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## *A Message from the President*

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Dear Westminster Friends:

You will read in this issue about the renovation and rededication of Old Main, the construction of the Berlin Village Townhouses, the renovation of Thompson House and dedication of Wiley Alumni House. So... what is next? I am glad you asked!

Looking down the list of projects in the Strategic Plan for Westminster you would see that our library is the renovation next in line. It is a building that deserves the attention of all of us because it is the heart of our academic enterprise. McGill Library is as relevant today as it was when it was constructed in 1938, thanks to its state-of-the-art information technology and wonderfully accomplished, professional, caring librarians led by Molly Spinney.

We are working with the architects to add capacity for additional acquisitions and ensure that the library will be a central feature on our academic landscape for years to come. The resulting plans will make McGill more accessible, more usable, and more comfortable for our students, faculty and community members.

We hope to raise \$4,000,000 in time to start work in the summer of 2007 so this repository of knowledge will continue to be a point of Westminster pride and progress – one more way in which the College can become ever-better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Thomas Williamson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "R." and last name "Williamson" clearly legible.

R. Thomas Williamson

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# Intern Spearheads Iraq War Memorial

Senior PR major a driving force behind memorial to Western Pennsylvania soldiers

Lindsay **Painter**, a senior public relations major at Westminster, made the most of her summer internship for the regional Veterans Administration office, spearheading the creation of a memorial to Western Pennsylvania soldiers who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Fallen Soldier Memorial, consisting of a pair of boots sitting beneath a replica of an M-16 rifle topped with a helmet, was unveiled in August and now sits in the William S. Moorhead Federal Building in downtown Pittsburgh. Dedicated to 46 fallen soldiers, the memorial also includes a flag bearing the inscription "Lest they be forgotten." Visitors can also flip through a scrapbook with information on the soldiers honored.

"I lost a friend, Josh Henry, in September of 2004," Painter said. "He was one of the soldiers honored, and he was the reason it meant so much for me to do this. Josh and I went to high school together in Apollo. He was only 21 when he died. His family came to the dedication ceremony."

Ninety invitations were sent to family members to attend the dedication ceremony and more than 200 relatives and friends attended the service.

"I thought I'd be a shadow, but I was asked to jump right in and get started," Painter said. "I had no budget, so I asked for donations. One of the hardest things to find was the M-16 rifle. The Etna American Legion bought a replica for the memorial and donated it. The Pittsburgh Trophy Company donated two large plaques inscribed with the name and branch of service of each person. I had to use the Report of Casualty military orders to contact the families and get the biographical information for the scrapbook that's on display with the guest book in the lobby. Talking to the families was the most difficult part of the job."

"I couldn't have done this project without the foundation received at Westminster. The public relations department prepared me with people skills and public relations writing."



*The Fallen Soldier Memorial in downtown Pittsburgh.*



## Record Number of Students Studying Off-Campus

Forty-three Westminster College students are studying in Australia, England, France, Spain, and Pittsburgh during the fall semester.

"Study abroad is the best opportunity our students have for learning about the larger world that's out there," said Jeffery **Bersett**, director of off-campus study and assistant professor of Spanish. "Going overseas shows them more than just new places. They return to Westminster with new ways of looking at things, and with a new understanding of how everything fits together."

As part of their educational program, Westminster College students can spend as little as a month, or as much as a year, living and studying in an international domestic program. Students who study off-campus are able to earn not only credits towards graduation, but also credit towards their major or minor, and fulfill part of the Liberal Studies requirements.

"International study is a life-changing event in the life of a college student," said Jesse **Mann**, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. "Only 2 percent of American college students study abroad during their college experience, and we're happy that Westminster is significantly ahead of that average."



*A group of Westminster students studying abroad this fall poses in the English countryside.*

## Westminster-Dominion Settlement Reached

Westminster College and Dominion Peoples have reached a settlement in regards to a billing disagreement. Details of the agreement will remain confidential as agreed to by both parties.



# Titan Radio Now Available Online

The Westminster College radio station, WWNW Titan Radio Digital 88.9-FM, can now be heard on the Web 24/7 at [www.titanradio.net](http://www.titanradio.net).

Streaming the Westminster College radio station over the Internet was made possible by adding additional bandwidth on the College system and a settlement with the music recording industry, which allows college stations to pay a low yearly fee for streaming music copyrights.

"Now our programs can be heard by Titan sports fans anywhere in the world, and parents of broadcasting students can hear their children on the air without having to drive to campus," said David **Barner**, associate professor of broadcast communications and chair of the Department of Communication Studies, Theatre, and Art.

The remainder of the Titan football schedule was broadcast on the Web, and all broadcasts from the upcoming basketball season will be carried live on [www.titanradio.net](http://www.titanradio.net).

"The use of the Web page for streaming music and sporting events is only the beginning of the department's plans," Barner said. "By spring, the station will archive sporting events, so that fans can hear the game at their convenience."

The station is also using the new Web address as a means of distributing local news. By going to the Titan Radio Web page, users can choose local news stories, many with sound and video.

"Creating news stories for the Web positions our students for the future," said Brad **Weaver**, instructor of broadcast communications and adviser of the College's radio and TV news operations. "The major news media are all extensively using Web technology."

This summer WWNW also upgraded the computer software to include RCS Master Control 15.



"Five years ago, Westminster was one of the first college radio stations in the country to run all its programming on computer," Barner said. "With the new computers, we have been able to upgrade to the latest improved version of the RCS automation software."

"To get hired in today's highly competitive radio business, a solid foundation in broadcast hardware and software is a must," said Philippe Generali, president of RCS Inc. "Westminster offers world-class facilities and great training to provide precisely this foundation. Knowledge of widely used broadcast systems offered at Westminster provide a much-needed jump start for the radio leaders of tomorrow."

Barner agrees. "When our students enter the job market, potential employers are impressed that they already know radio station computer software. At Westminster, we try to operate our radio station as professionally as possible, so that our students have an edge in the job market. Radio is still people. Training our students to develop their talents while using the latest technology is a great combination."

## Na Delivers 2005 Henderson Lecture

Assistant professor of religion Kang-Yup **Na** presented the 21st annual Henderson Lecture Oct. 5 at the McKelvey Campus Center. His lecture was titled, "In a Mirror, Dimly: The Historicity and Metaphoricity of Paul."

Before the lecture a reception was held in the Witherspoon Lakeview Room. Joseph **Henderson** (front row center), professor *emeritus* of education at Westminster and founder of the lecture series, posed for photos with Na (at far right) and past lecturers, including: Russell **Martin**, Ed **Cohen**, Bryan **Rennie**, Carol **Bové**, Darwin **Huey**, Barbara **Faires**, Sandra **Webster**, James **Hall**, and Alan **Gittis**.



# Faculty Making News

Charlene **Endrizzi**, associate professor of education at Westminster, was recently published in the Ohio Journal of English Language Arts. "My research, 'Honoring Parents Questions: Room 2A's Family-Teacher Literacy Conversations,' is based on a year-long study conducted in a second grade classroom several years ago," Endrizzi said. "The classroom teacher, Karen **Tarka**, spent the year looking at ways to build a more productive literacy partnership with parents. Monthly family literacy gatherings enabled them to learn about these second grade families' literate ways of knowing and to share their beliefs about reading and classroom practices." The article was co-authored by Tarka, who received her master's from Westminster in 1997.

Rita **Akin**, assistant professor of economics at Westminster, attended a seminar sponsored by the Center for International Education Exchange on the transition of the Czech Republic and Hungary to multi-party, free-market economies. "The seminar in Hungary and the Czech Republic allowed me to learn about the difficult, yet eagerly awaited, transition these countries went through and are still going through from a centrally planned communist state to a multi-party, free-market economy, directly from those citizens and educators who lived through it and participated in designing it," Akin said.

David **Shaffer**, an assistant professor of computer science at Westminster, recently presented a talk on the "Seaside-Testing" framework at Smalltalk Solutions Conference in Orlando and the European Smalltalk Users Group Conference in Brussels. The conferences were attended by software developers and professors interested in the Smalltalk programming language and environment. For the past two years, Shaffer has been actively developing the software, SeasideTesting, a framework for testing Web server applications. While at the conference in Brussels, Shaffer presented another testing framework, which he has developed, called "Squellenium," and chaired a session on Smalltalk in education. While at the conference in Orlando, Shaffer met with Eric Evans, author of *Domain Driven Design*. "His book is a potential

textbook for our capstone course, and I had the unique opportunity to sit with him and discuss what parts of it Westminster might be able to use," Shaffer said.

Robin **Lind**, director of choral activities and assistant professor of music at Westminster, recently attended the Rene Clausen Choral School workshop. "I was looking for a workshop that would assist me in taking the choral program here at Westminster to a new level of artistry and excellence," Lind said. "The Choral School at Concordia College, led by Rene Clausen, turned out to be perfect. Along with rehearsals of Brahms, I attended reading sessions of new choral works, workshops on technique, improving choral intonation and tone quality, and question-and-answer sessions with Dr. Clausen on a variety of topics." The major focus of the workshop was the performance of the Brahms' "German Requiem" which was accompanied by the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony, performed by 62 Choral School participants and 40 area singers to a sellout crowd.

Martha **Joseph**, associate professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry at Westminster, is serving on the 2007 American Chemical Society's Division of Education exam writing committee. "For a couple of decades someone from the Westminster College chemistry department has served on one of the American Chemical Society's Division of Education exam writing committees," Joseph said. "This year I have that privilege. I am on the committee charged with writing the 2007 full-year general chemistry standardized exam."

Sherri **Pataki**, visiting assistant professor of psychology at Westminster, recently presented her research, "Communal Strength and Judgments of Altruism, Selfishness, and Guilt," at the American Psychological Association Convention in Washington, D.C. "This research addresses the issue of human motivation and suggests that our actions are evaluated differently depending on our relationship to those we choose to help," Pataki said. "We found that people are perceived more positively when they help people outside of their immediate

circle of friends and family than when they help their own families or close friends. We also found that failure to provide help outside the context of one's own close relationships has fewer negative repercussions, whereas failure to provide help within one's own family and among close friends is viewed more negatively."

Edward **Cohen**, associate professor of political science at Westminster, recently attended a meeting of the Working Group on Security Interests of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) in Vienna. "I was an observer at this meeting," Cohen said. "This group is putting together a legislative guide for countries interested in adopting a new law,

or reforming an existing law, regarding the use of secured credit to finance business activity. It provides a good case study of how political and economic interests and legal conceptions shape the goals that countries pursue in the regulation

of economic activity." Cohen also recently presented his research, "The Diffusion of Legal Models for Financial Governance: The Case of Secured Finance," at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) held in Budapest. "This conference, which takes place every two years, is the largest European-wide gathering of political scientists, and one of the most important global forums for the presentation and discussion of research in political science," Cohen said. "My paper was an attempt to present my initial findings and interpretations of the attempts of UNCITRAL and other institutions to promote legal change around the globe in the area of commercial law."

Keith **Corso**, instructor of speech communication at Westminster, presented "Lifestyle Changes to Help Build Effective Communication in Marriage," at the Youngstown Diocese Ministry Convocation Saturday, Oct. 22, in the Kent State University Student Center. "I've been involved in mentoring engaged couples prior to their marriage for the past three years and have organized a number of weekend retreats as well as held individual couple sessions along with my wife," Corso said. "The pur-



Cohen



Pataki

## Author, Alumni Professionals Highlight Fall Semester Speakers

pose of this presentation is to advance the idea that marital communication can be significantly enhanced by certain lifestyles. Instead of informing people on what to say and how to say something, the information I share is designed to assist in deepening the marital relationship so communication can improve."



Cuff

Timothy Cuff '78, assistant professor of history at Westminster, recently presented his research at the 74th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association in Pittsburgh. His research, "Anthropometric History: What is It

and What Can It Tell Us About Antebellum Pennsylvania," introduces the field of historical anthropometric, the use of physical body measurements, primarily stature, to assess the biological well-being or health of historical populations. "This paper is based on the results developed in conjunction with research published in my book, *The Hidden Cost of Economic Development: The Biological Standard of Living in Antebellum Pennsylvania*," Cuff said. "I present evidence indicating that during the early decades of the 1800s, the biological well-being of Pennsylvania populations deteriorated slightly during this period of significant economic growth." Senior history major Ray Walling accompanied Cuff at this conference.

Andrea Grove, assistant professor of political science at Westminster, had her research published in the November issue of *Foreign Policy Analysis*. "Problem Representation and Conflict Dynamics in the Middle East and Northern Ireland" was co-authored by Donald Sylvan, a professor at Ohio State University. "The article explores the hypothesis that the existence and centrality of leaders' problem representations can help explain cooperative and conflicting behavior, in a manner that adds to more widely used scholarly explanations," Grove said. "The research contributes to efforts to understand the dynamics of the protracted conflicts in the Middle East and Northern Ireland, highlighting that cognitive factors can explain variation in the level of conflict initiated by a group when structural variables remain constant."

The fall semester was a busy one for students who wished to catch as many distinguished guest speakers as possible on campus. The College welcomed a host of experts who visited Westminster to share their insights. Among the list of guests: award-winning children's author Patricia Polacco; Ann Wright, the former U.S. diplomat who resigned her post in protest of administration policies; Elaine Pagels, a well-known and academically distinguished Princeton University professor of religion; Kirsten Elstner, a freelance photographer whose work has appeared in the *New York Times*; and two alumni – David Nobs and Peggy Peterson, whose work near opposite coasts represent the peak in public relations.

Polacco, the author of more than 40 children's books, has won more than 10 awards in a late-blossoming career that began at the age of 41. Her speech in the Witherspoon Rooms of McKelvey Campus Center Nov. 10 was sponsored by the Westminster College Department of Education and the Diversity Symposium.

It was not only Polacco's writing career that started late. Because she was dyslexic, the author didn't learn to read until she was 14.

Ann Wright delivered a speech in the Campus Center Sept. 28 as part of the ongoing Peace Studies Program.

Wright made headlines in March 2003 when she resigned from the U.S. foreign service while serving as deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Mongolia. Her resignation letter spelled out her disagreement with the decision to go to war in Iraq, dissatisfaction with the handling of the Israel-Palestine and North Korea situations, as well as what she believed to be unnecessary curtailment of civil liberties domestically.

She began her foreign service career in 1987, and was on the first State Department team to go to Kabul, Afghanistan.

Elaine Pagels, the Harrington Spear Paine professor of religion at Princeton, discussed "Gnosticism, Early Christianity, and the Secret Gospels" at Westminster Sept. 22 in Orr Auditorium, as part of the Heinz Lecture Series.

Pagels gained international acclaim for her best-selling book, *The Gnostic Gospels*, an analysis of 52 ancient manuscripts unearthed in Egypt in 1945. This

work earned her the National Book Critics Circle Award and the National Book Award. Pagels' latest book, *Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas*, focuses on religious claims to possessing the ultimate "truth."

Freelance photo-journalist Kirsten Elstner spoke in Phillips Lecture Hall Nov. 11, sponsored by the First-Year Program.

Elstner, a former *New York Times* photographer who was the director of the 2004 National Geographic Photo Camp program and founder of Annapolis-based youth photography and writing program VisionWorkshops, showcased some of her work with young people and described her 1992 trip to Afghanistan.

Peggy Peterson, a 1980 Westminster graduate, spoke about her career in Washington Sept. 30 in Beechly Theater.

Peterson is director of communications for Congressman Michael Oxley, the chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. She worked with the Congress on the Sarbanes-Oxley Act following recent corporate accounting scandals, and coordinates the release of testimony by the Federal Reserve chairman to the public.

David Nobs, also a 1980 Westminster grad, returned to campus Sept. 20 to deliver a speech in Phillips Lecture Hall on how to succeed in public relations.

The managing director of Ruder Finn, Inc., Nobs is responsible for leading the growth and development of the Los Angeles office and managing the agency's consumer, sports and entertainment marketing practice. He has demonstrated success with clients such as Coca-Cola, Bank of America, Microsoft, Hewlett-Packard, Vans, Reebok, Timberland, Spring, McGraw-Hill, NFL, NHL, NASCAR, PGA of America, LPGA, and Turner Broadcasting.



Polacco



Pagels



Peterson '80



## Five Inducted into Hall of Fame

The Titans Sports Hall of Fame inducted five Westminster greats from the 1990s in ceremonies held on campus Oct. 8. The group: Andy **Blatt** '97, Karey **Kustron Gabrielli** '96, Beth **Lehman** '96, Tim **McNeil** '96, and Deanna **Kaczynski Seruga** '97, was introduced at halftime of the Titan football game against Washington & Jefferson and officially inducted at a banquet following the game at McKelvey Campus Center.

One of the top running backs in Titan football history, Blatt finished his collegiate career with the second-highest yardage total in school history. His totals of 811 carries for 4,627 yards still rank third all-time at Westminster, while his career marks of 56 rushing touchdowns and 68 total touchdowns remain school records. A two-time NAIA All-American (1994, '96), his top season came in 1994 when he rushed 313 times for a school-record 1,982 yards and 22 rushing touchdowns while leading the Blue & White to the NAIA Division II national championship. Blatt works as a systems analyst for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) in Churchill. He and his wife, Valerie **McCowan** '98, reside in Eighty-Four, with their son, Aiden (2).



Blatt



Gabrielli

One of only six players in the history of Westminster women's basketball to surpass 1,000 career points (1,034), Gabrielli was a three-time all-conference/district selection for the Lady Titan cagers. She made an immediate impact as a freshman in 1992-93, earning all-district honorable mention and District Freshman of the Year laurels, while also setting the program's single-game scoring record with a 40-point outing. Her 434 points as a freshman still stands as the school single-season scoring record. Gabrielli went on to earn All-KECC second-team honors in 1993-94, then was an All-KECC honorable mention pick in 1995-96. Gabrielli and her husband, John, reside in Menomonee Falls, Wis., with their two sons, Jack (2) and Luke (1).

A two-sport standout who earned a combined seven letters at Westminster (four in softball, three in tennis), Lehman led both

programs to success in the mid-1990s. In tennis, she was a three-time all-district honoree who also captured the KECC doubles championship twice. She led the Lady Titan netters to the NAIA national tournament in 1993 and was an NAIA Scholar-Athlete in 1995. In softball, she earned three all-conference honors and was a two-time NAIA Scholar-Athlete while earning Team MVP honors and NAIA Regional All-Tournament laurels in 1996. Lehman resides in her hometown of Scottsdale, where she is a veterinarian.



Lehman

Another two-sport standout, McNeil was one of the top wide receivers in the history of Titan football while also excelling as a hurdler for the Westminster track & field squad. In football, McNeil earned NAIA All-America honorable mention laurels while finishing his career with 129 receptions, which still ranks second overall at the College. He posted 1,849 yards receiving and 15 touchdowns in his career, while helping lead the Titans to the 1994 NAIA national championship. In track, he represented Westminster at the NAIA National Track & Field Championships. McNeil lives with his wife, Jennifer, in Warren, Ohio, where he serves as assistant principal at his alma mater, John F. Kennedy High School.



McNeil

An All-American on the softball field and a 1,000-point scorer on the basketball court, Seruga excelled in both sports during her collegiate career. She earned NAIA All-America honorable mention honors as a sophomore in softball, helping lead the Lady Titans to the NAIA national tournament. In basketball, she was a three-time all-conference selection at point guard who finished her career with 1,148 points, which still ranks fourth all-time at Westminster. Seruga resides in Harrison City, where she works as a CPA. She and her husband, Doug, have two sons, Jacob (4) and Doug (1).



Seruga



### Former NAIA Rivals Geneva, St. Vincent Join Titans in PAC

Saint Vincent and Geneva, a pair of former Westminster rivals from the NAIA, have chosen to follow the path of the Titans and join NCAA Division III and the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC).

The members of the PAC Presidents' Council voted unanimously to accept both schools in separate votes this summer. Saint Vincent was accepted on July 21, while Geneva's application was approved on Sept. 26.

Saint Vincent recently completed an exploratory year as a member of NCAA Division III and will begin a four-year provisional membership in Division III in 2006-2007. Geneva, which is currently completing its exploratory year in Division III, would begin its provisional membership no earlier than 2007-2008. PAC schools will begin scheduling Saint Vincent in all sports beginning in 2006-07, with Geneva being added to their schedules the following year. By the 2011-2012 season, both schools will be eligible for conference championships.

With the addition of Thomas More College in April, the PAC has accepted three new members in 2005, bringing the total number of conference schools to nine.

Saint Vincent will field teams in 19 intercollegiate sports (nine men, 10 women), including football, which will debut in 2007-2008. Geneva fields 13 intercollegiate teams (six men, seven women).

The PAC, founded in 1955, crowns champions in 19 sports. In 2004-2005 it had 18 teams represent the conference in postseason play, including 12 in NCAA championship events. The conference is scheduled to receive automatic qualification status for NCAA championships beginning in 2007-2008.



## Kerr Added to Men's Hoops Staff

Westminster College hired Bob **Kerr** as a full-time assistant coach with the Titan men's basketball and track & field programs. A native of New Castle, Kerr comes to Westminster after serving as head boys basketball coach and assistant athletic director/facilities director at Ellwood City Lincoln High School from 2001-04. Prior to that, he was an assistant boys basketball coach and assistant athletic director/facilities director at New Castle High School from 1994-2001.

A 1994 graduate of Slippery Rock University, Kerr also worked for the NFL's Los Angeles Raiders from 1991-93.

"I am really excited, and I know I speak for a lot of our players who know him and have met him, to add Bob to our program staff," said Titan head basketball coach Larry **Ondako**. "Bob has exactly what I look for in recruits, which is an intense love of basketball and an association with winning. From Slippery Rock to New Castle and his years as a head coach, he has certainly shown both qualities."



*Kerr*

### Men's Basketball Schedule

Nov.		
18-19	BUZZ RIDL CLASSIC	6/8 p.m.
22	at Pitt-Bradford	7:30 p.m.
27	CASE WESTERN RESERVE	6 p.m.
29	at Penn State-Behrend	7:30 p.m.
Dec.		
7	at Allegheny	7:30 p.m.
10	at Pitt-Greensburg	4 p.m.
18	at Wooster	6 p.m.
20	LA ROCHE	TBA
28-29	at South Padre Island Shootout (TX)	
Jan.		
4	THIEL*	8 p.m.
7	at DeSales	3 p.m.
11	at Grove City*	7:30 p.m.
16	BETHANY*	8 p.m.
18	at Washington & Jefferson*	6 p.m.
21	THOMAS MORE*	4 p.m.
25	at Waynesburg*	7:30 p.m.
28	at Bethany*	4 p.m.
Feb.		
1	GROVE CITY*	8 p.m.
4	WASH. & JEFF.*	4 p.m.
9	GENEVA	7:30 p.m.
11	at Thomas More*	3 p.m.
15	at Thiel*	7:30 p.m.
18	WAYNESBURG*	4 p.m.
21	PAC Tournament	
23	PAC Tournament	
25	PAC Tournament	

\*Presidents' Athletic Conference games  
Home games in all CAPS

### Women's Basketball Schedule

Nov.		
18	at P.S.-Behrend Tip-Off Tournament	
19	at P.S.-Behrend Tip-Off Tournament	
22	at Marietta	7 p.m.
30	MOUNT UNION	7 p.m.
Dec.		
2	MANCHESTER	6 p.m.
3	CASE WESTERN RESERVE	3 p.m.
6	ALLEGHENY	7 p.m.
10	at Pitt-Greensburg	2 p.m.
19	at La Roche	5:30 p.m.
21	CARNEGIE MELLON	5:30 p.m.
29	at Seton Hill	7 p.m.
Jan.		
3	at Ohio Wesleyan	7:30 p.m.
4	THIEL*	6 p.m.
9	at Chatham	7 p.m.
11	at Grove City*	5:30 p.m.
16	BETHANY*	6 p.m.
18	at Washington & Jefferson*	8 p.m.
21	THOMAS MORE*	2 p.m.
25	at Waynesburg*	5:30 p.m.
28	at Bethany*	2 p.m.
Feb.		
1	GROVE CITY*	6 p.m.
4	WASH. & JEFF.*	2 p.m.
11	at Thomas More*	1 p.m.
15	at Thiel*	5:30 p.m.
18	WAYNESBURG*	2 p.m.
21	PAC Tournament	
24	PAC Tournament	
25	PAC Tournament	

## TITAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class year \_\_\_\_\_ Your class year \_\_\_\_\_

Nominees may include athletes, coaches, or anyone else who has made outstanding contributions to varsity athletics at Westminster. Nominations may be made by Westminster alumni and current and former Titan coaches.

Athletes who are nominated must: 1) be a Westminster College graduate; 2) have been out of school a minimum of eight years; 3) have earned at least two letters in the same sport; and 4) receive nominations from at least two people. Non-athletes must also be nominated by at least two people. All nominations should include supporting documentation.

Justification (attach supporting data if necessary):

☐ Sport(s) – \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Letters earned – \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Awards, honors, accomplishments, etc. – \_\_\_\_\_  
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Deadline for nominations each year is March 1. Nominees not selected remain on the ballot for one additional year. Please send nominations to Director of Athletics, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001.

## Three Honored with Alumni Citations

Westminster handed out Alumni Citations to David Orr '65 and Jack Ridl '67 and presented the Outstanding Young Alumni Award to Helen Boylan-Funari '95 at the Citation Celebration Reception and Dinner on Sept. 23.

Orr, a 1965 Westminster graduate, is the Paul Sears

Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics at Oberlin College and is also a James March Professor at Large at the University of Vermont. In addition to publishing 150 articles in scientific journals, social studies publications, and popular magazines, Orr has published five books. He is the founder of the Meadowbrook Project in Fox, Ark., which is a model sustainable, environmentally sound community. Orr also raised funds and spearheaded the design and building of \$7.2 million Environmental Studies Center at Oberlin College, a building that produces no waste and supplies its own energy.

Ridl earned his English degree from Westminster and a master's in education in 1970. He is currently a professor of English at Hope College, where he teaches literature and creative writing. He has written four books of poetry and is recognized as a



*Recipients of the 2005 Westminster College Alumni Citations, pictured with President R. Thomas Williamson (left) and D. Alan Williams (right): David Orr '65, Jack Ridl '67 and Helen Boylan-Funari '95.*

significant contemporary American poet. Over 300 of his poems have been published in more than 60 literary magazines and a dozen anthologies. Ridl has been nominated seven times for the Pushcart Prizes, which is an Oscar-like award for poetry and stories. In 1996 he received the Distinguished Teaching Award, Professor of the Year, for Michigan by the Carnegie Foundation. In 1988 he received the Creative Artist Award from the Michigan Council, and was named one of eight "New Voices in Michigan Poetry" in 1984.

Boylan-Funari is a *summa cum laude* Westminster graduate with a degree in environmental science and minors in chemistry, mathematics, and physics. In addition to her academic accomplishments at Westminster, she was also a member of the Lady Titan volleyball team, which

## Distinguished Lecturers



*Three Westminster alumni invited to share their expertise with students and faculty during Homecoming weekend were honored at the Distinguished Alumni Lecturers Luncheon. The lecturers for 2005 were (left to right): John Shaffer '77, executive deputy secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections; best-selling mystery novelist Nancy Aikman Martin '75; and David Carothers '75, professor of mathematics and head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at James Madison University.*

captured the NAIA District 18 title. She continued her studies at Duquesne University, where she earned a doctorate in analytical/environmental chemistry in 2001, and returned to Westminster as an assistant professor of chemistry. In addition to her teaching duties, Boylan-Funari directs an undergraduate research program in the area of microwave enhanced chemistry. She is recognized for significant contributions in environmentally related chemical research in developing new methods of determining mercury in smokestack emissions.

## Triennial Alumni Weekend: The Ties that Bind Us to Westminster

Memories, traditions, friendships – all are part of our connection to alma mater. All alumni are invited to return to campus for Triennial Alumni Weekend 2006. Renew your ties to Westminster and enjoy a refreshing weekend away. Weekend highlights include:

- Decade Gatherings & Sundae Social
- Saturday Seminars
- Saturday on the Green . . . Classic Cars & More!
- The "Main" Event & Splendor Under the Stars
- Sunday Worship Service and Brunch

**2006  
Triennial  
Alumni Weekend**  
June 23, 24 & 25, 2006

**We look forward to welcoming you to campus!**

Carolyn Waszczak Adams '69, chair	Mary Louise Ireland '45
C.J. Bens '87	Cy Wetherill King '69
Debbie Berlin Boyle '86	Roberta Laird '76
Todd Cole '83	Eleanore Burns Morris '71
Barbara Braden Guffey '70	Dorothy Pollock '46
Iris Galimberti Libertore '87	Kevin Powers '86

A full weekend schedule and registration form will be published in the next *Westminster Magazine* and on the Westminster Web site. Separate registration forms will not be mailed.

# REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

With Cindy Dafler '03



## August 5, Pittsburgh ▲

One hundred Pittsburgh-area alumni enjoyed a fun summer evening as they gathered pre-game at Hi-tops before the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game at PNC Park. After the game, our group enjoyed Skyblast 2005 which was a fireworks and laser show extravaganza! Thanks to the Pittsburgh Regional Alumni Committee for planning this great alumni outing! Committee members: Jim Giel '74, Barbara Braden Guffey '70, Bill Lucas '99, Rich McKenna '84, Leanne Onorato '98, Phil Petraglia '83, Melissa Rea '99, Seth Rice '01, Becky Rickard '98, Melissa Ruefle '98, and Melissa Wiley '00. ▶



## August 27, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio ▲

Akron-Canton, Cleveland and Youngstown alumni and guests gathered for a special evening at the summer Blossom Music Festival. Our group shared dinner and then enjoyed a concert of "Bernstein's America" music. Special thanks to Keith McCauley '68 and Hidge Stockhausen Claire '49 and Chet Claire '49 for hosting this great evening.



## September 23-25, Westminster Campus

2005 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. Thank you to all our alumni who returned to campus for Homecoming festivities and enjoyed reunion gatherings!

## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS:

### JANUARY

- 5-11 Concert Choir Northeast Tour
- 5 Harrisburg, PA
- 6 Wallingford, PA
- 7 Morristown, NJ
- 8 New York City
- 10 Wilmington, DE
- 11 Baltimore, MD

### MAY

- 6 Lawrence-Mercer-Youngstown "For Ladies Only Tea"

### SPRING 2006

- TBA Akron-Canton-Cleveland Cleveland Indians baseball game

### JUNE

- 11 Akron-Canton-Cleveland, Lawrence-Mercer-Youngstown: Tour and alumni gathering at Stan Hywet, Akron, OH

It's been a busy fall for Regional Connections! I am thrilled to have the opportunity to meet with regional alumni volunteers throughout the country. Please write me or call me if you are interested in making connections for Westminster in your area. I'd love to hear from you.

Cindy Dafler '03 has been a member of the Westminster College staff since 1991.

As coordinator of advancement events, Cindy is responsible for coordinating and implementing all events and activities associated with advancement programs – including regional alumni events.

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





# Westminster Celebrates Rededication of Old Main

## College unveils \$3 million renovation to signature building

Old Main Memorial, Westminster's landmark building, has a new lease on life. The 76-year-old building, the academic, administrative, symbolic and spiritual heart of the College, was rededicated Sept. 23 after a yearlong renovation.

The current Old Main, the third such building on this site, was completed in 1929. Renovations included an upgrade of the outdated electric system to meet current standards and accommodate greater future use; installation of air-conditioning; accessibility improvements, including the installation of an elevator; and refurbishments of the departments of Education and Economics & Business, along with other public areas. The exterior of the building retained its classic look.

The ceremony celebrating its renewal was held on Senior Terrace during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend with George **Berlin**, chair of the Board of Trustees, presiding.

President R. Thomas **Williamson** provided opening remarks, followed by historic reflections from H. Dewey **DeWitt**, curator of the College archives. Retired professor of accounting Ron **Bergey**, for whom a classroom in the building was named, provided his reflections on the building as well. Richard **Barnhart** '55 offered a prayer of rededication.

Following the ceremony, guests were invited to tour the building and a reception was held in the Tower Room.

*A look inside the renovated Old Main Memorial, rededicated Sept. 23 (clockwise from top): The newly established Robert E. Lauterbach Center in the economics & business department; a refurbished second-floor classroom; a conference room and Dean Mann's office in the academic affairs suite.*







*Top left, retired accounting professor Ron Bergey addresses the crowd at the Old Main rededication. At left, a welcoming waiting area in the relocated business office. Bottom left, new signage is conveniently located near the building entrances to help direct visitors.*



## Wiley House Added to Campus Community

New office for alumni relations;  
official dedication held Oct. 14

The Wiley Alumni House, located just south of Eichenauer Hall on South Market St., was the newest building added to Westminster College with its official dedication celebration Oct. 14.

The 19th century home acquired by the College provides a warm and welcoming starting point for alumni visiting campus. The totally restored structure features over 2,400 square feet, and houses the Office of Alumni Relations.

The newest office structure is named in honor of S. Donald **Wiley** '50 and his wife Josephine **Hartman Wiley** '49 for their leadership and dedication to Westminster College.

# Homecoming 2005

Westminster College served up a helping of nostalgia as alumni and friends returned to campus Sept. 23-25 for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend. Not only did the College rededicate its signature building, Old Main Memorial, but for many, their plate included a reunion or two. The Classes of 1955 and 1980 held their 50th and 25th reunions, respectively, while the Classes of 1950, 1945 and 1940 and the 10th cluster (1994-96) held reunion luncheons. The 30th (1974-76) and 45th (1959-61) clusters held reunion dinners. In addition, reunions of the 1994 national championship football team and WWNW TV and radio alumni were also held. Other activities for alumni included the annual Homecoming parade (this year's theme was "Game Shows"), an all-alumni picnic, a Westminster artifacts exhibition, several College sporting events (including Titan football, soccer and tennis), an all-alumni open house at the home of Tom and Jean **Williamson**, and community worship services.

*Student Alumni Association volunteers drove golf carts to help folks get to various Homecoming festivities. ▼*



▲ Former football stars (l-r) Gary Devlin, Gary Weinstein, Dave Nobs and Frank Rondinelli reminisce with significant others at the Class of 1980 reunion held at Grove City Country Club. All four were members of Westminster's 1976 and 1977 NAIA Division II national championship teams.

*Alumni check out the latest in Westminster gear at the College Bookstore & Gift Shop in McKelvey Campus Center. ▼*



## Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2006 October 20, 21 & 22

5th Cluster Reunion, Classes of 2000, '01 & '02  
20th Cluster Reunion, Classes of 1985, '86 & '87  
25th Reunion, Class of 1981  
40th Cluster Reunion, Classes of 1965, '66 & '67  
50th Reunion, Class of 1956

Contact classmates and friends now to begin plans to meet on campus next fall. Looking for their e-mail address? Try the online Alumni Directory; be sure to add your listing.

[www.westminster.edu/alumni/directory/search.cfm](http://www.westminster.edu/alumni/directory/search.cfm)

Would you like to help plan your reunion? Contact the alumni office, (724) 946-7362 or [alumni@westminster.edu](mailto:alumni@westminster.edu).







▲ Alpha Gamma Delta featured a real-life “Survivor”-themed float. At right, “Survivor: All-Star” winner Amber Brkich ’00.

President R. Thomas Williamson (below) gets ready to toss some candy to parade onlookers. ▼



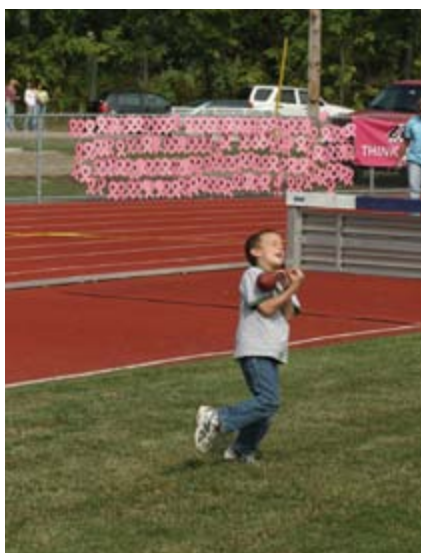
▼ Sigma Kappa’s take on “The Price is Right.”







▲ The Westminster Marching Band performed prior to the football game and during the halftime intermission.



◀ Not all of the football action took place between the lines. This future Titan gets some practice in beyond the north end zone of Burry Stadium.

Homecoming Queen & King, Tiffany Smith and Lee Scott. Smith, the Zeta Tau Alpha candidate, is a junior molecular biology major and graduate of Neshannock High School; Scott, the Theta Chi candidate, is a junior history major and a Knox High School grad.



▲ Ken Romig, a 1985 Westminster graduate and the College's vice president for finance management services, totes son Nathan through the Burry Stadium crowd.

◀ Teal Kawana and the Titan cheerleaders did their best to support Westminster in its 17-3 loss to Thomas More College.



▲ Reaching Out: Titans of all generations seem eager to reach out and greet friends old and new alike during Homecoming weekend.



# KEEPING THE FAITH



▲ It's not uncommon to see a full house in Wallace Memorial Chapel for Westminster Chapel or Vesper services.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE ALIVE AND WELL AT WESTMINSTER

*By Patrick S. Broadwater*

**H**e has counseled them, ministered to them, and stood beside them on the sideline during their toughest losses and biggest victories. But Jim **Mohr** didn't really know what effect he'd had on the members of the Westminster College football team until a Saturday morning late in the season. On that day an injured Titans player hosting a recruit brought the prospective student-athlete over to meet Mohr.

"Let me introduce you to these folks...This is Rev. Jim, the College chaplain and the team chaplain, too. He's a cool guy, you'll like him."

Even though Mohr was heading to a funeral, it turned out to be a pretty good day.

"If that's how he looks at me, then we've made it," said Mohr, who completed his first season as official chaplain for the Titan football team and is beginning his third year as College chaplain. "That's what we're looking for – how to connect with guys on that level."

"When they see me on campus, every last one of them says hello," Mohr said. "That is really what I think we're about on campus. We don't have to be loud, we don't have to be obnoxious, but we have to be there. We have to be present."

Mohr started the ball rolling by reaching out to new head football coach Jeff **Hand** last spring. He sent an e-mail welcoming Hand aboard and offering the support of the chaplain's office in any way the new coach might envision. It turned out that Hand, who had employed a team chaplain in his two previous head coaching jobs, had a greater vision initially than Mohr did.

"Jeff and I got together and started talking and he said, 'Here's the idea I have.' It was more than what I had in mind, but we decided to go forward and see where it takes us," Mohr said. "I think it's been a great addition. It allows us to have 50 or 100 guys on a Saturday morning in the chapel before every football game."

"We're a Presbyterian institution and I like to have a Presbyterian influence on the sideline," said Hand. "My biggest thing is trying to get our guys to feel comfortable around the chaplain, to get them more and more integrated in other things, other Christian activities on campus."

Before games, Mohr will meet with the team and coaches in Wallace Memorial Chapel, sometimes bringing in a guest speaker to address the players. By making access to the chaplain and his staff as easy as possible, a trickle effect has already begun. Players who had not been active in campus ministry have begun to show up at Vespers, or attend meetings of religious life groups, such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

"We're trying to develop the whole person here," Hand said. "Athletic growth and academic growth are the two areas we hit the most, but we try to develop them in all facets of their life – emotionally, socially, and spiritually, too."

Mohr's role with the football team is telling, though not unique to only that team, group or organization. Mohr and chaplain's assistant Keturah **Laney** have made inroads with other groups as well, a testament to the philosophy Mohr brought to the job after serving as an ordained Presbyterian minister for 20 years. He most recently served as minister of Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church in Butler for nearly 10 years.

But, it also illustrates the religiosity of the Westminster campus of the 21st century.

National trends show that more than three-quarters of college freshmen report an interest in spirituality, but that the religious practices of those students are changing. Despite a perception that today's generation of college students is me-centric and that the technology of ipods, cell phones, computers and video games has isolated it from the greater world, young adults nationwide are still searching for "the meaning of life." However, fewer are doing it through traditional religious practice.



▲ An increasing number of Chapel services feature student speakers and musicians.

## RELIGION VS. SPIRITUALITY

A study of over 112,000 freshmen at 236 colleges and universities conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute (HERI) at the University of California, Los Angeles and released last April, found that eight in 10 students say they attend religious services, believe in God, and care about spirituality. More than two-thirds pray. About three-fourths of all respondents said they are searching for meaning in life and discuss life philosophies with friends. Sixty-four percent said their spirituality was a source of personal joy.

But the survey also suggested that while spirituality is increasing, affiliation with mainstream religions is declining. A separate study of 1,385 18-25-year-olds released by Reboot, a Jewish group studying generational issues, and several collaborating organizations, highlighted the degree to which students are venturing outside the formal religious experience in their spiritual journeys. While 44 percent of respondents called themselves "religious," another 35 percent said they were "spiritual, but not religious." And 18 percent said they are neither.

"I think religion for them has a connotation of being involved in a church," Mohr said. "Spiritual is more the need to discover God's presence in things, not necessarily in a formalized religious experience."

Although spirituality can be defined in many ways, the approach of looking for spiritual guidance outside the traditional church experience is not new, as documented by previous HERI studies that showed students' participation in formal religion declined during their college years.

"For some people, it's something you do 'at home,'" Mohr said. "They sometimes take a sabbatical from church, but not a sabbatical from spirituality."

The continued quest for meaning also sometimes leads students to explore their spirituality in more private ways, culling kernels of truth from denominations of all stripes.

The findings of those studies appear to be in line with the current Westminster campus. According to undergraduate statistical information for the fall 2005 semester, 79 percent of Westminster students align themselves with a particular religion, with the greatest numbers classifying themselves as Catholic (29%) and Presbyterian (21%).

From religious services to student faith-based organizations, work trips to scholarships, even participation in varsity sports, spirituality is a large part of the Westminster experience.

"I think spiritual life has grown exponentially," said Brian **Campbell**, a senior religion/broadcasting major who hosts "The Covenant," a Christian radio show on the College station, WWNW. "I think the campus has taken a big step toward becoming more religious as a whole. The numbers at Seekers, the numbers at Vespers and Chapel...It's a good trend."

Campbell, a member of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grove City, says that he usually attends Vespers on Sunday evening, but still occasionally goes home for special services. But, in addition to his radio show, he is also involved in many other ministry activities. He is a member of chapel staff, attends FCA and Seekers meetings, and has led freshman Bible study the last two years in Russell Hall.

"In high school, I didn't want to become a religion major. I wasn't as interested as I am now. Once I started going to Vespers, I've really gotten more and more involved here and less involved at my home church because there's more opportunity to serve here," Campbell said. "The change in me really happened in college."

That's not surprising considering Westminster's church-related history. It was 1946 before a layman held the office of president; 1969 before compulsory daily Chapel became voluntary.

Now, students are free to choose from a wide variety of choices, what could be referred to as an a la carte approach to spirituality. There's twice-weekly Chapel services; Vespers on Sunday evenings; Catholic Mass on Saturdays; and a newly instituted time for quiet reflection set aside in an otherwise busy chapel every Wednesday afternoon. For those seeking a formal religious service, students have the opportunity to visit local churches on Sunday mornings. In addition, there are at least half a dozen student organizations (such as Seekers, FCA, Newman Club, Gospel Choir, Habitat for Humanity, etc.) which help students serve, strengthen (or question) their beliefs, or just share their thoughts with peers.

"I think the basic tenet, the College's mission to provide spiritual life opportunities for students on this campus, I don't think that's changed," said Carey Anne **Meyer LaSor** '86, coordinator of the College's Young Presbyterian Scholars (YPS) program.

"The choices students make in college set patterns for a lot of their life," LaSor said. "No one is going to wake them up on Sunday morning anymore, like Mom and Dad used to. I appreciate the College's emphasis – This is here, it should be part of your life. We can't tell you to do that, but we want you to. We want you to incorporate this as part of your life."



▲ In two years at Westminster, Chaplain Jim Mohr has focused on coordinating campus ministry efforts and maximizing student involvement.

## A PLAN OF ATTACK

When Mohr arrived on campus in November of 2003 he embarked on a yearlong listening tour. Rather than jumping in and barking orders to do things this way or that, he sat back and observed, getting a vision of what was going on spiritually. He wanted to know what was being done well, what was missing, and what could be tweaked in order to make things better.

"One of the first observations I made was that there were a lot of groups on campus doing ministry. If I were to draw a circle, a lot of the ministry was being done out on the fringe. People were doing their own thing and we were constantly running into problems where people were running into each other. This thing was scheduled when this other thing was scheduled, etc."

So Mohr set out to create ministry leadership teams. He organized student leaders from all the organizations and small groups and they meet three times per year to plan for each semester's events and evaluate previous work. With the help of his chapel staff, the summit program was established, giving 15 volunteers a chance to help plan campus-wide ministry events. This past summer, Mohr took a similar tack with some faculty and staff. He created a campus ministry team consisting of the YPS coordinator, the Chapel office staff, Gospel Choir director and all of the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) workers.

"The most important thing is to get people together and get them all on the same page," Mohr said. "We all have the same vision, we're all trying to do the same things, we should be able to work together and get to the same place. By pulling all the ministries together, we now have the ability to be in touch with people out there doing their own thing. And groups are really responding to that. We're not a clearinghouse, but we're a place you can come and get support."

"Jim really brought this whole new attitude with him," said Campbell. "I've noticed that there are always things to do. He's always coming up with new ideas, always having ways for people to be involved. He'll ask anyone to come be liturgist at



## Demographic shift occurring in study of religion

Westminster offers two religion-based majors within its Department of Religion, History, Philosophy, and Classics: religion and Christian education. Although the number of students pursuing those majors has remained essentially flat over the last 20 years, an important demographic shift has occurred.

The number of women studying religion as a percentage of the total number of religion students is up sharply. According to current statistics provided by the department, six of the seven religion majors and two of the three minors in religion are female.

"It used to be that religion was 90 percent male, but now it's almost 90 percent female," said chair of the department, A. Dwight **Castro**. "That's a major shift. Whether this is a temporary or a permanent shift remains to be seen."

The religion major at Westminster contains two programs of study: the Christian tradition program or the history and philosophy of religion program. The Christian tradition track focuses on the study of the Bible and development and expression of Christian theology; the history and philosophy track focuses on the study of religion as a phenomenon of human existence and culture.

The Christian education major explores the spiritual development of children, youths, and adults and examines the theory and practice of learning experiences related to such growth.

Thirty years ago in 1975, Westminster graduated 10 students who majored in religion, seven of whom were males. As recently as 1995, all five religion majors were male. But by 2000, there were five religion majors – all female. Last year's graduating class had four religion majors, evenly split between male and female.

Aside from gender, another change has occurred in the number of students pursuing religion as a major. Coinciding with national trends of pre-ministerial study, fewer Westminster students are choosing the academic study of religion.

"Fewer 22-year-olds are going to seminary," Castro said. "It's part of a national trend. Fewer young people are thinking about going into church-related careers immediately after graduation."

The Christian education major at Westminster, however, remains strong. The major graduated four seniors in 2005 and projects to graduate five more in 2006. By comparison, the major graduated 3-6 majors each year from 1977-84. In total there are 14 students currently pursuing the Christian education major.

Christian education has been traditionally populated with more females than males (10 of the current Christian education majors are females). The big change in that discipline is instead the availability of a minor, which was begun this year. Already three students are enrolled.

"The unknown factor is the extent to which the number of minors may grow, now that the option exists," Castro said.

Vespers. He can look at your gifts and know what to ask you to do.

"He's made the campus better by being here."

By adding more and more components to the campus ministry leadership, Mohr has in effect extended his reach. The entire campus – and all the things that go on in the lives of its students, faculty, staff and administrators, both here and at home – is his mission field.

"By merging the ministry teams, it allows me personally to feel as if our office is represented in all these places, a lot of the time without me actually having to be there," he said. "There's only one of me, and I can't be everywhere."

## SERVICE TO OTHERS

With organization and involvement comes the opportunity to effect some real change. Westminster's response to the hurricanes that devastated parts of the Gulf Coast and Florida earlier this year emanated from all corners of the campus (*see page 22*). But the chapel office was, and remains, out front.

When displaced Tulane University student Nick **Manno** enrolled at Westminster, Mohr was there to help him move in, bringing along a bin with some bed linens and a pillow, standard items provided for international students. That afternoon in a chapel staff meeting, Mohr asked the group to close their eyes and imagine walking in the front door of their homes and recalling all the things in each room of their home, including the stuff shoved underneath the beds. Imagine now, he said, that it is all gone.

"Nick needed everything but basically the clothes on his back," Mohr said.

Based on that experience, the chapel staff is now focusing on providing more assistance to foreign students who come with little or nothing. A few weeks ago there was a pile of winter coats donated by students on the floor in Mohr's office. Thokozani **Mbewe**, a student from Malawi, had never been around winter and needed a coat. He chose the Pittsburgh Steelers jacket.

Up next, a group of Westminster students and staff are planning to travel to the Gulf Coast over spring break to help repair the region. That trip will build on last year's debut mission work trip, when a group of 14 students traveled to Long Island in the Bahamas to remodel a youth center. Mohr has a background in participating in such service trips, but increasingly, so do the students who come to Westminster as freshmen.

"We've had Habitat for years here, but what I quickly realized talking with first-year students, was when I asked if any of them have served on work trips, a lot of hands went up," Mohr said. "Some had been to Pittsburgh, or New York City. Some said Zaire or Turkey. I love to do that kind of thing, so let's offer that."

Besides the charitable work that those trips provide, the experience out of the Westminster bubble – whether in the U.S. or abroad – will undoubtedly add to the growing liberalization and globalization of spiritual life on campus.

"Most students who study overseas and come back to campus have a different perspective on life," LaSor said. "More students have traveled before they even come to campus. It's just a more accessible globe. Social awareness is now a part of student life."



## YOUNG PRESBYTERIAN SCHOLARS

Born out of the College's Sesquicentennial celebration and a re-examination of what it means to be a church-related college in the 21st century, the Young Presbyterian Scholars program offers up to 100 four-year \$44,000 scholarships each year to deserving students from Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations. Applicants must have a 3.5 GPA and be recommended by their pastor in the fall. This early-decision program gives qualified YPS students a special opportunity to attend Westminster.

"Most schools that are church-related nowadays it seems are trying to downplay that relatedness. And here we were asking a completely different question: How can we focus on that?" LaSor said. "[President] Tom **Williamson**, being the son of a Presbyterian minister, was particularly interested in making that relationship more visible."

In just its third year, the program is a rare win-win-win situation for all involved. The students lock in their place in the freshman class at a church-related college steeped in their religious heritage, with the help of a significant scholarship.

The College benefits by securing early on students who value the high quality education offered in this church-related environment. When the YPS and Jerb Miller scholarships (where up to 100 alumni educators can nominate students for four-year, \$40,000 scholarships) are fully implemented, about half of the incoming class will be determined in the early-decision period. In addition, the YPS program, available to Presbyterian congregations worldwide, widens the traditional recruiting area in a targeted fashion that allows the College to get its name and message directly to those who would have the most interest.

And for the nominating pastors, their congregation benefits from having a reliable college and community to which it feels comfortable sending its young men and women. Those students then may return with a quality education and use their talents within the nominating congregation or the church and community at large.

"We've had quite a few repeat nominators from within, but also outside, our traditional recruiting corridor," LaSor said. "That's what we wanted to see. Even thousands of miles from here, they're looking to offer their students in their congregations an opportunity to go to a Presbyterian-related school and be part of this kind of program."

As of press time, Westminster has received 145 nominations from 28 different states and a foreign country. In its first two years, the program has attracted nearly 80 students to Westminster.

"I think a lot of it had to do with the good experience they had being introduced to the College because of the YPS program," LaSor said. With their background as a person and their church involvement, they were able to see on this campus something they could fit right into.

"We have a goal of keeping students involved in the church at large, so there is not a gap between when they leave high school and mom and dad's wings and the church's wing and when they get out into what people call the real world at the end of college. We want to close that gap and make it a continuum rather than an open space where there's nothing going on," LaSor said.



*A group of 14 Westminster students and Jim Mohr headed to Long Island in the Bahamas for a mission work trip. The group spent their spring break remodeling a youth center.*

"This is just an enhancement of what they're already doing. They don't have to wait until they're old enough to be involved in the leadership of their denomination or their church at home. They are the leaders of the church and it's not the church of tomorrow. It's their church; today."

*(Broadwater is editor of Westminster Magazine.)*



## New Wilmington Missionary Conference Celebrates 100 Years

*Composite photo by Jeff Behm • Studio B Productions*





▲ David Bailey poses with a presenter following a mission work program in Beeghly Theater.



▲ William & Nancy Warlick deliver a presentation in Mueller Theater covering their two months as Presbyterian volunteers for the Outreach Foundation in Zambia and Madagascar.



▲ Conference attendees took some time out for recreation, including games of Frisbee, volleyball and softball (above).

## Over 180 mission workers commissioned for service at annual gathering

Yvette Crocker (“just like Betty, only I don’t cook as well”) is attending her first New Wilmington Missionary Conference, but it won’t be her last. She and her friend, Janet **Noble-Richardson** ’83, were part of a group of six adults and ten youths from St. Timothy Presbyterian Church in Livonia, Mich. As they sat over their morning coffee, Yvette asked Janet if it was too early to register for next year.

Hundreds of Presbyterians like Yvette and Janet gathered on the Westminster campus July 23-29 for the 100th New Wilmington Missionary Conference. Over 180 new Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mission workers and young adult volunteers were commissioned for service in countries ranging from Guatemala and Turkey to Sudan and Pakistan.

Yvette’s reasons for attending were two-fold: An interest in missions has taken her on two mission trips to Turkey, where she worked at St. Paul Cultural Center, a coffee shop/outreach program that ministers to those with unmet needs; the second was Janet’s enthusiastic relating of her experiences as a 30-year veteran of the conference. As Yvette put it, “There was no arm-twisting! I couldn’t wait to come!”

Janet’s parents were missionaries to Pakistan, where Janet was born and raised. Her first trip to New Wilmington was as a very small child, but it made quite an impression: “The conference is the reason I came to Westminster as a student.”

When asked about the reaction of the youths in their group, both women looked at each other and laughed: “We haven’t seen them!” That sentiment would be echoed by several other adults, including Kitch Shatzer, a pastor from Brighton, Iowa, and Arnel Baughman of Washington, Iowa. They didn’t feel they could speak for the younger members of their group because, “We never see them!” Their delegation from Washington United Presbyterian Church included five adults and five young people.

One of the elusive youths was Katie Swanson of Mercer, who has been coming to the conference for four years. A member of First Presbyterian Church of Sharpville, she also attends Bethany Presbyterian in Mercer. Her reasons for spending a week on campus were very straightforward: “It’s really fun and all my friends come.” Her favorite part is “the fellowship. There’s a sense of community here.” The recent high school graduate is headed to Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., to major in elementary education with a minor in missions.

— Sandi Chandler



▲ Above and below: Teams of volunteers sorted items in Old 77 and prepared them for shipping to African clinics for AIDS sufferers.



▲ Margaret McKee M'60 (above) looks over a display from the 1920s, part of a host of NWMC memories displayed in the Art Gallery of Patterson Hall (below left). McKee attended her first missionary conference in 1953. Below, a picture and facts from the first missionary conference in 1906. ▼



# TITANS HELPING OTHERS AT HOME...

**W**hen it comes to aiding those in need, Westminster students and alumni have never been shy to lend a hand. In the aftermath of hurricanes that rumbled through the South this year, that has meant both opening their own homes, as well as building new ones.

Westminster welcomed with open arms freshman Nick **Manno**, a New Orleans native who was enrolled at Tulane University before Hurricane Katrina struck. Because of flooding, Manno was stranded for three days at Tulane Medical School where his father was employed. He was evacuated by helicopter and made his way up to Girard, Ohio, to stay with family. While there, a cousin mentioned hearing of Westminster's offer of free tuition, room and board, and books for students displaced by Katrina.

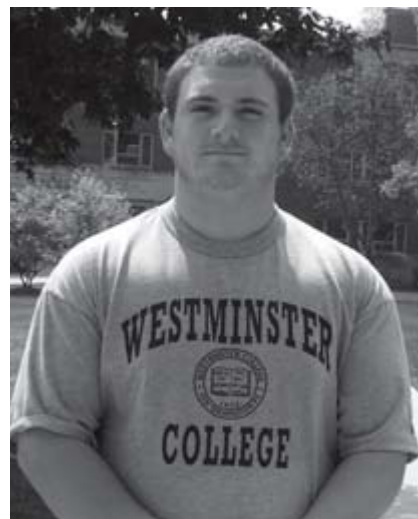
"I'm used to schools that were like small cities, but I like this small-school atmosphere," said Manno. "The people here were nice and friendly, so I chose to stay at Westminster."

Since his arrival, students have taken up a collection of everyday items, including clothing and food, to help Manno get by, and The Jacqueline House Bed & Breakfast held a fund-raiser for the entire Manno family.

Many other fund-raisers have been held on campus for Katrina victims, with proceeds divided between the American Red Cross

and the Presbyterian Disaster Service. Among the efforts: Titan Radio's live remotes as it attempted to raise \$890; collections at Titan football games; fraternity and sorority fund-raisers; and a campus-wide penny war. Campus fund-raising activities are continuing.

For those wanting a more hands-on experience, a mission work trip to the Gulf Coast is being organized for spring break 2006, while new plans are being made for a house to be built on the Westminster campus to be shipped to a hurricane-ravaged community. A national Habitat for Humanity "House-in-a-box" project for the Westminster campus was recently scrapped, but campus chapter officials indicated that they still intend to build a house which can be transplanted to the Gulf Coast in sections and reassembled when the damaged communities are ready to rebuild.



*Nick Manno*

## ...AND ABROAD Pride spurs mission work in Dominican Republic

Since 1996, Douglas **Pride**, pastor of The Presbyterian Church of Clearfield, in cooperation with the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church, has led annual mission trips to Sabaneta de Yasica, Dominican Republic. The group works with the Dominican church members in the areas of construction, education and medicine.

Last spring, the group included over a dozen volunteers with some association with Westminster – current students, graduates, employees, and their spouses and children. They are pictured at right.

Front row: Doug Pride, Jenny **Pride** and Katie **Pride**; Don **Willson**; Henry **Reed**; Margaret **Cuff**; Mollie **McMillan**; Margaret and David **Trautman**; Sami **Settlemire**; Back row: Sam **Farmerie**; Jack **Reed**; Bill **Miller**; Jim **Maloney**; and Ruth Ann and John **Mansell**.





# The Merry Mission to Malawi

## Dan and Beth Merry and their two children spend a year in Africa

By Beth Brown Merry '76

**D**an and I met in Dr. Hopkins' New Testament Class in Old Main, and that probably set the tone of our lives together. However, we never could have imagined the adventure that God had planned for us when we went to Africa for a year as missionaries from August 2004 until July 2005.

Dan is the associate pastor for Pittsburgh Presbytery and had visited Malawi several times before we went. Our daughters, Heather (who was 17) and Brooke (14) and I had never been and had no idea what to expect. As we tried to pack everything we would need for a year into 10 boxes and suitcases, I worried about what size sheets to bring for our beds, and how many pots and pans to pack. Once I got to Africa, I realized that there were much bigger things to worry about.

Malawi is about the size of Pennsylvania and has a similar population, 12 million people. It is landlocked, and 60 percent of the price of all goods is due to transportation costs. As a result, a cake mix cost \$7, and a tiny wedge of parmesan cheese was \$20. The unemployment rate in Malawi is 85 percent. Most people survive on subsistence farming, and while we were there the rains, which usually continue until March, stopped in January. The drought caused the crops to fail, and famine followed. There are currently 4.6 million people experiencing famine in Malawi.

The HIV/AIDS pandemic is destroying the fabric of society. An entire generation (20-40 year-olds) is being decimated. This leaves grandparents or teenagers to provide for the children who are orphaned. There are over a million of them. Diseases such as TB, cholera and malaria also kill thousands each year.

On top of that, the infrastructure of the country is falling apart or nonexistent. Roads are mostly dirt and filled with ruts and huge potholes. Less than 9 percent of Malawians have electricity. Only 7 percent have clean running water in their homes. Some of the schools lack toilets or roofs. All are short on textbooks, desks and teachers.

We wondered what one family from Pennsylvania could possibly do. We went as part of a partnership between Pittsburgh Presbytery and the Synod of Blantyre, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, so Dan worked closely with Synod administrators and pastors. Each week we would travel from our home in the city of Blantyre out into the bush to visit churches. The girls had a hard time getting used to the five-hour Celebrations of Worship in blistering heat, but they were troopers. Even the poorest churches and prayer houses had programs in place to assist the widows and orphans in their congregations and communities. The Blantyre Synod Projects Office also had demonstration farms set up to teach farmers about crop diversification and the planting of drought resistant strains of corn, peanuts and cassava. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance was running clinics for mothers, babies, senior citizens and AIDS patients.

It was hard for us to get used to the living conditions. Our home was fenced, our windows and doors barred, and the Synod provided



guards at night. Despite this, we were robbed several times. We had also had two fires in our home. We do not speak Chichewa, although the girls quickly picked some up from our neighbors and their friends at the International High School they attended. However, we were taught the true meaning of hospitality when Malawians welcomed us into their homes and churches and gave us the best that they had. Their generosity in meager times was amazing.

We attended one Harvest Service, similar to our Thanksgiving, at a bush church. The people there knew that the crops had failed and that famine was approaching, but they gave the best that they had, their first fruits, to the church. They literally danced down the aisle of the sanctuary as they presented their gifts to God. They knew that their own children would need those fruits and vegetables, but they gave them to the church to distribute to the destitute. I had never seen such truly sacrificial giving.

Throughout our year in Malawi, our Westminster "family" supported us. Classmates contributed to the "Merry Mission to Malawi" fund, so that we could go. My mother and father's (Marge **Powell** and Duff **Brown** '50) fraternity and sorority pals sent us birthday greetings and Christmas cards. Other alumni sent care packages, and my lab partner sent us replacement CDs when Heather's were stolen. We also knew that they were all praying for us.

Now that we are home, people ask us, "How have you changed?" It's a hard question to answer. We don't take anything for granted anymore – food, shelter, electricity, water. But I think that our daughters have demonstrated our transformation the best. Brooke grew about six inches while we were in Africa, so shortly after we got home I said, "Brooke, it's time to go shopping to get you some new school clothes." She said, "Mom, I don't need any. I have two pairs of jeans and two pairs of shorts, I am fine."

A few weeks later, Heather remarked to Dan, "Dad, some of my friends have changed while we were in Malawi. They seem much more materialistic now." He looked her straight in the eyes and said, "Heather, do you think that maybe it is you who have changed?" She smiled sheepishly and nodded.

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*(Beth Brown Merry '76 is an instructor in the communication and English departments at Waynesburg College; Daniel Merry '77 is associate pastor for Pittsburgh Presbytery. They live in Bethel Park with daughters Brooke and Heather.)*

# My Adventures in Malawi

By Carol E. Haney Watson '79

*Muli bwangi* (Hello! How are you?) to all of my fellow WC alumni! I would like to share with you one of the most amazing and unique experiences of my life. In the summer of 2004, I traveled along with 10 other educators to the country of Malawi in Africa to work with the students and teachers at the Domasi Government School. I was in Malawi for five weeks, during which I enjoyed the hospitality of the Malawian people and absorbed the rich culture of this unique country known as "The Warm Heart of Africa."

I spent much of my time working with and learning from the students and teachers at Domasi Government Primary School. Virginia Tech, where I was then a doctoral student, is conducting an ongoing multi-grant project to try to establish an elementary teacher education program in Malawi. At present, teachers there have little to no training past the high school level. Average class size is between 70 and 100 students to each teacher. A typical primary school in Malawi operates without textbooks, story books, paper, pencils, desks, chairs, or resources of any kind. Despite these difficulties, children walk for miles to attend school every day – to grab the opportunity to learn – to get an education. Free public school in Malawi has only existed for about 10 years.

Another dimension of this trip for me was the fact that for the previous two years, I have been facilitating a pen-pal exchange project in which students in grades 3-8 have been communicating with each other as paired partners. Since most of the Malawian children are too impoverished to have access to writing materials and postage, letters have been hand-carried back and forth by several professors from Virginia Tech between the Domasi Government School in Zomba, Malawi, and Falling Spring Elementary School in Covington, Va. Both areas are relatively rural and isolated, offering students little exposure to cultures and lifestyles different from their own. Pen-pals sent each other drawings, coins, candy, and photographs. They



*Carol Haney Watson '79 poses with many of her new friends at the Domasi Government School in Malawi. While a doctoral student at Virginia Tech, Watson spent five weeks in the African country helping to establish an elementary teacher program.*



*These Malawian students are sitting on their classroom floor drawing pictures of Goldilocks and the Three Bears on notebook paper with Crayola crayons brought to them from the United States.*

shared and compared information about their families, pets, favorite foods, religion, sports, weather/seasons, and friends. Pen-pals from both countries expressed caring, support, and empathy toward their partners on the other side of the world. The desire to make a connection far outweighed any minor difficulties between languages or cultures.

Both Americans and Malawians, adults and children, gained a wealth of knowledge from this experience. We learned to converse in Chichewa, while they learned to say "Cool!" and "Awesome!". We learned traditional tribal dancing while they learned how to do Appalachian "clogging." We learned to eat chambo fish, nsima, and nquani while they learned what pizza and hot dogs are. We learned to chew on poles of sugar cane while they tried chocolate bars.

I learned (or was reminded of) a lot of valuable things myself through the simplistic wisdom of my good friends in Malawi:

- Shoes are not always necessary, and are often a hindrance.
- An education is a rare and precious gift.
- ALL colorful, patterned clothes match.
- Tight time schedules are highly over rated.
- Baboons galloping across the roof

make a very effective daily alarm clock.

- Poverty is relative and, in many cases, only a perception.
- A child's smile and a friend's hug are the most valuable gifts.
- Disease is an indescribably horrible thing.
- You don't need a lot of "stuff" to be an effective teacher.
- People are the most important thing there is.

*(Carol Haney Watson earned her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Virginia Tech in 2005 and is now an assistant professor of elementary education at Kutztown University.)*

**Class of 1956  
50th Reunion Dinner,  
Saturday, October 21, 2006  
Radisson Hotel,  
West Middlesex, PA**

**59** Helen **Wynkoop** Fink and her husband, Andy, have retired to western Michigan, where they have opened A Finch Nest, a Victorian bed and breakfast. In 2004, they walked 300 miles across Spain on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

**60** Jane **Houtz** Alter, a retired high school economics teacher, was a speech coach at the 1996, 2000 and 2004 Republican National Conventions. She and her husband, Robert **Alter** '61, live in Dayton, Ohio.

**61** William **Hezlep** retired from Southwest Minnesota State University and was awarded *emeritus* status. While at the university, Bill was department chair, program coordinator and producer for the theatre program. He directed over 50 main stage plays for both the theatre program and Southwest Summer Theatre, many of which received recognition from the Kennedy Center and American College Festivals. He is the author of full-length and one-act plays and more than a dozen children's plays.

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**63** David **Murdoch** was recently appointed regional president for the Midland Region of Commerce Bank in Midland, Mich.

**40th Cluster Reunion Dinner,  
Classes of 1965, '66 & '67  
Saturday, October 21, 2006  
Holiday Inn Metroplex,  
Girard, OH**

**65** Steve **Abbey** is an independent contractor who delivers lunches for Food for Thought, a caterer. His wife, Roberta **Mumpfer** Abbey '64, teaches third grade for the Mentor (Ohio) schools.

Jim **George** has retired as vice president for academic affairs at Cal State Bakersfield and has been appointed a community member of *The Californian's* editorial board. He and his wife, Bobbie, make their home in Bakersfield, Calif.

**70** Judith Ann **Mitchell** is a medical education administrator at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

**71** Patricia **Stranahan** has been appointed president-elect of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia. The mission of the non-profit agency is to support a Christian presence in Asia's Christian and secular academic communities.

**72** Luann **Moser** of Mobile, Ala., recently moved from assistant principal at Dixon Elementary to principal at Turner Elementary School in the Mobile County schools.

**73** Donald **Houk** has sold his business, Med/Aid, Inc., and has started a new venture startup in mattresses, Sleepwell. He and his wife, Sally, reside in New Castle.

**74** Daniel **Rindge** of Newburyport, Mass., is a cartoonist at *Port Planet Newspaper*, and a freelance artist who illustrated the children's book, *Puff the Cloud*.

John **Still** is president of Pharma Metrics Inc., a pharmaceutical software and consulting firm. He and his wife, Marylouise, and their two children make their home in Oreland.

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### Deadlines:

Class Notes printed in this issue were received prior to Oct 5, 2005. Because *Westminster Magazine* is a quarterly publication requiring significant lead time, please allow at least three months before your news is published. Class Notes received prior to March 3, 2006, will appear in the Spring 2006 issue.

Debora **Swatsworth** Foster, vice president of corporate communications for H.J. Heinz Company and member of the Westminster College Board of Trustees, received IABC/Pittsburgh's 2005 Business Communicator of the Year Award. The award recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions in practicing, promoting and enhancing professional business communications in western Pennsylvania. Debbie and her husband, Bill **Foster**, reside in Pittsburgh.

**78** Laurie **Hackett** Burns received her MBA *summa cum laude* from the University of Phoenix. She and her husband, Robert, live in Tacoma, Wash., where Laurie is an elementary music specialist and track and field coach with the Tacoma Public Schools.

Dr. Gary **Lake** is a general internist and chief of the medical staff at Tuba City Regional Health Care Corp., whose hospital and clinics provide care to primarily Navajo and Hopi patients. He and his wife, Jane, and their two children live on the Navajo reservation in Tuba City, Ariz.

**79** Michele **Stipanovich** Kirsch has been named director of administrative operations at Penn State's Schreyer Honors College. Mitch and her husband, Rodney, reside in State College.

**80** Mike **Esposito** is the track and field and cross country coach at High Point (N.C.) University, following a very successful program at Mount Tabor High School.



David Nobs has joined Ruder Finn, Inc., as managing director, responsible for leading the growth and development of its Los Angeles office and helping manage the agency's consumer, sports and entertainment marketing practice. David and his wife, Mary Beth, live in Pasadena, Calif.



**Class of 1981  
25th Reunion Dinner,  
Saturday, October 21, 2006  
Holiday Inn Metroplex,  
Girard, OH**

**81** Martha Evanoff graduated from the MBA program at Strayer University and is a systems accountant with the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, James Auchter, live in Alexandria, Va.

**82** Richard Kennedy II has accepted a position with IBM as the sales leader for the Lotus brand, covering sector accounts in the Carolinas. He and his family live in Raleigh, N.C.

John McCoy received his master's from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. He and his wife, Laurie Shupe McCoy '85, and their two children have moved to Singapore, where John is the assistant special agent in charge of the NCIS field office.

**83** Kellyn Betts is senior editor of *Environmental Science and Technology* magazine in Washington, D.C. She was recently interviewed regarding an article she wrote on the potential health risk of working in a cubicle office environment.

Gary Butler teaches junior high choir, general music and drama in Shakopee, Minn., and is celebrating his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as cantor at Resurrection Lutheran Church. He and his wife, Ione, and their three children reside in Burnsville, Minn.

### Alumni Spotlight: Janice Wilson '80

## How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Patience, patience, patience

Just two weeks before Christmas, nestled between Central Park and Rockefeller Center, Janice Wilson will walk on the big stage at Carnegie Music Hall and sing the alto solo in Handel's *Messiah*. In large part because of an audition tape she sent out....in 1994.

Wilson, a 1980 Westminster graduate who lives in Manhattan, has been hired to perform with the St. Cecilia Chorus and Orchestra Dec. 10 at Isaac Stern Auditorium in the famed Carnegie Hall.

The conductor, 92-year-old David Randolph, has long been a fan of Wilson's voice. For over a decade, he and his wife held on to a particular demo cassette tape. They would take it out on occasion and admire its vocals. The only problem was, it had long been separated from any accompanying flyer or résumé, or in this case, the press kit Wilson's agent had sent out before Wilson embarked on a trip to New York City for her debut solo voice recital at one of Carnegie Hall's smaller venues, Weill Recital Hall.

Wilson moved to New York a few years later. She works full time as manager of the information resource center for the American Symphony Orchestra League. She also performs once or twice a month on average. She has performed solo engagements with symphony orchestras from Pittsburgh, Richmond, West Virginia, Savannah, Erie, Wheeling, Owens-

boro, Dubuque, Allentown, Altoona, and many others. The recipient of a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for voice study at the Royal College of Music in London, Wilson earned her master's degree in voice performance from Penn State University and was a regional finalist of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

Having ditched her agent years ago, earlier this year Wilson sent out some homemade postcards to conductors around the city. When Randolph received his and matched it up with the demo tape he so admired, he immediately called Wilson in for a live audition.

"I auditioned in July on one of the hottest days of the year and his apartment didn't have air conditioning," Wilson said. "By the time I was done, I was exhausted and soaking wet."

But Randolph had found the voice he had been waiting more than a decade for. He not only hired her to perform in his 172nd performance of *Messiah*, he also hired her for another performance, Mozart's *Solemn Vespers*, Feb. 28, 2006, at Church of the Heavenly Rest on Fifth Avenue.

— PSB



Dariann Dattilo Rose has been promoted to vice president at Development Counsellors International, specialists in marketing communities for tourism and business investment. Dari and her husband, Frederic, make their home in Scotch Plains, N.J.



**84** Valerie Day Wilden received her master of arts degree in journalism and mass communication from Point Park College. She is assistant vice president at St. Barnabas Health System. She and her husband, Gregory, and their two children reside in Wexford.



David Beatty, chief engineer for aerial sensor integration of future combat systems with Northrop Grumman Corporation, is serving as interim organist/director of music at First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, the first Presbyterian congregation in Philadelphia.

Sharon Brown Wolfe is a homemaker. She lives in Delray Beach, Fla., with her husband, David, and their twins.

Paige Crandall received her Ed.D. from Florida State University, where she is associate dean of students. She makes her home in Gainesville, Fla.

**20th Cluster Reunion Dinner,  
Classes of 1985, '86 & '87  
Saturday, October 21, 2006  
Holiday Inn Metroplex,  
Girard, OH**

**86** Joseph Burns is a professor at Southeastern Louisiana University, where he has received tenure. He lives in Hammond, La., with his wife, Tammy, and their son. (See also *New Additions*.)

**87** Maria DiRenzo Carbone is a senior professional healthcare representative with Pfizer, Inc. She and her husband, John, and their two sons reside in Stow, Ohio.

**88** Beth Grinager Kaniuff is the assistant to the director of stadium management for the Pittsburgh Steelers. She and her husband, John, make their home in Mars.

**91** Tanya Martin Lord, a licensed real estate title agent, opened First Nation's Title Agency and is the firm's CEO. She and her husband, Robert, and their two sons live in Akron, Ohio.

Dr. Tuesdae Rodgers Stainbrook is medical director of the new Hyperbaric Medicine Unit at DuBois Regional Medical Center, medical director of the Wound Center,

infectious disease consultant, and HIV specialist for the Northwest AIDS Alliance. She and her husband, Dr. Michael Stainbrook, and their three children are residents of DuBois.

**92** Dena **Barefoot** Masterino is the radiology practice administrator for American Radiologic Technologies, a teleradiology group based in Wexford that services MRI facilities across the country. She and her husband, Bob, live in McCandless.

Kristen **Fink** Scarborough is a technical trainer for McKesson Automated Prescription Services. She resides in Pittsburgh with her husband, Rob.

Dr. Brenda **May-DePaola** completed her cardiovascular fellowship at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She is now stationed at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., where she is a staff cardiologist. She resides in Silver Spring, Md., with her husband, Vince, and daughter.

Brian **Slezak** has accepted a position as a senior research toxicologist with DuPont Haskell Laboratories. He and his wife, Sarah **Denny** Slezak '95, and their two children have moved to West Grove.

**93** Frank **D'Amico** has taken a position as manager of information systems with Wexford-based American Environmental Services. He and his wife, Jennifer **Call** D'Amico, and their two children reside in Moon Township.

**94** Steven **Begg** is employed by the Virginia Department of Transportation as an environmental specialist/aquatic ecologist in the water quality division. He and his wife, Corinne **Bentzel** Begg, and their two children live in Midlothian, Va. (See also *New Additions*.)

Laura **Luckmeier** Valentine was awarded a graduate assistantship to pursue her MBA at Berry College in Mount Berry, Ga. She and her husband, William, and their two children make their home in Kingston, Ga.

**95** Brian **Fisher** is the author of *Seven Investment Tales: Simple Parables That Illustrate Financial Topics*, which uses parables to simplify difficult investment topics. He founded B.E. Fisher Associates

to focus on financial training and asset management. He and his wife, Jessica **Headrick** Fisher '93, make their home in North Strabane.

T.J. **Greggs** is assistant director of residence life at Kennesaw (Ga.) State University.

Jennifer **Johnson** Axtell received her master's in education from National University, and is a kindergarten teacher in the Corona-Norco Unified School District. She and her husband, Phil, and their two sons make their home in Norco, Calif. (See also *New Additions*.)

John **Salvini** was promoted to district sales manager for the public sector of ADP's national account services. He and his wife, Ciera **Zalfini** Salvini '96, live in Mars.

**96** Erin **Anderson** Schuetz is coordinator of events and scheduling with the Office of Campus Life at Clarion University.

Matthew **Esch** completed his master of arts degree in counseling psychology with a specialization in couples and family therapy from Seton Hill University. He has been promoted to family-based therapist with the family-based mental health program at Family Resources. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Angela, and their son.

Dr. Jennifer **Jackson-Wohl** completed her residency as chief resident in psychiatry at Akron (Ohio) General Medical Center. She is now in private practice at Summit Center for Behavioral Sciences. She and her husband, Eric Jackson, and their son make their home in Akron. (See also *New Additions*.)

Patricia **James** Mutchler is publishing director with Peter Li Education Group. Patty resides in West Castle with her husband, Ray.

**97** Laura **Burhans** received her Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University of Illinois, and is a post-doctoral fellow at the Blanchette Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute at West Virginia University.

Jason **Kalajainen** has been selected executive director of Ox-Bow, a summer school of art and artists' residency that is affiliated with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.



Douglas **Osman** received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Drexel University, and is a primary therapist at Devereux Foundation, a residential treatment facility. He resides in Conshohocken.

Joey **Palmeter** received his master's of music in wind conducting at Penn State. He resides in Danielson, Conn., where he is director of symphonic and marching bands at Killingly High School.

**98** Meri Beth **Gubanic** Furlong is the Grable intern coordinator at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens and is pursuing a master's degree in secondary education at Carlow University in Pittsburgh. She lives in Port Vue with her husband, Lawrence, and their daughter. (See also *New Additions*.)

Michael **Shanafelt** received his MBA from St. Francis University. His wife, Colleen **Dion** Shanafelt '96, is a physical therapist with Home Nursing Agency in Altoona. The couple and their two children are residents of Hollidaysburg. (See also *New Additions*.)

**99** Doug **Frederick** received his master's of public administration from the University of Pittsburgh, and is manager of corporate and foundation giving at the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh.

Lara **Hoffman** Hauser earned her master's in gifted education from the University of Connecticut, and is an eighth-grade science teacher at Oldham County Middle School in Buckner, Ky. Her husband, Scott **Hauser** '02, is in his last year of graduate school, pursuing both a master's of divinity at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a master's in business administration at the University of Louisville. The couple lives in Louisville with their son. (See also *New Additions*.)

Megan **McGavern** of North Huntingdon was awarded the doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is serving an internship at Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va.



Kelly **Swadling** Faust received a master's in education from Nazareth College in Rochester, N.Y. She and her husband, Andrew, live in Clifton Springs, N.Y. (See also *Marriages*.)

### 5th Cluster Reunion Luncheon, Classes of 2000, '01 & '02 Saturday, October 21, 2006, Old 77

**00** Melissa **Sutmire** of Monroeville received her master's in school counseling from Slippery Rock University. She is a high school science teacher in the Penn-Trafford School District.

**01** Eric **Bass** completed his master's in instructional leadership from Northern Kentucky University and received his administration certification. He lives in Bellevue, Ky., where he is a math teacher at Bellevue High School.

Nathan **Carlin** received the master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. He is continuing his studies for a doctor of philosophy degree at Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Alyssa **Detore** Truss teaches fourth grade at St. Andrews School. She and her husband, Ted, are residents of Annapolis, Md.

Collins **Fobanjong** has completed four years of service with the U.S. Marine Corps in Washington, D.C. He lives in Annandale, Va., and is a government contractor with the U.S. Army.

Bryan **Hooks** received his doctorate of osteopathic medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is serving an internship at St. Joseph's Health Center in Warren, Ohio.



Jennifer **Kreiling** earned her doctorate from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Tyler **Phillips** of Butler received a master of arts in teaching and special education certification from LaRoche College. Tyler is teaching learning support in ninth and tenth grade in the North Allegheny School District.

Jaime **Vega** was a recipient of a doctorate from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.



**02** Marci **Bihler** Carothers is the associate director of annual giving at Bryn Mawr College. She and her husband, Brian, reside in Conshohocken.

Tammy **Geiwitz-Rynd** has accepted the position of sales promotion and public relations manager with First National Bank in Hermitage. She and her husband, Ryan, and daughter make their home in Volant. (See also *New Additions*.)

Chrissy **Ingold** has completed a joint internship in Massachusetts at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fairhaven and the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford. Her work included preaching, teaching, making hospital calls and working with the community. As part of her community ministry, she established a Protestant chaplaincy at Tobey Hospital in Wareham. She is now in her final year of studies at Yale Divinity School.

JoAnn **Lewis** has established



squareOne, a marketing advisory firm in Sharon. She and her husband, Jon Gutowski, and their daughter make their home in Sharon.

Renee **Mele** graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a master of arts in teaching. Renee has moved to Lake Ridge, Va., and teaches second grade for Prince William County Public Schools.

**03** Jennifer **Hooks** of Baden, a kindergarten teacher in the Center Area School District, received certification as a reading specialist and is enrolled in the master's program at Slippery Rock University.

## Alumni Spotlight: Rob Jackson '91

### How an Aspiring Stockbroker Became One of Youngest Hospital CEOs in U.S.

According to Dr. Thomas C. Dolan, president and chief executive officer of the American College of Healthcare Executives, only 1 percent of their membership holding the chief executive officer position in hospitals across the country is 40 or younger. Rob **Jackson**, a 1991 Westminster College graduate, is among that elite number.

The 35-year-old Jackson is the chief executive officer of United Community Hospital in Grove City. He joined the hospital in 1998 and rose through the ranks to become vice president of administrative and physician services. He was named interim CEO in November 2004 and took over the job on a permanent basis in April.

"When I came to Westminster in the fall of 1987, I wanted to be a stockbroker. Thanks to Paul **Frery**, who was chair of the Department of Economics and Business at Westminster, I took a month-long internship offered by alumnus Dave **Farner** '85 at Canterbury Place, a long-term care facility. After a month, Dave asked me if I wanted to work there during the summer, which was when my career path took a turn and never came back to being a stockbroker. I had a wonderful experience. The people there convinced me that working in health care administration was the right answer for me.

"So I came back to Westminnie and took a fifth class of intermediate accounting in my senior year, which was suggested by Dave. He also introduced me to many people, and by April I had a job offer as financial special projects coordinator for Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh. It was a smaller hospital back then than it is now. I coordinated financing for a parking garage, bond refinancing, and worked with the University of Pittsburgh analyzing those projects that intertwined with them. By this time my whole direction to go into health care was set, but it would not have happened without the help of Westminster. Internships give you a feel for the area you are working in, and they are a great way to gain experience."

Jackson credits another Westminster experience with strengthening his management skills while helping him pay for his tuition at the same time. A four-year resident of Russell Hall, Jackson worked first as a resident assistant, then assistant resident director, then finally as resident director under the guidance of Neal **Edman**, dean of student affairs.

"I was able to say on my résumé that I was responsible for 120 other students," Jackson said.

"This opportunity helped me to be responsible and to gain skills in working with people. My years at Westminster College allowed me the opportunity to meet people, because I met new freshmen every year for four years.

"Ninety percent of health care is service-driven and working with people. My job is to do what I can do for people, and no one cares how old I am. The only time that was ever an issue was in my early years at Presby. I have built relationships here, but we all interact with patients and employees, the same as people do at Westminster.

"My job is to help other people, give them the best care I can, including having the right people, the right equipment, and the right relationships with the community."

— Carol Eberhart '94, M '04



Rob Jackson, CEO of United Community Hospital in Grove City, shakes hands with Timothy Bonner, the hospital's chairman of the board of directors. Jackson, one of the youngest hospital CEOs in the country, is a 1991 Westminster graduate; Bonner, a Grove City attorney, is a 1972 grad.

Amy **Palmer** of Pittsburgh is a Title I K-5 teacher in the Highlands School District in Natrona Heights and is enrolled in the master's program at the University of Pittsburgh.

Pamela **Stennis** of Columbus, Ohio, received a master of arts degree in English from Youngstown State University.

Abby **Wesse** is a third-grade teacher in the Canton (Ohio) City Schools.

**04** Jason **Cooper** is assistant store manager with Gap, Inc. His wife, Emily **Koegler** Cooper, is a store manager with Sara Lee Direct. The couple resides in Herndon, Va.

Sara **Ialongo** has been promoted to assistant account executive at Blattner Brunner. She coordinates events and assists with media relations for United Way of Allegheny County, and generates media coverage for Zippo Manufacturing Company for new product launches.



Melissa **Moore** completed the education certification program at Westminster College and is a high school English teacher in the Clarion Area School District.

Ashleigh **Oram** of Burlington, Vt., is an administrative assistant at the Magic Hat Brewing Company, and is enrolled in the MBA program at the University of Vermont.

Jessilyn **Pilato** has accepted a position as an agricultural specialist with the Department of Homeland Security. She has moved to Savannah, Ga., and completed new officer training, where she received her badge and credentials.

**05** Sara **Noel** of Dravosburg has accepted a position in the assurance department of Horovitz, Rudoy & Roteman, a certified public accounting and business advisory firm in Pittsburgh.

Amanda **Ventrone** has joined the instructional staff at Saltsburg Elementary School as a general music instructor. She resides in North Washington Township.

## Marriages

**92** Eric **Chisholm** and Sharon Griser, Aug. 2, 2003, at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Allison Park. Alumni in the wedding party included best man Doug **Slade** '91

and groomsmen Roy **Heid** '89 and Paul **Caswell**. Other alumni attending included Mike **Garrett** '91, Barbara **Butler** Garrett '91, Vicki **Knapp** Halaja, Matthew **Hillebrand** '94, Kelly **Manion** Hillebrand '91, Jennifer **Kelly** Slade '93, Lissa **Lauffer** Martell '90 and Bruce **Thalmann** '88. Eric is a senior quality engineer with Radiant Systems. The couple and their daughter reside in Frisco, Texas.

**95** Kara **Sheets** and Michael Albrecht, Sept. 4, 2004, at Florence (Ky.) United Methodist Church. Matron of honor was Leann **Isaac** Restaino, and Kristine **Reichard** Reynolds was a bridesmaid. Attending were Marla **Sheets** '93, Susan **Shaffer** Leiningner, Stepha-

nie **Stoltzfus** and Ralph **Wilcox**. Kara is senior data manager with Medical Research Laboratories International. The couple and their son reside in Burlington, Ky. (See also *New Additions*.)

Lynne **Williams** and Jeffrey



Golvash, July 10, 2004, at St. Sylvester's Church in Pittsburgh. Angela **Pirone** '94 was a bridesmaid. Alumnae attending were

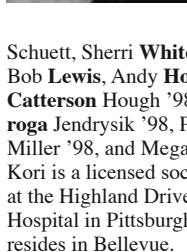
BethAnn **Brown** Jones, Liz **Parker** Sherry and Ann **Murphy** Powell. Lynne teaches seventh-grade math at Brentwood Middle School. The couple lives in Whitehall.

**96** Shelley **Yoakam** and David Campbell, Sept. 23, 2003, on Turtle Island, Fiji. A reception was held Oct. 4, 2003, in Raleigh, N.C., that



included Janice **Houser** Stewart, Susan **Mondok** Imposimato, Heather **Nolan** Aeppli '95, Todd **Aeppli** '93 and Christie **Rieder** Lammers '95. Shelley is senior financial analyst with RH Donnelley, a directional media and publishing firm. The couple lives in Morrisville, N.C.

**97** Kori **Anderson** and David Colangelo, June 25, 2005, at Fluvanna Community Church in Bemus Point, N.Y. Alumni in attendance included



Amy **Barley** Schuett, Sherri **Whiteman** Miller, Bob **Lewis**, Andy **Hough**, Jennifer **Catterson** Hough '98, Julie **Zad-ruga** Jendrysik '98, Paige **Dearth** Miller '98, and Megan **Ellis** '99. Kori is a licensed social worker at the Highland Drive Veterans Hospital in Pittsburgh. The couple resides in Bellevue.

## Tiny Titans



The sons of Jennifer Cook Erickson and Avery Piper Craig, Class of 1994, try on the Blue & White of their mothers' alma mater. From left to right: Will Craig, Daniel Erickson, Ben Craig, Benjamin Erickson, Matthew Craig.

Amy **Dymond** and Edwin Jones, Aug. 6, 2004. Susan **Kasubick-Tillman** was a guest. The couple lives in Allentown, where Amy is a counselor in the Allentown School District.

Diane **Highberger** and Mathew Resnick, October 2004, in the Outer Banks, N.C. Alumnae in the wedding party were Angela **Stover** '98 and

Cortney **Price**. Diane is a freelance television/video production manager. The couple recently moved to Greensburg.

**98** David **Prestopine** and Shannon Hicks, July 2, 2005, at Wallace Memorial Chapel. Susan **Prestopine** Wellman '96 was a bridesmaid and Bill **Scott** was an usher. Music was provided by Beth **Harrison**, College organist. The couple resides in New Castle, where David is a deputy county controller.

**99** Kelly **Swadling** and Andrew Faust, May 14, 2005, in Lake Havasu, Ariz. Alumnae attending a reception in New York were Nicole **Cox**, Jill **Grinham** and Carrie **Stickel**. (See also *Class Notes*.)

**00** Rebekah **Borrelli** and Brent Harlan, July 16, 2005, at First Alliance Church in New Castle. Alumni in the wedding party included Erica **Martin** Bruce '04, Dinia **DiGennaro** Kollar '99 and Jason **Levish** '98. Rebekah teaches first grade at Neshannock Memorial School. The couple resides in Volant.

Jamie **Burgess** and Kristopher Wilson, May 14, 2005, at St. Elizabeth's in Pittsburgh. Jamie is employed by Strategic Images, an advertising firm. The couple lives in Brentwood.

Heidi **Ludwiczak** and Richard Orrico, June 25, 2005, at St. Lucy Church in New Castle. Vanessa **Phillips** '06 was maid of honor. Heidi is a first-grade

teacher at Conway Elementary School in the Freedom Area School District, and is enrolled in the master's of special education program at Slippery Rock University. The couple lives in Boardman, Ohio.

Karen **Mashuda** and Matthew Urban, Oct. 1, 2005, in Pittsburgh. Alumnae participating included Jennifer **Harvey**, Julie **Irvine** and Erin **Wheeler**. The couple lives in Erie, where Karen is an accountant with Schaffner, Knight, Minnaugh & Co.

**01** Kimberly **Geisler** and Jason McIntyre, Oct. 9, 2004, in York. Alumnae in the wedding party were maid of honor Tracy **Geisler** '04 and Kathleen **Morgan**. The couple resides in Red Lion, where Kimberly is a teacher in the Southern York County School District.

Michael **Riwniak** and Kelly Parish, May 14, 2005, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Salisbury, Md. Michael is a state trooper with the Maryland State Police. The couple lives in Salisbury.

**02** Amiee **Piccolino** and William Boyd, June 25, 2005, at Unity United Presbyterian Church in Plum. The couple lives in Penn Hills, where Amiee is a substitute teacher in the Penn Hills School District.

## New Additions

**83** John **Waite** and his wife, Cynthia: a son, John Michael, on July 18, 2005. The family resides in Raleigh, N.C., where John is an account representative with Hagemeyer, an industrial distributor.

Bob **Wohlwend** and his wife, Christine: two sons, Alex (11) and Andrey (9), adopted from Russia on April 23, 2005. They are welcomed by big brothers Scott (17) and Steve (18) at the family home in Powell, Ohio.

**86** Joseph **Burns** and his wife, Tammy: a son, Maxwell Edison, on Oct. 5, 2004, adopted from Guatemala. (See also Class Notes.)

**91** Edward **Mansell** and his wife, Rose: a daughter, Greta, on Feb. 24, 2005. The family resides in Norman, Okla., where Edward is a research scientist at the University of Oklahoma.

Danielle **Marscio** Call and her husband, Dr. David **Call** '93: a son, Luke David, on July 1, 2005. He is welcomed by Morgan Christine, 5, and Maddox Douglas, 3. The family lives in Wooster, Ohio, where David has opened Wooster Internal Medicine.

Kris **Tudor** Bates and her husband, Ken: a son, Davis Kristopher, on June 20, 2005. He joins big brother Jackson, 5, at home in Nottingham.

**93** Rebecca **Hyde** Slade and her husband, Adam **Slade**: a son, Nathan, on July 13, 2005. He is welcomed by Tyler, 5, Carson, 3, and Brady, 2. Adam is employed in mortgage sales with US Mortgage Network in Wexford.

**94** Capt. Richard **Beggs** and his wife, Melissa: a son, Joseph Sumner, in January 2005. The family lives in Oklahoma City, Okla., where Richard is stationed with the U.S. Air Force.

Corinne **Bentzel** Begg and her husband, Steven **Begg**: a daughter, Amanda Louise, on Oct. 22, 2003. She joins big brother Alexander, 5. (See also Class Notes.)

Laura **Holmes** Hahn and her husband, Gregory **Hahn** '95: a daughter, Isabella, adopted from Russia in June 2005. She joins Samuel (9), Carly (7), Jackson (5), and Luke (4). The family lives in Havre de Grace, Md., where Gregory is a Maryland state trooper.

Anne **Hutyera** Douglas and her husband, Scott: a son, Wade, on Feb. 13, 2004. The family lives in Rocky River, Ohio.

Jennifer **McNatt** Laidlaw and her husband, Patrick **Laidlaw**: a son, Colin Patrick, on June 3, 2005. He is welcomed by Mackenzie, 5, and Bodie, 3, at the family's home in Salt Lake City.

**95** Jennifer **Johnson** Axtell and her husband, Phil: a son, Samuel Freeman, on July 7, 2005. He joins Maximiliano, 3. (See also Class Notes.)

Kara **Sheets** Albrecht and her husband, Michael: a son, Colin Layke, on June 14, 2005. (See also Marriages.)

Tonya **Wise** McKenna and her husband, Jason: a daughter, Josephine Anne, on May 26, 2004. Tonya is a teacher at St. John the Baptist School in Monaca. The family resides in Aliquippa.

**96** Amy **Cook** Leonard and her husband, David: twins, Sophia Ruth and Andrew Carl, on April 27, 2005. The family is at home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Colleen **Dion** Shanafelt and her husband, Michael **Shanafelt** '98: a daughter, Madeline Marie, on Dec. 27, 2004. She joins Ethan Michael, 2. (See also Class Notes.)

Kristie **Havver** Kopp and her husband, Ron: a daughter, Katherine Angela, on June 24, 2005. She is welcomed by Nathan, 2. The family resides in York.

Dr. Jennifer **Jackson-Wohl** and her husband, Eric Jackson: a son, Carson Alexander, on May 1, 2005. He is welcomed by Logan, 3. (See also Class Notes.)

Katie **Wimer** Martin and her husband, Aaron: a daughter, Teagan Hope Anastasia, on March 11, 2005. She joins Kyle, 6, Rhiannon, 4, and Iain, 2, at the family's home in Avondale.

**97** J.R. **Evans** and his wife, Mandy: a daughter, Kathryn Grace, on May 17, 2005. She is welcomed by big brother Tyler, 2. The family is at home in South Fayette Township.

Susan **Kasubick-Tillman** and her husband, Dr. Bryan Tillman: a daughter, Avery Margaret, on June 15, 2005. The family resides in Columbus, Ohio, where Susan is a physician assistant at Ohio State University Medical Center.

Jennifer **Mosberger** VanFosson and her husband, Dave **VanFosson** '96: a son, Drew Lewis, on April 15, 2005. The family lives in Glenshaw.

Melinda **Pelesky** Pry and her husband, Jason **Pry** '94: a son, William McLellan, on May 7, 2005. He joins Hannah Margaret, 3, at the family's home in McDonald.

Teresa **Rotellini** Bailey and her husband, Jaison: a daughter, Alexis Faye, on March 23, 2005. She is welcomed by Austin John, 2. The family lives in McKees Rocks.

Holly **Smith** Heirendt and her husband, Matthew: a daughter, McKenzie Elizabeth, on April 28, 2005. The family resides in Lawrence.

**98** Meri Beth **Gubanic** Furlong and her husband, Lawrence: a daughter, Savannah Jayne, on June 18, 2003. (See also Class Notes.)

Jennifer **Jarvis** Bates and her husband, George: a son, Charles Koenig, on May 27, 2005. Jennifer is a research coordinator at The Cleveland Clinic.

Emily **McGuire** Wilcox and her husband, Paul: a son, Jack Alden, on May 27, 2005. The family resides in Erie, where Emily is a second-grade teacher in the Millcreek Township School District.

Brittany **Royer** Beecroft and her husband, Sean: a daughter, Olivia Rose, on April 11, 2005. The family lives in Follansbee, W.V.



Jackie **See** Fawley and her husband, Trevor **Fawley** '97: a son, Pierce Anthony, on Dec. 25, 2004. The family lives in Pittsburgh.

Mandy **Snyder** Corbett and her husband, Jeffrey: a son, Samuel Isaiah, on Nov. 29, 2004. He joins Annie Mackenzie, 4, and Austin James-Gregory, 2, at home in Grove City.



**99** Christie **Adler** Rihel and her husband, Stephen: a daughter, Jillian Marie, on April 14, 2005. She joins Adam Stephen, 2, at the family's home in Grove City.

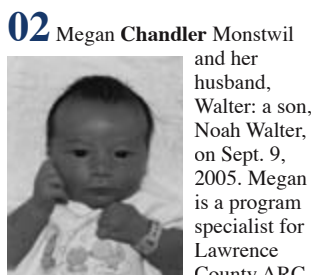
Heather **Coast** McCalla and her husband, Brad: a daughter, Haleigh Marie, on June 9, 2005. Heather teaches fourth grade in the Blackhawk School District. The family lives in New Castle.

Lara **Hoffman** Hauser and her husband, Scott **Hauser** '02: a son, Simon Douglas, on March 24, 2005. (See also Class Notes.)

**01** Kathleen **Benson** Mort and her husband, Carl: a son, Charlie, on March 13, 2005. The family lives in Alliance, Ohio, where Kathleen is a guidance counselor in the Marlington Local Schools.

Summerlea **Hobbs** Klinar and her husband, Henry **Klinar**: a daughter, Amelia Annabelle, on April 27, 2005. The family resides in New Market, Md.

Jim **Peterson** and his wife, Becky: a daughter, Mackenzie Ann, on July 20, 2005. The family lives in Norfolk, Va.



training facility in New Castle. The family resides in Mt. Jackson.

Tammy **Geiwitz-Rynd** and her husband, Ryan: a daughter, Allyson Marie, on April 30, 2005. (See also *Class Notes*.)

Mary **Haug** Aey and her husband, Michael **Aey** '99: a son, Joseph Michael, on June 15, 2005. The family lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Robyn **Zellers** Lohr and her husband, James: a son, Kolbe James, on Feb. 16, 2005. The family lives in Mercer.

## In Memory

Word has reached us of the passing of the following alumni and friends of Westminster College.

To submit information for the In Memory section, please provide a complete obituary notice (if available) to the Office of Alumni Relations. Please be sure to include the names and class years of any surviving Westminster alumni relatives.

**33** Grace **Hickok** Douglass of Cortland, Ohio, Aug. 22, 2004. Her first job was as a teacher in a one-room school near New Castle. In 1934, she began teaching in the New Castle schools. In 1938 she married the Rev. Robert Douglass; they shared a pastoral ministry for nearly five decades. They retired in 1977. Mrs. Douglass moved to Ohio in 1990 and was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Ohio, and the P.E.O. Survivors include a son; two daughters; five grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Anna Abigail **Paxton** Reed of Zionsville, July 10, 2005. She was formerly a missionary and teacher.

**34** Leonard **Baird** of Chelsea, Mich., Feb. 10, 2004. He was a retired data entry manager. Survivors include two children, including Linda **Baird** Campbell '70; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Paul **MacMinn** of Lititz, February 2005. A lifelong educator and counselor, he retired as a professor of psychology and assistant dean at Ohio State University. He formerly served as assistant pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Evanston, Ill.; counseling psychologist in Chicago; dean of men at Northwestern University; military psychologist for the U.S. Army; dean of students and professor of psychology at the University of Oklahoma; and director of civil defense education and program director of the U.S. student loan program at the U.S. Office of Education. He also served as a consultant for the Peace Corps, West Point Academy, Armed Forces Institute and was a visiting professor at the University of Virginia, Michigan State University and American University. He retired from Ohio State in 1975 and remained active in community counseling and educational programs. He received his master's and doctorate from Northwestern and also attended Garret Graduate School of Theology. Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Frances; a son and his wife; a daughter; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**36** Dorothy **Covert** Wilhelm of Hilton Head Island, S.C., June 2004.

**38** Grayce **Bell** Fleegeer of Titusville, Fla., September 2004. She was a former music supervisor in the Penn Township School District.

Roy **Gibson** of Sewickley, May 29, 2005. He was a salesman for Williams & Company. Survivors include his wife, Jean.

Izora **Mangus** Snyder of Hollidaysburg, July 14, 2004. She was retired owner of Schoolhouse Stitchery. Survivors include three children, including Jeffrey **Snyder** '66 and Gregory **Snyder** '71.

**39** George **McGeoch** of Cambridge, N.Y., July 10, 2005. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he worked as an electrician then as an appliance repairman and floor covering installer. He also helped with local ambulance service and at

a funeral home. He was a member of the Embury United Methodist Church for over 40 years and served as treasurer. Survivors include two sons and their spouses; three granddaughters; a niece; a nephew; and many cousins.

June **Nicklas** Gibson of Glenshaw, March 31, 2005. A retired secretary, she was a member of the first graduating class of Shaler High School. Survivors include her husband, William; three children, including Willa **Gibson** Neil '66; two brothers; and four grandchildren, including Katie Gibson **Neil** Johnson '99.

**40** Harvey **Mercer** of Mt. Lebanon, Sept. 4, 2004. He was formerly employed by Mutual of New York and served as assistant professor of business education at Westminster from 1946-52. Survivors include four children and their spouses; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**41** Henry **Hudson** of Avon Park, Fla., Oct. 24, 2004. He was a retired air traffic controller. Survivors include his wife, Vynetta, and their children.

Dorothy **Walberg** Schmitt of Rochester, July 12, 2005. She was a retired secretary. Survivors include two children and their spouses; six stepchildren; and 18 grandchildren.

**42** Francis **Tinley** Rosselot of Greenville. She was a retired secretary and teacher in the Greenville schools.

**43** Gail **McLaughlin** Mercer of Mt. Lebanon, Dec. 20, 2003. Survivors include four children and their spouses; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**47** Joyce **Alexander** Fletcher of Cape Coral, Fla., Dec. 29, 2002. A New Castle native, she was active with the New Castle Playhouse, P.E.O., and the New Castle Country Club. She moved to Cape Coral in 1987 and was a member of the Palmetto Pine Country Club. Survivors include three daughters and their spouses; a sister; a brother, Jerry **Alexander** '57; and eight grandchildren.

Dorothy **Ross** Mackey of Pittsburgh, July 24, 2005. She was formerly a volunteer reading specialist with the Allegheny County Literacy Council. Survivors include her husband, George; a son; a brother; and four grandsons.

**49** Jane **Mawhinney** Jones of Virginia Beach, Va., June 30, 2005.

**56** Mary **Canon** Goltare of Keystone Heights, Fla. She was a retired executive secretary.

Richard **Newcomer** of Rio Rancho, N.M., Aug. 21, 2005. The son of a Hearst newspaper accountant and a silent movie actress, he was a multilingual world-traveler who began his professional communications career as a disc jockey while an undergraduate. Following three years of Army duty, in which he served as a disc jockey and reporter of broadcast news with the Armed Forces Network,



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he resumed his broadcast career in Youngstown, Ohio; Iowa City, Iowa; Miami, Fla.; and Voice of America. He earned a master's degree in journalism from the University of Iowa, and became a foreign service officer with the U.S. Information Agency, serving as information officer, press attache and editor of French language publications in West and Central Africa. In the field of international business communications, he held various positions with firms in New York, Brussels, London, Chicago, Milwaukee and Pittsburgh. He moved to Saudi Arabia in 1983, joining the Saudi Investment Bank (1983-86) then Saudi Basic Industries (1986-2000) before retiring to New Mexico. Survivors include a son; a daughter; a brother; and a grandson.

**59** Ernest **Haydu** of Warren, Ohio. He was a former insurance agent.

**60** Judith **Kirkpatrick** Zimmerman of Pittsburgh, May 13, 2005. A retired teacher, she was a longtime member of Calvary Episcopal Church. Survivors include her husband, Scott **Zimmerman**; two daughters; and three grandchildren.

Edward **Pack** of Poland, Ohio. He was a retired teacher in the Youngstown School District.

**61** Chris **Kiriakou** of New Castle, Nov. 19, 2003. A U.S. Army veteran, he retired as a principal in the New Castle schools. Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Stella; two sons; and a daughter.

Anne **Vance** Francis of Indianapolis. She was formerly an instructor at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, Ill.

**73** Carl **Angelo** of Warren, Ohio, Aug. 23, 2005.

**03** Coral **Zeigler** of New Castle, July 31, 2005. She recently received her master's degree in education from the University of Pittsburgh and had just accepted a teaching position in the Norfolk, Va., public schools. A 1999 graduate of Laurel High School, she was a member of the Phi Mu sorority and was in the Homecoming court at Westminster. Survivors include her parents; her maternal grandfather; her paternal grandparents; and a brother.

## 05 Sandra Edmiston of New



Wilmington, Aug. 1, 2005. A 2001 graduate of Wilmington Area High School, where she was valedictorian, she graduated *summa cum laude* from Westminster

and was the senior class speaker at Commencement this past May. While at Westminster she founded the Sierra Student Coalition and was a scholar-athlete on the cross country team. She was most recently serving as an intern at a conservation center in Wyoming's Grand Teton National Park. Survivors include her parents, John & Kati **Edmiston** '00; brother Logan **Edmiston** '04; her maternal grandparents; and her paternal grandmother.

## Friends

Bill **Blackburn** of Wilmore, Ky., July 25, 2005. He was a superintendent of buildings and grounds at Westminster for 40 years. He previously worked as director of physical plant at Union College in Barbourville, Ky., from 1948-58. He was president of the New Wilmington Borough Council for many years and was an elder and trustee of the New Wilmington United Presbyterian Church. He was past president of the New Wilmington Rotary Club and received its Distinguished Citizen Award in 1978. Survivors include two sons and their spouses; two brothers and their spouses; a sister; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

John **Gilkey** of New Castle, July 31, 2005. He was a clerk at the New Wilmington Post Office and worked part-time in the athletic department at Westminster as an evening and weekend security attendant. A U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a member of the Second Wind Running Club and attended New Life Baptist Church.

# Information Update

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*The tower of Old Main reaches for the evening sky as the rededication of the 76-year-old building takes place in the shadows below. The \$3 million renovation of the building was completed over the summer; the rededication was held on Sept. 23.*



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