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Left to right: Bill Pruess, Ken Henry, Dave Piper, Kit Vanderwal, Bill Fletcher, Gene LaBorie and Robbie Cross.



By Dave Piper '64

# Never The Last

**O**n a cold day in February 1964, as snow drifted over frozen ground, three of us sat talking at a table. We had already explored underground caverns, camped out in the cold snow, and fought forest fires. Now was the time to plan some new adventure. Creative as he was, Robbie Cross suggested building a log raft and drifting down the Susquehanna River.

There were five of us who broke from our studies that night to listen to each other's excitement and enthusiasm over the idea of rafting in the spring when the water was high, cold, fast, and dangerous. We agreed that the idea was to be kept secret for fear that someone might try to stop this venture. Jim started a log that was to track all meetings and activities. Each of us had a special assign-

ment: Chief Engineer, **Gene LaBorie '65**; Navigational Engineer, **Robbie Cross '67**; Cold Water Survival Expert, **Dave Piper '64**; Communications Engineer, **Ron Harris**; Security Officer, **Jim Peters**. The next day we added to the log: **Ken Henry '65**, **Kit Vanderwal**, **R. Craig Downing '64**, and **David Oot '66**.

Research began on river rafting. This part of Pennsylvania had been a center for the logging industry in the 1800s. Three books assisted us in our knowledge of the river and rafting:

Paul Harvey on the radio had given us tribute and had stated that we were "trying to be Tom Sawyers." But, the trip was not complete. We held a meeting and it was unanimous: "Never The Last" would sail again!

*Rafting Days in Pennsylvania, The Long River, and The Last Raft.* The last book gave the accounting of the last log raft to float the

Susquehanna back in 1938. This fateful trip had cost the lives of seven rafters who drowned in the river when their raft struck the Muncy Railroad Bridge. That bridge would be on our way.

## Building the raft

We anticipated a need for logs twenty to thirty feet long. Finding the trees, felling these giants, getting them riverside, and assembling a raft seemed impossible.

The next weekend several of us headed out into the deep snow to scout for trees. The forest ranger, Francis Kennedy, had told us that if we could cut one tree and get it down the mountain, he would give us a permit to cut nine more trees and give us a camping permit.

Our challenge was set for us. We hiked several miles down the railroad





David Piper

tracks on the south side of the Susquehanna in South Williamsport before finding a spot that looked like the tops of large “evergreens” up on the mountain. Leaving the tracks, we hiked due south up the mountain. The going was tough through the snow with heavy clothing, rope, axe, and other gear, but high up on the side of the mountain, we found a hemlock grove of ten to fifteen perfectly sized trees.

Kit scaled up the first good tree and tied a rope at about thirty feet. We took turns

with a double-bitted axe and the woods echoed our “whacking” as we chipped pieces out of the base of the tree. It was a lot tougher than we had expected, and all of us found our “Paul Bunyan” skills lacking. Once we had cut about halfway through the tree, we all pulled on the rope until the monster came crashing to the ground with a loud thud and a big cloud of snow. We cheered as we realized an important goal had been reached.

The next task was to get this log down the mountain. When we pulled together at “one, two, three, pull,” the log lurched forward for about three feet. Several more coordinated pulls and we reached a steep section on the mountain.



“Pipes” in 1964

Carefully, we pulled

the nose of the log to a good starting point and gave a mighty pull. The log slid forward, suddenly picked up speed, and shot down the incline. We looked at each other and broke out into silly laughter.

With feelings of accomplishment, we headed back down the railroad tracks to see the forestry warden about getting our permits for camping and for cutting more trees.

The following weekend, several of us went up the mountain and built a large lean-to. The structure was at least

twelve feet long and six feet deep, with a roof made of layers of branches, most from trimmings from the logs. It was only four feet high but would accommodate a group of tired raft builders. The bedding was a mix of newspaper and pine boughs. We named our camp “Bandits Grotto.” At night we would shine our flashlights out towards the spring and see the eyes of deer as they came to drink at the nearby spring.

By now, many students were aware of our logging project and wanted to spend a weekend camping out at the site. Each was required to contribute to the food supply or help with the cost.

The variety of provisions consisted of carrots, potatoes, onions, hot dogs, hamburger, cabbage, and beans.

All of these materials were cut up and placed in a big pot with salt, pepper, and water. The pot was kept over a perpetual

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fire. The concoction was called “spar stew” and the workers could spoon out what they wanted, when they wanted, as long as the contents were replenished.

For the next several weekends, the logging continued with good results. At night the tired loggers sat around the fire in the evening under a clear star-spattered sky, telling jokes, smoking pipes, and anticipating the historic ride down the river.

The logging adventure had one mishap. We were in the process of sliding the eighth log down the mountain when one of the rope handlers, John Short, suddenly let out a yell. The disfigurement of John’s leg indicated a very serious break. I was able to splint his leg with sticks, tape and rags. We fashioned a stretcher out of a blanket and two log poles; four bearers, one on each pole end, carried John to the car.

**Over the Tracks**

The logs were all piled on the wrong side of the railroad tracks. What if we were pulling a log across the



tracks and the train suddenly came around the bend? In old Westerns, robbers determined the location of the oncoming train by putting their ears to the track. This worked for us too. When the signal of “all clear” was given, the crew hauled the logs across the tracks to the river’s edge. Ten huge thirty-foot logs now lay on the river’s bank.

We stood back and admired what looked to be the result of some technical logging operation. This was the work of just a bunch of college students without the use of skidders, tractors, chain saws, or any other special equipment. We were aware that this was one big step in riding a raft down one hundred miles of river.

### Building the Raft

The following weekend we returned to the site and rolled the logs, one by one, into the river. As the first log was rolled into the river, we were devastated. It floated with only the top ten percent showing above the surface and looked as though it would sink to the bottom. Then we realized that the trees had been cut in the spring of the year, rather than the fall, allowing them no time to “season.”

The plan was to place several pallets on the top of the logs to keep our feet dry. The lashing of the logs continued and eight “stringers” or four-inch thick poles were lashed across all ten of the logs. This held the larger “spars” together. Each of the logs was notched on the underside to allow the lashing ropes to pass through the notches. This was to protect the ropes from rubbing against the rocks in the river during the trip.

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Tests with the raft determined that it would only safely float and maneuver with seven raftsmen. It was agreed that the seven who had spent the greatest number of hours helping to build the raft would be the riders. The crew consisted of: **Gene LaBorie**, my roomy and fraternity brother with whom I had previously shared many adventures and, like me, a psychology major; **Ken Henry** “Mouse,” who was a junior and education major; **Robbie Cross**, a sophomore business major who was great with ropes; **Bill Pruess**, a senior from Oklahoma, a real bull who was a lot of fun and loved cigars; **Kit Vanderwal**, the freshman from Boston who had a tendency to have accidents but enjoyed a good adventure; and **Louis Fletcher**, a sophomore from New Jersey who was selected as the alternate for David Oot when David, at the last minute, could not make the launch; and myself, a senior and avid adventurer.

The last few logs were lashed into place. We used steel barrels, tying them

under each set of lashing poles. Each was secured in position with a short stick. Next, the three pallets were placed on top of the logs as platforms, and we appropriately named them the “Bridge,” “A Deck,” and “B Deck.” One long pole of cherry and one of maple were cut for the tillers, and on each end was bolted a paddle of four-foot-by-two-foot exterior plywood. We had a blacksmith make us two huge oarlocks. An 8-inch bolt was secured into two railroad ties that were lashed on the bow and on the stern of the raft. One end of a hundred feet of heavy rope was tied to one of the center logs. This would act to “snub” or to halt and secure the raft to shore. I was the designated “snubber” if we had to halt the raft in an emergency. This meant that I would jump into the water with the rope, swim to shore with it, wrap the rope around a tree, causing the raft to swing into shore.

We planned to launch on April 10, 1964, twenty-six years after the 1938 raft trip. We called our raft “Never The Last.”

### Launching

It was a shining day, and the river seemed very peaceful. The newspaper received a hot tip about our launch, and reporters were there with cameras as we passed the watertight tins hand to hand along the supply line. The tins contained bread, cameras and film, coffee and tea, bacon and beans, binoculars and walkie-talkies, eggs and spam, potatoes and onions, and a variety of other supplies. One of the containers was marked “maps” and contained the vital topo-

graphic maps of the entire river.

There was, however, one section that we were lacking, the section that showed the spillway and dam at Shamokin.

Students from Lycoming College were there in numbers to see us off. Others from the area, hearing of the adventure and making associations with the “Last Raft,” were there, too.

Our launch site was about six miles downstream from the Market Street Bridge. At 2:30 p.m. the seven of us climbed aboard, unfurled our banner that read “NEVER THE LAST” for the camera, and pushed out onto the Susquehanna River.

At first, it appeared as though we were not moving much at all; then gradually the five-knot current began to take the logs to the speed of the river. We were moving and the shore was parting from us. We cheered, and the crowd on the shore pitched in. Big Bill and I were on the B Deck working the stern tiller. Bill was wearing his cowboy hat and smoking his cigar, and I had lit my corn cob pipe. Kit, Gene, and Fletch pushed together on the launch pole to move us farther out into the river, while Mouse and Robbie manned the bow tiller from A Deck.

### We were there!

“OK, boys, we have to learn how to maneuver this beast before we get to the first bridge,” barked Gene.

The first obstacle and test for us would be the highway bridge at Muncy. Each tiller had to be manned by at least two people. We practiced until we all considered ourselves to be comfortable with the skill. Robbie pulled

the walkie - talkie from the watertight tin and keyed the mike. "Shore party, this is Never The Last, do you copy?"

We immediately heard the answer from Mike Prihar, who was following us down by the road in Gene's old black hearse accompanied by two pretty college girls; Linda Peterson and Leslie Stewart.

"This is shore party, we are on the bridge ahead of you and see you coming." "This is Never The Last. Do you have our map?"

"Yes we have your damn map, Never the Last. Your shore party is a reliable group," responded Mike.

"OK, guys, good work. Can you get it to us from the bridge?"

"Never The Last, we are way ahead of you. Between which two bridge abutments will you pass?" asked Mike.

"Shore Party, we see you on the bridge. Move over one more opening to the south."

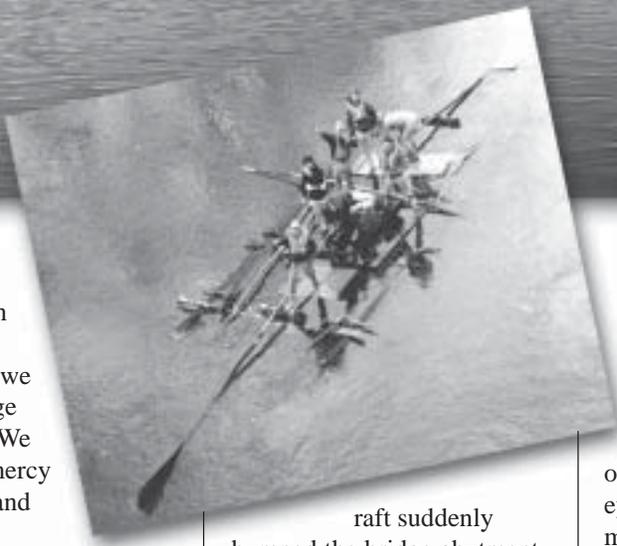
Then we saw them lowering something from the bridge that looked like a bucket! We worked harder to move the raft on a line to intercept the bucket.

**"Here it comes! Grab it!"**

We had it.

What a great shore crew! They had supplied us with the map and two quarts of cold beer. By then we were on the other side of the bridge.

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raftsmen had been killed in 1938.

Suddenly, we saw the bridge ahead of us. We were at the mercy of the river, and there was no turning back. The navigation had to be precise. As the bridge came closer, the currents appeared to be increasing our speed. One hundred feet and closing. Fifty! We could see light on the other side. At the last minute, our raft turned slightly to port in the current. We were not headed straight! We strained at the tillers to move our raft to keep it pointed directly down stream, but the currents made it impossible. Somebody yelled, "Oh, my God, we are going to crash." Would we soon be repeating the 1938 catastrophe?

"We are here, boys," said Bill Pruess, as several clouds of nervous cigar smoke followed him under the bridge. The port bow of the

raft suddenly bumped the bridge abutment and our raft started to spin as we progressed into the darkness of the underside of the structure. We could see a whirlpool created by the current against the bridge and the raft was headed directly into it. The current caught our logs and the spin started to accelerate. Our hearts were up to our throats, our speech paralyzed with fear. Before we realized it, the raft had spun completely around and was headed out the other side of the bridge. We were clear!

As the daylight diminished, we anticipated landing at a new public beach at Montgomery. A caretaker, who gave us permission to stay in the snack bar of the park, greeted us. The park had not officially opened for

the season, and the entire area was like a private resort for us. There was an electric stove in the building, so we soon had a hot meal. As we bedded on the floor and closed our eyes for sleep, there remained river motions that made us feel we were still on the raft.

**Day 2**

Our grand breakfast consisted of bacon, eggs, and toast for the "river rats" while we dried out socks in the electric oven. Several of the crew were able to scout the shore and pick up the top half of a charcoal cooker, wood for a fire, and two additional steel barrels. The barrels were secured and the cooker was set on the bridge of the raft for our galley.

It was a hot lazy day in the life of the raftsmen. As mid-morning approached, several of us removed our shirts. The smoke from our cooking fire was leaving a lazy trail behind us. We enjoyed lounging on deck

and had a fine lunch of bacon and beans. When we arrived at Northumberland, the north branch of the Susquehanna joined our west branch, which added to the volume of water and increased our speed. We successfully navigated several more bridges. When we came close to roads, there were cars pulled over waiting to see our raft go by.

At 6:30 p.m., just north of Selinsgrove, we were met by a motorboat. They attempted to pull us to shore, but it was impossible for the 30-horse outboard to make any headway. By now, there was a large crowd of students from Susquehanna University gathered on the beach ahead of us. We instructed the boat to take the end of the snubbing rope to the crowd of students. Once the rope was on shore, the students lined up and grabbed the rope while we witnessed a grand tug of war: students vs. raft. Gradually the raft swung closer to the shore and was soon tied up for the night. Someone handed us a copy of the newspaper with our picture on the front page. The journey had taken us approximately fifty miles down the river and halfway to our destination: Harrisburg.

We slept comfortably in the Lambda Chi frat house at Susquehanna that night.

### Day 3

The next morning, we were back on the river. It was a rainy day and we donned our ponchos. The major obstacle for the day was to navigate the dam south of Shamokin.

The map we had received from the shore party did not indicate which side of the

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river we were to expect the spillway. It was our plan to remain in the central area of the river to enable a rapid maneuver to either side at the last minute. As we rounded a bend in the river, we could see a distinct white line stretching across in front of us. This was the top of the cement dam. We stared ahead to find some indication of an opening to the cement wall.

"I see it," yelled Robbie. "There is mist coming up from the river near the east shore."

Sure enough, this was the sign that the water from the river was going over some kind of falls, and we could barely see a small opening in the dam wall. Frantically, there was a coordination of action on the tillers in an effort to move our raft to the left bank of the river. The choices were not that encouraging. One was to smack into a cement wall; the other was to plunge over a waterfall. We decided to

take our chances on the water. As we neared the spillway, we could hear the roar of the rushing water and see the water splashing up from the drop below. All of the water from the entire river was pouring through the small opening in the dam.

Our speed was increasing. Our provisions were secured with bits of rope, and we strung out the snubbing line for something for us to hold on to.

"Here we go! Hold on," we yelled together as the bow of the raft took a dip and plunged over the mountain of water.

The whitewater at the base of the falls completely submerged the raft and, as we went down, the water was above our knees. The surge of water pitched us at a tremendous speed out from the falls and down the river below the dam. It was an incredible ride!

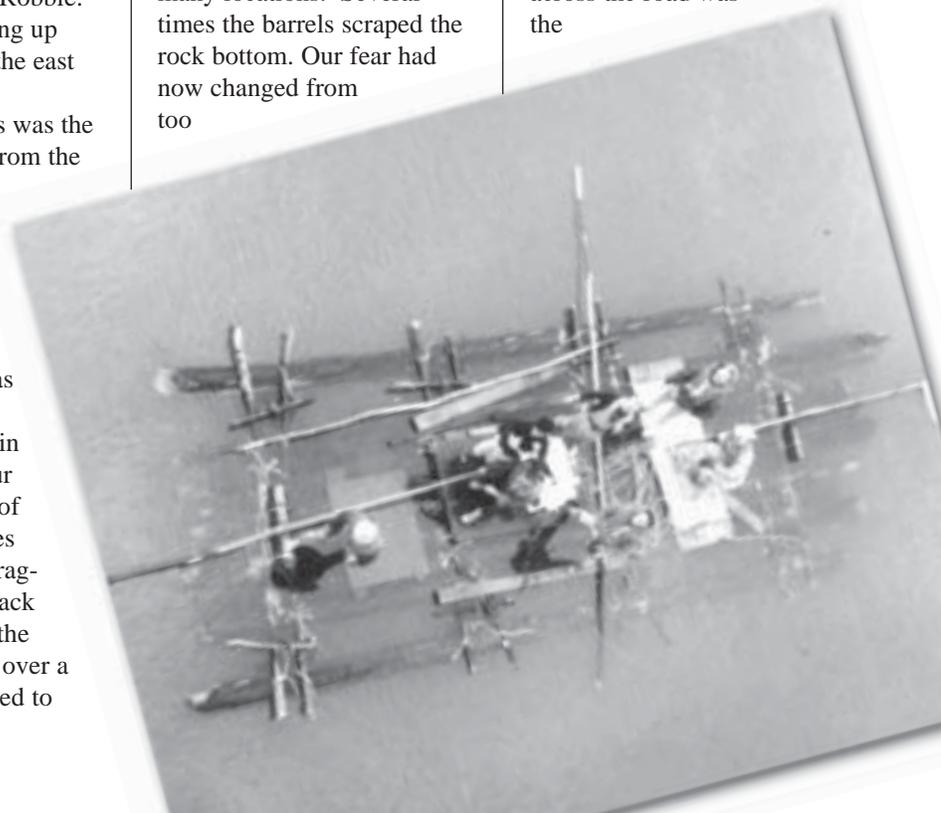
Below the dam the river became very wide and, much to our concern, shallow in many locations. Several times the barrels scraped the rock bottom. Our fear had now changed from too

much water to not enough. We did not want to get hung up in the middle of the river. Just as we were thinking what might happen, it did, in fact, happen in the rapids at Liverpool. Two barrels popped up as they hit the rocks, and the raft pitched upwards on one corner and swung around in the current.

Nothing seemed to break the raft loose or dislodge us from the rock. There was only one alternative. We started to untie the lashings, then we used the push pole to pry each log up and over the rocks.

After working at it for four hours, we finally broke loose. Slowly the raft "limped" away from bottom's hold and began its drift down the river once more.

Evening was upon us again and we began looking for a landing spot. The maneuvering took us to the right bank of the river, as we dodged rocks and landed near Millersburg at a place called New Buffalo. Just across the road was the



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Hotel Mountain Springs. The couple who owned the place took all of us in, fed us a fine home-cooked meal and provided a place for us to sleep. As we sat around the dinner table that night, we shared our adventures with our host and hostess while stuffing ourselves with mashed potatoes and pork chops.

#### Day 4

With a good night's rest, we were out on the river again in another very rainy and cold morning. It was not too long before we encountered numerous rapids and rocks of all sizes. Almost immediately, our barrels and logs were grinding against the bottom of the river. Progress was extremely slow. The rain continued all day, which added to our discomfort. The fog made it impossible to see ahead on the river.

It was Monday and each of us was missing classes; several were missing exams. I was missing a day of student teaching. We did not know it at the time, but a river rescue unit from Harrisburg and the state police were out searching for us. We had temporarily lost

walkie-talkie contact with the shore party. That afternoon, somewhere near Marysville, we tied up the raft and went to a motel room to dry out and warm up. We were about five miles from our destination and had accomplished rafting eight-five miles. We all agreed that it was time to call it quits. The concerned state police and river rescue had located us, and we were united with our faithful shore crew. The raft was tied up securely and unloaded. We all piled into Gene's hearse and headed back to Williamsport. The newspapers had a ball with the story.

"River rafting ends for students; they return in hearse."

It was not easy to give up. There was a sense of non-completion. We had made the front page of many newspapers all over the country. Paul Harvey on the radio had given us tribute and had stated that we were "trying to be Tom Sawyers." But, the trip was not complete. We held a meeting and it was unanimous: "Never The Last" would sail again!

#### The last day

On Saturday, April 18, 1964, we returned to the riverbank in Marysville to finish our voyage. Bill Fletcher could not make the trip, and it was to our joy that Dave Oot was able to join us. When we returned to Marysville, the raft was not to be found! How could a ten-ton raft disappear? We frantically ran along the river in search of our beloved craft. Ten minutes later, we found her. The snubbing rope had been untied, we presumed, by some neighborhood kids. Fortunately,

they had not known how to navigate and the raft had hung up on the river bank within a short distance.

Water and supplies were quickly loaded, and we were underway, once again, headed for Harrisburg. The grinding of the logs and barrels continued.

Now, it was necessary to "read the river" and avoid the shallows and dodge the boulders. The progress continued until about two in the afternoon. We had arrived at a spot in the river known as Dauphin Narrows. The river was very fast at the location, and the noise was terrifying. Two huge black boulders came up rapidly on each side as we navigated to keep the raft straight. Suddenly, one corner of the raft hit a submerged corner of one of the boulders and turned us sideways in the river. The next thing we knew, we were out of control in the rapids. The raft was being bounced and spun in different directions.

"Look out!" yelled Mouse. "We are going to hit that huge rock." Within seconds we hit. The raft came to a lurching halt.

"Anybody hurt?" yelled Gene. We were all O.K.! The raft was a mess. One of the tillers was broken and there was only one of the eight barrels left. The logs were pointed in many different directions. Our journey had come to an end. Downriver we could see the famous stone railroad bridge. This was as close as we could get to Harrisburg.

"Shore party, do you copy?"

"That was quite a show, Never the Last; are you all okay?"

"We are all okay. Please contact river rescue and let them know that we need their assistance."

"Affirmative!"

There was nothing left to do but break into a water-tight container marked "food," eat dinner and wait. Not too much left, but peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and raw potatoes. As we ate, we watched the Boston Whalers with the rescue crew work their way up river in the current to pick us up. Cars were parked on both sides of the river as the crowds watched, and the traffic was at a dead stop. As we loaded the last barrel into one of the boats as a souvenir, the two Boston Whalers brought us slowly back to shore. As we looked back at our raft, we were all thinking: "Never the Last." ▲

## HOMECOMING

## REUNION

### Loggers and rafters !

There were many of you that made the trip possible by spending hours of logging the thirty-foot hemlock spars and dragging them down the mountain and across the tracks to the river.

Now, after almost 40 years we would all like to get together once again at Homecoming 2003.

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Join us October 17-19!  
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# movers & SHAKERS

What does it take to be a mover and a shaker? Lycoming College alumni are doing good things everywhere. Michael Schweder, John Biggar, and John Betz are three “movers and shakers” in their business areas. All three found great preparation at Lycoming – either in the classroom, on the playing field or as part of a fraternity.

## The Competitor

### J. Michael Schweder '71

Back in the days when he was playing defensive end for the Lycoming College Warriors, Mike Schweder was known as a competitor.

“Make no mistake about that smooth exterior, Mike is one tough cookie,” says head football coach Frank Girardi who was an assistant at that time.

Today he’s bringing his love of competition to the telecommunications industry as the new president of AT&T Pennsylvania, which he assumed in 2002, and AT&T New Jersey, which he assumed in 2000. AT&T wants to enter the local telephone service. He explained the competitive climate in Pennsylvania when he came back to campus in February to speak to students in the Institute of Management Studies as part of the James W. Harding Executive Speakers Series.

Schweder said that the local phone market in most of Pennsylvania is “under the thumb of the Verizon monopoly.” Schweder wants in. He pointed out that Verizon had made a pact with the state legislature in 1993 to wire the entire state with broadband technology. Schweder says, “It’s just not happening.”

“We’re surrounded by states where consumers are literally getting better deals, more service options, and better technology,” says Schweder. “Pennsylvania is an exception to the pro-competitive climate of this entire region of the country right now, and it’s time to do something about it.”





*Prof. Bruce Weaver, director of the Institute for Management Studies, with Mike Schweder at the James W. Harding Executive Speakers Series.*

What will it take to level the playing field? Government intervention in the form of a directive from the Pennsylvania Utilities Commission.

When it comes to the politics of regulation, Schweder is the right man for the job.

Just out of Lycoming, where he served as president of his fraternity, Sigma Pi, the political science major was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives at the age of 24. In 1983, Mike joined the government affairs department of AT&T one month before the historic breakup of the telecommunications giant. In 1983, AT&T had 99% of the local and long-distance market. "You had one black phone in the wall, one service provider and one long-distance carrier," Schweder explained. The company was divided up into a number of smaller components, including the seven local Bell Companies. One of those Bells turned into Verizon.

Schweder worked in Washington for many years and then was brought back to the AT&T headquarters where he spent another five years in a variety of positions—a move that prepared him for the top spot first in New Jersey and then in Pennsylvania.

Back in collegiate football days, Schweder recalled to the students that the Warrior football team was so bad "we were everyone's homecoming game." After he graduated, Mike remembered the team and would keep an eye out for promising players in the Bethlehem/Allentown area. For his recruiting efforts, he was awarded the Dale V. Bower Service Award in 1990. He was also inducted in the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

Schweder looks back on Lycoming with warm feelings. He met his wife, **Annette Weaver Schweder '72**, at Lycoming.

"My friends in college are –30 years later – still my good friends today.

## The Money Man

### John Biggar '66

"It's amazing where you can end up when you've taken only one accounting course in college," says John Biggar '66 who is now the chief financial officer as well as a director of PPL Corporation, a \$15 billion energy company headquartered in Eastern Pennsylvania.

The accounting course he took was basic accounting with Betty King. "I thought accounting was boring," he says. Instead, he concentrated most of his course work on political science. He also would be the first to admit that he learned some very important lessons as vice president of Lambda Chi fraternity and president of the PanHellenic Council.

Throughout his 33-year career at PPL, where he steadily progressed up the ladder, Biggar has learned a lot about accounting — the hard way — and now finds it is anything but boring. Now he says he is in a very exciting place at a very exciting time. "Given where my career has gone," Biggar says, "I wish I had paid more attention to Betty King's advice and taken a few more accounting (as well as business and finance) courses at Lycoming."

His first stop after Lycoming was law school at Syracuse University where he discovered a fascination for corporate law. He began his sojourn with PPL Corporation (then Pennsylvania Power & Light Company and the principal electric energy provider in central Pennsylvania) in 1969 in the legal department. There, among other duties, he was responsible for the legal activities related to financing PPL's capital needs and the licensing of its nuclear power plant at Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Corporate law and corporate finance, he found, were closely related, and by 1975 he had moved to the finance department.

Although the initial seeds of deregulation were sown at the Federal level in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, it took another decade and a half for deregulation to work its way into various state laws, including Pennsylvania. Deregulation changed the power industry from a comfortable monopoly to a competitive marketplace. PPL has grown with it. The company has coal-fired, oil, natural gas, nuclear and hydro power plants. Its generation facilities include sites in Montana,



*John Biggar*

Arizona, Maine, Connecticut, New York and, of course, Pennsylvania.

In addition, PPL owns and operates electric delivery systems in the United Kingdom, Chile, Bolivia and El Salvador, as well as Pennsylvania.

"The competitive marketplace has been exciting," says Biggar, who would welcome more deregulation of the industry. He believes that deregulation of electricity supply will result in lower costs to customers over the long term than a continuation of — or reversion to — regulation.

"The deregulation of the electric power industry was intended to establish a competitive marketplace for the supply of electricity where the laws of supply and demand would operate to keep prices lower over the longer term than they would have been under regulation. So far, however, we've seen a partial regulation of the industry in one form or another in an attempt to keep prices artificially low," explains Biggar.

"Artificially low prices discourages the construction of new electric generating facilities to meet growing customer demand. If the market were allowed to operate as a free market and the laws of supply and demand were permitted to determine pricing, there would be adequate capacity to meet customer needs," Biggar says.

PPL's strategy of selling its generation under long-term contracts has been successful. Earnings from the core operations of PPL



John Biggar in 1966

have increased by 90% over the last five years and over that period of time the total return on investment of the company outpaced the Standard and Poor 500 Index by 80%.

Far from the Enron management template, Biggar says that PPL adheres to high ethical standards and core values, strong internal controls and has always been very conservative in financial matters. This is a company that has been, by tradition, conservatively managed.

Biggar's job is bigger than just accounting (no pun intended). In addition, as CFO, John oversees PPL's domestic and international treasury and financing functions, corporate planning activities, supply chain and inventory management activities and investor relations. As a member of PPL's board of directors, the decisions he makes help to shape the company's future. That carries incalculable job satisfaction.

Biggar finds himself putting in 50 to 60-hour weeks. But he also knows how to have fun. In addition to being an avid golfer, he enjoys an annual skiing vacation in the western U.S.

"I like what I do. Every day is a new challenge. It's like beginning a new company every day," he says.

John is married to **Shirley Wunderly Biggar '66**, whom he met his first weekend on campus. They have two grown sons and live in Center Valley, Pa., where he is chairman of the local zoning board.

## The Entrepreneur

### John Betz '84

How do you build your own small empire?

For John Betz '84, the head of Betz and Associates, it began with a pretzel run in the late 1980s while he was climbing the corporate ladder at MCI. He would stop upon returning from an appointment to pick up some traditional Amish pretzels while his officemates waited expectantly.

"I got to thinking, if I am driving out of my way to pick up Auntie Anne's pretzels, how many other people are willing to do the same thing?" he muses.

Betz was a National Account Team Manager at MCI in 1992, winning and dining clients that were billing at least \$1 million a month, when he and his wife, Anne (what a coincidence), decided to become an Auntie Anne's franchisee and opened their first store at the Cherry Hill Mall in New Jersey.

Today Betz and Associates has 12 retail outlets that include Auntie Anne's Hand-Rolled Soft Pretzels, Starbucks Coffee, Johnson's Popcorn and Kohr Brothers Frozen Custard — with three more coming on line in 2003. The stores are in high traffic malls around Philadelphia (Cherry Hill and King of Prussia), the Philadelphia Airport, the Springfield Mall, as well as on the Jersey Shore, including Trump Plaza, Trump Marina and The Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City. They employ about 200 people, 15 to 20 per store.

The economy hasn't seemed to have affected him. "We are fortunate that our concepts are as recession proof as a business can be; people are always going to treat themselves on occasion," he says.

If John Betz is an entrepreneur in control of his own destiny, he knows it takes a lot of teamwork to get there. Some of that teamwork ethic was instilled in him by Coach Frank Girardi for whom Betz played tight end. "(Coach G) was such an important part of my life at that time," Betz recalls. "Now, my life calls for teamwork with Anne to manage our business and our family," he adds.



John Betz (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) celebrates the Grand Opening of Starbucks Coffee at the Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, N.J. Joining him for the festivities are (L to R) fellow Lyco grad, Joe "Trooper" Sullivan '86 as well as other friends, Tim Dever and Jim Kelly.

“People look at the house and the car, but they don’t see what you’ve done and the sacrifices you’ve made to get them,” says Betz. (The car is a Lexus LS430 and the house is a 10,000 square foot 7-bedroom home on 2.5 acres in Berwyn.) “Besides, the material things are nice, but they’re not what drives me. The most critical part to me is being able to provide for my family by doing something I absolutely love. In addition, I’m passionate about having an impact on people—whether it’s making a guest feel truly appreciated or helping a team member realize the importance of exceeding expectations, in every aspect of their life,” he says. “The true reward comes when you’re able to change a person’s behavior or, even more dramatic, their life, and they recognize your impact. Now that’s powerful,” John adds.

He is quick to admit that he has put in a lot of hours to get to where he is today. When he started with his first franchise in 1992, he continued working full time at MCI while Anne ran and grew the family business. For two years, they barely saw each other as Anne worked every day from start to finish—8 a.m. to 11 p.m. On weekends, it was John’s turn. After a full workweek, he would work Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Finally in 1996, he quit MCI to join his wife and expand the family business. In running his own business, he found one perk “you get to choose the 14 hours a day that you work.”

“When we were considering a business of our own,” John explained, “we looked for a franchise that had three

critical components. We were looking for a great product, a great location to sell that product and a great support system from the Franchisor.”

They chose their franchises well. The beautiful thing of a franchise is that you’re able to benefit from a company’s trials and tribulations in developing a concept. Twelve years later, Betz believes “if you have those three components in place, you have to be a bumbling idiot to screw it up.”

Nevertheless, he has worked hard to put together a service team and relies on Exceptional Service oriented training such as the Walt Disney Program. Using this program as a prototype, his management team starts out by outlining the non-negotiables: those things to which team members must commit in order to work at one of his retail outlets.

“We’re dealing with a workforce that is as young as 14,” says Betz. “We leave nothing to chance. We have guidelines for everything from personal hygiene to guest relations.” Betz adds, “We are constantly looking to surround ourselves with quality people. People that care and have similar values as it relates to guest relations and operational excellence.” Several years ago, the Betzes were fortunate to have a fellow Lycoming alumnus join their management team: Jackie Geisel ’85, regional director for all store operations. “Jackie is exceptional in every aspect of the word,” Betz says.

“My favorite part is being in the stores along with the crew. I also love walking up to guests and asking them how they like

the product and could anything have been better. There is no substitute for remaining close to the business and keeping in touch with your guest and crew. That is essential to long-term success,” says Betz.

“My business philosophy,” Betz continues, “is to make sure we have the ‘WOW Factor’ at the store level. A guest should walk away from our counter and say ‘WOW, Great Product! WOW, Great Service! WOW, Clean Store!’” A Tony Robbins fan, he is of the mind that “if you’re not growing, you’re dying” and subscribes to the CANI philosophy: Constant And Never-ending Improvement.

“One thing about the Lycoming College coaching

staff that made a difference is how much they cared about the team,” says John. “A couple of years ago, I went to the Lebanon Valley game, which turned out to be Coach G’s 200<sup>th</sup> career win. After the game, I took my oldest son on the field with me in hopes of congratulating Coach G on the milestone. He was being interviewed and he caught me out of the corner of his eye. He stopped the interview, came over to where my son and I were, and thanked us for coming. As we walked away, my son said, ‘Your coach really likes you doesn’t he?’ ”

Betz and his wife, Anne, have four children: JB (8), Sean (5), Ryan (3) and Ellie (1). ▲

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# Black HISTORY month

## Black History Celebration FEBRUARY 2003

### Gallery Exhibition: Stephen Marc

Arizona professor and photographer whose work depicts African American culture served as artist-in-residence, creating a large scale photo montage featuring Underground Railroad sites in the area with Prof. Lynn Estomin's students.



*Dr. Brenda Alston-Mills (at left) returned to campus to talk about science and minorities. To the right, Melissa Herman, Dr. Edward Gabriel, professor of biology, and LaTrice Smith.*

**Lecture: Brenda Alston-Mills '66**  
"African-Americans and the Pursuit of Science"

### Lecture: Paul Brathwaite

Policy Director for the Black Congressional Caucus.

### Music: Chinua Hawk

an African American/ Native American acoustic guitarist.

### Slam Poetry: Aabyss

### Music: Ewabo Caribbean Steel Drum Band

### Fireside Chat: Mamie Sweeting Diggs

local historian.

Mamie brought to life for Lycoming College students Williamsport's history as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

## Dr. Richard Hughes:

### Personal Memories of the Civil Rights Movement.

Martin Luther King Day 2003 was the occasion for Dr. Richard Hughes, the M.B. Rich professor of religion, to present for the first time in public his own personal experience with the Civil Rights Movement and his meeting with Dr. King.

His involvement with the Civil Rights Movement began in 1963 when Hughes was studying for the ministry at Boston University. Martin Luther King, Jr., had received his doctorate from BU a few years before. Hughes first became involved in public demonstrations in the fall of 1963 on Boston's Beacon Hill

Dr. Hughes happened to spend "Freedom Summer," the summer of 1964, in Atlanta, Georgia, working as a ministry student in a number of Methodist Churches in the area. He told the audience that he later broke his association with some of the church leaders after a disturbing incident in which one of the Methodist ministers proudly boasted that his church would remain segregated forever. His dismay with members of the white Atlantan church drove him to seek out and visit a number of African American churches that summer

That summer, he not only heard the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., preach in his own church, he met King and several members of his family.

"By the way," said Hughes, "King was the greatest preacher I have ever heard."





*Prof. Hughes and George Purcell, BSU president.*

After “Bloody Sunday” on March 7, 1965, in Selma, Alabama, Dr. King called Boston University for volunteers for the next stage of the campaign. Hughes took nonviolence training that winter in preparation for his visit to Selma where he found himself marching against Sheriff Jim Clarke in what was a very dangerous and dramatic course of action.

The Lycoming professor recalled with emotion his protest partner during his time in Selma: a twelve-year-old girl who already had been arrested seven times for her involvement with the protests. While in jail, she, along with many other children who were arrested, was severely beaten and burned with electric cattle prods.

“It is the suffering of these children that redeemed the nation,” Hughes proclaimed.

Hughes received a standing ovation. Senior Holly Wendt, one of several students clearly inspired by the event, described Hughes’s personal reactions as “incredibly powerful.” “His words remind us of the depth of the struggle still before us,” Wendt stated.

# Black Student Union Sets a New Tone at Lycoming

By Charlene Bartolotta '03

“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal’,” Dr. Martin Luther King stated in his most famous speech.

Last semester, Lycoming College came one step closer to achieving this dream when the Black Student Union (BSU) was formally intro-

duced to the campus. BSU president George Purcell and member Heather Zelle believe that the organization has been very well received by the campus community in its first year. “The staff, faculty, and students have been tremendous and we hope that it continues,” Purcell stated. Fellow member Tinika Robinson agrees that the BSU has been productive and has worked hard to make a difference, but would like to see more student involvement in the organization.

She realizes that for some Lycoming students, this may be the first time they have lived in a community that includes minorities.

The BSU has an initial goal of expanding black awareness on campus and began the new year with an ambitious celebration of Black History Month.

As a minority student from Washington, D.C., Purcell noted the vast difference between his former cultural community and that of Lycoming. This difference drove him to become involved in the BSU. “As a black student, I wanted to become involved so that I could make a difference in the way we relate to one another on this campus, for those who couldn’t before and for those still to come,” Purcell said.

Zelle, who is not a minority, grew up in a racial environment more similar to that of Lycoming. “The diversity here is about the same as in my high school. I just wanted to help out,” Zelle stated.

Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Sue Saunders calls the BSU “a wonderful addition to the campus. These students have so active and creative in their organization that they have really taken the campus by storm.”

The students have reached out to the Williamsport community in a number of tutoring and mentoring programs that had Susan Jewel, director of student activities, shaking her head. “They are really stretched to their limits. This is a wonderful group of students.”

The BSU remains optimistic about the future. They believe they are doing their part to strive to carry out Dr. Martin Luther King’s vision of a world where “we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.”



# NOW & Then



Sharon Medley Purcell now and in 1974.

**Sharon Medley Purcell '74** was surprised when her son **George Purcell '05** told her about the Black Student Union he had helped to organize at Lycoming College.

She thought that they had had a black student union of sorts when she went to Lycoming in the early 1970s.

This BSU, however, is an official organization, with bylaws to prove it.

“There were about 25 of us (African-Americans) on campus and we did things together.” She recalls going to hear BB King during his visit to Williamsport and traveling to Bloomsburg University together to hear congresswoman Shirley Chisholm. Some of her closest friends today: **Cheryl Johnson Miller '74**, **Marcia**



**Crossley Powell '73** and **Christine Huff** were members of that group. Although she's quick to note that she had other friends who weren't African American, like **Karen Luce Paulick '74**. She was involved on campus as a cheerleader and took advantage of the College's Washington Semester at American University.

She found in Lycoming the right qualities – a small liberal arts college with a good science program removed from the distractions of Washington D.C., her hometown.

She was surprised when her son decided to come to Lycoming as well.

“I'm very proud of him and his involvement with the Black Student Union,” she admits. She also notes that he was president of the BSU in his high school.

Now a teacher in Washington D.C., she looks back on her college years with some candor. Was it tough being black at Lycoming College?

“ In the 1970s, it was tough being black anywhere.”



*Congress of African Students in 1974 yearbook. Front row: Bruce Sawyer, Bryant Haines, Vanessa Harper, Vicki Finger, Sandra Earl. Middle row: Debra Carbbe, Cheryl Johnson, James King, Leroy Stevenson. Back row: Beatrice Rucker, John Jones, Sharon Medley and Earl Cary.*

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# sports

## Review

by  
Robb Dietrich

### Swimming

Lycoming's swimming program continued to make great strides in the second year under the direction of head coach **Jerry Hammaker**. A year after the women's squad had a breakout season, the men's team enjoyed their own coming out party by going 8-2 in dual meets to win the regular season Freedom Conference championship and by placing third at the MAC Championships after finishing sixth in 2002. The women's squad recorded their second consecutive winning dual-meet season with a mark of 7-3, while placing fourth at the MACs.

The success of Lycoming's men had a lot to do with the freshmen class – highlighted by **Nathan DeCapria** and **Steve Hawley**.

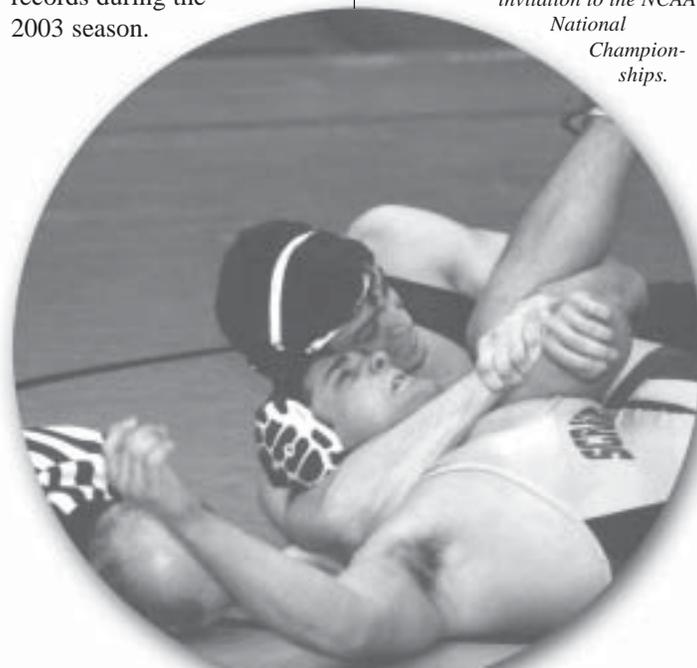
DeCapria was the Warriors' leading point-scorer at the conference championships, winning an individual title in the 50 free and placing third in the 100 free and fifth in the 100 fly. He also broke school records in the same events and his time in the 50 free was fast

enough to qualify for an invite to the NCAA Division III National Championships. DeCapria will be the first male swimmer from Lycoming to attend the national championship meet and the first Warrior swimmer overall since Eileen Mackson in 1983.

Hawley also placed in three individual events at the MACs, finishing second in the 100 back, third in the 50 free, and 11<sup>th</sup> in the 100 free. His time in the 100 back set a new school record. As a team, Lycoming's men broke a total of nine school records during the 2003 season.

For the women's team, sophomore **Rebecca Fox** and freshman **Kelly Sykes** turned in solid campaigns. Fox was the Warriors' top point-scorer at the MACs placing third in the 200 IM, fourth in the 200 free, and sixth in the 200 breaststroke. Sykes placed in three events as well, finishing second in the 100 back, fourth in the 200 back, and sixth in the 50 free. Sykes also set a new school record in the 100 backstroke.

*Senior Jeff Tierney claimed the Middle Atlantic Conference title at 184 pounds, earning an invitation to the NCAA National Championships.*



### Wrestling

The Warrior wrestling team added another chapter to the program's rich history with their fourth consecutive 20-win season. Lycoming went 20-5 overall in dual matches this season, including a 6-1 mark versus Middle Atlantic Conference foes. The Warriors were ranked among the top 20 teams in the nation throughout the season and entered the national championships dubbed 16<sup>th</sup>.

At the MAC Championships held in late February, Lycoming placed second behind only Delaware Valley College. The Warriors had three wrestlers reach the title bouts of their respective weight classes with senior **Jeff Tierney** winning at 184 pounds and sophomore **Mike Waldron** winning at 133 pounds. The conference championship is Tierney's first and earns him a trip to the NCAA Division III National Championships. Waldron claims his second consecutive MAC title and hopes to a national title after earning All-American honors last season for a fourth-place finish.

Tierney enters the NCAA championships with a season record of 28-3 and ranked eighth in the nation in his weight class. Waldron is 25-1 and ranked second in his weight class.

### Men's Basketball

Lycoming's men's basketball team entered the 2002-2003 season with high expectations despite a roster that featured nine new faces. The Warriors lived up to many of those expectations, recording their ninth consecutive winning season and making their fifth straight appearance in the Freedom Conference tournament. Lycoming ended the season with an overall mark of 15-11 after falling to DeSales University in the



semifinals of the conference playoffs.

Senior **Tommy Wesner** earned first-team all-conference honors for his roll in leading the Warriors. Wesner led both the team and the conference in scoring for the second consecutive season averaging 20 points per game. He also was a

league-leader in three-pointers with 95 and assists with 91. Wesner finishes his career at Lycoming with 1,428 points to rank 6<sup>th</sup> on the Warriors' all-time scoring list despite spending just three years at the College.

Junior **Matt Stackhouse** and freshman **Jonathan Pribble** also received post-season honors from the conference. Stackhouse was named to the all-conference first-team after earning second-team honors last season. He led Lycoming and the conference in rebounding, pulling down 10.4 rebounds per game. He also was the Warriors' second-leading scorer averaging 17.2 points-per game.

Pribble was dubbed the Freedom Conference Rookie-of-the-Year following a stellar freshman campaign. Pribble averaged 14.4 points and 5.5 rebounds per game for Lycoming to rank third on the team in both categories. He was also the top freshman in the entire conference in both scoring and

Senior **Lyndy LeVan** became the all-time leading scorer in Lycoming women's basketball history this season. She ends her career with 1,543 points.

rebounding. Pribble also tallied 71 assists and 20 blocked shots in his first season at the collegiate level.

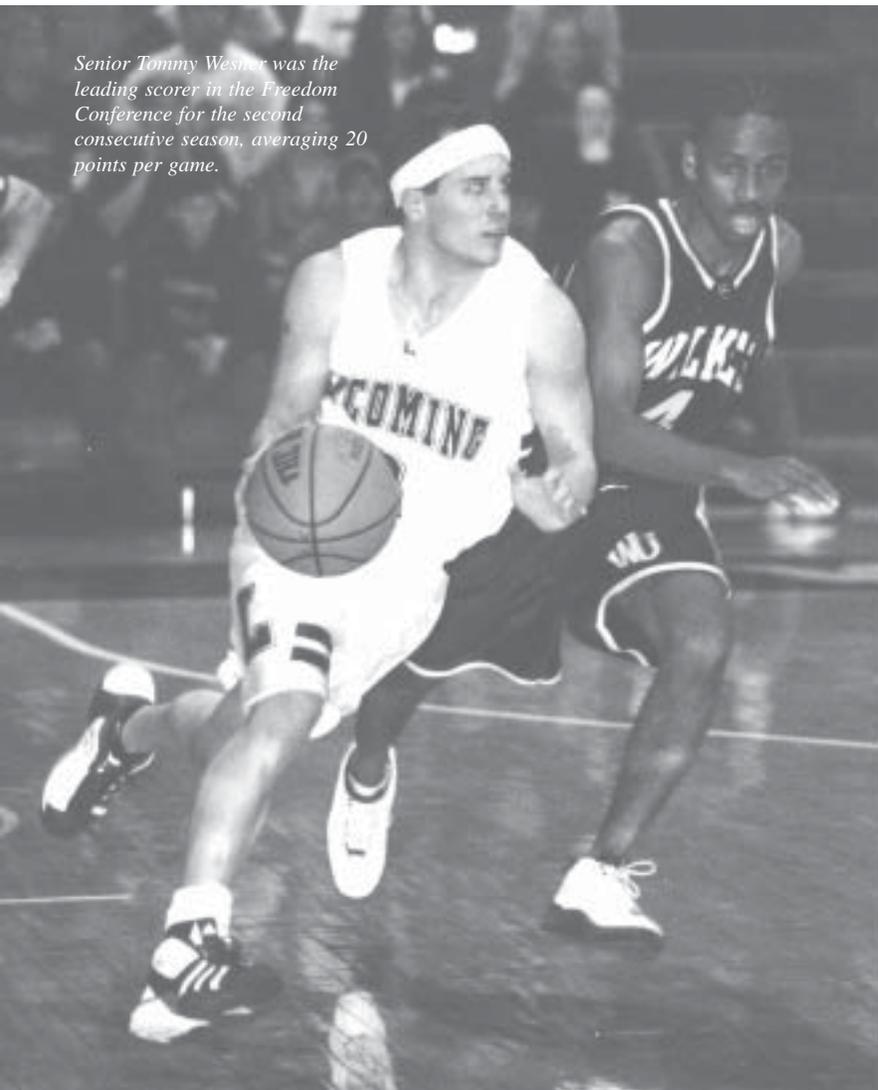
### Women's Basketball

The Warrior women's basketball team faced an uphill battle entering the 2002-2003 season with only one senior and two juniors, and playing in a conference that featured three teams ranked among the top 15 in the nation for much of the year. Lycoming, however, responded to the challenge and laid a solid foundation for the future of the program. Despite finishing with an overall record of 10-14, the Warriors were in playoff contention entering their final game. They also gained a lot of experience playing two games each against King's, DeSales, and Scranton – three teams that received bids to the NCAA playoffs.

Senior **Lyndy LeVan** played with injuries throughout much of the season but still managed to lead the team with 13.5 points and 8.6 rebounds per game. Her final season was highlighted by becoming the program's all-time leading scorer in early February. LeVan finishes her career with 1,543 points.

Junior **Emily DiMarco** was the team's second-leading scorer averaging 11.7 points per game. She will be counted on to lead Lycoming next season along with sophomore **Mindy Culp** and freshman **Sabrina Catrambone**. ▲

Senior **Tommy Wesner** was the leading scorer in the Freedom Conference for the second consecutive season, averaging 20 points per game.



# Rec Center Progresses



## Adam Green '03

### Interns on the Recreation Center Project

by Charlene Bartolotta '03

For one Lycoming student, the construction of the new Recreation Center is more than just a passing interest — it's a class!

Senior Adam Green is working as an intern with J. B. Gibbons, the construction company responsible for the building of the new Recreation Center addition to the Lamade Gymnasium. And he will be getting credit for it.

After doing construction work over the summer, Green developed an interest in the field and decided to pursue an internship with a local construction company. After an interview with J. B. Gibbons, Green secured his internship with the company, which counts as a class for him this semester.

As a math major, Green is more engaged in the paperwork for the company than in the physical aspects of construction. He is involved in estimates for a number of building projects, including an addition to a hunting club, and has also worked on a special project with the company's vice president focused on reviewing benefit analysis. He is also involved in project management—and one of those projects is Lycoming's building.

Green analyzes the drawings depicting the progress of the Recreation Center project and highlights the work that needs to be done. His highlighting ensures that notes on the drawings are more easily noticed and are not overlooked.

Due to his internship with J. B. Gibbons, Green is now considering a career in project management or cost estimating for construction companies. "I really enjoy my internship. I'm getting a lot of valuable knowledge and experience in a career I may want to pursue," Green stated.



*Adam Green (left) with Patrick Marty, vice president of J.B. Gibbons*

- ▶ Sub-normal temperatures and deep snow only slowed the progress on the new Recreation Center over the winter. Much of the underground work is completed. But it's now full speed ahead! The two-story 46,000-square-foot building is still on schedule to open in January 2004.
- ▶ The facility will have four basketball courts, a suspended indoor running track, an expanded weight room, and a new exercise and fitness area.
- ▶ Watch the progress on the Lycoming College website: <http://www.lycoming.edu>

**College Receives Art Collection**

**Helen Mallalieu Golder '33** was a gifted artist. After her death, her husband, Robert, thought that Lycoming College would be a wonderful place to have her work. More than two dozen of her watercolors are now on exhibit in the Long Hall Administration Building.

**Russian Librarians Visit Lycoming**

Five Russian librarians made the John G. Snowden Library a stop on their tour of Williamsport that included visits to the Pennsylvania College of Technology and The James V. Brown Library. The Russians were

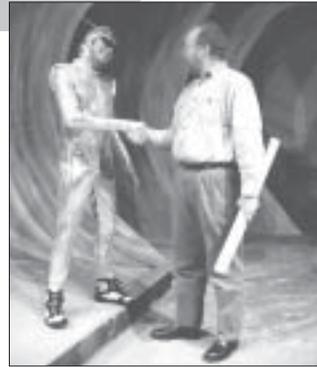
**At Lycoming**

struck by Lycoming's instructional approach to information.

**The Formicans**

Alien life form invaded the Mary L Welch Theatre with the production of Constance Congdon's *Tales of the Lost Formicans* February 4 -8, 2003. The production was directed by N. J. Stanley, assistant professor of theatre, with Lighting Designer David M.

Fillmore Jr.; and Scenic and Costume Designer and Technical Director Jerry D. Allen.



*Ricky Vitanovec (left) and David Murray Jaffe, who is a visiting assistant theatre professor, compare realities.*



*Dr. James E. Douthat, president of Lycoming College, and Mary Landon Russell, a classmate and friend of Helen Golder, review her legacy to the school.*



*Five Russian librarians are flanked by President James E. Douthat and Marilyn Bodnar, instructional librarian at Penn College at left and Janet Hurlbert, Director of Library Services and Dean John F. Piper, Jr. at right.*

Christian music than to produce a concert! Which is what she did –single-handedly. She raised the money, brought in four local bands, and promoted the early evening concert time to local youth groups! Ticket price? Canned food for the local food panty.

**The Reality of War**

Concerned about the effects of an Iraqi War, Shannon Wilson '03 organized a seminar which featured a political overview of the Middle East, and conversations about the draft by three different community people. In addition, United Campus Ministry organized a prayer vigil for peace.



*Shannon Wilson and MJR Steve Amron take questions from students during a "war seminar."*

**Student-Produced Christian Music Concert Takes Over Lamade Gym**

Cynthia Betz knows a lot more about show business than she did before. The sophomore from Mendham, New Jersey, who does a Christian music show on the campus radio station, thought that her fellow students had the wrong idea about Christian music.

What better way to expose the campus to

**Tour Choir Takes a Spring Break in New England**

The 40-member tour choir started off their Spring Break Tour by singing at St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York City, then headed north to Connecticut and New Hampshire.



*2003 Lycoming College Tour Choir*

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## Philly

A Great Christmas Party at Maggie O'Neills on December 20<sup>th</sup> brought about 60 Lyco alums together. The party went on until about 2 a.m. and a fun time was had by all. This is the second year in a row for the Maggie O'Neill party. "It was a blast," says Kim Kulp who was the coordinator for this one. [www.kkulp@christking.org](http://www.kkulp@christking.org)



Soccer girls: Betsy (Jacobs) Dries '96, Melani (Love) Stratis '98, Kim Kulp '95 (We all played on the women's soccer team together)



Front - Brian Kaufman '96 Middle Row- Michael Klapp '98, Brian Lewis '98, Scott O'Connell '97, Brian Latimer '95, Chris Kratochvil '96, Paul Naugle '96, Steve Cairone '95 Back - Mark Johnston '98, Stan Kadelski '96, Eric Szentesy '96, David Wisnoski '98, Joe Ciccione '95

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**Admissions House:** (1857). The oldest and smallest building on campus. Originally a private home built by Charles and Mary Drum and known as Drum House, it was purchased by the L.L. Stearns family, longtime owners of a downtown department store, and became a rental property. Among other tenants, a Parson lived there for many years. The College bought Drum House in 1931, which became the President's House in 1940 and remained so until 1965. In 1987, the building became the Admissions House. Furnished in 19<sup>th</sup> century style, the Admissions House serves as a historic bridge between the College's legacy and future generations of students.

**Williams Hall:** (1965). Called North Hall until 1980 when Joseph A. Williams, owner of St. Mary's Sewer Pipe Company and benefactor of the College, donated funds to renovate the residence hall. He asked that it be re-dedicated in honor of his mother, Mary Ellen Whitehead Williams, who had single-handedly raised him and his three



Williams Hall



**Information provided by Lycoming College Archives**

siblings after his father's early death.

**East Hall:** (1962). One of three residence halls constructed in 1962. Known for its archways and a four-foot wall of mountain stone, East was built in five separate sections, with lounges and chapter rooms on each, to house the five national fraternities on campus. Today, sororities also have their own sections, and students congregate in the Coffeehouse on the ground floor of the center section for various campus events.

**Wertz Student Center:** (1959). Named for D. Frederick Wertz, President of the College from 1955 to 1968. Designed as a social center, it includes the Dining Commons on the ground floor, Jane Schultz Banquet Room on the main floor and Burchfield Lounge, where formal receptions were once held around the fireplace. A snack bar called JP's is in Jack's Corner, named after Jack Buckle, a former dean of students. The Streeter Campus Store bears the name of Dorothy Streeter, former store manager. Although formal receptions

in Burchfield are rare, the fireplace is still lit once a year for the English Society's Fireside Christmas Gathering.

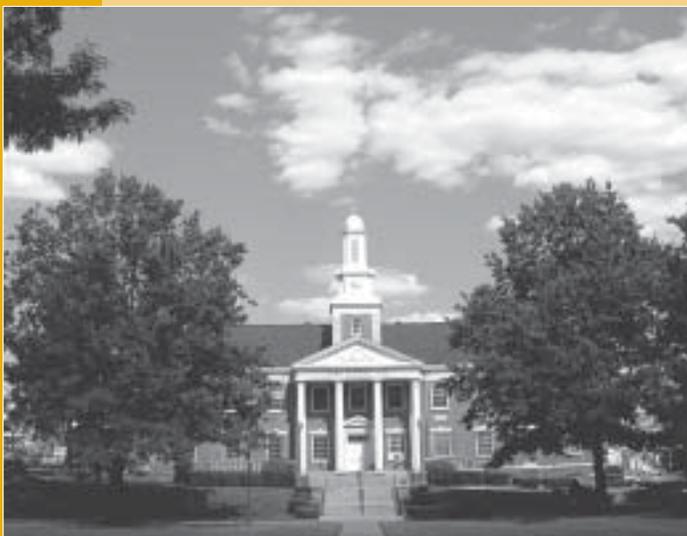
**Wesley Hall:** (1956). Named for John Wesley, founder of Methodism. Originally constructed as a men's residence hall, now co-ed, Wesley includes sections for Greek life and a recreational lounge.

**Crever Hall:** (1962). Named for Benjamin Crever of Milton who, in 1847, walked for two days on muddy roads to reach Williamsport Academy, which he then purchased and transformed into Dickinson Seminary. The Seminary would eventually become Lycoming College. Crever was part of the campus's efforts to expand, in light of the increasing student populations in the 1860s.

**Rich Hall:** (1948). Named in honor of the Rich family, owners of Woolrich, a clothing line still in business today. The family included Congressman Robert F. Rich, President of the Board of Trustees and one of at



Wertz Student Center



*Long Hall*



*Clarke Chapel*



*Wendle Hall/Academic Center*

least nineteen members of his family to attend the College or its predecessors. Rich was built around the time the College was accredited as a four-year institution. It remains, as always, an all-female residence hall.

**John W. Long Hall:** (1951). Named in honor of the president of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary who transformed it into Lycoming College. The building was originally John W. Long Library. In 1958, a three-faced clock was installed in the Library's tower to keep time for the entire campus, a gift from the Class of 1958. Today Long Hall houses administrative offices.

**Asbury Hall:** (1962). Named for Rev. Bishop Francis Asbury, known as the Father of the Methodist Church in the United States, and built on the former site of the Flock Mansion, the owners of which also operated the Flock Brewery. Originally a men's residence hall, co-ed since 1971, Asbury is now one of two all-freshman halls.

**Wendle Hall/Welch Theatre, Academic Center:** (1968). Central section of the Academic Center, which was built after the College obtained new property bordering Mulberry St. Named for Miriam Wendle, a

high school teacher in Williamsport, member of the College's Board of Directors, and daughter of George and Hattie Davis Wendle, long-time benefactors of the College. On the first floor is Pennington Lounge, named for Frederick A. Pennington, a former chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College, where students relax between classes. The second and third floors house classrooms and labs. The Theatre is in a separate wing on the basement level. In 2000, it was renamed for Mary L. Welch, wife of Dr. Marshall D. Welch, who made one of the largest donations the College had ever received. Below the theatre area is the Detwiler Planetarium.

**Classrooms/Faculty Offices, Academic Center:** (1968). Connected to Wendle Hall, this section houses faculty offices and seminar rooms. A large lecture hall on the basement level can seat over 700 students.

**John G. Snowden Memorial Library, Academic Center:** (1968). Dedicated in 1991 to the memory of a respected civic leader who served as a state senator for 16 years and was chairman of the Republican Committee of Lycoming County, Snowden Library is a center for academic research and liberal arts education. It

includes an art gallery on the first floor and the College and Methodist archives on the third floor.

**Clarke Building and Chapel:** (1939). Made possible through the bequest of Martha B. Clarke, class of 1862, the Chapel is the center for spiritual life on campus. The ground floor was originally the dining hall, but now houses the Music Department. Band and choir concerts are held in the chapel itself.

**Fine Arts Building:** (1983). Originally the Hilltop Gymnasium, dedicated in 1923, it was renovated in 1983 for the Art Department. It now houses studios, photography labs, sculpture foundry, woodshop, printmaking shop, a lecture hall, and the Academic Resource Center.

**Skeath Hall:** (1965). Named for J. Milton Skeath, beloved professor, dean, and head of the psychology department who taught at the College for 46 years. Originally a men's residence hall, Skeath now houses both the men and women of the freshman class.

**Heim Biology and Chemistry Building:** (1990). Dedicated to the memory of Joseph and Clara Heim by their children and grandchildren, Heim includes a greenhouse, laboratories used by biology and chemistry students, classrooms and faculty offices. The 175-seat Barclay Lecture Hall is a favorite for visiting lecturers and weekend movies.

**Forrest Hall:** (1968). The hall was given by Katherine Forrest Mathers, class of 1929 and recipient of the College's Award of Distinction, as a memorial for her

parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher Bliss Forrest and sister Anna Forrest Burfiendt, class of 1930. The last residence hall to be built, Forrest was constructed by the Unitec Corporation. Originally housing women, it included wall-to-wall carpeting, built-in furniture, and suite-style rooms, innovative at the time.

**Stroehmann Building/ Communication Center:** (1987). Originally Stroehmann Brothers Warehouse, it was purchased by the College in 1977. In 1986, an addition was added, which became a mass communications building complete with production studios for radio and television broadcasting.

**Lamade Gymnasium:** (1980). Named for George R. Lamade, owner of the Grit Publishing Company and longtime community leader, the gymnasium is located in the physical and recreational building. The new addition to the complex will include four multipurpose playing courts, elevated running track, new larger exercise rooms, Hall of Fame, snack bar, varsity meeting room, and more restroom space.

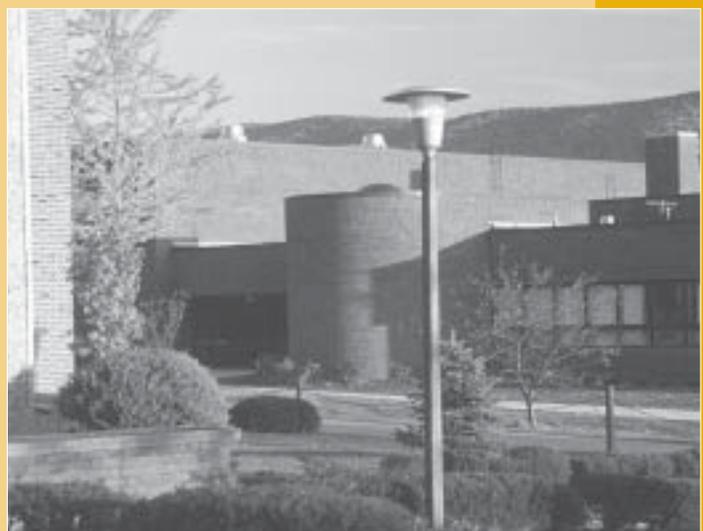
**Honors Hall:** (1891). Acquired by the College in 1999 and under renovation, the Basin Street building will house a 100-seat recital hall, a small chapel, the campus ministry program and the community service center. ▲



*Fine Arts Building*



*Heim Biology and Chemistry Building*



*Lamade Gymnasium*

**Note:** Class notes are compiled from information submitted by alumni class scribes, newspaper clippings received through our press clipping service, and press releases and letters sent directly to the alumni office.

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Congratulations to Marguerite and **James G. Norris** on the observance of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 27, 2002.

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Congratulations to Louise and **Wilbur Ritter** (business administration) on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 17, 2002.

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**Gordon E. Gillette**  
(psychology/sociology) has reported some “selected” memories from his years at Lycoming. In the class of ’52 there were three “faculty brats” (children of faculty or staff), **Josephine Babcock ’52** (Joseph Babcock, physics), **David Shortess ’52** (George Shortess, Development Director and biology), and **Gordon** (Phil Gillette, foreign languages). Usually they were included in faculty gatherings and his parents played bridge with the Babcocks, Shortesses, Skeaths and many others. Gordon and his wife, Betty, are enjoying their 4 children, 14 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Gordon has many fond memories and would enjoy hearing from you. His email address is: lionGG@cableone.net

Congratulations to Shirley and **Robert G. Petts** (mathematics) on the observance of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 21, 2002.

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**Allen H. Yearick**  
(sociology) of Selinsgrove, Pa., the first Little League baseball player to sign a professional baseball contract, was inducted into

the West Branch Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremony held at the Genetti Hotel on November 3, 2002. Allen and his wife, **Mary Ellen (Groover) ’47**, (art) have three children and six grandchildren.

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Congratulations to **MAJ Orville R. Blair** on the observance of his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 10, 2002.

Congratulations to Francis and **James H. Crossley** (accounting) on the observance of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on January 16, 2003.

**Eugene Landon** (biology/chemistry) was awarded the Society of Period Furniture Makers’ annual honor of the Cartouche Award, a lifetime achievement award. He was recognized at the annual banquet in January 2003 at Colonial Williamsburg, Va. Gene also was profiled in the December 2002 edition of *Woodshop News*. Gene and his wife, **Jane (Keyte) ’55**, reside in Montoursville, Pa.

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**Donald B. Flick** (biology), retired biology teacher from Wyoming Seminary, recently was named site director for Habitat for Humanity in Titusville, Florida.

**Ruth E. Hodge** (business), associate archivist for the Pennsylvania State Archives, has authored a 598-page book that is a comprehensive and invaluable guide to the African American records, manuscripts, photographs, and microfilm holdings in the State Archives. The guide,

entitled *Guide to African American Resources*, took approximately six years to compile and provides details and examples of the types of records that will benefit historians, genealogists and researchers. Ruth is retired from the U.S. Army Military History Institute in Carlisle, Pa., where she resides.

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**Rev. George Alt** (English) is Chairman of the Board for Heritage Towers, a continuous care retirement community in Doylestown, Pa. Although retired, Rev. Alt manages to volunteer at the library, reading to children and also works part-time at the Methodist Church in Portland, Pa.

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**Robert P. Crockett** (chemistry), owner of Crockett Financial Services, has earned membership in the Million Dollar Round Table for product knowledge and client service. He is a 15-year consecutive member of the MDRT.

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**Chester W. Crosby** (biology) was recently honored as New York State’s Volunteer Conservationist of the Year. Chester and his wife, **Bonnie (Silvernail) ’63** (psychology) are both enjoying retirement in Auburn, N.Y.

A mini-reunion for five members of the Class of 1962 occurred in February when **Dave and Donna (Michael) Heiney, Bruce and Ginny (Grabinski) McNally** and Ted and **Marilyn (Hopen) Simpler**



From left to right Dave Heiney, Donna Michael Heiney, Marilyn Hopew Simpler, Ginny Grabinski McNally and Bruce McNally. Photo: Ted Simpler

met for dinner in the Tampa, Florida, home of the McNallys. It was the first reunion in 40 years for Donna and Marilyn who had not seen each other since Donna sang at Marilyn's wedding. Bruce and Ginny are involved with the U.S. Figure Skating Association. Dave is Director of Administrative Services at Lycoming

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**Anne Pittinger Buckler** (sociology) reports that she is retired from teaching preschool. She enjoys spending her time with her husband, Lew, who is retired as well, and volunteering for various organizations. They are the proud parents of two grown sons, Michael, who has joined an intellectual properties firm in Portland, Oreg., and Bob, who is currently teaching middle school language arts.

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**Rev. Donald C. Nolder** (history), a United Methodist pastor, retired on July 1, 2002. His wife, **Deanne (Miller) '66** (religion/sociology), is mission coordinator at First United Methodist Church in Chambersburg, Pa.

**Louise (Glicker) Shin** (psychology) of Richmond, Va., has been the Richmond Sales Representative for Shred-it for the past two years. Shred-it is a nationwide on-site shredding service for confidential

documents. She ranked in the upper quartile of the Eastern Region in the country this past year. Louise has successfully closed some large accounts like Honeywell, Carmax, Gambro Healthcare, United Parcel, Virginia Credit Union, Veterans Hospital and Alstom Power along with several banks and hospitals. She enjoys outside sales and working on her own from a home office. Over the years, she has been a sales account executive for various companies. Recently, Louise also began her own Internet business and continues as a part-time Mary Kay Cosmetic Consultant. Louise and her husband, Bill, have lived in Chesterfield County, Richmond, Va., for almost 17 years with their three sons, Andrew, 26, Michael, 24, and Brian, 16. Bill works at Alstom Power as a Global Purchasing Manager, Mechanical Equipment. Andrew is a financial advisor for Richmond Financial Group, a division of Met Life. Michael has his own successful Internet business, Keiko Marketing/

Distribution, and recently graduated from college on a basketball scholarship. Brian is a sophomore at Monacan High School and plays basketball for the school and the AAU League (4-year State Champions). The Shin family also has 2 golden retrievers, Ginger and Brandy, and a cat, Marbles. Louise's hobbies are photography, videotaping, aerobics, working out, sports and she enjoys the boys' sports activities. Louise's email address is: **Lous3@aol.com**

**Dennis E. Warg** (mathematics), a 36-year teacher and administrative retiree, has been selected to serve as acting principal at Carl Sandburg Middle School in Levittown, Pa. Dennis and his wife, **Astrida (Kalnins) '67**, reside in Churchville, Pa., and are the parents of two sons.

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**Dr. Michael Musheno** (political science), a native of Williamsport, has joined the faculty of Lycoming College as the Visiting Special Professor of Justice and Policy Studies. He has worked at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, the University of Minnesota and the School of Justice Studies at Arizona State University where he served as chair and director of the School. Dr. Musheno is the author of seven books and over 40 academic articles and book chapters on issues of crime, law and justice. He is also the co-author of a forthcoming book entitled, *Cops, Teachers, Counselors: Stories from the Front Lines of*



Left to right: The Shins: Andrew, Bill, Louise, Brian and Michael

*Public Schools*, scheduled for publication in spring 2003.

**Shelley King Janes Siriano** (biology) has retired after 31 years from Anne Arundel County Public Schools in Maryland and has moved to Florida where she accepted the position of Dean of Students at Golden Gate Middle School in Naples, Fla.

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**Rev. Larry R. Baird** (religion), presently pastor of Clarence United Methodist Church, Clarence, N.Y., will be appointed as Cornerstone District Superintendent (Jamestown, N.Y.) effective July 1, 2003. Rev. Baird will be responsible for all of Chautauqua, part of Cattaraugus and part of Erie County in the Western New York Conference.

**Janelle Jones Meehan** (English) relocated to New York 3 years ago after living in California for 26 years. Janelle currently lives on Long Island and would love to hear from old friends at [janellemeehan@yahoo.com](mailto:janellemeehan@yahoo.com)

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## Harnessed to Win

by Ken Weingartner '88

**Bill Zendt '71** arrived at Lycoming with the intention of driving to the hoop. By the time he graduated in 1971, however, he was driving horses.

A graduate of Juniata High School in Mifflintown, Pa., Zendt headed to Lycoming wanting to play basketball for former longtime coach Dutch Burch. Zendt, a guard, played for the Warriors his freshman year, but then made a commitment to harness racing that took most of his free time.

Zendt's father, Wilbur, was involved in harness racing, and Bill started training horses at age 10. Zendt began driving at 19, and spent weekends during college racing at Northfield Park near Cleveland, Ohio.

"I wanted to play basketball, but I got started in racing," said Zendt, who graduated with a degree in business and still resides in western Pennsylvania. "It was hectic, but it was a good experience. It was good to go to school, be away from home. You mature a lot."

Last year was memorable for the 53-year-old Zendt. He trained Always Cam, who was a Dan Patch Award finalist for Three-Year-Old Pacing Filly of the Year. Always Cam won 11 of 19 races last year, including the prestigious Jugette, and earned \$392,761 in purses for owners Nan and Wendy Cameron. During her career thus far, Always Cam has won 18 of 30 races and banked \$514,908.

Named for the famed pacer of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Dan Patch awards are given annually by the U.S. Harness Writers' Association to the top horses in harness racing. Although Always Cam lost the award to rival Worldly Beauty, Zendt had no complaints after the winner was announced Feb. 9.

"She's been a big highlight in my career," he said about Always Cam. "She's been a great filly for us. She's been about as good as you could ask for. You don't get horses like this very often, maybe once in a lifetime. We're awfully lucky to get a horse like this."

Zendt-trained horses earned \$731,215 in 2002, his best-ever year as a trainer. As a driver, Zendt has won nearly 2,900 races during his career and earned almost \$11 million in purses. Prior to Always Cam, he had successful associations with Natural Ability, Noble Ability, and Satin Town. Zendt owned and trained Noble Ability for two years before selling the horse. Noble Ability won \$1.8 million in his career.

Because of his schedule, Zendt doesn't get back to Williamsport as often as he would like, but he has fond memories of Lycoming. He said his favorite classes included economics and business law.

"It was great, and even though I'm involved with horses, I still get to use my degree," Zendt said. "This is a business, billing and dealing with owners and so forth, so my degree comes in handy. It's all worked out very well."



Bill Zendt and Always Cam, at Delaware, Ohio, on Sept. 18, 2002, after she won the Jugette. The driver (far right) is Eric Ledford. Photo: Ed Keys

*Weingartner is manager of media relations for Harness Racing Communications, a division of the U. S. Trotting Association.*

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**Norman Richmond**

(music) is currently a private club entertainer and classical pianist in the Fort Worth, Texas area. He is the son of **Logan Richmond '54**.

Norman and his wife, Gigi, are the parents of two sons.

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**Gary Hagestad** (art) has been named group project director at M2 Communications, a supplier of medical education and promotional programs for the healthcare industry. In his new position, Gary is charged with leading the project management group, supporting business development efforts and overseeing the quality and distribution of all deliverables.

**Victor Mangeney**

(accounting) was recently honored and presented with a plaque by the Glassboro football program for 32 years as the team's statistician. Victor first started keeping the team's stats as an eighth grader in 1964 and continued throughout his high school years. He resumed the job again in 1976 and has been with the program ever since. Victor has worked under five head coaches and has seen countless great athletes in the Glassboro School District.

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**Jim R. Gallagher**

(business administration) and his wife, **Eileen (Clegg) '76** (English) are currently residing in Harrisburg, Pa. Jim is sales manager at Destiny Promotions in Hummelstown, Pa. Their oldest child, Colleen, is a junior at Geneva College majoring in speech pathology. Their middle son, Patrick, is a freshman at Villanova University where he is playing soccer and majoring in commerce and finance.

**Karen Suplee Hallowell**

(music) is currently Director of Admission at the George School in Newtown, Pa. She has recently assumed the duties of conductor for the George School Orchestra. In June, Karen will be leading a group of 15 George School students on a community service mission project in rural South Korea. Karen lives at George School with her two daughters, Phoebe, 14, and Vera, 10.

**James L. Helsel, Jr.**

(business administration) was recently nominated to serve on the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Pittsburgh, Pa. In August 2002, Jim merged Helsel, Inc., Realtors with RSR Realtors, becoming a full partner in the latter firm. He is Chairman of the National Association of Realtors Building Committee and is overseeing construction of a \$45 million 100,000-square-

foot building in Washington, D.C. Additionally, he serves on the NAR's Finance and Executive Committee. Jim is serving his 9<sup>th</sup> year on the Board of Trustees for Cornwall Manor, a 550-bed continuing care facility, where he chaired the Board for four years. Jim resides in Camp Hill, Pa., with his wife, Sharon.

**Jene Smith Mertz**

(music) received her MS degree in pastoral counseling from Loyola College in Maryland in September 2002. Jene traveled one day a week from her home in central Pennsylvania for the last four years. She estimates she traveled some 40,000 miles in the pursuit of her degree!

**Frederick Puchany, Jr.**

(business administration) has been promoted to Audit Supervisor for the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board in Harrisburg, Pa. Fred and his wife, Ann, are the parents of a son and a daughter.

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**Bonnie Cury Boyer**

(psychology) is teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade language arts at the Stewartville School in Stewartville, N.J. Bonnie and her husband, **Robert '77** (business administration) have two sons, Justin, 20, and Matthew, 17. Robert has taken an early retirement package with Avaya, after 23 years of service and is currently working for American Income Life Insurance.

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**Steven B. Barth** (business administration) has joined Community Banks as senior vice president and commercial loan officer for the northern region. He will be responsible for serving commercial clients and cultivating new business in Snyder, Northumberland and Union counties. Steven is a member of the Council of Trustees and Secretary of the Board at Bloomsburg University. He is also active in the Milton Area Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America and First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg, Pa.

**Debbi Maisano Dunne**

(sociology) and her colleague recently gave a workshop at the Third and Fourth Grade Reading Conference in Newark, N.J. Their presentation was entitled: *Research Workshop: Bringing the World of Non-fiction into Your Classroom*. She has presented around the country, including such areas as Boston and Indianapolis. Debbi is a third grade teacher for the Ramsey Public Schools and resides with her husband, Jay, in River Vale, N.J.

**Kim Martin Koehl**

(history/sociology/anthropology) is currently serving as program director of Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre and Intercollegiate Wilkes-Barre. As program director, Kim is responsible for planning and implementing programs, fundraising, public relations, and recruiting. Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre (JLWB) is a leadership development program for area high school sophomores and juniors. Currently 18 area high schools are

participating with a total of 55 class members. JLWB is a year-long program consisting of day-long seminars focusing on topics such as government, environment, diversity, media, community issues and development of leadership skills. The program enables students to develop leadership skills while increasing community awareness. The intercollegiate program is designed with the same format but is tailored to the college-age student. The six participating colleges are: Wilkes University, Luzerne County Community College, King's College, College Misericordia, Penn State Wilkes-Barre and Keystone College in La Plume. Kim and her husband, Charles, are the parents of two daughters.

**CAPT John M. Yurchak** (philosophy) is serving as Director of Fleet Requirements and Assessment (N8) for the Naval Network Warfare Command (NETWARCOM). John is currently stationed in Norfolk, Va.

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Bishop Paul Marshall of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, Pa., has named **Rev. Edward K. Erb** (music) diocesan canon for liturgy and music. Canon in the Episcopal Church is an honorary designation comparable to that of monsignor in the Roman Catholic Church. The honor is bestowed upon clergy and lay people in recognition of



*The Lycoming Dinner Club getting together in 2002. Discussions included reviews of Joey's, Busy Bee and the Pub. Standing left to right: Lucile Fuess Callahan '82, Patty Graver Rubio '80, Cheryl Speicher Harris '81; Sitting left to right: Nancy Shenise Maynard '82, Tom Maynard '83, Steve Vodoklys '81, Carolyn Carr Vodoklys '80.*

contributions to the life and ministry of the diocese, the cathedral, or the ministry of the bishop. Canons may wear purple vestments as a sign of their honorary position. Rev. Erb chaired the Music Committee of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania for eight years and has served the Diocese of Bethlehem on the Congregation Development Committee and Commission on Ministry. Rev. Erb and his wife, **Susan (Shadle) '81**, (communications) are the parents of two sons, Philip and Andrew.

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**Kathleen Cody Brady** (business administration) reports that her oldest son, James, was a member of the 9 and 10 year-old all-star

baseball team that captured the Southern California State Championship in 2002. Kathleen, her husband, Frank, sons, James, 10, and Michael, 6, reside in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

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**Suzanne Tomko Stopper** (accounting) has been promoted to vice president and controller of Susquehanna Health Systems. Suzanne joined Williamsport Hospital in 1992 as an assistant controller, finance and budgets. In 1995, she was named senior manager, finance, for the health system. Suzanne and her husband, David, reside in Loyalsock Township with their five children.

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**Gary F. Steel** (business administration) had an exciting year! Gary was promoted to finance manager at United Healthcare in April 2002 and welcomed a new baby boy in September.

Gary and his wife, Alison, are currently residing in Hatfield, Pa., with their three children.

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**Christopher R. Howell** (business administration) has been selected the next chief executive officer and president of First Columbia Bank & Trust. Christopher has spent 15 years in financial services, most recently as senior vice president and branch manager of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC in Williamsport, an office he opened in 1994.

**Timothy Myers** (accounting) has been made Partner and Chief Financial Officer of New Life Development and Management in Mount Laurel, N.J. New Life Development and Management is presently the nation's leading company in managing and developing long-term care facilities for senior citizens. He also has been elected to the board of directors for the South Jersey Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) as treasurer. Tim and his wife, **Wendy (Park) '89** (business administration/economics), are active in fundraising to

find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes through the JDRF, having personally raised about \$10,000 in 2002 alone. Their son, Alex, was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in 1995 at the age of 11 months. Tim and Wendy continue to live in Shamong, N.J., with their two children, Alex and Grace.

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**Kenneth Weingartner** (communications) has been named the manager of media relations for Harness Racing Communications, a division of the U. S. Trotting Association. A resident of Yardville, N.J., Ken was the managing editor of the *Messenger-Press*, a weekly newspaper owned by the Princeton Packet, Inc. Since January 1999, he has written a weekly column that features harness racing and equine activities in central New Jersey. Ken has received more than two dozen awards for his horseracing column and also for various sports columns.

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**You're the Chef, says Tom Speicher '89**

Tom Speicher was pretty sure he would end up somewhere in the communications field, but he couldn't have guessed he would be executive producer and co-host of a cooking show. This is a man whose taste in culinary delights pretty much begins and ends with a grilled cheese sandwich.

*You're the Chef*, a show produced by The Pennsylvania College of Technology, has received a Mid-Atlantic Emmy nomination, two Telly Awards and numerous other national honors. Although it has been on WVIA, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton PBS affiliate, since 1998; during the past two years, *You're the Chef* has aired on PBS stations throughout 50% of the country, including Guam and Puerto Rico, and all five of the nation's top markets.

The show features Chef Paul Mach, an assistant professor at Penn College's School of Hospitality, and Speicher, who serves as the novice foil. The two produce dishes that viewers can duplicate easily in their own kitchens.

*You're the Chef* is actually a spin-off of a half-hour cable/satellite show, *Penn College & You*, which Speicher began in 1995, shortly after becoming a broadcast media specialist in the college's public relations office. Now in its 8<sup>th</sup> season, Speicher sees the Telly-Award winning *Penn College & You* as a way to showcase the college's experts and enhance community relations.



*Tom Speicher (at left), who is clueless in the kitchen, is the perfect foil for Chef Paul Mach on the show You're the Chef.*

While *Penn College and You* is produced throughout the year, the annual 14 episodes of *You're the Chef* are produced over a four-week period in the summer on a set constructed by students, faculty and staff from Penn College's School of Construction & Design Technologies.

"It's two shows a days," says Speicher. "It's pretty intense and a lot of hard work, but thankfully, it's also a lot of fun. I even forgo my trusty peanutbutter sandwich at times for Chef Paul's gourmet meals."

Throughout the year, Speicher spends a considerable amount of time promoting the show and updating the show's popular website (chef.pct.edu). In addition to his two shows, Speicher performs numerous other media-related duties for Penn College, including a weekly radio newsfeed, pitching stories to broadcast media, and writing.

"I'm lucky I found a job that combines many of my interests," says Speicher. "When I was in college, I really didn't see myself working in public relations. I'm glad I was wrong!"

On the side, Speicher uses some of his vacation each summer to help broadcast Little League Games during the Little League World Series for Clear Channel Williamsport, the exclusive U.S. radio provider for the event. In that capacity, he has over the years interviewed Kevin Costner, John Grisham, Robin Yount, Orel Hershiser, New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg, and childhood hero, Brent Musberger. His work at the World Series has given Speicher the opportunity to become an official stringer for CBS radio.

Speicher's propensity to multi-task dates back to his college days when he was sports editor for the *Lycourier* and sports director for WRLC. One of his mentors, **Brad Nason '77**, is now a colleague at Penn College and a good friend.

For all the work on the *You're the Chef*, Tom admits, "Unfortunately for my wife, I remain clueless in the kitchen."

Tom, who resides in South Williamsport, is married to Kim Speicher, and they have a daughter, Katie.

**Editors Note:** *You're the Chef was recently picked up for broadcast in Japan! Now Tom is clueless in the kitchen—in Japanese!*

**Richard Kavanaugh, Jr.** (political science) has been promoted to Lieutenant in the Coast Guard and has been deployed to the Middle East for a possible 12-month duty. Rich and his wife, **Debbie (Saunders) '91** (English), live in Novato, Calif. and are the parents of two sons, Sean, 8, and Ian, 2 1/2.

**Richard Von Culin** (biology) has accepted a position as regulatory compliance manager at Boehringer-Ingelheim in Ridgefield, Conn. Richard and his wife, Amy, are the parents of two sons, Joseph, 4, and Jason, 2.

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**Gretchen Crowley Fox** (communications) and her husband, **Jim '88** (business administration/economics), reside in Chester Springs, Pa., with their daughter, Abby, 5, and son, Alex, 3. They spend their summers at their family beach house.

**Stephanie Ross Kollhoff** (communications/Spanish) and her husband, **Michael '88** (business administration/economics), live in Exton, Pa., with son, Michael, 9, and daughter, Sarah, 6.

**Yvonne Harley Lehman** (business-management/economics) recently participated in the New York-Avon

Breast Cancer 3 Day Walk. This is an event where people raise funds prior to attending and then walk 60 miles in 3 days; 5600 people attended last year. If anyone is interested in signing up this year, you can email Yvonne at [fnylehman@iqnetsys.net](mailto:fnylehman@iqnetsys.net)

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**Shannon Holland Desiderioscioli** (communications) received her MBA from Seton Hall University and is currently working for Trip Network as a senior marketing manager. Shannon and her husband, Paul, reside in North Caldwell, N.J.

**Benjamin P. Luci** (business-management/economics) recently completed his MBA at the University of Phoenix in Philadelphia, Pa. Ben is currently district sales manager for General Motors and resides in Shillington, Pa., with his wife, Jackie, and three children.

**Jeanene Perry Stark** (psychology) is currently employed as a KinderCare Learning Center Director in Erie, Pa. Jeanene's responsibilities are to oversee the day-to-day operations, taking care of staff scheduling and payroll, touring and enrolling new children, maintaining the center budget, hiring new employees and attending to customer needs. What

Jeanene likes best about her job is the fact that she is able to be a positive influence on so many children!

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**Robert D. Cohick, Jr.** (criminal justice-enforcement/corrections) has been named by Professional Services for Children and Youth as case manager for its Life Skills Institute in Williamsport, Pa. He will be responsible for developing client treatment plans and goals, along with arranging meetings, appointments, tour dates and follow-up visits for implementation of treatment plans. Prior to being named case manager, Bob served as resident advisor for the program.

**Holly L. Jones** (psychology) is a first-grade teacher at Iredell - Statesville Schools in Statesville, N.C. Holly recently became a national board certified teacher in the field of early childhood/generalist.

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**Kathryn Campomizzi-Clews** (communications) was promoted to news editor of the *Pottsville Republican & Evening Herald* on October 1, 2002. The newspaper has a 30,000 circulation and covers

Schuylkill County as well as parts of northern Berks and upper Dauphin counties. Katie began working at the *Republican* on June 13, 1994, as a staff writer. When the newspaper acquired the *Shenandoah Evening Herald* in 1995, she covered the northern Schuylkill area from the Shenandoah Bureau office from July 1995 to August 1998 when she began working as a copy editor in the Pottsville office. She was named lifestyles editor in January 2000. Kathryn recently took up an interest in running and ran her first race, the Ashland DARE Mile, on September 7, 2002. Katie finished with a time of 7:28 and received a silver medal in the female age division in which she ran. She finished 48<sup>th</sup> in a field of 120 runners and is continuing to train for 5K races in the spring. Kathryn and her husband, Shawn, live in Orwigsburg with their German shepherd, Buddy.

**Erik T. Hawk** (criminal justice-enforcement) is teaching 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade at the White Township Consolidate School in Belvidere, N.J.

**Kelly A. Kuhns** (nursing) has joined the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association as director of professional development. She will oversee the association's continuing education programs, enhance the professional development aspects of the organization and work to integrate new technologies into the program. Kelly has a master's degree in nursing from Villanova University and also works as an instructor at Millersville University and at Pinnacle Health Hospitals in Harrisburg, Pa.

**Yvonne Ely Renaud** (sociology) is an elementary teacher for the Susquenita School District in Duncannon, Pa. Yvonne and her husband, James, reside in Camp Hill, Pa.

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**Julie A. Bowen** (English-literature/psychology) has recently accepted a position with the Houston Independent School District as a secondary teacher in an alternative school for pregnant girls.

**Timothy Dugan** (biology) is currently taking five classes full time and working in the operating room at the Cooper Hospital School of Cardiovascular Perfusion in Camden, N.J. A Cardiovascular Perfusionist is qualified through academic and clinical education to operate extra corporeal circulation equipment during any medical situation where it is necessary to support or temporarily replace the patient's circulatory or respiratory function (for example, in open heart surgery). Cardiovascular Perfusion is an extremely clinical and academic program of two years in length.

**Stephanie Fortin** (psychology) has joined the staff of Lycoming College as a counselor in the Counseling and Wellness Center. She is providing individual and group counseling and consultations as well as helping to coordinate the wellness programs at

Lycoming. Stephanie and her husband, **Erick '94**, (criminal justice-corrections) reside in South Williamsport, Pa.

**Shana Smith McCardle** (nursing) is in pursuit of her master's degree in nurse-midwifery via a distance education in Philadelphia. Shana is currently residing in Apopka, Florida.

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**Dana Deroche Barry** (art-commercial design/psychology) is currently senior marketing and art director for a high-end engineering firm located in northern New Jersey. She has also started a business called DB Advertising. Dana resides in Andover, N.J., with her husband, Scott.

Dr. Kathleen Chamberlain, Assistant Professor of Education at Lycoming, reports that her son, **Christopher D. Chamberlain** (nursing) is currently an emergency room nurse at Reading Hospital in Reading, Pa. Chris has earned his CEN (certified emergency nurse) and PHN (prehospital nurse) certification. His wife, **Rachael (Rhoads) '96** (nursing) is a part-time step-down critical care nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital, also in Reading. Chris just completed his tenure as president of the Lower Alsace Township Ambulance Association and is working for the Phoenixville Ambulance Service on a part-time basis.

**Tanya Burgess Garcia '96** (philosophy/art history) is

currently a first-grade teacher for the Wounded Knee School District at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota. Tanya reports that she is enjoying this fantastic experience!

**Brian C. Pick** (business administration/economics) has completed the Merrill Lynch Certified Financial Manager program and has received the firm's CFM designation. A member of the firm's Executive's Club, Brian has been part of Merrill Lynch's Williamsport office for six years. He has also received training in wealth management and assists management in the training of new financial advisors. Brian is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys biking and golf. Brian and his wife, **Dana (Bogart) '98** (psychology), reside in Montgomery, Pa., with their five-month-old son, Logan.

**Aimee Rogers** (communications) has accepted the position of alumni affairs assistant at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, N.J. Aimee will be responsible for facilitating and maximizing opportunities with alumni. Prior to this appointment, she worked as the conference coordinator for the College.

**Rev. Gary D. Weaver** (business management) was ordained into the ministry of the United Methodist Church on June 8, 2002, at the annual Central Pennsylvania Conference held at Messiah College. Rev. Weaver was appointed to Calvary United Methodist Church at Lawrenceville in the Wellsboro district, where he resides with his wife, Cindy, and sons, Isaac and Aaron.

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**Dr. Chris Wentzel** (biology) started his anesthesia residency at the University of Pittsburgh in July 2002 with anticipated completion in 2005. Chris and his wife, Abbey, reside in the Pittsburgh area.

**Michael Wiltshire** (communications) is currently working as a coordinator in International Film and TV Distribution at 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox in Santa Monica, Calif. His job consists of re-conceptualizing ad and publicity campaigns outside of the United States. The territories that he supervises are Brazil, the Caribbean and parts of France. Michael also reads scripts of potential films and TV pilots and passes them on with comments and suggestions.

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schedulers for dubbing, editing and voiceovers. Her main clients are Viacom and MTV, along with many other television networks, record labels and movie studios. Kate schedules most orders coming into their multimillion dollar facility, interacts with many people from the entertainment industry and evaluates movies and shows so they are able to air in the United States and overseas.

**Matthew F. Georgy** (biology) has been elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. Election to the society is limited to the top 16% of senior medical students and is based on academic performance and potential for leadership.

**Brian Silkensen** (psychology) has accepted a social studies teaching position at Ridgedale Middle School in New Jersey. Brian taught the seventh grade in Jersey City and previously was assistant director of education at the Huntingdon Learning Center.

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**Kimberly Myers Hunter** (nursing) is currently a registered nurse for Susquehanna Health System - The Birthplace in Williamsport, Pa. Kim and her husband, Corey, reside in Loyalsock, Pa.

**Kimberly Hafer Yenner** (accounting) recently passed the CPA exam. She is currently employed at William L. McKernan, CPA, a public accounting firm in Blue Bell, Pa. Kim and her husband, Greg, reside in East Norriton, Pa.

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**Northern Exposure**

**By Charlene Bartolotta '03**

In the past two years, **Jane Dunn** has held nine jobs and worked in four different countries. In the last year alone, she has lived in five different states, teaching English as a second language, teaching Outdoor Education, and even building trails in the backcountry of Idaho.



Since November, Dunn has been living in Homer, Alaska, where she works with the Evenstart Family Literacy Program as a member of Americorps. According to Dunn, the focus of the program is "to end the chain of illiteracy in families by providing parents with the opportunity to learn." The Family Learning Center takes care of children while their parents attend the free classes to learn English or attain a GED.

Homer has a strong Russian influence and the area is also home to a religious sect that calls itself The Old Believers and follows what Dunn compares to an Amish way of life. They live in their own communities far from the town and support themselves by farming, hunting, and fishing, buying only sugar and salt from stores.

Most in her community live well below the poverty line. As a result of the focus on hunting and fishing as a way of life, many of the children have acquired a keen awareness of nature. "I was in a kindergarten class and all the kids already knew about hibernation, migration and active cycles for animals," Dunn recalls.

Although Homer does not have a large Native Alaskan population, many of the town's residents do share some degree of Alaskan heritage and a few of Dunn's pupils are Native Alaskans. She has noticed that native beliefs have influenced the treatment of children. Since many traditional Native Alaskans believe in reincarnation, a person's son may actually be the reincarnated spirit of his grandfather, making the child wiser than the parent. Due to this belief Dunn states, "There isn't a lot of tough reprimanding by parents. It would seem disrespectful to them."



Having received a temporary Alaskan teaching certificate, she is becoming certified as a substitute teacher as well.

Dunn fell in love with Alaska after her first visit to Alaska in 1998. She adds, "I came back up here and everyone has welcomed me with open arms. I live off less than \$800 a month because up here, people help one another."

Dunn's passion for education and love of her new Alaskan surroundings are evident in her excitement about her career. "There are so many possibilities and opportunities. I feel totally and completely blessed," Dunn says.

**Amanda Peterson Dalla Piazza** (communications) has been promoted to Marketing Coordinator at Larson Design Group. Amanda and her husband, **Chris '99**, reside in Muncy, Pa.

**W. Elliott Love** (biology) is in his second year of medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Lisa M. Schoonbeck** (English-literature) is currently employed by the New York State Museum as an assistant collections manager. Lisa is residing in Albany, N.Y.

**Julia H. Webb** (nursing) is currently working as a registered nurse in the Cardiovascular Surgical Unit of the Williamsport Hospital.

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**Hillary Barrett** (sociology) has been named head women's lacrosse coach and assistant women's soccer coach at Lycoming. Hillary was a lacrosse team co-captain her junior and senior years.

**Stephen Drown** (criminal justice) has accepted a position as a police officer with the New Providence Police Department in New Jersey.

**Mindy Gray** (psychology) is currently teaching at Saint Joseph School in Williamsport, Pa.

**Jackie Brown Shrimp** (business-market management) is currently employed as an executive assistant at

the Woodlands Bank in Williamsport, Pa.

**David Vasses** (biology) has joined the staff of the Harford County, Maryland, public schools as a science teacher. A letter from the Harford County Supervisor of Science indicates that Vasses' school is very pleased with his skills as a teacher and commends Lycoming for preparing him in such a successful manner.

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**Brandy Bosler** (communications-corporate) has accepted the position of office assistant for the Williamsport- Lycoming Foundation.

**Meghan Boyles** (English-literature) is teaching English at the Edgewood High School in Edgewood, Md.

**Katie Breen** (music) is gigging (freelancing) around the Manchester, Conn., area on the violin. She recently joined the first violin section of the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale.

**Andre R. Eshleman** (business-financial) is currently employed by Sovereign Bank in Newtown, Pa. as a credit analyst.

**Michael P. Greenage** (biology) is in his first year of medical school at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Amanda Jane Keller** (psychology) has been accepted in the master's degree program in clinical psychology at Marywood University in Scranton, Pa.



**Timothy LeGower**

(theatre) recently appeared in an episode of the CBS television show "Hack." The episode, entitled "Death of Innocence," aired on Friday, January 17.

LeGower worked as an extra, portraying a mourner during a funeral scene. He described his experience filming the episode as very enjoyable and added that many of the show's stars he encountered seemed rather friendly. He also noted that the other extras added to the amiable atmosphere, exchanging audition tips and casting agency recommendations with one another.

LeGower's experience proved to him that acting is what he truly wants to do

with his life. He believes that the salary and the size of the role are unimportant as long as he enjoys his work. "I love acting and performing and I would love to be involved in it no matter what the capacity is," LeGower stated.

He currently works as a full-time Service Assistant for United Health Group – AARP in Philadelphia as a senior member of his team, while he searches for internship opportunities in the entertainment industry..

**Andrew Lukashunas** (political science/economics) has been accepted at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Andrew hopes to pursue a joint degree in economics.

**Wendilorian Meyers** (biology) is pursuing her Ph.D. in human genetics at Case Western Reserve University's Medical School in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Lori A. Miller** (mathematics) is currently teaching mathematics at Milford Senior High School in Milford, Del.

**Phil Zimmerman** (communications) has completed his internship at NBC and is pursuing his Fulbright graduate research in New Zealand.



*Zimmerman has completed his internship at NBC.*

**Renee A. Alvarado '81** and Scott Vogel were married on May 18, 2002. **Esther Sokol Franks '82** attended the ceremony.

**Jodi L. McGregor '85** and Mark Brown were married on May 16, 2002, in Cades Cove, Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Jodi's sister, **Jami McGregor Whyatt '87** was matron of honor.

**Wendy von Fabrice '85** and Mark Hinrichs were married on December 28, 2002. They were married in a private ceremony with Wendy's children, Tony and Kate Barone, as the best man and maid of honor.

**Lisa L. Ryscavage '87** and Michael Buchinsky, Jr. were married on October 3, 2002, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Tracy L. Swales '90** and Thomas D. Kelly were married on October 20, 2001, at Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Church at Pocono Pines, Pa.

**Ann K. Sestina '94** and Brian J. Osoba were married on June 1, 2002 at St. Catherine Laboure Church in Harrisburg, Pa.

**Julie Ferenczy '95** and Joshua Bertholf were married on August 30, 2002, in Ambler, Pa. **Julie Dellert '95** was a bridesmaid. Guests included: **Garisanne (Derr) Anderson '95, Jill (Sechleer) Valunas '94, Kate Fogarty '95 and Darra Gordon '95.**

**Andrea J. Guss '95** and Dennis Bitner were married on June 22, 2002.

Michelle Crum and **Dr. Philip Kosvitch '95** were married on November 2, 2002, at Lititz United Methodist Church.

Heather Griffiths and **Heath Renninger '95** were married on July 13, 2002, at Sacred Heart Church in Newtown, Pa.

Allison R. Doll and **Michael B. Reaser '96** were married on September 7, 2002, at Cornwall United Methodist Church in Cornwall, Pa.

**Michelle Forney '97** and Thomas Heenan, Jr. were married on June 1, 2002, at St. John the Baptist Church in Pottsville, Pa.

**Tara L. Messner '97** and **Brandon M. Hall '99** were married on September 7, 2002, at Salem Shalter's Lutheran Church in Alsace Township, Pa.

**Carrie L. Smith '97** and Chad Gorn were married on August 10, 2002, on the



*Kneeling, from left: Matthew Geromi '96, Matthew Barr '98, Steve Parente '98, Dave Johnston, and Kevin Speicher '99. Standing, from left: Jennica Musselman '98, Heather Duda '98, Patricia Thayer, Dr. Fred Thayer, Brenda Bowser '98, Lana Adams '99, Krista Poppe '98 (BRIDE), Ty Kahler '98 (GROOM), Zoe Smith, Michael Saulnier '96, Laurie Hower '98, TJ (Klahre) Hirsch '98, and Chris Hirsch '98.*

campus of Lycoming College in front of Rich Hall. The ceremony was officiated by Marco Hunsberger. **Barbara (Reichart) Trout '96** was a member of the wedding party.

**Jennifer L. Smith '97** and Keith VanLouvender were married on June 22, 2002, at Clarks Green United Methodist Church.

Kimberly Nehring and **Duane P. Hine '98** were married on June 1, 2002, at

St. John's Lutheran Church in Hagerstown, Md.

**Krista C. Poppe '98** and **Ty W. Kahler '98** were married on September 14, 2002, at Mayfair Farms in West Orange, N.J. The wedding party included **Heather Duda '98, Jennica Musselman '98, and Matthew Barr '98.** In attendance were **Matthew Geromi '96, Steve Parente '98, David Johnston, Kevin Speicher '99, Brenda Bowser '98, Lana Adams '98, Zoe Smith, Mike Saulnier '96, Laurie Hower '98, TJ (Klahre) Hirsch '98, Chris Hirsch '98, and Dr. Fred and Patricia Thayer.**

Alicia Rose Zito and **Matthew J. Goodrich '99** were married on August 31, 2002, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Bangor, Pa.

**Jennifer L. Nohai '99** and **Alexander R. Seaman '99** were married on January 4, 2003, in Cold Spring, N.Y.



*Carrie (Smith) and Chad Gorn with Rev. J. Marco Hunsberger.*



*The Loves*

Kathryn Ann Stegelmann and **W. Elliott Love '00** were married on July 27, 2002, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Rochester, N.Y. Alumni in wedding party were: **Jason Davis '00, Shawn Rosa '00, Paul Lazenby '00 and Brian Gofus '01.**

**Lauren E. Caldwell '01** and Justin M. Greene were married on September 22, 2001, in Liverpool, Pa. **Amy (Gutkowski) Zartman '01, Julie Jacobs '01 and Nick Carter '01** were in attendance.

**Amy M. Fenstermacher '01** and Christopher A. Moyer were married on July 13, 2002, at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Rebersburg, Pa. **Becci (Winter) Swales '95** was a bridesmaid. Alumni in attendance included: **Kristen Shriner '01, Korrie Lucas '01, Rachel Schuster '01, Jen McCully '00, Jackie Shrimp '01, Bryan Harry '00 and Deb Nunn '95.**

**Catharine A. Long '01 and Eric S. Doyle '92** were married on October 18, 2002, at the Sugar Valley Church of the Brethren in Loganton, Pa.

**Christine M. Shawver '01** and Jeffrey S. Stewart were married on July 20, 2002, at the First United Methodist Church in Lewistown, Pa.

**Margaret Straub '01 and Scott Paprella '01** were married on

May 25, 2002, at Advent Lutheran Church in West Lawn, Pa.

**Kimberly B. Wetzel '01** and Kevin Flemming were married on October 12, 2002, at St. John's United Church of Christ in Ashland, Pa.

**Julie Marie Bonislowski '02 and Michael David Pontious '02** were married on August 17, 2002, at Annunciation Catholic Church in Williamsport, Pa.

**Candi Lea Smith '02** and Wesley Eugene Thomas were married on August 10, 2002, at the Port Ann Wesleyan Church in Port Ann, Pa.



*Missy (Smith) and Christopher Masse.*

**Melissa A. Smith '01** and Christopher Masse were married on October 26, 2002, at Annunciation Church in Williamsport, Pa. **Jackie (Brown) Shrimp '01** was matron of honor and **Laurie Persun '04** served as maid of honor.

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A son, Nathan Ronald, to Molly and **Ronald W. Hoover '81**, June 16, 2002.

A daughter, Natalie Ann, to **Catherine (Herring) '83** and Yevgeny Macheret, September 20, 2002.

A daughter, Anneke Elizabeth Katarina, to **Sally (Stock) '84** and Lucas Houtman, July 31, 2002. She joins a brother, Johannes, 2.

A son, John Russell, to Alison and **Gary F. Steele '84**, September 20, 2002. He joins a big brother, Joey, 3, and a big sister, Eva, 2.

A daughter, Jordan Alyssa, to **Braith (Eldridge) '86** and Steven Dicker, November 17, 2002. She joins a sister, Braith, 3.

A son, Jack Riley, to Wendy and **Scott J. McDevitt '86**, January 9, 2002. He joins brothers, Scott, 13, Benjamin, 11, and a sister, Kailey, 8.

A son, Ryder Richardson, to **Julia (Carlyon) '87** and Richard Greenblatt, December 12, 2002. He joins big sister, Zoe, 9, and big brother, Noah, 7.

A son, Thomas Edward, to **Ann (Culhane) '87** and Steven Hopper, October 3, 2002. He joins a sister, Amanda, 16 months.

A son, Robert Stephen, to **Elizabeth (Purcell) '88** and William F. Norton, October 30, 2002. He joins brothers,

Kyle, 5, David, 4, Eric, 3, and sister, Emma, 2.

A son, Nathan, to **Joyce (Borocz) '89** and Richard Abbott, July 20, 2001. He joins brothers, Patrick, 8, and Schuyler, 4.

A son, Nicholas Michael, to **Dianne (Emmons) '89** and Michael Zanowicz, September 26, 2002. He joins a sister, Alexandra Dianne, 3.

A son, Harrison Piper, to **Jennifer (Piper) '89** and David McNamara, November 25, 2002. He joins a brother, Preston, 2.

Twins, Amanda Ruth and Racheal Marie, to **Pamela (Schmoyer) '89** and Drew Wildonger on September 7, 2002. They join big brother, Joshua, 3 1/2.

A daughter, Lydia Noel, to **Kymerly (Burd) '90** and Christopher J. Dunlap, October 25, 2002. She joins a brother, Ian Nolan, 2.

A son, Adam Glenn, to Angel and **Mark A. Haulman '90**, May 31, 2002.

A son, Sam Kenneth, to **Anita (Price) '90** and Ibrahim Delhasani, July 27, 2001. He joins a brother, Kaden James, 20 months.

A daughter, Gabrielle Marie, to Wendy and **CPT Bruce E. Davis, Jr. '91**, May 23, 2002. She joins sisters, Alexis Ashley, 3, and Miranda Paige, 1 1/2.

A son, Steven, to Stacy and **Adam E. Balulis '92**, February 25, 2002.

A daughter, Kasey Veronica, to **Kelly (McLaughlin) '92** and Jeffrey Blake, September 14, 2002.

A daughter, Libby, to **Megan (Roland) '92** and Michael Cogan, December 8, 2002. She joins a brother, Max, 2.

A daughter, Natalie Elizabeth, to Jackie and **Benjamin P. Luci '92**, October 20, 2002. She joins a sister, Anna, 4, and a brother, Ben, 3.

A son, Luke, to **Mary (Pecchia) '92** and Jay Maneval, April 7, 2002. He joins brothers, Jacob, 5, and Dominic, 2.

A daughter, Katherine Mary, to Amy and **Douglas E. Calderone '93**, January 20, 2003.

A son, Jake Vincent, to **Amanda (Jones) '93** and David Calviello, August 31, 2002.

A son, Patrick Francis, to **Stacy (Miller) '93** and **Andrew M. Gerrity '93**, September 18, 2002. He joins sisters, Baylie, 4 1/2, and Kaycie, 2 1/2.

A son, Joseph Edward, to **Lynn (Gramley) '93** and Donald Lewis, November 6, 2002.

A daughter, Victoria Alexis, to **Alison (Greenberg) '93** and Eric Plessinger, November 24, 2002.

A son, Gavin Shawn, to Christine and **D. Shawn Ream '93**, November 20, 2002. He joins a sister, Anna Elizabeth, 2 1/2.

A daughter, Piper Kennedy, to Lisa and **Jeffrey L. Bennett '94**, July 1, 2002. She joins a sister, Paige, 2.

A son, Owen Thomas, to **Tammy (Kitchen) '94** and **Brett Anderson '93**, September 18, 2002. He joins a brother, Conner Brayden, 3.

A daughter, Abigail Lynn, to **Brenda (Dunn) '95** and Robert Fuller, November 21, 2002. She joins a big sister, Emily, 3.

A son, Jack Anthony, to **Christina (Tomasello) '95** and Peter DiMaggio, November 18, 2002.

A daughter, Julia Grace, to Jodie and **Jeffrey T. Oakley '95**, August 4, 2002.

A daughter, Samantha Rose, to **Catherine (Carl) '96** and Timothy Besel, April 30, 2002.

A son, Luke, to **Amy (McDevitt) '96** and Christopher Ruggiero, February 2, 2002.

A daughter, Macy Rebekah, to **Rachael (Rhoads) '96** and **Christopher D. Chamberlain '96**, June 3, 2002.

A daughter, Erin Lily, to **Doreen (Morrow) '97** and Thomas Bell, August 3, 2002.

A daughter, Riley Grace, to **Angela (Ranck) '97** and Joseph E. Emerick, July 10, 2002.

A son, Augustine Gabriel, to **Mara (Devlin) '98** and Augie Testa, September 8, 2002.



A daughter, Gabrielle Makenzie, to **Angela (Dakshaw) '96** and **Peter L. Sweeney**, July 12, 2002.



A son, Robert Alexander "Alex", to **Megan (Oster) '98** and **Roderick Montgomery**, February 16, 2003.

A daughter, Ryne Isadore, to **Kimberly (Konkle) '99** and **David I. Stark '01**, January 30, 2002.

A son, Riley, to **Sharidy (Telech) '99** and **Derick Hart**, October 22, 2002.

A daughter, Emily Rose, to **Kelly (Engel) '00** and **James Latten**, December 27, 2002.

A daughter, Alexa Sue, to **Cassie (Elliott) '01** and **Mark Lovelace '98**, January 29, 2003.



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2002 Football Score

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Lycoming	<b>24</b>	25%
Lebanon Valley	6	<b>34%</b>
Lycoming	<b>24</b>	25%
King's	10	<b>32%</b>
Lycoming	<b>35</b>	25%
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**1932**

Word has been received of the passing of **Jack F. Aschinger** on January 23, 1995. No other information was made available.

**1934**

**Dr. Burton L. Williams** of Newtown Square, Pa., died on December 2, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Harriet.

**1936**

Word has reached Lycoming on the passing of **Claire L. Lowrey** on January 20, 2002, in the Sycamore Manor. She is survived by three daughters.

**1937**

**Isabel G. Hess** died on December 29, 2002, at Manor Care Health Services North in Williamsport, Pa. A stepdaughter survives her.

Word has been received of the passing of **Rev. Percy F. Smith** on October 4, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and two daughters.

**1939**

**Minerva Goodman Jennings** died on November 15, 2002, at University Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y. She is survived by her husband, **Frederick F. Jennings '38**.

**1941**

Word has been received of the passing of **William E. Smith, II** of Waterville, Pa. No additional information was provided.

**1942**

**Ruth Doebler Russell** died on December 22, 2002, at Rose View Manor in Williamsport, Pa. She is survived by a son and three daughters.

**1943**

Word has been received of the passing of **Rosemary Wagar Phillips** on March 24, 2002. She is survived by her husband, John, four sons and a daughter.

**1946**

**Lillian Hamilton Myers** of Williamsport, Pa., died on October 10, 2002. She is survived by her husband, William, two sons and a daughter.

**1950**

**Charles M. Embrey** died at his residence in Montoursville, Pa., on December 31, 2002. He is survived by nieces and nephews.

**Matthew A. "Jim" Marcinek** died on November 25, 2002, at his residence in Shamokin, Pa. "Jim" was the original "Yats Esool" while he was on campus at Lycoming. He was very instrumental in reviving college spirit at that time. Two sons and two daughters survive him.

**Lehman M. Summerson** died on January 24, 2003, at Manor Care Health Services North following an extended illness.

**1953**

Word has been received on the passing of **Dr. Hillar E. Leetma** on September 6, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Eetla, and three children.

**1957**

**Max V. Ritter** of Williamsport, Pa., died on August 26, 2002, at the Williamsport Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Sara

Ella, a daughter and two sons.

**1958**

**James R. Hess** of Hughesville, Pa., died on January 18, 2003, in the Muncy Valley Hospital emergency room. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Ann, and two sons.

**1959**

**Louis J. DeFebo** died on December 12, 2002, at Gold Star Nursing Home in Danville, Pa., where he had resided. He is survived by a son and two daughters.

**1960**

Word has reached Lycoming on the passing of **Dr. A. Daniel Whitely, Jr.** on March 16, 1998. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Ann (Lincoln) Whitely '61**.

**1961**

**Edward R. Anderson** of Bethlehem, Pa., died on December 3, 2002, in Thomas Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience in Philadelphia, Pa. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Lory Dolores (Kopas) and two sons.

**1962**

Word has reached the College on the death of **Paul D. Gribble** on June 25, 2000.

Word has been received of the passing of **E. Arlene Jones Keely** on March 13, 1997.

**1965**

Word has been received of the passing of **Harry L. Losch, III** of South Williamsport, Pa., on

January 11, 2002, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Beverly, two sons and a daughter.

**1971**

**Marie A. Seers** died on December 17, 2002, at Normandie Ridge Nursing Home in York, Pa. She is survived by a brother, Donald.

**Wayne I. Smith** died on January 5, 2003, at Thornton Hospital in California. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Barbara.

**1974**

**Frank E. Ellis** died on December 4, 2002, in the Williamsport Hospital. He is survived by a daughter and a son.

**1975**

**Dennis E. Horn** died on January 7, 2003, at the Williamsport Hospital. He is survived by four sons and three daughters.

**1976**

**Donald M. Suica** died of pancreatitis on November 22, 2002, at his home in Odenton, Md. He is survived by two children and his parents.

**1977**

**Joel A. Crabtree** died on November 15, 2002, at his home in Trout Run, Pa. He is survived by his father, Samuel.

**1983**

**Kathy Zechman GaNung** of Bradford Woods, Pa., died on January 31, 2003, at her home. Kathy was Director of



Alumni and Parent Programs at Lycoming from 1993 to 1995. She is survived by her husband, **Mark '85**, a daughter and a son. Condolences may be sent to the family at 4825 Wexford Run Road, Bradford Woods, PA 15015-1325.

**1985**

**Christopher S. Scales** died on December 3, 2002. Trooper Scales was conducting a seatbelt enforcement detail at Exit 12 on the New Jersey Turnpike when he was struck and killed by a passing motor vehicle. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, a daughter and twin sons.

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