



Westmar Alumni and Friends Association

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Pharmacy college interested in former Westmar property

At a public hearing on May 3, American College of Pharmacy, the Le Mars city council approved a \$400,000 offer to purchase Centennial Hall, Kime Science Center, and the administration and library building on the former Westmar campus.

The offer to purchase the former Westmar property came from Robert Shire, CEO and President of the American School of Pharmacy, Westmar University, Inc., Portland, Oregon.

The American College of Pharmacy will keep the Westmar University name and become

Westmar University. The four year post-secondary college plans to award doctoral degrees in pharmacy known as a Pharm D. degree. They will also have an undergraduate program in biology or one of the sciences, and, by the third year will add dental schooling. Plans call for the college to open in the fall of 2006 with 40 students and 3 or 4 teachers and a pre-candidate accreditation status as the college works towards full accreditation.



Kime Science Center is part of the former Westmar campus property that was approved for sale to the American College of Pharmacy, Westmar University, Inc.

Summer reunions are approaching

If you haven't already registered to attend the Westmar 70's Decade Reunion or Faculty/Staff Reunion scheduled for July 2 and 3, or the Class of 1955 Reunion scheduled for July 15, 16, and 17 you still have

time to do so. The reunions will be held in Le Mars. Please clip the form below or visit our website at www.westmar.org to register. to see who's coming, and for a complete

schedule of activities. If you have any questions, call Julie Johnson Dirks ('75) 712-546-7395 or email the alumni office at westma@lemarscomm.net.

COMBINED REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
First Maiden Last Class Year

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70's Decade and Faculty/Staff Reunion

Class of 1955 Reunion

Friday 7 PM - Faculty/Staff dinner
Archie's Waeside Number _____ (Pay that night)
Sat. dinner: Num. _____ @ \$18.00 ea. = \$ _____
Sun. Noon, Num. _____ @ \$8.50 ea. = \$ _____
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Former President Laurence Smith dies

Laurence Smith, 84, Westmar College president from 1968 to 1976, died in Richardson, Texas on April 4, 2005.

Smith was born on August 1, 1920 in Pontiac, Michigan. He received a B.A. from York College in York, Nebraska in 1946 and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Nebraska. He met his wife, Maurine Marvel while at York College. They were married for 61 years.

After being a pilot and flight and gunnery instructor during World War II, he entered the academic world. He was a professor/dean of students and vice chancellor of student life at Texas Christian University; academic dean at William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri; president of Westmar College and president of the University of Albuquerque. He was also administrator of First Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque.

He enjoyed golf and tennis, was an avid gardener, an accomplished pianist and musician, a published poet, a collector and appraiser of North American Indian pottery, a collector and restorer of antique golf equipment, and a furniture refinisher.

He is survived by his wife Maurine, two brothers, two sons, one daughter, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Laurence Christian Smith

Alumni news

1946-Carolyn Lippke and husband, Harold, moved into a condo after 53 years of living in the house they built.

1967-Dave Chittenden recently retired from Topeka Public Schools after teaching math and coaching in Topeka and Le Mars for 38 years. Dave and his wife **Wanda**, (Westmar faculty 1966-1981) will be moving to Arizona this summer.

1969-Jim France has been appointed executive director of the Siouxland Human Investment Partnership.

1978-Rita Busch Vannatta was honored as 2005 Iowa Elementary Principal of the Year on April 12, 2005. She is the principal of Bryant Elementary in Sioux City.

1988-June Mikkelsen began working at Plains Area Mental Health Center in September 2004 and will relocate to the Le Mars area this summer.

1987-Angela (Webb) Kneip has been

promoted from Treasurer/Controller to Vice President of Harker's Distribution, Inc. in Le Mars.

1997-Chad Vollmecke and wife **Jami** adopted a baby and are now expecting in early summer. Chad teaches English, coaches wrestling and weight training in Waukee, Iowa.

Deaths

1934-Merton S. Zeisert died Feb. 18, 2005 after serving for 42 years as a pastor in Kansas and Oklahoma.

1946-1950-Marion E. St. John of Rocklon, California died on August 28, 2004. He taught Sociology at Westmar from 1946-1950.

1948-Enola Keil died on November 17, 2004 at Manhattan, Kansas.

1950-Harold L. Berkenpas of Sterling, Colorado died January 16, 2005.

1956-Ruth Blaich died in August, 2004 in Berlin, Germany.

1957-Eldon Shickell of London, Kentucky died March 2, 2005.

1958-Robert L. Bitterly of The Villages, Florida died May 2, 2005.

1959-Dr. Daryl Eugene Murdoch, MD of El Sobronite, California died on May 14, 2004.

1964-Barbara (Harrison) Peters of Omaha, Nebraska died on Feb. 6, 2005.

1964-Dale Raile died at St. Francis, Kansas on January 25, 2004.

1968-1976-Laurence Christian Smith, former president of Westmar, died April 4, 2005 in Richardson, Texas.

1971-Allen L. Anderson of Lincoln, Nebraska died on January 8, 2002.

1971-Stephen F. Maguire of Sioux City died on April 26, 2005.

Do you have any Westmar items you would like to donate to the Archives or for room display?

Contact Westmar by mail or e-mail. Addresses are listed on the back of this newsletter.



A Look Back Across the Decades

The following are excerpts from *The Gleam*.

October 4, 1930: College Museum Moved to Vacant Room in Dubs

It was designated, when Dubs Memorial building was erected, that one room should be used for a museum. This museum has at last become a reality. The purpose is to centralize articles collected from different rooms to place them on display.

Sections are set aside for contributions made by missionaries. One section is give over to the Chinese relics, another to Indian relics.

The museum is not only going to be instructive to visitors but is going to be educational to students since classes will be sent there for study.

January 13, 1940: On Skipping Classes

A great percentage of American college students are fools. They spend money—usually their parents' money—to go to college and yet when they get to college many times they waste the money by not getting what they have paid for. To be more explicit let us take Western Union as a typical college. A student at Western Union pays approximately \$325 for one year. The average student carries fifteen hours a week. By this basis we find that the cost of each class hour is almost 68 cents.

We are not going to contend that a student should get 68 cents worth of education from each class period for education cannot be measured in dollars and cents. The fact is, however, that every time a student cuts a class, he is throwing away 68 cents. It is like casting the money into a river for no one gets any benefit from it. It is not found, for it hasn't been lost.

Sixty-eight cents for each class hour. One cut a month (and that doesn't seem much) would amount to six dollars and twelve cents a year wasted.

This is just a gentle reminder to point out that the only person you are fooling when you skip a class is yourself.

November 6, 1950: Did you Know -

That W.C. owns and operates a venetian blind factory? Well, it does and has for about twenty years.

In the days of the depression, many students on the campus needed work in order to continue their schooling. Someone suggested to Dr. Kime that the students make

venetian blinds. Dr. Kime became interested and wrote to several hardware and paint companies about prices for the necessary materials. He spent a day in Chicago visiting various venetian blind plants.

Several ads were printed in church papers, and the first outside order came from a lady in Chicago.

For a time Westmar's woodworking department was located where the venetian blind factory is now, so both of these departments were housed in this limited space. It wasn't until 1947 that a separate building was built for woodworking.

When the blinds were first made they were entirely wood. Metal slats were put into use in 1940 by the Mars Venetian Blind company. It was then that the slat cutting machine was bought and installed. It was one of the first of its kind to come off the market.

During the war steel was hard to get, so the Mars Venetian Blind Co. worked with the Brenan Shade Co. to make blinds.

Before the war there were about 60 students working in the factory during their free time. Today there are only a few workers, but more could be used at times when large orders come in. However, business is not as large today as it was some years ago, mainly because of all the small factories over the county.

It is hoped that soon the blinds will be made completely of metal, thus making painting unnecessary and speeding construction.

At the present time the Mars Venetian Blind factory is located in the basement of Thoren Hall. Visitors are welcome.

October 30, 1960: Enrollment to 536

A record number of 536 full-time students have enrolled this semester at Le Mars, Iowa. Part-time and evening school students boost the total enrollment to 607.

The largest freshman class in the school's history, 231, helps to account for the enrollment increase. Sophomores number 142, while the junior and senior classes have 87 and 84.

This year's Westmar student body come from a total of 23 states and 7 foreign countries. Iowa claims the largest share, with 258, while Minnesota and Kansas follow with 52 and 50. Other large state groups are Nebraska, 36; North Dakota, 19; Wisconsin, 14; Illinois, 10; and California, 8.

The eight foreign students come from

Greece, Iran, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Tanganyiks, Hungary and Panama.

An interesting sidelight in this year's enrollment is the 31 sets of brothers and sisters; 29 sets of two and 2 sets of three from the same family.

September 29, 1970: Who's Who Honors Bestowed

Miss Alice M. Kruse, professor in English and director of the humanities division and Dr. Wayne G. Marty, professor in biology and director of natural sciences division, have been selected to appear in the 1970 edition of "Outstanding Educators of America."

They were nominated earlier this year by Westmar College and have been chosen on the basis of their exceptional academic accomplishments and civic achievements.

Miss Kruse, a Westmar graduate, has been a member of the college's faculty since 1946. She earned her master's degree in 1943 from the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Marty, who also graduated from Westmar, joined the faculty in 1959 and received his doctorate in 1962 from the State University of Iowa.

Each year more than 5,000 of the country's foremost educators are featured in this annual awards volume, designed to honor those women and men who have distinguished themselves by exceptional service and leadership in education.

The educators included in "Outstanding Educators of America" are chosen for national recognition on the basis of local standards of excellence. Guidelines for selection include an educator's talents in the classroom, contributions research, administrative abilities and any civic and professional recognition previously received.

Former Vice-President Hubert Humphrey, who wrote the introduction to the 1970 edition, says of the men and women included, "The greatest strength of any nation is its human resources. These are the men and women who by their actions in the classroom today mold the course of history. Our hope – the nation's youth – is in their hands. As we honor these teachers, we are reminded of their awesome duty. As they have our confidence, we must give them the tools to wage Jefferson's 'crusade against ignorance.' With men and women like these we know that our faith in educa-

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Tellinghuisen tells his story

When I enrolled at Western Union College in the fall of 1936 I was 27. Now I'm 95. I was married and we had a son, Ronald. I had farmed 3 years, 1933, 34 and 35, saving about \$5000, which I thought could get me through college. WUC gave me the opportunity.

By going summers I finished in 3 years graduating Magna Cum Laude with majors in Social Studies and Biology.

I taught, farmed and worked with the Soil Conservation Service in Grundy and Black Hawk counties while at the same time accumulating credits toward a Masters degree in Education, major in Counseling-1959.

In that capacity I served in Center-ville, Iowa 3 years, in Montrose, Colorado 7 years and in Loveland, Colorado 7 years.

There I retired from teacher counselor and went to work on a 120 acre tree farm I had acquired in my earlier farming years. It served us well with a good upland stand of high quality Walnut and Oak.

In the meantime our family had grown to four children, Ronald, Gretchen, Jon and Carmen.

On Nov. 8, 2003, my dear wife,

Thelma died after 70 years of marriage. Four months later in March 2004 son Ronald died of cancer resulting from exposure to farm chemicals.

I am trying to remain (alone) in our home in Waverly. The good Lord has blessed me with reasonably good health. In January I took a small tumble getting out of my bed and fractured the socket in my right hip joint. It is slowly mending and I get around on one floor with the use of a walker.

Gretchen lives near Ames, Jon lives in Windsor, Colorado and Carmen teaches at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

My former speech teacher at Le Mars, Winston Brembeck, now retired at Madison, Wisconsin, still honors me with his attention. My Faith, Family and Friends sustain me. Our church here is Trinity United Methodist. A number of our 10 grandchildren and our great grandchildren reside within a 10 mile radius.

Music has always been a prime contender for my enjoyment. Instructors agreed I was a natural first tenor so I have pursued considerable voice study and enjoyed serving in church choirs and solo work.

To keep it in strong hand, we gifted the timber property to Wartburg Col-



Wesley Tellinghuisen (1939)

lege, Waverly, on the condition they not resell it.

A review of my former college mates would be of profound interest. Westmar's demise is viewed with much regret but I admire the efforts to give it some heritage with dignity and purpose.

—Wesley Tellinghuisen

Send us your story for publication.

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tion has not been misplaced.”

April 8, 1980: Play Soccer At Westmar

Soccer is trying to catch on again at Westmar. There are two games scheduled in late April against Briar Cliff. The Eagles are to play the Chargers in Sioux City on the 20th, and Briar Cliff is to play here on the 27th.

Dr. Wayne Marty is the team's sponsor and he indicated he hopes he can find more people interested in playing. Anyone is invited to participate. The team is open to anyone living in the town of Le Mars.

Soccer will not be run as a school sanc-

tioned sport, but rather as a club sport.

Marty said Westmar had a soccer club several years ago which competed in a Tri-State soccer league. Other teams in the league included Augustana, South Dakota State, USD, UNO and Dordt.

Because soccer is not recognized as an official sport at Westmar, a performer cannot letter in soccer. However, there is a special certificate that will be given to each member of the team at the conclusion of the season.

If one is interested in helping the soccer team get going he should contact Marty in his office or by phone. His office number is Kime 123. His home number is 546-4656 and his office extension is 323.

One could also contact team members Joe Mosima, Evans Mbuka, Andrew Josiah, Mamoru Ohara, Jeff Phillips or Kyung Sig Lee.

Issue 7, Volume 91 (1990): Update on Thoren Hall

The process of removing the asbestos from the Thoren Performing Arts Center has started, and, demolition of the building will start soon after the asbestos is removed. It is intended that the building will be down by the end of the year. The cornerstone, 2000 bricks, light fixtures and ornamental items will be salvaged before it is taken down. The method of demolition is not yet known, nor is the contractor.



High April winds were to blame for felling this flowering crab apple tree that was located between the entrances to the “Old Gym” (although this is really the “New Gym” because the “really “Old Gym” was built in 1908.) built in 1941 and the Art Building. After the 1941 gym was built the 1908 gym became successively The Gym Annex, The Student Union, the Home Ec Building, and finally the Art Building which was its common name when the college closed in 1997. The newest gym was constructed in 1984. Many individual graduation snapshots were taken beside the big beautiful flowering crab.



Campus Photos

Dr. Wayne Marty (background) stands in the area that was once his dorm room in Koehler Hall from 1950 to 1953. When it was joined with Memorial Hall to make one building in the 60's the entire connected building was renamed Memorial Hall. It was used continually until the college closed in 1997, but in the latter years some portions were used for faculty offices, Health Services, and the location of the Clark Terry Jazz Institute. In 2003, Leo Langel purchased the building from the City of Le Mars and began converting the complex into apartments. The original Memorial Hall now contains 12 apartments that are all fully occupied and the original Koehler Hall is now being remodeled in the same manner into two and three bedroom apartments.

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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.

What's Happening with You? Tell Us!

We are interested in knowing what has recently (or not so recently) happened in your life. Promotions? Marriage? Births or deaths? Honors or awards? Graduate degree? Semi- or full retirement? Pass on the information so we can print it and spread the good news!

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