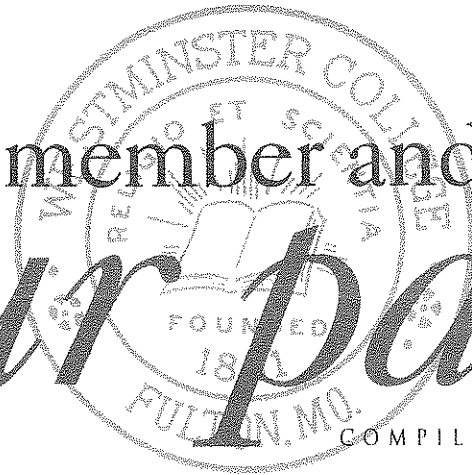


Let us remember and celebrate

# *our past...*

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1851

• After introducing the idea of a local Presbyterian college in 1849, the Rev. William W. Robertson (the "Father of Westminster College") and the Fulton Presbyterians secure a charter for Fulton College in 1851. An 18-member Board of Trustees oversees the College's installation.

- The Board secures the land for the College from Trustee Harry I. Bailey.
- A college preparatory academy is established with the new school. It lasts until 1919.
- The College and academy open their doors in October. A total of 50 young men enroll.

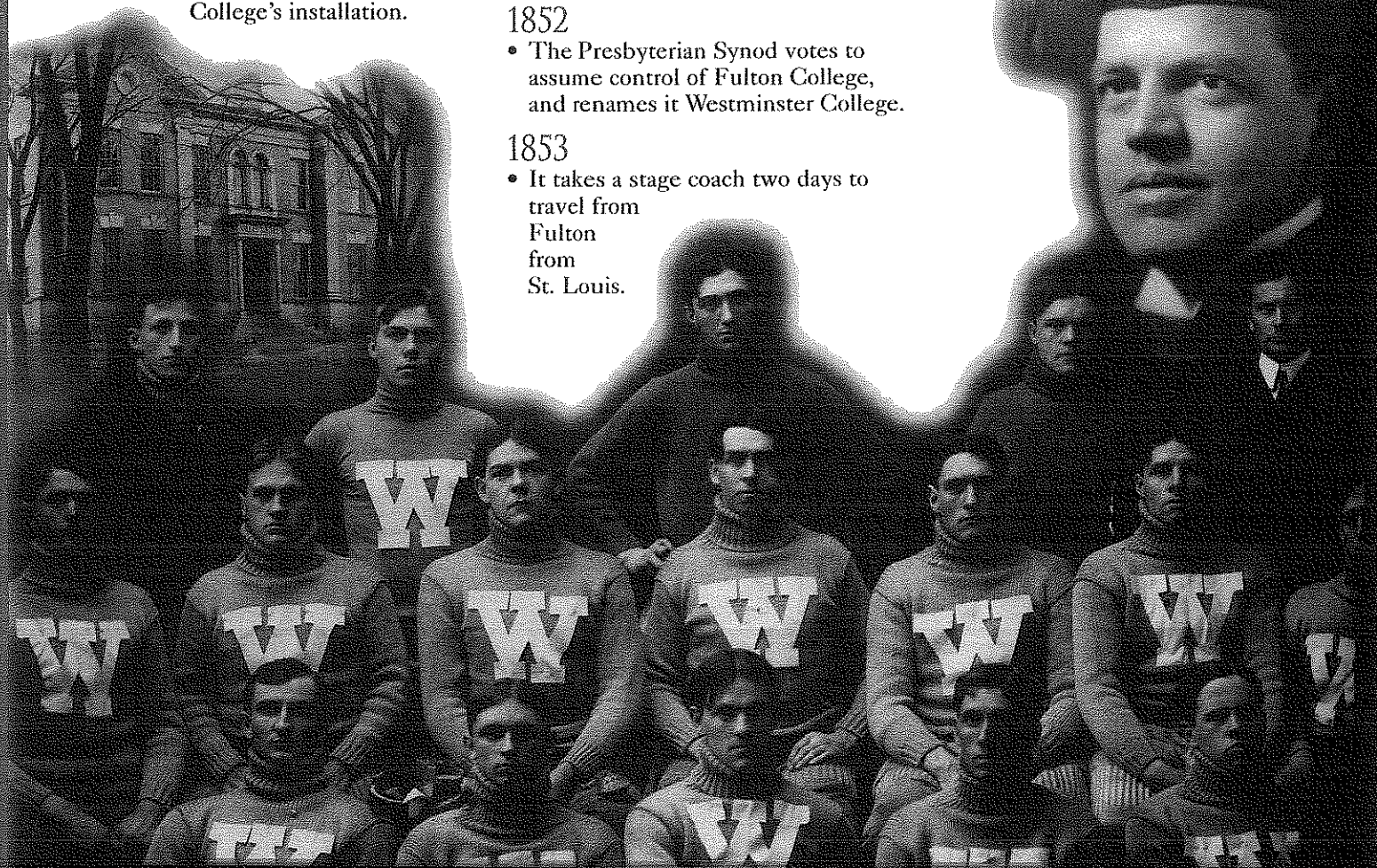
- The cornerstone is laid for Westminster College, formerly Fulton College.

1852

- The Presbyterian Synod votes to assume control of Fulton College, and renames it Westminster College.

1853

- It takes a stage coach two days to travel from Fulton from St. Louis.



## 1854

- Old Westminster Hall is erected at a cost of \$15,000.
- Total enrollment: 114
- Tuition per semester: \$15.00
- Extra Fees: \$75.00
- Room and Board: \$1.50-\$3.00

## 1855

- First commencement exercises are held
- Westminster's first President, Rev. Samuel E. Laws, is elected by the Board of Trustees.
- Students are required to attend church every day

## 1856

- Semester breaks are given at the discretion of the faculty

## 1857

- Mischievous students steal blackboards in hopes of preventing math exams from taking place. Professors give the exams anyway, making the tests much harder than they would have been initially.

## 1860

- Total enrollment: 156
- Freshman: 19
- Graduating class: 12
- Tuition per semester still \$15.00
- Fees: \$12.00
- Room and board: \$2.25-\$3.00
- College endowment: \$102,898.78
- Christmas and New Year's day are the only holidays during the school year
- The Agricultural school is established by Professor G.C. Swallow. Since most Westminster students were from rural areas, the school was a means of attracting more students.
- Westminster continues classes during the Civil War

## 1868

- Westminster's Beta Theta Pi is founded

## 1869

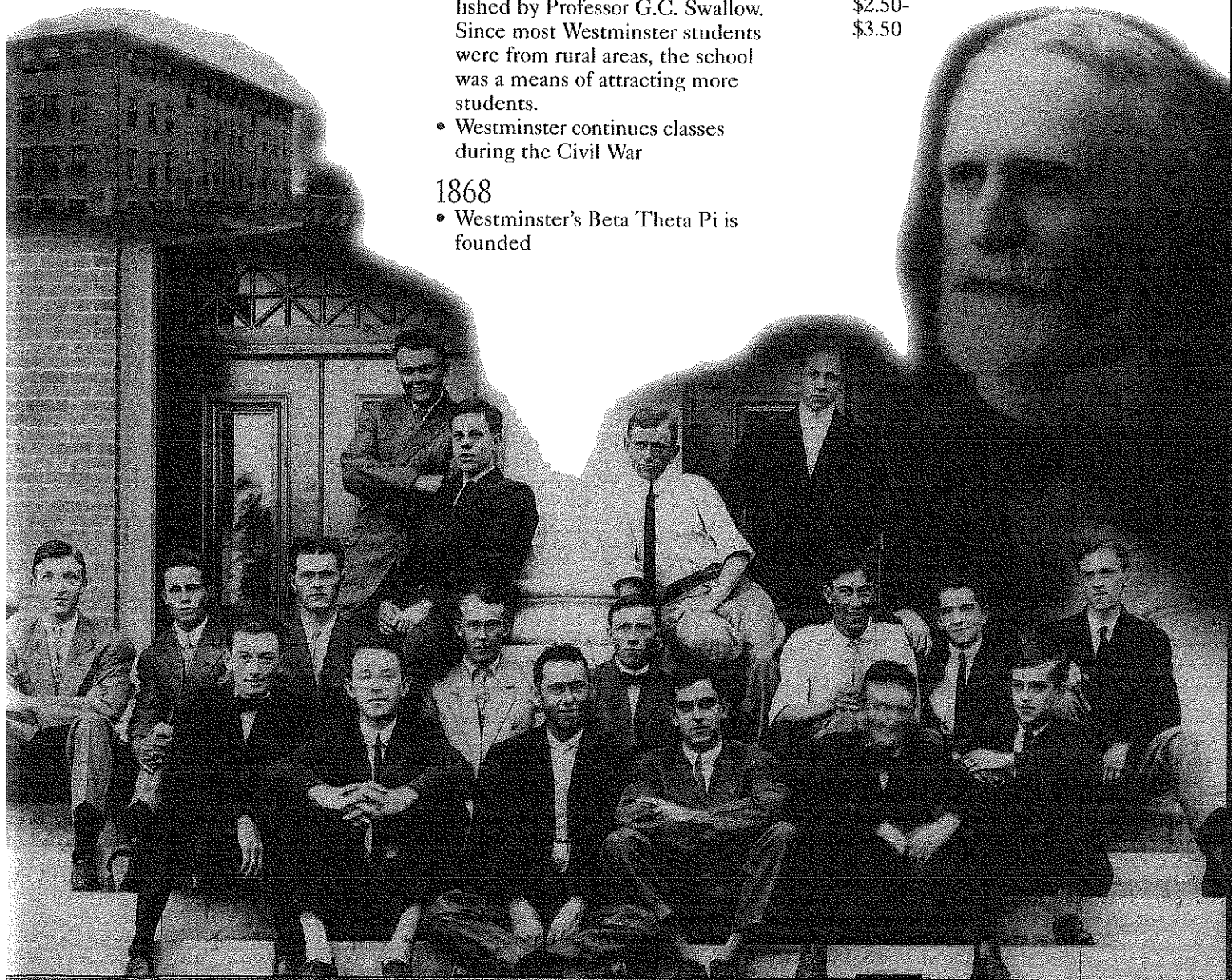
- Trustees vote to increase faculty salaries from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year.

## 1870

- Total enrollment: 90
- Freshman: 8
- Graduating Class: 3
- Tuition jumps to \$25.00 per semester
- Fees: \$19.00
- Room and board varies from \$3.00-\$3.50

## 1880

- Total enrollment: 117
- Freshman: 34
- Graduating class: 6
- Tuition per semester: \$0
- Fees: \$10.00
- Room rental: \$2.50-\$3.50





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- The first three days of classes are spent in examinations to determine for which classes the students are prepared.
- Westminster's Phi Delta Theta fraternity is founded.

1882

- The first telephone is installed on the Westminster campus.

1884

- First Masters of Science degree in *curso* is given to Professor J.T. Vaughn

1890

- Total enrollment: 128
- Freshman: 24
- Graduating class: 8
- Westminster's Kappa Alpha fraternity is founded.

1892

- A Ph.D. degree can be earned at Westminster. A student can earn a doctorate of Philosophy, Metaphysics, Political/Social Science, Math, Natural Sciences or Languages and Literature.

1893

- Football starts at Westminster.

1898

- Skulls of Seven secret society is formed.
- The *Collegian* school newspaper is founded.

1899

- Ph.D. program is dropped to focus more on the undergraduate work.

1900

- Total enrollment: 97
- Freshman: 47
- Graduating class: 8
- Tuition per semester: \$20.00
  - Fees: \$13.00
  - Room and board: \$46.00-\$70.00
- A 3-day spring holiday is granted to students, who choose the date.

1901

- Westminster is under guidance of both the North and South Presbyterian Synods.
- The new Science Hall is erected.

1902

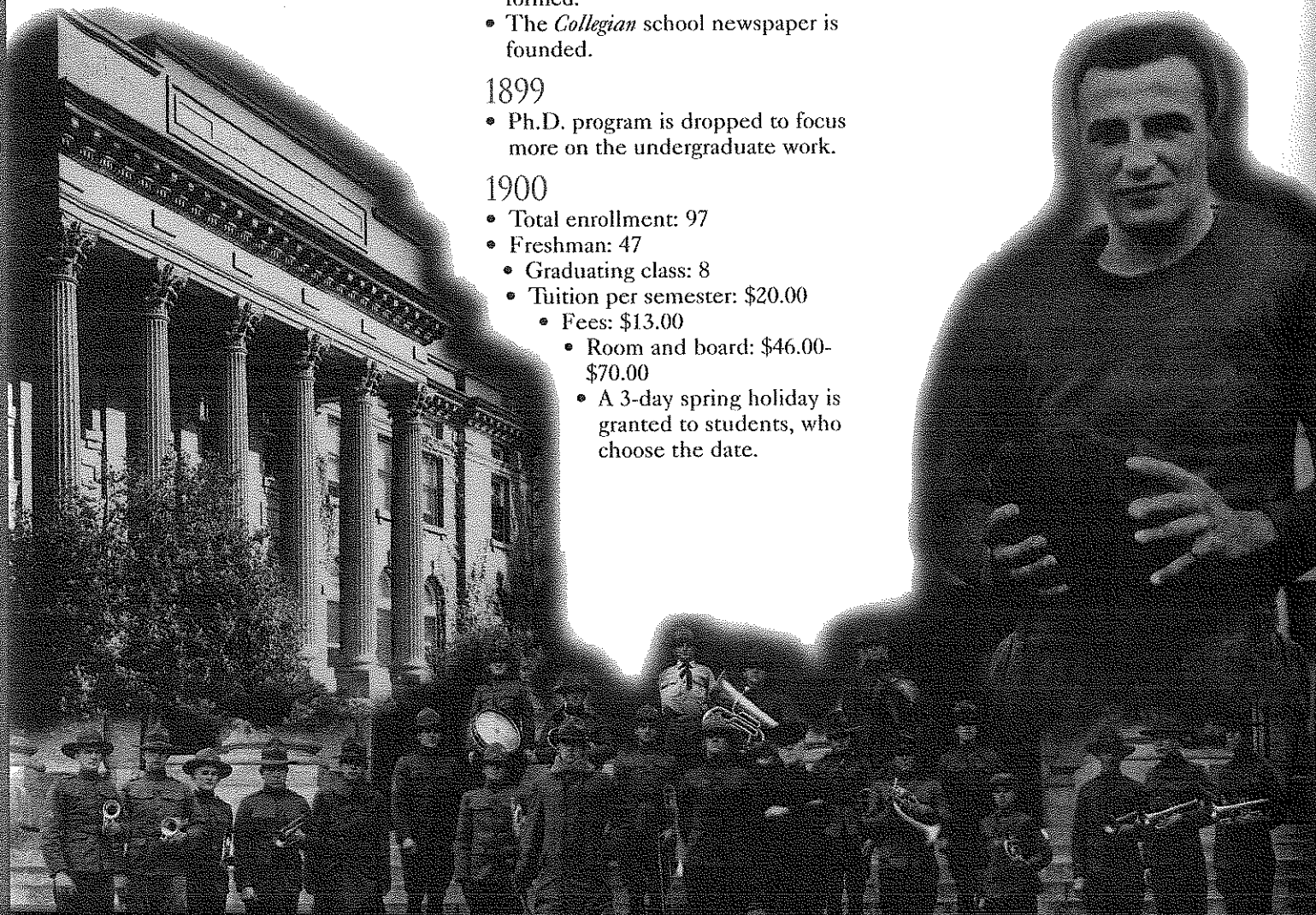
- Official colors of blue and white are adopted, as well as the Blue Jay for the mascot.

1903

- Ground is broken for the construction of Re-Union Hall.

1909

- Westminster Hall and the Chapel burn to the ground; only the columns of Westminster Hall are saved.



## 1910

- Total enrollment: 67
- Freshman: 28
- Graduating class: 11
- Tuition per semester: \$20.00
- Fees: \$20-\$30.00
- Room and board: \$120.00-\$170.00; Re-Union Hall rates \$45.00-\$120.00
- Excavation on Westminster Hall is completed during this year

## 1911

- Chapel services are held in the newly rebuilt Westminster Hall.

## 1914

- The first Westminster College Student Council is formed.

## 1916

- The 3rd floor of Westminster Hall is used for a gymnasium.

## 1917

- Construction starts on the William Chrisman Swope Memorial Chapel.

## 1918

- The college becomes a military barracks and camp during WWI.
- Basketball begins at Westminster.

## 1919

- Construction is completed on Swope Chapel.
- The college preparatory school that ran in conjunction with Westminster closes.

## 1920

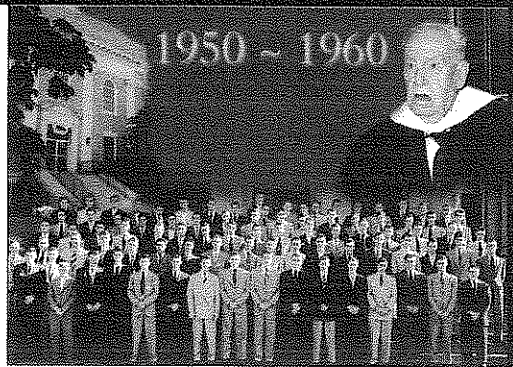
- Total enrollment: 153
- Freshman: 71
- Graduating class: 15
- Tuition per semester: \$35.00
- Fees: \$41.00-\$60.00
- Room and Board: \$216-\$288.00; Re-Union Hall rates: \$40.00-\$125.00
- Blue Jay Basketball goes 17-0

## 1921

- The columns are restored to their present location.

## 1923-1929

- Fraternities move back on campus and form "Fraternity Row."



## 1924

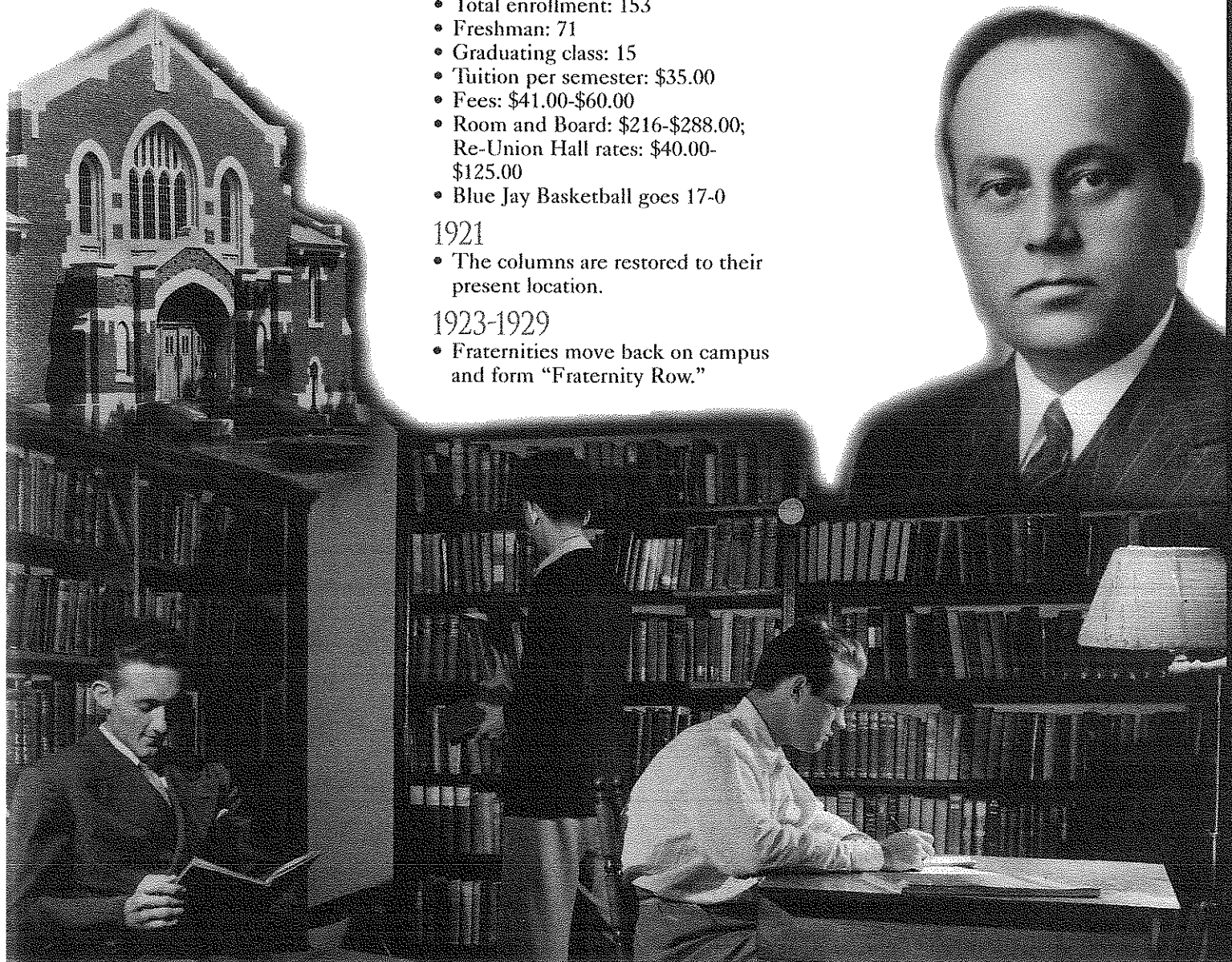
- Priest Field is completed.

## 1928

- Highway 54 is built.

## 1929

- Historic Westminster Gymnasium is dedicated.
- First Columns Ceremony is held for freshman.





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1930

- Total enrollment: 293
- Freshman: 108
- Graduating class: 38
- Tuition per semester: \$100
- Room and board for Re-Union Hall: \$330.00 per year
- A gym uniform is provided for students for \$2.00.

1931

- The *Columns* student newspaper is introduced.

1932

- Football is discontinued due to the Great Depression.

1933

- Westminster Honor System is started. Student Council is in charge of enforcing the system. Students made reports of campus violations. The accused was given an opportunity to present defense and then assessed a penalty if deemed necessary.

1939

- Westminster's Delta Tau Delta fraternity is founded.

1940

- Total enrollment: 317
- Freshman: 128
- Graduating Class: 45
- Tuition per semester: \$125.00
- Fees: \$10.00 for student activities
- Room and Board: \$270.00
- Gage Gate is dedicated to Dr. Daniel Shaw Gage at the southern "automobile entrance" to the campus.

1941

- Westminster has three 15-week semesters with no break to produce graduates faster.

1946

- Churchill gives the "Sinews of Peace" speech at Westminster College, accompanied by President Harry S Truman.

1947

- Washington Semester Program starts. A select group of juniors study at American University during the Spring term. They make contacts with great leaders and agencies through seminars and research projects.

1948

- Westminster's Phi Gamma Delta fraternity is founded.

1949

- All current fraternities have been established on the row.

- Westminster's Sigma Chi fraternity is founded.
- Westminster's Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity is founded.

1950

- Total Enrollment: 442 (31% Veterans)
- Freshman: 104 (5% Veterans)
- Graduating Class: 123
- Tuition per semester: \$225.00
- Room and board: \$472.00
- Fees: \$10.00
- All the new men are housed in the gym during Rush week.
- Freshman aren't allowed to have automobiles.
- Office of the College Chaplain is created.
- Fraternities have mandatory study hours until 11:00 p.m.



1955

- Swope chapel is condemned because it is literally sliding downhill.

1956

- The Alumni Achievement Award is established.

1958

- Re-Union Hall becomes a student center.

1959

- The Churchill Quadrangle is dedicated.
- Robertson Dining Hall is dedicated.

1960

- Total Enrollment: 590
- Freshman: 209
- Graduating class: 41
- Tuition per semester: \$450
- Fees: \$20.00
- Room and board: \$742.00
- Westminster's Phi Kappa Psi fraternity is founded.

1961

- A cooperative is formed between Westminster College and William Woods University (then College).
- President Robert L.D. (Larry) Davidson decides to pursue bringing the Church of St. Mary, the Virgin, Aldermanbury from London to Fulton.

1964

- 7,000 stones arrive in Fulton—a massive jigsaw puzzle that will form the Church of St. Mary.

1966

- Champ Auditorium is completed.
- Sweazey and Weigle Halls are built.

1967

- The Science Center is constructed.

1968

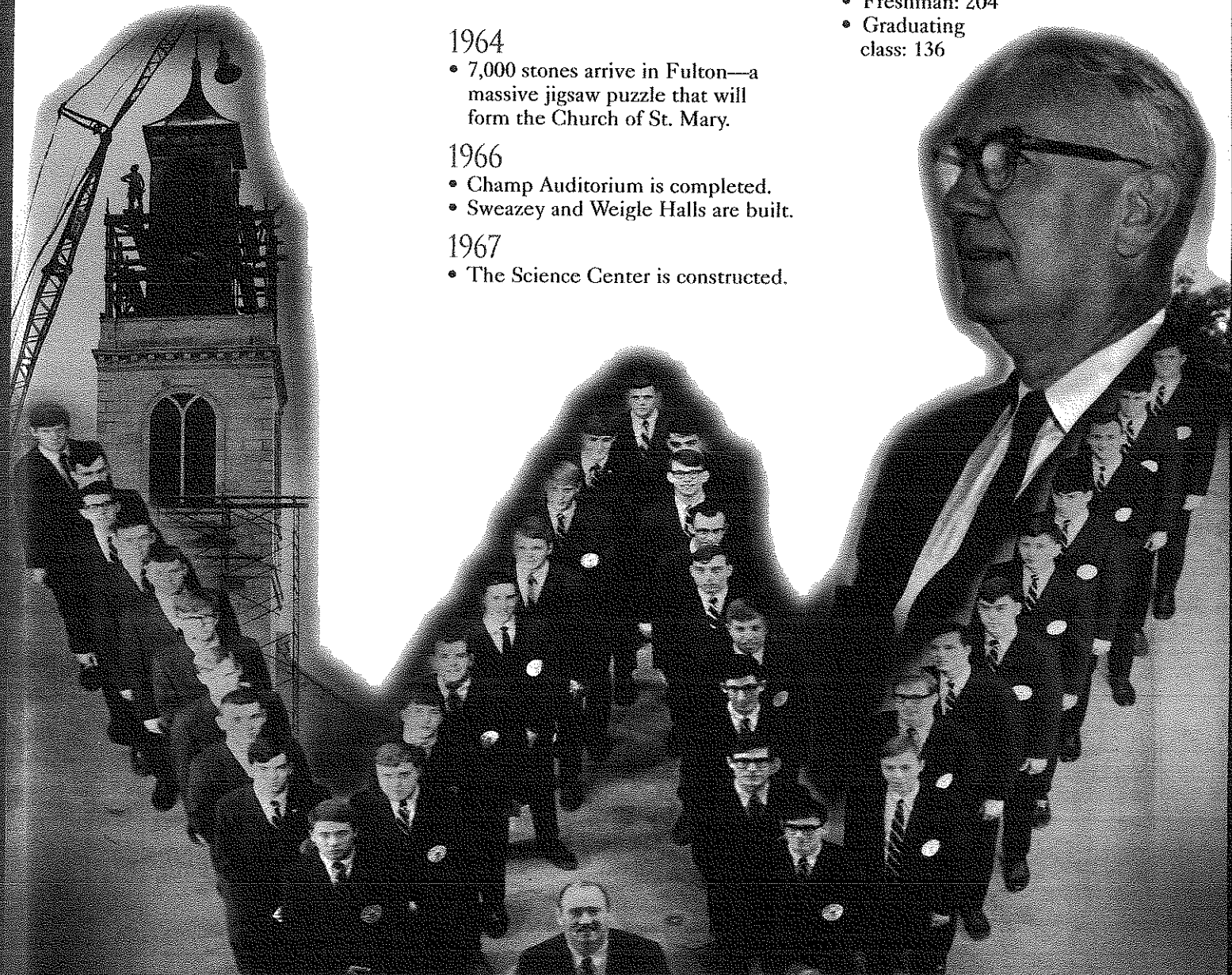
- President's home is moved from the college campus to its current location.

1969

- May 7th, groundbreaking ceremony is held for the Church of St. Mary, the Virgin, Aldermanbury. The Bishop of Dover rehallows the church as a place of worship.
- 10,000 people gather outside the Memorial for the ceremony. The Earl of Mountbatten and Winston Churchill's daughter Lady Mary Soames address the crowd.

1970

- Total enrollment: 581
- Freshman: 204
- Graduating class: 136





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- Tuition per semester: \$975.00
- Fees: \$60.00
- Room and board: \$900.00
- The College offers a guaranteed tuition plan where price is set for all 4 years; at \$7800.00.

**1971**

- The Columns are dismantled for repair.
- Graduating seniors walk through the Corinthian capitals of the columns since the rest of the columns are being repaired.

**1972**

- Column renovations are completed.

**1976**

- Phi Kappa Psi fraternity terminates chapter on Westminster campus.

**1977**

- The Science Center is named for Wallace H. Coulter '31. Coulter invented the Coulter Counter, a device that counts red blood cells.
- President Gerald Ford speaks at Parents Weekend.

**1979**

- Westminster College goes coed. President J. Harvey Saunders initiates going coed to boost enrollment, which lingered at 675 in 1978.

**1980**

- Graduating Class: 126
- Tuition per year: \$3700.00
- Fees: \$100.00
- Room and board: \$1750.00

**1981**

- Janice Mathews-Gordon becomes the first woman to graduate from Westminster College. Mathews-Gordon is also the class valedictorian. Today she serves on the Westminster College Board of Trustees and is the designer of the current Westminster logo.

**1982**

- Two women's fraternities, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta, are added to the campus.

**1983**

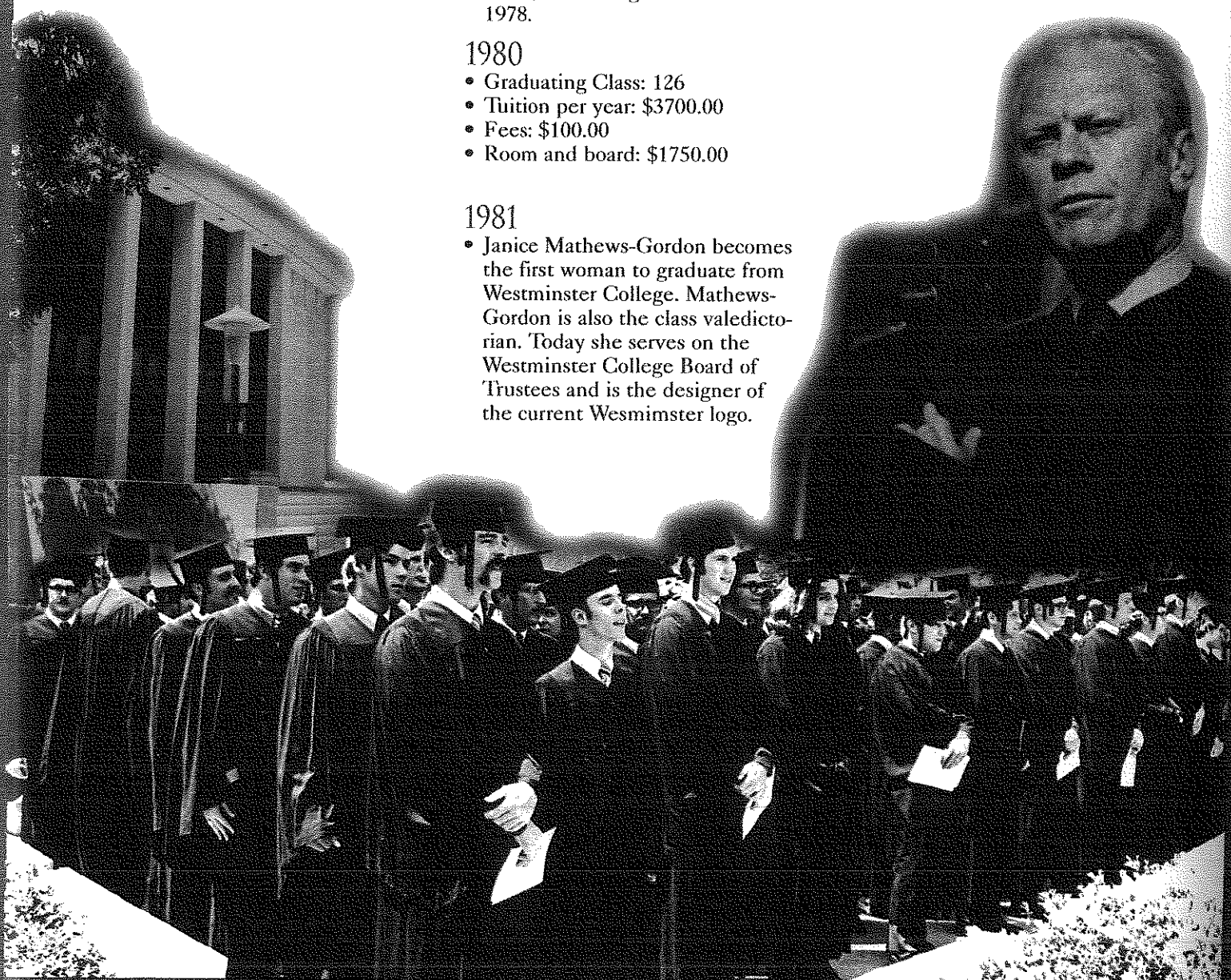
- Poet Maya Angelou speaks at Westminster.

**1984**

- A Covenant with the Synod of Mid America of the Presbyterian Church is established.

**1985**

- Re-Union Hall is demolished to make way for Hunter Activity Center.



broader opportunities for the students. We're going to find a way to maintain and raise the energy level as best as we can through working conditions, positive interaction, support, and enthusiasm. The President is a cheerleader if nothing else . . . a person who says "thank you" constantly and with sincerity. I see us not only pursuing client orientation, but cooperation and internal communication which permits us to accomplish our goals.

Now, I could make some predictions on what those risks are going to be. First, we're going to continue the ongoing process of enhancing our physical facilities so that we can support better our living, working, studying, teaching and playing environments at Westminster. Specifically, we'll be renovating the freshman quadrangle, modernizing and expanding Robertson Dining Hall and, as we grow larger, looking at other housing arrangements as well. Also, we'll be supporting our fraternities as they upgrade their residential situation.

We're going to look at new academic programs . . . some of that is strategic because we know to train CPAs we have to give students at least five years of education and that suggests to me we should do so in the context of a masters program. I received a letter recently from an alum who said that if we do programs for adults that we may lose what's unique about Westminster. I don't think that's necessarily so. I think the core of this College will remain grounded in undergraduate liberal arts education but I can see ways that we can better serve some of our constituencies that we do not now serve.

A tremendous transfer of wealth is taking place in America and that includes our alumni and our friends. We have the opportunity to build scholarship support which will allow more students to come here. Then, we can hire yet stronger faculty and staff members so that we can fund new technologies and experiences. I expect to see a campus that is larger and that is well maintained. I expect us to be technological, global, well grounded in the values of the liberal arts and our heritage and to rise to the challenges of the 21st century.

**Q.** Anything else?

**A.** One of things I emphasized in talking with the faculty is to say it would be easy to look at the Fall enrollment of over 700 students and to think things are better and then say "we've arrived, everything's back to normal." Complacency, I think, is the great danger we face. It is inaccurate to say "hey, things are splendid" because they're not splendid yet. We're still very much challenged.

The good news is, we've proven that we have the spirit and the determination to make positive changes . . . that's evidenced with the accomplishments over the past several years.

Based on my experiences, that conviction is even stronger now. ■

## *Recent Events in the Life of the College*

### 1993

Dr. James F. Traer inaugurated as Westminster's 18th President  
 Malcolm S. Forbes Jr. speaks as 10th IBM Lecturer  
 Robert S. Strauss speaks as 47th Green Lecturer  
 Tyke Yates receives honorary degree from Westminster  
 Campus network installed  
 Strategic planning workshops by Dr. Robert Shirley

### 1994

First Year Experience program launched  
 Manuscripts to Megabytes Campaign begins  
 Reintroduction of performing arts at Westminster with the production of *Oklahoma*

### 1995

Implementation of Westminster Guarantee program (guaranteed graduation in 4 years)  
 US News ranks Westminster as National Liberal Arts College (previously a regional ranking)  
 Strategic Plan and Mission, Goals and Vision statement adopted  
 Westminster joins the World Wide Web

### 1996

50th anniversary of Churchill speech and Margaret Thatcher delivers Green Lecture  
 Hazel Wing dedicated  
 Wetterau Center dedicated  
 Football Returns  
 Environmental Studies and Education Programs begin  
*Money* magazine ranks College as Best Buy

### 1997

Westminster gets a tartan  
 Residence halls wired to network  
 New Foundations General Education program adopted

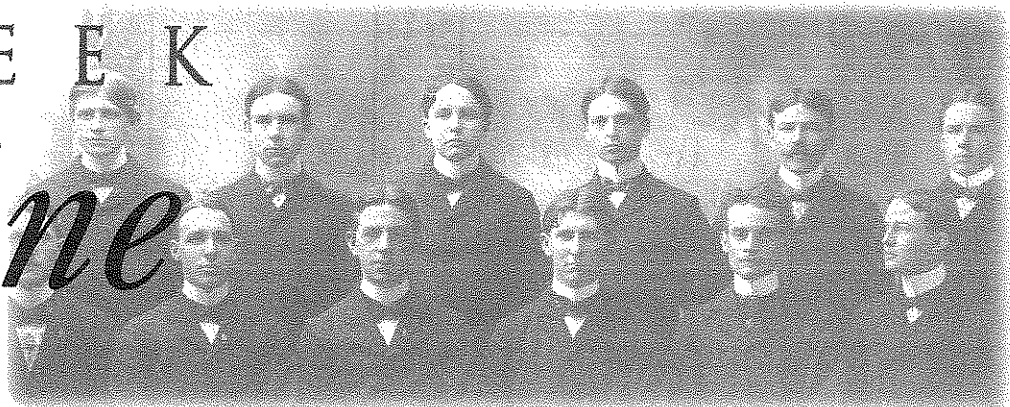
### 1998

Lech Walesa presents Green Lecture  
 First Emerson Fellowship awarded  
 Upperclass residence halls renovated and dedicated  
 Semester in England program implemented  
 New Logo adopted  
 Implementation of New Foundations program ■



# GREEK

# Timeline



Kappa Alpha Order 1900

1960-

Westminster's Phi Kappa Psi fraternity is founded.

1968-

Westminster's Betas celebrate 100th anniversary as oldest fraternity chapter in continuous existence west of the Mississippi.

1974-

Delts are nationally honored by the Newcomen Society of North America for outstanding business practices. It is the first fraternity so recognized by the Society.

1976-

Phi Kappa Psi terminates chapter on Westminster campus.

1978-

Westminster's Kappa Alphas become the only chapter to win Hoover Cup, KA's national award for the outstanding top three chapters, three years in a row.

1982-

Westminster's Kappa Kappa Gamma women's fraternity is founded.

1982-

Westminster's Kappa Alpha Theta women's fraternity is founded.

1982-

Kappa Kappa Gamma becomes first Westminster women's fraternity to win the English Cup for best overall grades among living units.

1986-

Kappa Alpha Theta's Kate Murphy becomes first female Skull of Seven.

1988-

Phi Gamma Delta terminates chapter on Westminster campus.

1989-

Westminster's Delts celebrate 50th anniversary.

1993-

Westminster's Delta Delta Delta women's fraternity is founded.

1995-

Kappa Alpha Theta celebrates 125th anniversary as oldest Greek women's national fraternity.

1997-

Delta Delta Delta's Serena Lowe becomes first female Truman Scholar from Westminster.

1997-

Westminster's Phi Delts become first chapter on Westminster campus to go dry.

1999-

Westminster's Sigma Chi celebrates 50th anniversary.

1999-

Westminster's Sigma Alpha Epsilon celebrates 50th anniversary.

BY DONALD WOOD '00

# WESTMINSTER

## 2000 & BEYOND

*My fraternity is going up in numbers. An alumnus told me our house is stronger than it ever has been.*

Donald Wood '00

Westminster and Greek Life have gone hand in hand for 132 years, growing and bending with each generation, welcoming countless students into that half-circle embracing the Hill. While there is little doubt that tradition will continue, the specifics of future Greek life at Westminster are uncertain. The students of yesterday surely are not mimicked today, and predicting future students' reactions, goals and interests is impossible. Westminster College can only educate its students of its rich history, and let them lead us into our future.

Perhaps former Beta President Tommy Tarpley sums up the Greek experience best: "My best friends are the guys I live with. Those are the guys I will keep in touch with post-graduation. Am I my brother's keeper? Yes I am."

## THE HOUSES & THE HILL

### 1868-

Beta Theta Pi founded at Westminster College. It is the first chapter of any fraternity in Missouri.

### 1880-

Westminster's Phi Delta Theta fraternity founded.

### 1890-

Westminster's Kappa Alpha fraternity is founded.

### 1901-

Phi Deltas move into first college chapter house on Court and 9th Street.

### 1922-

Sigma Chi's annual Derby Days event, a weeklong event which now benefits Children's Miracle Network, begins nationally.

### 1926-

Phi Deltas move into first college chapter house on Westminster Avenue.

### 1939-

Westminster's Delta Tau Delta fraternity is founded.

### 1948-

Westminster's Phi Gamma Delta fraternity is founded.

### 1949-

Westminster's Sigma Chi fraternity is founded.

### 1949-

Westminster's Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity is founded.

### 1950-

*Life* magazine cites Sigma Chi as "one of the most solid of all" in a story about national college fraternities.



1986

- Vice President George Bush speaks at Westminster College.

1987

- The first female is inducted into the Skulls of Seven.

1988

- Phi Gamma Delta fraternity terminates its chapter on Westminster campus.

1989

- Derby days start
- Hunter Activity Center opens

1990

- Graduating Class: 108
- Tuition per year: \$7,520
- Fees: \$200.00
- Room and board: \$3250.00
- Berlin wall sculpture arrives at Westminster and is dedicated by President Ronald Reagan. The "Breakthrough" sculpture is designed by Churchill's granddaughter Edwina Sandys.

1992

- Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is the 46th Green Lecturer.

1993

- Westminster's Alma Mater is rewritten.
- Westminster's Delta Delta Delta women's fraternity is founded.

1995

- Football returns to the Westminster campus.

1996

- Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher gives a speech at Westminster.

1997

- Westminster's Phi Deltas become first chapter on Westminster campus to go "dry" (no alcohol allowed on the premises).

1998

- Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa speaks at Westminster College.

1999

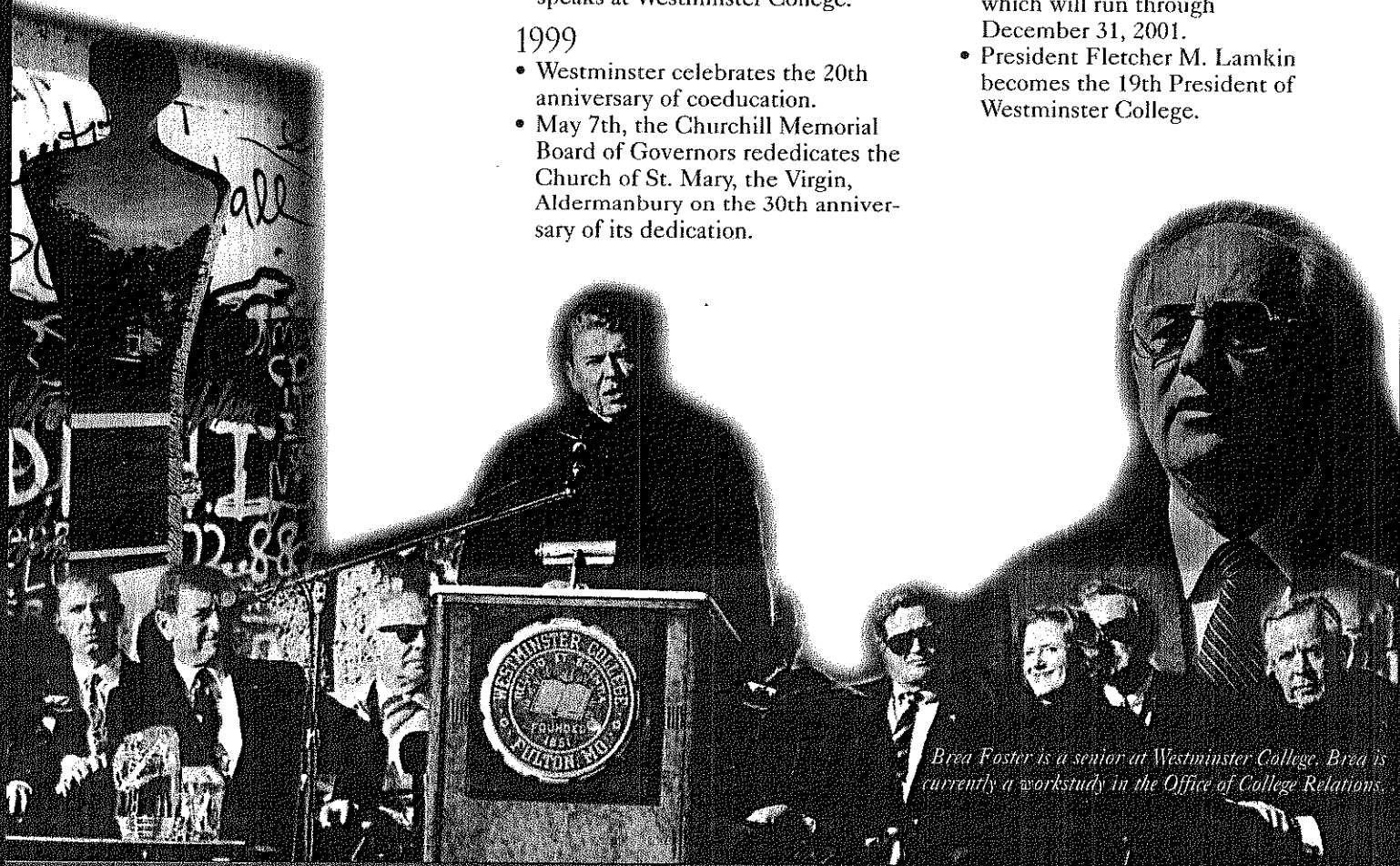
- Westminster celebrates the 20th anniversary of coeducation.
- May 7th, the Churchill Memorial Board of Governors rededicates the Church of St. Mary, the Virgin, Aldermanbury on the 30th anniversary of its dedication.



- Justin Peery and Scott Pingel make Westminster College football history. Peery sets an NCAA mark for touchdown throws in a season. Pingel sets NCAA all-division records for career receptions (436), receiving yards (6,108), and touchdown receptions (75). Pingel is a three-time All-American and the 1999 recipient of the Melberger Award, given to the most outstanding player in Division III football.

2000

- Total Enrollment: 700
- Graduating Class: 141
- Westminster begins 150th Anniversary Celebration, which will run through December 31, 2001.
- President Fletcher M. Lamkin becomes the 19th President of Westminster College.



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