’re not coming to find themselves,” Bergey said. “I understand the liberal arts can’t be taken over by accountants, but I was interested in helping lead students down a path to meaningful employment opportunities.”

Many of the thousands of Westminster students Bergey helped lead down career paths also laid their hands on his unique CPA Law Review book. “After I passed the CPA exam, instead of having a meeting or party, my landlord, Wayne Wagner, and I went down to the city dump and put a bullet hole in the book in private,” Bergey said. “I couldn’t hit it, but Wayne did.”

Bergey, who likes to say, “I don’t notice anything, mental or physical, that improves with age,” knew it was time to leave the place he had called home since 1962.

“I’m at the point where frequently I hear, ‘You had my dad in class.’ I wanted to get out before I hear, ‘You had my dad and my grandfather in class.’ I’m pretty close to that point.”

His goal for semi-retirement (he has an accounting office in New Wilmington) is to drive to Corpus Christi, Texas, and Boston, Mass., in the same month to see his grandchildren. “I followed my own non-accounting advice I pass along to my students … never let your kids outnumber you.”

In typical Bergey style, he has some unfinished Westminster business before riding off into the sunset in an Amish buggy.

“One of my last acts will be to scrub a urinal in the Old Main bathroom,” he said, “because I am one of the all-time leaders in usage.”

Old Main will never be the same.

(Meighen is senior director, advancement administration at Westminster College.)
By Mary Cooley James ’84

Alumni are a reflection of any institution, and Westminster alumni are no exception. An integral part of the Westminster family, alumni provide a wonderful image of our alma mater. Our liberal arts background is evidenced by their varied accomplishments.

Some examples:
- Dianne Dilmaghani Aronian ’62, an ophthalmologist who has pioneered an eye care program in Belize, which included training of local residents
- Elmer Meider Jr. ’68, president of Highlights for Children
- Christian Heilmann ’72, president of the Merrill Lynch Trust Company
- Tim Kaiser ’85, a co-executive producer on the hit show “Will & Grace,” and former producer of “Seinfeld”
- Sean Swarner ’97, the first cancer survivor to scale Mt. Everest and the founder of the CancerClimber Association.

But, it is the efforts and successes of each alumnus that truly demonstrate the Westminster spirit.

Alumni can provide tangible support for their alma mater in a wide variety of ways. Financial support is often the first area that comes to mind. Yes, this is a critical area, and Westminster, like all colleges, turns to its alumni for support. In recent years, alumni gifts for capital projects have made possible expansions in athletic facilities, and construction of new buildings, such as the Remick Admissions House and the McKelvey Campus Center. Class reunion giving by the 25th and 50th classes has provided funds for faculty development, scholarships and campus projects, such as wireless network connections in the library, conference rooms, and helped fund major renovations on campus. Plus, the strong annual support for the Westminster Fund continues to assist in the day-to-day operations of the College.

But if financial support were the only support asked of alumni, Westminster would be missing out on countless other areas of support.

Who better to share the Westminster experience with prospective students than alumni? Admissions efforts are greatly aided by alumni who encourage students to consider Westminster. For prospective students who have been accepted, encouragement from alumni can be a strong influence in their final decision to attend Westminster. There is even a new admissions program, the Jerb Miller Scholarship, through which alumni in the education field are able to recommend qualified students for a significant scholarship opportunity.

Our extended alumni network is a wonderful career resource. Through its 18,641 alumni, the Westminster College Alumni As-
These networking connections are a great benefit for both alumni new to the workforce and those with more experience. Also, alumni often return to campus to share their professional experiences, tips for entering their career field, or to recruit students for internships and employment opportunities. The Alumni Council draws on the professional and life experiences of alumni panel speakers who share “real life” advice with the graduating class during the For Seniors Only Dinner each spring.

Just as alumni leave campus to follow many different life and career paths, they offer diverse skills, experiences and perspectives when they serve as Westminster volunteers. Admissions and career efforts are just two volunteer avenues. Alumni are involved in the Towering Titans board, the Friends of the Library, Alumni Council, the Board of Trustees, regional committees, reunion planning and hosting committees, assist with class notes, make Westminster Fund solicitation calls, prepare for and host Homecoming festivities, and much more.

Volunteer service is rewarding for both Westminster and alumni. For volunteers, it’s a chance to stay connected and current with the growth and daily life of the College. For young alumni, volunteering is a way to learn new skills and meet fellow alumni, building their alumni network connections. For more experienced alumni, serving as a volunteer is a chance to reconnect with their alma mater and Westminster friends, as well as offering their valuable talents.

As you read this you are also acting as supportive alum. By reading Westminster Magazine, Westminster Weekly and other College news, you are staying informed about current campus life. Be sure to share the Westminster story with fellow alumni, friends, neighbors and colleagues. Increasing the awareness of the value of a Westminster education increases the value of your diploma! To keep your contacts with campus and fellow alumni current, be sure to submit new address information to the alumni office, submit class notes news for publication in Westminster Magazine, submit your e-mail address so Westminster friends can find you, and if you wish, receive the Westminster Weekly via e-mail.

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The Class of 2004 brings over 300 new members to the Westminster College Alumni Association. Welcome! Soon you will be contributing your gifts and talents to your communities, workplaces and, hopefully, to your alma mater. To those alumni who are already on their way in “life after Westminster,” this is the perfect time to renew your ties with your alma mater and Westminster friends.

(James is the director of alumni relations at Westminster College.)

For more information on volunteering or connecting with other Westminster alumni, contact the Westminster College Office of Alumni Relations, 319 S. Market St., New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001; (724) 946-7362; alumni@westminster.edu.
Some Thoughts on Finding the Right Job for the Recent (and Not-So-Recent) Graduate

By Jackie Meade M’86

I t’s inevitable! During every graduation ceremony, someone will remark that graduation isn’t the end, but “the commencement, the new beginning.”

In a way that isn’t quite true. You aren’t really stepping out there, a brand new person, unencumbered by anything from your past. Actually, you take that step carrying a lot of baggage … most of it good. Off you go, embracing a solid education, a keen social awareness, and more than a few shared experiences, and these are the things that have made you ready for what comes next … a job or graduate school.

And the beauty of this is that those things don’t fade in the days following graduation. Your “inquiring mind” has been taught to solve problems, to analyze the written word and to communicate clearly, and you probably know your way around a computer program or two. So, if you are a new graduate, or someone who has been out of school for some time, you have what it takes to find the job that’s right for you, or the program of study in graduate school that will fire your passion.

If you are looking for that first job, or changing careers, here’s the key: recognize all that you have to offer, then share it. Share it on your résumé, share it in your job interviews, and share it in volunteer work. Don’t hesitate to call an organization to ask about a position, or to check out the online description to identify the skills an employer is looking for. Then ask yourself, “What knowledge or experience could I bring to this position?” You may be surprised at how well your liberal arts background will fit.

Don’t be afraid to investigate opportunities with a reputable and recognized employment agency. They are employers, and their placements offer the chance to land a permanent position. They also let you try out a job before you take it!

Make lots of contacts, and don’t forget to include other alumni. These networking connections are invaluable because most folks are more than willing to talk about careers in their field and to offer information that is really helpful. Join professional associations in your field to remain current and to meet others who share your interests. Stay knowledgeable by reading newspapers and professional journals.

Keep in touch with the Career Center, too. Current career opportunities are listed in a weekly job bulletin each Friday throughout the year, and your e-mail or home address is all that is needed to put you on the subscriber’s list. Participate in career programs offered on campus, or stop by to discuss your job search. E-mail an attachment of your résumé or cover letter to have it reviewed and critiqued. Have your graduate school essay proofed. The resources of the career library are current and offer lots of information.

I think you’re getting the idea! But remember, whether a recent graduate or long time alumnus, no matter where on the timeline that you happen to be, the services of the Career Center are available to you. Our new address in the McKelvey Campus Center makes us very accessible and easy to find. So, please give us a call to let us know what you are doing, and if there is anything that we can do for you.

We are here to serve you!

(Meade is the director of the Westminster College Career Center.)
44 Beatrice Zeppe Kingsbury has retired as assistant professor at East Stroudsburg University. Her husband, Keith Kingsbury, has retired as principal at Pocono Mountain High School. The couple resides in Warminster.

50 John Bennett has retired as a professor at Florida Atlantic University and as a travel agent. His wife, Priscilla Barnes Bennett ’52, professor emerita at the University of West Georgia, is serving as adjunct in school media supervision.


Marlana McMaster Pickford has relocated to Camp Hill after retiring as a specialist-case management for the state of California.

59 Nancy Beistel Auer participated in the 2003 Great Strides: A Walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis walk-a-thon on the Crusing’ for Katie team, named in honor of her six-year-old granddaughter.

Robert Holmes Sr. has retired from Princeton Insurance Company.

Sara Jane Portner Treinen has retired as an editor with the Meredith Corporation. She and her husband, Michael, make their home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Charles Balalis has retired as owner of Plum Right Placement Firm. He and his wife, Fifi, reside in San Jose, Calif.

The Rev. Jane Edwards Vane Pederson is an interim associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Red Bank. She and her husband, Brent, live in New Providence, N.J.

Kay Giffin Dobbs and her husband, Luther, live in Topeka, Kan., where Kay has retired after 29 years of teaching. She is working with the National Park Service on the 50th anniversary celebration of school desegregation.

Joanne Harbaugh Godon and her husband, Claude, have retired as owners of CG Transport, a trucking company, and now divide their time between homes in Pennsylvania and Florida.

Claire Humes Earnsberger has retired. She and her husband, Roxy, live in Newport, R.I.

William Repack, professor of management and organization at Robert Morris University, has become vice president, development with Obee’s Restaurants, one of the fastest growing restaurant franchises.

The Rev. Richard Warner Jr. retired as rector of St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church. The author or co-author of three books and over 50 professional articles, he resides in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., with his wife, Frances.

Margaret MacIntosh Junker has retired as a math teacher at Novi High School. She and her husband, David, live in Clarkston, Mich.

Stephen Pekich was appointed president of Vista Higher Learning, a college publisher specializing in introductory, intermediate and conversational Spanish. He and his wife, Pamela, are residents of Arlington, Mass.

John Lee is president of Self-Strategist, Inc., a consulting firm in Sewickley. He and his wife, Marsha, live in Moon Township.

Harriet Allen Dokken is retired as a teacher in the Lancaster (N.Y.) School District. She and her husband, David, reside in Destin, Fla.

Susan Quat Lynch has moved to Cedar Point, N.C., where she is branch office administrator at Edward Jones Investments.

Peter Cake and his wife, Marilyn, live in Kalamazoo, Mich., where Peter is an agent with New York Life Insurance.

Sharen Eckert has been named vice president for advocacy and public policy development at Benjamin Rose, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for older people, their families and caregivers.

Michael O’Hea and his wife, Regina, live in Logan, W.Va., where Mike is director of human resources at Logan Regional Medical Center.

Gerard Palmer and his wife, Beth, reside in Sodus Point, N.Y., where Gerry has retired as president of Palmer Distributing.

William Etheredge Jr. is vice president of Teletronix Inc. Bill and his wife, Susan, live in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Linda Ford Gallup and her husband, David Gallup ’70, are residents of Lewes, Del., where Linda is a substitute teacher in the Cape Henlopen School District.

Donald McKim has published Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers from Geneva Press. He and his wife, LindaJo, live in Germantown, Tenn.

Tom Vallar and his wife, Cindy, have moved to Keller, Texas, where Tom is a software support engineer at Lockheed Martin.

Robert Bodycombe has been promoted to the newly created position of director-operations accounting and analysis at Century Aluminum Company in Monterey, Calif.

Donald Grimm is president of Hood Industries, Inc., a lumber and plywood manufacturer. Don and his wife, Sally Meyer Grimm ’73, make their home in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Luann Moser Rice is assistant principal at Dixon Elementary School in the Mobile County (Ala.) Public Schools.

The Rev. John Hopkins has been appointed director of pastoral care and candidate ministry for World Witness, the missions agency of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. John, his wife Kathy, and their three children have moved to Greenville, S.C.

The Rev. Ted O’Brien and his wife, Pamela Edinger O’Brien, live in Mauldin, S.C., with their daughter. Ted is the pastor at Reedy River Presbyterian Church in Conestee, S.C.

Robert Robinson and his wife, Debbie, live in Parkersburg, W.Va., where Robert is a teacher for the Wood County Board of Education. He received the 2003 National Art Education Association Eastern Regional Secondary Art Educator Award, was named the 2003 Wood County Teacher of the Year, and was one of five state finalists for Teacher of the Year.

John Allen Shearer Jr. was elected vice chair/chair-elect of Westminster College’s Friends of the Library organization. He is assistant professor, reference-instruction librarian, and instructor of English at Geneva College. He and his wife, Kathryn, reside in Beaver Falls.

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Robert Sprague is underwriting manager with Westfield Group, an insurance firm. Bob and his wife, Rhonda, live in Medina, Ohio, with their two children.

Francine Todd of Jeffersonville, Ind., teaches beginning reading and academic reading and writing at the Sylvan Learning Center in New Albany, Ind.

75 Edna Berry, an associate professor of sociology, has been appointed assistant department head of sociology, social work and anthropology. She was the recipient of the 2003 Award for Excellence in Instruction from the Rural Sociological Society. Edna lives in Providence, Utah, with her husband, Stan, and the couple’s two children.

Nancy Morford Watson is a middle school teacher in the New Hanover County Schools. She and her husband, David Watson ’74, live in Wilmington, N.C., where David is president of his own accounting firm.

76 Kevin Hambelor of Hagerstown, Md., is manager, agency operations with US Airways, Inc., in Arlington, Va.

Stephen Mock and his wife, Joan Woodbury Mock ’75, live in Punta Gorda, Fla., where Stephen is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and Joan is administrative assistant in the office of Peace River Presbytery.

77 The Rev. Douglas Clawson has accepted the position of associate general secretary for the foreign missions committee of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. He was moderator for the 2002-2003 General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and has served on the boards of Mid-America Reformed Seminary and Great Commission Publications. He and his wife, Patricia Stoltz Clawson ’75, make their home in Horsham.

78 John Bash received his doctor of ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary. He resides in Irvine, Calif., where he owns an executive coaching practice that specializes in leadership development and strategic planning.

Mary Jane Cunningham Hursh M’83 is a counselor in grades 7 and 8 in the Riverside Beaver County Schools. She lives in New Castle with her husband, Blair, and their daughter.

79 Chris Buchan Ruschak is an eighth-grade language arts teacher at Willingboro Memorial Middle School. She lives in Medford, N.J., with her husband, Randy, and their two children.

Sheri DeMaris, currently on sabatical from her position as guidance counselor at Valley Forge Middle School, has created an alternative health TV talk show, “Tea with Sheri.” In its second season of filming, the program is aired on cable in Philadelphia and in Maine.

Patricia Liholt Hobbs completed her master’s degree in adolescence education at Utica College. She and her husband, Lawrence, and their children live in Sherrill, N.Y., where Patricia is a middle school English teacher in the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Central School District.

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80 Cheryl Ach Young teaches K-6 general music and band at Yellowstone Park Elementary School, and K-6 general music, junior high and high school band and choir in the Gardiner (Mont.) Public Schools. She lives in Yellowstone National Park with her husband, Keith, and the couple’s two sons.

Paula Baron Rummell is a tax manager with the Pittsburgh office of the CPA firm of Malin, Bergquist & Company, LLP. She was recently named co-chair of the Class of 1980’s 25th Reunion Committee.

Brian Duda of Sunrise, Fla., is a music teacher at Silver Shores Elementary School.

Daniel Herchenroether has published Selling Air, a novel about the tech bubble of the 1990s. He and his wife, Wendy Strobel Herchenrother ’83, and their two children make their home in Pittsburgh.

Peggy Ryan Aloisio has accepted a position with Bioval Pharmaceuticals as manager, sales communications. She and her husband, Steve, and their daughter live in Basking Ridge, N.J.

Donald Snyder and his wife, Nancy, are residents of Beckley, W.Va., where Donald is senior minister of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

81 Maureen McConnell Smith and her husband, Larry, live in Columbus, Ohio, where Maureen has started a pet-sitting business, TenderTouch Canine Care.

83 Lamont Boykins of Canton, Mich., was recently inducted into the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame. He earned an MBA from Duke University and works for Ford Motor Company.

84 James Hutchinson Jr. is travel manager/VIP agent with Executive Travel Associates, a travel agency located in Washington, D.C.

Elise Lancaster of DeWitt, Mich., has joined Dykema Gossett as an alternative health TV talk show, “Tea with Sheri.” In its second season of filming, the program is aired on cable in Philadelphia and in Maine.

Dr. Shawn McCandless is an assistant professor of medical genetics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He and his wife, Chris Nelson McCandless, and their children live in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

85 Michael Busak is a software sales manager. He lives in Larkspur, Colo., with his wife, Barbara, and two sons.

Thomas Grove is territory manager with Aladdin Temprite. Tom lives in Irwin with his wife, Christine, and three children.

Deborah Platt Majoras has left her position in the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice to become a partner in the antitrust and competition law practice of Jones Day, a global law firm in Washington, D.C.

86 Bruce Bartoo is executive director, central region foundations with ProMedica

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to those in the Class of 1980 who have already sent their pledge or gift for our 25th reunion fund. We are well on our way to meeting our goal of $40,000 for our class reunion gift.

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to the rest of our class. There is still time to participate in this Class of 1980 gift effort. Join us with your gift – small or large. Any size gift will help.

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Yes, that is 2005!! But why the calendar fills up, it is not too early to make plans.

The Class of 1980 Reunion Committee
Co-chairs: Lynn Lowry Foltz & Paula Baron Rummell
Gary Devlin, Linda Claybourn Jenkins, Mike Misour, Keith Pealstrom, Doug Pellicano, Doug Pride, Joel Redfoot, Cathy Roe

Becky Lambert of Mount Ephraim, N.J., is a production manager with Blue Visual Effects, a television production company in Philadelphia.

Camille Locust has moved to Las Vegas, where she is an actress/singer.

Beth Steffey Cruz is a student services coordinator at Prince George’s Community College. She and her husband, Eduardo, make their home in Crofton, Md.

Vince Trickett Trovinger received her master’s from Walden University and is a reading tutor with Eastern Lancaster County School District. Her husband, Ken Trovinger, is employed at Yoder’s Country Market. The couple lives in Leola.

Tara Mountz Woodard is a quality improvement coordinator with Omni Visions, Inc., a child placement agency in Raleigh, N.C. She and her husband, Robin, live in Kenly, N.C.

Tonia Trottinger received her master’s from UDel and is a family practitioner at the UDel Family Medicine Clinic in Monroe, N.C. She and her husband, Michael, live in Jefferson, N.C.

Toni Burnhouse Ewing of Hendersonville, Tenn., has been promoted to associate vice president, asset management, at Healthcare Realty Trust, Inc., a real estate investment trust.

Craig Gross is a surgery center products sales representative with Cardinal Health. He and his wife, Dominique, reside in Edmond, Okla.

Lisa Leone has moved to Deerfield Beach, Fla. She is a service technician with Apple Computer.

David Lovett has received his Pennsylvania real estate salesperson license. He and his wife, Kathleen McTigue Lovett ’95, live in Wexford, where David is a sales agent with Northwood Realty Services.

Meegan McCarthy Austerman and her son live in New Wilmington, where Meegan is a veterinarian at North Memorial Animal Hospital.

Kelly Adams Yeager is a veterinarian at Lakemont Veterinary Clinic in Altoona. Her husband, John Yeager ’94, is an attorney with McQuade Blasko Inc. The couple and their two children live in Hollidaysburg.
Robert Apel IV is enrolled in the MBA program at the University of Colorado, and is product group manager at MSA. He and his wife, Tisha, live in Littleton, Colo.

Richard Burgess is a commodity trader and managing partner at Falcon Arbitrage LLC in Chicago. He lives in Winfield, Ill., with his wife, Dr. Beth Leopold.

John Davis is branch manager with The Inisco/Dico Group, a surety bonds/insurance firm in Wexford. He and his wife, Crystal, and their son make their home in Cranberry Township.

Elizabeth Richardson Trupp is employed in public relations/marketing with the Columbus (Ohio) Association of Performing Arts. She lives in Gahanna, Ohio, with her husband, Rob.

Sarah Wolff has relocated to Boston, where she is global classrooms director with the United Nations Association of Greater Boston, a non-profit organization.

96 Alan Focht of Arlington, Va., received his master’s from Georgetown University, and is a civil servant with the Department of the Navy.

Karen Kurey of Gibsonia is controller at American Textile Company in Duquesne.

Laura Schuchert Halaszyński is a program supervisor with Family Resources, a social service agency in Pittsburgh, and is pursuing a master’s of professional counseling at Carlow College. She and her husband, Chris, live in McKeesport.

Clare Morris Chiesa is an activity therapist at Gateway Rehabilitation Center in Aliquippa. She lives in Imperial with her husband, Matt.

Malinda Readshaw Bloomberg received her master’s from the University of Phoenix, and is a substitute teacher in the Utica (Mich.) Community Schools. Mindy and her husband, Kirk Bloomberg, an account manager with U.S. Steel, reside in Macomb, Mich.

97 Keri Bartok Baugh has accepted a position as global communications specialist at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. She resides in Celebration, Fla., with her husband, Christopher Baugh ’96, founder and president of Northern Sky Research, a consulting firm for the satellite industry.

Ashley Davis of Washington, D.C., is employed at Blank Rome Government Relations LLC.

Kristen Finzel Lewis received her juris doctorate from William and Mary School of Law and is a staff attorney with Southeastern Ohio Legal Services. She and her husband, Mike, make their home in Bolivar, Ohio.

Michael Penwell lives in Chambersburg, where he is a prevention specialist at WIN Victim Services, a domestic violence/sexual assault agency.

98 Seth Aikman of San Marcos, Calif., is a sales/marketing representative with Callaway Golf Company, a manufacturer of golf clubs.

Jason Call received his master’s in school administration/principal from Ashland University and is a five-grade teacher in the North Ridgeville City Schools. His wife, Jennifer Bigelow Call ’00, received her master’s in curriculum and instruction for gifted and talented students from Ashland University. She teaches gifted and talented students in grades 4-6 in the Amherst Exempted Village Schools. Jason and Jennifer make their home in Avon Lake, Ohio.

Katharine Downs Kiss is a marketing analyst with Comcast, a telecommunications firm. Katie and her husband, Michael, are residents of Silver Spring, Md.

Jamie Gardner Pritchard received her master’s from Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y., and is a speech pathologist with the ARC of Orleans County. She lives in Medina, N.Y., with her husband, Brad, and their son.

Gina Groznik of Pittsburgh was promoted to therapy program manager at In-Sync Rehabilitation Services, a 240-bed nursing home in Butler.

99 Julie Bach Zebrine received her master’s in social work from the University of Pittsburgh and passed the state exam to be a licensed social worker. She lives in Gibsonia with her husband, Michael Zebrine ’00.

Werner Gilliam is a building inspector II with Kent County (Del.) Levy Court. He and his wife, Amanda, make their home in Clayton, Del.

Dr. Scott Herrle is a resident in internal medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in May 2003 and currently resides in Ross Township.

Emily Klein received her teacher certification from Dillard University and is a special education teacher in the New Orleans Public Schools.

Edwin Large graduated from Methodist Theological School with a master of theological studies in Christian ethics. A volunteer faith-based organizer for Howard Dean’s presidential campaign, he was endorsed by the Hamilton County Democratic Party to run for clerk of courts. He and his wife, Megan Croy, make their home in Cincinnati.

Melanie Mehalic of Monroeville has accepted a position with Saks Fifth Avenue as a personal shopper in the 5th Avenue Club, an exclusive shopping service.

James Mentzer II is a student at the University of Akron.

Jessica Puzausky of Bayville, N.J., is an occupational therapist at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital.

00 Leslie Baylor-Newpher is a guidance counselor at Keys Gate Charter School. She and her husband, Tom Newpher, make their home in Coral Gables, Fla.
You didn’t find Westminster College graduates Denny Wolfe and Ben Webber as contestants on the recent ESPN reality show “Dream Job,” in which the winner earned a job working full-time at the Bristol, Conn.-based 24-hour sports cable network.

They didn’t have to be – they live their ESPN “dream jobs” every day.

Wolfe and Webber were among a group of ESPN employees honored recently as staff members of “SportsCenter,” the network’s signature sports highlights show which airs live multiple times every day. On April 19, “SportsCenter” earned an Emmy Award for Best Daily Studio Show among sports broadcasts. Both Wolfe (a 1997 Westminster graduate) and Webber (a 2000 Westminster alumnus) work as associate producers on “SportsCenter.”

According to Wolfe, it was the first Emmy earned by ESPN “SportsCenter” since 1996 and was the culmination of the efforts of hundreds of individuals at ESPN. “Everyone involved with the show is very proud. The people here work so hard to produce a quality program daily. It’s not very often that you get to be a part of something that gains such national prominence as an Emmy Award.”

A native of Leechburg and graduate of Leechburg High School, Wolfe was active as a radio announcer for Titan football games and as host of “Coaches Corner” on Westminster Cable 9 (now Westminster Cable Network) during his days in New Wilmington. He joined ESPN as a production assistant shortly after graduation and has worked at several assignments over the past seven years, including two years on “NHL Tonight” (1999-2000, 2001-02), as well as remotes for the Super Bowl and several college bowl games as a member of the “College Gameday” staff.

He was later joined by Webber, an Oil City native and Oil City High School product. Webber was also active as both an announcer and in television production at the College. According to Wolfe, Webber contacted him about job possibilities near the end of his senior year. Wolfe gave him direction on the application process, but didn’t hear anything. “Then one day I was walking down the hall at ESPN, and there’s Ben coming the other way. He had just been hired, and I didn’t even know it until he got here.”

Both Wolfe and Webber started as temporary six-month employees at ESPN, with no benefits and no guarantee of employment beyond the probationary period. Each was kept on full-time following the six-month period, and both have received multiple promotions during their respective tenures at ESPN. According to Webber, they often find themselves working together on the 6 p.m. (Eastern) edition of “SportsCenter.”

“SportsCenter” is probably the greatest show to work on at ESPN, simply because every day is different and it is constantly changing,” said Webber. “It’s a job where you go to work each day and wait for something big to happen.”

As he reflected on their successful careers, Wolfe was quick to point out the excellent preparation both he and Webber received as broadcast communications majors at Westminster. He specifically noted the work done by associate professor Dave Barner and engineer Chuck Chirozzi with Titan radio and television broadcasts as great preparation for his career at ESPN.

“When you look around ESPN, you see a number of very talented people who have graduated from strong, high-profile communications programs,” said Wolfe. “It feels good to have a pair of Westminster College graduates working beside them and having success. Clearly, the preparation we received as students at Westminster prepared us for careers at ESPN. It’s just a matter of putting in the effort while in school and making the most of the opportunities that present themselves.”

(Onederko is sports information director at Westminster College.)
Amy Brunetto is enrolled in the MBA program at the University of Pittsburgh’s Katz School of Business, and is a research technician in cancer immunology research.

Heather Frost Middlebrook is an account executive at Wolf Group Rochester (N.Y.) on the Kodak digital and applied imaging account. She and her husband, Stephen, reside in Fairport, N.Y.

Sal Hanna has relocated from Michigan to become summer camp director at Ligonier Camp and Conference Center.

Jennifer Petrock of Poland, Ohio, is the PR/marketing representative for the national accounts division of Vector Security, Inc., in Warrendale.

Michael Pizon is an inside sales representative at BPI Information Systems of Ohio, a computer sales and consulting firm. He lives in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, with his wife, Laura.

Elizabeth White is a graduate student in the Department of Sociology at the University of Virginia.

Jennifer Body Wittmann of Ellwood City is admissions coordinator at Avalon Nursing Center in New Castle. (See also Marriages.)

Keith Dryburgh is a research assistant at The Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine.

David Evanoff Jr. is a research assistant pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at Clemson University.

Kallie Fassinger of Pittsburgh teaches sixth-grade language arts and social studies at Boyce Middle School in the Upper St. Clair School District.

Lisa Gasperi has moved to Boardman, Ohio. She is a television news producer at WKBN-TV in Youngstown, Ohio.

Alexa Janacoe is a teacher at Jouett Elementary School in Louisa, Va., and is pursuing a master’s degree at the University of Virginia.

Adam Luech of Sharpsville is a student at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Kelly Meyers of McMurray is a fourth-grade teacher in the Canon McMillan School District.

Jennifer Ombres received a master’s in English language and literature with an emphasis in creative writing from Kansas State University. She is a reading/English specialist at Independence (Kan.) Community College.

Kelli Parise Richardson is enrolled in the master’s of education program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Stanley Rothrock II is a teaching assistant at the University of Minnesota while pursuing a master of music degree.

Jennifer Smith received her master’s in counseling from Geneva College and is a program analyst with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Kyleigh Squeicquero of Ellwood City is a mental health technician for the Seneca Ridge after-school program of UPMC Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Rochester.

Shay Stewart has moved to Pittsburgh and is a fourth-grade teacher in the Seneca Valley School District.

Ryan Vaccaro is an analyst at Ernst & Young, a corporate finance firm in Cleveland.

Amy Young is coordinator of student development/residence director at Hessler College in Manchester, N.H.

Christina Zahnisser is a natural resource specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Cape Cod Canal, Mass.

Amy Balderach has moved to Kaufman, Texas, where she is a graduate student at Baylor University.

Kevin Bell received his bachelor’s in bioengineering from the University of Pittsburgh and is a robotics specialist in the spine laboratory at Presbyterian Hospital. He and his wife, Stephanie, live in Pittsburgh.

Zachary Beresh has relocated to Pittsburgh, where he is a graphic designer in the in-house design department at American Auto-Matrix, an automated building solutions firm.

Megan Chandler Monstwil has been promoted to program specialist in training at Lawrence County ARC in New Castle. She and her husband, Walt, make their home in Mount Jackson.

Dan DiDesiderio III of Hermitage is an elementary music teacher in the Greensville schools.

Alan Eargle of Norristown is an accounting manager at Smurfit-Stone Container in Philadelphia.

Corrine Gaglia Durisko is a lab coordinator at the University of Pittsburgh. She and her husband, Wilson Durisko ’99, make their home in New Wilmington, where Wilson is employed in distribution/sales at Durisko Eggs.

Tammy Geiwitz-Rynd is a customer relationship management coordinator at First National Bank of Slippery Rock. She and her husband, Ryan, make their home in Volant.

Katie Horgan received her master’s in education from the University of Pittsburgh. She has relocated to Savannah, Ga., where she is a teacher in the Savannah-Chatham School District.

Traci Lewis is a computer/study skills teacher at Franklin Middle School. She and her husband, Ryan Blazosky, live in Knox.

Renee Mele is a milieu therapist at UPMC Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh.

Kimberly Schroeder is director of PR/marketing at Royal Annapolis China & Glass, Ltd.

Beth Staley is a graduate student at West Virginia University.

Eugenia Swartz lives in Hubbard, Ohio, where she is a Title I reading teacher in the Hubbard Exempted Village School District.

Melissa Batulis is an anchor/reporter at Renda Radio, Inc., in Indiana.

Marissa Betters is manager of recruitment for Eat ’n Park Hospitality Group in Pittsburgh.

Tammy Bright is a Title I reading teacher at Mercer Elementary School. She lives in Grove City with her husband, Mike.

Emily Hatala of Aspinwall is a substitute teacher in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Theodore Merkin lives in Brea, Calif., where he is contract administrator at Quality Project Management, LLC.

Diana Moore of Monroeville is a research assistant at the University of Pittsburgh.

Brad Porinchak is a teacher at South Range High School. He lives in Columbiana, Ohio, with his wife, Cindi.

Megan Roussos of Canfield, Ohio, is a sales representative with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals in Kent, Ohio.

Natalie Spencer-Scott is employed at Woodrow Wilson High School in Youngstown, Ohio. She and her husband, Francis Scott, reside in Canfield, Ohio.

Vicki Vroble is a zookeeper at the Houston (Texas) Zoo, and works in the zoo’s Natural Wonders Department.

Jeff Wolstoncroft of New Wilmington is office manager at Snyder Olds-Pontiac-Cadillac in Grove City.
Marriages


87 Jeffrey Sprague and Lia Kieren, Oct. 12, 2003. Alumni in the wedding party were best man John Polakos and groomsman Bruce Thalmann ’88. The Rev. Edwin Sprague ’59 and Virginia Borden Sprague ’58 are parents of the groom. Alumni in attendance were Amy Baker Kindell ’85 and Lisa Zatac Lehnerd ’88. Jeff is assistant director of productions at WOKR-TV. The couple resides in Rochester, N.Y.

88 Gary Swanson and Maureen Hickman, May 24, 2003, in Wallace Memorial Chapel. Mark Slezak ’87 was best man. Gary is director of audio-visual services at Westminster College and girls basketball coach at Hickory High School in Hermitage. Maureen is the daughter of Westminster professors Warren and Cindy Hickman. The couple resides in Sharpsville.

90 Heather Caldwell and Loren Merrell, April 20, 2002, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Menlo Park, Calif. (See also New Additions.)

91 Wendi Campoli and Waitcell Avery Jr., Nov. 22, 2003, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. They reside in Pittsburgh.

92 Lori Knerler and Charles McHugh. The couple lives in Columbus, Ohio.


93 Allison Urlaub and Richard DiMarco II, Oct. 4, 2003. Erika Sahmel Sanders ’92 was a bridesmaid, and Alicia Roome Holdridge ’95 was in attendance. The couple lives in Rochester, N.Y.

94 Meredith Vance and Seth Shafer, Sept. 28, 2002, in New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. Participants in the wedding were Cindy Chinchi Iwig, and Nicole Fulmer Toombs. Nearly 20 alumni were in attendance, including the bride’s parents, William Vance ’59 and Diane Meriam Vance ’62. Meredith is director of training for MAMS Health Plans in Frederick, Md. The couple resides in Eldersburg, Md.

96 Kerry Fero and Doug Watson, June 28, 2003, in Harrison City. Alumni participants in the wedding were bridesmaid Jennifer Badgley Timmins, Dannielle Cieslica Brown, and Jody Lamb Kellner. The couple lives in North Huntingdon.

Emily Reilly and William Irvin, July 27, 2002. Amy Cook Leonard was matron of honor and Kimberly McCaskey ’97 was maid of honor. Other participating alumni were Kristie Hupe Dietz, Mindalore Hamilton, Gwendolyn Myron, Jessica Ireland Lapinski, and Cari Mester Russell ’97. The couple resides in St. Louis.

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. The couple resides in Kannapolis, N.C.

Amy Miller and Brian Dehan, Oct. 4, 2003. Alumni participants were Angie Yearick Heimel, Kori Anderson, and Elizabeth Horn ’95. The couple resides in Cincinnati.

Sherri Skowron and Mark Houpt, June 29, 2002. Wendy Cook Mattucci ’98 was in the bridal party. (See also New Additions.)

Holly Smith and Matthew Heirendt, Aug. 16, 2003, at Orchard Hill Church in Wexford. Jennifer Campbell Lucchino ’98 was matron of honor. Eight other alumni participated. The couple resides in Lawrence.

98 Wendy Cook and Louis Mattucci, April 6, 2002, at Allegheny Center Alliance Church in Pittsburgh. Alumni participants in the wedding were Sherri Skowron Houpt ’97, Leanne Onorato, and Jessica Naples. Also in attendance were Melody Buhr and professor Joyce Hoelllein. Wendy is a second-grade teacher for Columbus Public Schools. The couple lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Shawnee Voelp and Richard Oogradowski, Aug. 9, 2003, at Wallace Memorial Chapel. The bride is the daughter of John Voelp ’74 and Holly Edwards Voelp ’74. Many other alumni were also members of the wedding party. Shawnee is a fifth-grade teacher in the Riverview School District. Rich is an attorney at Burns, White and Hickton, LLC, in Pittsburgh. The couple resides in Oakmont.

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99 Jennifer Grundy and Leon Young, June 14, 2003, at Wallace Memorial Chapel. Anna Bestwick was maid of honor. Ten other Westminster alumni were in attendance. Jennifer is a field representative for Congresswoman Melissa Hart. The couple resides in Green Tree.

Teresa Hagg and Brad Masters, May 31, 2003, at St. Paul Church in Weirton, W.Va. Alumni in the wedding party were Robyn Salisbury (bridesmaid) and Jeremy Swartzfager ’98 (soloist). Several other alumni were in attendance. Teresa teaches third grade in the Olmsted Falls schools. The couple lives in Strongsville, Ohio.

Jennifer Body and Edward Wittmann, Oct. 5, 2002, at Savannah United Methodist Church. Alumni participants in the wedding were Amy Houk Jeffcoat, Jennifer Rich, Heather Salada Wojciechowicz, Kristianne Kalata ’00, and April McCarthy. (See also Class Notes.)


Marisa Guriel and Stephen Schooley, June 7, 2003, at Wallace Memorial Chapel. Sara Bresnahan was maid of honor and Greg Marquis ’02 was best man. Also participating in the wedding were Elisa Suher ’04, Jonathan Smith ’02, Ken Schulz ’01, and Megan Monaco ’03. The couple lives in Butler.


Laura Snyder and Matthew Deegan, Aug. 16, 2003, in Wallace Memorial Chapel. The wedding party included best man Michael Deegan ’98, Erik Robbins ’01, Laura Mours, Thomas Benjamin ’03, and Michael Cosgrove Jr. ’03. Also participating in the service were Christine Eureka Snyder ’73, mother of the bride, and John Deegan Jr., former dean of the College at Westminster. A number of Westminster alumni were in attendance. Laura is a child care specialist at Southwood Psychiatric Hospital. Matthew is employed at Petco. The couple resides in Pittsburgh.

Angela Steck and Michael Lansberry. The couple resides in Darlington.

Christine Zarack and Damon Horne. The couple resides in Painesville Township, Ohio.

New Additions
76 Barbara Barley Stransky and her husband, Joe: a daughter, Galina, born May 8, 2003, in Russia. Galina arrived at the family’s home in Stoughton, Wisc., on Nov. 25, 2003. She is welcomed by Alex, 3.

78 Joe Tracy and his wife, Lorraine: a daughter, Lauren Nicole, on Dec. 15, 2003. She joins Joseph (8) and Daniel (5) at home in Sewell, N.J.

80 Diane Mahlmann Ross and her husband, Gary: a son, Gregory Stanislaw, born Oct. 15, 1999, in Moscow. Gregory arrived at the family’s home on April 29, 2003. He is welcomed by Mriel (8) at home in Kensington, Md.

James Riley and his wife, Heather: a son, Micah James, on Sept. 12, 2003. He is welcomed by half-sister Jocelyn, 14, of Plum Borough. The family resides in University Heights, Ohio.


84 Paul Barrant and his wife, Tracey: a daughter, Magen, on May 19, 2003. She joins Peter (6) at home in Pittsburgh.

85 Margaret Douds Burgraf and her husband, Mark: a son, Jack, on Sept. 28, 2003. He joins Megan, 3, at home in St. Charles, Ill.

Katherine Henry Ryan and her husband, James: a son, Liam

Diane Loucks Finn and her husband, Wally: a son, Daniel Patrick, on Nov. 27, 2003. Diane received her elementary teaching certificate from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford in April 2002. The family lives in Turtlepoint.

Amy Sheliga Samarin and her husband, Frank Samarin: a daughter, Jill, on Aug. 6, 2003. The family lives in Vaughn-Campbell

Kasey Kovaleck and his wife, Cheryl: a son, Nicholas James, on Aug. 6, 2003. The family lives in Boone, N.C.


Susan Darroch Whitaker and her husband, Dana: a son, Ryan Spencer Christian, on April 24, 2003. He joins Kathryn (3) at home in Peterborough, N.H.

Richard Hura and his wife, Alexis: a son, Aaron, in 2004. He joins Emily, 3, at home in Columbus, Ohio.

Sean McConathy and his wife, Ashley: a daughter, Keegan Erin, on Aug. 18, 2003. She joins Sean "Junior" (2) at home in Volant.

Veronica Pechart Byers and her husband, Sean Byers: a daughter, Morgan Ashley, on Sept. 4, 2002. The family resides in Venetia.

Shari Skowron and her husband, Mark: a son, Jacob Tyler, on Nov. 8, 2003. The family lives in Venetia. (See also Marriages.)


Stephanie Wetsell Buchanan and her husband, Eric Buchanan: a son, Zachary Everett, on Dec. 7, 2003. The family resides in Reading.

Marla Yonek Chichwak and her husband, Michael: a daughter, Caitlin Marie, on May 6, 2003. They live in Bellevue.

98 Amy Allen Huber and her husband, Mark Huber: a son, Jacob William, on Nov. 8, 2003. They reside in Strongsville, Ohio.

Heidi Baumgartner Coffman and her husband, Dan Coffman: a son, Devon, a daughter, Ainsley Grace, on Dec. 31, 2003. They reside in Bay Village, Ohio.

Michael Pitrusu and his wife, Suzanne: a daughter, Ainsley Grace, on Dec. 31, 2003. They reside in Aurora, Colo.

Ashley Law Davies and her husband, Jonathan: a daughter, Lillya Grace, on Oct. 6, 2003. The family lives in Cranston, R.I.

Matthew Saxton and his wife, Danielle: a daughter, Sophie Marie, on April 4, 2003. The family lives in Lancaster, where Matthew is business copy editor for the Lancaster New Era.

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.

32 The Rev. William Scott McMuff of Pittsburgh, Dec. 20, 2003. A second-generation Presbyterian minister and a graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, he was also awarded a doctor of divinity degree from Westminster. He began his ministerial career at Mt. Lebanon Presbyterian Church and held positions at Presbyterian churches in Butler, Irwin, Coraopolis, McKeesport and Baldwin before retiring in his mid-70s. Survivors include two sons and a daughter, and four grandchildren.


35 Charles Ferney of Wilmerding, Feb. 7, 2004. He was a retired school teacher with Greater Latrobe High School and Westinghouse Memorial High School.

Frederick McConnell of Epsville. He was formerly a supervisor for USX Corporation.

Mildred Ralston Stang of Morehead City, N.C., Nov. 22, 2003. She was a retired high school teacher. Survivors include two sons and a daughter.


37 Doris Hill Hazlett of Rochester, N.Y., Nov. 13, 2003. Survivors include her husband of 63 years, McCrea Hazlett; three children; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Martha Ihsen Strahan of Redmond, Ore.

Russell Leiby of Fowler, Ohio, December 2003.

Lois McGill Sturgeon of Evanston, Ill., Dec. 3, 2003. A daughter of Ralph Gibson McGill ’02 and Mary Flora Kerr, she was born in Egypt and, after graduating from Westminster, returned to the country to teach music. She also spent a summer at Julliard and studied piano in Paris prior to World War II. Upon returning to the U.S., she served churches in Massachusetts, Minnesota and Pennsylvania as organist and sometimes choir director. She also gave piano and organ lessons and served as an elementary school music teacher. She was president of the Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and was an enthusiastic performer and accompanist. Survivors include her brother, the Rev. Willis McGill ’33; two daughters; and three grandchildren.

Mary Reid of New Wilmington, Dec. 15, 2003. She was dean of students at Ellis School for Girls in Philadelphia for 21 years and was a guidance counselor for 20 years at Upper Darby High School. She belonged to the American Association of University Women, Delta Kappa Gamma, Jameson Hospital Guild, Thursday Club and the Gardening Club of New Wilmington. She was also a member of the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, where she was a church elder. Survivors include three cousins.

39 Dr. Hugh Allen of Erie, Jan. 18, 2004. He had a private practice in Erie from 1944-1966, then was named emergency room director for Hamot Medical Center. He retired in 1980. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Erie County and Pennsylvania medical societies and the American Society of Internal Medicine. He was also a charter member of the American College of Emergency Physicians. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army. A 1984 Westminster Alumni Citation recipient, he was a member of First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, the Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Erie and the Zem Zem Temple Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Sarah Beiler Allen; a son, Joseph Allen ’68 and his wife Sarah Williams Allen ’64; two daughters; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

41 Dr. Jane Blythe of Charleroi, Sept. 12, 2003. She received her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and was a staff member emerita of Mon Valley Hospital. She also had a private practice in Charleroi from 1950-1991.

42 Elise Chrismer Tacke of San Francisco.

Sally Sturgeon Findlay of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Jan. 7, 2004. She was a librarian at the Frederick Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, the Erie County and Friends of Westminster College.

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46 Philip Myers of Ipswich, Mass., Dec. 6, 2003. He was a World War II veteran, serving as a B-29 pilot in the Army Air Corps. He later worked for over 30 years for Polaroid, serving as vice president of marketing for national wholesale and drug chains. A member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, he was also a member of the Ipswich Bay Yacht Club for over 20 years. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Alice Laney Myers; three children, including Susan Myers Kenney-Downer ’71, and their spouses; a sister and brother-in-law; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

47 William Fox of New Castle, Dec. 2, 2003. He retired as chief inspector for the Mesta Machine Co. Survivors include his wife, Berry; four daughters; and one son.

48 Walter Brinkley of Brookville, Nov. 27, 2003. A decorated veteran of World War II, he served with the 81st Bombardment Squadron, 12th Bombing Group of the U.S. Army Air Corps. He retired in 1991 from Clarion University, where he was assistant personnel director. He previously worked at Airco-Speer Electronics, TRW Inc., and McNeil Laboratories. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church for 75 years and belonged to many community and veterans groups. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Winifred; a daughter and her husband; a grandson; and two sisters.

49 Maurice McLure of Akron, Ohio, Jan. 21, 2004. He was employed by B.F. Goodrich and Firestone Tire.

Lucille “Stevie” Stevenson Moyer of Edgeworth, Feb. 23, 2004. She was active in the community as a volunteer. She was involved with numerous gardening clubs, including the Presbyterian Flower Club, and designed costumes used in many borough celebrations and Sewickley Academy productions. Survivors include her husband, Dr. Jack Moyer; a daughter and her husband; a son and his wife; and three grandchildren.

50 Edna McCuen Yenney of Rocky Mount, N.C., Nov. 29, 2003. After graduating from Westminster, she taught elementary school in Carnegie and received a master of education degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1953. She and her family relocated to Rocky Mount in 1961. She was a member and the first woman elder ordained at First Presbyterian Church, and she was also involved in many civic activities, including a stint as president of the YWCA Board of Directors and chair of the Nash County Republican Women’s Organization. Survivors include six children and their spouses, and 10 grandchildren.


Dr. Matthew Yenney of Rocky Mount, N.C., Nov. 6, 2003. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1954 and joined the U.S. Navy, where he pursued a residency in radiology. Upon moving to Rocky Mount, he served a number of local hospitals before retiring in 1996. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, the Nash County Medical Society and the Civitan Club. Survivors include six children and their spouses, and 10 grandchildren.

52 John “Bob” Johnson of Houston, Texas, Feb. 24, 2004. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and spent many years as a sales executive in the educational textbook industry. He was the past commander of the Gulf Coast Chapter of Ex-Prisoners of War, and a member of Mission Bend United Methodist Church. Survivors include two children and their spouses, and four grandchildren.

53 Nancy Arnold Perkinson of Nyack, N.Y., Oct. 11, 2003. She was retired from Lederle Laboratories, where she was a research chemist for many years. Survivors include her husband, George.

James Bradley of Newfoundland, N.J., Dec. 20, 2003. He was a certified real estate appraiser for many years. He was president of the Northwest New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers (NAIFA) and later served as deputy state director of the association. Survivors include his wife; Gail; a son; three daughters; and three grandchildren.


Morris Dworin of Indianapolis, Fla.

Harold McCord of North Fort Myers, Fla.

55 Donna Hull Evans of Charleston, W.Va., Nov. 13, 2003. She earned a master’s degree in community health education from West Virginia University and was a health educator at West Virginia Health Right. She was a member of Southridge Church, where she was active in her Sunday school class. Survivors include two daughters; a brother; and two grandchildren.

Elizabeth McLaughlin Beech of Bradenton, Fla., Feb. 7, 2004. She received a master’s degree in social work from the University of Iowa and did casework in Denver and Philadelphia before teaching social work at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies and Marshall University. Survivors include her husband, Thomas Beech, and four children.


58 A.L. “Jim” Hanford III of Hershey, March 13, 2004. He was president of Ladd-Hanford Dodge Chrysler Jeep Mazda in Lebanon, which he owned and operated for the past 20 years. Between 1960 and 1984, he founded and operated various textile companies. He was an active member of the Cornwall United Methodist Church and served on the Board of Trustees at Lebanon Valley College. He was active with many other community groups, including the YMCA, which, in 1998, renamed its building the A.L. Hanford Center in honor of the family’s enduring support. Survivors include his wife, Urs; four children and their spouses; a brother; a stepson and two stepdaughters; and 11 grandchildren.

59 Carol Seidle Addicott of Mercer.

60 Robert “Robbie” Oscar Matthews of York, Dec. 28, 2003. He was first-team NAIA All-American football player at Westminster and played on the 1970 national championship team. Following graduation, he was a child therapist for 23 years for the Victim Assist Center of York. Survivors include two brothers and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

61 Daniel Brown of Gahanna, Ohio. He was a retired homeschoold coordinator for the Ashtabula County Board of Education.

62 Eva Marie Hartland of Faribault, Minn.

63 Eugene Bruce Boron of Big Canoe, Ga., June 12, 2003. He was a retired teacher. Survivors include his wife, Sue; two sons; a daughter; and two grandchildren.

Nick Facaris of Alicuppa. He was a vocational guidance counselor.

64 Benjamin Calderone of Edinboro, May 9, 2002. He was a principal in the Corry School District.

Margo Poole Oakes of Hermitage, Jan. 2, 2004. She taught for 36 years in the West Middlesx Area School District and was a member of West Middlesx Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her husband, Charles Oakes ’69; a daughter and son-in-law; a sister and brother-in-law; a brother-in-law and his wife; and two nephews.

65 Dr. David Burr of Holland Patent, N.Y., Nov. 9, 2003. He graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1975 and began his practice in Utica, N.Y. He settled in Holland Patent and located his practice of almost 30 years in Boonville. He was a lifetime Presbyterian and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Holland Patent, where he was an elder. He was also a member and past president of Kiwanis International and the Lions Club. Survivors include his mother, Grace Boul Burr ’44; his wife, Carol; a brother, Bruce Burr ’73; and two sons.


**Information Update**

Have you moved, changed phone numbers, or do you have some news about yourself or your family that you want to share with other Westminster alumni? Fill out the form below and return it to the Office of Alumni Records – Updates, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001.

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**Friends**

John Edwards Jr. of Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 28, 2004. He was a professor and dean of men at Westminster College from 1952-1960. He was previously an educator and principal in public schools in Ohio and Pennsylvania. He served in the 58th Armored Field Artillery Battalion in World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star, Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, and five Bronze Service Stars. He later worked as dean of students at Slippery Rock University and in 1969 accepted the presidency of Cochise College in Douglas, Ariz. He remained there until 1977 when he became assistant to the executive vice president at the University of Arizona. He retired in 1983.

Earl C. Lammel of Pleasant Hills, Jan. 11, 2004. He was professor of theatre emeritus at Westminster. He joined the Westminster staff in 1967 and retired in 1996. He earned his undergraduate degree from Heidelberg College, his master’s at the University of Rochester, and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University. Survivors include a son, Bruce Lammel ’78; two daughters, Cynthia Lammel ’77 and Julia Lammel ’87; a brother; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Martin Ridge of San Gabriel, Calif., Sept. 22, 2003. He taught history at Westminster from 1951-1955. He graduated from Chicago Teachers College in 1944 and earned his master’s and doctorate at Northwestern University. He served on the faculty at San Diego State University and Indiana University before joining the California Institute of Technology in 1980. He retired from the faculty in 1995 and was director emeritus of Huntington Library. An authority on American history and Westward expansion, he was the author of several books, the former editor of the Journal of American History, and former president of the Western History Association and the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association. Survivors include his wife, Sally, and two sons.

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**Class Notes**

Susan Snyder of North East, Feb. 1, 2004. She earned a master’s degree in education from Gannon University and worked for the Millcreek School District from 1974-1976. She was a part-time English instructor at Gannon from 1981-1988. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, where she was a Sunday school teacher. Survivors include her husband, John Snyder ’72; a daughter, Jennifer Snyder Gross ’99, and her husband, Bradford Gross ’99; and a brother and his wife.

Barbara Bolinger of Kinsman, Ohio. She was a teacher in the Joseph Badger Schools.

Wayne Eakin of Franklin, Aug. 19, 2003. He graduated from Slippery Rock University and earned master’s degrees at Slippery Rock and Westminster. He coached and taught at Franklin High School for 36 years, retiring as vice principal in 1986. A former athletic director, he was backfield coach of the undefeated 1959 football team and head coach of the track team that won the District 10 title in 1960.

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For our Future

Westminster College recently received a $100,000 bequest from the late Joseph A. Solomon ’49 of Media, Pa. To honor Dr. Solomon’s lifelong career in teaching, an education classroom will be renovated and named in his honor as part of the 75th anniversary, $3-million renovation of Old Main Memorial. We are grateful to Mrs. Susan Marie Chin for sharing the details of her father’s life.

Joseph “Doc” Solomon ’49 loved his family, teaching chemistry, and Westminster College.

Born in 1925 to immigrant parents from Syria and Lebanon, the New Kensington native was first introduced to chemistry as a youngster working in the family ice cream factory (one of the first in Western Pennsylvania) in Vandergrift. He graduated from high school at age 16 in 1942 and enrolled in Westminster College. Like many others, his studies were cut short by World War II. After serving as a pharmacist’s mate in the U.S. Navy, he returned to Westminster after the war and completed his B.S. in chemistry in 1949.

The love of chemistry ran strong in the Solomon family. An older sister, Irene, and younger brother, Richard, also earned chemistry degrees from Westminster. After his graduation, Joseph Solomon worked as an industrial chemist for a number of years at several prominent Pittsburgh companies. He longed to teach, however, and enrolled at the Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University), where in 1957 and 1959 he earned his master’s and doctorate, respectively, in chemistry.

“Teaching was Dad’s true calling,” recalled his daughter, Susan Marie Chin. “He loved everything about it, and was very good at it.”

Known to his students as “Doc Solomon,” he served for five years at St. Joseph’s College in Emmitsburg, Md., and for 21 years as a faculty member at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Sciences. After his retirement, he continued teaching part-time at the prestigious Haverford School.

He also never wavered in his commitment to Westminster.

“One of my earliest memories was of Dad teaching me to sing “Tell Me Why” in harmony with him,” said Chin. “He always ended the song with the line, ‘God made Westminster, that’s why we love you.’ Singing that song together was always one of our favorite father-daughter activities. He felt strongly that Westminster was the foundation for his career, a career he loved and enjoyed totally. When he became successful, he made it clear that he wanted to leave a legacy to the institution that had given him his start.”

For more information on bequests and other planned gifts, contact Gloria C. Cagigas, vice president for institutional advancement, at (724) 946-7368 or cagigasg@westminster.edu, or Sue Rudloff, director of advancement programs, at (724) 946-7673 or rudlofsse@westminster.edu.
Scenes from Commencement...

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At right: Old Main Memorial looms majestically overhead as professor of English David Swerdlow addresses the graduating Class of 2004. Below: Piper Larry Herrick leads the Grand March from Beeghly Theater past the McKelvey Campus Center. Below right: A ground-floor window from Old Main frames Daniela DiRupo as she makes her way back to her seat.