Operation Iraqi Freedom affected the lives of many alumni, both those in the military and those who were called up from the National Guard.

This is an update on what Lycoming alumni are doing in the immediate war in Iraq and in the continuing war on terrorism.

We know there may be many more alumni involved. Therefore, we welcome updates from other alumni serving in the military for a Part II round-up story in the future.

Down Range

SSgt. Herbert Larson ’93, U.S. Army Staff Sgt.

It was July in Iraq and it was hot. “I am a native Pennsylvanian,” writes staff sergeant Herb Larson, “and I almost melted.” As July became February and March, the temperature dropped to a pretty chilly 45 to 60 degrees during the day. The weather is just one of the annoyances that is part of Herb Larson’s job.

Herb is a tank commander with the 1-66 armor battalion who was most recently stationed in Samarra, a town on the road between Baghdad and Saddam Hussein’s hometown of Tikrit. When his division was deployed to Iraq in April 2003, Herb was home on leave after a one-year tour of duty in Korea.

“By the time I arrived, all the major ground combat had ended and the current insurgent strikes had begun,” he says. “These attacks mainly come from people who lost their personal power base when the Saddam Hussein regime fell. The Iraqis are fairly inventive with bombs, but they are not very highly trained,” Herb writes. “Being in a tank, I don’t worry all that much.”

“Progress in Iraq is a relative thing,” he continues. “Throughout the summer, the city of Samarra seemed to draw every member of the Fedayeen. We were receiving mortar rounds in the base camps and were fired upon by rocket-propelled grenades. It’s difficult to chase people down or positively identify hostiles from bystanders, so shooting on our part was rare. No one wanted to shoot the wrong people.”

At least one incident, on November 30th, made the evening news.
“My platoon of tanks was assigned to protect the exchange of new money for old in the city. We were accompanied by infantry, military police, and engineer assets. On that day, the Iraqis opposed to the American presence stood toe to toe,” Herb explains.

“It has been said that [the Iraqis] only respect the strong, and the actions of the town reflect that. While we had been hesitant to fire weapons and cause civilian casualties, there was no hesitation to fire weapons that day. Since that day, the people in the town wave at us as we go by, like they used to, and hand soldiers on the ground food and sodas. The Fedayeen presence became less, and the people’s response to us became friendlier – at least for now.”

In recent months, the roadside bombs and other attacks have risen slightly. “Most of the improvised explosive devices injure more Iraqis than Americans,” says Herb. “It doesn’t seem to bother them.”

Anyway, he continues, “we are closer to a stable government.”

The unit is scheduled to return in April 2004. On February 9, Herb enlisted for 10 years to make the Army a career. Email: R2phil@yahoo.com

Spc. Jaclyn Kovaschetz '03, U.S. Army

In February 2003, in her last semester of college at Lycoming, Jaclyn Kovaschetz was called up to active duty. She has been overseas since March 12, 2003, and in Iraq since March 27 putting her criminal justice major to some use guarding prisoners.

“I haven’t spent a night out of Iraq since,” she writes. At the beginning of the war, she guarded and fingerprinted over 6,000 EPW’s (enemy prisoners of war), including Tariq Aziz, the Deputy Prime Minister to Saddam Hussein and a frequent spokesperson for the Iraqis early in the war. She experienced numerous scud attacks and spent four months at Camp Bucca living in a tent in the middle of a desert where the temperature went up to 150 F. degrees.
As the wife of a deployed soldier, I can tell you these deployments were very difficult for our family—but especially for Kirby. When he is gone, I become an instant single parent of three needing to run the household and keep the children’s spirits strong. As hard as it is not to have my husband here, I always remember that I have it easier than Kirby. When I have a bad day, I still have the kids to hug. Kirby is alone. When he misses us and has a bad day, he is still alone.

Kirby is an amazing soldier, but he is very much a family man. He loves his country, and he deployed in an effort to defend her; but he also goes to keep the world safe for his children. We were lucky because as the signal officer, Kirby had access to a computer constantly. We were able to e-mail him daily. I used a digital camera so that I could take pictures of the kids. We also took a life-size photo of Kirby’s head to events we attended. We would dress the photo in different shirts and have people take pictures of us together as a family. Then we would write to tell him about the fun “we” had.

Kirby and I have three children: McKenzie, Samantha and Jake. Our son, now 5, and was born with a birth defect, Spina Bifida. Two years ago, just eight days after Kirby deployed to Afghanistan, Jake became very ill. In the course of three days, he needed two emergency brain surgeries. Kirby was woken up in the middle of the night and told that his son was in surgery. The Army would have sent him home, but as a family we choose for him to stay. He had just gotten on the ground there and was very busy setting up the communications network. I felt helpless at Jake’s bed side in the hospital, but imagine how helpless Kirby felt from around the world.

Our son’s health improved, and, thankfully, we had friends and family who were able to help us through this hard time. I tell you this to show the dedication this man has towards his job. I am so very proud of him. I can tell you that after all his time away, we are still truly appreciating each minute we have together. Some days it is easy to think the war is over for us because he is home now. Then you get a phone call from a friend saying they lost someone they knew in Iraq, and it all crashes in around you.

We are due to move our family this summer to a new duty station. We don’t know where we are going yet. There is a good chance that when we get to our new location, Kirby will have to deploy to Iraq again. He will go back if called upon to do so.

It will be harder then ever but he will do it, and he will do it with pride.

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On February 1, 2004, Tom assumed duties as the Marine Corps Security Force Platoon Commander for the Navy Base in Bahrain, a small island in the Arabian Gulf, 17 miles off the Coast of Saudi Arabia. He is responsible for the security of the naval base.
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Cmdr. Jack Lea ’80, U.S. Navy 9

Cmdr. Jack Lea, a career Navy chaplain, is putting a friendly face on the American presence in East Africa while ministering to the needs of 1800 service members. Deployed to Djibouti, Africa, across the Gulf of Aden from Yemen, he serves with forces that are based in a former French Foreign Legion camp known as Camp Lemonier. The U.S. Forces are helping local governments in seven Horn of Africa countries (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Yemen, Sudan, Kenya and Somalia) curb terrorist activities in the region. Jack’s war is winning the hearts of local people by organizing support to three local orphanages: babies, boys, and girls. Several times a week, at some risk to themselves, members of the Task Force venture out and feed and clean the babies, teach English to the girls, and play baseball and soccer with the boys.

Additionally, Jack, with the assistance of Civil Affairs teams, is coordinating the distribution of donated supplies throughout Djibouti and the region. In one month’s time, they received and distributed more than 2,000 pounds of school supplies, clothing and toys.

“The generosity of Americans is a tangible reminder of the goodness of America to every soldier, sailor, airman, and Marine. It provides boys and girls with new hope from a very unexpected source,” he says.

“In a very real sense, such support demonstrates the finest attributes of America and changes lives one person at a time,” Lea adds.
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Lt. j.g. Paul Keller ’95, U.S. Navy

Lt. j.g. Paul Keller is stationed on the USS BONHOMME RICHARD in San Diego as the Assistant Intelligence Officer. He was deployed as part of Amphibious Task Force West with the Marine Air Group Thirteen in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where “we sat in the waters of the Northern Arabian Gulf.

The group’s main focus was supporting all Harriers deployed to the Arabian Gulf area. While they did have a port call in Bahrain, it was the only land he saw in the Middle East.
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Keith Essig '01, U.S. Navy

Keith Essig '01, who enlisted in the Navy in June 2002, is serving aboard the USS Nassau as U.S. Navy Intelligence Specialist Third Class. From August 2002 to May 2003, he was deployed to the Middle East, where his ship placed marines on the beach at Kuwait.

Maj. Kirby Watson '88, U.S. Army

Six months after returning from Afghanistan, Major Kirby Watson was deployed to the Iraqi Theatre for Operation Iraqi Freedom. There he served as the Joint Communications Control Center (JCCC) Officer in Charge (OIC) for Special Operations Command Central. The JCCC controls the communications networks for all the Special Operations Forces in theatre.

"Operation Iraqi Freedom was the largest and most complex communications network ever deployed in support of special operations forces," he explains. The network provided voice, data, and VTC (video teleconferencing) capabilities at the unclassified, secret and top secret classification levels.

Maj. Lynn Hackman '82, U.S. Air Force

Major Lynn Hackman '82 returned from Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany where she and her unit established the 86th Aeromedical Staging Facility by changing a gymnasium into a 100-bed medical facility.

"We were responsible for patient movement," she writes. "When you saw patients being carried on or off aircraft at Ramstein, that was us."

"We didn’t have a ‘glory’ job,” she says. “We luged a lot of litters, and it was hard work. We weren’t only nurses and med techs, but cargo haulers, litter lifters and psych techs. But the patients really appreciated what we did for them and the care we gave them, and they weren’t shy about telling us that. Even though our squadron didn’t do the most fascinating job in the world, we knew we were needed and were proud of the job we did. ‘Cause we did it really well. And patients wouldn’t have gotten home without us.”

Her current military experience may well count as her fourth career. A music major at Lycoming College, she continued on for a master’s degree in music. When she realized she couldn’t make a lot of money “singing in New York City,” she joined the Air Force and spent four years as a flyer.

“The first time I was in the Air Force/active duty, I was an Air Weapons Director. That means I directed airborne assets (like tankers, fighters, etc), and I flew aboard the AWACS E-3 (Airborne Early Warning) Aircraft. It was like being an air traffic controller, but instead of keeping aircraft apart, we tried to run them together or, at least, put them in a position where they could take a good shot at someone else. It was a fantastic job. It’s a real rush to control aircraft like that."

When she got out of the Air Force, she went on to nursing school, and then joined the reserves. She was working at the Hershey Medical Center as Research Compliance Coordinator at the Penn State College of Medicine when she was called up. Still on active duty, she is now at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. She has the distinction of being in the longest deployed USARF unit so far. Email: lhackman@psu.edu

Lt. Col. Joe Montagnino '76, U.S. Marine Corps

Joe Montagnino had the distinction of serving in both Iraqi wars before retiring from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in February 2004.
At the Pentagon

Herb Wolfe '93, civilian

Wolfe has been working on bio-terrorism weapons for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

After 9/11, Wolfe was involved in the World Trade Center response as the Executive Officer of a Medical Strike Team that augmented the National Disaster Medical System. His team consisted of 43 uniformed personnel that provided clinical triage around the perimeter of ground zero, treating firefighters, police, military and contract personnel. He then was deployed to Capitol Hill to the Office of the Attending Physician where he was involved in preventative treatment for anthrax.

Wolfe is part of the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense under Secretary Donald Rumsfield, which is the Joint Services single focal point for chemical and biological defense equipment and medical countermeasures. He is currently the Chief Public Health Officer for the Defense Department’s one billion dollar initiative to protect against a CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, or Nuclear) attack.

Most of his work this past year (which involved considerable international travel) is classified.

Within the Joint Program Executive Office, seven joint project managers oversee the acquisition and fielding of chemical and biological detection and reconnaissance systems, protection systems, decontamination systems, information management systems, medical devices, drugs and vaccines, and installation and force protection systems. In addition to working in Washington D.C., he is pursuing a doctorate in bio-defense, a new program at George Mason University headed by Ken Alabeck, a lead scientist in the former USSR who developed chemical and biological weapons for the Soviets.

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Lt. Col. Erik Nordberg '88, U.S. Army

Erik Nordberg is a green beret who works in the Pentagon with a small cell of special operators who plan strategic operations in the war on terror.

“I don’t do conventional battles such as the Iraq or Afghanistan conflicts. Rather, I track the top terrorists as they move and operate around the world. My specific mission is to track them, find them, and come up with a plan to capture or kill them,” says Erik.

And there the details stop at a wall of confidentiality.

In his younger days, he was a team leader in a Special Forces Counter Terror unit that would be tasked to conduct missions to neutralize terrorists, primarily those operating in the European theater of operations. Now, as a more senior officer, he plans them.

Capt. John Yurchak ’78, U.S. Navy

Capt. John Yurchak ’78, career Navy, had been working in the Pentagon for Chief of Naval Operations in his Requirements and Assessments division (N81). Now he is in Norfolk, Va., working at Naval Network Warfare Command (NETWARCOM) as the director of the Fleet Requirements and Assessment division (N8). His division reports to Commander, US Fleet Forces Command, also in Norfolk.

His command provides support to the ships deployed overseas and to the ships training here in the US in
preparation for operations overseas by operating and defending the global network and satellite communications infrastructure that keeps those ships connected to each other, and to the Joint and coalition forces in theater (i.e., network-centric operations).

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Capt. Michele Soltis ’98, at right, is now a doctor waiting deployment.

Capt. Michele Soltis ’98, U.S. Army

“Greetings from the Great Northwest,” writes Michele Soltis. Michele was commissioned into the Army on graduation day 1998 as a second lieutenant. Since earning her M.D. from the Pennsylvania State College of Medicine in May of 2002, she has been serving as a resident physician in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis, located just south of Seattle, Washington. In addition, she is pursuing a Master of Public Health degree at the University of Washington’s School of Public Health. Although she hasn’t been deployed yet, she continues to serve the many troops headed for the Middle East via myriad Soldier Readiness Programs to include theater-specific immunization clinics and preventive medicine/public health education and briefings. Email: masoltis@yahoo.com

Have we missed you? If you are involved in the Iraqi War, send us your news.

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Tara Hunter Heller’s career with the American Red Cross happened because she was a member of the Lycoming College Choir and had to sing at Freshman Convocation in August of 1998. There Tara, who would graduate in the spring of 1999, heard the Freshman Convocation Speaker, Taunia Halcrow Oechslin ’92, talk about her job at the American Red Cross. “I had always been involved in serving the community,” says Tara, “and I thought that the American Red Cross might be the place for me.” Tara asked for the contact information from Taunia and applied for a job as an account manager. She soon discovered that Susan Sponar ’73 was working for the Red Cross. At one point all three were in the Philadelphia Office.

The American Red Cross is one of the largest non-profit organizations in the United States. Blood collections and donations are its most visible services, and the Red Cross provides nearly half the nation’s blood supply. Each year the American Red Cross responds to more than 67,000 disasters. It also provides Health and Safety Services and International Relief. It is one of the strongest and most respected humanitarian service organizations in the world.

For Taunia, a career with the American Red Cross was perhaps inevitable. “My Dad is a career Red Crosser,” she says. (Her mother had also put in a number of years with the non-profit organization.) Her father arranged for an interview, and three months after graduation, she signed on as an account representative in the Philadelphia area.

For Taunia, this was a great opportunity right out of school. As a sales rep, “I networked with everyone from the CEO to the church lady,” says Taunia. It was also a job with a mission she embraced. “I liked what I was doing.”

The organization is run with the same directness and efficiency of a corporate company with “sales people” and marketing pros recruiting donors and donor sites. It is also offers great career opportunities, Taunia explains, including job advancement and competitive salaries at the managerial level.

And advance, she did. After 7 ½ years in Philly, Taunia was transferred to Lansing, Michigan, as the Director for Donor Resources. In March of 2003, she was transferred to Johnstown, Pa., as the Senior Director for Recruitment and Communications where she oversees four departments. Her territory includes six states and 100 counties and serves blood needs of 100 hospitals.

“There isn’t anything else I would rather do,” says Taunia.

Not Your Average Job

Tara soon discovered that the Red Cross “wasn’t your average volunteer effort.”

“The Penn-Jersey Region of the ARC is a fast-paced work environment that combines the mastery of selling an intangible item, maneuvering bloodmobiles to fit any circumstance, as well as working with professionals, students, and community figures to save lives,” Tara continues. “The
average manager works all day, all night, and any weekend needed to get the job done. The need for blood is real.”

Tara’s own real life experience changed the way she felt about the blood that the American Red Cross provides.

“I lost one of my closest friends, Jessica E. Abbey ’99, in June of 2000,” Tara says. “Jessica was in a horrible car accident that caused a lot of internal bleeding. I learned in the course of [trying to save her life], her little body consumed more [blood] than I would have collected in 2 or 3 average blood drives.”

After being an account manager for 3 years, she joined the marketing department. “Overall,” says Tara, “it has been an amazing experience. I worked through the tragedy on September 11, 2001. I saw the slews of donors that poured into our center in Philadelphia for weeks. I’ve met patients that lived because of what the ARC does and families that cannot do or say enough to thank them. It’s always been more than just a job. Working to serve the community becomes a way of life.”

18 Years with the Red Cross

For nearly two decades, Susan Snyder Sponar communicated to the public the news about disasters, blood safety and various issues. Most recently, she was the director of communications for the Penn-Jersey Region of Red Cross Blood Services.

“The Red Cross is a highly unique and exciting organization. During my tenure, I felt we were right at the center of helping people in the wake of very important events,” says Susan.

“I was hired during an incident in Philadelphia in which the Red Cross was assisting victims that was media-intensive, and I didn’t stop moving for 18 years,” Sponar continues.

“I was assigned to relief efforts after the Northern California earthquake in 1989, and I also saw Puerto Rico after Hurricane Hugo. Locally, during the [the first] Gulf War, I had the opportunity to communicate with Philadelphia media about the Geneva Conventions, assist in setting up a greeting station to welcome home military men and women returning to the states after their service in the Middle East, and help communicate accurately about the need for blood,” says Susan.

“Communication is a key function of leadership. It is exciting to help organizations say and do the right thing when it matters the most to people,” Susan continues.

“I tell students and developing communicators to try to find organizations with great leaders you really respect and missions you really care about.”

Editor’s Note: Tara Hunter Heller has since moved to North Carolina. Susan Snyder Sponar has moved to Arizona. Both left the American Red Cross. Taunia Halgrow Oechslin has returned to work at the Red Cross after having a son in November.

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John R. Biggar ’66
Named Trustee

John R. Biggar ’66, the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for PPL Corporations, has been named to the Board of Trustees.

While attending law school at Syracuse University, Biggar discovered a fascination for corporate law. He began his work at PPL in 1969 in the legal department and steadily climbed the corporate ladder. Today, Biggar oversees PPL’s domestic and international treasury and financing functions, corporate planning activities, supply chain and inventory management activities, and investor regulations. He is also a member of PPL’s board of directors where the decisions he makes help to shape the company’s future.

He and his wife, Shirley (Wunderly ’66), have two adult sons, Stephen and Michael. They live in Center Valley, Pa.

Jim Scott ’70
Named Trustee

James Scott ’70, a consultant, has been named to the Board of Trustees. Jim most recently served as president of the Alumni Association Executive Board from 2001 to 2003. He was a class representative to the AAEB in 1970, a New England Area Alumni Representative from 1985 to 1993, and a member of the AAEB from 1998 to 2003.

A member of the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity, he was an admissions counselor for Lycoming College for two years after graduation. He was a human resources specialist, he was director of human resources at GTE, and vice president of human resources at Shaw’s Supermarkets in New England, and Staples. He is now a human resources consultant.

He has two adult children, Lisa and Jamie. He and his wife, Donna, live in West Newbury, Massachusetts.

The House that Lycoming Built

The Lycoming College Chapter of Habitat for Humanity dedicated its first college-built house on Saturday, December 6, 2003.

Students began construction on the house, located at the site of the old Buckeye Pretzel Factory at 1104 Baldwin Street, in the fall of 2001. Members of the college chapter worked with the house owners as well as Lycoming College faculty, staff, a variety of sports teams, sororities, fraternities, and other organizations to build the house.

Money for the home—a total of $52,000—had to be raised. Habitat members sold lemonade and hot chocolate (donated by Sodexho Food Service) at football games and organized the annual “Run for Shelter” 5-K fun runs.

What’s next? Lycoming’s Habitat members journeyed south for Spring Break to help build homes near Tampa, Fla.

Brown vs. The Board of Education, 1954: The Road to Civil Rights

Benjamin L. Hooks, who served for 15 years as the executive director of the NAACP, and MinniJean Brown Trickey, one of the “Little Rock 9” who integrated Little Rock high school in 1957, were the featured speakers in a spring symposium that commemorated the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that started the Civil Rights Movement.

MinniJean brought a very personal view of the integration to the Clarke Chapel stage as she recounted how surprised she was by the vicious response of white students. “I thought that they would like me” she told the audience.

Benjamin Hooks, a civil rights veteran, recounted the events that led up to the Supreme Court decision, invoking the words and tone of Rev. Marco Hunsberger, at right, presides over the dedication of the Lycoming-built Habitat House.
of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Both Hooks and Trickey spoke on the same stage as did the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who spoke in the chapel in 1958 and 1961.

Tuskegee Airman Visits

Clarence Dart, the grandfather of Kristen Dart ’05 visited campus as part of Black History Month. The elder Dart was one of the WWII fighter pilots in an all-black unit made famous by the recent film. Perhaps it’s fitting that granddaughter Kristen (Saratoga, N.Y.) is majoring in history.

“Reflections of Africa”

A one-woman show by photographer Betty Press took over the gallery in January. Press was a photographer in Kenya for UNICEF and has had work published in such major publications as Life, Time, National Geographic, The Atlantic Monthly, and The Washington Post.

David Gathman ’69 Speaks to Business students

David Gathman spoke to students in Lycoming’s Institute for Management Studies about entrepreneurship, using his own career as an example.

David, who worked as an oven man at Stroehman’s bakery during his college years and ended up as CFO of the Federal Reserve Bank in Philadelphia, summarizes his career as “from dough to dough.”

The Shape of Things In Welch Theatre


Soccer Team Most Improved in Nation

The men’s soccer program was named the most improved Division III men’s soccer team in the entire nation for the 2003 season, according to the NCAA. The Warriors finished the season with a record of 15-5, just one year after posting a mark of 5-11-2 – an improvement of a full eight games.

Library Adds Database

The John G. Snowden Library has added the JSTORE to its resources, which gives scholars access to the collected issues of over 300 journals. In many cases, the issues of these
journals date back to the 1800s. The journals are accessed online and users can search the entire collection or portions of it using keywords.

Students Offer City Council Marketing Advice

Students from Dr. Bonita Kolb’s marketing class made a formal presentation to Williamsport mayor, Mary Wolf, and the Williamsport City Council on ways to make the downtown more attractive to college students. Later hours, signage, and a better mix of stores targeted to a more youthful market were some of the suggestions.

From left Eric Brolly, Jesse Albeck and Laura Heintzelman present their marketing strategy on downtown Williamsport to the City Council. Dr. Bonita Kolb is at right.

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Keith O. Barrows, ’90, JD at 570-321-4036.
The best and perhaps least known way to find a job is through networking. “Many people look hard for jobs, but that is not enough. You have to work smarter, not harder,” says Jerry Falco, Director of the Career Development Center.

Most job searchers don’t realize that less than 15% of jobs are found through the newspaper, but 65% of jobs are found in what is known as the “hidden job market.” These jobs are uncovered through informal methods, such as networking, direct contact, previous employers, and support groups.

The best way to begin networking, according to Falco, is to start at home and then expand your contacts. Talk to family, friends, and acquaintances about anyone they might know in your field.

“A network is not limited to people you know well,” says Falco. “Talk to people from your church, or talk to your neighbors, friends, distant relatives and in-laws, anyone you can think of to help you find a job.”

The Lycoming College community, with over 12,000 living alumni, is itself a vast network of opportunities.

“We have alumni all over the country who are employed in nearly every job category imaginable. What a valuable resource!” says Falco. “Spend your energy talking to people and you will get results.”

When using contacts, there are four important questions to ask.

- Do you know of any openings for someone with my skills?
- Do you know of an organization who hires people with my skills?
- Do you know of anyone who may know of an opening for someone with my skills?
- May I use your name in speaking with the contact person you suggest?

The contacts may not always lead you to the job you are looking for, but they can help take you to the next level of your job search.

“Networking is a powerful tool in finding out who is actually in charge of hiring and then getting a
résumé into the hands of that person,” Falco explained. “Human Resources is not always up-to-date on open positions. Networking with family and friends may help you find out about a position that will be opening before the HR department even knows about it.”

Alumni Events Great Networking Opportunities
Alumni can also expand their network by attending alumni events and participating in the alumni board. Outside of the college network, professional organizations and community involvement can not only be a fun time, but it can greatly expand your career opportunities and open new contacts. So get out there, make some contacts, and build a network that could lead to the job you have always wanted!

The Lycoming College Career Development Center can be found on the web at www.lycoming.edu/cdc. They can be contacted by phone at 570-321-4034 and by e-mail at cdc@lycoming.edu.
Men’s Basketball

Lycoming’s men’s basketball program began a new era in 2003 with the hiring of head coach Don Friday. The team, however, continued to build a tradition of excellence that has resulted in 10 consecutive winning seasons, six straight appearances in the conference playoffs, two conference titles, and three trips to the NCAA Division III National Tournament over the last decade. The 2003-2004 Warriors added to that legacy with a 21-8 season that included a Freedom Conference Championship and a first-round victory in the NCAA playoffs.

Sophomore Jonathan Pribble was named a first-team All-Freedom Conference player after leading the team and the conference in scoring, averaging 20 points per game. He also pulled down 6.3 rebounds a game and recorded 51 assists and 25 steals during the season. Pribble stepped up his game even more during the playoff run, averaging 31 points and 9.3 rebounds in four post-season games.

Seniors Matt Stackhouse and L.J. Huggler were both named to the All-Freedom Conference second team. Stackhouse tallied 16.8 points and 10.6 rebounds per game, despite missing 10 games in the heart of the season due to a knee injury. He ends his four-year career with 1,204 points, 753 rebounds, and a school-record 142 blocked shots. Huggler averaged 14.1 points and 5.4 rebounds per game during the 2003-2004 season, increasing his totals to 20 points and 6.2 rebounds per game during the 10 games Stackhouse was out of the lineup. Huggler ends his collegiate career with 862 points and 400 rebounds.

Juniors Shaun Morris and Jeremiah Edison, and sophomore Brad Musser also played significant roles in Lycoming’s success. Morris led the team with 154 assists, while scoring 8.4 points and grabbing three rebounds per game. Edison came off the bench to add 7.1 points and 4.4 rebounds per game. Musser, the Warriors starting point guard, chipped in 5.1 points and 2.8 rebounds per game, while also recording 114 assists in 29 games.

Wrestling

The Warrior wrestling team experienced a rebuilding year during the 2003-2004 season that was as successful as most programs at their peak. Lycoming went 19-8 in dual matches, recording their 18th consecutive winning season. They also finished second at the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships and claimed two individual titles.

Sophomore Jason Smith won his first conference championship at 157 pounds after transferring to Lycoming from Slippery Rock University. Smith was 32-8 during the regular season and earned a bid to the NCAA Division III National Wrestling Championships where he went 1-2.

Fellow sophomore Tommy Snyder also won...
Sophomore Jason Smith won a conference title in his first year with the Warrior wrestling team.

his first conference title in the heavyweight division. Snyder was 24-2 during the regular season and was seeded eighth at the national championships where he also went 1-2.

Other key contributors to the Warriors’ season included senior John Battaglia, who went 28-14 at 197 pounds and placed third in the conference; junior Grant Brindle, who went 22-6 at 174 pounds and placed third in the conference; and junior Sean Reese, who went 22-10 at 149 pounds and placed second at the conference meet.

Swimming

Both the Lycoming men’s and women’s swimming programs continued to establish themselves among the top programs in the Middle Atlantic Conference. The Warrior men’s team went 9-2 in dual meets and finished third at the conference championships. The Warrior women’s team went 7-3 in dual meets and placed fifth at the conference championships. The two squads combined to claim four individual conference titles and to set nine new school records at the conference meet.

Chris Mungo, in the 100 breaststroke.

On the women’s side, junior Rebecca Fox led the team with a conference championship in the 200 IM and five top-five finishes. Sophomore Kelly Sykes added third and fourth-place finishes in the 100 and 200 backstrokes, respectively. The duo combined for 130.5 of Lycoming’s 385 team points.

Women’s Basketball

The Warrior women’s basketball team experienced a renewal during the 2003-2004 season with their first winning campaign since the 1999-2000 season. Lycoming went 15-10 during the regular season and missed the conference playoffs on a tiebreaker.

Junior Mindy Culp led the team with 10.1 points per game, while also recording 64 assists and 49 steals in 23 games. Culp was an All-Freedom Conference second-team selection.

Seniors Emily DiMarco and Katy Kresge were the heart of the 2003-2004 Warriors. DiMarco contributed 9.6 points and 3.5 rebounds per game and connected on 31 three-pointers. She ends her career with 886 points, 302 three-pointers and 3.5 rebounds per game. She completes her collegiate career with 352 points and 299 rebounds.

The Warriors had a host of underclassmen step into more prominent roles during the 2003-2004 season. Sophomore Rebecca Pugh came off the bench in 24 games to average 7.8 points per game and lead the team in three-pointers with 34. Fellow sophomores Stacy Lindeman, Danielle Kern, and Sabrina Catrambole all saw time in the starting lineup during the season. Lindeman averaged 6.5 points and 2.9 rebounds per game; Kern led the team in rebounding with 5.9 boards per game, while scoring 6.4 points per game; and Catrambole added 5.5 points and 2.9 rebounds per game.

Ricky Lannetti Scholarship

An endowed scholarship has been created in memory of Ricky Lannetti ’04, a Lycoming football player who died suddenly of a Staph infection in December. When fully endowed, a scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving student, with preference given to a graduate of Father Judge High School in Philadelphia. If you would like to add your support to this scholarship, please contact Keith Barrows at barrows@lycoming.edu or call (570) 321-4196.
On May 27, 1938, John “Jack” Willmann ’38, pitching for Dickinson Junior College (now Lycoming College), held Bucknell Junior College hitless as he fanned 12 and walked one en route to a 17-0 victory.

A yellowed, seven-inch article from the Williamsport Grit, termed his hurling “superb” and his effort “a classic.” To my late father-in-law, the no-hitter was one of his proudest accomplishments.

Jack had a long list of achievements when he died on Sept. 8, 2000, at age 82. He graduated cum laude from Notre Dame in 1940, worked 40 years as a journalist, and was greatly involved in civic and community affairs wherever he lived—Williamsport, suburban Washington, D.C., and Annapolis, Md.

He was the Washington Post real estate editor for nearly 20 years, won numerous national awards, served as president of the national real estate editors association, interviewed well-known people and wrote a book. In 1984, he was named an Outstanding Alumnus by Lycoming College.

He seldom, however, discussed these accomplishments. Yet, once or twice a year, he somehow worked his no-hitter into a conversation.

Athletically, Jack was a self-described “late bloomer.” Although he loved sports, he wasn’t a natural athlete. He had to work hard to succeed. And that’s why his athletic success meant so much to him.

You won’t find Jack’s no-hitter in a record book, but it was forever etched in his memory. Shortly after he tossed his no-hitter, Johnny Vander Meer of the Cincinnati Reds threw back-to-back no-hitters. I don’t think Vander Meer could have taken more pride in his performance than Jack did in his.

Growing up during the Depression and attending a small Catholic high school, Jack never wore a sports uniform of any sort until he pitched for Dickinson Junior College. I’m sure he admired himself in his baseball uniform in front of a mirror more than once.

After graduating from Dickinson Junior College, he attended Notre Dame and played on the Irish baseball team. We never heard any tales of his pitching days at Notre Dame, so it’s safe to assume his biggest thrill was just being a member of the team.

In his adult years, Jack played tennis and golf, two sports he had little exposure to while growing up. He was a lifelong baseball fan, rooting for the Washington Senators and later the Baltimore Orioles.

After years of hearing about Jack’s no-hitter, family members celebrated the 50th anniversary of the event. They presented him with a letter from the executive director of the National Baseball Hall of Fame commemorating the occasion and an audiotape by a professional announcer who recreated part of the historic game. He was delighted by the attention.

When Jack died, family members selected significant items that reflected his life to be displayed at a memorial service. The baseball from his no-hitter, a photo of him pitching in his Notre Dame uniform, and his well-oiled baseball glove were natural selections and were prominently displayed. Everyone knew this would have pleased him.

Like thousands of others, Jack forever treasured the athletic achievements of his youth.

He was no Dizzy Dean or Bob Feller. But for a day, he felt like it. And he never forgot the feeling.
Maggie O’Neills – Dec. 19
The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Alumni Association hosted its 3rd Annual alumni party at Maggie O’Neill’s in Drexel Hill, Pa. Special thanks goes out to Kim Kulp ’95, who organized this Philly area favorite. Alumni in attendance included Karin (Plummer) Botto ’93, Stephen Cairone ’95, Joseph Ciccione ’95, Pat Doody ’95, Mark Johnston ’98, Brian Lattimer ’95, Tia Magargle ’00, Pete Metzgar ’98, Paul Naugle ’96, Eric Szentesy ’96, Erica (Dohner) ’96 & Chris ’94 Vargo, Dave Wisnoski ’98 and Katie (Wuestner) Bell ’00 (Alumni Director).

West Palm Beach Cocktail Party – Jan. 10
Judy (Fry) Calistri ’56 hosted the 2004 Alumni Cocktail Party at her home in West Palm Beach, Fla. Alumni in attendance were Delores (Carnill) ’54 and Bruce ’51 Benson, Kathleen Donnelly ’72, Edmund Kuell ’74, Steve Reiser ’63, Betsy (Parkhurst) Shendell ’77, Karen Swick ’63 and Steve Wolf ’55. Everyone had a great time!

Harrisburg area alumni meet to plan upcoming events.

Harrisburg Area Planning Meeting – Jan. 14
Alumni gathered in the Harrisburg Area to plan upcoming events in South Central Pennsylvania. Special thanks goes out to John Shorb ’76 for coordinating the event and Andy Bucke ’71 for hosting the group! Others in attendance were: Dave Freet ’68, Steve Hockley ’66, Amanda Morgan ’99, Nicole (Perich) Newkam ’00, Rebecca Probst ’58, Roni (Bennett) Trogner ’69, Katie (Wuestner) Bell ’00 (Alumni Director).

Alumni Luncheon in Pensacola, FL – Feb. 11
Alumni gathered for lunch to learn about current happenings at Lycoming. E. Noel Faddis ’58 coordinated the luncheon. Other alumni in attendance included...
Thomas Senior ’63, Robin Olsson ’76, Mardell Wagner ’53 and William Burdick ’60.

Basketball Post
Game Pride – Jan 24
After both basketball teams won their games at FDU-Florham, the teams greeted alumni at Vanderbilt’s in Florham Park, N.J. Linda (Lady) Wallace ’77 organized the successful event. Watch for more events from the New Jersey Chapter of the Alumni Association! Alumni in attendance included: Gail (Gleason) ’75 and Tom Beamer ’74, Greg ’99 and Katie (Wuestner) Bell’00, Ken Bozzi ’85, Joe Cipriani ’75, Davin D’Ambrosio ’86, Connie Dickman Duquette ’75, Karen Suplee Hallowell ’75, Nancy (Near) ’73 and Dale Hutchinson ’73, Andy Gross ’59, Jim Kelley ’74, Detlef Kern ’72, Janice Jerrahain Lauber ’75, Linda (Messerschmidt) ’73 and Wayne Morse ’71, Bob Rundle ’58, John Scala ’80, Jim Scott ’70, Stephen Wallace ’77.

Alumni Basketball Game – Feb 14
Fourteen alums had a lot of heart on Valentine’s Day on the Lamade Gym floor. White team: Andy Rutherford ’99, Kevin Rutherford, Lenny Weisbrod ’99, Rob Johnson ’02, Sam Burch ’86, Rick Gonzalez ’75 and Tom Napier ’01. Blue Team: Tom Wesner ’03, Chris Napier ’02, Nate Dewing ’96, Seth Burch ’89, David Stark ’01 and Tory Shimp ’90. Coach Dutch Burch was on hand to lend some pointers.

Lycoming Connections – Mar 26
Williamsport area alumni gathered at the Cellblock from 9:00-11:00 p.m. to share their career expertise with current students and mingle with fellow alumni. The event was organized by the Northcentral PA chapter and the Career Development Center.

COMING EVENTS

April 4
Easter Party at Montour Bowling Lanes
North Central PA alumni are invited to bring their children and grandchildren to this festive event.

The party is hosted by Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Northcentral PA Alumni Chapter. RSVP to the Alumni Office at alumni@lycoming.edu or 570-321-4143.

April 16-17
Bob & Mike’s Excellent Battlefield Adventure! A Tour of Gettyburg
Relive the most significant battle of the Civil War with Dr. Robert Larson, professor of history. Sponsored by Harrisburg and Baltimore/DC Alumni Chapters. RSVP by Friday, April 9.

June 5
3rd Annual Lycoming College Day at Philadelphia Zoo
This great “kid friendly” event is sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Alumni Chapter. Contact Karin (Plummer) Botto ’93 at botto@sju.edu or for more information, visit www.lycoming.edu/alumni.

August 21
2nd Annual Baltimore/DC Alumni Team Time-out with the Baltimore Orioles
Join fellow alumni for an afternoon at Camden Yards in Baltimore, MD. The event will include a game ticket and a two-hour picnic that includes a pit beef sandwich, hot dog, salads, popcorn, and unlimited beverages for $28. Picnic at 2:35 p.m. and game at 4:35 p.m. Visit www.lycoming.edu/alumni or contact Brenda Bowser ’98 brendabowser@hotmail.com or 301-563-6956 or Stephen Simchak ’99 IBS765@hotmail.com or 301-317-1281.

Summer 2004
Alumni Golf Outing in Stratton, Vt.
The New England Chapter would like to host an alumni golf outing at Stratton Mountain Resort if there is enough interest. If you would be interested in participating in this event, please contact the alumni office at alumni@lycoming.edu or 570-321-4134, or contact Tom Beamer ’74 beems1500@aol.com or Jim Scott ’70 Email: gscott@greennet.net.
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Dickinson Seminary and Junior College

Congratulations to Florence “Flossie” (Walters) and Jim Hetler on the observance of their 60th wedding anniversary on April 24, 2003. The couple also recently celebrated their 85th birthday anniversaries.

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Congratulations to Shirley (Goettel) and William Hill ’48 on the observance of their 50th wedding anniversary on August 15, 2003.

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Nancy Hall Brunner (English) is currently teaching two courses (as an adjunct) at East Stroudsburg University (Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management). Several times a year, Nancy teaches modules of five Saturdays in a row for MBA courses at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. It is a bit of a commute from her home in the Poconos to Madison, N.J. Nancy also “mentors” students online for Distance Learning courses conducted through Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, N.J. Nancy would enjoy hearing from you and can be reached at nanbrunn@itscomp.com

A correction to the Winter issue class notes:
John Milnor completed his degree at Lehigh and spent 36 years in a civil engineering career. He has been retired for 11 years and is residing in Florida.

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Paul Rupert (art) retired as an art instructor from East Tennessee State University in 1993. Since then, Paul has become active with the Tennessee Art Education Association and the National Art Association. Paul and his wife, Iva, are residing in Jonesborough, Tenn.

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Dr. John Maiolo (sociology) has finished writing a book entitled Hard Times and a Nickel a Bucket: Struggle and Survival in North Carolina’s Shrimp Industry. The book is an historical account of the fishery’s development scenario and years as rector of St. James’ Episcopal Church in Schuylkill Haven, Pa. During that time, he also served 14 years as a nursing home administrator and 11 years as executive director of the Schuylkill and Eastern Northumberland County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Bob has now become part of the Arizona Rangers Organization, a volunteer law enforcement assistance organization in the state of Arizona. Recently, Bob completed a Mounted Police Training Program at West World in Scottsdale, Arizona, and graduated with accreditation through the Southern Police Institute, Department of Justice Program of the University of Louisville. He is part of the Mounted Unit of the Verde Valley Company of the Arizona Rangers. Bob and his wife, Christine, spend part of the year in Deer Lake, Pa., near their grandchildren, and the balance of the year at their home in Sedona, Ariz.

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problems fishermen, dealers and managers face every day. Dr. Maiolo is Professor Emeritus at East Carolina University and former chair of the combined department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Economics. He has presented and published numerous articles on coastal zone and fisheries management issues. His other books in the field include: Modernization and Marine Fisheries Policy (1982 with Michael Orbach) and Facing Our Future: Hurricane Floyd and Recovery in the Coastal Plain (2001 with five other scientists).

Robert Schlee (music) has just completed a tour of Harold Pinter’s “Betrayal” with the Actors’ Studio directed by Estelle Parsons. He also sang with jazz pianist Barry Harris in a concert in November 2003.

Karen Swick (mathematics) who spent more than 18 years as a public school teacher in Pennsylvania, was named the Mathematics Educator of the Year for 2003 by the Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics in recognition of her “outstanding contributions to mathematics education.” Karen is a retired associate professor of mathematics from Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida.

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Ronald Montgomery (biology) was inducted into the Hughesville High School Academic Hall of Fame on October 11, 2003, at a banquet held at Lycoming College. Ron is an independent consultant to the pharmaceutical industry in the areas of regulatory and compliance auditing, clinical development process auditing, teaching and studying monitoring. He also serves as an instructor for the Drug Information Association entry level clinical research associate training course.

Richard “Dick” Senges (business administration) retired in 2000 from the Eastman Kodak Company as a Worldwide Commodity Manager of Capital Equipment after 33 years. Dick is really enjoying retirement and says he should have retired 30 years ago! He enjoys model railroading, especially the historical research and the scenery aspect. His HO scale standard gauge model railroad depicts the Oil Creek Railroad in western Pennsylvania circa 1866, and also a late 1800’s logging and mining railroad. He has received several first place awards in regional and divisional model contests and is a member of the Rochester, N.Y., “Tuesday Night Gang” and the National Model Railroad Association. Dick is editor and publisher of the Rochester Model Rails model railroad newsletter in upstate New York. He has been published in Railroad Model Craftsman, Oil-Industry History, several NMRA regional newsletters and has sold articles to several other modeling magazines. Dick has achieved NMRA Achievement Program Certification as Master Builder-Scenery, Master Builder-Structures, and Model Railroad Author. He has acted as volunteer and scenery consultant for the Medina Railroad Museum in Medina, N.Y. Dick and his wife, Marsha, reside in Victor, N.Y.

Robert Wildasin (mathematics) has served Hempfield School District for 31 years in many roles including principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent, a role he assumed in December 1996. He will be stepping down from his superintendent role at the end of the 2003-2004 school year. Robert will be pursuing other opportunities in education and plans to travel with his wife, Barbara.

James Palmquist (business administration) has been appointed by the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley as a campaign account manager responsible for relationships with organizations in business services and media, hotels and hospitality, and nonprofit and retail sectors. Jim had worked for Air Products and Chemicals for 25 years and served on the board of directors and executive committee of Keystone Health Plan Central.

Ronald Podrasky (physics) retired in June 2003 after teaching high school math for 35 years in the Fontana Unified School District in Fontana, Calif.
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**Ken Allard** (political science) has a new book out: *Business as War: Battling for Competitive Advantage*. Allard suggests in the book, that military strategies could help businesses. He continues as a military analyst for NBC, MSNBC, and CNBC. Ken is a frequent guest on “Imus in the Morning” radio talk show.

**Judy Dayton Abrams** (sociology) has been teaching elementary school for over 20 years and is now teaching first grade in her hometown of Sayville, N.Y. Judy and her husband of 32 years, John, are the parents of two children.

**Jane Swartz Rishel** (sociology) is teaching part-time and working as an activities aid at Manor Care. Her daughter, **Cheryl Eck Spencer** (chemistry) has retired as director of Global

**Pharmaceutical R & D Quality Compliance at Abbott Laboratories in Abbott Park, Ill., where she has been employed the past 29 years. Cheryl is looking forward to spending more time in Pa.**

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**Dr. Detlef Kern** (German) has accepted the position of school superintendent for the Pinelands School District in New Jersey. An educator for 30 years, Dr. Kern was previously the assistant principal at Pinelands High School. Dr. Kern has also taught Prose Writing and Introduction to World Literature at Ocean County College.

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**Steven Fair** (accounting) has been named manager at Dotzel & Company. Before joining the firm, Steven had worked in public accounting for more than 15 years. Dotzel & Company has offices in York and Shrewsbury.

**Sue Dunlop Carone** is a full day Kindergarten teacher at the Atlantis Preparatory School in Wall Township, N.J. Her husband, **Jim Carone ’76** is the Director of Internal Audit for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, where he has been employed for 27 years. Their son Jimmy, age 22, is a graduate of Monmouth University and is now assistant baseball coach at New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark. Their daughter Lisa, age 19, is a sophomore at Wagner College, Staten Island, N.Y., majoring in business and Spanish. Jim and Sue have been married for 25 years and live in Point Pleasant Beach, N.J.

Congratulations to Edna and **Frank Morse** on the observance of their 50th wedding anniversary on September 2, 2003.

**Kevin Way** (political science/philosophy) has assumed the presidency of the Pennsylvania Association of Court Management. As head of the organization, Kevin also will sit on the state’s Judicial Council, which is an advisory body to the State Supreme Court. Kevin has been Lycoming County’s Court Administrator since November 1991.
Ken McCabe’s War on Terrorism

On September 11, 2001, Ken McCabe ’75 had just received word on the World Trade Center disaster and was driving to the FBI’s Strategic Information Operations Center in the Washington, D.C., area when the Pentagon was hit. Shortly after, word came of a plane crash near Somerset, Pennsylvania. In the weeks that followed, Ken worked all three sites as the manager of evidence collection.

Ken came back to campus on November 13 to talk to criminal justice students about the new war on terrorism.

In his 28-year career with the FBI, Ken has been in the center of a number of wars. He was in Miami during the height of the drug wars. He helped launch the bureau’s Russian Organized Crime Unit, and became chief of the Operation Response Section’s Laboratory Division. When anthrax-tainted letters hit the post office, he was there. A year after the terrorists attacks of 9/11, McCabe moved to Pittsburgh where he became FBI Special Agent in Charge of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Just months on the job in Western Pennsylvania, he was back in the limelight; this time with the high profile case of the pizza delivery man with a bomb around his neck. Again, he was back in the news on CNN, Fox, ABC, CBS, and NBC. An article written on him in Pittsburgh was titled “Ken-Do Attitude.” He was also one of several FBI agents featured in a one-hour Discovery Channel special. Part of his job is dealing with the press. Having been interviewed by Matt Lauer, Diane Sawyer, and Campbell Brown, his remaining goal is “to be interviewed by Katie Couric,” he kids.

Ken comes from a family of law enforcement officers. He earned a political science degree from Lycoming College where he played football for Frank Girardi and was a member of the KDR fraternity. In his senior year, he was Co-Captain of the 1974 football team along with Tom Vanaskie, who is now a federal judge. After college, he enlisted in the Marines.

While the Pittsburgh area may seem to be outside the realm of terrorist attacks, that is simply not the case. “The FBI has found the largest ... terrorist groups operating not in (larger cities), but in smaller jurisdictions like West Virginia,” says Ken. In fact, West Virginia has a history of militia groups, most recently the Mountaineer Militia, which plotted in the mid-1990s to blow up the FBI Center in Clarksburg.

His career view has been colored by the terrorist attacks of 9/11. “My obligation, now, is to do everything in my power to protect the public from any future terrorist acts,” he says.
Thomas Drake (political science) has joined the North American Retail Dealers Association (NARDA) as President/CEO. NARDA is a not-for-profit trade association with members throughout North, Central and South America. Its members are independent retailers primarily of kitchen and laundry appliances, consumer home electronics, furniture and computers. Tom will be responsible for implementing NARDA’s strategic plan and vision, marketing NARDA membership to the industry and representing the interests of retailers with and outside the industry.

Nancy Frye Lawson (theatre) enjoyed her July 2003 vacation in Jamaica where she married Lonnie Lawson of Linden, Pa. Nancy has been the owner of Paddington Station Preschool & Childcare, Inc. in South Williamsport for 12 years. Nancy and her husband recently purchased the Duboistown Elementary School in Duboistown, Pa., and moved the 250 children to their new home. The new facility is much bigger and more child friendly. In the past, Paddington Station has had employees that were students at Lycoming and some of them have even done observation in the private kindergarten. Lycoming students are always welcome at Paddington Station.

Rev. Haydn McLean (biology) recently had a paper entitled “Making the Most of Committees” published in *The Clergy Journal* in September 2003. The article is a review of pastoral leadership and functioning within the committee structure of the local church.

Michael Wojcicki (political science) has relocated from Lake Hiawatha, N.J., to Fort Collins, Colo., where he is attending Colorado State University seeking his second bachelor’s degree in natural resources management and tourism. Michael is currently working with the Colorado Division of Wildlife in Fort Collins.

Barry Shetter (biology) has been promoted to assistant vice president at F&M Trust Co. Barry, the bank’s facilities manager, is responsible for overseeing the bank’s corporate and community office facilities and has worked for the company since 1990. Barry and his wife, Ginger, reside in Fayetteville, Pa., with their daughter.

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**Paul Hoffman’s Sabbatical**

**By John Shorb ’76**

Each year, the Lilly Foundation grants 100 sabbatical study grants of up to $30,000 each for clergypersons and congregations. This is a pan-denominational opportunity, and those who apply are awarded the scholarships based on the selection committee’s criteria. Congregational involvement in the sabbatical’s preparation, the pastor’s time away, and the benefits to the parish following the leave are of chief concern in awarding the grants.

In 2003, Paul Hoffman ’77, pastor of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle, and his congregation received one of these grants.

In early September, Paul began a sabbatical journey of forty-five days to France, Russia and the Baltics – a trip spanning a variety of cultures and languages, sights and sounds.

The “work” portion of Paul’s sabbatical was to bring what he could of his parish’s experiences with the Adult Catechumenate (a program that brings people who have never had any background in the Christian Church into the faith) to Lutheran seminarians and pastors abroad. Paul began with a journey through the French countryside south of Paris. The impetus for this destination was an invitation to join a former vicar, Justin Walker, with other students from his graduate program in Oxford for a time of reflection at the Protestant Community of Taizé in the French province of Burgundy.

Paul also traveled as a representative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to a sister seminary in Novosaratovka, Russia, just outside of St. Petersburg. There, he joined the faculty for ten days and was a part of the opening instruction for the 14 new students making up this year’s entering class. Paul worked with the students and staff to form a spiritual community, taking the seminary in this, its 5th year, into a more pastoral path of care, support, and collegiality with and for one another. As a centering point of the instruction, Paul relied on the signs and wonders of the Scriptural model of the Adult Catechumenate that were so transformational at his Phinney Ridge church in Seattle.

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Paul’s time in St. Petersburg was not all work and no play. This 300-year-old city is a dream world for anyone who loves religion, art, literature and history. Through the great generosity of Paul’s seminary host, Pastor Bradn Buerkle, Paul saw and explored many sights in St. Petersburg, including its famed cathedrals; The Hermitage which has the most significant collection of Western art, second only to the Louvre; and many other historical and cultural sights. Because of Bradn’s familiarity with the city and especially with the life of the Lutheran Church there, Paul experienced St. Petersburg much more as a guest of locals than the more traditional tourist trip.

Crossing over into Estonia via night train from St. Petersburg, Paul conducted a similar Catechumenate workshop among Lutheran pastors in Tallinn, Estonia. As an added bonus, he was invited to travel to Riga, Latvia, where he met some ELCA missionaries and had the humbling opportunity to meet the Lutheran Archbishop of Latvia. All these experiences were made possible through Paul’s relationship with Pastor Don Maier, a dear friend and former bishop of NWW Synod who now serves as a regional mission representative from his home in Tallinn.

Through all these travels and experiences, Paul learned and re-learned many truths about the church in which he has served now for almost 23 years. It is a global community of men and women, who, Paul says, like himself, often struggle to be their best and often end up at their worst. It is riddled with love and envy, grace and pettiness, capable of transformational beauty yet often given to the destructive forces of evil. In spite of it all, Paul believes the Church is the very power of God at work in the world. One’s confession of faith in the Risen Christ is an immediate ground for building relationships with persons that one might otherwise never have an opportunity to get to know at such an intimate level.

In 45 days Paul saw students who had practically nothing show their willingness to give almost anything to have the chance to study the Scriptures, grow in faith, and train for ministry. Paul met pastors and church leaders who had survived communism and probably had suffered more than they were interested in telling to preserve their faith when all else seemed lost. Paul visited churches bombed and lying in ruins as the result of wars both local and global. He experienced some of the most magnificent art in the world, and was transformed in a way hard to explain but which Paul will nonetheless welcome the opportunity to talk about for hours.

The trip was not all work. His wife, Donna (Seuren ’78), joined him in Paris for the final two weeks of the trip as part of their 25th wedding anniversary celebration. Together they explored Paris, and also used the occasion as a time of reflection and renewal on their life together.

While in France, Paul arranged for a reunion with one of the men with whom he had traveled to Afghanistan in 1973 as a foreign exchange student. Donna and Paul also took an overnight trip to see Monet’s gardens in Giverny, the inspiration for most of his life’s work as an Impressionist painter. They also visited Omaha Beach at Normandy where on 4 June 1944, Paul’s Dad and thousands of other young soldiers went ashore risking their lives to liberate the world from the tyranny of the Third Reich.

“I can’t tell you what it meant to travel this distance and make this particular pilgrimage on my Dad’s behalf,” says Paul. “Growing up, I had so often heard him wish out loud to return there one day, but his early death took away that opportunity. It is hard to imagine a place so peaceful and bucolic as this teeming with soldiers and warfare. Walking along the beach, I gave thanks to even be alive.”

Paul says “The distance I have traveled has taken me to a place where I think I just might be ready to return to my life’s work of ministry in a few weeks. There is no way that I can ever show my gratitude to all the people who made these weeks of travel possible for me. Nor do I know adequately how to show my gratitude to God. All I know is to try my best to take the things I have learned, the relationships I have made and deepened, the pain I have seen and the ecstasy I have encountered and integrate it as best I can into the life and work I have been given. That is a great distance to travel.”
Doug Kuntz (biology) of Allentown, Pa., recently joined the Wescosville office of Patt, White/GMAC Real Estate. Doug has 25 years of corporate sales, marketing and business development experience, primarily in the metals industry.

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Marlin Cromley (business administration) a team host, commonly referred to as “team uncle” in Little League Baseball World Series circles, hosted the 2003 Little League World Series Champions from Musachi Fuchu Little League, Tokyo, Japan (also World Champions of 2001); and Clemmons, N.C. Team “uncles” act as ambassadors of good will for Little League Baseball. This group of dedicated men makes everyone feel welcome and ensures that everything runs smoothly for the participants.  

**CDR Roy Crow**

(French) recently retired after 23 years in the U.S. Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer. Roy spent 12 years at sea on five ships, two seagoing staffs, three combat zones, plus countless schools, two years in the Pentagon, two master’s degrees and ran a 1000-student officer commissioning program. Currently, Roy is the Assistant Regional Emergency Coordinator for the U.S. General Services Administration Region 2 in New York City.

Richard Edgar (criminal justice) is director of admissions at St. Mary’s College of Maryland, the public honors college of the state, located in St. Mary’s City, Md. He is also the assistant men’s soccer coach and a state commissioner for the state of Maryland’s Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA). Rich’s wife is a physical education instructor at a local middle school and head women’s coach at their local high school. Rich is a proud “soccer dad,” of his son, Richard, age 15, who is attending school in Bradenton, Florida, on the United States U-17 Men’s National Soccer Team. Young Richard was asked last summer to be a member of this elite group of soccer players that includes Freddy Adu, the young man who was just recruited by DC United. Rich has traveled extensively with the team, representing the United States in Mexico, France, Argentina, Costa Rica, and this semester will travel again to France and Northern Ireland. Rich’s daughter, LeAnne, 13, is also a soccer player and represents the Maryland Olympic Development and USYSA Region 1. LeAnne has traveled throughout the nation playing in tournaments. If anyone would like to contact Rich, you can reach him at rjedgar@smcm.edu

**Cathy Gregory Kendrick** (sociology/Spanish) recently returned from a 13-day “Tour de France” with the Covenant Presbyterian Church Choir of Charlotte, N.C. Highlights included: singing at the American Church, a senior citizen residence in Paris, Notre Dame, the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach, the Parish Church in Canisy and the Cathedral of Chartres. Cathy was a member of the Lycoming College Choir from 1976-1980. She is currently residing in Charlotte with her husband, Tim, and sons, Lyle and Andy.

John Uhl (physics) is finishing his 20th year with Underwriters Laboratories as a safety engineer. John is residing in Holtsville, N.Y., with his daughter, Christine.

Nancy Kachline (American Studies) has been promoted to Vice-President, Operations, Corporate Consumer Relationship Marketing at The Walt Disney Company in Burbank, Calif., where she has been employed for 10 years. Nancy and her husband, Howard, reside in Burbank with son, Chris, and stepsons, Dan and Brian.

John T. Murray, II (history) has accepted the position of school business administrator/board secretary for the Bernards Township School District in Basking Ridge, N. J. He will be responsible for all business operations of a 5,500-student school district. John has held the same position with the Watchung Hills Regional High School District in Warren, N.J. for the past nine years. He resides in Martinsville, N.J., with his wife, Susan, son, John, and miniature schnauzer, Molly. John is also a member of the Lycoming College Alumni Association Executive Board.
Laura Klarmann Beierschmitt (communications) has joined the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce in Mt. Laurel, N.J., as membership director. Her aspiration is to bring in at least 150 to 200 new members within the next year. Laura and her husband, Mark ’81, a Mount Holly detective, are the parents of two children.

Gregory T. Hanlon (business administration) has been named senior vice president, North American Sales for GE Modular Space. The business supplies both temporary and permanent buildings to customers in a spectrum of markets, including education, healthcare, and commercial sectors. Greg, an executive with GE Modular Space since 1984, has responsibility for leading the 200-strong sales team, supporting the company’s new GE PermaCon™ Component Construction and Services that offers a breakthrough approach to the erection of permanent buildings.

Carol Johnson (mathematics) has been chosen one of 12 finalists for the Pennsylvania State Department of Education’s 2004 Teacher of the Year Award. Carol was chosen out of approximately 117,000 entries. Carol has been teaching for 19 years and is currently a high school mathematics teacher at Loyalsock Township School District.

Greg and his wife, Elizabeth (Landon) ’84, are residing in Chester County with their four children.

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New focus for Tania Slawecki ’87: the Planet Earth

When Tania Slawecki majored in astronomy and physics at Lycoming College, her thoughts were often on stars and distant planets. Today, they are concentrated on one planet: Earth, as director of the Center of Sustainability at Penn State.

Her road to the Center of Sustainability had a number of twists and turns. After completing a master’s in physics (low temperature acoustics) and a Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering in 1995, she worked for 3 years as a physical scientist at NIST (the National Institute of Standards and Technology).

“The good news was: I was employable. The bad news was: my heart was not in anything I was doing!” she says. “It was when I left NIST that I was able to begin to pursue my newfound passion and quest for sustainable living.”

“I do what I can and work with those who are prepared to confront the brutal facts regarding the declining soil fertility and topsoil losses, critical freshwater supply issues, serious decline of biodiversity and the plant gene pool, increasing of deserts, salinization of soils, fragility of our energy supply, dependency of ALL alternative power generation on fossil fuels, embedded energy costs in everything, and ever-increasing per capita ecological footprint coupled with declining acres of ecologically productive land together with increasing human population,” she explains.

“These are not popular things to talk about, but at Penn State, students flock to our little Center for Sustainability because we are confronting these things and equipping students with the best information we know and skills that empower them to do something,” says Tania.

The 8.5-acre research and demonstration site, just down the road from Beaver Stadium, is a mini-farm.
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with projects demonstrating green design, alternative energy, and ecological graywater and wastewater remediation. The Center site also works with biointensive and winter gardening.

“Because of my work with “living machines” (Advanced Ecologically Engineered Systems) I was, for awhile, active with the Mars Society. They were seeking compact, ecological wastewater treatment systems that could be ‘packaged’ and sent off with humans to Mars.”

Apart from the Sustainability Center, her most recent work in material research is investigating unorthodox healing devices. “I am currently investigating a ‘box’ that employs light and sound to elicit medically-documented cures of many serious illnesses such as MS, Parkinson’s disease, Autism in children, chronic fatigue/ fibromyalgia, diabetes, etc. I will be doing spectral analyses of the lights and mapping of the acoustical fields in the ‘box’ - drawing from what I learned years ago in astronomy and studying the spectra of stars, and the acoustical information that I learned while doing my M.S. degree work! It’s funny how some things come back and help you.”

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Ken Weingartner (communications) of Yardville, N.J., was elected to the board of the North American Harness Publicists Association in January 2004. He is the manager of media relations for Harness Racing Communications, a division of the U.S. Trotting Association, and is responsible for national publicity for the sport of harness racing. He can be reached via e-mail at kenwemail@yahoo.com.

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Jennifer Krpata Zelensky (nursing) has been working for American Nursing Care and its corporate company, Consolidated Health Services, for the last 4 years. Jennifer started out as a case manager/visiting nurse in October 1999 and was promoted to clinical coordinator in September 2000. In July 2001, she was promoted to nurse reimbursement coordinator for the corporate office, dealing with Medicare and clinical issues. Jennifer works with over 20 implementation of computer applications for IBM and external clients in Europe, Asia and North America. Melissa moved to Aventura, Florida, about a year ago, but still spends several months a year in Park City, Utah, to indulge her ski addiction. For the past several years, Melissa has been volunteering and participating in nationwide bike rides that have raised millions of dollars for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Philip Prough (accounting) has earned the designation of Certified Financial Planner practitioner as authorized by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. Philip is vice president at C&N Financial Services Corp in Wellsboro, Pa.

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Brenda Gearhart (history) has transferred to the U.S. Public Health Service’s Commissioned Officer Corps and accepted the position of pediatric and mental health specialist for bioterrorism hospital preparedness under the Health Services Resources Administration.

Melissa Harde (French/business management) is currently a project manager for IBM in its Global Services Group. Melissa has been working in IT since obtaining her MBA from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in 1994. Her job entails overseeing the
different locations throughout Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana to assure accurate reimbursement from a clinical standpoint. In December 2003, she presented, along with a colleague and friend, a four-hour presentation on Improving OASIS Data Collection at the Kentucky Home Health Association’s 2003 Fall Conference in Lexington, Ky. OASIS (Outcome and Assessment Information Set) is the primary assessment tool used in determining Medicare reimbursement for Home Health. Jennifer and her husband, Greg, reside in Hebron, Ky., with their sons, Scott, 5, and Corey, 2. Jennifer would love to get in touch with alumni from her nursing class. You may reach her at Jennifer.Zelensky@chs.trihealth.com

Kristin Spengler Zerbe (music/English) wrote a short story entitled “Petals of Thanks,” a story that recalls one of her favorite experiences as a teacher at Milford High School in Milford, Del., and is featured in the new collection, Chicken Soup for the Soul Celebrates Teachers. She is currently an English teacher at John Dickinson High School in Wilmington. Kristin has won several awards, including John Dickinson High School Teacher of the Year, Red Clay Consolidated School District Teacher of the Year Finalist, Who’s Who Among American High School Teachers, and was a Disney National Teacher Nominee. Kristin and her husband, Eric ’91, are the parents of a son, Cameron.

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Dr. Chad Harris (philosophy) is a full time dentist at Southeast Lancaster Health Services in Lancaster, Pa.

Brenda Thomas (art history) is now the Director of the Bradford County Regional Arts Council. Brenda resides in Jersey Shore, Pa., with her daughters, Kori and Shelbie.

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Michael Charles (accounting/economics) of Wellsboro, Pa., has obtained his Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designation. Mike is assistant vice president and tax officer in the Trust and Financial Management Group of Citizens & Northern Bank.

Dawn Dluge-Aungst (biology) has achieved Certified Diabetes Educator status by The National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators. Dawn has been with Glen Falls Hospital for over a year after relocating from the Center of Medical and Surgical Associates at Penn State. Dawn and her husband, Ronald ’96 (biology/chemistry), are residing in Clifton Park, N.Y.

Danielle Groblewski Frank (theatre/education) and her husband, Eric, finalized their master’s degrees in the summer of 2003 from the University of Turabo in Puerto Rico in association with Penn State University. Their degrees are in education with a specialization in teaching English as a second language.

Cara Nicolini (psychology) has pursued her graduate studies in psychology at Seton Hall University, graduating as a psychologist. She is an adjunct professor in the graduate department of psychology at Seton Hall University and is currently pursuing her doctorate degree in psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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Meredith Morris Davison (English) received her master of science degree in education from Wilkes University in May 2003. She is currently employed by the Troy Area School District as an eleventh grade English teacher. Meredith and her husband, Michael ’93, reside in Troy, Pa., with their two children, Matthew and Molly.

Michael Johnson graduated from nursing school and received his registered nurse license in May 2003. He is currently employed at Thomas Jefferson University.
Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. Mike and his wife, Mary Ann (Seltzer) ’01, are residing in West Norristown, Pa.

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Lauren Conrad  
(communications) is a member of the University of Illinois Chamber Choir as well as a singer with the University of Illinois Oratorio Society. These are choirs that she auditioned to join as a community member. She sings soprano.

Denise Dasti  
nursing) received her master’s of science in nursing at Rutgers University on December 20, 2003. Denise and her husband, Christopher Fish ’98, reside in Bridgewater, N.J.

Heather Jacobs  
biology) is currently employed by Pamlico-Tar River Foundation as a riverkeeper. PTRF is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting, preserving and promoting the environmental quality of the Tar-Pamlico River and its watershed. Heather is residing in Washington, N.C.

Christine E. Mildner  
biology) has joined Barry Isett & Associates, a full service engineering and surveying firm, as a landscape designer. A resident of Allentown, Pa., Christine holds a master’s in landscape architecture from the Ohio State University-Austin E. Knowlton School of Architecture, Class of 2003.

Laurie Hower Moyer  
(psychology) is currently the Community Development Planner for the County of Lehigh in Pennsylvania. She administers Lehigh County’s allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds along with managing the grants database located on Lehigh County’s homepage. Laurie and her husband, Robert, reside in Allentown, Pa.

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Ashley Lenig  
biology) is pursuing her master of science degree in biology at California University of Pennsylvania. Ashley is on leave from USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service where she was employed for over three years. The research assistantship she received involves analysis of fish, macroinvertebrate, and plant communities on restored and non-restored tributaries to Whiteley Creek in Greene County, Pa.

Christina Montville  
(biology/psychology) has been appointed for a two-year term as co-chairperson of the Diversity Committee for the Mid Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers. Christina holds the position of area coordinator at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.

Amanda Morgan  
(psychology) is currently working as an associate immigrant visa specialist for Brookwood Technologies in Mechanicsburg, Pa. Amanda received a master’s degree in industrial/organizational psychology from Radford University in 2001.

Alex Nohai–Seaman  
is in his fourth semester at the University of Wisconsin – Madison studying musical composition, where is also has a position as a teaching assistant. Jen Nohai-­Seaman is teaching math at Beloit Memorial High School in Beloit, Wisconsin.

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Lonnie Bagwell  
biology) has completed his first year at Palmer College of Chiropractic Medicine in Davenport, Iowa, with an anticipated graduation date of June 2006. Lonnie is married to Molly (Collins) ’99 (nursing), who is a certified nurse-midwife.

Amy Hall  
chemistry) has relocated to Michigan where she is a research associate at the University of Michigan.

Sue Jacobs  
(psychology/sociology) is working as a drug and alcohol therapist for a private agency and has attained the CAC (Certified Addictions Counselor) and the CCJAP (Certified Criminal Justice Addictions Professional). She is also involved in the Student Assistance Program, educating local students on the importance of drug and alcohol abuse awareness.

Nicole Pericich  
Newkam  
(comunications) is public relations coordinator for the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg, Pa. Nicole, and her husband, Justin ’00, are residing in Camp Hill.

Jill Schroeder  
(business-marketing management) is membership and marketing coordinator for the Horticultural Society of New York.

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Leslie Baker  
(business administration) is currently a sales coordinator for Sandiacre/Rose Forgrove Packaging Machinery. Leslie is residing in Mount Joy, Pa.

Margaret “Maggie” Gerrity  
(English) received her master’s degree in creative writing from Florida State University in August 2003. Her thesis was a novella entitled,
“Southern Boys.” Maggie is currently enrolled in the PhD program in English at Binghamton University, alma mater of her Lycoming mentor, G.W. Hawkes. Her nonfiction is forthcoming in anthologies from Boynton Cook, Harcourt Brace, and McGraw Hill.

Nicole Banks Ghala (business-marketing management) received an MBA in marketing from Ohio State University in June 2003. Nicole and her husband, Hiren, reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Mary Ann Seltzer Johnson (physics) graduated from Widener University with a master’s degree in chemical engineering in December 2002. She is currently an engineer for Merck and Co. at their West Point facility. Mary Ann and her husband, Mike ’97, are residing in West Norristown, Pa.

Melissa Keybida (psychology) reports that she recently moved across the country with only 2 suitcases and has found the best thing in the world! Freedom, clean air and the beautiful people of Colorado! She is working as an executive administrative assistant for a statewide destination management company’s Colorado Springs office. Melissa works with high-end corporations who would like to visit Colorado and organizes their entire trip.

Andy Lausier (psychology) has been selected to lead the Stevens Tech wrestling program. Stevens Tech has re-introduced wrestling as a varsity sport after it had been dropped after the 1992 season. Previously, Andy served as an assistant coach at the College of New Jersey for the past two seasons, helping them to a seventh-place finish in last winters NCAA Division III Championships. During his two seasons, The College of New Jersey produced five All-Americans and one national champion.

Jamie Hearn (history) has matriculated at the University of Buffalo pursuing a master’s degree in social work. Jamie is currently a preventive caseworker with the Allegany County Department of Social Services and lives in Olean, N.Y., with her two-year-old daughter, Alexandria.

Nick Troutman (political science) is currently employed as an aide to Senator Roger A. Madigan.

Phil Zimmerman (communication) was recently awarded a Master of Arts in Screen and Media Studies with highest distinction from Waikato University in New Zealand on a National Fulbright Fellowship. His research focused on indigenous broadcasting policies with the New Zealand State-owned enterprise and was utilized towards the establishment of the world’s first all-indigenous television network. While at Waikato University, he was a teacher’s assistant of an undergraduate university course and worked in the Maori programming division of the New Zealand television channel in Auckland. In addition, the International Humanities Foundation selected his research for publication for its annual proceedings. Phil presented his research January 8-12, 2004, at the University of Hawaii as one of the key speakers for the conference. The main goal of the International Conference on Arts and Humanities was to provide an opportunity for academics and professionals from various arts and humanities-related fields from all over the world to meet and interact with members inside and outside their own particular disciplines. This year the conference included top academicians representing over 40 countries.

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Leslie Aderhold (computer science/psychology) accepted a position in State College at Penn State Federal Credit Union as a system analyst/programmer.

Agnes Berrena (communication) has accepted a position with the Washington Sports and Entertainment Corporation in Washington, D.C. She is working with the Washington Wizards and Washington Mystics (NBA and WNBA professional basketball teams).

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HOMECOMING 2004
Nancy Luke Brotzman ’67 and Robert Hallock were married on November 28, 2003.

Amy Marie Cotner Williams and Arthur E. Zimmerman ’69 were married on June 14, 2003, at the Washingtonville Evangelical Lutheran Church in Washingtonville, Pa.

Rebecca L. Davis ’73 and Gary B. Noll were married on September 20, 2003, at a ceremony held at Adrienne’s Inn, Centre Park in Reading, Pa.

Lisa Hughes Newcomer ’91 and Matthew D. Lusk were married on October 11, 2003, at a ceremony held at The Hughes Cabin, Canton, Pa.

Margaret Bremer and Geoffrey S. Patterson ’92 were married on June 7, 2003.

Karen Ann Kline ’94 and Robert Joseph Burd were married in a traditional Native American ceremony held at Pretty Eagle Point in Big Horn Canyon on the Crow Reservation in Montana on August 23, 2003.

Sandra Beth Groman-Yanders ’94 and John Charles Gackenbach were married on August 16, 2003, in a garden wedding at their home in Allentown, Pa.

Erin Roisin Fowler and Scott Jeffrey Wells ’95 were married on September 6, 2003, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church.

Roseann A. Cilluffo ’96 and John P. Burns, II were married on May 25, 2003, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Lock Haven, Pa.

Monica “Nicki” Delmarter ’96 and Jason Pisarck were married on August 23, 2003, at First Presbyterian Church in West Chester, Pa.

Kellie O’Connor ’96 and Kevin Larkin were married on July 25, 2003, at St. Margaret of Antioch Church in Pearl River, N.Y. Jennifer (Alexiou) Antinone ’96, Jennifer Gallo ’96, and Linley Stover ’96 were bridesmaids. Guests included: Keri Costello ’97, Tara (Licsko) Crebs ’94, Lesley Cyrus ’97, Ginger Hale ’96, Michele (Wawroski) Hogan ’95, Bill Lockhart ’97, Sean Mannello ’93, Scott Patterson ’92, Kevin Sawyer ’95, Lisa Schmehl ’96, Christine (Corriston) and Rocco Villari ’95.

Jessica L. Bixler ’97 and Carl J. Bower, Jr. were married on August 2, 2003, in Clarke Chapel at Lycoming College.

Jessica Cromer ’97 and Daniel Weigle were married on November 13, 2003, in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Twenty of their family and close friends attended the celebration.

Jaclyn McCourt and Nathan Gilbert ’97 were married on July 26, 2003, at Greenview Alliance Church in Montoursville, Pa.

Jeanine A. Graham and Gregory M. Leiter ’97 were married on August 30, 2003, at Our Lady of Calvary Catholic Church in Philadelphia, Pa.

Denise Dasti ’98 and Christopher Fish ’98 were married on December 30, 2001, at Holy Family Church in Florham Park, N.J.

Erin D. Smith and Michael G. Earle ’98 were married on July 19, 2003, at Weldon Baptist Church in Weldon, N.C.

Keri Lynn Fetterolf ’98 and Darin McMahon were married on May 30, 2003, at St. John Neumann Chapel in Pottsville, Pa.

Laurie Hower ’98 and Robert Paul Moyer, Jr. were married on May 31, 2003, at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown, Pa.
Annunciation Church in Williamsport, Pa.
Rosanne M. Connelly ’99 served as matron of honor and Brian D. McNoldy ’98 served as a groomsman.

Lisa Larson ’98 and Jason Barrett were married on September 27, 2003, in the Williamsport area.

Lisa L. Wilt ’98 and Michael C. Linebaugh were married on April 26, 2003, at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist.

Lisa A. Alfieri ’99 and Timothy P. Greene were married on September 13, 2003, at the Providence Biltmore Hotel in Providence, R.I.

Julie Babbony ’99 and Aaron Kostecki ’99 were married on July 26, 2003, at the First Presbyterian Church in Pottstown, Pa.


Yvonne M. Meuse ’99 and James A. Solomon were married on November 15, 2003, at the Trout Run United Methodist Church.

Melissa A. Giello ’99 and Peter D. Dannenfelser were married on September 20, 2003, at Immaculate Conception Church in Clinton, N.J.

Back Row: Kevin Speicher ’99, Dave Johnston, Alexander Nohai-Seaman ’99, Jennifer Nohai-Seaman ’99, and Karen Lyons ’99. Also in attendance, not pictured: Greg ’99 and Katie Wuestner Bell ’00. Trevor and Darren were readers during the ceremony. Karen was a bridesmaid and made the toast. Dave was a groomsman. Kevin played and sang the song for the first dance. Greg, Jen and Alex attended the same high school in New York before deciding to attend Lycoming.

Robin Herrmann and Bryce A. Priggemeier ’99 were married on July 6, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Pitman, N.J.

Jason Marraccini ’99 served as a groomsman. Alumni in attendance were John Hocking ’97 and Janel (Cantore) Marraccini ’00.

Elizabeth Zwikl ’99 and Mark Barnes ’01 were married on June 27, 2003, at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown, Pa.

Rebecca Hoover ’00 and Casey Willis ’98 were married on July 26, 2003, at the Shavertown United Methodist Church in Shavertown, Pa. Amy Sinner ’00 was maid of honor and Monica Marcinek ’00 was a bridesmaid. Guests included: Kristie Beam ’00, Stephanie (Smith) Romano ’00, BJ (Mahonski) Springman ’00.

Kelly A. Pappadopoulos ’00 and Mark J. Deters ’99 were married in March 2003 at St. Philomena Church in Livingston, N.J.

Sarah E. Wolferz ’01 and Morgan R. Kyte ’00 were married on May 17, 2003, at Clover Hill Reformed Church in New Jersey.

Jacqueline “Jackie” Moore ’01 and Michael Thomas ’99 were married on September 27, 2003, in Altoona, Pa. Members of the wedding party included: Josh Witmer ’99, Bart Makatche ’99, Andrew Manidis ’99, Kristen Fedora ’01, and Maren Attanasio ’01. Alumni guests included: Seth Milbrand ’02, Tim Leska ’01, Jeff Tinney ’01, Ryan McCarthy ’00, Mandy Hollenbacher ’00.
Tracey Hracho ’00, Stacie Healy ’00, Hillary Barrett ’01, Colleen Kenyon ’02, Liz Dixon ’01, Tricia (Lupo) Levine ’01 and Jen Haldaman ’01.

Deanne Greene ’00 and Timothy Vincent were married on November 8, 2003, at the United Church of Christ of Walnutport, Pa. Stacie Greene ’98 and Denise Troutman ’02 and David’s twin brother, Dan Mathews ’02. Guests included: Adam Green ’03 and Aaron Johnston ’03.

Cheryl Metzger and Curtis Loudenslager ’03 were married on June 21, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church in Williamsport, Pa.

Tracey Hracho ’00, Stacie Healy ’00, Hillary Barrett ’01, Colleen Kenyon ’02, Liz Dixon ’01, Tricia (Lupo) Levine ’01 and Jen Haldaman ’01.

Greene ’03 were both members of the wedding party. Jennifer Green ’00 was among the guests that attended.

Laura B. Haas ’03 and David Mathews ’02 were married on June 29, 2003, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Lancaster, Pa. Alumni in the bridal party were: Jana Speshok ’03, Julie Strouse ’03, Tom Zulkowski ’02, Nick Troutman ’03 and Jen Haldaman ’01.

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A daughter, Marley, to Paula and Kevin Green ’86, August 12, 2003. She joins a brother, Noah, 4.

A daughter, Lizzie Chepkigen, to Deborah (Hill) ’83 and George Schroeder, born June 8, 2003, and adopted in South Africa on November 4, 2003.

A daughter, Paula and Kevin Green ’86, August 12, 2003. She joins a brother, Noah, 4.

A daughter, Elizabeth, to Eileen (Mackson) ’86 and Francis Del Rosso, May 11, 2003. She joins a sister, Emily, 8, and brother, Eric, 6.


A daughter, Julia Victoria, to Kate and Charles Barry ’88, August 31, 2003. She joins a sister, Olivia, 7, and a brother, Nicholas, 5.

A son, Colin Christopher, to Theresa and Mike Flaherty ’88, December 25, 2003. He joins a brother, Seamus Michael, 15 months.

A daughter, Catherine Therese, to Elizabeth “Betsy” (Boyle) ’89 and Dan Eigen ’90, October 23, 2003. She joins a brother, Matthew, 7, and a sister, Liza, 3.

A daughter, Madison Grace, to Suzanne (Gehret) ’89 and Terry Bastian, October 9, 2003. She joins a brother, Zachary, 5.

A son, Porter James, adopted by Sherry (Porter) ’89 and Jamie Harrell, born March 12, 2003, in California.

A son, Maximilian Anthony, to Christine and Don McGinley ’89, December 4, 2003. He joins brothers, Joseph, 8, and Andrew, 7.

A daughter, Carolyn Margaret, to Kristine (Confer) ’89 and James Wacker, October 21, 2003. She joins a sister, Audrey Mae, 3.


A daughter, Ashley Ann, to Bobbie (Cannon) ’91 and Mike Almassy ’91, April 14, 2003. She joins sisters, Christine, 7, and Andrea, 5.

Twin boys, Finn and Liam, to Melissa and James Coll ’91, October 22, 2002.


A daughter, Carson Sierra, to Jodi (Beckman) ’92 and Jay Kramer, December 27, 2003. She joins a sister, Skylar, 2.

A son, Connor William, to Taunia (Halcrow) ’92 and Brian Oechslin, December 3, 2003.


A son, Matthew James, to Elizabeth (Snowman) ’92 and Michael Baresh, September 23, 2003.

A son, Porter James, adopted by Sherry (Porter) ’89 and Jamie Harrell, born March 12, 2003, in California.

A daughter, Emma Caroline, to Krista (Pelino) ’93 and Joseph Szark, May 12, 2003. She joins a big sister, Madeleine Gracie, 2.

A son, John Alexander, to Brenda (Vroom) ’93 and John Oleniazcz ’92, April 15, 2003. He joins a sister, Cassandra, 3.

A daughter, Chamberlynn Lynn, to Carol (Fenix) ’91 and Jerry Waugh, September 23, 2003.

A son, Michael Thomas, to Gina (Means) ’94 and Sean Reid, September 16, 2003. He joins a brother, Sean, 2 ½.
A daughter, Marina Carlyn, to Richelle and Quay Schappell '94.
August 6, 2003.

A daughter, Katelyn Elizabeth, to Tami (Mott) '94 and Robert L. Shoemaker, Jr. '94, September 15, 2003. She joins brothers, Bobby, 4, and Zachary, 1.

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A daughter, Lydia, to Kristie (Bagley) '95 and Derrick Farber, October 24, 2003. She joins sisters, Calissa, 7, Madeline, 1 ½, and brother, Garrett, 4.

A daughter, Grace Elizabeth, to Kimberly (Graf) '95 and Toby Reed, May 8, 2003.

A daughter, Rebecca Kae, to Kimberly (Silzle) '95 and Charles Theile, July 3, 2003. She joins a sister, Renee, 3.

A daughter, Molly Catherine, to Meredith "Mindy" (Morris) '97 and Michael Davison '93, August 3, 2003. She joins a brother, Matthew 1 ½.

A daughter, Lauren Wensley, to Sarah and Jeremy Spencer '95, September 3, 2003.

A daughter, Noelle Jay, to Kim and Jason Stamm '95, July 14, 2003.

A son, Jack Thomas, to Elise (Kunda) '97 and David Smith, September 10, 2003. He joins a sister, Hannah, 2 ½.

A son, Ryan Gage, to Kristen (DeSeau) '01 and William Schriner, January 4, 2004.

A son, Ryan Mitchell, to Stephanie (Ruppert) '02 and Matthew Sweet '01, December 4, 2003.

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A daughter, Rylee Noel, to Jessica and Brian Rockwell '03, May 8, 2003.

A daughter, Zaili Rain, to Michelle (Bissman) '99 and Jason Schwartzman, October 5, 2003.

A son, Steven Jared, to Melanie (Gibson) '99 and Jared Webster, October 18, 2003.


A son, Bradley Edward, to Tara and Jeffrey Harvan '97, November 11, 2003.


A daughter, Lily Greer, to Sara (Simcox) '96 and Greg Dincher, September 7, 2003.


A daughter, Ava Ellen, to Kimberly (Lorusso) '97 and Mark Cacciatore, June 27, 2003.

A daughter, Miranda Jean, to Karen (Gibson) '97 and Rodney Paulhamus, October 22, 2003. She joins a sister, Alyssa, 4.

A daughter, Jillian Jean, to Melissa (Myers) '00 and Joshua Stutzman '00, August 25, 2003. She joins brothers, Jacob, 6, and Evan, 3.

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