

DEATHS REPORTED

Bowron, Kent Sanders
78, husband of Shirley Richwine Bowron, of Eustis, FL, April 21, 2008.

Davis, Margaret E. Sayers
84, wife of E. Bradford Davis, of Willow Valley Retirement Home, May 23, 2008. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097.

Gatchell, Debra A. (Clay)
50, wife of Jerry Gatchell, of Mt. Airy, May 18, 2008. Auer Memorial Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 800-720-8221.

Geist, Norman J.
76, husband of Linda J. Priefer Geist, of Lancaster, May 23, 2008. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097.

Reese, Walter, III
55, husband of Marcia L. Sears Reese, of 534 Union Street, Columbia, May 22, 2008. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 684-2370.

Thomas, Haines R.
80, of Wrightsville, May 23, 2008. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 684-2370.

Warmingham, Irma
May 20, 2008. Delaware Valley Cremation Center, 215-543-9339

* No Obituary appears

SERVICES
TODAY OR
TOMORROW

Nesbit, Ruth D.
First Presbyterian Church, 140 East Orange St., Lancaster, Sun., 2:00 PM. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home

Stoak, JoAnn M.
Longs Park, Pavilion 1, Section A and B, Sun., 12 Noon. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home

Weaver, Carl R.
Petra Christian Fellowship, Monday, 10 AM. Eckenroth Home for Funerals.

Henry J. Grezlak

OBITUARIES

Margaret E. Sayers
Davis

Mrs. Margaret Edna Sayers Davis, wife of the Rev. Dr. E. Bradford Davis, former chaplain of Willow Valley Manor, died on Friday, May 23, 2008 at the Willow Valley Retirement Home, Lancaster, PA.



Edna was born in Philadelphia on December 8, 1923, the daughter of the late William and Minnie Sayers. She attended public schools, graduating from West Philadelphia High School, where she was co-valedictorian of her class.

She graduated from Wheaton College in 1946, majoring in Christian Education. Edna then became a commissioned church worker in the Presbyterian Church, serving at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Detroit, MI. Later she returned to Philadelphia and was employed at the Oak Park Presbyterian Church and Ninth Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery of Philadelphia then commissioned her as a field missionary, teaching children's clubs at community centers.

In 1952, Edna married Bradford Davis at Westminster Presbyterian Church, her home church in Philadelphia. In the churches where Brad served as pastor, she often became the Youth Advisor, a Sunday School teacher, and worked with women's groups. After moving to Willow Valley, she became a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Strasburg, PA.

Edna was a substitute and public school teacher in the Abescon School District in

Haines R. Thomas

Haines R. Thomas, 80, of Wrightsville died Friday morning at the Lancaster General Hospital. He was the husband of the late Helen Bayman Thomas who



Abescon, NJ and at Lansdowne-Aldan High School in Lansdowne, PA. She also managed a Christian bookstore in Broomall, PA.

She is survived by her husband, The Rev. Dr. E. Bradford Davis; two sons, Dr. Edward Bradford Davis, Jr., a professor at Messiah College, husband of Kathryn, and by Dr. Thomas William David, Director of Cyprus American Archeological Research Institute in Nicosia, Cyprus, and his wife Jennifer; and by two granddaughters, Katherine Elizabeth and Julia Lynn.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. at the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg, 101 S. Decatur St., Strasburg, PA with the Rev. Dr. C. Vincent Wilson officiating. Friends may call at the church on Thursday from 9:15 A.M. until the time of the service. Interment in the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Cold Spring, NJ. A Memorial Service will also be held on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at 3:00 P.M. at the C. Jack Orr Auditorium at Willow Valley Manor, 211 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA with the Rev. Charles Cummings officiating.

The family will greet friends on Saturday following the Memorial Service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mrs. Davis' memory may be made to the Wheaton College Scholastic Honor Society, 501 College Ave, Wheaton, IL 60187 or to the Memorial Fund of the First Presbyterian Church of Strasburg, 101 S. Decatur St., Strasburg, PA 17579. Arrangements by the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 717-394-4097, for other information or to send an online condolence to the family, visit our website at www.kearneyasnyderfuneralhome.com

Kent Sanders Bowron

Kent Sanders Bowron, 78, of Eustis, Florida, died April 21 after a long battle with heart disease. Born in Umatilla, Florida to Ross and Lucille Bowron, he was predeceased by his twin brother, Keith. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Shirley Richwine Bowron; sons Barry

Walter "Tim" Reese, III

Walter "Tim" Reese, III, age 55, of 534 Union Street, Columbia, died peacefully, Thursday, May 22, 2008, at the Lancaster General Hospital.



Born in Columbia; he was the son of the late Walter Reese, Jr. and the late Jennie Warner Reese. He was the husband of Marcia L. Sears Reese; they were married September 5, 1981.

Tim worked as a ground man for 35 years for Asphund Tree Experts. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Columbia. Tim enjoyed gardening, yard work, and fishing and clamming, especially in the Chesapeake Bay on his friend John's sailboat. He loved to spend time with family and friends.

In addition to his wife he is survived by a step-mother: Bernice Reese of Columbia; a son: Don L. Patterson of Elizabethtown; a brother: Glenn Reese of Columbia; 4 sisters: Arvena Cunningham of Waynesboro, Georgia, Rhonda Landis of Red Lion, Terri, wife of Stephen Hohn of Maytown, Melissa Ford of Mountville, and 2 grandchildren: Justyn and Kiara Esoldo.

A graveside memorial service will be held Wednesday, May 28, 2008 from Laurel Hill Memorial Gardens, North Ninth Street Extended, Columbia, at 11AM with the Reverend Deborah L. Brumbaugh officiating. Please omit flowers. Contributions in Tim's memory may be made to: American Cancer Society-Lancaster County Unit, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603 or United Disabilities Services, PO Box 10485, Lancaster, PA 17605 or VFW Post# 2435, PO Box 365, Columbia, PA 17512. Arrangements by: Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., Columbia/Landisville.

Irma Warmingham

On May 20, 2008. Irma was preceded in death by her husband Horace and her son Paul. She is survived by: Paul's wid-

Norman J. Geist

Norman J. Geist, 76, of Lancaster, died on Friday, May 23, 2008 at the Essa Flory Hospice Center. He was married 9 years to Linda J. Priefer Geist. His first wife, Edith Kauffman Geist died in 1996. Born in Myerstown, he was the son of the late Lloyd and Marie Schertz Geist.



Mr. Geist retired from RCA after 38 years of employment as the facilities manager. Following retirement he worked part-time at the Horn of Plenty produce stand at Central Market. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Lancaster, and had been a longtime member of the former Zion Lutheran Church in Lancaster. He was a member of the Lancaster Sertoma Club and the Lancaster Elks.

Surviving besides his wife is a daughter, Linda, wife of Ralph Hiney of Desert Hot Springs, CA; two step-daughters Colleen, wife of Stephen Wagner and Shawna Scully both of Lancaster; a step-son Jason Steffy of Lancaster; a step granddaughter Mazelle Wagner; and a step-sister, Mary Anne Virgil of Willow Street.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. at St. John Lutheran Church, 223 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA with Rev. Margaret Kassees officiating. Interment in Conestoga Memorial Park, Lancaster, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mr. Geist's memory may be made to the St. John Lutheran Church Food Bank, 223 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA 17603. Arrangements by the Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 394-4097, for other information or to send an online condolence to the family, visit our website at www.kearneyasnyderfuneralhome.com

Debra A. (Clay) Gatchell

Debra A. (Clay) Gatchell, 50, died May 18, 2008. She is survived by her loving

DEATHS FROM EARLIER
IN THE WEEK

The following deaths were reported in the past week. Complete obituaries can be found in the LancasterOnline.com news archives.

ALTPETER, W. John, 87, Ephrata, May 16.

BAIR, Alfred R., 77, Lancaster, Feb. 24.

BENDER, John S. Jr., 81, Elizabethtown, May 18.

BLEECHER, William H., 73, East Petersburg, May 16.

BRAY, Rosita Almaguer, 82, Ephrata, May 18.

BRENEMAN, Jane Spong, 93, Lancaster, May 15.

BROOKS, Maryann, 78, Columbia, May 16.

BROWN, Shakena Fatima, 32, Lancaster, May 19.

BRUBACHER, Mary S., 63, East Earl, May 19.

BUEHLER, Doris M., 76, Lancaster, May 21.

CHARLES, Helen Mae, 85, Denver, May 18.

CHICKERING, Charles Day, 81, Millersville, May 19.

COOPER, Carl D., 70, Lancaster, May 21.

CRAVER, John, 77, Lancaster, May 22.

CUEBAS, Rosario, 77, Lancaster, May 19.

DAVIS, Anna C., 65, Mount Joy, May 17.

DEXTER, Norma R. Scheid, 81, Lancaster, May 18.

DUBROFF, Mitchell H., 81, Lancaster, May 21.

DRISCOLL, Evelyn J., 83, New Holland, May 20.

ERB, Catherine G., 78, Lancaster, May 18.

FAHNESTOCK, Edith G., 85, Manheim, May 21.

FARVER, Alice A. Brown, 96, Bangor, Maine, March 21.

FLORY, Elizabeth E., 49, Lititz, May 20.

FUNK, Grace O., 88, Millerton, May 18.

GEIB, Ellen M., 71, Columbia, May 19.

GERLITZ, LaNieta S., 93, Lancaster, May 22.

GLOVER, Robert L. Jr., 51, Lancaster, May 18.

GOOD, Jay, 58, Lititz, May 18.

GOOD, Jean, 58, Lititz, May 18.

GREZLAK, Henry J., 93, Lancaster, May 19.

GROOME-WARD, Brittney A., 22, Lebanon, May 16.

HARTUNG, Jeanne L., 80, Lancaster, May 18.

HESS, Betty J., 73, Refton, May 20.

HESS, Gerald, 52, Midlothian, Texas, May 17.

HOGARTH, John N. Jr., 71, Lancaster, May 17.

HORINE, Merrill C., 83, Denver, Colo., May 12.

HUSS, James D., 43, Cincinnati, N.Y., May 14.

HUSSAIN, Abdul Rashid, 75, Columbia, May 18.

Weaver, Carl R.
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Henry J. Grezlak

Henry J. Grezlak, 93, of Lancaster passed away Monday, May 19, 2008 at Lancaster Regional Hospital. Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Felix and Helen Grezlak. He was married to the late Julia (Stanczuk) Grezlak.

Henry was employed by Alcoa before his retirement after 40 years of service. He was a long-time and devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He enjoyed gardening and watching baseball.

Henry is survived by 2 sons: John H. Grezlak husband of Madelyn of Shippensburg, PA, Charles R. Grezlak husband of Donna of Doylestown, PA. A daughter-in-law: Carol Grezlak wife of the late Henry J. Jr. of Morrisville, PA. 5 grandchildren. Henry J. III husband of Saskia, Jennifer Grezlak, Christopher husband of Megan, Jessica Elk wife of Shon, and Andrew Grezlak. 3 great grandchildren: Lindsay Grezlak, Alexis Elk, and Sarah Elk.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Henry's name to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 440 St. Joseph Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

A Christian Prayer Service will be held Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 414 E. King St., Lancaster 17602 at 11 a.m. with Msgr. Thomas Smith officiating. The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at St. Joseph New Catholic Cemetery.

To send an on-line condolence or for more information, please visit:
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Haines R. Thomas
Haines R. Thomas, 80, of Wrightsville died Friday morning at the Lancaster General Hospital. He was the husband of the late Helen Bayman Thomas who preceded him in death in 1999.

Born in Charleston West Virginia, he was the son of the late Roy and Alice Brown Thomas.

Haines retired in 1994 from the former ITT Grinnell Corp., Columbia where he worked as a millwright for over 48 years and served his country during the Korean War in the U.S. Army. He enjoyed hunting and was an accomplished vegetable gardener. He enjoyed the company of family and friends and especially enjoyed playing with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Rick husband of Joan Thomas, Windsor; Michael husband of Sara Thomas, Wrightsville; Edward husband of Brenda Thomas, Wrightsville and Vicki wife of Keith Ness of Wrightsville. 12 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

His siblings, Virginia Miller, Lancaster; Jane Thomas, Elizabethtown; Olivene Hammer, York; Frank Thomas, Tampa FL and Lindberg Thomas of Ottumwa IA also survive. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Roy Charles and Burt Thomas and sister Ruth Wood.

Funeral services will be held from the Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 519 Walnut St., Columbia, PA on Wednesday at 11:00AM. with the Rev. Mark Kopp, officiating. Interment in Fairview Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday one hour prior to the service. If desired, memorial contributions may be made in Haines's memory to Hospice of Lancaster County, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

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Kent Sanders Bowron, 78, of Eustis, Florida, died April 21 after a long battle with heart disease. Born in Umatilla, Florida to Ross and Lucille Bowron, he was predeceased by his twin brother, Keith. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Shirley Richwine Bowron; sons, Barry, Bruce and Brian, all of Grand Island, Florida; and daughters, Bonny of Eustis and Barbara of Mount Dora, Florida; and sister, Barbara Davis, also of Mount Dora. He leaves 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

His family owned and operated Bowron's Orange Car in Lancaster on Prince Street during the 1930's and 40's. The business remained there selling fresh Florida citrus to the people of Lancaster until closing in 1972. Kent, his brother, sister and wife all graduated from J. P. McCaskey High School in 1947. Kent was President of B&B Groves in Eustis and owner of Mid-Florida Nursery in Lake County, Florida.

Private services were held April 25 and handled by Harden/Pauli Funerals. On-line guestbook available at:

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Irma Warmingham

On May 20, 2008. Irma was preceded in death by her husband Horace and her son Paul. She is survived by: Paul's widow Geraldine, her son Dale and his daughters Jennifer, Elizabeth and Emily; her son Ron and his wife Chris and his daughter Colleen and son-in-law Kevin; and her son Larry and his wife Grace and their son David and his wife Becky and their son Max.

Originally from Wilkes-Barre, Irma raised her family in Levittown, retired in Eustis, Florida, then returned to Bucks County. Among her diverse occupations were bus driver, salesperson and bartender. She enjoyed her flowers, her backyard birds, and her bingo. Irma will be deeply missed as the matriarch of her loving family.

Services and interment were private. Contributions in Irma's memory may be made in honor of her husband Horace to: The Alzheimers Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601-7633; or online at www.alz.org.

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Debra A. (Clay) Gatchell

Debra A. (Clay) Gatchell, 50, died May 18, 2008.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jerry Gatchell of Mt. Airy, PA, 2 sisters, Sandra (Clay) Greenweig of Palmerton, PA and Susan (Clay) Rough of Vancouver, WA and 1 brother, Greg Clay of Vancouver, WA.

Debra loved the outdoors, especially spending time with her dogs. Some of her other hobbies included cross-country skiing, kayaking and gardening.

Debra fought a long and courageous battle with dignity. In lieu of flowers, it would be appreciated if donations were made to the Lupus Foundation of PA, 5405 Jonestown Road, Suite 110, Harrisburg, PA 17112.

Arrangements by Auer Memorial Home and Cremation Services, Inc.

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HUSS, James D., 43, Cincinnati, N.Y., May 14.
HUSSAIN, Abdul Rashid, 75, Columbia, May 18.
IAMURRI, Fred A., 78, Lititz, May 20.
JONES, Edward E., 91, Lititz, May 18.
KING, Christian S., infant son of Benuel Z. and Rebecca E. Stoltzfus King, Kinzers, May 18.
KING, Sarah Ruth, one-month-old daughter of Melvin K. and Ruth B. Glick King, Leola, May 17.
KOPP, Mary Jane Zimmerman, 88, Lancaster, May 22.
KOUGH, Charles T., 26, Akron, May 18.
KREIDER, Martin Frank, 84, Milford, Del., May 21.
LAPP, Daniel G. Jr., stillborn son of Daniel G. and Anna L. Esh Lapp, Paradise, May 18.
LONG, Ada R., 95, Lancaster, May 19.
LORING, Viola M., 76, Lancaster, May 19.
MARTIN, Frances B., 93, New Holland, May 22.
McCLINTOCK, Thomas L., 72, Millersville, May 23.
McCREARY, Arlene R., 83, Lititz, May 16.
McMULLEN, Guy H., 47, Williamsport, May 19.
MENGE, Martha B., 97, Lancaster, May 19.
MOALES, John H., 72, Lancaster, May 13.
MORRIS, William Thomas Jr., 78, Pensacola, Fla., May 16.
MULL, Elsie V., 80, Manheim, May 20.
MUSMANNO, Victor Nicholas, 84, Warminster, May 19.
NAU, Jane A., 78, Columbia, May 21.

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A Flag with tattered edges...
A tear-moistened cheek...
Notes of Taps floating in the breeze...
A granite marker in the cemetery...
The ingredients of freedom
are both simple and costly.
**Remember those veterans who
gave their lives this Memorial Day.**

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DEATHS FROM EARLIER IN THE WEEK

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NESBIT, Ruth D., 86, Mechanicsburg, May 18.
NOLT, E. Robert, 93, Elizabethtown, May 21.
NUSS, Sam O., 68, Bainbridge, May 16.
OBER, Elizabeth G., 84, Manheim, May 17.
ORTMAN, Theodore R. Sr., 72, Washington Boro, May 16.
PEREZ, Wilson N., 36, Lancaster, May 19.
PHENEGAR, Caroline G., 70, Strasburg, May 18.
PICKEL, Janet R., 84, Lancaster, May 22.
PYOTT, William P., 82, Strasburg, May 21.
RENTSCHLER, Stewart B., 79, Lancaster, May 19.
ROTE, Lola A., 84, Lancaster, May 18.
SANGREY, Esther Ream, 58, Lancaster, May 5.
SAYRE, Robert D., 63, Millersville, May 16.
SEITZ, Irmgard E. Schrautemeier, 84, Lancaster, May 19.
SHAFFER, Thelma R. Balmer, 81, Lancaster, May 18.
SHANE, Tili Stein, 86, Lancaster, May 19.
SHENK, Paul S., 92, Lancaster, May 21.
SIDDONS, Mary Elizabeth, 94, Quarryville, May 16.
SIMPSON, Emma Virginia, 90, Christiana, May 16.
SITES, Paul G., 83, Lititz, May 16.
SLABACH, Fern M., 86, Denver, May 16.

SPOONER, Nadege N., 71, Lancaster, May 19.
SPROUT, Janet L., 75, Lancaster, May 16.
STECKEL, Anthony L., 80, Spring Hill, Fla., May 10.
STIRBA, Clifford, 89, Paradise, May 16.
STOAK, JoAnn M., 44, Columbia, May 21.
SUMMERS, Roy S., 89, Gap, May 19.
SUPPLEE, S. Warren, 98, Brandywine, May 16.
TODD, John Root, 83, Columbia, May 18.
WAGNER, Robert P. Jr., 58, Elizabethtown, May 15.
WALTMAN, Carl R. Sr., 70, Paradise, May 20.
WASSERLEIN, Carl J., 90, East Earl, May 20.
WEAVER, Carl R., 54, New Holland, May 22.
WEAVER, Kristine Marie, infant daughter of Mark Z. and Marie W. Zimmerman Weaver, Lititz, May 18.
WENTZEL, Frederick J., 72, Lancaster, May 21.
WILLIAMS, Dorothy M. Nelson, 84, Wyncote, May 14.
WIREBACK, Gertrude E., 89, Columbia, May 20.
WITMER, Gladys M., 86, Lancaster, May 20.
WITMER, Margaret J., 86, Lancaster, May 18.
WOLFE, Ronald Sr., 68, Manheim, May 20.
ZOOK, Melvin K., newborn son of Amos G. and Ruth A. King Zook, Ranks, May 21.

Route 222 roadwork

Beginning Tuesday, May 27, construction will begin to repair and resurface a seven-mile stretch of Route 222 from east of Ephrata to Mohlers Church Road to Adamstown and the Berks County line.

Motorists will encounter single-lane traffic restrictions during nighttime hours 7:30 p.m. — 5:30 a.m. for about a week and a half for shoulder paving and widening. After preparation work is done, traffic lanes will shift over so daytime patching and repairing of northbound lanes can begin along the full length of the construction zone, creating around-the-clock, single-lane traffic restrictions. Expect delays. Later this summer, work will switch over to the southbound lanes for similar repairs.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed July 2009.

See page F2 for weekly roadwork listings.



Past meets the future

Past heads of school tell Country Day grads: Keep up the good work.

By PAULA WOLF
 Sunday News Staff Writer
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It was almost as much of a homecoming as a commencement Saturday at Lancaster Country Day School, as three former heads of school — and the incoming one — were invited to help mark the start of the school's centennial celebration.

The men, whose tenures covered 42 years of Country Day's 100-year history, spoke briefly about what makes the school unique, careful not to overshadow a day that clearly belonged to the graduates.

"I've been told I can talk for one minute," a smiling John A. Jarvis told the 53 soon-to-be graduates, their families and friends, assembled in the Parents Fieldhouse for the school's 99th commencement.

Many in the crowd were already accustomed to the wit of the Scottish-born Jarvis, who led L.C.D.S. from 1965 to 1990.

Jarvis ignored the one-minute "rule" (not that anyone minded) and told the story of a Vietnamese boy, a refugee brought to the school's doors during the Vietnam War. He spoke not a word of English, Jarvis said, but wanted to attend the school.

So Jarvis met with the then-senior class, and told them he wouldn't be able to accept the boy as a student unless he got 10 volunteers to help the youth learn the language and get acclimated. It was a request Jarvis only had to make once.

"By the time he graduated," he said of the young man from Vietnam, "he was one of my best students." He ended up becoming a doctor, Jarvis said, and sends a thank-you note every year to the school, which he's also assisted financially.

Jarvis was followed by Richard D. Johnson, who headed Country Day from 1990 to 1999. What makes the school so special, he said, is its great teachers, small classes that give each student the



Jack Leonard/Sunday News

From left, David Wilkofsky, Andrew Guenin, Kate Roosa, Christine Long, Adam Manacher and John Casale won awards Saturday at Lancaster Country Day School's commencement.

because of its teachers and its student-centered environment, Mersky told the gathering. "My prayer is that it lasts forever."

Steven D. Lisk, who takes over July 1, replacing acting head of school Daphna Ben-Chaim, said he was honored to be joining "this fine school and fine community."

Lisk comes to the school from Saint Stephen's Episcopal School in Bradenton, Fla. He and his wife, Kirke, have two sons, Fisher, 9, and William, 7, who will be attending Country Day.

Looking forward to the next 100 years, Lisk said, "We all stand on the shoulders of our predecessors."

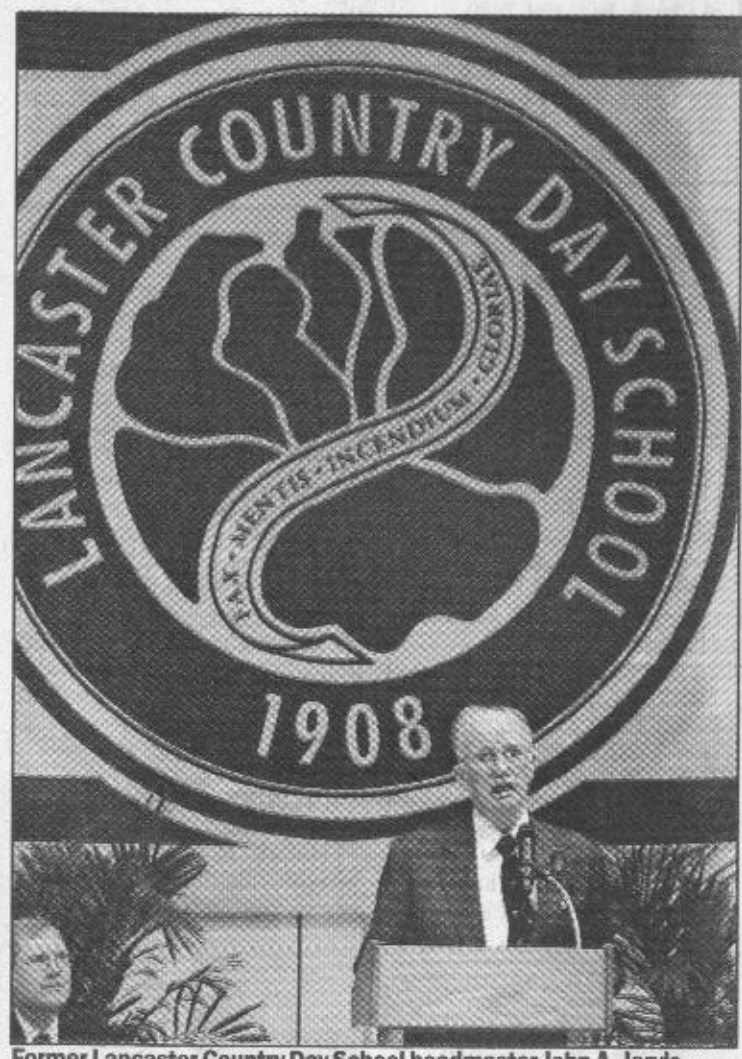
Three members of the Class of '08 spoke, along with their faculty adviser.

Rachael Thomas, upper school math teacher and chairman of the math department, described the graduating class in three words: "They do stuff."

She praised their individual and collective efforts on a host of projects, and said, "Even their balloon fights are organized."

Her parting advice to them was simple. "Keep being awesome," Thomas said, "and keep doing stuff."

Class president Adam Manacher talked about the myriad accomplishments of his classmates on the academic, artistic,



Former Lancaster Country Day School headmaster John A. Jarvis