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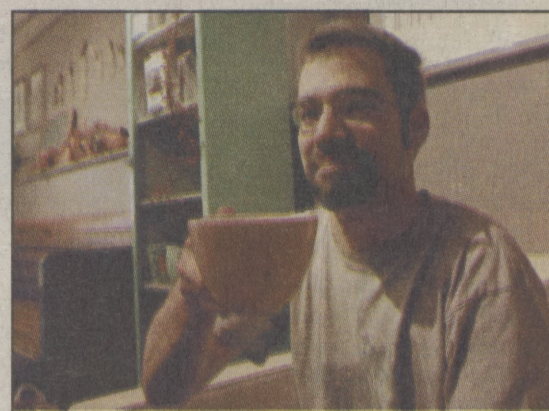


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The senior class float was voted the best float of the Homecoming parade.

Chealsea Sprau, last year's Homecoming queen at Lake-Lehman, crowns Samantha Jo Hudak during a ceremony before the start of the football game against GAR. Watching are her parents, John and Donna Hudak of Lehman Township.



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Back Mountain resident John Leonard is a regular customer at Outrageous coffee house. He says a new Starbucks being built in Shavertown won't change his loyalty.

Hudak, Butler crowned

Samantha Jo Hudak was crowned Homecoming Queen and Kevin Butler was chosen Homecoming King as Lake-Lehman High School held its annual Homecoming activities last week. The daughter of John and Donna Hudak of Lehman Township received her crown before the start of the football game against GAR. Butler was crowned before the start of the Homecoming dance the following night.

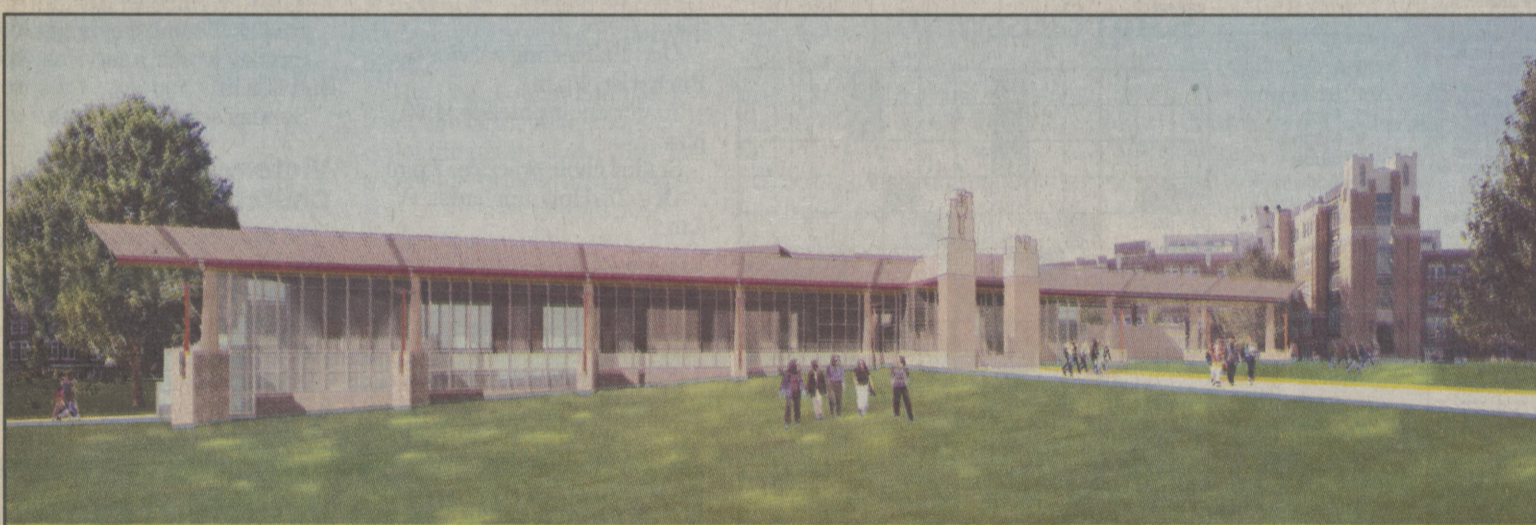
Joining Hudak and Butler on the Homecoming Court were Kallista Morgan, Victoria Posatko, Jaime Lipski, Joscelyn Mahon, Elyse Benoit, Jared Kopetchne, Kevin Racemus, Curt Jones, Michael Dougherty and Derek Shurmanek.

The Homecoming dance was held in the school's former gymnasium. The dance's theme – as well as the theme of the Homecoming – was "Pirates of the Night." The school held special spirit week activities throughout Homecoming week, including Black and Gold Day, Western Day, Hat Day and Celebrity Day. A pep rally was also held and the members of all fall sports teams were announced.

The Homecoming activities were under the direction of guidance counselor and head cheerleading coach Dawn Tephonica.



A large crowd at Edward Edwards Stadium watched the Homecoming events.



An artists rendering of the \$5 million Idea Center, part of the \$15 million 'Leading From The Heart' campaign at College Misericordia.

\$15 million campaign taking CM into the next century

College Misericordia recently announced the public portion of its \$15 million "Leading from the Heart" campaign during the school's annual Trustee Associates Dinner.

The campaign will allow Misericordia to meet the challenges of unprecedented growth in enrollment, programs and student activities by increasing academic space on campus with the construction of the two-story, \$5 million Idea Center, and strengthening the endowment and annual funds.

"The 'Leading from the Heart' campaign will drive Misericordia squarely into the next century," said Michael A. MacDowell, president of College Misericordia. "When successfully completed, the campaign will underwrite an exciting new facility, renovate a venerable old one and provide scholarship support for financially-deserving students."

"The campaign will accomplish an additional goal, as well. It will demonstrate to all associated with Misericordia that alumni, friends, faculty and staff care deeply about Misericordia and the pivotal role it plays for those fortunate enough to enroll here. It will also set the stage for Misericordia University."

The new state-of-the-art Idea Center will be a wireless, technologically smart learning environment where innovation and imagination converge. The 28,500-square-foot Idea Center will include the Assistive Technology Research Institute, the speech-language pathology department, additional classrooms and a conference center. It will also house a center for the

performing and visual arts, and will lead to a renovated Walsh Auditorium. Construction is expected to begin in the spring.

"College Misericordia has been experiencing unprecedented growth and expanding influence for six years," said Paul "Chip" Siegel, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Traditional student enrollment has grown by one third and adult education has experienced a 50 percent increase during that same time."

The state will be awarding a \$2.5 million grant to the college, according to state Sen. Charles Lemmond, because it combines the development of advancing technology and service to the greater community through these two established programs.

"Senator Charles Lemmond and Senator Robert Mellow worked closely together to secure this support," MacDowell said. "It is rewarding when two long-serving and distinguished members of the Pennsylvania Senate cooperate so closely in helping to make this community-focused project a reality."

Despite all of the changes, the college has not lost sight of its founders and sponsors, the Religious Sisters of Mercy who founded the institution in 1924. Misericordia remains deeply rooted to its core values of mercy, service, justice and hospitality. The college's liberal arts curriculum stresses academic excellence, integrity, service, lifelong learning and respect for others.

"Everything the college does has its basis in moral and ethical values, and that's huge," said Susan Fort Sordoni, a 1968 alumnus of Misericordia and chairwoman of the campaign. "College Misericordia secures the foundation for a successful life — not just a successful career."

Overall, "Leading from the Heart" is geared toward positioning the institution, its students, faculty and staff for the 21st century and beyond. The campaign hopes to foster long-term financial health and enable the institution to provide responsible gifts to its students in the form of financial aid and scholarships.

By strengthening the endowment, the college will ensure that future generations of students will benefit from scholarships. Misericordia has been helping first-generation college students since its inception. The annual fund allows the college to meet its most crucial needs, including financial aid for students, enriching the curriculum and attracting top-rate faculty and staff. Misericordia is ranked among the top colleges and universities of its size in the northeastern United States for alumni giving.

The Trustee Associates Dinner is an annual event recognizing the donors who support the college and its mission. The dinner publicly kicked off the campaign, which has already raised \$7.6 million since the silent phase was launched in July 2004.

Also at the dinner, Deborah and Jack Burke were honored with the annual Trustee Associates Award for their support of the college, and Marlene and Sandy Insalaco received the prestigious Founders Medal for lifetime giving in support of College Misericordia.

Coffee drinkers vow their loyalty

By DAVE KONOPKI
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SHAVERTOWN – They might not rolling out the red carpet at the grand opening, but coffee-drinking folks – and servers – in the Back Mountain don't seem to be intimidated by the recent announcement of the opening of a Starbucks on Route 309. The Seattle-based chain is expected to build a store next to McDonald's restaurant near Franklin Street.

Several people interviewed at diners and coffee shops near the planned Starbucks's site believe loyalty and price will play a large role in the decision where to purchase a cup of coffee.

"We are looking forward to it," said Brigette Baker, who works at Outrageous coffee house in Shavertown, which sells locally-brewed gourmet coffee. "Anything that will encourage the coffee culture in the area, we welcome. You have to make the best of the situation. I think eventually, (coffee drinkers) will find our coffee to be better. Many people find Starbucks's coffee to be very acidic and they will be more expensive."

Baker says business at the coffee house has almost doubled since it opened a little more than one year ago. She doesn't think the opening of Starbucks will lure away her store's loyal customers.

John Leonard wholeheartedly agrees. "Not only will the price be more reasonable here, but this is a more personal place," said Leonard, a regular at Outrageous. "It's like Cheers, everybody knows your name. You might meet someone new at a Starbucks, but the people at the counter won't know you. It's nice that the area is improving, but I'm very faithful guy."

Familiarity and faithfulness are also traits of customers at Libby's Diner, located a few hundred yards away from the Starbucks property, the site of a former BP gas station.

"I've been coming here for 40 years, so I'm not going to go there," said a Trucksville resident who only identified himself as Mr. Evans. "I don't like (Starbucks) coffee. I can't tell you what it is, but I just don't like the taste of it. Besides, it will be too expensive."

Libby's Diner owner Jeanne Thomas doesn't think Luzerne County's fourth Starbucks store will have an effect on her business, which only serves breakfast and lunch and closes at 2 p.m.

"They serve a whole different type of person. (And) you could probably drink two pots of coffee here for the price they will charge," Thomas said with a laugh.

Curry Donut, located approximately one mile from McDonald's, is another coffee-serving establishment that will be located a short distance from Starbucks.

"Hopefully they won't hurt us," said Shavertown resident Mary Pattison, an employee at Curry Donut. "I think people appreciate our brand of coffee and the donuts we serve. Our place really starts hopping around 2 (p.m.) when men come in to talk to their friends after work. They fill up the two rooms we have."

Founded in 1971, Starbucks has 12,000 locations in more than 30 countries and employs more than 117,000 people. Starbucks has begun advertising on the Internet for a full-time manager for the Dallas location.

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