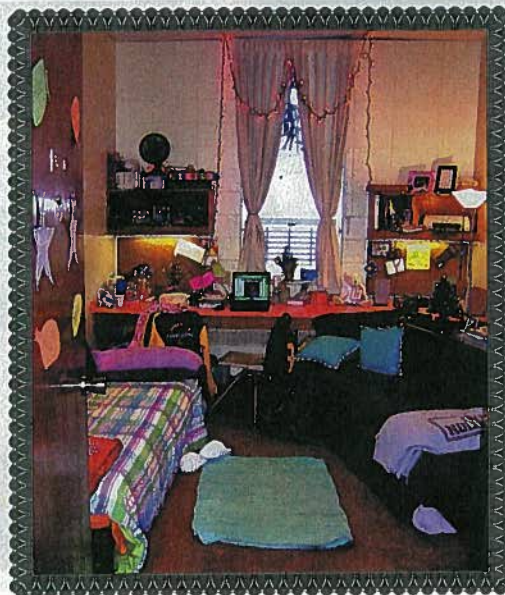


# New This Month

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### Hunting Down the Right College

When baby boomers went in search of the right college, they spent some time on campus, visited with professors and got to know some of the students. But if you have a child in high school, you know the rules of finding a college have changed—dramatically. Before scheduling a campus visit, your child wants insider information: What are the best and worst things about the school? What's the nightlife like? How's the cafeteria food? In our feature story, "Campus Life" (page 48), we get the answers to the questions above and input from students, excerpted from *College Prowler*, a Web site and book series founded by Carnegie Mellon University grad Luke Skurman. For more information, including a link to *Prowler's* searchable Web site, articles about the company from *The New York Times* and *Publisher's Weekly* and links to other useful college Web sites, visit [pittsburghmagazine.com](http://pittsburghmagazine.com).



### July's 250th Birthday Issue: Conversation Starter

Last month, we published our special issue to celebrate Pittsburgh's 250th birthday. And boy, did it get people talking! To see some of the letters to the editor we received and other readers' birthday wishes for the city, visit the Web site. While you're there, join in on the discussion and post your thoughts.

### Green Scene

In 2009, we'll publish our first issue dedicated to the people, buildings and things that are working together to make Pittsburgh more eco-friendly. If you know of a home, business, architect or something else worthy of recognition, e-mail us at [editors@wqed.org](mailto:editors@wqed.org).

### 2008: The Year of Family Reunions

In June, we asked for your best family reunion stories for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate. At right is an excerpt from our winning entry from **Emily Fuller of Henderson, Nev.**, formerly of Bethel Park, whose great-grandmother on her father's side was a Helmstadter:

In 1881, Jacob and Catherine Helmstadter came to the United States from Germany and ran a retail store in McKeesport. The couple had 10 children who all grew, married and had children of their own. Back in 1908, the Helmstadters decided that there would be an official family reunion each year on the Fourth of July—a day when the stores would be closed and the whole family could easily join together. This year, the family marked its 100th family reunion at White Oak Park. The sign from the old Helmstadter store was on display, and family members from around the country were able to trace their roots on the family tree. There was even shaved ice made with the same ice plane that's been used at each reunion for the past 100 years. I was very excited to return to Pittsburgh to attend this year's reunion along with my daughter, Ellie.

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