“When I first started working here in 1982, we simply flipped on a light switch to start the day. Now we have so much technology, it can take forty minutes to get everything up and running,” says Janet Hurlbert, Associate Dean and Director of Library Services, as she recalls the beginning of her tenure at Lycoming’s John G. Snowden Memorial Library.

In fact, if you walked into the Snowden Library today, you might not recognize it as the same library that existed at Lycoming ten years ago, five years ago, or even two years ago.

Halfway through the first decade of the 21st century, advances in technology have changed the way libraries function and operate, and Snowden is no exception. The days of card catalogs and bound journals have given way to computer databases, search engines and electronic access. Study cubicles have been exchanged for computer desks and the quiet academic library environment has been transformed into a friendly environment conducive to learning, discussion and studying.
“The 21st century is about access,” Hurlbert explains, “and of leasing information rather than owning it.”

For example, instead of purchasing cumbersome volumes of scholarly journals and magazines, the library now subscribes to over 85 online electronic databases at a cost of more than $300,000 a year. However, these databases make countless scholarly periodicals and thousands of research sources available to students at the click of a mouse.

“Due to the onset of electronic resources, we are starting to see the demise of the printed scholarly journal. Electronic filing and publication eliminates the shelf space needed for bound volumes or microfilm, and we can use that space for more computers and books,” Hurlbert continues.

Can’t find an available computer? The library became “wireless” this year, meaning that students can now bring their laptop computer to the library and access the internet from virtually anywhere—no plugs, no cables needed.

Hurlbert views the library as a true partner in the education of students. It is no accident that the library is located in the geographical center of the campus, she explains. In fact, in the early 1960s, when the Academic Center was still in design, the library was planned for the area in which the Mary L. Welch Theatre is located. President Wertz took a look at the blueprints and had them flipped 180 degrees to put the library at the campus crossroads.

As a true partner in the educational process, Hurlbert emphasizes “one mission of our library is to help students learn how to learn. We fulfill that mission through aggressive instruction in research.”

Last year alone, Snowden provided over 170 in-class research workshops to ensure that as many students as possible know how to use and evaluate the electronic sources available. The librarians have also begun working closely with professors, helping them to develop research projects and running customized workshops on specific subjects. Hurlbert feels that libraries are no longer judged only by the resources they provide, but by the services and the access they provide.

To increase the services the library offers, Hurlbert invited the Academic Resource Center, a service that provides students with subject tutors, writing help, and academic workshops, to move into the library. Formerly located in the Fine Arts Building, the relocation to the third floor of Snowden increases the effectiveness of both the library, and the ARC. “It’s great to be able to research and construct a paper or project downstairs, and have a professor or peer tutor review it upstairs,” explains junior Renee Sutton.

Through focus groups with students, Hurlbert discovered that many students were intimidated by the library, or were unsure of how to use it. “Almost everyone has some kind of library horror story from their past. We want students to feel that this is their library.”

To accomplish this, Hurlbert began to implement what she calls “first aid” for the library, adding a number of student-friendly touches. “I don’t think the library had purchased a comfortable chair since it was built in 1968,” she explains.

Hurlbert purchased comfortable arm chairs, created spaces for collaborative study, and even added an electric fireplace. The library encourages academic departments and campus organizations to host “Fireside Chats” in the fireplace alcove on a variety of topics outside of the classroom in a more casual and comfortable environment.

Now, instead of closing themselves off into a study carrel with a stack of books, students can curl up and read in a bean bag chair or have a cappuccino while going over their notes.
Gone are the days when students were constantly shushed; today, discussion is welcomed at tables on the main level where students can collaborate on projects, while the third and fourth floors still provide a quieter study environment.

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Snowden Library
Hosts X-Treme Study

First there were extreme sports, then extreme makeovers, and even extreme dating. But extreme studying? Lycoming College came up with the answer when Sharon Hamilton, an instructional services librarian, put together X-Treme Study, an event which provides students with an incentive to kick-off their final exams study sessions. The library stays open until 2 a.m. on the Friday before exam week. It offers 10-minute back massages, pizza, and fun games with “Snowden” the Snowden Library mascot—along with serious professor-led review sessions, study groups and study skill seminars. There are even special seminars for freshmen new to the college final exam process.

Since its inception, X-Treme Study has been a big hit with Lycoming students. “[It’s] a great way to kick off studying in a non-stressful way,” junior Renee Sutton explains. “I don’t know many other schools that provide their students with such an innovative initiative.”

In addition to X-Treme Study, Lycoming’s Student Senate also serves freshman students breakfast in bed on the morning of the first day of finals. “Lycoming really gives students a lot of support during finals week, academically and mentally,” says Student Senate President Emily Lubold.

“Exams week can be very stressful, and we want to provide our students with a relaxing and stress free academic environment for studying.” Hamilton explains.

The Library became the John G. Snowden Memorial Library in 1991 in memory of a Williamsport man who served, for many years, as a state senator. His home, a gift to the College, is used as the President’s House.

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Note: Emily Hammer ‘05 is a communication major and intern in the Office of College Relations.
Brothers Paul John ‘85 and Eric John ‘90 share more than a common educational background from Lycoming College. Today, they head up Ritz-Craft Corporation, a $125 million company that builds high-end modular homes and is among the nation’s top 200 largest builders.

Paul John has the title of President/CEO and is in charge of corporate operations and finance, and Eric John, an equal partner, is Vice President in charge of all production facilities. “We respect each other’s abilities,” says Paul, “and while we don’t step on each others toes, we can pinch hit for each other when we need to.”

Ritz-Craft is a family company – sort of. The company was founded in 1954 as Ritz-Craft, a manufacturer of travel trailers and mobile homes. In 1976, their father became one of several partners in the single plant operation, but the succession to Paul and Eric was, by no means, automatic or inherited.

Both Paul and Eric began their careers at Ritz-Craft at an early age. At 9 years old, Paul would go to work on the weekends with his father and continued working in the summers at the plant, doing clean-up and recycling. Eric followed behind him. Their father made it clear that they would have to establish their own careers apart from Ritz-Craft. As they grew older, their jobs progressed to working and learning how to build at nearly every one of the 16 production line stations.

Paul started at Lycoming in the engineering program, and then switched to
business administration. He became a member of the swim and track teams, and he joined Theta Chi fraternity. For Paul, his Lycoming experience broadened his view of the “real world.”

Eric, recruited for the Warrior football team, followed his brother to Lycoming five years later. While he also majored in business, Eric loved philosophy and enjoyed black and white photography.

During their college years, Paul and Eric continued to work summers at Ritz-Craft. However, the deal was that they reported—not to their father—but to another partner in the company.

After their factory experience, they methodically worked their way through nearly every department in the company including production, purchasing, engineering, costing, service, and sales.

By 1992 they had taken on key management roles and were allowed to purchase 2.5% of the business between them. They proved their entrepreneurial skills by introducing several new product lines, expanding the company into multi-family production, opening several retail home operations, and building a new 60,000 square foot facility to produce kitchen and bathroom cabinetry for Ritz-Craft homes.

In the subsequent 13 years, Paul and Eric increased their stakehold to full ownership and continued to change and improve the direction of the business.

Those were challenging years, Paul recalls, as they pushed the company in a new direction—away from mobile homes and into modular.

Today the company offers over 250 different floor plans for modular homes in both single story and two story styles, ranging from $90,000 to over $1,000,000. They can also build custom design to nearly any taste. “We’ve manufactured 3,000 square-foot custom homes off a sketch on a napkin,” boasts Paul.

The company builds more than 2,000 homes a year, shipping them in modular form to building sites in 25 different states where site work is completed by a local contractor.

What Henry Ford did for the automobile industry, Ritz-Craft and companies like it are doing for home building. The John brothers are convinced that this is the future of home construction. Although modular homes represent roughly 5% of the total housing market, Ritz-Craft’s sales are growing at the rate of 25% per year.

Paul believes that the modular method of construction is not just cost effective, but offers better quality homes, at fixed costs, in shorter time frames. “Our homes are manufactured in a climate-controlled environment, with materials that are pampered and protected, plus they conform to building standards in 25 different states. Building the volume of homes per year that we do gives us extensive purchasing power, and we get the highest grade and best quality material available. Plus, our workers specialize in one construction skill and become experts in their jobs,” he explains.

In addition to the four factories located in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, Paul and Eric have opened up a manufacturing facility in Michigan and are building a plant in North Carolina. When all six plants are up and running, they will have nearly one million square feet of manufacturing space.

The company employs more than 1,000 employees; 200 of them salaried. This is a large responsibility. Certainly one of the most difficult periods for Paul and Eric was immediately after 9/11 when the housing market plummeted. The company continued to innovate and get more aggressive, and was able to grow when others were declining.

To keep up with their three manufacturing sites and visit their 400 plus builders, the John brothers now have their own airplane which Paul, who has his pilot’s license, often flies.

One of the secrets of their success may be their very hands-on approach to the business.

“We are always here,” says Eric, who is at the plant by 5:30 a.m. Paul, who comes into the office two hours later, is usually on site until 6:30 p.m. They both live in homes built by Ritz-Craft, and live only a few miles away from the Plants.

“It’s really gratifying to have a business that is doing something worthwhile,” says Paul. “Buying your own home is everyone’s dream. I have always loved building. Unlike other products that get used once and discarded, or are a small piece of a larger product that never gets noticed, building a home fulfills the American dream and creates a timeless monument all in one.”
This past November, Steve Johnson took the helm of the Susquehanna Health System as its new president and CEO. Johnson oversees the 300-bed regional medical center and health system that serves 15 counties with three campuses in Lycoming County, over 3,000 employees, 200 physicians, and a 139-bed Skilled Nursing Unit.

It may have all begun with a required course in Social Anthropology that Johnson took with Professor Stan Wilk.

“I was fascinated by the course,” reflects Johnson. “It was the connectiveness of economics with social life and business life.”

In any event, that course led him to major in Criminal Justice, although Johnson wasn’t sure at that point whether he would go into law or prison reform.

By the time he reached Lycoming College, Steve had already experienced a lot of the social fabric of the country. His childhood had been split between Jackson County, Kentucky (next door to the more famous Dukes of Hazard locale), and Bernardsville, New Jersey, an enclave of privilege and power, where his father was a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church of America.

He was drawn to Lycoming College because of its faith-based foundation, its liberal arts program and its size.

After graduation, he began working in Children and Youth Services of Lycoming County. From there, he became an administrator at Lysock View Nursing Home, and in 1984 he became Director of Personnel at Williamsport Hospital and Medical Center. During this time, he earned a master’s degree in Healthcare Administration from Marywood University and in 1993 became the hospital’s Chief Operating Officer.

One year later an “alliance” between the parent companies of The Williamsport Hospital, Divine Providence Hospital and Muncy Valley Hospital and their affiliated corporations created the Susquehanna Health System. The new Health System was responsible for implementing an “operational merger” of the twenty affiliated corporations.

His role in the historic “alliance” was major. He provided the operational leadership for the executive team that consolidated two medical staffs, implemented over 100 different service consolidations and relocations, and reduced the overall staff by 400 people, a feat they accomplished without laying off a single person.

The alliance was approved by the State Attorney General’s Office on the provision that the newly formed health system would achieve a savings of $40 million in 10 years and that...
$32 million would be returned to the community in lower costs and subsidized services.

By the fifth year, the state auditor reported that the Susquehanna Health System had achieved a savings of $105 million and had returned $117 to the community—more than twice the projected savings in half the time.

More good things have happened to SHS.

For the past 7 years, SHS has been recognized as one of the “100 most wired hospitals” of the nation’s 5,000 medical facilities. SHS uses information technology to access important patient information, ensure its accuracy, and connect with informational sources outside the system.

Having a Human Resources background, Steve understands the importance of good people. SHS has one of the lowest nursing vacancy rates in the nation and one of the best nursing hours per patient ratio—ranking it in the top 4% of hospitals nation-wide.

Steve sees several major challenges ahead. Recruitment and retention of top medical staff will continue to be a challenge. Replacing aging facilities and financing unfunded government mandates are two other challenges looming in the near future.

While Steve puts in long days, he manages to keep a balance in his life. “There are four major parts of our lives: the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual,” he says.

Steve makes good on that wisdom. An avid golfer, he also works out five times a week. He keeps mentally alert through reading and woodworking, and he stays connected with family and friends as a way to give himself emotional balance. The spiritual component is very important to him, which he maintains through active involvement in his church and in a weekly Bible study class.

Staying in the same community has helped him keep grounded, as well.

“My wife, Mary Ann, and I consider ourselves to be very blessed. While a career in healthcare administration frequently requires several relocations, we have been able to remain in the Williamsport area among friends and family.”

Steve serves on the Board of Visitors of the Institute for Management Studies at Lycoming College. Among his many volunteer activities in the community, he serves on the regional advisory board of M & T Bank and is chair of the Lycoming County United Way Capital Campaign. In 2003 he was named Person of the Year by the Lycoming County Brotherhood and in 2005, he was named one of the 100 business leaders in North Central Pennsylvania.

The Johnsons have two adult children, Jason and Kristin.
**Society of Physics Students – Outstanding**  
The Lycoming College chapter of the Society of Physics Students has been selected as an Outstanding SPS Chapter for the 2003-2004 school year. The selection is based on the depth and breadth of SPS activities conducted by the chapter in such areas as physics research, public science outreach, physics tutoring programs, hosting and representation at physics meetings, and providing social interaction for chapter members.

**German Students Broadcast German Radio Show**  
Students in Dr. Virginia Lewis’s German 321 class took to the mic on Lycoming’s radio station WRLC to perform excerpts from author Günter Eich’s radio play “Träume” (“Dreams”). The students provided background information on the author before they performed about 30 minutes of material in German from the text. The students also took their show on the road to Williamsport High School and Jersey Shore High School. Sherri Hirschmann, Jesse Pach, Erica Walsh, Garrett Watkinson, and Dr. Virginia Lewis participated.

**Traveling Chefs**  
Lycoming College hosted an evening of gourmet dining on November 10 as three chefs – from Ithaca College, Oneonta College, and Lycoming College – competed in a mock “Battle of the Chefs.” Students dined on Beef Steak with Smoky-Bacon Bourbon Sauce, Cajun Shrimp with Alfredo Sauce or Beef Wellington. The event was staged by Sodexho Food Service, which provides food service to all three colleges. Raised $3,550 to aid victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia. Feinstein was joined by “regional jazz all-stars” including saxophonist Dick Adams, Grammy-winning drummer Steve Mitchell, keyboardist Steve Adams and bassist Charles “Chalie” Holmes ’02.

**Tsunami Relief Concert**  
Sascha Feinstein, saxophonist, jazz journalist, professor of English and co-director of the College’s creative writing program, organized a jazz concert that raised $3,550 to aid victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia. Feinstein was joined by “regional jazz all-stars” including saxophonist Dick Adams, Grammy-winning drummer Steve Mitchell, keyboardist Steve Adams and bassist Charles “Chalie” Holmes ’02.

**Dr. Alvin Poussaint**  
Keynote Speaker for Black History Month  
Dr. Alvin Poussaint, who walked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the March to Selma in 1964, visited campus on February 23, 2005. He described the march through the eyes of the young medical doctor that he was at the time, touching upon the issue of segregated health care. Poussaint went on to become a psychiatrist and is now a professor at Harvard Medical School. He is co-author of “Raising Black Children,” and recently co-authored “Lay My Burden Down: Suicide and the Mental Health Crisis among African Americans.” He was also a consultant to The Cosby Show.

**Choir from Poland**  
The Szczecin Technical University Choir from Szczecin, Poland, under the direction of Dr. Richard Zielinski, visited Lycoming College. The choir is one of Poland’s top choral ensembles as well as an internationally recognized group. This is the Choir’s second visit to Lycoming College. Its founding conductor, the late Jan Szyrocki, spent a semester at Lycoming College.
Lycoming College as a visiting conductor. The Lycoming College Tour Choir has performed several times in Szczecin, Poland.

Empty Plate at the Café du Grand Boeuf
The comedy by Michael Hollinger opened the spring semester at the Mary L. Welch Theatre, February 16-19. It poked fun at Hemingway, bullfights and restaurants “in a feast of adjectives and adverbs.”

Admissions Publications Win Best of Show
Lycoming College admissions publications won the Best of Show Award from the Admissions Marketing Report in its 20th Annual awards competition.
This award was for the College’s overall admissions public relations program, consisting of 20 different publications. Lycoming’s publications were eligible for Best of Show after winning a gold award in the category of colleges with under 2,000 student enrollment.
Lycoming beat out institutions of all sizes for the Best of Show. In addition, Lycoming’s calendar won a merit award in its category.
All of the publications were designed in-house by Murray Hanford of Hughesville, Publications Manager. Hanford has been at the College since 1991. In that time, the College has received a total of 40 awards for excellence of its publications.

Sweeney Todd
Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, a wickedly funny musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, took the stage at the Mary L. Welch Theatre November 16-20. The performance was directed by Jerry D. Allen, associate professor of theatre, with musical direction by Sharon L. Steyer.

Look Who’s Back
Al Zaremba ’56, who spent a great deal of his career in the Far East, shared insights with business students in the International Marketing track on February 4. Zaremba recently retired from Thomson Licensing, Inc., and is now a consultant. Al, a former Warrior basketball player, came back to campus for the basketball alumni reunion on February 5.

John Maiolo ’60, whose newest book Hard Times and A Nickel a Bucket was released this past fall, talks to sociology students. John is a professor emeritus at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C.

Snapshots
Lauren Detwiler was one of a dozen art students exhibiting work from their May Term art course in France.

Students interact with community children in a Big Brother/ Big Sister program. The Lycoming Chapter is the largest community service organization on campus.

Murray Hanford, Publications Manager

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Wrestling

The Warrior wrestling program highlighted the winter season for Lycoming athletics. After opening the season just 4-4 in dual matches, head coach Roger Crebs’ charges went on to win 16 of their final 17 outings to finish the season with a record of 20-5 and earn a ranking of ninth in the nation. The 2004-2005 campaign marked the 19th consecutive winning season for the program and the sixth 20-win season. The Warriors also went on to place second at the Middle Atlantic Conference Championships for the third straight season, claiming two individual weight class champions and qualifying three student-athletes for the NCAA Division III National Championships.

Junior Tommy Snyder led the way for Lycoming, winning his second consecutive conference title at heavyweight. Snyder then earned All-American honors by placing seventh at the national championships at St. Olaf College in Minnesota with a record of 21-5.

Also making the trip to Minnesota was fellow junior Grant Brindle. Brindle joined the Warriors at the start of the second semester and went a perfect 12-0 at 165 pounds, including six wins-by-fall. Brindle went on to claim his first conference championship, earning an automatic invitation to the national tournament.

The third Lycoming wrestler to earn a berth in the national championships was sophomore Sean Cullen. Cullen received one of the MAC’s two wild-card bids after finishing as the runner-up at 133 pounds. Cullen fell in the finals by an 8-2 decision to a two-time defending champion and two-time All-American who was ranked second in the nation at 133. Cullen went 2-3 at the national tournament to place sixth in his weight class and be named an All-American.

Other key contributors to the Warriors’ success this season were senior Sean Reese who went 21-10 at 149 pounds and junior Jason Smith who was 17-6 at 157 pounds. Both grapplers placed third at the conference tournament.

Swimming

Lycoming women’s and men’s swimming teams turned in another strong season under the leadership of head coach Jerry Hammaker. The Warrior women went 7-4 in dual meets, while the men were 8-3 in dual meets this season. At the conference championships, both squads placed fourth while claiming three individual event champions and breaking nine school records.

Junior Steve Hawley won two individual MAC titles, placing first in both the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. His time in the 50 free set a new conference record and his time in the 100 backstroke

Junior Steve Hawley claimed two individual titles at the MAC swimming championships.
improved his own school record. Both times were also provisional qualifiers for the NCAA Division III National Championships held in Michigan. Hawley also was the runner-up in the 100 freestyle.

Senior Rebecca Fox claimed the conference championship in the 400-yard IM, while breaking her own school record. She also came in second in both the 200 IM and 200 breaststroke to lead the women’s team.

Other student-athletes who broke Lycoming records at the MAC Championships, included: junior Jeff Swatkins in the 200-yard butterfly, and junior Chris Mungo in the 100-yard breaststroke for the men; and freshman Stephanie Kudrick in the 100-yard breaststroke, and junior Kelly Sykes in the 100-yard backstroke for the women. Three relays set new school marks, as well.

Men’s Basketball
The Warrior men’s basketball team tallied the program’s 10th consecutive winning season with a record of 17-8 during the 2004-2005 season. After opening the year at 10-0, Lycoming battled injuries throughout the Freedom Conference portion of their schedule and just missed the conference playoffs based on tie-breaking criteria.

Junior Jonathan Pribble led the Warriors, averaging 21.1 points-per-game, while also pulling down 5.4 rebounds per game. Pribble was twice named Player of the Week for the Freedom Conference and earned his second consecutive All-Freedom Conference first-team selection.

Freshman Kevin Morris had an immediate impact in his first season, ranking second on the squad with 13.9 points per game, while leading the team with 70 three-point field goals. He was named conference player of the week in late December.

The Warriors also bid farewell to a trio of seniors who all made significant contributions to the team’s success over the past three seasons. Shaun Morris finished his career as the program’s all-time assists leader with 355 assists. This past season, he tallied 103 assists, while contributing 4.8 points and 3.3 rebounds per game. Jeremiah Edson was Lycoming inside presence in 2004-2005, scoring 8.8 points per game, while leading the team with 162 rebounds. Nick Myers played an important role off the bench, providing valuable minutes while contributing 2.1 rebounds and 1.9 points per game.

Women’s Basketball
Lycoming’s women’s basketball team battled their way through a schedule that featured five games versus teams ranked among the top 10 in the nation, eight games versus teams that recorded 20-win seasons, and a total of 15 games versus teams with winning records. The result was an overall record of 7-17 and a wealth of experience for a relatively young squad.

Junior Amy Kile was the Warriors’ leading scorer, averaging 9.5 points per contest while also grabbing 4.5 rebounds. Freshman Colleen Wade added 7.3 points per outing, and junior Rebeccapugh chipped in 7.1 points per game while leading the team with 29 three-pointers. The contributions of juniors Stacy Lindeman and Danielle Kern, sophomore Jessica Snyder, and freshman Christi Groller are also reason to believe the future of the program is bright.

Lycoming also said goodbye to three seniors in 2005. Mindy Culp was a four-year starter for the Warriors, averaging 6.0 points per game this season, while leading the team with 61 assists and 37 steals. Amy Herschman was Lycoming’s top post-player during her senior campaign, scoring 5.5 points and grabbing 4.3 rebounds per contest. Michelle Stine finished her collegiate career as a student-coach due to injuries that kept her off the hardwood.
On February 10, 2005, alumni, parents and friends from the Greater Harrisburg area poured into the city’s Whitaker Center for a double concert by the Lycoming College Tour Choir and Concert Band.

The event was organized and sponsored by the South Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Alumni Association in what turned out to be the largest single regional event in recent alumni history, filling the orchestra and the mezzanine area of the beautiful three-tiered theatre.

John Shorb ’76 and his wife, Nancy (Sullivan) Shorb’77, wanted to bring the Tour Choir and the Concert Band to the Harrisburg area. A member of the Alumni Association Executive Board, Shorb recruited fellow AAEB members Andy Bucke ’71, Dr. Shannon (Keane) English ’94, David Freet ’68, Nancy Gieniec ’59 and her husband Cas, along with Bill Gallagher ’70.

The committee recruited sponsors (including themselves) and sold tickets to defray the cost of theatre rental and bus transportation for the two College groups. The event netted more than $1500 for the endowed Alumni Scholarship.
**Post Game Party in New Jersey**

On Feb 12, the Greater New Jersey Chapter hosted a post-game gathering after the women’s and men’s basketball games with FDU-Florham, in Florham Park, N.J. Dr. and Mrs. Douthat stopped by as well as both basketball teams, Coach Don Friday and Coach Chris Ditzler. Special thanks to Linda Lady Wallace ’77 for organizing the event.

**Alumni Basketball Game**

A dozen former Warrior basketball players came back to cheer on the current team on February 5. They later joined Coach Donald Friday at the Williamsport Country Club.

**May 21**

3rd Annual Lycoming Team Time out at Camden Yards

The Baltimore Orioles take on the Phillies A joint outing by the Greater Philadelphia and Baltimore/Washington DC alumni Chapters. Picnic at 5:00 p.m. Menu includes pit-roasted beef sandwiches, hot dogs, side dishes, popcorn, ice cream and unlimited draft beverages. Game begins at 7:05 p.m. Cost: $30 per person. For more information, please contact Stephen Simchak ’99 at ib765@hotmail.com or 301-317-1281. To register online: https://www.lycoming.edu/alumni/events/2005bmorereg.htm

**June 18**

Greater Philadelphia Area Lycoming Grad / Merck Employee Picnic

Do You Work for Merck?

A lot of Lycoming Alumni do. Brian Belz of the Greater Philadelphia Alumni Chapter is organizing a special event.

Date: Saturday, June 18th, 2005

Time: 12 noon to whenever

Late lunch will be served. Grilled food will be hot from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Home of Brian L. Belz ’96 - 148 Heffner Rd., Limerick, PA 19468

Please contact Brian if you plan to attend: email brian_bez@merck.com or phone 215-652-1040 (daytime) and 610-489-5166 (evening). A follow-up email with more details will be sent to those who respond to this notice.
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Congratulations to Joan (Thompson) ’54 and Clarence “Hank” Knaus ’56 on the observance of their 50th wedding anniversary on January 29, 2005.

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Nancy (Norris) Branyan is a member of the Valley Forge Chorus “Sweet Adelines” who won a gold medal in international competition in July 2003. They were awarded first place for mid size chorus in the world.

Joan (Mulligan) Neece (music) is currently living in Elmira, N.Y., and just finished her 57th year as an organist.

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Robert McManigal (economics) was inducted into the Muncy High School Academic Hall of Fame on June 11, 2004. He is retired from the Loyalsock Township School District where he served as business manager and board secretary.

Upon his retirement, Bob became involved in the “Making Dreams Come True” organization that helps make trips possible for children with chronic or terminal illnesses. Bob and his wife, Janet, are the parents of a daughter, Jane.

Carole (Rinehuls) Pelton (music) has been living in Florida for 23 years. She is selling her Florida home and moving back to Emporium, Pa. Believe it or not, she prefers the northern cold to the Florida heat! Carole plans to write a book based on her singing career. One of her fondest memories of Lycoming occurred during her freshman year. The morning of the first snowfall, she awoke to Leroy Anderson’s “Sleigh Ride” being played full blast and Ann Newburgh skipping down the hall announcing that it was snowing. Every time she hears that music, she thinks of Lycoming!

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45th Reunion
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October 7-9, 2005
Robert P. Crockett (chemistry) owner of Crockett Financial Services, has been awarded membership in the Million Dollar Roundtable for product knowledge and client service for the seventeenth consecutive year.

John R. Deitrick (English/Spanish) has been appointed chair of the department of humanities & languages at Becker College, a private, four-year institution with campuses in Worcester and Leicester, Mass. Deitrick also has a master’s degree in English and American literature from University of Maryland, College Park, Md., and has completed Ph.D. coursework in American literature at Northeastern University, Boston. He has taught composition and literature at Becker for 40 years, specializing in American poetry and Black American literature.

He is a past president and vice president of Becker AFT Local #3359. Deitrick is on sabbatical leave for the Spring 2005 semester, researching and writing an historical novel set in seventeenth-century Oxford, Mass. He and his wife live in Oxford.

Bruce Murray (chemistry) retired in July 2003 and went through the master gardener program at the Ohio State University Hamilton County Extension. After more than 300 hours of volunteer work on various horticulture projects, including the prestigious Cincinnati Flower Show and the “Purple People Bridge” between Newport, Kentucky, where he lives and Cincinnati, Ohio, Bruce received his master gardener certification in October 2004. He is also tutoring in a Newport school and works with the homeless. Bruce has taken a position on the Board of Directors for the United Church of Christ Conferences on Star Island, an island off the coast of New Hampshire. He has attended conferences there during August for the past 22 years.

Bob Lorence (biology) has reached the wrestling coaching milestone of 300 dual meet wins – a Pennsylvania plateau that is achieved by only a few. Bob’s first head coaching job was at Springfield High School (Montgomery County, Pa.), where his teams were 55-10-2 over five years. He then moved to Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and coached until 1987 when his son Adam graduated from school. After five years officiating PIAA wrestling, Bob returned to coaching at Plymouth Whitemarsh. Since 1992, his teams have won 160 matches, six league championships, and numerous holiday tournament titles. He has coached 23 All State wrestlers with two state champions and five others placing in the top four.

Dick Senges (business), a Certified Purchasing Manager, retired in 2000 after 33 years from the Eastman Kodak Company as a Worldwide Commodity Manager of Capital Equipment. He is really enjoying retirement and says he should have retired 30 years ago! Dick is a model railroader and enjoys the historical research and scenery aspect of the hobby. His HO scale, standard gauge model railroad depicts the Oil Creek Rail Road in western Pennsylvania circa 1866, and also a late 1800s logging and mining railroad. He has received several first place awards in regional and division model contests, and is a member of the Tuesday Night Gang, Scenery Modelers of Rochester, and the Canadian Association of Railway Modelers (CARM).
Model of an Oil Creek Railroad train stopping at the Pioneer, Pennsylvania, Railroad Bridge, circa 1866.

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, Mainline Modeler, Oil-Industry History, and several National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) regional newsletters.

Through the NMRA Achievement Program, he has been certified as Master Builder – Scenery, Master Builder – Structures, and Model Railroad Author.

Dick has also acted as a volunteer and scenery consultant for the Medina Railroad and Fire Museum in Medina, N.Y. In addition, Dick has been giving model railroad scenery clinics since 1983 and gave two clinics at the CARM National Convention this year in Canada. He is currently adding the Bath and Hammondsport Railroad (circa 1900) to his railroad empire.

He and his wife Marsha live in Victor, N.Y. In the summer, and they enjoy their log home on Keuka Lake. Check out Dick’s website www.trainweb.org/rmr.

Congratulations to Peggy and Ronald Guisewhite (biology) on the observance of their 25th wedding anniversary on August 24, 2004.

T. Marshall Hopkins (German) retired in 2003 after 34 years of teaching German at Lock Haven High School. Marshall and his wife, Lynne (Clinch) ’69 (religion), enjoy international and domestic travel. They are the parents of three grown children: Mark, Sarah and Amy.

Dr. Michael Musheno (political science) has accepted a position as professor and director of criminal justice studies at San Francisco State University.

Paul R. Mamolen (accounting) was recently given the 2004 International Management Award Platinum qualifier by the General Agents and Managers Association during its international recognition banquet in New Orleans. Paul is CEO of the Comprehensive Financial Group and senior vice president of Jersey Shore State Bank.

Ronald C. Travis (political science) is one of 27 lawyers designated a Super Lawyer in the field of criminal defense in the State of Pennsylvania. The selection is based on the results of 34,000 ballots mailed to attorneys across the state. After votes were counted, an attorney-led research staff reviewed the credentials of the top nominees. The names were then submitted for final selection to a blue ribbon panel of lawyers who practice in the same area of law. Ron is a partner in the firm of Rieders, Travis, Humphrey, Harris, Waters, and Waffenschmidt.

Judy (Dayton) Abrams (sociology) is retiring from teaching in June and plans to travel and become involved in local volunteer activities. Since 1972 she has been teaching elementary school or raising children. She will certainly miss the children, but looks forward to spending time in other venues. She has lived on Long Island for nearly all her life and has enjoyed sharing her knowledge and appreciation of this not so small island with her students. She has been married to John for 32 years and has a son Tyler who is now 25 and living in Manhattan. She hopes to see you all at our 35th reunion in the fall.

E. Eugene Yaw (business administration) has been selected as County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania 2004 Outstanding Solicitor. The award was presented to him at the association’s conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., in August 2004. Eugene, who has worked for the Lycoming County Commissioners for 13 years in two stints, was nominated by the commissioners. He

Judy Dayton Abrams with her class at nearby Connetquot Park on a field trip last fall doing what she likes best, exploring the preserves of Long Island.
has 24 years of service to county government, including 16 years as solicitor to the prothonotary’s office. In addition to county solicitor, Eugene has been general counsel for Pennsylvania College of Technology for almost 20 years and is a partner in the law firm of McNerney, Page, Vanderlin and Hall.

Jay Ginter (biology) still calls Juneau, Alaska, home. He and his wife moved there 20 years ago (in Feb. 1985) from California. Life has been an adventure. Both of their children were born and raised in Alaska. Last year his son, Jason, graduated from high school and started college at Denison University in Ohio, and his daughter started her junior year in high school as a foreign exchange student in Argentina. Meanwhile, Jay’s wife continues her work for the Juneau school district, and Jay still works for the National Marine Fisheries Service as a Federal Fisheries Manager. They are fortunate to be able to travel a couple of times each year to visit family in California and West Virginia and always enjoy receiving visitors from “Outside” the great state of Alaska.

In January, Cheryl (Eck) Spencer (chemistry) started working full-time for a small biotech company, Immttech International. The company specializes in developing pharmaceutical products, including antibiotics to treat malaria, for Third World countries. So much for early retirement. Cheryl is also involved in several non-profit organizations and serves on Clare Abbott Foundation scholarship committee.

Glenn Lovell (history) is employed as an entertainment writer for the San Jose Mercury Newspaper in San Jose, Calif. He just signed a contract to write John Sturges, Escape Artist, a critical biography of the director of Bad Day at Black Rock and The Great Escape, among many others. The book, which will include interviews with everyone from Jane Russell to Clint Eastwood, will be published in early ’06 by University of Wisconsin Press. Glenn has also contributed to other books including Tender Comrades: A Backstory of the Hollywood Blacklist and The International Dictionary of Film—but this is his first solo effort. Besides writing, Glenn continues to teach film at Bay Area universities, including De Anza College, where he is completing a course on one of his favorite subjects, New Wave British Cinema: From Look Back in Anger to Trainspotting.

Wally (Tom) Skok (psychology) lives and works in Houston, Texas, where he is Senior Counsel for the US Marketing business unit of ConocoPhillips Company. He has been a lawyer for a little more than 20 years, and has spent his entire career working for fully integrated energy companies. He also has a home in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he plans to retire sometime next year. Tom is hoping to get to Williamsport some time this year for a visit.

Steve Turnbull (sociology) is in the U.S. Naval Reserve as a yeoman in the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 27 out of Brunswick, Maine. Steve is also a grandfather – his grandson, Ian James, was born in May 2003.

Polly Windels (art) and her husband, Stephen Stark, live in Ballston Spa, New York, which is 5 miles south of Saratoga Springs. They have a daughter, Sarah, who is 19 and a freshman at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Although Polly was an art major, the last thing she painted was the floor in her guestroom. She is employed as the administrator of the Senior Community Service Employment Program for the state of N.Y.

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Dennis Jakubowicz (psychology) is the national business director with Ventiv Pharma Services, where he is managing the creation of a national sales team for Yamanouchi Pharma America. Dennis and his wife, Dana, each have three children. They are involved not only in the children’s activities, but in community affairs, including the Cooperstown Rotary Club, the Orpheus Theater, the Glimmerglass Opera, the Fenimore Museum, the Leatherstocking Theater, and also volunteer at Bassett Healthcare. Dennis and Dana are looking forward to the next class reunion in 2006.

Jack Weiss (business) is an AKC approved judge of English Springer Spaniels in field trials and hunt tests. He judged an ESS hunt test in Alaska last summer and enjoyed some salmon fishing while there as well. He is serving as Field Trial Chairman of an AKC sanctioned event sponsored by the Missouri Headwaters English Springer Spaniel Club in April. Jack lives in Bozeman, Mont.

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Kim Davis (biology) has been named Wal-Mart State Teacher of the Year for Montana. He has been teaching for 16 years and was happy not only for the award, but the $10,000 that West Valley School will receive as a result of his winning. Kim now is eligible for the national title where the national award carries a bonus of $25,000. The award money is given by Wal-Mart, but the actual selecting of winners is done by Phi Delta Kappa International Educational Association.

Nancy (Rabuck) Wilson (French, English) has traveled a great deal and has done many things she never expected to do. She has become a professional writer, an educational-video scriptwriter, and a weekly newspaper columnist for a slice-of-life/opinion column. She is also an instructor of French at Sam Houston State University and the owner of the Defensive Driving Academy of Huntsville. She isn’t held down by her work, however, and has traveled to places including France, Spain, Mexico, Jamaica, St. Martin, and Quebec. She is married to Dr. Christopher Wilson, a full professor of psychology at Sam Houston State University. She has two grown daughters, Kim, 28, and Amy, 26, and a granddaughter, Brittany.

Reunion volunteers needed: contact alumni@lycoming.edu or 570-321-4134.

Rick Gonzalez (English) works in sales for KBF Print Technology. His wife, Diane (Morgan) ’75 (psychology), is a teacher at Liberty Elementary School. They have six children, Matthew ’05, Justin ’07, Jason, a sophomore at Westchester State University, and Chris and Tammy who attend Williamsport High School. Rick and Diane reside in Cogan Station, Pa.

Clifford Munyan (accounting) is employed as a software engineer with Cox Communications in Atlanta, Georgia. Home is a hilltop log cabin in Blue Ridge, Ga., on the Benton MacKaye Trail. This trail is named in honor of Benton MacKaye, whose vision inspired the Appalachian Trail (AT). The trail will eventually loop from the AT’s southern terminus to the AT in the Smokey Mountains. Cliff is currently enrolled in University of Maryland’s online master’s program in software engineering. Prior to this, he earned his MBA from Temple University in 1984.

Missy (LePage) Newton (music) is a project analyst for Weston Solutions in West Chester, Pa. Her husband, Barry ’74 (music), has been employed by Boeing for the last 19 years, most recently as a senior financial manager. They are the parents of Cory, 26, who received his associate’s degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in culinary arts; Kyle, 23, and Chrisy, 20. Missy and Barry reside in West Chester, Pa.

David Stover (mathematics) reports that he received the 2003 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Only one science teacher per state wins the award. David and his wife, Cheryl, reside in Newark, Del.

Allen Lockwood (accounting) ran his 1st ever marathon on November 14, 2004. The 26.2 mile race took place in Harrisburg, Pa. Al still enjoys playing soccer and recently completed 25 years of service in the Department of the Navy. Al and his wife, Annette (Weaver) ’76, reside in Harrisburg with their children, Amy and Tom.

Rev. Hayden McLean (biology) has had an article “Context Determines Interpretation” accepted for publication by The Clergy Journal. He is also adjunct faculty for the University of St. Francis (teaching religion) at its satellite campus in Reading, Pa.

Mark Smith (English) reports that he has returned to Winston-Salem after seven years in Louisville, Kentucky, upon a company merger. Mark is Senior Director of Communications for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. in Winston-Salem, N.C. Mark and his wife, Joanne (Bednarz) ’78, are the parents of three children.

Michael P. Klees (accounting) has joined Lewis, Danzig and Co., P.C., as an accountant. Michael will be a member of the company’s business service group and will also be responsible for preparing and analyzing financial statements as well as preparing personal and business tax returns.
Tammy previously served as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania where she was involved with major federal investigations and prosecutions. While in that position, she was the recipient of the Department of Health & Human Services Inspector General’s Integrity Award for investigation and criminal conviction of the first Medicare money laundering seizure case in the country. Tammy has also served as an adjunct professor in Saint Joseph’s University graduate criminal justice program, where she designed and taught a course on law and social policy. She also sat on the editorial board of the *Legal Intelligencer*, Philadelphia’s legal newspaper. Tammy and her daughter, Sarah, reside in Montoursville, Pa.

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Donald Newman (business administration) has accepted the position of confidential aide at the New Jersey Commerce, Economic Growth and Tourism Commission. Don resides in Howell, N.J.

**Keith Williams** (accounting) is working for Nestle Waters North America as a regional finance manager for the Pennsylvania, Michigan, Florida, and Tennessee plants. Nestle Waters bottles various regional brands of spring water such as Poland Spring, Deer Park, Zephyrhills, Ice Mountain and Nestle Pure Life. Keith and his wife, Evelyn, live in New Tripoli, Pa., with their children, David, 10, and Sandra, 6.

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Laura (LeValley) VanVelthoven (communications) has been promoted to vice president of Internet Marketing for K. Hovnanian Companies, LLC. Laura has been with the company for 17 years in key sales and marketing positions and helped to lead the company’s process redesign and project building better initiatives. During the past two years, Laura has worked with Hovnanian’s national homebuilding management teams to enhance the use of the internet as a marketing tool to increase traffic and sales to all K. Hovnanian Homes communities. Most recently, she led marketing efforts to redesign and enhance the company website based on feedback from potential home seekers. In addition to those efforts, Laura worked with National Directors and Vice Presidents of Marketing to develop a national branding strategy and create a national brochure which launched on February 21, 2005. Laura resides in Shrewsbury, N.J., with her husband, John, and their two children, Brad and Alec.

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Julie (Hottle) Day (criminal justice/political science) has been made a partner in her law firm, which is now known as Culin, Sharp, Autry, & Day, P.L.C., a litigation firm in Fairfax, Virginia. Julie and her husband, Ed, reside in Maryland with their two children, Alex, 6, and Elizabeth, 3.

**Jacqueline (Afflerbach) Goldthorp** (accounting) has been appointed vice president and commercial relationship officer for the southern regional banking group of Vineland-based Sun National Bank. Prior to joining Sun National Bank, Jacqueline served as assistant vice president of commercial lending and business development with Ocean City Home Bank.

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James H. Conrad, II (business administration/economics) was recently promoted from team leader to manager in the Financial Division at the Vanguard

Alpha Rho Omega sisters from the Class of ’88 ready for a night on the town in Red Bank, N.J. I to r: Abby (Kaplan) Butrym, Holly (Annarella) Boylan, Michele (Fetterolf) Kornegay, and Cindy Ceres.
Group in Malvern, Pa. In his new position, he will oversee the Fixed Income Fund Analysis area. His wife, Beth (Lawrence) ’92 (psychology), is a third-grade teacher at the Kennett Square Consolidated School District. Jim and Beth are the parents of Sarah and Trey, and they live in West Chester, Pa.

Bill Abrams (business administration/economics) was just elected the 2004 PGA Teacher of the Year for the Central Illinois Chapter of the PGA of America. Bill owns and operates Golf Solutions Academy located at Balmoral Woods Country Club and Cinder Ridge GL in the Chicago Area.

Toni (Ioppolo) Barsh (mass communications), opened two new companies in 2004. Compliance Implementation Services (CIS) (www.cis-partners.com) specializes in working with companies who are in need of training, process and documentation consulting services. Pharmaforsite (www.pharmaforsite.com), a subsidiary of CIS, conducts a few hundred training programs around the country for clinical research professionals in pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. Toni lives in Malvern, Pa., and is Partner and Executive Director of both CIS and Pharmaforsite.

James G. Kidd, III (criminal justice) is employed by the City of Philadelphia as a police officer and an undercover narcotics investigator. He married Monicanne Sullivan in 1993 and they have two daughters: Marikate, born July 6, 1996 and Meghan, born October 4, 2000.
Capt. Jason Stamm M.D. (chemistry/English) has been selected as the Chief of Residents for internal medicine for 2004-05 academic year at the 59th Medical Wing of Lackland Air Force Base. Jason and his wife, Kim, reside in San Antonio, Texas, with their daughter, Noelle.

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Melissa (Shoemaker) Bechtel (nursing) pursued graduate studies in nursing and received her Master of Science in Nursing from Bloomsburg University in December 2004. Her area of specialization is in community health. Melissa is a school nurse in the Selinsgrove Area School District, servicing kindergarten through second grade level students.

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Scott Wilt (English) is serving as a Calvary Officer with the U.S. Army.

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Heather Jacobs (biology) has been named the new Pamlico-Tar Riverkeeper, where she will patrol the Tar-Pamlico River by boat, plane and vehicle and monitor the river and investigate pollution sources. She will also organize and support volunteer monitoring and patrol activities. Heather received her master’s in environmental management from the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. From 2000-2002, Heather served as a Peace Corps Volunteer for agro-forestry and environmental education in El Salvador.

Dawn Birtch (biology) reports, since leaving Lycoming, she has worked as an applications chemist and project manager for an environmental company in Long Island, N.Y. During that time, she received a master’s in environmental studies in 2002 and then went to Long Island University to receive a master’s in earth science education in 2003. Dawn is currently an 8th grade earth science teacher in Baldwin Middle School in Baldwin, N.Y.

Heather Duda (English/interdisciplinary) is currently working on her dissertation for her doctorate in literature and criticism. In addition to writing, she teaches college writing for Indiana University of Pennsylvania and research writing (online) for the University of Maryland. Heather is also the senior advisor in charge of training for UMUC’s online writing center. While she is interested in American Literature and film in general, her specialty is horror film and Gothic fiction.

April Sparks (political science/Spanish) has been promoted to assistant for the Secretary of Agriculture for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Her work requires her to travel with the Secretary wherever he goes and to work in the Legislative and Policy Office for the Department.

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Ashley Lenig (biology) has presented and defended her thesis, finished her course study and the final report for the 5-year research study that served as her research assistantship during her time at California University of Pa. Graduate commencement exercises were held on December 17, 2004. Ashley will continue to work for USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service in Fayette County (full time) and in the evenings do contracted research (mainly bug identification) at California University of Pa.

Stephen Simchak (biology) received his master’s degree from the University of Maryland University College in September 2003. Steve had been working at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), a part of the National Institute of Health, for the past three years. At the NICHD, he provided second tier IT support to the scientists and administrators there. In December 2004, he began working for the Perot Systems Government Services at the Vaccine Research Center, a part of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, also at the NIH. As the LAN
administrator and Macintosh specialist, he provides support to the scientists and administrators working toward vaccines for HIV/AIDS, smallpox, and Ebola and handles desktop computer and network problems.

Bryce A. Priggemeier (criminal justice) recently accepted a new job with Evesham Fire-Rescue in Marlton, N.J., for the position of Firefighter/EMT. He and his wife, Robin, recently returned from vacation in Walt Disney World with their son Adam, and Jason '99 and Jenel (Cantore) '00 Marraccini and their son Justin.

SPC Rachel M. Beyea (psychology) has completed a 1 year 8 month course at the elite Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. As a linguist, Rachel is currently stationed at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, for advanced training in military intelligence. Upon completion, she was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y.

Kris Reed (criminal justice) recently accepted a position with Loysville Youth Detention Center in Loysville, Pa. The Loysville Youth Detention Center focuses on correcting the behavior of juvenile delinquents. Kris and his wife, Amy (Beaver) '03, reside in Shermansdale, Pa.

Heather M. Wilt (biology) graduated summa cum laude in December 2004 and was salutatorian for her class at New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls. Heather will practice in the Pittsburgh area.

**FIRST JOB**

Amanda Keister ’02

Never a Dull Moment

Last Monday, I was asked to stop by a Cub Scout meeting at Wolfe’s Crossroads to share with them what it is like to be a reporter.

The boys were fairly young, none of them any older than 11 or 12, so I was nervous as to what to talk about.

Would they find the City Council, township supervisors and school board meetings as riveting as I? I doubted it.

I didn’t think me talking about water contamination, sewer projects or construction would exactly pique their interest.

So I started out with the basics: where I went to college, what I majored in and what I cover as a Daily Item reporter.

I graduated from Lycoming College with a degree in mass communications. I cover central Northumberland County.

I brought props: my notebook (wow), tape recorder, digital camera and cell phone.

I did not pass around the electronics, not that it mattered too much. My tape recorder was already broken in a failed attempt by my father to fix it. And the front of my cell phone was cracked during the course of Sunbury Celebration 2004.

Anyway, without knowing where to go with the presentation, I explained to them that as a night reporter, my beat becomes about a four-county area, and that I must go to a fire or car accident whether it happens in central Northumberland County or western Union County.

This brought with it a barrage of interesting questions:

What if it is snowing and there is a fire?

I told them that even if it is snowing, I still have to go, but I usually will not be asked to venture onto roads that are too treacherous. (Right, guys?)

What if it is an electrical fire? They asked.

I still have to go.

What if there is a tornado and there is a fire?

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Still gotta go.

What if the tornado caused the fire?

Yep, gotta go.

What if you are in a meeting and there is a fire?

Ah! A question I could elaborate on.

I explained that the paper would call my cell phone in case of an emergency, and then I would have to leave the meeting.

Their pack leader told the boys that that was why he had a backup speaker for the night, because you never know when a reporter is going to have to buzz off to somewhere.

We all laughed.

A few minutes later, my phone buzzed…it was The Daily Item. Two-alarm fire in Shamokin, they said.

I had to go.

Amanda Keister covers news in central Northumberland County from the Daily Item’s Sunbury Office. E-mail her at akeister@dailymitem.com

This column appeared in the Sunbury Daily Item

Note: Amanda does a couple of other things on the side. In September, she began co-anchoring CCN News 8, a community news program out of Danville that broadcasts to about 17,000 people. It is produced by CATV Services, a local cable provider. Though a news alliance between The Daily Item and Sunbury Broadcasting Corporation, she also reads her news stories for Newsradio 1070 WKOK. So she writes... and then she reads!

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Jessica Heckman (communications-corporate) is working as the promotions coordinator for Light Work/Community Darkrooms in Syracuse, N.Y. Light Work is a non-profit, artist-run organization dedicated to the support of artists working in photography and electronic media.

Chris Rager (economics), following graduation, interned for U.S. Senator Arlen Specter and State Senator Stewart Greenleaf. After a brief stint in their offices, he became a legislative correspondent with U.S. Congressman Todd Platts. Most recently, he received a promotion to legislative assistant for the Congressman. In his current position, he advises Mr. Platts on a number of substantive policy issues including: judiciary, telecommunications, international relations, trade, health care, agriculture, energy, finance, campaign finance reform, HUD, small business, and the environment.

Amy (Beaver) Reed (art) recently accepted a position as a graphic designer with Ames True Temper. Ames True Temper is the world’s largest manufacturer of non-powered lawn and garden tools. Amy resides in Shermansdale, Pa., with her husband, Kris ’01.

Adam Makos (business) is featured in a new hardback book titled Beyond the Lemonade Stand. He is one of 15 undergraduate entrepreneurs to tell their stories. The book was published by St. Louis University, and Makos was included as a regional winner of the Global Student Entrepreneur Award. Makos has been publisher and editor of Ghost Wings since the 8th grade. Ghost Wings is a quarterly magazine on military aviation dedicated to “Honoring the Sacrifices of America’s Veterans.”

John D. Kneisly (communications-electronic media) has joined the staff of the University of Delaware Athletic Media Relations as a sports information intern.

Michael Powell (biology) has been accepted to Thomas Jefferson University Graduate School in Philadelphia, Pa. He will be pursuing his Ph.D. in Human Molecular Genetics.

Lauren Evangelist (commercial design) has accepted a position, as of February 2005, with QVC’s dot.com department as a Junior Promotional Designer in West Chester, Pa. Prior to the fulltime position she was freelancing as a photographer and a designer in the QVC digital studio.

Russ Rabadeau (business management) accepted a position with Prudential Financial in Newark, N.J., in June of 2004. He had been working in their Mutual Fund Operations Department.

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Dana Strange and Dennis Jakubowicz ’71 were married in August 2004 on their property in Fly Creek, N.Y. Cecilia and Bill Olsen ’71 attended the ceremony.

Elizabeth A. Quenneville and Gerald R. Mowry ’82 were married on October 16, 2004, at Christ United Methodist Church in Snyder, N.Y.

Amy Susan Adams and Paul A. Kowalski, Jr. ’89 were married on August 21, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Factoryville, Pa.

Laura Purcell ’91 and Steve DeSmedt were married on July 31, 2004, at St. Jane’s Church in Easton, Pa.

Christina Reagle ’92 and Robert E. Sweeney, Jr., were married on January 26, 2004, at the Victorian Wedding Chapel in Kissimmee, Florida.

Julie Cellini ’94 and Christopher B. Logan were married on September 11, 2004, at St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Williamsport, Pa.

Dana Ellis ’94 and Jack Bowman were married on November 8, 2003, in Tempe, Ariz.

Danielle Kegelman Goodwin ’94 was a bridesmaid.

Laura Ann Burd and Erik Thad Hawk ’94 were married on August 2, 2003, at Stewarts ville Presbyterian Church.

Elizabeth Rundle ’94 and James Byrne were married on July 17, 2004.

Dr. Sally Ann Reibson ’95 and Dr. Mark J. Cooper were married on June 26, 2004, at the home of the bride’s parents in a gazebo by the pond.

Kristi L. Kramer and J. Scott Sullivan ’95 were married on September 5, 2004, at St. Raphael Cathedral in Madison, Wisc.

Bridget C. Thomas ’95 and Warren J. Walters were married on August 14, 2004, at St. Patrick’s Church in Scranton, Pa. Members of the wedding party were maid of honor, Kristin Nash ’95, and bridesmaid, Tina Mulea ’95. Also in attendance was Robert V. Martin ’95.

Regina Fields and David Greaves ’97 were married on June 19, 2004, at the River House Country Inn in Grassy Creek, N.C.

Aimee Patterson ’97 and Michael J. Passarella were married on September 11, 2004, in Smithtown, N.Y. Tara Messner Hall ’97 was matron of honor.

Alison Smith ’97 and Frank Sabatino were married on November 6, 2004, at the Presbyterian Church of Toms River, New Jersey. Bridesmaids included: Nicole (Ferlisi) Firth ’97, Elena (Porchia) Talone ’97, Kristin (Kocher) Evans ’97, and Christina Erkfitz ’97. In attendance were Lisa (Schmehl) Shutts ’96, Heather (Walsh) McHale ’96 and Bryan Firth ’95.

Kim Marie Smith ’98 and Gary L. Brown, Jr., were married on June 26, 2004, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Williamsport, Pa.

Julie Ann Breuninger ’98 and Joseph S. Regenski ’99 were married on June 5, 2004, at Lutheran Church of the

Michelle H. Miller and William S. Canfield ’00 were married on December 13, 2003, at Bethany Evangelical Congregational Church in Cressona, Pa.

Jennifer A. Green ’00 and Marcus L. Myers ’00 were married July 10, 2004, at the Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church of Orefield.

Monica Marie Marcinek ’00 and Michael Flanagan Lizzul were married on July 24, 2004, at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church in Selinsgrove, Pa.

Jessica Erin Young and Ryan Patrick Swailes ’00 were married on June 19, 2004, at Brooklyn Bible Chapel in Baltimore, Maryland.

Kimberley Waterman ’00 and Joseph Moore were married on September 18, 2004. Joe has recently been deployed with the Army Reserves in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Andrea Duncan ’01 and Eric Mitcheltree were married on September 25, 2004, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Phillipsburg, N.J. Andrea is a sister of Gamma Delta Sigma. Alumni in attendance were: Jenny Eves ’01, Kelly Welker ’01, and Kim Keller ’02.

Courtney Griswold ’02 and Lt. Daniel Mathews ’02 were married on June 12, 2004, at Altoona Alliance Church. Bridesmaids were: Amanda Keister ’02, Kristi Brown ’02 and Jessica Trexler ’02. Guest book attendants were: Erin Lubold ’02, Stacy Nowert ’02 and Emmy Ludwig ’02.

April Leah Perry ’02 and Jason Herres ’02 were married on July 31, 2004, at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Elizabethtown, Pa.

Lindsay Lilian Wertz ’02 and Adam Troy Allen ’03 were married on August 7, 2004, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Williamsport, Pa.

Samantha Keener ’03 and Justin Alan Long ’05 were married on June 12, 2004, at Allison United Methodist Church in Carlisle, Pa.

Carrie A. Monroe ’03 and Christopher D. Ruhlman ’02 were married on August 14, 2004, at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Latrobe, Pa.

Sarah Denise Covert ’04 and Brett Zalonis ’98 were married on June 26, 2004, at Light and Life Chapel in Williamsport, Pa.
A daughter, Alexa Nicole, to Karen and James J. Martini '84, November 15, 2004. She joins a sister, Gabrielle, 7, and brother, Jeff, 4.

A daughter, Halle Marie, to Maryellen (Butera) '85 and Craig Just '85, October 12, 2004.

A daughter, Leah Anne, to Patricia (Kraekel) '88 and Matthew G. Fishter, June 25, 2004. She joins a big brother, Ben, 5.

Twins, Madison Marie and Emily Victoria, to Amanda (Gates) '89 Lamothe, July 27, 2004. They join their siblings, Lauren, 10, Sarah, 7, and Alex, 5.

A son, Nicholas Frank, to Karen (Tunnera) '90 and Marc Romano, June 11, 2004. He joins sisters, Olivia, 4, and Gabrielle, 2.


A daughter, Elizabeth Rose, to Julia (Kuhn) '89 and Michael Wamp, June 3, 2004. She joins brothers Nicholas, 3, and Max, 21 months.

A son, Ty, to Colleen and Dave Swavely '89, November 4, 2003. He joins a brother, Hunter.

A daughter, Leah Kate, to Amanda (Weaver) '94 and Michael Watkins, September 30, 2003.

A daughter, Ainsley Olivia, to Gretchen (Forsht) '94 and Mark Seyfried '95, October 21, 2003.


A son, William, to Michelle (Myers) '95 and Benjamin Diederich, August 16, 2004.

A son, William Edward, to Jennifer (Shaus) '95 and Troy Green on November 12, 2004.

A daughter, Megan Jane, to Anissa (Epple) '93 and Marco Ritchie, August 27th, 2004. She joins a big brother, Will, 3.

A daughter, Karly Paige, to Wendy (Boytton) '94 and Scott Dobrynio '94, April 22, 2004. She joins a big brother, Braedon James, 2.
A daughter, Aislynn Isabella, to Tiffany (Blaski) ’98 and Matthew Kator ’97, July 1, 2004.


A daughter, Meredith Marie, to Jill (Sheeley) ’99 and Toby Cole, September 3, 2004. She joins a sister, Emilie, 3.

A daughter, Lydia Rae, to Tina (Tallman) ’00 and Chad Earnest, December 24, 2004.

A daughter, Navi Campbell, to Jennifer (Troutman) ’99 and Grant Jackson, August 23, 2004. She joins brother Tre, 3.

A daughter, Chloe Elizabeth, to Lauren (Caldwell) ’01 and Justin M. Greene, October 13, 2004.

A daughter, Alayna Marian, to Cassie (Elliott) ’01 and Mark Lovelace ’98, August 29, 2004. She joins a sister, Alexa Sue, 19 months.

A daughter, Savannah, to Kelly and Joshua Derrick ’02, February 4, 2004. She joins a brother, Bryce, 2.
1929
Edwin R. Teple of Willoughby, Ohio, died on May 18, 2004. His wife of 67 years, Roberta, died in November of 2004. He is survived by three daughters.

1932
Harold Winter Plotts of Salladasburg, Pa., died peacefully on January 1, 2005, at Roseview Manor surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Louise, and a daughter.

1939
Constance “Fay” Sesinger Bastian died at her home in Liberty, Pa., on February 5, 2005. She is survived by a daughter and two sons.

1941
Sarah Jane Person Knight died at her home in Williamsport, Pa., on January 12, 2005. She is survived by two sons.

1945
Sara “Sally” White Hillard of New Holland, Pa., died at her home on November 16, 2004, after an illness. Sally was the last immediate member of her family.

Shirley Minker Hunsberger of Wilmington, Delaware died on June 14, 2004. She is survived by her husband, J. Newton, and four sons.

1947
Benjamin M. Bierly of Jersey Shore, Pa., died on December 22, 2004, at Williamsport Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marion, a daughter and a son.

Terry J. Gramling of Williamsport, Pa., died on December 7, 2004. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Shirley, and two daughters.

1948
Jack E. Hester died on January 19, 2005, at his residence in Williamsport, Pa. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn, a daughter and a son.

1949
Word has reached the College on the passing of Alice Fritts Sheridan on August 17, 2004. She is survived by her two daughters.

1950
Harry W. Lehman of Jersey Shore, Pa., died on September 24, 2004, at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

1953
Miles C. Sowers of Chambersburg, Pa., died on January 13, 2005, in ManorCare Health Services. He is survived by his wife, Miriam, and a daughter.

1954
George L. Moriarity died at his home in Jersey Shore, Pa., on January 17, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Hannah.

1957
Richard G. Zuber of Duboistown, Pa., died on December 10, 2004. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Joann, two sons and a daughter.

1961
Joseph B. Sayah died on November 12, 2004, at Valley View Nursing Home after waging a courageous fight against lung and brain cancer. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Dorothy.

1964
H. Richard Hostetler of East Waterford, Pa., died on August 21, 2004, at Hershey Medical Center. He is survived by his son, Jonathan. Memorial contributions may be made to: American Lung Association, 3001 Old Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011.

1967
Word has reached the College on the passing of Barton R. Gethmann on December 6, 2000. He is survived by his wife, Martha (Norton) ’68, a daughter and a son.

1982
Deborah Falk Rogers of Doylestown, Pa., died suddenly on January 1, 2005, in New Britain Township, Pa. She is survived by her husband, Michael; son, Jeremy; mother, Gayle; father, Dr. Robert F. Falk; and stepmother, Dr. Amy Cartal-Falk. Memorial contributions may be made to the Deborah Rogers Memorial Fund, FBO Jeremy Rogers, c/o Sovereign Bank, P.O. Box 8, 355 Broad Street, Montoursville, PA 17754.

Faculty
Word has been received of the passing of Dr. Mary Vestermark after a short bout with cancer. Dr. Vestermark was a member of the Department of Psychology from 1977 through the early 1980’s.

Friend
Sara Finkelstein Pickelner, 90, died on December 28, 2004. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Emeritus Trustee, William “Bill” Pickelner.

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