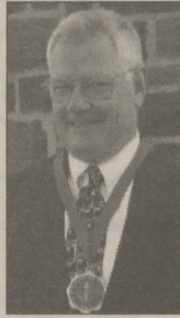


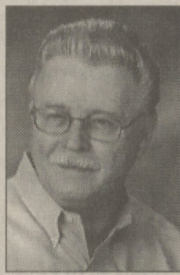
**MOVERS/
SHAKERS**

Dr. John J. Dickinson of Shavertown was awarded the Joseph C. Donchess Chair in Science at Wyoming Seminary. This honor recognizes excellence in teaching; it provides a stipend for the teacher as well as additional funds for the recipient's department in years to come.

Dickinson has taught and coached at Wyoming Seminary for 18 years, exemplifying what an educator should represent. Dickinson, originally from Philadelphia, earned his BS degree from St. Joseph's University, his MS degree from the University of California, and his Ph.D. from Oregon State University. Prior to working at Wyoming Seminary, Dickinson was a professional oceanographer. He conducted many workshops for science teachers, including a Woodrow Wilson program in environmental chemistry at Gettysburg College. Dickinson joined Wyoming Seminary in 1982 as a chemistry teacher. Since then, he has taught several science electives, assisted in coaching both the field hockey and softball teams, and currently is head coach of the cross country team.



Mr. Drue J. Daniels retired from UGI Utilities, Inc. — Electric Division on Oct. 1, 2000 after over 42 years of service. Mr. Daniels began his career in the Accounting Department at UGI's Kingston office. During his career he held a series of progressively more responsible positions, retiring as Accounting Manager from UGI's Hanover office. Mr. Daniels and his wife Bertha are residents of Dallas.



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Iditarod

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to race rather than stand on the sidelines and cheer. "They learn all about Alaska," Mrs. Young said of her students. "We try to tie it in with all aspects of the curriculum."

"We teach the geography, landforms and climate of Alaska, and we use them for graphing in math," added Mrs. Yvonne Casey, the other third grade teacher, who along with Mrs. Young helped Mr. Holdredge work on the event.

So did Mrs. Young's daughters, Lake-Lehman seniors Ellen and Lindsay Young, who came to the school at 7:30 in the morning to help set up the course. "We painted trail markers orange and put signs in place," Ellen said. They put stakes in cans filled with plaster-of-paris to hang the signs on, and packed the snow down solidly to make the sled track. Three of the signs on the course were authentic ones, from Mr. Holdredge's collection. "They did a great job," he said of the sisters' efforts.

Why did they volunteer? "I conned 'em into doing it," Mr. Holdredge joked.

Seriously, the Young sisters thought the Iditarod would be an interesting topic for their senior project, so they were happy to help at the elementary school. "We've heard our mom talking about it for the three years she's been doing it, and it sounded like a lot of fun," Lindsay said.

In addition to studying the Iditarod, Lindsay and Ellen have been compiling a portfolio of information about the rest of the states to send to Alaskan students.

Kids in Alaska's isolated villages don't get much of a chance to find out what's going on in the rest of the United States, and most kids in Pennsylvania don't get to go to Alaska very often. So the students at Lake-Noxen have been corresponding with children in the little town of Golovin for some time now as part of a mutually-enriching cultural exchange. According to Mrs. Young, the children at Lake-Noxen send letters, videos and "friendship books" to their Alaskan pen-pals, who respond in kind. The children from both states are amazed at the differences.

"At the school that we write to, when it gets below 25 degrees, they cancel recess," Mr. Holdredge said. "We took pictures of leaves last year because they never see leaves."

"But they tell us the Northern Lights are beautiful."



Dan Herrick and Dominique Giuli make some headway.



Tristin Crawford, Alycia Fowler, Ashely Stuart, Smantha Long give Lindsay Kuepp a ride.



Kristin Casterline, Zach Taylor and Eyanna Gruver hold up a sign of support for their friend.

"We've heard our mom talking about it for the three years she's been doing it, and it sounded like a lot of fun."
Lindsay Young
LLHS senior volunteer



The winning team, from left, front; Andrew Kopcha. Middle; Amy Heindel, lead dog, Shane Stark, Jake Chocallo. Back; Nikki Dunn, Jonathan Anderson, Brittany Austin (the Musher), Cheyenne Wright-Fisher and Sarah Rosco.



Cheryl Dragon holds the rope at the finish line!

**Iditarod
competition**

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