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Three Reunions Planned for 2010

Three reunions are in the planning stages for next summer in Le Mars.

The Decade of the 1970s, Madrigal, and Women Athletes reunion is planned for July 16 and 17. Registration and all meals will be held at the Plymouth County Historical Museum (known as Old Central High School to some folks). There will be a campus tour on Saturday afternoon along with time for visiting and doing some

sightseeing of the attractions of Le Mars.

July 23 and 24 is set as the dates for the 20-Year reunion of the Class of 1990. They are inviting everyone from 1987 to 1993. Registration and meals will be held at the Le Mars Convention Center (formerly the Westmar Commons)

The 50-year reunion of the Class of 1960 will be held on August 13 and 14. Everyone from 1958 to 1962 is invited. Activi-

ties for this reunion will be held at the Le Mars Convention Center.

As always, everyone is invited to any and all reunions.

Letters with schedules and registration forms are being mailed out.

All information is also on the website. From the website you can also register and pay for the reunion or print out a registration form and send it with a check.

Alumni News

1920s

Alice Kruse (1929) passed away on January 15, 2010. There will be more on her in the next newsletter.

1940's

Wendell Robert Begg (1949), 84, of San Diego, Calif., died Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, following a lengthy battle with Picks Disease, with his family at his bedside.

Wendell was born in Le Mars in 1925, one of six children. After graduating high school he served in the U.S. Army in New Guinea during World War II. After the war, he attended the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Illinois, where he was ordained as a minister in the Evangelical United Brethren Church, later the United Methodist Church.

Wendell became a Chaplain in the United States Navy after this, and during his active duty was stationed throughout the Far East, and served in the Chaplain's Bureau in Washington DC, at the Naval

Air Station in Fallon, Nev., and throughout California. He also served aboard the USS Hancock (CVA-19) and the USS Oklahoma City (CLG-5).

He did graduate work at American University in Washington D.C. from 1965 to 1968, and earned his master's degree in mass media communication.

Overall, he served 31 years of active duty service, and retired from the U.S. Naval Chaplain Corps in 1986 with the rank of Captain.

After retirement he and his wife enjoyed extensive traveling and spending time with their family and many friends.

He is survived by his wife Connie; and his four children, Scott, Tim, Brian, and Cheryl.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, San Diego, Calif.

1950's

Richard Kienitz (1952) died on Dec. 14, 2008 in Billings, Montana.

Paul Unruh (1959), 72, of Moline, Illinois, well-known high school and college football coach, died Friday, October 30, 2009, at Heartland Health Care Center, Moline.

Services were 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, at Riverside United Methodist Church, Moline, where he was a member. The Reverend Dr. Donald Jackson will officiate. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church or to the Quad City Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Box 131, Eldridge, Iowa 52748.

Paul Duane Unruh was born February 15, 1937, in Casselton, North Dakota, the son of Wesley and Adeline Florence (Martin) Unruh. He graduated from Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa, before receiving his Masters Degree at the Univer-

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Westmar Alumni and Friends Association Board of Directors

Paul Coffin '75 (president)	Board meetings for 2010 will
Leon Scott '66-'97 faculty	be held on Jan. 19, April 20,
Rosemary Radloff '93 & staff	July 20, and Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.
Milt Martin '53 & fac. '63-'97	in the Plymouth County His-
Cory Isebrand '88	torical Museum's Welcome
Jan Wagner '76	Room. All members are en-
Phyllis Mitchell '90	couraged to participate in
	whatever way they can.

Alumni Research has conducted over 3,500 interviews with alumni. If they haven't contacted you, please call 1-800-299-1230 to be included in the new alumni directory scheduled to be published in March 2010. We don't want to leave anybody out.

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Bricks and Mortar and More

The President's Homes

By Dr. Wayne G. Marty

Two President's homes are prominent in the history of Westmar College. The first was located northeast of the main north entrance to the campus. It is pictured in the 1916 Western Union yearbook and labeled as Dr. Mock's Residence. Dr. Charles A. Mock, for whom the Library was named, was president of the college from 1911 through 1930. In 1911 there were only two college buildings –Thoren Hall and the wooden frame dormitory known as Union Hall. Dr. Mock's presidency saw the construction of the "old" gym in 1908, Dubs Hall, Wernli Hall, the Heating Plant and this first president's residence. The certainty of the construction date was enhanced by a feature in the 1916 year book entitled "Daily Happenings." A note for Nov. 1, 1916 says "President's mansion completed" and a note for Dec. 15, 1916 says "The Y.M.C.A. was entertained in President Mock's new home."

The house was sold and moved to the McNaughton farm near Kingsley on June 2, 1966 (The house is still being used at that rural location.) to clear lots 7, 8, and 9 of Block Six of the Normal Park Addition in Le Mars for the construction of the new Kime Science Hall. The Normal Park Addition was a group of 14 blocks on the south edge of Le Mars that were purchased by a group of Le Mars businessmen organized as the Le Mars Normal School Association in the late 1800s. Lots were then sold individually to fund the establishment of the Le Mars Normal School in 1892 which became Western Union College in 1900.

Alice Kruse (Class of 1929) remembers visits to the house during the Dr. Mock years. I presume it was the home for Dr. D. O. and Mrs. Ima Kime after he replaced Dr. Mock as President in 1930. Eva (Gabel) Brown (Class of 1938) remembers visits to the house for cookies when Mrs. Kime was director of the Girls' Glee Club. In 1940 a house located on 4th Ave. at the Northeast corner of the campus was purchased and designated as the President's House and the "Mock Mansion" provided shelter for a variety of people thereafter. In the late 1940's and to 1958 it was known as the Miller House and occupied by Dr. Ed and Mrs. Miller, Registrar and Professor of Education. When Dr. Miller retired in 1958 the college student body was outgrowing dormitory space and the activities in the house dramatically changed. A faculty or staff person or couple lived in the house and students occupied upstairs rooms.

It was the Larson House from 1958 to 1960 when Carl Larson, Professor of Education managed the student residents. From 1960 to 1962 Bob (Class of 1959 and Admissions Counselor) and Nancy (Class of 1961)Bistline supervised the students Nancy tells of housing boys during their first year and that the boys had some snakes as pets in their rooms. The boys loved their newborn, Stephen, but Stephen had some unplanned entertainment one day when Nancy heard Stephen giggling in the next room and found that he was crawling after a snake that had escaped to their downstairs residence.

It was the Martin House for the 1962-63 year when Milt (Class of 1953 and newly hired Phys. Ed. Professor) and Dorothy Martin were the live-in supervisors for eight girls living upstairs. They brought their new born second son, Tom, directly to the



"Dr. Mock's Residence"

From 1916 Pilot Yearbook

house from his birthplace in a Worthington, MN hospital so there were two little "boy dolls" to receive attention from the college girls upstairs. Carol Lange, a returning 2 year teacher (Class of 1965) was supervising resident for the final semester of use in the fall of 1963 and was charged with supervising these college gals that attracted football players to the house. Dr. Lange later returned to the faculty of Westmar and remembers that experience as challenging at the time but is aware of the high quality of those girls who have gone to do great things with their lives. One of those girls, Jan (Davolt), who married one of those football players (Quarterback Terry Christensen), has reconnected with Dr. Lange in recent years at meetings of the Delta Kappa Gamma national organization for women educators.

At some time the house came to be known as the Poling House and all news stories relating to the moving of the house in 1966 use that name. I have no explanation for the origin of that name for the house. WAFA will be pleased to get any ideas or information from Alumni regarding the name and in a future WAFA Newsletter theories and ideas will be synthesized for a "Best we Know" report.

The New President's House on 4th Ave. was purchased by the college in 1940 from the "estate of Herbert S. Martin, a person of unsound mind..." A search with the amazing Google technology of our age provided a Time Magazine article dated Jan. 16, 1933 that describes Martin as an attorney for the New York Life Insurance Co. In that Great Depression period a common tactic by friendly farmer neighbors during foreclosure sales was "There ain't going to be any bidders!" Lawyer Martin violated that protective principle and bid \$30,000 for a mortgage with a face value of \$33,000. The farmer crowd responded with, "Lynch him! Tar and feather him! Ride him out of town on a rail!" Martin was handcuffed and forced to a telegraph office to obtain permission from the Insurance Company to raise his bid to \$33,000. There have been periodic stories of ghosts in this new President's house and some suspect that one might be the ghost of Herbert S. Martin who was treated for mental illness at some time following this event.

Dr. & Mrs. Kime were the first presidential residents of this house. College enrollment was only 200 to 400 students during

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sity of Iowa. He married Marlys Moderow on August 24, 1957, in Casselton, North Dakota.

Paul was a teacher and Football Coach at Moline High School for 16 years, retiring in 1993, and also was Assistant Football Coach at Augustana College for 14 years. Previously, he taught and coached at West Chicago High School.

Paul was a past member of the Financial Committee and past officer in the Methodist Men's Club. He was a member of the Illinois Coaches Association, the Quad City Board of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association, and the American Football Coaches Association. He enjoyed reading, fishing, his grandchildren, and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Marlys; his mother, Adeline Unruh of Lodi, California; four sons and daughters-in-law, nine grandchildren, one brother and sister-in-law, and two sisters and brothers-in-law.

LaDonna T. Kienitz (1951) is a tax attorney and adjunct professor at Chapman University School of Law in Orange, Calif.

Layen (1957) and Shirley (Savage) (1956) Adelman have recently moved to New Jersey.

James LeCount III (1958) died at his Westfield, Wis. Home after a long battle with cancer. He majored in history and minored in business. He spent two years in the U.S. Army 48th Medical Battalion, 2nd Armored Division. He and his wife Judy were married in 1962 and have two children.

Dr. Delmer DeBoer (1959), 76, of Franklin, Tenn., and a former Plymouth County resident, died Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

He taught at Westmar and was Professor Emeritus of Belmont University math department and former president of the Middle Tennessee Math Teachers Association.

He was a 1949 graduate of Le Mars High School.

Delmer was an active member of Antioch United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed playing golf and cards with his grandchildren and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Ramona DeBoer; daughters, Sharon DeBoer and Sam Slifka, Lynn (Bryan) Pritchard and Sandy (Mike) Febles; sons, David (Tina) DeBoer and Doug (Holly) DeBoer; grandchildren, Max, Mike, Kate and Jack Slifka, Kelsey, Tyler and Matthew DeBoer, Kurt, Anthony and Sadie Pritchard, Emily and Eli DeBoer, Ryan,

Brennen, Jared, Tony and Eric Febles; sister, Sylvia Krommendyk; and two brothers, Jerrold DeBoer and Elroy DeBoer of Le Mars.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Vera VerHoeven and a brother Marvin DeBoer.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at Antioch United Methodist Church, 41 Tusculum Road, in Franklin, with the Rev. Jay Voorhees and the Rev. Horace Bass officiating. Visitation was Friday from 2 to 9 p.m. at Woodbine Funeral Home, Hickory Chapel, 5852 Nolensville Road, in Nashville, and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Grandsons served as active pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Clara Harris Sunday School Class, AUMC Men's Club and the Touriffics.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Antioch United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund.

Lois (Harrison) Foster Denham (1959) was widowed a second time in March 2009. Her first husband died in 1952. She turned 88 last August and was honored at the Westmar Reunion lunch. She is in excellent health and enjoys reading, playing table games, and Bible study. Her granddaughter lives in an apartment in her house so there is always young company to keep her challenged.

1960's

Barbara Loraine Colson Schuler Smith (1962) of Reno, Nev., and formerly of Longmont, Colo., went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on September 17, 2009, at her home in Reno following a battle with cancer. She was born to Loren and Emma Mae Jones Colson in Imperial, Neb., on November 18, 1940, and grew up on a farm near Lamar, Neb.

Barbara married Leland Schuler of Mokenza, Ill., on February 23, 1963, in Lincoln, Neb., and they had one son, Michael Schuler. They lived most of their married life in Boulder, Colo. Mr. Schuler passed away on October 9, 1984. She later married Stanley Smith of Lamar, Neb., on July 31, 1995; he passed away on September 11, 1996.

Having a close relationship with Jesus Christ and living a Christian life were a priority in Barbara's life. She was affiliated with Reno Christian Fellowship at the time of her death. Her professional career involved various office positions, and her most enjoyable working years were spent at Boulder Valley Christian Church in Boulder, Colo., and LifeBridge Christian Church in Longmont, Colo.

Barbara was preceded in death by her father, Loren Colson; and husbands, Leland Schuler and Stanley Smith. She is survived by her mother, Emma Mae Colson of Imperial, Neb., a son and daughter-in-law, a brother, mother-in-law, and many other family members.

Funeral services were September 23 at LifeBridge Christian Church. Internment at Mountain View Memorial Park in Boulder.

Rodney Boyer (1964) After 30 years of teaching and research in biochemistry at Hope College, Holland, Michigan, Rodney has retired and is living in Bozeman, Montana. He keeps busy writing biochemistry textbooks and touring the beautiful mountains of Montana.

Jerry Boutelle (1966) recently retired after 37 years of ministry in the Presbyterian Church. He then had time for a deferred ambition—bicycling across country. In July they spent a weekend with his sister **Beverly (Boutelle) VanDevender (1960)** in Iowa, and then continued out to Astoria, Oregon. Then spent the next weekend with **Marsha (Bradley) (1966) and Ingo Goller (1967)** whom they had not seen since college. Then Jerry began the 2,624 mile 34 day trek across Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and much of Kansas. In truth, Judy had the more challenging role, driving a camper through the Cascade and Rocky Mountains, keeping track of Jerry, and finding a campsite near where he stopped each night. The next plan is to complete "the last third" of the journey, resuming the trip in Kansas and finishing in Virginia. Jerry lost between 15 and 20 pounds, eating everything he wanted for over a month, and recommends it as a weight loss program for everyone. Wife **Judy (Miller) (1966)** is a semi-retired surgical nurse who was recently recognized for 20 years of service at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Bruce H. Cook (1966), 64, of Storm Lake, Iowa and formerly of Shakopee, Minn., passed away Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center of Storm Lake.

A memorial service was Friday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m. at the Nicklas D. Jensen Funeral Home of Alta, Iowa. Burial will be at the Fort Ripley Cemetery of Fort Ripley, Minn. There will be no visitation.

Remembrance of Bruce Cook always includes a great sense of humor in a fun-loving talker who shared his observances as stories. On Nov. 28, 1944 in Spring

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Valley, Minn., he was born a preacher's son to the Rev. Herbert F. Cook and Sarah Wagner Cook. A few years later, the family moved to Springfield, Minn. where Bruce entered the first four years of school. In 1954 they moved to Buffalo Lake, Minn., where Bruce completed high school in 1962.

Singing was an important part of his youth as a men's quartet member in church and school. Playing baritone horn in the school band, tall, dark, handsome Bruce was also the drum major for the marching band. Bruce was a paper boy for several papers. One year a customer submitted a full column article to the Minneapolis Star, praising him as the model paper boy for his customer service and neighborliness beyond what was required. A peer reminisces, "I remember a happy-go-lucky kid in Buffalo Lake with love of people, smiles, stories, and a good time. He belonged and was happy being himself." Serving as team manager for sports teams began a life-long avid interest in sports, including when he was a parent on the sidelines of his children's teams.

After one year at Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa, Bruce joined the U.S. Army and served from 1963-65. He completed his Associate of Arts degree in marketing from Normandale Community College in 1971. Bruce was employed in many business environments as an airline worker, restaurant manager, taxi driver, telemarketer, Wal-Mart associate, market researcher, and a consummate salesman.

In 1969, he and Edith Paetznick were married, and for 25 years they lived in the Savage and Shakopee areas, raising their three children: Nolan, Kent and Monica. More recently, Bruce enjoyed spending time with his granddaughter, 1-year-old Ella Rae Schmit.

After his first marriage ended in divorce, Bruce and Rochelle Weisgurt were married for several years. He has lived in Alta and Storm Lake for the past decade.

He is survived by his children, Nolan Cook of Shakopee, Kent (Jodi) Cook of Cottage Grove, Minn., Monica (Tom) Schmit of Savage; granddaughter, Ella Rae Schmit; sisters, Karla (Sheldon) Weinert of Sheldon, Iowa, Ginni Cook of Chicago, Ill.; along with many nieces and nephews.

Leah (Siewert) Schinkel (1968), 80, of Carroll, died Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, at Sunnybrook of Carroll.

Funeral service were at 7 p.m. Wednes-

day, Sept. 23, 2009, at the Ohde Funeral Home in Manning. Rev. Ken Ferguson of the First United Methodist Church in Carroll and Rev. Ben Dose of Zion Lutheran Church in Arcadia officiated. There will be a private burial in the Westside Cemetery.

Casket bearers were grandsons and sons-in-law: Gene Thiedeman, Dennis Guthrie, Don Stender, Gavin Thiedeman, Bart Guthrie and Justin Stender.

A daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Oelke) Siewert, she was born Jan. 9, 1929, at home on the farm near Torrington, Alberta, Canada. She attended Kneehill country school. She earned a degree from Hillcrest Bible College, and later a bachelor's degree from Westmar College in Le Mars. She continued her education in literature. On July 17, 1948, she married Oscar J. Schinkel at Torrington Evangelical Church.

They were living in Owensboro, Ky. when her husband died in 1998. She moved to Carroll in July of 2006, and to Sunnybrook of Carroll in the fall of 2008.

She taught Stonecroft Bible Study courses, was a member of Garden Club and Christian Women's Club and served on the board of the YWCA. She enjoyed singing and serving as choir director, bowling, golf, reading, walking, gardening, sewing and many crafts. She wrote and published four books and was a world traveler.

Survivors include three daughters: Evangeline Stender and husband Don of Black River Falls, Wis., Jocelyn Guthrie and husband Dennis of Hope, Mich. and Carmen Thiedeman and husband Gene of Westside; six grandchildren: Justin, Shynell and husband Craig, Leigh, Gavin, Bart and Caleb; one great-grandson, Keegan; a sister, Lily Berreth of Peace River, Alberta, Canada; and a sister-in-law Hilda Gresham of El Centro, Calif.

Mrs. Schinkel was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three sisters: Selma and husband Roy Davidson, Elsie and husband Charlie Schaefer, and Ruth and husband Edwin Stickel; and a brother-in-law, Dan Berreth.

1970's

Louise (Bebler) Harper (1971) is currently working as a clinical program director for a residential treatment center for adolescent males in Wooster, Ohio.

David Heeren (1971), 60, of Le Mars, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009, at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City.

David Larry Heeren was born April 23,

1949, in Le Mars, the son of Harry H. W. and Regina Helen Catherina (Plueger) Heeren. He attended Le Mars Community Schools, graduating in 1967. Dave continued his education at Westmar College in Le Mars. He received a bachelor of arts degree in social science and took a position with National Foods in Le Mars as an assistant manager.

On June 18, 1971, Dave and Jean Scheitler were united in marriage at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Oyens. The couple made Le Mars their home.

Dave then began his longtime career with Vollmar's Shoes in 1973. He and Jean purchased the business in 1980. Dave was a strong proponent of local business and was a member of the Le Mars Area Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Chamber Board of Directors from 1982 to 1984 and was Chamber Ambassador president in 1997. He was also a former member of Le Mars Sertoma.

Dave was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Le Mars where he served on Council, as an usher, lector and communion server. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan, and a New York Yankees and Chicago Bears fan. In his spare time he enjoyed golfing.

Dave was well known for his positive, upbeat and optimistic attitude.

Above all, Dave thoroughly loved and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, Sam and Miranda.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 38 years, Jean Heeren of Le Mars; a son and his wife, Brian and Heather Heeren of Tiffin; grandchildren Sam and Miranda Heeren; a sister and her husband, Marlene and Gary Gearke of Le Mars; sisters and brothers-in-law, Bob and Becky Scheitler of Le Mars, Dale Scheitler and Ellen Clark of Oyens, Karen and Steve Drum of Ames, and Lori and Tony Bohlke of Le Mars; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son Jason Michael Heeren.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Le Mars. The Rev. Gary Landsness officiated. Burial followed at Memorial Cemetery in Le Mars.

Judy E. Moeller (1974) is a consulting engineer for plant automation projects as well as technical support engineer and trainer. She enjoys volunteering at the local Habitat Restore and quilting.

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Westmar President's Homes —

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the 1940's and early 1950's so receptions and small group meetings in the house left a feeling of warm welcome for both students and faculty during the Kime years of 1940 to 1956. Dr. Harry and Margaret Kalas continued this tradition but it became more difficult as the enrollment swelled to over 1000 during the 12 years of the Kalas administration. When Dr. Kalas retired in 1968 there had been only 6 Presidents during the 68 years of the college life. Dr. Mock had served for 19

years, Dr. Kime for 26 years, and Dr. Kalas for 12 years. During the remaining 29 years of the college (1968-1997) there were 11 presidents with many serving only 1 and 2 year terms.

So President's House #1 (1916 to 1940) was home to only two presidents. President's House #2 (1940 to 1997) was home to 10 presidents. Some terms were so short or they were "acting president appointments so they did not even move into the house.

The City of Le Mars became the owner

of the house in 1997 when the college closed. In August 1998 LeRoy (Westmar Class of 1984) and Wanda Wichers became the owners until August 2007 when this house filled with memories (and maybe some ghosts) was transferred to Chase and Debra Anderson. The Andersons are the current proud residents of this beautiful historic property.

Next time we will discuss the Library/Administration building. Your thoughts and memories are welcome.

Leonard (Lenny) Underhill (1974), 58, of LeGrand died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, at the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center in Marshalltown. Mass of Christian burial was Oct. 5, 2009, at St. Henry Catholic Church in Marshalltown. Interment was at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown.

Lenny was born on July 31, 1951, in Americus, Ind. to Edward and Ruth (Fawley) Underhill. He was raised in the Burlington and Lafayette, Ind. area. In 1966, he moved to the rural Marshalltown area, to be raised by his sister and brother-in-law Jean and Merle Ridout. He graduated from LDF High School in LeGrand in 1970, where he was a state wrestling champion that year. He went on to wrestle at Westmar College in LeMars where he received a degree in business. On Aug. 19, 1972, he married his high school sweetheart Cathy Tichy, in Marshalltown. Lenny was an independent insurance agent for many years, serving central Iowa. Most recently he was an insurance and billing manager for SportsPlus Medicine and Physical Therapy Center in Marshalltown. He was a member of St. Henry Catholic Church where he was involved in many activities. He was also active in many community activities, most recently retiring last year after 29 years as the on field play-by-play announcer for the East Marshall football team. He was proud to have started the little Warhawk wrestling program in the early 1980's. He was always available to assist anyone who needed help. He was truly the Lord's servant.

Lenny will be dearly missed by his wife of 37 years, Cathy; one son, Chad (Amanda) Underhill of Washington; two daughters, Lisa (Joel) Schmidt and Sarah Underhill both of Clive; two granddaughters, Clair Underhill and Lucy Schmidt; five sisters, Jean Ridout and Juanita Gile, both of Marshalltown, Shirley Johns of

Tacoma, Wash., Sandy Anderson of Monticello, Ind., Carol (Larry) Adams of Lafayette, Ind.; four brothers, Duane (Denise) Underhill and Tom (Sheryl) Underhill both of Marshalltown, Bob (Jeannie) Underhill and Dennis (Vicki) Underhill both of LeGrand; his mother-in-law, Mary Ann Tichy of Marshalltown, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Ruth Underhill; father-in-law, George Tichy; two sisters, Patsy Underhill and Marlene Baker; three brothers, Eddie, Vernon, and Steve Underhill.

Donald Featherstone (1975) has retired after 34 years with the Red Wing School District. He coached middle school wrestling, men's and women's swimming and diving before going to the high school as Athletic Director and Assistant Principal. He enjoys boating on the Mississippi River and traveling. He and his wife, Barb, have been married for 24 years. They have an adopted daughter who will graduate from Red Wing in 2010.

1990's

Edith "Edie" (Baird) Slifka (1991) is the office manager of Wilson Custom Tree. She is active in the Cresco Community Theatre group acting and other duties. She has two children and has been married for 18 years to the love of her life and best friend **Keith Slifka (1991)** whom she met at Westmar. Keith is the head wrestling coach, freshman football coach and track coach for the Crestwood Cadets.

Faculty, Staff & Admin.

A memorial service for **David L. Womack** was held at Centenary College's Brown Memorial Chapel on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Betsy Eaves, College Chaplain, and Dr. David Rowe, President of the College, officiated.

Womack, the Dean of Students at Centenary, was born January 7, 1960 in Philadelphia, PA and passed away Saturday,

August 29, 2009. Dean Womack had been at Centenary since September 2008 and was responsible for the oversight of the departments of Career Services, Student Life programs and activities, Fitness Center operations, Residence Life, Health Services and College Counseling. He brought to Centenary more than 20 years of experience in higher education administration. Before assuming his current position, he was the Dean of Student Development at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. A graduate of Lock Haven University, he received his Master's Degree in Counseling/Student Personnel from Western Maryland College.

Dean Womack was a member of the Rotary Club of Shreveport, Honorary Maroon Jacket at Centenary College and listed in Outstanding Young Men of America and Who's Who in American Education. He had 13 years experience as a trainer and programmer in the areas of cultural diversity. Dean Womack served as a consultant on diversity training and volunteer programs at many colleges and universities. He published numerous articles in the area of retention, freshman experience and diversity awareness. Dean Womack made presentations at numerous national conferences on various topics, including "The Role of Student Personnel Administrators in Black Student Retention", "The Multiracial Student Experience" and "How to Start a Volunteer Service Program at Your Institution". David was deeply respected and admired. Family, friends, co-workers, and students will miss him dearly. Shreveport has lost a true educator.

His wife, Elizabeth Henning, and their children, Tyler, Landon and Mason Womack, and his son, Donovan Womack; parents, Ellis and Thais Womack; siblings, Damon, Kim and Ellen Womack; and a host of nieces and nephews, survive David.

Please watch your local newspapers for news involving fellow Westmar alumni (including obituaries) and email or send it to us for publication.



Combination Reunion Registration Form 2010

Please mark the reunion you are registering for:

70's, Madrigal, Women Athletes (7/16-17/2010) 20-Year Class of '90 (7/12-24/2010) 50-Year Class of '60 (8/13-14/2010)

Note: If registering for more than one reunion, please copy this form and send a separate one for each reunion.

Name _____
First Last Class

Name _____
First (Maiden) Last Class

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____ (to receive monthly updates on who is attending)

Friday evening: Number _____ @\$15.00 each \$ _____

Saturday lunch: Number _____ @\$10.00 each \$ _____

Saturday banquet: Number _____ @ \$20.00 each \$ _____

Sunday a.m. coffee: (8/15/2010 ONLY) Number _____ @ \$3.00 each \$ _____ (50-Year Reunion Only)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Wafa** and send to:
Wafa
335 First Avenue SW
Le Mars, IA 51031

Or pay on-line at www.westmarcollege.org

Due Dates

Please return this form by:
July 1, 2010 for 70s Decade, Madrigal, & Women Athletes Reunion
July 10, 2010 for 90s Decade Reunion
August 1, 2010 for 50-Year of Class of 1960 Reunion

Due to a lot of factors, the newsletter didn't get out in November like it should have. To make up for it, we are sending you a larger newsletter covering November and February. We hope you enjoy it. We are always looking for ways of making the newsletter of more interest to our members. If you have any ideas, please let us know. The contact information is on the last page.



Westmar Music Lending Library

Open at Le Mars Arts Center

The Westmar Music Lending Library is now open Thursday through Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Inquiries also available through lemarsarts.com or The Arts Center; 200 Central Ave SE; Le Mars, IA 51031

Vocal Ensemble and Concert Band music available for use by

- ◆ Colleges, Universities
- ◆ Community and Private School Systems
- ◆ Churches
- ◆ Community Ensembles

There are over 2,300 vocal and 1,400 concert band titles that can be searched at lemarsarts.com

History:

The Le Mars Arts Council was given the music of the now defunct Westmar Music Department in 1996 to create a music lending library. Music needs to be used, not stored or dumped in a landfill. After many bumps and bruises, the lending library is now

open. It is located in the lower level, NE corner, of the Arts Center in Le Mars.

Policy:

The Le Mars Arts Council runs the Arts Center on a non-profit basis, so a small fee of \$5 has been approved by the Board for the use of any title. This will enable the Arts Center to maintain the library, replace parts as needed and be a responsible resource for any music ensemble. The LMAL will also require publisher's approval for copying of any parts.

WEBSITE: LEMARSARTS.COM
 E-MAIL: LEMARSARTS@FRONTIERNET.NET
 PHONE NUMBER: 712.546.7476
 LIBRARY/OFFICE/GALLERY HOURS:

THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY 1:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

Please contact us with any questions.

We are looking forward to working with you!



2010/2011 Scholarships

The application for the United Methodist 2010/2011 academic year scholarships is ready and online at <http://www.iumf.org/westmar.html>.

Applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2010.

The application for the Iowa College Foundation scholarship is available at http://www.iowacollegefoundation.org/students_westmar_end_app.html

The deadline for applying for this scholarship is April 1, 2010.

Requirements and eligibility are outlined for each scholarship on their respective website.

Thank You!

We would like to thank retiring board members Jeff Neary ('81), Denise Kolker (75), and Gregory McInnis ('92) for their time, talent, and support of the Westmar Alumni and Friends Association.

Their involvement in and support of the alumni association is much appreciated.

The three people replacing them are Cory Isebrand ('88), Phyllis Mitchell ('90), and Jan Wagner ('76). We welcome them to the board and look forward to working with them.

There will be a more detailed look at our new board members in the next newsletter.

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Contact us!

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Be sure to check out our ever-changing website at: <http://www.WestmarCollege.org/>. We offer online shopping, membership, and reunion registration. Suggestions are always welcome.

Current Members: You will receive a postcard when it is time to renew your membership. Please pass the form below on to other Westmar Alum so they can be part of the momentum also.

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