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## JUSTICE FOR ALL

**Judge Thomas Vanaskie '75**

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit



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## PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY

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### **“College for Kids and Teens”**

More than 200 area elementary and middle school-aged students in grades two to eight participated in Lycoming’s 24th annual “College for Kids and Teens” program July 19-23. Program workshops are designed to enhance creativity and problem solving, and provide students with a variety of fun, academic opportunities.

Students received valuable hands-on experience in an assortment of classes, including Buds to Bugs, Forensics 101, Grossology, Aeronautical Engineering, and Environmental Experts, to name a few. Each student participated in a morning and afternoon workshop, which gave them the opportunity to explore two topics of their choice.

Robin Van Auken, program director and an instructor at Lycoming, says College for Kids is a unifying program, bringing together students from many area school districts.

“Students are immersed in experiential learning activities designed to fortify their confidence in a sophisticated academic setting,” said Van Auken. “These experiences enrich their lives and prepare them for when they become college freshmen. Hopefully, when that time comes, they will choose Lycoming College. This is reinforced by the fact that many of our CFK teachers are Lycoming College graduates or current instructors.”



*Third- and fourth-graders in Lycoming’s “College for Kids and Teens” program are busy in the Structure It! class.*

# C E L E B R A T E

## LYCOMING COLLEGE



Alumni, family and friends, get out your party hats! You’re invited to join Lycoming College for its bicentennial celebration during the 2011-12 academic year.

The College’s origin dates back to 1812 with the founding of Williamsport Academy. Through the years, it also was known as Williamsport Dickinson Seminary and Williamsport Dickinson Junior College.

Today, Lycoming College is proud of its 16,000-plus alumni as well as its status as one of the nation’s 50 oldest institutions of higher learning.

Be on the lookout for more celebration details. Don’t forget your noise makers!

## International ambassadors

Being an international student at any college can be a daunting experience. But for several Vietnamese students attending Lycoming College, their experience has been so rewarding that they want other students from their native country to join them here. In July, the students helped spread the good word about Lycoming during the 5th annual VietAbroad Study Abroad Conference held in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.



*In July, Lycoming's Ngan Le, Doung Pham, Nhi Ngo and Ly Phuong helped recruit students to the College during a study abroad conference in Hanoi, Vietnam.*

At the Hanoi event, Ngan Le, Duong Thuy Pham and Nhi Ha Ngo, who are now sophomores at Lycoming, and incoming student Ly Phuong Le served as ambassadors from the College.

"The fair went really well and we're happy with its success," says Ngan Le. "My first year at College was so wonderful. Lycoming is a big and lovely family. I love how people at Lycoming treat international students. It makes me feel like I'm home."

Ly Le was the program co-manager for the conference, charged with recruiting speakers and arranging the program and logistics. Sixty colleges were represented, with publicity reaching 15 newspapers and four television stations. More than 1,200 students attended the event.

Viet Ba, an incoming freshman, represented Lycoming at the Ho Chi Minh City conference.

## Lycoming's UMC archivist receives national award

Dr. Milton Loyer, who has served as the United Methodist archivist at Lycoming College for more than 20 years, was awarded the Ministry of Memory award from the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church and the General Commission on Archives and History on July 19. The honor is awarded to one individual each year.



*Dr. Milton Loyer*

In addition to serving as the archivist for the Susquehanna Conference of the UMC, Loyer founded *The Chronicle*, an annual regional journal of United Methodist heritage and history, and has served as its editor for the past 21 years. Loyer has a doctorate in statistics and periodically teaches part-time in the College's Department of Mathematics. Lycoming's United Methodist archives are located on the third floor of Snowden Library.

## Scholarship recipients

Three Lycoming College students were recently awarded scholarships in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements.

Britta Spalding, of Webster, N.Y., a 2010 graduate with a double major in archaeology/culture of the ancient Near East and art history, was one of 60 students to receive a 2010 fellowship from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Spalding will put it toward her pursuit of a Ph.D. in anthropology/archaeology at the State University of New York, Buffalo.

Justin Waycaster, of Watsonstown, Pa., and also a recent graduate, was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Scholarship recipients are accounting majors who have completed a minimum of 36 credit hours in general study.

Stephanie Robinson, a junior from McConnellsburg, Pa., has been selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Delta Mu Delta, the international honor society in business. Robinson was one of 26 students from across the country selected for the recognition.

## Lycoming wins public relations awards

Lycoming's Office of College Relations has been recognized with awards from two organizations for its work on several public relations pieces.

The College received four honors during the 25th annual Educational Advertising Awards, sponsored by the Higher Education Marketing Report. The admissions brochure, "Lycoby the Majors," earned a gold award and was selected as one of the Best of Show pieces. The *President's Report* and the Science Saturday flash received merit recognition. Lycoming won the awards in competition with colleges that have less than 2,000 students.

In the annual competition sponsored by CUPRAP—The Association of Communicators in Education, Lycoming won three gold CUPPIE Awards in the Emerging and New Media category for its Admissions Saturday Preview, Annual Fund Solicitation and Homecoming/Reunion flashes.

The pieces were created by Murray Hanford, Lycoming's publications manager. He has worked at the College since 1991 and has earned more than 55 awards for excellence in publications and new media pieces.



# JUSTICE FOR

Interview by Jerry Rashid

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*Judge Thomas Vanaskie '75 proudly displays his Lycoming tie*



**T**homas Vanaskie '75 was raised with six siblings in the small coal-mining town of Shamokin, Pa., where his father labored as a bricklayer and his mother worked the night shift at the local shirt factory. His father, who never finished high school, once told him that if he could do it all over again and could go to college, he would want to be a lawyer. Vanaskie turned his father's dream into his own aspiration, and as a result, has become one of the nation's most respected judges.

In May, Vanaskie was sworn in to a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He was nominated for the position by President Barack Obama and was later confirmed by the Senate. The court is one of 12 federal appeals courts a notch below the Supreme Court. Located in Philadelphia, it covers Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and the Virgin Islands.

While growing up, Vanaskie says hard work and athletic competition were always a big aspect of his life. An opportunity to play football at a small school was what brought him to Lycoming College, which he decided to attend sight unseen. When he graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in political science, his accolades also included the coveted Chieftain Award, which is the College's highest student honor, as well as the Male Athlete of the Year award. As a defensive back on the football field, he was an honorable mention All-American as well as a first-team Academic All-American.

In a recent conversation from his fourth floor office in the William J. Nealon Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse in downtown Scranton, Vanaskie shared his thoughts on topics including his beloved alma mater, a liberal arts education and his role as a judge.

## **Describe your Lycoming experience**

I had a great experience at Lycoming, primarily because of my classmates and teammates and the relationships I had with fellow students and members of the administration and faculty. I still stay in contact with Mike Roskin [retired professor of political science]. Coach Frank Girardi was at my investiture ceremony. I have stayed in touch with him and other members of the foot-

ball team. I still exchange e-mails with Pete Onorati [’75]. I had a lot of good relationships; Johnny Johnson [’77], Jimmy Tkach [’78]. There are numerous individuals who meant a lot to me during my years at Lycoming.

### **Who at Lycoming had the most influence on your life?**

Professor Roskin certainly had a major impact on me, especially in opening my eyes to the international arena. Probably more importantly, he helped me develop good writing skills. Another person who had a great influence on me was economics professor Robert Rabold. He was a great teacher. I felt I learned a lot from him in terms of the discipline of study. Those are two of the professors off the top of my head that I would mention right away. There also many coaches that I interacted with, starting with Coach Girardi, who had a very substantial impact on me. He was my defensive backs coach my freshman year and really got me started. He became the head coach my sophomore year. His lectures and materials on loyalty I still recall to this day. He talked not only about loyalty to teammates, but loyalty to our coaches, our program and to the institution. When you are a team, you hang together. You can talk to the coach if you have a problem, but you don’t go outside. I think that is an important message for all of us.

### **What are your thoughts on attending a small, private liberal arts institution?**

For me, it was the best decision I could have made. You develop relationships with professors—I mentioned two earlier, only because I have a poor memory for names—but I can tell you there are other professors out there as well. I took a writing seminar with a professor and it was painful because he tore apart what I did, but he made me a much better writer. I don’t think you have that opportunity at larger institutions. Academics were top-notch. You are also in an environment where you get to know your fellow students very well. It really was a great environment looking back at it now.

### **What role has athletics played in your life?**

The discipline of playing college athletics is extremely important. We had a regimen we had to follow. You had to know how to budget your time. You

had to devote your time to practice and devote time to your studies. Also, the camaraderie that comes with it is second to none. My best friends from Lycoming are the ones that I met while playing football. Playing football at the small college level enabled you to do something that you love to do, that you may not have had the opportunity to do anywhere else—play an organized sport, compete every week to try and win the game, and work together as a team. Teamwork is so important, because you recognize that everyone has a role to play. You have to play that role. You can’t play outside your role. Only when you play your position does the team mesh. It’s the same when I went into private practice as a lawyer. We each had roles in a case and you had to do your role; you couldn’t worry about what someone else was doing. If you didn’t take care of your job, the case would suffer.

One of the great benefits of being at Lycoming was my younger brother, John [’75], went to Lycoming as well. He played football, too, and was a lot bigger than me. He was a tight end and I was a defensive back, so we had to go up against each other in practice. The hardest time I ever was hit was when I had to tackle him. I was trying to hit him as hard as I could and he was trying to hit me as hard as he could. But we knew we would still be brothers after practice was finished.

### **What makes a good judge?**

It’s the ability to listen carefully and read thoroughly what is presented to you in terms of the parties’ arguments. I think it’s never to take anything at face value, but to look behind what is being said to make sure there is support for what people are telling you. You must verify everything. I must be shown it or find it myself to make sure what is being said is correct. I think a sense of compassion is important, as well as a sense of fairness. You want each side to know that you understand their arguments and try to make the best decision you can, given all of the facts and given what the law says. In almost every case, someone is going to be disappointed if the judge has to make a ruling. If the parties say they were given a fair shot, I think that you have done a good job.

### **What do you hope to accomplish as a Court of Appeals judge?**

I’d like to earn the respect of my colleagues on the court of appeals and retain the respect of my colleagues on the district court. When a decision is made, sometimes you’ll have to reverse your colleagues on the district court. Their respect means they feel that you made the right decision or that you certainly acted in an even-handed, fair manner with civility and professionalism. Ultimately, the most important thing is that you have the respect of the public, that the public understands that you are trying to do the best job you can.

### **What skills or knowledge did you obtain at Lycoming that you still use in your life as a Court of Appeals judge?**

By playing sports at Lycoming, I learned discipline. I also took out of that a sense of loyalty to the institution, and to my colleagues and staff and the people who work for me. From the academic side, I was well-trained in the disciplines of research and writing. Lycoming really gave me a great foundation to be a good writer, which is so important. For me, Lycoming has been a great foundation for a good life.

### **Vanaskie bio**

**Resides:** Clarks Green, Pa.

**Family:** Married to the former Dorothy G. Williams. They have two daughters and a son.

**Education:** Earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Lycoming in 1975. He then earned a Juris Doctor from the Dickinson School of Law in 1978.

**Career:** Served as a law clerk for Judge William J. Nealon from 1978-80. He then joined the Scranton office of Philadelphia-based law firm Dilworth, Paxson, Kalish and Kauffman. In 1992, he became a principal member of the law firm of Elliott, Vanaskie and Riley. In 1994, he was sworn in as a district judge for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. He was sworn in as judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit on May 10, 2010.



**BALANCING THE SCALES:**  
**Brobson and Baldi elected Pennsylvania judges**

B Y C . A . K E L L E R

**B**efore P. Kevin Brobson '92 embarked on the path that led to his new Harrisburg chambers, becoming a judge wasn't necessarily on the lawyer's list of top things to do in his career. He was busy and fulfilled in a large, Harrisburg-based practice.

"At that point in my life, engaging in a statewide political campaign was not something I was looking to do," says Brobson.

But when approached to run for the position, he said yes. Fellow Lycoming alumnus Robert Baldi '71 did the same when he was asked. Both were sworn in as judges after their elections in November 2009.

A native of Montoursville, Pa., Brobson serves on the statewide Commonwealth Court while Baldi, who hails from Doylestown, Pa., serves on the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas.

So what changed Brobson's mind?

"My wife and kids said it was OK," he said. "One thing I've learned, when a door opens for you, you should take every chance to walk through it. I think it was an act of faith to walk through that open door."

And so it was.

Both judges have led careers to do an alma mater proud, with long lists of prestigious accolades and sparkling academic and courtroom records to their names.

Baldi graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 1974. After a stint clerking for the Honorable Edmund V. Ludwig in the same Bucks County Court of Common Pleas he would eventually preside over, he worked as a trial lawyer in the Bucks County Public Defender's Office.

A 33-year member of the Bucks County and American Bar associations, Baldi spent many years practicing law in the Philadelphia-area, including working as a partner in the firm Baldi, Jenei & Cohen, P.C., before being named judge.

As for Brobson, after graduating magna cum laude from Lycoming, he graduated summa cum laude from Widener University School of Law in 1995. He then clerked for the late Judge James McGirr Kelly, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, before moving on to private practice, working as a shareholder at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney P.C.

While there, he received several honors, including the Lawyer on the Fast Track Award from American Lawyer Media, and served as chair of the firm's Insurance & Reinsurance Practice Group.

While both men always enjoyed practicing law, a judge's terrain is very different from a lawyer's.

"It's a step from before when I was just someone's advocate," Baldi said. "Now, I actually try to resolve problems with two lawyers and the people. I try to find common ground and I try to protect both sides' positions."



*Judge P. Kevin Brobson '92*



*Judge Robert Baldi '71*



For Brobson, there's now a certainty in the act of choosing sides, a finality that loans an air of luxury to the very different choice of advocating on someone's behalf. Judges, after all, are ultimately charged with balancing justice's scales.

"It's not only a challenge but it's a humbling experience," Brobson said. "You want to get it right for the people who elected you. It's an awesome responsibility, every day."

Neither man takes that responsibility lightly. In fact, that literal sense of justice is what drove them, however unexpectedly, to follow the path to the bench.

"I had a strong desire to save the underdog and save the world," Baldi said. "My first real hero as a lawyer was probably Atticus Finch [the fictional character in Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "To Kill a Mockingbird"]. I still believe that as a profession, lawyers today continue to be the guardians of civilization. Your everyday lawyer is a guardian of civilization, in that we are a society of law and we resolve our disputes by following the law and following rules. Lawyers come in and they help you interpret those rules and they help advocate for people to solve their disputes."

Baldi began his career at Lycoming expecting to major in political science. Feeling less than inspired in that course of study, he instead became an English major. For Baldi, the path led him to greater fulfill his potential in the courtroom.

"I wanted to be a lawyer before I came to Lycoming," Baldi said. "But that spirit of helping others and doing things for other people and fighting for the underdog was nurtured by literature and things that I would do at the school. At that time, there was real political unrest."

Leading up to Baldi's graduation in 1971, the Vietnam War was at its height and civil rights was an ongoing national issue. He found himself involved with campus protests, and he also was quite active in campus organizations, assuming leadership roles where he could. Baldi was active in student government, student council and Model UN, and he served as the president of his senior class. He also kept busy, working in the cafeteria, lettering in soccer, joining a fraternity and starring in at least one Lycoming theatre production per year.

All of the roles he played at Lycoming, both on and off the stage, likewise play a key role in his career as a judge.

"It's critical for a judge to have a broad range of experience," Baldi said. "I've always been involved with a myriad of people and I think all that makes you a broader person. I understand day to day problems that people have. I understand pressures that people feel, the day to day events that may seem insignificant, because it's someone else's problem. But I do understand that it's a major problem to you when you're young."

At the same time, particular activities helped Baldi in particular ways. Never one to take himself too seriously, Baldi nonetheless understands well the inherent gravitas of the courtroom, and the importance of conveying a sense of the rule of law. Part of his success at this comes from his stage experience.

The courtroom, after all, is its own kind of stage.

"I can speak with great concern over what the issue is," Baldi said. "Those in attendance need to see the theater of the courtroom. They need to see that they're being listened to. They need to see that there is a power when they walk in the courtroom. They need to feel that there are going to be consequences."

It's fitting then, that Brobson also acted while at Lycoming, albeit not to the extent that Baldi did.

And breadth of experience was also important to Brobson. Despite a double major in accounting and economics, Brobson likewise was extensively involved in campus life. He played tennis, joined a fraternity, performed in a theatre production his senior year and served as the concert promotion chair. Brobson also was active on the Campus Activities Board, served on the campus judiciary and helped to revamp the campus judicial system during his time at Lycoming.

"I think the great thing about going to a small school like Lycoming is you have the chance to get involved, so I took every opportunity that I had," Brobson said.

Sound familiar?

And his involvement didn't stop there. Nearly 20 years later, Brobson still tries to attend Homecoming events when he can, and, in August, he was the keynote speaker at the College's New Student Convocation.

"I think what Lycoming College did for me was more attributed to its liberal arts principles and the idea of the liberal arts education," Brobson said. "It just prepares you, in general, to expand your thinking, to explore different kinds of thought, different kinds of studies, and create a more rounded education. And I think the more rounded education part of it was what helped me in my career."

The judges' outlooks echo each other, despite the two men being separated by a generation. Still, the judges share an inherent bond in hailing from the same alma mater, one that's not only evident in their like-minded appreciation of liberal arts sensibilities. That bond is something to be appreciated, as when the two ran into each other on the campaign trail.

Baldi knew about their common link; Brobson did not.

"Kevin and I had fun," Baldi said of the encounter. "I walked up to him and I shook his hand and I said 'Where'd you go to college?' And he looked at me in surprise and said, 'Lycoming.' And I made some reference to Lycoming again, and then I finally said 'Hey, I'm from Lycoming, too.' And of course we both wished each other well.

"And now I'm hoping he doesn't reverse my decisions," Baldi added, laughing. "And if he does reverse me, I hope he says nice things about me."

Both judges enjoyed their time together.

"We got to chuckle a little bit about our Lycoming College roots," Brobson said. "Lycoming College boys do well. I haven't seen him since the election but I'm hopeful—in fact I'm relatively certain—our paths will cross again."

As for the new direction their careers have taken, Brobson perhaps said it best:

"It's been wonderful," he said. "It's been everything that I could've hoped for. I hope that I'm doing right by the people of Pennsylvania."

"Fortunate, probably more than lucky," he added then. "I like to think that we worked hard to do what we do."

Lycoming gave the judges their roots, and from those roots, two would-be lawyers grew to take advantage of opportunity. And now, every day, they work to keep the scales of justice balanced in the public's favor.

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*Keller is a freelance writer based in Williamsport.*

# Called **to** Serve

By Casey Spencer '05

*Dr. Diane Reese '81  
in Mali, West  
Africa*

**S**ervice is nothing new for Dr. Diane Reese '81, whose first journey of mission work was part of a high school youth experience to Guyana, South America, in 1976, prior to her senior year. "It was there that I experienced growth in my personal faith, which has carried me throughout my life," reflects Reese.

Since her first calling to mission work, she has made two trips to the Gulf Coast in an effort to provide relief from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and traveled twice to Mali, West Africa, most recently in March.

A little less than a year following Katrina, Reese was part of a team of 13 responsible for cleaning homes devastated by the storm. She returned the following year for more service work. "It was so remarkable to work with people who were bouncing back from such devastation," she says. "Yet they were also so thankful for what they had and that strangers would offer to help them out. It was a great lesson in serving others."

Reese, who majored in biology/pre-medicine, was a charter member of the College's Tri-Beta biology honor society and a member of the band and women's basketball team among other activities. She went on to obtain master's degrees in physical therapy and health administration, and most recently, completed a doctorate of physical therapy.

A member of Daybreak Church in Mechanicsburg, Pa., Reese found herself called to West Africa in 2008 when the church organized its first mission trip to the region. Originally set to journey to Ghana, the group was sent to Mali, where its denomination has missions. With her background in medicine, Reese was interested in





*Reese shows children a picture of themselves. Many of them have never seen what they look like.*



*Reese and other volunteers sharing a common pot meal with staff at a center that rehabilitates male prisoners. Being asked to share such a meal is an honor.*



*Reese participates in a warm-up parachute game before vacation Bible school in the village of Tiola.*

the experience because work was to be done at the hospital in Koutiala, a city in the heart of the country. Though the hospital was for women and children, Reese found her skills allowed her to aid some of the missionaries and house workers who had back pain. However, it was her talent in sewing that was most needed; she made curtains for the hospital during most of her time there. “You just never know what is needed until you are there,” she says.

Mali has a very active missions program, with work in hospitals, English camps, business development, evangelism in the bush, development of solar energy resources, outreach to prisoners and those in the sex trades, and services provided to street children.

“What is incredible is that many of the missionaries there have devoted their lives to this part of the world, leaving the U.S. to live in a country that is very poor,” said Reese.

In March, Reese and five members of the Daybreak Church traveled again to Mali, where they served three different areas: Koutiala, the site of her previous trip; Niena, considered the bush; and Bamako, the capital city. The group’s service included assisting in the expansion of the Koutiala Women’s and Children’s Hospital—again making curtains, among a myriad of other projects.

While in Niena, they painted a local church and taught two days of vacation Bible school, sharing their stories with the residents. “Their pastor made note of how the Malians often think that everything in America is wonderful all the time, and that it gave them a new perspective to think that [we] experience the same frustrations and difficulties in life.”

In Bamako, the group visited a men’s prison and training center for those just released from prison, a center for women who have left the sex trade, and a boys’ home. They also found time to help students in an English class practice their conversational skills.

Reese has many memorable moments from her most recent tour of Mali, but one from vacation Bible school stands out: “teaching kids and their mothers how to use crayons to color, because they had never colored before.”

A physical therapist for PinnacleHealth Home Care in Harrisburg, Pa., Reese considers her work a call to help the disadvantaged, serving the underserved in parts of Harrisburg that are not always safe but that house people in need of her skills. But, she says, “There are few times I feel afraid, because I know that this is where I am supposed to be.

“My recommendation for anyone thinking about going on a trip is to keep your mind open to new experiences. Go outside your comfort zone, because if you don’t, you’ll miss something. Mission trips help expand your world view, and make your heart feel for places and people that you otherwise would not have known. The world is a lot bigger than what we see from day to day.”



# Helping Haiti

**O**n July 12, six months had passed since a massive earthquake struck the already impoverished country of Haiti. It's estimated that less than a third of the 1.5 million people displaced have been moved to safer transitional housing. This summer, Lycoming student Robert Moore '11 and alumnus Jeff Rosenheck '10 each had the opportunity to help a region recovering from one of the world's most devastating natural disasters in recent history.

## IN THE MIDST OF POVERTY AND TRAGEDY

By Robert Moore '11

I was sitting in my apartment in Lyon, France, when the earthquake struck Haiti, spending a year studying abroad from Lycoming. I opened up my homepage to the *New York Times* and viewed a graphic slideshow of the immediate effects of the earthquake. Later that week, I called one of my Lycoming professors, Paul Macharia, to inquire about the possibility of doing non-profit or non-governmental organization (NGO) work in Africa. He immediately responded, "Bobby, if you truly are considering participating in NGO or non-profit work, and are open to various parts of the world, you should now consider Haiti." The graphic slideshow I had watched several days earlier immediately jumped back in my thoughts.

I had taken several courses at both Lycoming and Lyon that had already made me consider working in the NGO/non-profit sector. I realized it was time to undergo some field experience. After spending nearly 10 months in France,

I would be able to put my language abilities to good use in Haiti since nearly three-quarters of the population speaks proficient French. After sending applications to about a dozen NGO's in Haiti, I was accepted as a volunteer with an organization called Hands On Disaster Response (HODR) for two months. My journey to Haiti would lead me directly to the epicenter of the earthquake, to a tiny rural town called Léogâne.

When I arrived at the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, on May 27, 2010, I was instantly overwhelmed by the surrounding chaos: U.N. Sri Lankan soldiers patrolled the streets, there was a complete lack of any type of solid infrastructure, and the devastation was overwhelming. As we drove out of Port-au-Prince, I saw the enormous presidential palace that was now completely dilapidated, with less than half of it still standing. Directly in front of the palace was an internally displaced persons (IDP) camp that consisted of tarp tents and sheer metal shacks—an image that truly reflected the harsh reality of the socio-economic division between the Haitian population and its government. I had seen extreme poverty before when I traveled in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia, but the poverty in Haiti was of a completely new brand.

Driving toward Léogâne and drawing closer to the

*Robert Moore '11 was a lesson plan coordinator and teacher at an orphanage in Haiti.*

epicenter of the earthquake, I saw much more destruction. Aware that I was entering an environment where people were in extreme emotional, mental and physical distress, I knew then the next two months would be the most intense two months of my life.

I had many jobs and responsibilities with HODR. One of its main objectives is rubble excavation and removal, which serves as a means of giving families an opportunity to restart their lives from absolutely nothing and creates space to install temporary transitional shelters.

After almost a month of working in Haiti, I was assigned to go to a new site. Upon arrival, nothing seemed out of the ordinary. I threw on my gloves and started working. After about three hours, I sat down to take a water break. To my left, I saw naked children playing soccer directly in piles of human feces. To my right, I observed



women cooking chicken and goat, again next to piles of human feces.

I was suddenly appalled that I had not recognized this grim and disheartening environment immediately upon my arrival. Since I had been in Haiti for nearly a month, my mind had subconsciously started to accept these standards of life. Situations of this nature, especially the one in Haiti, eventually become dehumanized and desensitized, and as a result, neglected. We must force ourselves to resist this pattern of normalization and constantly remind ourselves that we are talking about human lives.

Although the environment was overwhelmingly distraught, there were still glimpses of hope and joy among the people. The children were playing and giggling, the men were cracking jokes and laughing, and the women were going about their daily tasks with smiles on their faces. This was one of the most poignant experiences that I have ever had: people still finding hope and joy despite their dire living conditions.

Though destruction and loss of human lives can be measured statistically, emotional responses from victims, strictly intangible and non-quantitative, are equally important. Another rubble site where I worked was a totally-destroyed, two-story house. My team eventually managed to clear enough rubble to move the front door. As my friends pulled, I noticed the owner of the house observing us. I could see his eyes transfixed on the door. They became teary and his face began to droop slowly. I could tell he was overwhelmed by feelings of nostalgia and the reminder that he had lost everything. The situation, at an emotional level, was ambiguous for both the landowner and for me as a volunteer. Here I was, clearing away the remains of this man's house and every possession, while he was on the verge of an emotional breakdown.

My stay also consisted of heavy involvement with local orphanages, where I was a lesson plan coordinator and teacher. One of the main themes for my lessons was natural disaster identification and preparedness. Many Haitian children do not have any sense of how to act in natural disasters such as fires, floods, hurricanes and earthquakes. I asked one Haitian child what to do in the event of a fire, and he responded by saying, "Go hide in my house." Many lives could be saved in the future just by teaching Haitian children basic safety precautions in the event of a natural disaster. My other teachings

focused around English lessons, incorporating themes such as food, nutrition and modes of transportation. I was very proud to be involved in the orphanage program because it gave these children a moment in their day to have some sense of a normal life.

The true beauty of HODR was the people with whom I worked every day. Finding a group that works collectively for such an important cause is something that can never be equaled. The experience has proven to me that we, as individuals, are capable of being personally responsible for maintaining a civil, humane society in the midst of poverty and tragedy.

HODR serves as a progressive step in reshaping and rejuvenating the institution of 21<sup>st</sup> century volunteering. It gives normal people, just like you and me, the opportunity to reach out and make a difference. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming involved, please contact me at [moorobe@lycoming.edu](mailto:moorobe@lycoming.edu) or visit [www.hodr.org](http://www.hodr.org).

## UNDYING LOVE AND AMBITION

By Jeff Rosenheck '10

Arriving in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, I knew this was going to be a different and unique experience. Among the sights on my tour through the country as part of ACES North America were flooded streets, government corruption and hundreds of thousands of starving families.

The small village of Haiti Mejia truly symbolizes the strength of the Dominican people. Located along a dirty creek, filled with garbage and sewage, the people continue to live a happy life despite having no electricity, clean water, education, modern appliances or plumbing. Living in broken, one-room shacks, the people find themselves loosing what little they have each time the torrential rains come. With a few minutes' notice, the citizens of this small community, many of them children, run for their lives on sharp rocks without shoes. Yet their will to survive and their happiness and love shine strong amidst such little hope, despite disease and starvation. This community symbolizes so many others that are in identical shape throughout the country.



*Jeff Rosenheck '10 recently did service work in the Dominican Republic (above) and Haiti.*

In Haiti, conditions are no better. In the capital city of Port-Au-Prince, debris lines the city streets, the presidential palace is in shambles, and millions are living in tents of bed sheets, ankle deep in raw sewage. Theft and rape continue to be serious problems, along with the hijacking of supplies, particularly at the border crossing, which is under the water that is washing away Haiti's unpaved road system. People are dying of disease and starvation, reverting to nomadic techniques, as they must leave their tents daily when rainwater washes out their space. Garbage piles higher than three-story buildings line areas where crushed structures remain untouched. The mosquitoes swarm in packs. Thousands of children remain orphaned and millions have nothing to their name.

It is without doubt that both countries are destitute and in desperate need of assistance. Although my trip was fundamentally a fact-finding mission, I have no doubt that I will return in the near future to continue helping these communities. The friendliness and undying love and ambition of these people bring tears to my eyes. If nothing else, my trip made me realize the difficulties that so many face, and has made me grateful for the basic amenities I take for granted each day.

If anyone is interested in helping the people of the Dominican Republic or Haiti through financial or material donations, sponsoring a child's education or service trips, please contact me at [jrosenheck14@aol.com](mailto:jrosenheck14@aol.com) and allow me to further explain the work of ACES North America, of Williamsport, Pa. Their work during the past five years has brought fresh water to thousands, education to hundreds, medical care and food to millions and so much more.



By Jerry Rashid

# Ride of a LIF



all it a “bucket list” thing, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity or simply a case of brotherly love. Whatever the terminology, one thing is for certain; they had the time of their lives. In May, six Lycoming College graduates from the 1960s embarked on a 20-day, 21-state, 8,000-mile cross-country trip on their Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

The journey was the brain-child of Mel Fleming '68, who initiated the discussion at a Kappa Delta Rho reunion during last year's Homecoming celebration. For Fleming,

Bill Bachardy '66, Doug Keiper '68, Bob Lefkowitz '68, Wade Pugh '67 and John Short '67, the opportunity to go freewheeling across America was just too good to pass up. The trip started at Fleming's home in Hanover, Pa., May 3.



◀ Harley-Davidson enthusiasts (from left) John Short '67, Wade Pugh '67, Bill Bachardy '66, Doug Keiper '68, Mel Fleming '68 and Bob Lefkowitz '68 take a break in Utah's Zion National Park.

# ETIME

“It’s hard to put the trip into words,” says Fleming. “For all of us, we were in awe of the sights of the country from the seats of our motorcycles. Every day we were awe-struck by the scenery. We had a lot of serious discussions and a lot of laughter, too. It was a great experience for all of us. The trip had a big impact on us—the sense of brotherhood and friendship.”

The camaraderie that began at Lycoming more than four decades ago grew even stronger as the men roared through one state to another. After traveling roughly 400 miles a day, the group usually would unwind at a Best Western by reminiscing about their collegiate days. They’d fire up their engines again by 8 a.m. the next day. Some of their more memorable experiences were visiting several national parks, driving through Death Valley, stopping at the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and cruising up the coastline from California to Oregon.

“In reality, the trip was like a microcosm of life itself and that it’s not really the destination that’s important but it’s the journey,” said Keiper. “Every day was a great journey and getting there was a distant second. We enjoyed the day and the moment. We saw great beauty and sites of a lifetime. We all get to the final



*(Top photo) Keiper, Lefkowitz, Pugh, Bachardy and Fleming in California’s Death Valley National Park.*

*(Photo directly above) Pugh, Lefkowitz, Keiper and Fleming near the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.*

destination soon enough; it’s the journey we all have to enjoy a little more.”

For Short and Keiper, the journey was not as long but surely just as memorable. Short joined the bikers as they rolled through his home state of Virginia and then into Kentucky. He rejoined them in Portland, Ore., and rode an additional five days before ending his excursion in South Dakota due to previous obligations. Keiper was unable to commit to the entire trip because he was still recovering from major back surgery he’d had in February. So he met the group in Las Vegas, where he rented a bike and joined in on the fun for the next six days.

Bachardy was tabbed the group’s designated driver, which meant he covered the entire trip behind the wheel of Fleming’s Ford F-150 pick-up truck. It was stocked with a variety of tools and spare

parts that could be used to troubleshoot bike issues that may have sprung up along the way. The truck’s trailer, complete with a KDR logo painted on the side, was used to transport Short’s bike from one destination to another.

The journey may have humbly begun at a Lycoming gathering, but the rich memories it burgeoned will never end for these six KDR brothers.

“I couldn’t have done it with a better group of guys as they are truly brothers,” says Keiper. “I remember very often that Lycoming was the catalyst to meet so many great friends that have managed to stay together through the years. I hope students there now know that these are the kind of things you take away from college. Lycoming and KDR were so instrumental in developing these kinds of relationships and opportunities.”

# LYCOMING COLLEGE TOUR CHOIR



BY JORDAN HOLLANDER '10

When I walked across the stage to receive my diploma May 9, it was a bittersweet moment. Even though my academic career at Lycoming College was finished, my extracurricular activities were not. Along with 37 fellow members of the Lycoming College Tour Choir, I returned to campus the Wednesday following Commencement for rehearsal and to prepare for our send-off concert and five-concert, four-city tour of Argentina. The Tour Choir performed and traveled throughout Argentina from May 15-26. Each of our Argentinean concerts was performed in front of standing room only crowds, and we were moved by the audiences' generous and welcoming receptions.

Following the send-off concert in Williamsport, the choir traveled by bus to John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City before boarding our 10-hour flight to Santiago, Chile. After a brief layover, we boarded another, albeit much shorter, flight that took us over the Andes mountains to the first city of our tour, Buenos Aires, the capital and largest city in Argentina. While the choir had two fantastic concerts to prepare and perform, at beautiful locations within this bustling metropolis, we were afforded plenty of free time to explore the city. Choir members took the opportunity to see La Casa Rosada (the Pink House), which houses the office of the president of Argentina, and to visit museums, gardens, the obelisk, the cemetery in Recoleta (where Eva Peron is interred) and numerous markets and street fairs. Several lucky choir members were able to catch local tango performances and even partake in some dancing of their own.

Following our time in Buenos Aires, the choir traveled to Rosario. Compared to the fast-paced tempo of Buenos Aires, Rosario was much more relaxed. Choir members were able to enjoy lunch on the riverside



*Dr. Fred Thayer (right), professor of music and director of choral activities at Lycoming, directs the Tour Choir during its May performance in Mendoza, Argentina.*



and visit the Argentine Flag Memorial, which commemorates the spot where the Argentine flag was first raised, and the Cathedral Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary, a cathedral located in the center of the city. The choir performed one concert in Rosario, in a history museum, with a local choir.

After a few days in Rosario, we headed west to the city of Cordoba, known for its markets, Jesuit history, many churches and the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, the oldest university in Argentina. The choir performed one concert in Cordoba, again with a local choir, and had free time to explore the city. Following an overnight bus ride, the choir arrived in the final city on our tour, and arguably the choir's favorite, Mendoza.

Nestled in the foothills of the Andes mountains, Mendoza is located at the heart of winemaking country in Argentina. The choir was in Mendoza for the celebration of Argentina's bicentennial. In the town center, there were markets, musical acts, cafés and restaurants set up showcasing the region and country's

fare. The night ended with a concert and a fireworks show that many choir members attended. Many of us took the opportunity to spend one of our free days horseback riding in the Andes—truly an amazing adventure. The choir had one performance in Mendoza, joining the choir from the local university and performing to a large and enthusiastic audience. It was a beautiful concert to end our tour. As we wrapped up our tour amidst cheers from the audience and tears from the seniors, the choir prepared for the long journey back to Williamsport with multitudes of pictures and memories that we will never forget.

I cannot imagine my college experience at Lycoming without choir. I was fortunate to be awarded a scholarship from the Music Department and to be a member of the Lycoming College Choir, the Chamber

Choir and the Tour Choir. I was lucky enough to be part of the Tour Choir all four of my years at Lyco and to be part of two international tours (I traveled to Germany, the Czech Republic and Hungary with the choir my freshman year).

I firmly believe that the choir, and not only the Tour Choir, is one of the strongest assets of the College. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years at Lycoming College. The friendships that I have made through choir will last forever, and I await the next concert where I will re-join the bass section, Dr. Fred Thayer, our wonderful director, and my fellow alumni to sing the "Benediction."

*2010 Tour Choir seniors (front row from left): Steph Rager, Bethany Kelly, Katie Rancik, Amy Richards, Kourtney Anderson, Andrea Santiago, Kim Hess and Ally Entz; (back row): Tyler Chamberlain, Jordan Hollander, Ryan Albertson, Ryan Grosso and Zach Carroll*



## What attracted you to Lycoming?

The liberal arts curriculum and the strong sense of community attracted me to Lycoming College. I went to a private liberal arts college for my bachelor's degree so I understand the importance and value of a liberal arts education. I truly believe that a liberal arts education is the best kind of education one can receive. In fact, one of the reasons I earned a Ph.D. was to be able to teach at a liberal arts college.

## What is your impression of Lycoming students?

I have found that the students often have many diverse talents. It is great to work with students who are not only academically talented but also have other interests not related to their majors. I am always impressed by the number of different majors I see represented by athletes at a sporting event or members of the choir, for example. I have also personally benefited from the diverse skills of my students. Some of my artistically inclined students have given me pointers on how to draw some of my diagrams during lecture.

## Describe your research interests in nonlinear dynamics and chaos theory.

My most recent interest in nonlinear dynamics is in something called time series analysis. A time series is basically a data set measured from some kind of system. The science of time series analysis involves extracting as much information from a system as possible from the data measured from the system. Right now, my main interest is in the characterization of irregularly sampled time series (some data is missing). What I am trying to do is determine whether a system is periodic, chaotic or random by inspecting the data measured from the system. Characterization is difficult to do when the measurements aren't made at a fixed rate (like once per hour). Irregular time series are common in the natural and social sciences. The ability to characterize irregu-



**Dr. Christopher Kulp**  
Associate Professor  
of Physics and Astronomy

larly sampled time series will help us get a better understanding of the behavior of systems from fields as diverse as astronomy, economics, psychology and the medical sciences, just to name a few.

## What have you discovered by performing a nonlinear analysis of the music of Beethoven's symphonies?

One of my most unusual applications of time series analysis was in music theory. Several students and I have worked on using something called the "transfer entropy" to quantify relationships between instruments in a musical composition. Transfer entropy is an algorithm which uses the time series from two systems to see if the behavior of one system affects the behavior of other. Students and I generated time series from the music played by each instrument or voice in a composition. Then we calculated the transfer entropy between various instruments and voices. For Beethoven's symphonies, we could show that the relationships between various instruments for each symphony were different. We generated our time series by hand from the sheet music so we only sampled the first 30 measures of each symphony which, of course, is not a complete study. However, it enabled

us to get our feet wet and study some shorter pieces by Mozart and Beethoven. So far this work has led to two publications and many presentations. One of the most notable presentations was at the National Institute for Music Research in Berlin, Germany.

## A fundamental part of the physics program is the opportunity to participate in faculty-assisted research projects. What do students gain through such activities?

I think the greatest benefit is that by doing faculty-assisted research projects students learn how to become scientists. Students learn how to take the material from their classes and use it to solve problems whose solutions are not previously known either by them or the faculty member. This is what scientific research is about. During their research projects, students learn how to think like a scientist, how to formulate a problem and how to develop a plan to solve it. They then figure out how to execute their plan and hopefully come to a solution. Sometimes their plans don't work. Sometimes the problem can't be solved. But that's OK. That is also part of science. The students are actually doing science! In many ways the faculty-assisted research project is like an apprenticeship. As a faculty member, watching that transformation of a student into a scientist is one of the most rewarding parts of my profession.

## About Kulp

Dr. Christopher Kulp joined the Astronomy and Physics Department in 2008 as an assistant professor of physics and astronomy. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and physics at McDaniel College in 1998. After teaching high school physics and earth science for one year, he attended The College of William and Mary, where he earned a master's degree in physics in 2001 and a Ph.D. in physics in 2004.

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**10 a.m.-noon • Archives Open House** • Archives, Academic Center • Browse the Archives and enjoy light refreshments with other alumni, while taking in some Lycoming history and learning about the many resources the Archives has to offer.

**10:30 a.m. • \*Thomas B. Croyle '70 Memorial Golf Tournament** • White Deer Golf Course, Rt. 15, Montgomery • Rain or shine. 11 a.m. shotgun start, Vintage Course. Fee includes lunch, greens fee, cart, gifts, prizes and refreshments. Foursomes encouraged. \$70

**1 p.m. • Always Seen, Never Understood: Sculpture and Stained Glass Walking Tour** • Meet in Fine Arts foyer • Enjoy a walking tour of the art treasures in the nearby James V. Brown Library and Christ Episcopal Church with Prof. Amy Golahny.



**6 p.m. • \*Athletic Hall of Fame Induction •** Recreation Center • For cost and reservations, contact Esther Henninger at [henny@lycoming.edu](mailto:henny@lycoming.edu).

**2010 inductees:**

<b>Robb Curry '69</b>	football	<b>Chris Napier '02</b>	men's basketball
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<b>Jason Fesler '05</b>	men's soccer	<b>Jeanine (Evans) Page '00</b>	softball
<b>Frank Girardi</b>	football		

**7 p.m. • Entertainment on the Quad •** Live music by Long Island band Patent Pending; complimentary refreshments.

**7:30-9 p.m. • \*NEW! Beer & Pretzel Tent •** Upper Quad • Enjoy complimentary Tröegs beer and Snyder's of Hanover pretzels. Open to all alumni and their of-age guests. (This event is not open to Lycoming students.) • Special thanks and appreciation to John Trogner '68, co-founder and treasurer of Tröegs Brewing Co., and Michael Warehime '64, chairman of Snyder's.



**9 p.m. • Fireworks on the Quad •** Light up your Homecoming weekend with our giant display.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 16, 2010**

**7 a.m. - 7 p.m. • NEW! Open Workouts at Rec Center •** Alumni are invited to make use of the fitness facilities while on campus for the weekend.

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**9 a.m. • NEW! Morning Run with Lyco Cross-Country Team •** Meet in front of Lamade Gym • Bring your running shoes and your energy! For more information, contact Coach Lesley Larson at [larson@lycoming.edu](mailto:larson@lycoming.edu).

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**10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 5-8 p.m. • \*NEW! Guest DJing on WRLC •** Communication Building • Host your own radio show on WRLC! Up to three alumni/family members per timeslot. A student DJ will remain in the booth with you. Proceeds will go toward a delay system for the station to allow students and others on-air call-in interaction with DJs. Contact Stephanie Robinson at [robstep@lycoming.edu](mailto:robstep@lycoming.edu) for more information.

**10, 10:30, 11 a.m. • Campus Tours •** Meet in Burchfield Lounge, Wertz Student Center

**10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. • Tailgate Picnic on the Quad •** Join fellow alumni and current students for a buffet picnic of hamburgers, veggie burgers, grilled chicken, hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, baked beans, bagels and danishes, and assorted drinks and desserts. Come and go as you please. Entertainment TBA. \$6.75

**10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. • \*Alumni Association Awards Presentation Brunch •** Jane Schultz Dining Room, Wertz Student Center • Doors open at 10 a.m.; program begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. \$14

**2010 honorees:**

**Dr. Eli Stavisky '61** - Angela R. Kyte Outstanding Alumnus Award  
**Mr. Robert Vowler '76** - Outstanding Achievement Award  
**Mr. James Spencer** - Dale V. Bower Service Award

**11 a.m.-noon • NEW! Alumni Authors Book Event •** Archives, Academic Center • Meet and chat with published alumni and hear brief readings from their work. Light refreshments provided.



**12:20 p.m. • Homecoming Parade: "Fall Back to Lyco"** • Our extended route was a success last year and will be used again: Skeath Hall parking lot through south end of campus to Mulberry Street and through Brandon Park to David Person Field.

**1 p.m. • Men's Soccer: Lycoming v. Alvernia** • Shangraw Athletic Complex

**1:30 p.m. • Football: Lycoming v. Widener** • David Person Field • Reunion photos taken during game (please note new reunion photo location: east of football field, toward softball field). Transportation provided between campus and the field before, during and after the game. **Halftime events** include crowning of Homecoming King and Queen, introduction of Alumni Award winners and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, and honoring of 1985 and 1990 championship football teams.

**3 p.m. • Women's Soccer: Lycoming v. Alvernia** • Shangraw Athletic Complex

**3:30-5 p.m. • \*NEW! Book Discussion: "The Blueberry Years" by Jim Minick '86** • Fireplace, Snowden Library (main floor) • Join author Jim Minick '86 for a discussion of his acclaimed new memoir. Purchase your copy at amazon.com or wherever books are sold.

**5-6:30 p.m. • All-Alumni Reunion Social Hour** • 33 East, 33 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. • Don't miss *the* social event of Homecoming weekend for alumni of all eras. Relax, nosh and socialize at Williamsport's premier restaurant and lounge. Complimentary heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar.

**6:30 p.m. • President's Annual Dinner** • 33 East, 33 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. • Seating begins at 6:15 p.m. Held in appreciation of those donors who made annual gifts of \$1,000 or more during the 2010 fiscal year. This event is by invitation only.

**8 p.m. • NEW! Cell Block Social** • Cell Block, 154 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. • Hosted by the Classes of 1975-78 and open to all alumni. End your day with fellow alumni of all generations at Williamsport's liveliest nightclub. For more information and to register: [www.lycocellparty.com](http://www.lycocellparty.com)

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- Deadline for reservations (and cancellations) is Friday, Oct. 8. Refunds cannot be offered after this date.
- Complimentary football tickets will be available at Welcome Reception.
- If you have any questions, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at (570) 321-4376 or (800) 345-3920, ext. 4376.

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name and class years, if applicable, of other attendees \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday, Oct. 15

*Thomas B. Croyle '70 Memorial Golf Tournament*

Foursome information, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost Per Person	# Attending	Amount
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\$70	x _____	= \$ _____
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*Art Walking Tour*

(no charge)	_____	= N/A
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*Class of 1960 • 50th Reunion Dinner*

\$30	x _____	= \$ _____
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Indicate meal selection(s): \_\_\_\_\_ beef tenderloin \_\_\_\_\_ chicken & mushroom crepe \_\_\_\_\_ eggplant penne

*Beer & Pretzel Tent*

(no charge)	_____	= N/A
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### Saturday, Oct. 16

*WRLC DJ Guest Hosting*

\$50	x _____	= \$ _____
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Indicate three available timeslots in order of preference:

10-11 A.M.  11-noon  noon-1 p.m.  5-6 p.m.  6-7 p.m.  7-8 p.m.

*Tailgate Picnic on the Quad*

\$6.75	x _____	= \$ _____
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*Alumni Brunch and Awards Presentation*

\$14	x _____	= \$ _____
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*Book Discussion*

(no charge)	_____	= N/A
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*All-Alumni Reunion Social Hour*

(no charge)	_____	= N/A
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### Sunday, Oct. 17

*Heritage Club Brunch with President James and Emily Douthat*

\$14	x _____	= \$ _____
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I am a member of the **Class of 1960** (no charge) \_\_\_\_\_ = N/A

**REGISTRATION TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: In addition, enclosed is my contribution to the Lycoming Annual Fund in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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The summer months provide Lycoming College students with an excellent opportunity to gain additional hands-on experience as a result of research programs conducted by the Chemistry Department and the school's Clean Water Institute.

The summer program has become one of the staples of the Chemistry Department. Each year, several students are invited to work alongside faculty members for six to 10 weeks of study. For more than 20 years, the program has run nearly every summer with the participation of the entire department's full-time faculty.

"The 40 hours per week of immersion in research provides students the opportunity to develop hands-on skills at a level that is difficult to offer during the fall and spring semesters," says Dr. Holly Bendorf, associate professor of chemistry.

Project titles this summer ranged from "Synthesis and 31-P Studies of Ruthenium Phosphite Complexes" to "Hydroacylation of Allyl and Propargyl Ethers and Sulfides: Synthesis of Highly Functionalized Azepines."

The five students who participated in the program this summer were Jennifer Adams of Hamburg, Pa., Robert Beamon of Selinsgrove, Pa., Lauren Bottorf of Lock Haven, Pa., Elisabeth Feld of Succasunna, N.J., and David Sampsell of Lock Haven, Pa.

Despite the full-time commitment, students and faculty involved with the program managed to take advantage of the summer days as well, enjoying barbecues and pick-up games of softball or football on the Quad.

### Community outreach

Student interns in Lycoming's Clean Water Institute performed a variety of research projects in the community. Assisting Dr. Mel Zimmerman, CWI director and a professor of biology, were Zachary Bassett of Avis, Pa., Zebidiah Buck of Muncy, Pa., Michael Henao of Dover, N.J., Joshua Moore of Selinsgrove, Pa., Maxwell Olsen of Muncy, Pa., Lori Smith of Mill Hall, Pa., Alyssa Tomaskovic of Milford, Pa., and Laura Walter of Montoursville, Pa.

"Working with the other CWI interns was one of the most memorable experiences I have had at Lycoming," said Tomaskovic. "As a biology student with a concentration in ecology, this internship was more than I could have ever hoped for. I want whatever I end up doing as a career in the future to include a lot of field work, and I know that this will definitely help prepare me for that. In addition to the hands-on learning, which involved catching and measuring some 14-inch-long trout, I know that the work we are doing is improving the ecological well-being of the area, which is the greatest reward of all."

The interns performed water monitoring on the Lower West Branch of the Susquehanna River. They collected samples along 12 sites between Lock Haven and Sunbury for water chemistry analysis. In addition, they collected macro invertebrates from Rock Baskets and Hester-Dendy samples incubated in the river at Watsontown, Milton, Danville and Shady Nook. This study

is part of the long-term monitoring project undertaken by Lycoming and Bucknell, Susquehanna and Bloomsburg universities.

Another project involved testing of a Sequence Batch Wastewater Treatment system manufactured by Cromaglass Corporation in Williamsport. The system treats 500 gallons of sewage per day, and the CWI tested the new technology of a biofilm to help remove more nitrogen from the waste.

CWI personnel also conducted electrofishing at least 20 headwater streams in the Loyalsock, Lycoming, Pine or Muncy Creek watersheds as part of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Unassessed Waters Program. The process uses electricity to stun fish before they are caught, resulting in no permanent harm to the fish, which return to their natural state in as little as two minutes after being stunned.

According to Zimmerman, the fish populations in these streams have either never been assessed or not looked at for more than 20 years. With the Marcellus Shale gas drilling in the area, the commission wanted CWI to develop a fish population survey for these sensitive streams.

In mid-June, interns helped with construction of a fish habitat and stream bank erosion protection project along Wallis Run. This was a joint venture between the Loyalsock

Watershed Association, North Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Sullivan County Conservation District.

In addition, interns presented a hands-on workshop during the annual Montoursville Groundwater Education Program on aquatic life in and around the pond at Indian Park in May. Each of the four third-grade classes from Lyter Elementary School and three classes from Loyalsock Valley Elementary School rotated every 40 minutes between programs presented by the CWI interns. Students collected and identified common fish, aquatic insects and plankton from the pond, and observed turtles and salamanders.



This summer, Clean Water Institute interns performed electrofishing to develop fish population surveys in more than 20 area headwater streams.

# WARRIOR News

BY JOE GUISTINA

## Baer named Warrior tennis coach

LeRoy Baer is the new head coach of Lycoming College's men's and women's tennis programs. He takes over programs that were led by women's tennis coach Deb Holmes, who retired this spring after 35

seasons at the helm, and men's tennis coach John Dorner, who led the team to its first Commonwealth Conference title and NCAA tournament appearance in school history in 2010.



LeRoy Baer

Baer most recently served an assistant coach with the men's program.

"When the opportunity arose to take over the tennis programs, I thought it was time to take advantage of a promotional opportunity and continue to grow my coaching career," Baer said.

Since his retirement from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections in 2004, Baer has served as the head coach of Williamsport Area High School's boys' tennis team and worked with the Millionaires' girls' team. He has also served as an assistant tennis pro at the West Branch Tennis Club.

Taking over the Millionaires' boys' team, he led the squad to two District 2-4 Class AAA titles in 2007 and 2009. In 2010, he helped the Millionaires to a Pennsylvania Heartland Athletic Conference title, leading the team to a perfect 11-0 record before it reached the district finals.

"We are glad to get someone of LeRoy's character to lead both the men's and women's programs in this exciting new era in Lycoming tennis," said Scott Kennell, Lycoming's athletic director. "His varied career and life experience will bring a refreshing dynamic to our whole athletic program. He has also proven himself a success in the local tennis scene, not only through his work

as an instructor, but also through his very successful tenure at Williamsport Area High School."

## Women's swim team earns Scholar All-American honors

Even though the 2009-10 Lycoming College women's swim team featured a roster that included 10 freshmen, the team showed its maturity both in the pool and the classroom. The team won the school's first Middle Atlantic Conference title since 1997, and earned Collegiate Swimming Coaches Association of America Scholar All-American Team honors for the spring semester thanks to posting a 3.20 team GPA.

In addition, junior Stacy Flick earned honorable mention CSCAA Scholar All-American honors for the second straight year. Meanwhile, for the women's team, it was its seventh straight CSCAA honor during the spring semester.

"I am very proud that our women's team has again earned Scholar All-American team status," said Lycoming head swimming coach Jerry Hammaker. "Our women's record of achievements in the classroom outweighs even their conference championship in the pool. We continually stress that academics should be our swimmers' top priority and that shows in our women's team GPA."

To earn the honor, a team must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA for the semester. To earn recognition as an individual, each swimmer must achieve a minimum GPA of 3.5 and be selected to par-

ticipate in the NCAA, NAIA or JC Swimming and Diving Championships. Swimmers with an NCAA "B" time and a 3.5 GPA earn honorable mention status.

Flick, who carries a 3.72 GPA as a psychology/criminal justice major, had another successful season in the water for the Lady Warriors, earning All-MAC First Team honors in several events. Her best performance of the meet came in the 100-yard breaststroke when she recorded a pool record 1:07.02 to win her first MAC individual title, as she posted an NCAA provisional time to qualify for the Scholar All-American honors.

"Stacy Flick is an outstanding team leader across the full spectrum of the student-athlete concept," Hammaker said. "She is a team captain, MAC champion and a true scholar. Stacy is a gem and a pleasure to coach. We congratulate her on her recognition as a Scholar All-American."



Stacy Flick



The 2009-10 Lycoming College women's swim team



# THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR FOOTBALL FAN

By Joe Guistina

Dave Roberts' football career came to a quick end when he broke his arm while playing the sport in elementary school. A 1977 graduate of Lycoming College, Roberts decided to relegate himself to the sidelines and some 40 years later, he's still watching the game he loves.

Since choosing to go to an Army football game in 1982, Roberts has spent his fall Saturdays following the Warriors. Heading into the 2010 season, he has attended 282 straight Lycoming football games, whether it was at home from the fence along the visitor's side of David Person Field, in NCAA Division III Championship games in Bradenton, Fla., or Salem, Va., at schools close to his Cranbury, N.J., home such as Rowan and FDU-Florham or at hamlets all around Pennsylvania, including Huntingdon, Selinsgrove and Washington.

"At Lycoming, we are fortunate to have some of the best fans in small-college football and Dave Roberts is certainly one of them," said Warrior head football coach Mike Clark '93. "I'm not sure that there are many people who have been to that many consecutive games for any sport, especially over such a long period of time. Fans such as Dave are just another example of why Lycoming is unique at the Division III level."

Through all those games, Roberts' love of the College and football has grown. He has made good friends along the way, such as Barry Yerger '59 and the late Tom Aubrey '53, who devoted a chapter of his book about Lycoming football, "Ten Bucks and a Yes Vote," to Roberts' recollections.

"Tom and Barry gave me a plaque when the streak reached 200 games," Roberts said.

A history major at Lycoming, Roberts quickly became drawn to the

College's football team when he stepped on campus in 1973, even though the team hadn't had a winning season since 1965. It wasn't until 1975, Roberts' junior year, that Hall of Fame coach Frank Girardi was able to turn the program into a conference power.

After graduation, Roberts moved to Florida, but came back the next year and started to work in New Jersey with Prudential. Soon after, he began attending all the home games and by 1982, he was traipsing the sidelines wherever Lycoming played in one of his trademark hats.

"I'm a hat man," Roberts said. "I get very particular about which hats to take to the game depending on how much luck they seem to have. I usually have a particular hat for the Susquehanna game. I have one hat from 1983 that I pull out for big games – it's blue corduroy and it has the old 'Indian' logo on it. I would never conceive of going to a game without one of my hats."

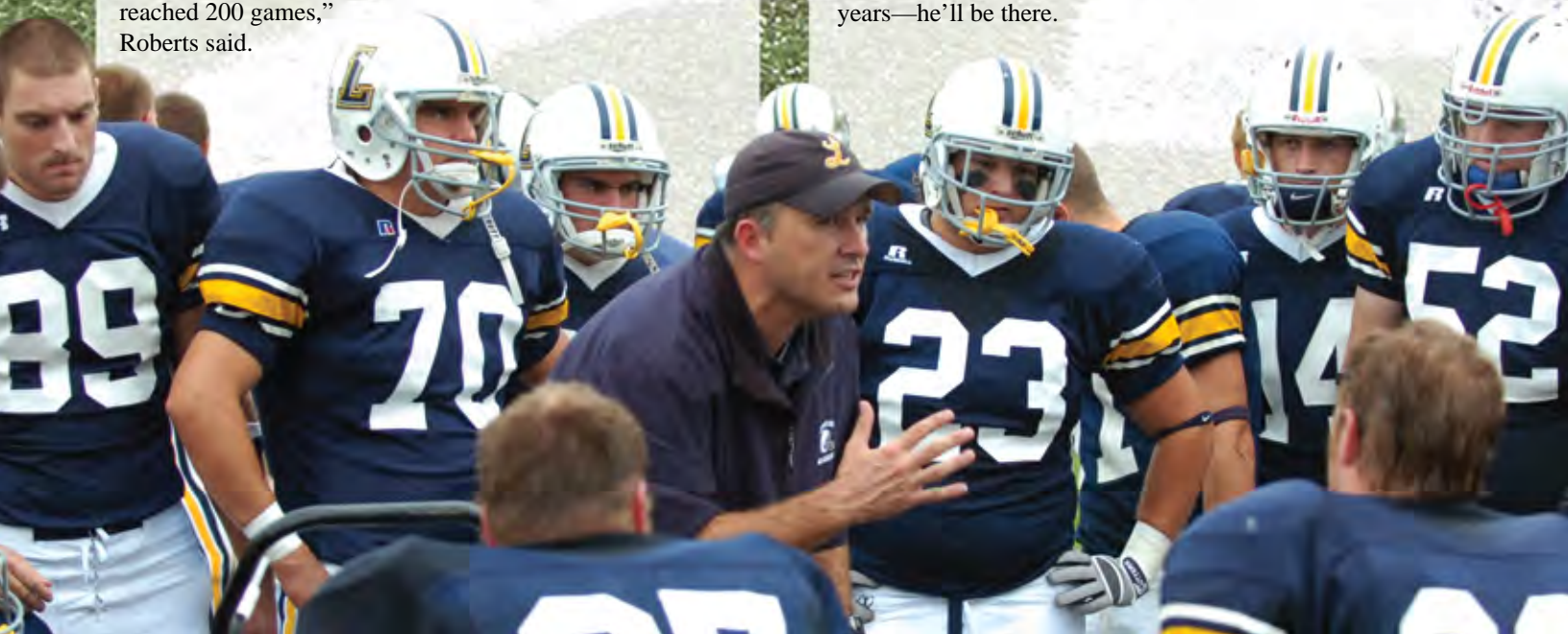
After two-plus decades with Prudential, he moved 11 years ago to Aetna Health, where he serves as a senior complaint and appeal analyst for the company. Even with the life changes, the streak continued to grow, and now Roberts said he wouldn't want it any other way.

"You get to a certain point and it becomes a part of your life," Roberts said of attending Lycoming football games. "I can't imagine not doing it."

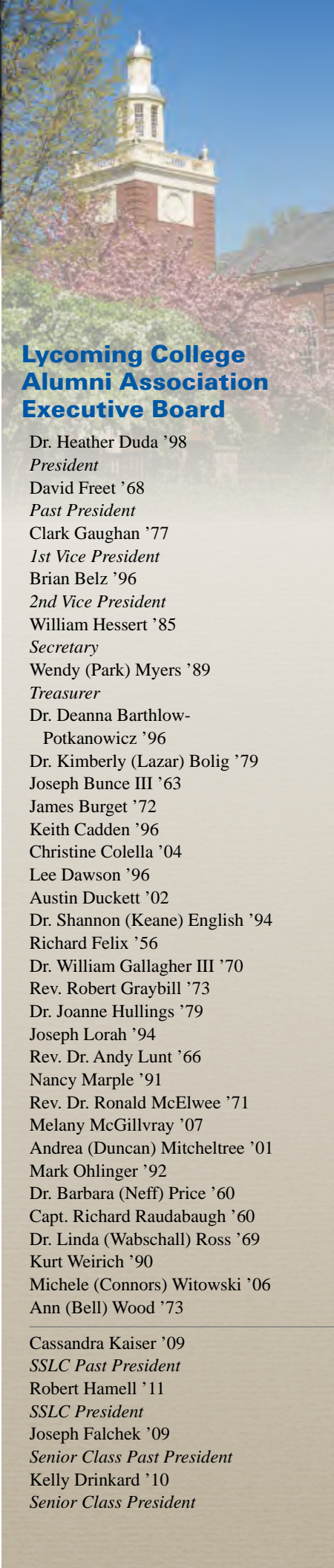
So the next time you're at a Warrior football game—home or away—keep your eye out for Roberts moving up and down the sidelines. One thing is for sure after 28 years—he'll be there.



Dave Roberts '77



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Dear Friends,

A year from now, Lycoming College will be in the midst of a bicentennial celebration. Tracing our beginnings back to 1812, we are one of the 50 oldest colleges in the country and have much to celebrate in the way of tradition. We also have much to celebrate as we look ahead to the "next 200 years."

Higher education finds itself in an unstable climate these days. Some colleges have been unable to survive, and others are failing. But our alma mater stands solidly on sound financial ground and on its commitment to a rigorous, liberal arts education. Thanks to years of prudent and insightful leadership, your investments in furthering the Lycoming experience for others have been wisely stewarded, and we continue to educate our students in small classes with highly qualified professors, more than 90 percent of whom hold the highest degree in their field and serve the College on a full-time basis. Fewer and fewer schools today are able to provide education of this quality in a student-centered environment.



No longer a regional school, our alma mater is recognized as a national liberal arts institution. Our reputation continues to grow.

As we prepare for the coming 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, our hope is to speak individually with many of you about your perceptions of Lycoming today. In the coming year, you may be invited to participate in a roundtable discussion in your area as part of our Alumni Discovery Tour, a first-of-its-kind undertaking for us. If we have the opportunity to visit your area, we hope you will seriously consider joining a small group of fellow alumni and a representative from the College for open, thoughtful discussion.

You, alumni, are the College's most valuable asset. As Lycoming continues to explore new ways to engage you, entering this next season in its long life, I approach a new season in my personal life. After five and a half years as director of alumni relations, I will be stepping down after Homecoming to turn my time and energy to parenting. Lycoming has given me some of the finest experiences of my life, once as a student, and now as a colleague among its dedicated staff, with the privilege of meeting and being inspired by so many of you. I'll be staying in touch. I hope you do, too.

Celebrating our Lycoming connections,

*Melanie Harris Taormina*  
Melanie Harris Taormina '94

A message from your  
**Alumni  
Association  
Executive  
Board**

# STAY CONNECTED

**Ways for Alumni to Re-Connect with Lycoming**

## Send us **your** stories!

During the past two years, the Alumni Association Executive Board (AAEB) has used this space in each issue of *Lycoming Magazine* to explain our role in enhancing the relationship between Lycoming and its alumni. We have explained that the board looks a lot like the alumni base we try to represent. AAEB members run the gamut from recent graduates to those who are nearly 50 years removed from their Lycoming experience. We are doctors, ministers, teachers/professors, businessmen and -women, housewives and parents, entrepreneurs, non-profit managers, even retirees. Many AAEB members have been recommended for their positions on the board; others volunteered directly out of a desire to give something back to the College. Some of us played sports at Lycoming; some were members of fraternities or sororities; some sang in the choir or played in the band. There are some who were involved in student government, and others who were not involved in much else beyond studying. What we all have in common is our love for Lycoming and a desire to promote the College among current and future alumni.

During the past three years, we have explained the functions of the AAEB, but we've devoted most of the space we have been given in the magazine to explain our ideas for "reconnecting" alumni with Lycoming and developing more two-way conversation between alumni and the board. In our last issue, for example, we provided numerous suggestions about how alumni can remain connected to the College. We've also explained how alumni can navigate through the "Alumni" section of the College web site ([www.lycoming.edu/alumni](http://www.lycoming.edu/alumni)) and highlighted many of the resources located there, including the opportunity to look up old friends. We've also explained how to use Facebook and other social networking tools to reach out to those friends as well. We've been doing most of the talking these past three years, though, so now we thought it would be good to hear from you.

One of the article suggestions we've mentioned before was profiles of our alumni. Do you or someone you know have an interesting job, unusual hobby and/or significant accomplishment to share? We would love to hear about it. There is always room for material like

that in our Class Notes, but we would like to be able to expand and personalize some of those items.

We'd also be interested in hearing about some of your fondest memories of Lycoming – what really stood out about your college experience, no matter how long ago or recent it was. We hope others will be able to identify with your memories and re-live that feeling as well.

We also have thought it would be interesting to write about specific memories of the city of Williamsport itself. What were your favorite places; where did you like to shop, eat or just hang out? We'd like to share some of these favorite places with people and let them know what is still here, what is gone and what has changed. Even if you are a "21<sup>st</sup> century grad," you have witnessed some incredible changes in "Billtown." If you read the spring issue of this magazine, you saw the article about how drilling for natural gas in the Marcellus Shale has brought all sorts of people and changes to the city; hotel rooms are at a premium as employees of the companies extracting the natural gas have taken up residence.

We could also use your help in learning more about our older, most fervent alums. We would love to do profiles on Lyco's oldest living grad or folks who have been to every Homecoming or football/basketball game for the past 20 or 30 years. If you want to tout your "Lyco loyalty" or see how your interest in the College stands alongside others, let us know!

We'd also enjoy hearing about the most unusual or unexpected place you have run into another Lycoming alum. We would like to pass a number of those stories along, so please let us know where it was and what made it unusual, especially if it was someone you didn't know or didn't expect to meet. Oh, and remember – wearing a piece of Lyco apparel on vacation, at a conference or just around town make those chance meetings more likely to occur!

If you have anything to share related to any of these ideas, please email us at [connectwithlyco@comcast.net](mailto:connectwithlyco@comcast.net). Although we're leaning toward an article about "Williamsport through the decades" as our next piece, we may change the order of articles based on the responses we get from alumni.



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# ALUMNI HAPPENINGS & GATHERINGS

Read more about these events at [www.lycoming.edu/alumni/photogallery](http://www.lycoming.edu/alumni/photogallery)



*Dr. Mehrdad Madresehee, professor of economics (left center), and three students attending a conference in the area joined approximately 30 alumni and guests, including Kelly Wedge '08 (left), Madresehee's wife, Fattaneh Homayoun-Mehr, and Ahn Le '08, and for a social hour in D.C.'s DuPont Circle on April 16.*



*Dr. Edward Gabriel, associate professor of biology, and Glenn Smith '07, major gift officer, met up with Atlanta-area alumni for dinner downtown June 17.*



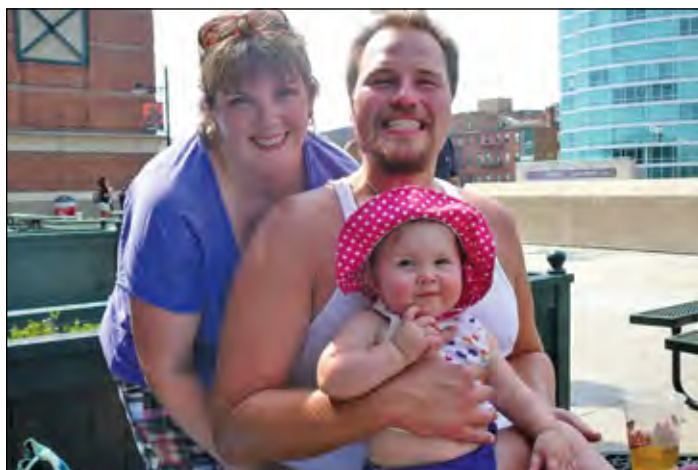
*Nearly 40 alumni and friends gathered for a dessert reception prior to the Tour Choir's Argentinean tour send-off concert at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Williamsport, May 14. Among them were (from left) Dale '80 and Dori (Yeagle) '84 Ludwig, whose son, Michael, is a freshman in the choir, and grandmother, Anna Yeagle.*



*Lycoming alumni joined alumni from Alvernia and Albright colleges for a New York City dinner cruise June 19. Joelle Jameson '08 (left) traveled from Boston to meet up with friends Alex Andrasik '08 and Natasha Harrington for the event.*



*Los Angeles-area alumni, along with a rising Lycoming senior and her dad, joined Dr. Jeff Newman, assistant professor of biology, and Chip Edmonds '98, vice president for college advancement, for dinner north of the city May 27.*



*Popular as ever, the 8th Annual Team Timeout at Camden Yards in Baltimore took place June 26, with nearly 70 in attendance. Annelise (de Richemond) '02 and Stephen '99 Simchak, pictured with daughter Sophia, continue to organize the event.*



*"Lyco Down the Shore"...Forty alumni and guests gathered July 10, under a large, private tent for an all-you-can-eat buffet picnic supper at LaCosta in Sea Isle City, N.J., as part of the 3rd Annual All-Alumni Summer Reunion sponsored by the AAEB. Seven friends from the mid-'80s came from as far as Ohio to attend the event together.*



*Newly acquainted Theta Chi brothers Jay Tray '69 and Kristopher Bidelson '98 share the secret handshake at an Aug. 7 event in Pittsburgh. The evening included a social hour, Pirates game (they won!), post-game concert and Skyblast fireworks.*



*Event host Jack Tarditi '63 and Chip Edmonds '98, vice president for college advancement (second and third from left), talk with a few of the 20-plus alumni and guests who enjoyed the second annual "Suite" Event at the Camden River-sharks ballpark on Aug. 4.*

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**Photo submissions:** Please feel free to submit printed and high-resolution digital photos. Because of space limitations, we cannot publish every photo we receive, but your chances improve if your digital photos are of good quality and at least 300 dpi at a canvas size of 3x5. Lower resolution pictures may look sharp on your computer screen, but will not reproduce well in the magazine.

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**Dickinson  
Seminary and  
Junior College**

**1943**

**Rachel (Andrews) Kohl** recently celebrated her 86th birthday and continues to volunteer at the Honey Brook Community Library in Honey Brook, Pa. After graduating, Rachel worked for a hospital in Wilmington, Del., and began to foster an interest in "librarianship." In 1989, the Rachel Kohl Community Library opened in Glen Mills, Pa., named in honor of her dedicated work.

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**1952**

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**1954**

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**1955**

**Frank Roman** (biology) writes and produces stage musicals in New York City. He wrote the lyrics and story for his latest musical, "Truck Stop." He also is working on two other musical theatre projects. Frank and his wife, Martha, reside in Garden City, N.Y.

**1959**

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*George Wolfe '59 and his instructor prepare for their tandem skydive.*

**Read, set, jump!**

George Wolfe '59 celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in grand fashion. On June 13, a few weeks after reaching the milestone, the Williamsport, Pa., resident climbed into a Super Cessna 185 airplane, and then at 10,000 feet in the air, jumped out for his first-ever skydiving experience. The tandem dive, which included an instructor from Above the Poconos Skydivers, made a successful landing near the Hazelton Municipal Airport.

"It was awesome!" said George. "I really enjoyed it. It's an experience I can scratch off my bucket list."

George worked 32 years at Pennsylvania College of Technology, where he retired in 1991 as a professor of computer science. George and his wife, Jo, have six children, 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



*George in flight*

**1965**

*Nancy Snow Cross*  
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*Dr. Jeff Newman, assistant professor of biology, and Judy Nordberg '67 at her lab in San Diego.*

## 1966

**Rev. Dr. Anders Lunt** (religion) retired June 30, after 43 years in full-time ministry. He served the last 31 years as the pastor at Glen Mar United Methodist Church in Ellicott City, Md. He and his wife, **Joan (Kipp) '66**, have two sons and two grandchildren. Anders earned a doctorate in communications from the University of Maryland and teaches at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the College's Alumni Association Executive Board.

**Mary "Kitty" (Traxler) Morrison** (religion) and her husband, Jimmy, have started a small business called Johnny Geno Spiritual Center in Cloudland, Ga. They work with people on spiritual healing issues as well as natural health and eating programs. They also do an annual program audit for the Better Business Bureau lemon law AUTO LINE vehicle warranty program.

## 1967

**Judy Nordberg** (biology) and Dr. Jeff Newman, assistant professor of biology, talked science during a visit in Judy's San Diego lab in late May. Judy is a medical research technician in the flow cytometry lab at the San Diego VA Medical Center/University of California at San Diego, where she has worked since 1983.

**Ronald Travis** (political science) of Rieders, Travis, Humphrey, Harris, Waters & Waffenschmidt law firm in Williamsport, Pa., was named the *Williamsport Sun Gazette's* Favorite Lawyer in its 2010 Reader's Choice survey.

## 1969

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*(203) 744-0393*  
*Kuchi3@aol.com*

**Rennie Rodarmel** (economics) and his wife, Donita, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 20. He was recently honored with the Chairman's Inner Circle Conference award for high standards in customer satisfaction, customer retention and profitable business growth by Allstate Insurance Co.

## 1973

*Virginia "Ginny" Shamlian*  
*virginiamshamlian@yahoo.com*  
*or*  
*Sherrie (Burton) Smith*  
*(410) 280-9086*  
*sandrsmith@verizon.net*

**Bob Howden** (political science) has been named to the board of directors of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. Bob, who has worked in the public relations field for the past 29 years, serves as director of public relations for Shriners Hospitals for Children, Erie, Pa.

**Joan Smith-Reese** (sociology) was named executive director of the Animal Care Sanctuary in East Smithfield, Pa. The sanctuary was established in 1967 to provide a safe haven for all animals. Joan was the former president and owner of Keystone Home Health Services Inc., which she formed in 1992, and the founder of the non-profit Keystone Hospice in 1995. She earned a master's degree in holy spirituality in health care from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. Joan has one son, Drason.

**Ann (Bell) Wood** (history), a partner with the law firm of Bell, Silberblatt & Wood in Clearfield, Pa., began a three-year term on the Pennsylvania Bar Association Board of Governors May 14. She is one of 12 zone governors who serve on

the PBA board. Ann is a member of the College's Alumni Association Executive Board.

## 1974

*Sherry L. Macpherson*  
*(856) 765-1476*  
*slmacp@aol.com*

## 1975

*Gail (Gleason) Beamer*  
*(508) 460-0682*  
*Beamette@aol.com*

**Mark Hess** (accounting) and his wife celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 28. Mark is a tax examiner with the Williamsport Area School District. He and his wife have two children and two grandchildren.

## 1976

*Tom Eisenman*  
*(567) 204-8889*  
*tne45801@yahoo.com*

**Steven Johnson** (criminal justice) has been appointed to the Pennsylvania College of Technology Board of Directors. He is the president and CEO of Susquehanna Health based in Williamsport.

## 1977

*Brian Leonard*  
*(703) 913-0213*  
*unclebrian@brianleonard.net*

## 1978

*Edward and Jane (Snyder) Bird*  
*fish1156@sbcglobal.net*

## 1979

*John Piazza*  
*(570) 321-1818*  
*johnpiazza3@verizon.net*

## 1980

*Roy Crowe*  
*roycrowe@optonline.net*

**Arthur Hathaway** (accounting) has been elected to a three-year term on the board of selectmen in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, where he resides.

## 1981

*Jeffrey S. Reddall*  
*(281) 242-6010*  
*jeff@reddall-law.com*

## 1982

**Ron Powers** (biology) has retired as assistant principal at Greencastle-Antrim High School in Greencastle, Pa. He began teaching there in 1993.

**Mark Tillson** (business administration) was honored with the Chairman's Inner Circle Conference award and the Allstate Honor Ring award for high standards in customer satisfaction, customer retention and profitable business growth by Allstate Insurance Co. Mark resides in Montoursville, Pa., with his wife, Sandra.

## 1984

*Lynn Cruickshank*  
*lynnacip@yahoo.com*

**Emilio "Jack" Morrone** (accounting) was a speaker and panelist for *InvestmentNews'* 2010 Retirement Income Summit in Chicago in May. He is a partner at Nothelfer Morrone, a Lehigh Valley financial planning services firm. Jack is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Financial Planning Association.



*Tom Marino '85 and Ginny Shamlian '73*

## 1985

*Theo (Gude) Truch*  
*(908) 956-1273*  
*theotruch@gmail.com*

**Tom Marino** (political science), a U.S. Congressional candidate, and Dingmans Ferry, Pa., resident **Ginny Shamlian '73** met in July at the annual motorcycle Charity Ride sponsored by the Delaware Township Republican Club.

## 1986

*Patricia M. (Dempsey) Hutchinson*  
*(610) 768-0404*  
*mphutch@msn.com*

**Daniel Capwell** (history) was recently named marketing director for Communication Systems, Inc. in Allentown, Pa. He's responsible for social media, online, direct and email campaigns as well as increasing the company's market and trade show management. Dan resides in Bethlehem, Pa.

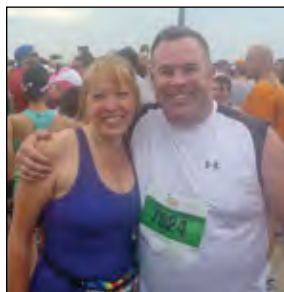
**Armand Nardi** (communications) was recently appointed publisher of the *Daily Star* and the *Cooperstown Crier* in New York. He was previously the publisher of the *Gainesville Daily Register* in Gainesville, Texas. He and his wife, Cathy, have a son, Armand.

## 1987

*Tina Muheim*  
*(215) 574-0160*  
*tmuheim@colpenn.com*

**Matthew Clarke** (art), a business administrator for the Springfield Public Schools, was recently recognized by the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials with an Above and Beyond Award for his work on behalf of a school district. He and his wife, **Gayle (Schuler) '86**, reside in Howell, N.J., with their three children.

**Debbie (King) Vander Wiele** (communications) and **Michael Montague '88** (communications) ran in the Long Branch Half Marathon on Sunday, May 2. The race was one of many events which took place during the weekend-long New Jersey Marathon Festival at the Shore. Proceeds from the events benefited children's charities.



*Debbie (King) '87 Vander Wiele and Michael Montague '88*

## 1988

*Cindy (Smith) Snyderman*  
*(610) 558-0998*  
*stealthcu@aol.com*

**Michael Waldron** (political science) was recently promoted to vice president at Merrill Lynch Global Wealth Management. He has been with Merrill Lynch for



*Matthew Clarke '87 (right) receives his Above and Beyond Award.*

13 years. He is a financial advisor and a Chartered Retirement Professional Counselor. Michael and his wife, Wendy, live in Morristown, N.J., with their daughters, Sydney and Maggie.

## 1989

*Wendy (Park) Myers*  
*(610) 444-2629*  
*timwendym@comcast.net*

## 1990

*Courtenay (Wells) Arendt*  
*(410) 561-0909*  
*gatormom40@gmail.com*

**Courtney (Wells) Arendt** (communications) recently returned from a vacation to Paris and Prague with family and is busy with classmates **Aimee (McNelis) Ritter** and **Todd Brocolo** on the Class of 1990's 20th reunion to be held during Homecoming!

## 1991

*Malena (DeMore) Pearson*  
*(570) 320-7370*  
*mepearson@suscom.net*

## 1992

*Julie (Makatche) Collins*  
*(410) 676-0833*  
*julie.collins@kcc.com*

**Marijo (Mullen) Montgomery** (communications and political science) was named vice president of sales for Real-Age Inc., a unit of Hearst Corporation. Marijo has spent 18 years in advertising sales for media properties in print and online. She resides in New Jersey with her husband, Patrick, and children Catherine, Braeden and Arden.

**Ryan Sherwood** (economics) has been appointed executive vice president and chief financial officer of Arrow Truck Sales in Kansas City, Mo.



**Jeffrey Swope** (theatre) is the children's programming and outreach coordinator at the Dauphin County Library System in Harrisburg, Pa. He was previously assistant executive director of the James V. Brown Library in Williamsport.

## 1993

*Andrea (Ruble) Miller*  
(410) 353-5457  
amproducer@aol.com

## 1994

*Michele (Wawroski) Hogan*  
shelhogan3@gmail.com

**Jeffrey Bennett** (accounting-financial) was elected secretary of the North Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants for the 2010-11 fiscal year. He is a CPA and senior manager with ParenteBeard LLC in Williamsport. Jeffrey is past president of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lycoming County and a volunteer soccer coach for the Montoursville School District and Loyalsock AYSO.

**Mary Ann (Wagner) Graham** (biology) is teaching biology at Community College of Philadelphia. She resides in Paoli, Pa., with her husband, Brian, and daughter, Mary Grace.

**Tim Oliver** (music) spoke at the Canton (Pa.) High School Alumni Banquet on May 29. After his graduation from Lycoming, Tim moved to Philadelphia where he became the owner/operator of a multi-million dollar piano retail store and piano restoration facility that dates back to 1891. He is a member of the American Guild of Musical Artists and has performed with various ensembles in New York's Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center and Philadelphia's Academy of Music, Kimmel Center and Mann Music Center. He also serves on the board of directors for the Delaware Valley Opera Company.

## 1995

*Bob Martin*  
(908) 326-3044  
martin180@aol.com

**Renee Ross** (physics/astronomy) received a NASA Space Flight Awareness Award in April for her contributions to the Human Space Flight Program to ensure that all flown Flight Data File and Systems Operations Data File flight crew procedures used onboard the Space Shuttle and International Space Station are archived in accordance with federal and NASA regulations. Renee was also

recognized for her outstanding support provided prior to STS-130/20A and her dedication to ensure that SODF procedures were delivered on time and error free. As a reward, she and her daughter attended the STS-132/ULF4 Launch as NASA VIP guests in May. Renee completed her degree at the University of Houston, and has been employed by United Space Alliance in Houston, Texas, since 2001.

## 1996

*Angela (Dakshaw) Sweeney*  
(610) 705-3530

**Maj. George Gilbert** (psychology) returned to Fort Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska, after a one-year deployment to Afghanistan, where he was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal.

## 1997

*Lauren Kolaya*  
(908) 755-5710 or (908) 962-0816  
lyco97@aol.com  
or  
*Kirsten (Schwalm) Miller*  
(570) 888-6486

**Sandra Lea (Gleockler) Richmond** (nursing) earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Duquesne University on May 7. Sandra is employed as a nurse for Sullivan County School District and is a faculty member for the University of Phoenix, where she teaches community health nursing. She resides in Hills Grove, Pa.

## 1998

*Brenda (Bowser) Soder*  
(301) 598-5526  
brendasoder@verizon.net

**Dr. Heather Duda** (English/interdisciplinary studies) is an assistant professor of English at the University of Rio Grande in Ohio, where she received the 2010 Ernie Wyant Outstanding Teaching Award. In addition, her article "The Vigilante in Michael Cox's 'The Meaning of Night,'" will be published in a collection of criticism on 21st-century gothic fiction by Scarecrow Press. She resides in Jackson, Ohio.

## 1999

*Heather Myers*  
(570) 244-8914  
hm7793@att.com



*Renee Ross '95 (center) with United Space Alliance President and CEO Virginia Barnes and United Space Alliance Vice President Dan Brandenstein, a former Space Shuttle commander and member of the Astronaut Hall of Fame.*

**Chris Dalla Piazza** (physics) was selected as the Lycoming County Government Senior System Employee of the (2nd) Quarter of 2010. He is a program analyst in the county's Information Services Department.

**Collette (Collins) Dziemian** (sociology/anthropology) was promoted to vice president of quality programs of Citizant, a leading provider of professional technical and business solutions to the federal government.

**Colleen Heisey** (biology) was promoted to partner at Hunton & Williams LLP, an international law firm of more than 900 lawyers serving clients in 100 countries from 18 offices around the world. Her practice focuses on the regulation of drug, biological, medical device, food, dietary supplement, and cosmetic products by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Department of Agriculture, and other federal and state agencies. Colleen resides in Alexandria, Va.



*Colleen Heisey '99*

## 2000

*Amanda (Peterman) Dalla Piazza*  
(570) 546-9440  
Harbinger11@hotmail.com

**Christopher Brown** (accounting) has been appointed branch manager/loan officer at the Peoples State Bank Wysox office. He and his wife reside in Towanda, Pa., with their daughter.

**Monica (Marcinek) Lizzul** (English-literature) earned a master's degree in

English from Rosemont (Pa.) College in 2008. Monica is the coordinator of testing and tutoring in the Student Academic Support Center at the college. She also teaches Freshman Composition and First Year Connections Seminar in the traditional undergraduate school and teaches courses for Rosemont's School of Graduate and Professional Studies' accelerated undergraduate program. She resides in Collegeville, Pa., with her husband, Michael, and daughter, Ellana Clara.

**Katie (Wuestner) Bell** (business-finance) presented "Greenovation: A Unique Approach Encouraging Green Product Development" at the recent National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Conference in Orlando, Fla. She is the coordinator of the Williamsport/Lycoming Keystone Innovation Zone. Katie resides in Williamsport with her husband, **Gregory Bell '99**.

**Jennifer Rhea** (accounting-financial) was elected president of the North Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants for the 2010-11 fiscal year. She is a certified public accountant and senior manager at ParanteBeard LLC in Williamsport. Jennifer also serves on the board of directors of Valley Prevention Services Inc., participates in Relay for Life and is a member of the Jersey Shore Area School District Curriculum Advisory Committee.

## 2001

*Andrea (Duncan) Mitcheltree*  
(908) 859-4525  
seed2tree@gmail.com

**Frances Merz** (psychology) earned her license as a professional counselor in New Jersey. She resides in Oradell, N.J.

## 2002

*Sharon Rogers*  
SharonR6300@aol.com

**Anthony Segraves** (business-management) has been named the new circulation director of the *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*. Anthony has been with the *Sun-Gazette* since 2003. He and his wife, **Elizabeth (Bumbarger) '03**, reside in Williamsport with their daughter, Aubrey, 4.

**Josh Gridley** (criminal justice) is an elementary counselor with Nazareth Area School District. He counsels two K-3 schools, which have roughly 900 children. Josh resides in Bethlehem, Pa., with his wife, Lisa, and son, Elijah.

**Stephen Olsen** (economics) has been named a "Rising Star" by the publishers of *Super Lawyers*, recognized as a top up-and-coming attorney who is 40 years old or younger or has been practicing for 10 years or less. He concentrates his practice in taxation, estate planning and administration, business transactional matters, and business succession planning. Stephen is a member of the Chester County (Pa.), Washington, D.C., and American Bar associations; a member of the committees on taxation of the Pennsylvania and American Bar associations; and a member of the Chester County Estate Planning Council. He earned a J.D. cum laude and master's degree in taxation from the Villanova University School of Law.



*Stephen Olsen '02*

## 2003

*Charlene (Bartolotta) Sterphone*  
cbartolotta123@yahoo.com

**Matthew Henrich** (criminal justice) is a new police officer in Coal Township, Pa. He previously was a deputy sheriff in Northumberland County.

**Jessica Rote** (art), an art instructor at Bucktail High School in Renovo, Pa., traveled to Germany in June with a group of students from Central Mountain High School in Mill Hall as part of an exchange program.

**Matthew Zarzyczny** (chemistry) is a technical support engineer for the sensor technology and control business line at Syracuse, N.Y.-based Inficon, a leading provider of world-class instruments for gas analysis, measurement and control.

## 2004

*Christine Colella*  
misschristinec@hotmail.com

**Kathryn Kresge** (communications) earned a master's degree in business administration from DeSales University on May 22.

## 2005

*Kristen Dart*  
darkris33@hotmail.com

**Krystal (Ray) Brooks** (music, business-financial) is the assistant direc-

tor of master's admissions at Carnegie Mellon Tepper School of Business, where she has worked since June 2005. Krystal is a member of the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh.

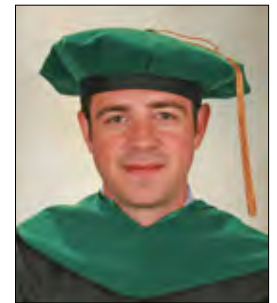
**Jason Burt** (English-creative writing) has been promoted to news editor at *The Bradford (Pa.) Era*. He resides in Smethport, Pa.

## 2006

*Michele (Connors) Witowski*  
mconnors@inbox.com  
or  
*Jamie (Hershey) Arnold*  
herjami@hotmail.com

**Dr. Jamie Henline** (biology) graduated from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine with a doctorate degree in podiatric medicine. She is completing her residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia.

**Dr. Ryan Horsley** (biology) graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with the degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine May 29. He plans to enter the general surgery program at Geisinger Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Ryan and his wife, Heather, have two children: Emma, 4, and Ross, 1.



*Dr. Ryan Horsley '06*

## 2007

*Laura (Holdredge) Layaou*  
lholdredge@hotmail.com

**Gary "Rue" Moyer** (philosophy) has been named a cultural consultant for Columbus Culture in Shenzhen, China, which helps Chinese people gain access to schools, professional training programs and investment opportunities in the United States.

**Erin Dunleavy** (psychology, history) earned a master's in psychology from Marywood University and a master's in history from University of Scranton in May. In March, she presented the results of her thesis in psychology at Eastern Psychological Association Conference and won the Psi Chi Regional Research Award. Erin resides in Dunmore, Pa.

## 2008

*Amil Guzman*

*amilguzman@gmail.com*

**Amilcar Guzman** (sociology, psychology) serves as a research and policy associate at the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships in Washington, D.C. He works to increase the number of low-income students prepared to enroll and succeed in postsecondary education.

### **Amanda**

**Kascic** (psychology and elementary education) earned a master's degree in education and human development with specialization in school counseling from



*Amanda Kascic '08*

the Margaret Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester on May 15. She resides in Webster, N.Y.

**Ryan Yaple** (business) joined GordonCoombs Insurance Inc. of Millville, Pa., after completing his property and casualty insurance licensing in February. He is responsible for marketing and sales of home, auto and business insurance.

## 2009

*Ashley Wislock*

*awislock@gmail.com*

**Shauna Clay** (political science) has been named development coordinator at the Arc of Frederick County (Md.), which creates viable lives for people with developmental disabilities.

**Rebekah Shipe** (art history) is attending graduate school for art history at the University of Cincinnati.

## 2010

**Nicole Boardman** (psychology) has been accepted into the Teach for America-NYC Corps. She resides in Madison, N.J.



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**1 Anne M. (Heimel) '99** and Kenneth R. Batts, May 15, 2010, at Mount Pleasant Church in Tanglewood Park, Clemmons, N.C.

**Paula (Jamsky) '00** and **Jeremy Boney '00**, April 19, 2008, in Lewisburg, Pa., where they reside.

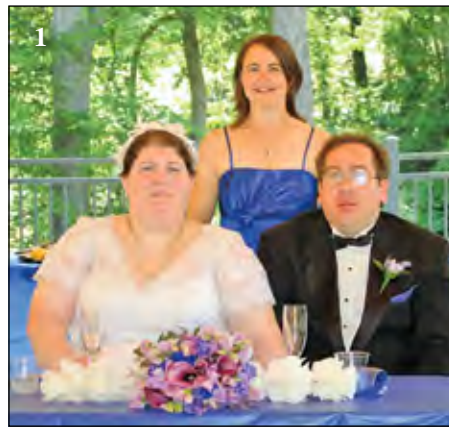
**2 Cassandra (Funk) '04** and Matthew Ramsey, May 29, 2010, at the Warrior Run Church in Watsonstown, Pa.

**3 Sara (Iglie) '04** and **Jeremy Haloskie '03**, July 18, 2009, at Ehrhardt's Waterfront Resort in Lake Wallenpaupack, Pa.

**4 Erin (Bierly) '06** and **Rodman Berfield '05**, Sept. 5, 2009, at First United Methodist Church in Jersey Shore, Pa. A reception was held at The Gamble Farm Inn in Jersey Shore. The couple resides in Crofton, Md.

**5 Jennifer (Quinn) '07** and Chaz Taylor, Feb. 12, 2010.

**6 Jen (Stinner) '08** and Brandon Penglase, Oct. 4, 2009, in Hellertown Pa.



**1 Denise (Pavlak) '93 and Michael Georges '92**, a daughter, Juliet Lilianna, April 6, 2010.

**2 Mary Ann (Wagner) '94 and Brian Graham**, a daughter, Mary Grace, May 23, 2010.

**3 Marcey (Navickas) '97 and Bill Compton**, a son, Logan, Oct. 15, 2009. He joins brother, Jack, 7.

**4 Laura and Thomas McHugh '99**, a daughter, Mairead Caroline, March 19, 2010. She joins brother, Tommy, 3.

**Britton (Ruff) '99 and Brandon Shelton**, a daughter, Abigail Lee, April 22, 2010. She joins sister, Emerson, 2.

**Heather (Graham) '00 and Michael Helm**, a son, Noah Michael, April 30, 2010.

**Paula (Jamsky) '00 and Jeremy Boney '00**, a son, Ian Timothy, May 1, 2010.

**5 Monica (Marcinek) '00 and Michael Lizzul**, a daughter, Ellana Clara, April 21, 2010.

**6 Jennie (Missigman) '00 and Christopher Crawford**, a son, Brent Lawrence, March 22, 2010. Brent's grandparents are **Maria (Testa) '67** and **Larry Missigman**.

**Kristen (Fedora) '01 and Terry McLaughlin '98**, a son, Grady Patrick, April 24, 2010.

**7 Denise and Joseph McCracken '01**, a daughter, Marie Pearl, May 31, 2010.

**8 Kelly (Welker) '01 and Michael Hill**, a son, Connor Michael, March 31, 2010.

**9 Heather (Wilt) '01 and John Coco**, a son, Joseph Jeffrey, April 4, 2010.

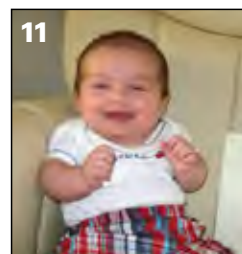
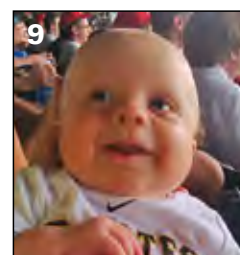
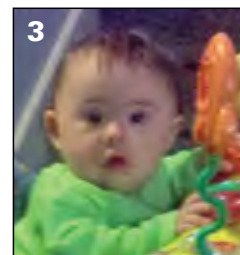
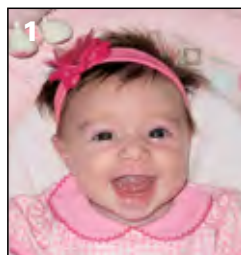
**10 Lisa (Lichtenwalner) '02 and Josh Gridley '02**, a son, Elijah Thomas, April 27, 2010.

**11 Kimberly and Matthew Jenkins '02**, a son, Carter Matthew, Feb. 17, 2010.

**12 Amanda (Keister) '02 and Christopher O'Rourke**, a daughter, Moira Blair, Feb. 23, 2010.

**13 Beth Collins and Stephen Olsen '02**, a daughter, Jane, June 21, 2009. She joins sisters Lucy and Annie. Jane's maternal grandmother is Regina Collins, assistant dean for freshmen, and her paternal grandfather is Dr. Kurt Olsen, professor of psychology.

**14 Amy (Beaver) '03 and Kristopher Reed '01**, a daughter, Kylie Elizabeth, Jan. 1, 2010.



**1927 • Eleanor (Matter) Seewald**, of Williamsport, Pa., July 11, 2010.

**1930 • Margaret W. (Hykes) Tomlinson**, of Oakmont, Pa., June 26, 2010. Among survivors is her son, **William H. Tomlinson '62**.

**1936 • LaRue E. Pepperman**, of Linden, Pa., May 2, 2010.

**1938 • Joseph E. Major**, of Loyalsock, Pa., July 12, 2009.

**1941 • Doris M. (Losch) Maynard**, of Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 22, 2010. Among survivors is her husband, **Laurence Maynard Jr. '41**.

**1942 • Robert K. Kleckner**, of Williamsport, Pa., April 27, 2010.

**1947 • Mary L. (Corson) Bowen**, of Ralston, Pa., May 4, 2010.

**1950 • Donald E. Berger**, of East Stroudsburg, Pa., June 18, 2010.

**1952 • Gene E. Brong**, of Papillion, Neb., May 23, 2010. Among survivors is his wife, **Josephine (Babcock) Brong '52**.

**Wealthy E. (Keister) Shortess**, of Port Angeles, Wash., Dec. 15, 2008. Among survivors is her husband, **Dr. David K. Shortess '52**.

**1953 • Joseph C. Clark**, of Upland, Pa., April 15, 2010.

**1954 • Edward L. Holtz**, of South Williamsport, Pa., May 14, 2010.

**1955 • William J. Montgomery**, of Muncy, Pa., May 17, 2010.

**1957 • Gloria J. (Kreischer) Fisch**, of Parrish, Fla., March 24, 2010

**1958 • William F. Brooks**, of Turbotville, Pa., May 22, 2010.

**Matthew T. Gibbs**, of Eagles Mere, Pa., May 24, 2010.

**1960 • Rev. Franklin H. Bird Jr.**, of Ariton, Ala., Oct. 11, 2009.

**1964 • Roger L. Staley**, of Paoli, Pa., June 2, 2010.

**1966 • Brian W. Peters**, of Lancaster, Pa., May 2, 2010. Among survivors is his wife, **Dale (Lippincott) Peters '66**.

**William H. Sweger**, of Lititz, Pa., May 29, 2010.

**1968 • Catherine (Brown) Lentz**, of Sebring, Fla., Jan. 4, 2010.

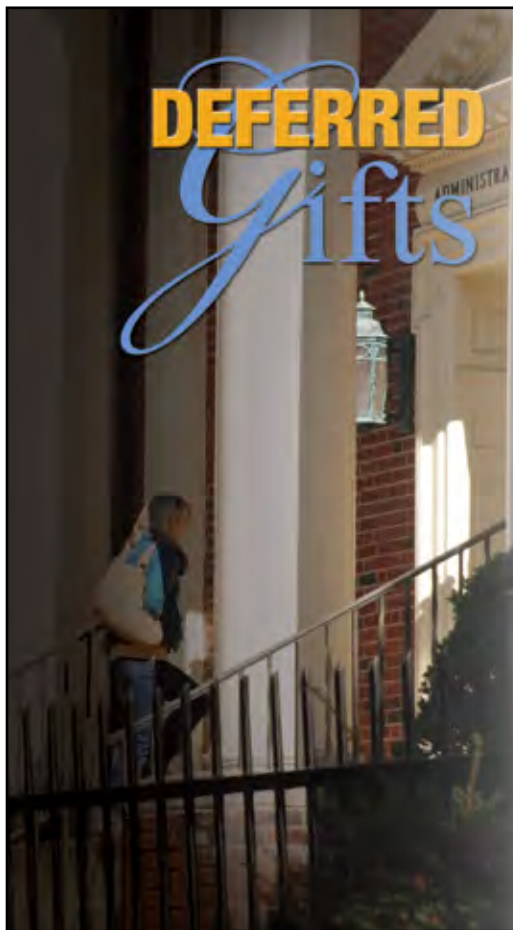
**1969 • Richard F. Andrus**, of Williamsport, Pa., June 30, 2010. Among survivors is his wife, **Laura (Chervenak) Andrus '69**.

**Robert G. Jamieson**, of Manning, S.C., Oct. 14, 2009. Among survivors is his wife, **Susan (Dorsett) Jamieson '70**.

**1973 • Michael A. Rubin**, of Downingtown, Pa., April 16, 2010.

**1990 • Annette (Swartwood) Bowers**, of Middlebury Center, Pa., July 12, 2010.

**1995 • Robert M. Shull**, of Folcroft, Pa., June 4, 2010.



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# THE TRUTH and the Kingdom of Heaven

By Jim Minick '86

The squiggly letters at the bottom of the Lycoming College seal spell *alethia*. This means *truth*, and this I learned in New Testament Greek, a class that met at 8 a.m., four times a week. As we stumbled into the seminar (most of us un-breakfasted, un-showered and un-awake), the truth that became obvious was that no one relished this early hour, except maybe Dr. Steve Robinson, our bespectacled professor. Yet there we met for four semesters, learning letters and retranslating this book into our own understanding.



Jim Minick '86

Through two years of too-early classes, I struggled often with understanding the New Testament's original tongue. Christ's words didn't always translate as the King James Bible claimed. We bumped against words like *erchomai*, which means *coming or going*, or *pneuma*, which means *breath or Spirit of God*. One word changed the meaning of a whole sacred passage.

I didn't just struggle with parsing verbs, though. I also wrestled with creating an identity—who did I want to be? How did I want to live in this world? Translating the Bible actually helped. I found what became my favorite passage, Matthew 10:7: "*Aggiken a basileia ton ouranon.*" I rendered it as "The Kingdom of Heaven has come," and King James translated the Greek to "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Either way, Steve loved to challenge us by saying, "The Kingdom of God is here, now, among us all, not above, not in the heavens." We spent a whole class exploring the ramifications of that one line.

Though I had read Matthew often, this was the first time I saw heaven in the palm of my hand.

That heaven kept blooming often in my hands—in other classes and in long conversations with friends and faculty. I remember Dr. David Rife, with his imposing stature and piercing blue eyes. He always called roll with, "Minick, are you here?" his words rifling to the back of the room where I sat. At first, that question silenced me, but then I'd see his smirk slip through his whiskers, saw the mischief, knew he knew I was ready to talk Faulkner, Hemingway or Eliot. And David recognized that I didn't want to become Eliot's Prufrock, a man too afraid to eat a peach, too blind to see the heaven around him.

I remember long conferences in Dr. Emily Jensen's office, she who red-inked my first freshman essay, then eventually, after I revised it a million times, gave it a "B." She opened the door to Chaucer and his foreign tongue, that Middle English we stumbled through to join a raucous pilgrimage of foul-mouthed Millers and lusty Wives. During my senior year, Emily allowed me to take an independent study in poetry, which now, in retrospect, I see also meant she had to read the many bad drafts of my very young poems. But those poems, thanks to her, captured a little of this heaven.

Through these and many other professors, I was given outstanding models of both good writing and good living. I still read Chaucer and Eliot, still love to say, "*Aggiken a basileia ton ouranon.*" Love the sound of it, how it makes me realize that I am in and of the Kingdom with every breath, every *pneuma*.

I thank Steve, David, Emily and all the other faculty, staff and fellow students who taught me so much. I use their first names, these teachers of so many, because they eventually became friends, a testament to the truth, the *alethia*, of the fine education so many people find at Lycoming College.

# THE Pickers

*Editor's note: This is a condensed version of the prologue to "The Blueberry Years," a new memoir about Minick's pick-your-own, organic blueberry farm. Visit [www.jim-minick.com](http://www.jim-minick.com) for more.*

They come to fill buckets and pans, canning jars, freezer bags, pie crusts, and always, the ever-waiting tongue. They come to visit and eat, to sate the hungers of loneliness and body. Though we offer only blueberries, they come wanting more.

They come from the American Dream—CEOs and wealthy realtors, two kids piling out of just-washed SUVs, wives stylish in their special picking outfits.

They come from communes named Left Bank and Abundant Dawn. They come tied-dyed, shoe-less, bra-less, bath-less.

On a good day, thirty cars of pickers fill our one-acre field, strangers and friends all picking side-by-side. Most come from a distance, driving twenty miles or more just because we're organic. They negotiate the winding dirt road into these Virginia hills, the directions taped to the steering wheel, their vehicles grinding the last half-mile of steep lane.

They come from France and Germany, Korea and South Africa, Ecuador, Costa Rica and Japan. Before any foreigners leave, I ask them to pronounce "blueberry" in their tongue, and then write in our notebook: *paran dalgi*, *fresa azules*, *blaw beeren*.

They come bringing recipes and gifts of homemade soap or a blueberry cookie jar. Sometimes they bring us lunch or a bag of cookies, water or a jar of just-canned jam. One time they even bring sushi. They offer us homemade blueberry beer, or a mason jar of moonshine filled with blueberries. We call it "Blue Shine" and sip it behind the shed.

They come single or divorced, widow or bachelor, coupled, gay and straight, married and not; they come celebrating their sixtieth anniversary or their honeymoon, feeding each other gentle pinches of blue.

At the end of the season, they come as gleaners for local soup kitchens, beating the blue jays for the last berries. We let them pick for free, and then close the gate, hang a sign that reads "Season's Over. See You Next Year."

And every day in every season, Sarah and I, we too come to this field—as pickers, as pilgrims, as gleaners of whatever we find.

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